



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

VINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police
Thomas L. Foster

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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF THOMAS L. FOSTER

First, let me thank you for taking the time to review your Vinton Police Department's Annual Report. As you will see, 2019 was another amazing year for our agency. The year was marked by important changes as we welcomed new Officers to our patrol staff. Officer Brandon Alterio joined us in March of 2019, Officer Christopher Shively joined us in September of 2019, and Officer Justin Baker joined our ranks in December 2019. All three of these officers brought extensive law enforcement experience to our department.

On October 15, 2019 the Vinton Police Department was awarded the Byrne Justice Assistance - Youth Engagement Grant to promote child and youth safety in our Community. Through "Operation McGruff and Scruff," the police department will implement multiple educational programs aimed at keeping children safe at home, at school, and in our community.

In keeping with our emphasis on Community Policing, the Vinton Police Department engaged in numerous community outreach opportunities during the past year. Our annual National Night Out (NNO) in August was an overwhelming success. In keeping with NNO's emphasis on community-building and promoting police-community partnerships, the Vinton Police Department served nearly 300 hotdogs, ice cream cups, and provided games and face painting for children. The event truly facilitated an opportunity to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places live.

Other events of note include the Vinton Police Department's participation in Bonsack Elementary School's 20th anniversary celebration. The Police Department's Mobile Community Services Unit was on hand to provide a delicious cookout for all in attendance. Later in the month, members of your Vinton Police Department served up a Thanksgiving meal to senior adults at Clearview Manor. And lastly, Officers and administrative staff ended 2019 with a visit from Santa Clause and his Elves to Herman L. Horn and W. E. Cundiff Elementary Schools.

Lastly, your Vinton Police Department strives to excel in promoting highway and community safety. Your department continued its participation in the award winning Roanoke Valley DUI Task Force, numerous DUI and traffic safety grant funded projects, and answered some 14,323 calls for service.

The Vinton Police Department truly is "Your" department. Our mission is to provide our citizens and visitors with an unparalleled level of service. Our officers and staff are dedicated professionals who strive every day to make Vinton an even better place to "Live, Work, and Play!" Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chief of Police.

Sincerely,
Thomas L. Foster

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Mission BBQ Patriot Day
March 22, 2019



Special Olympics "Cover the Cruiser"
August 23, 2019



Northside High School Career Fair
April 4, 2019

Bedford Centerfest Special Olympics Car Show
September 21, 2019



Rowan Price Benefit Car Show
July 13, 2019



SPECIAL EVENTS



On August 6, the annual National Night Out was held at the Charles R. Hill Senior Center and the community came to show their support. Mayor Bradley Grose, Council members, Town Manager Barry Thompson, and Assistant Town Manager Pete Peters were also in attendance. National Night Out aims to build strong police-community partnerships in a positive environment.



Hotdogs, ice cream, and chips were some of the refreshments provided by the VPD. Children enjoyed face painting, a bubble machine, and a bouncy house from Grand Rental Station.

The Vinton Police Department was very thankful for the community support. A special thanks to UTZ, Support Systems, Kroger, ROCO 911, ROCO FD, Martin's Bread, Walmart, Grand Rental Station and the Virginia State Police for their donations towards this amazing community event.



COMMUNITY POLICING



Downtown Trick or Treat
November 4, 2019



Served Thanksgiving Lunch at
Clearview Manor
November 21, 2019



On December 20, Santa
Claus and his trusty Elf visit
Herman L. Horn and Cundiff
Elementary Schools to
spread Christmas cheer!



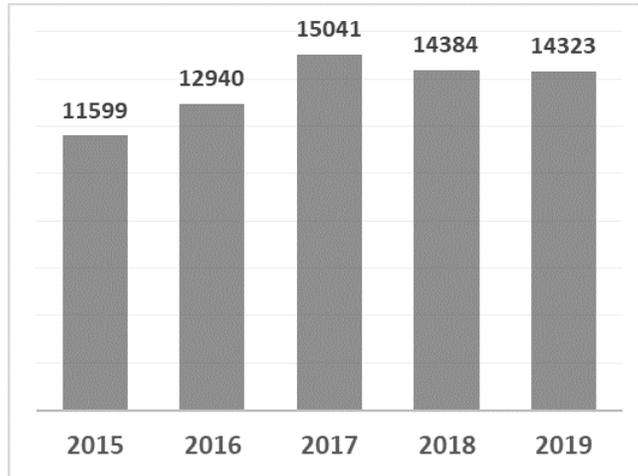
On November 22, Roanoke Catholic School
Kindergarten's Class visited the department to
learn about what Police Officers do and how
they protect the community.



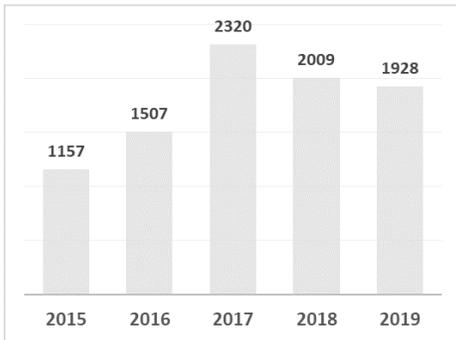
Officer Alterio purchased a bike for a young resident after his was stolen. Alterio said, "His friend was actually riding his own bike and I saw him just kind of walking beside him. It was there that I realized I wanted to do something for him. When I was about his age and we first moved here, I was the only one on my block that didn't have a bike. We came home one day and there were two brand new bikes on our front porch. We still don't know where they came from. So I kind of related to him a little bit. I think it's important on both sides, for the police department and the community, to talk to each other and be kind to one another"

YEARLY STATISTICS

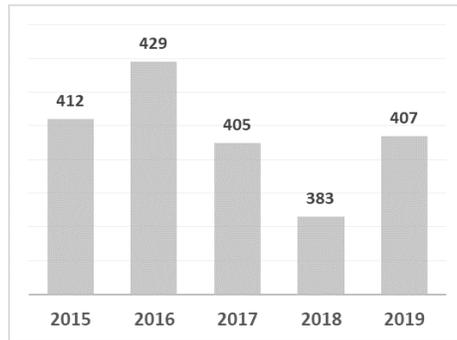
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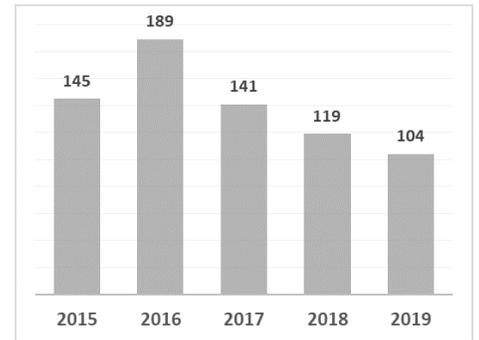
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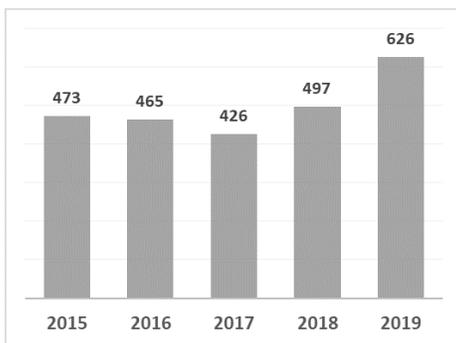
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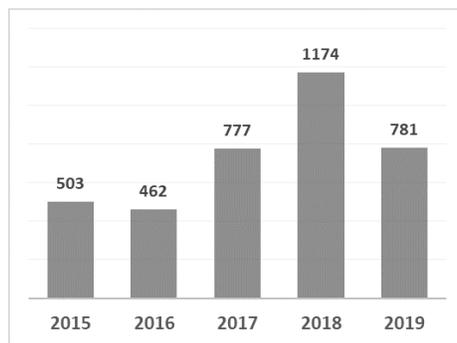
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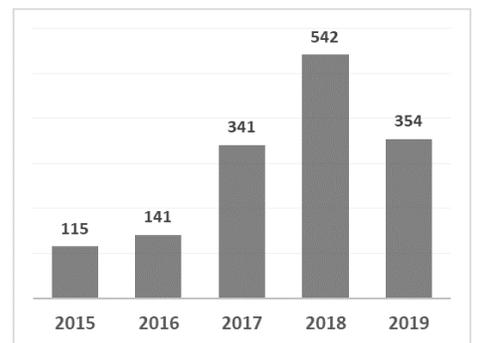
ANIMAL CONTROL



ARRESTS



DUI & DRUG ARRESTS



CRIME ANALYSIS REPORT

2019			
Accidents	407	Accident Fatality	0
Animal Control	626	Accident Personal Injury	74
911 Hang-up	354	Accident Property Damage	269
Abandoned Vehicle	52	Hit and Run Injury	2
Abduction	0	Hit and Run Property Damage	62
Annoying Communication	40	Animal Ordinance	108
Assault with Weapon	0	Attack Animal	6
Assist Police	302	Attack Person	17
Bank Robbery	0	Barking	36
Bomb Threat	0	Bear	2
Brandishing Firearm	3	Code Enforcement	93
Break in Business / Residence	58	Cruelty	50
Burglar Alarm Business/Residence	187	Dead Animal in road	16
Civic/Crime Prevention	78	Dog At Large	93
Civil Advice	719	Injury/Sick	27
Community Policing	481	Livestock	4
Death Investigation	0	Neglect	3
Deliver Message/Town Admin Requests	14	Snake	10
Disabled Vehicle	125	Stray	58
Discharge Firearm	19	Trap Calls	26
Discharge Fireworks	26	Wildlife	77
Disturbance / Disturbance with weapon	459	Mental Subject	27
Domestic Calls	239	Missing Person	18
Drug Overdose	31	Paper Pickup/Paper Service	601
Drug Possession	215	Parking Enforcement	4
Drunk Driver	75	Personal Assault	6
Drunk Subject	34	Personal Assault Child	7
ECO/TDO	46	Property Damage	74
Escort	181	Prowler	3
Fight/Fight with weapon	30	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	7
Fire and EMS Calls	163	Radar	119
Follow Up	394	Reckless Driving	196
Fraud/Forgery	127	Recovered Property	101
Gambling	0	Road Blocked	61
Homicide	0	Robbery	6
Illegal Dumping	5	Runaway	16
Improper Parking	140	Screams for Help	10
Indecent Exposure	5	Security Checks	729
Juvenile Problems	134	Shoplifting	36
Keys Locked in Vehicle/Child Locked in vehicle	173	Stalking	2
Larceny from Vehicle	51	Stolen Vehicle	9
Larceny of Tags	12	Suicide Attempt/Threats	12
Larceny Other	175	Suspicious	1270
Littering	1	Threats	47
Lookout	161	Traffic Stops	3935
Lost Firearm	0	Traffic Summons Issued	1928
Loud Music/Loud Party/Noise Violations	97	Trespassing	63
Malicious Wounding	4	Well Being Check	437
Meth Lab	0	Work Traffic	84
Total CAD Incidents	14323		
REPORTS WRITTEN			
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Juvenile	24
Abduction	0	Larceny	177
Accident Reports	104	Liquor Law Violations	0
Animal Control	23	Littering	1
Annoying Communication	1	Mental Subject	1
Assault	48	Missing person/Runaway	7
Burglary	20	Obstruction Of Justice	10
Child Abuse/Neglect	4	Other Calls	70
Counterfeiting	3	Overdose	11
Crisis Intervention	40	Pursuit	2
Death Investigation	13	Pornography	2
DIP- Drunk In Public	30	Property Damage	59
Disturbance Calls	15	Recovered Property	46
Domestic Calls	146	Robbery/Attempted Robbery	4
Drug Cases	278	Search Warrant	3
Driving Under Susp/Rev	8	Sex Offense	3
DUI- Drunk Driver	76	Stolen/Recovered Vehicle	1
ECO/TDO	0	Suspicious	35
Embezzlement	1	Tampering With Vehicle	5
Forgery	5	Threats	8
Fraud	67	Traffic	11
Hit and Run	35	Trespassing	8
Indecent Exposure	0	Violate Protection Order	4
Information Report	38	Well being check	13
Total Reports Written	1,462		

GRANTS



In August, the department was awarded the DMV Selective Enforcement Alcohol Grant in the amount of \$10,560.00 and in December the DMV DUI Task Force Grant in the amount of \$61,556.00. The DMV Selective Enforcement Alcohol Grant reimburses the town for overtime pay the officers earn facilitating checkpoints and individual patrols during peak hours for impaired drivers. The DMV DUI Task Force Grant funds a full-time patrol position. This position also facilitates checkpoints and does saturation patrols during peak hours for impaired drivers.

The department was also awarded \$2,387.83 from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership to reimburse 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests from 9/1/2020 - 8/31/2021.



The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) makes federal funds available to localities to help support their efforts in reducing crime and improving public safety. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has been designated to administer a portion of the JAG funds reserved for Virginia and makes those funds available to local units of government. BJAG awarded the department \$3,962.00 to use at its discretion for needed equipment, such as, detention benches for added security, tourniquets, and flashlights.



In August, the department applied for the BJAG Youth Engagement grant and was awarded \$11,765.00 to fund equipment and supplies for quarterly McGruff Safety Clubs at Herman L. Horn and Cundiff Elementary Schools and Meet & Greet sessions at local Town of Vinton events. The grant also provided funds for McGruff the Crime Dog and Scruff costumes.

The goal is to help children identify safety concerns, learn how to stay safe in home & in school, utilize conflict management, and identify & respond to bullying and strangers. This grant begins in January 2020 and ends in June 2021.



AWARDS

OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter Officers are nominated by their peers for their outstanding performance, attitude, and teamwork. Below are a few of the statements made about these Officers.

Officer Mitchell & Officer Hoover January - March



Officer Mitchell - "A very proactive and productive police officer. He is a great coworker because he's willing to help out with calls."
Officer Hoover - "Consistently produces activity with a niche for drug interdiction. He always maintains a positive and friendly attitude."

Corporal Chapman April - June



"When I work with Corporal Chapman, I can always count on situations remaining calm and that everyone will leave safely. He constantly exemplifies the definition of teamwork, community policing, and integrity, even when on tough scenes."

Officer Alterio July - September



"Through his hard work, he was able to locate and recover 5 stolen firearms, 3 of which were located in a different jurisdiction. Instead of transferring the case, he took it upon himself to solve the case by working it thoroughly."

Corporal Shrewsbury October - December



"Exceptional efforts in promoting highway safety in the Town of Vinton. During the quarter, he made 10 DUI arrests, 3 drug arrests, and 4 firearm violations for a total of 102 summons."

AWARDS

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Every year the Vinton Police Department gives an Awards Banquet in appreciation of their Officers hard-work and their families' dedication and support.



On May 7, Chief Foster and Deputy Chief Drumond presented the awards for performance in 2018. The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Kristopher Moore, which is determined by peer nominations. The Traffic Safety Award was presented to Corporal Jeremy Shrewsbury. In 2018, he issued the following summons related specifically to the Traffic Safety Award: 51 speeding, 7 reckless driving, 50 failure to wear seat belt, and 1 failure to secure a child in a safety seat. The Traffic Safety DUI Award was presented to Officer Matthew Stafford for having 66 DUI arrests. The Traffic Safety Drug Award was presented to Officer Kristopher Moore for having 125 drug cases. The Leadership Award, which is also nominated by peers, was awarded to Sergeant Tim Lawless. The Chief Police Award of Excellence was given to Jessica Parker, the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police.



NEW OFFICERS

OFFICER ALTERIO



On March 5, the Vinton Police Department welcomed Officer Alterio to the Town. He previously worked for the Salem Police Department and he is a United States Air Force Veteran.



OFFICER SHIVELY



Officer Shively joined the department on September 16. He previously worked for the Salem Police Department and Roanoke City's Sheriff's Office.



OFFICER BAKER



On December 2, Officer Baker was hired by the department. He previously worked for the North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Department as a Police Officer/Firefighter.