

# DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



**“DEEDS NOT WORDS”**



# The City of Danville Police Department

The Danville Police Department was founded in May of 1833 when a citizen patrol with compulsory service was established. By 1860, the citizen patrol had expanded to include two sworn officers.

The city continued to grow and prosper thus creating an expanded need for police services.

Today the Danville Police Department provides services to nearly 46,000 residents of the city as well as those who engage in activities inside the city limits.

The services offered by the Police Department have changed over the years in an effort to maintain a proactive approach to the needs of the public.

These changes have included the creation of specialized units such as community police, a dedicated crime scene search unit, crime prevention, and special investigations.

Today's city police officers have embraced changes in the use of technology such as field computers and the wireless transmission of incident reports.

The Danville Police Department continues to construct and adopt progressive policies in an effort to mirror the changing times. An example of such policy adoption is the use of less than lethal devices as an alternative to lethal or deadly force.

The Danville Police Department strives to improve the services it offers on a daily basis, while remaining ever vigilant to the needs and potential of the future.



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### Danville Police Department's MOST WANTED

This is an initiative by the Danville Police Department in its continuing effort to combat crime in Danville. In the past, DPD has successfully utilized other mediums to advertise wanted persons, and now, with the advent of the Internet, DPD is seizing the opportunity to employ Internet subscribers in this endeavor.

The following DPD wanted persons are the result of criminal investigations, often in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, that resulted in the issuance of a state arrest warrant.

Several criteria are considered before choosing subjects for the DPD most wanted list. They are as follows:

- Seriousness of the crime committed.
- Past criminal record of the defendant.
- Potential for the defendant to be a dangerous menace to society, based on the current or past charges.
- Belief that publicity afforded by the program will be of assistance in apprehending the wanted person.

**TAKE NO ACTION YOURSELF TO APPREHEND THESE WANTED PERSONS**

Notify the nearest law enforcement or call the Danville Police Department at 434-799-5111

The Police Department website is a valuable tool to reach out to a sector of the population that does not use older and more conventional methods of communication. The website offers an opportunity to supply even more information to the public.

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## Neighborhood Watch



When crime and the fear of crime threaten the well being of a community, then people of that community become afraid to use streets and parks.

When this happens, people and the businesses they support gradually leave. Therefore, crime continues to rise.

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IACP Excellence in Technology Award  
won by Danville Police Department



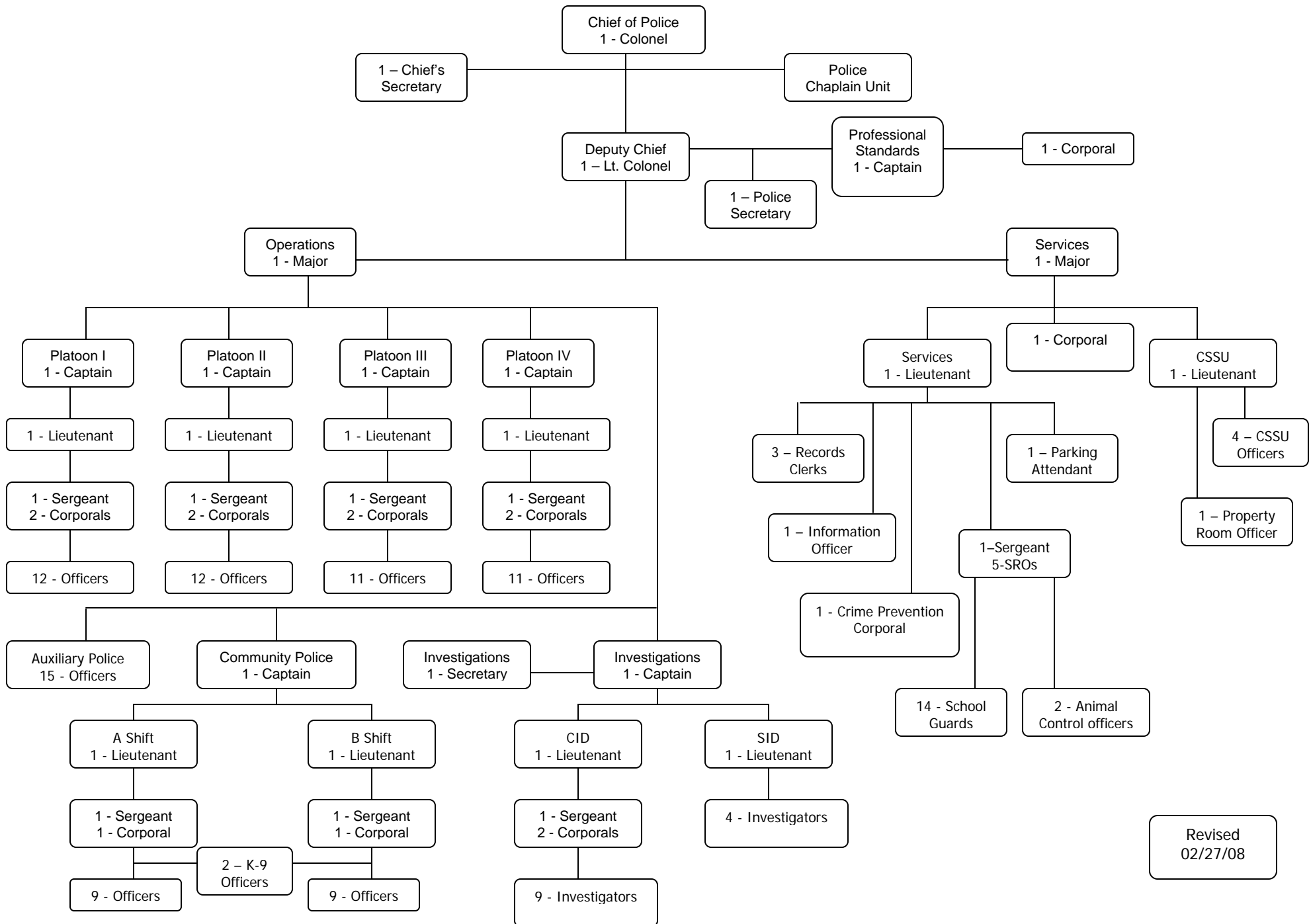
## **Danville (VA) Police Department**

Colonel Philip Broadfoot, Chief of Police  
Piedmont Regional Interoperability Project

The Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project is a public/private partnership venture between Cisco and law enforcement that deployed an open standard IP based voice and data communications system along the Virginia and North Carolina border to provide interoperability for multiple agencies with disparate radio systems. Prior to system implementation, bordering agencies were forced in emergency situations to relay information between dispatch centers by utilizing landlines and multiple radio frequencies. This often impacted timeliness and accuracy of the information. The objective of the pilot was to validate a flexible and affordable VoIP based interoperability solution that would improve officer safety through direct communication and coordination and not require existing system replacement. The Cisco Systems IP-based solution now deployed enables direct communication between two or more agencies through frequency linkage. The City of Danville, VA is the project host agency with the following agencies participating: Virginia State Police, North Carolina Highway Patrol, Pittsylvania County (VA) Sheriff's Office, and Caswell County (NC) Sheriffs Office. In addition to meeting the original interoperability objectives, the participating agencies have found the technology improvements have been a catalyst for improved governance and have resulted in greater collaboration and coordination by the participating agencies for more effective enforcement along the Virginia - North Carolina border.

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# Danville Police Department Organizational Chart



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# CHIEF OF POLICE



**Colonel Philip A. Broadfoot**  
**Chief of Police**

It is my pleasure to present this annual report of the Danville Police Department for 2007. Like many law enforcement agencies, we were challenged during the year with maintaining adequate manpower. We began the year with eleven vacancies and received resignations from seven officers to join other law enforcement agencies, one to private policing in Iraq, and four to other jobs. Two officers retired during the year and one was terminated. We hired fourteen new officers and ended the year with twelve vacancies.

After reaching our lowest crime rate in ten years during 2006, we reversed that trend in 2007 when burglaries and robberies showed significant increases. Burglaries increased over 26% from 2006 and over 51% from 2005. Many of these burglaries were committed by groups of young males as young as 14 years of age who targeted homes within their own neighborhoods. We were successful in identifying and arresting many of these criminals. One of the ironies of law

enforcement is that success in one crime category sometimes causes an increase in crime in another category. If we are successful in interrupting the flow of illegal drugs to the street, burglary appears to increase as criminals seek to find other ways to produce income.

Total calls for service increased again for 2007 and this report shows the categories that experienced increases. Of note is the leveling off of reported automobile accidents. After reaching an all time high of 2,271 in 2003, the number of accidents dropped over 43% to 1,276 for 2007. The opening of the western section of the bypass may be a contributing factor in this reduction, but it is unknown to what extent.

The intersections of Riverside Drive - Mt. Cross Road and South Boston Road - Kentuck Road have almost always been the leaders in accident location frequency until this year when they were both relieved of that dubious honor by a staggering 30 accidents for the Piney Forest - Franklin Turnpike intersection area. This rate, of course, can be directly attributed to the confusion created by the ongoing construction.

The Department sought and received grants totaled over \$283,000 for 2007, including one for over \$165,000 for a regional data sharing system. Continued progress was made on the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) project linking surrounding law enforcement agencies. This project was awarded the prestigious IACP Excellence in Technology Award for 2007 sponsored by the iXP corporation.

Because of strong support from the public, City Council and City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, the department has been able to provide exceptional service to the citizens of Danville throughout the year. We look forward to reporting our accomplishments for 2008 in our next annual report.

# DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE



**Lt. Colonel Thomas A. Brown**  
**Deputy Chief of Police**



The Danville Police Department is committed to the ongoing process of professionalism in law enforcement. In 2007, the department received our second re-accreditation assessment. Accreditation requires a department to produce a high degree of quality service in a wide range of performances. It takes everyone within the department to perform their duties in an efficient and professional manner. I want to thank all the men and women in the department for their dedication, hard work and professionalism that is exhibited everyday in order to receive this accreditation status.



## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



**Captain Audrey P. Jackson**

Professional Standards reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police and, as its name implies, handles all matters that deal with standards and training. The division is responsible for the management of the department's accreditation program and maintenance of all 187 accreditation files. These files have to be individually reviewed and renewed each year in preparation for the next accreditation. The Danville Police Department was re-accredited this year.

Professional Standards is also responsible for the training of all personnel in the department, including development and retention of lesson plans, supervision of instructors and planning of instruction. Computerized and hard copy files of all training are maintained and updated on a recurring basis due to the essential nature

of training documentation in the law enforcement field.

The unit also oversees recruitment, selection and hiring of personnel for the department. These duties involve attendance at recruiting functions as well as administering a written examination and the physical agility performance tests designed for law enforcement recruits. There were five tests given in 2007. Fourteen police officers were hired, along with three auxiliary officers, one animal control officer and one secretary.

Professional Standards also reviews and maintains all use of force reports and citizen complaints and conducts all internal affairs investigations. During 2007 there were 9 formal written complaints, 11 internal investigations, and 14 informal verbal complaints. Of those complaints 6 were sustained, 1 not sustained, 25 were unfounded, and 2 were pending completion. Eight officers were disciplined with penalties ranging from training to demotions. There were 81 incidents of use of force in 2007.

Professional Standards reviews all significant officer-related incidents in the department, including forced entries into buildings, pursuits, injuries and/or discharge of firearms and tasers. Corporal Talley provides additional staffing for Professional Standards.



# OPERATIONS DIVISION



**Major David W. Stowe**  
**Operations Division Commander**

2007 was a year full of challenges for the Operations Division of the Danville Police Department. The manpower issue continued to be a thorn in the side of the Department. Vacancies and non-certified officers, combined with 4 officers being called up for military duty contributed to keeping every unit short on available manpower. The shortages were shared throughout the Department with all units having to make adjustments to provide quality services to the public.

Teamwork is the name of the game for a Police Department to fulfill its function. It takes the efforts of all to reach the goal of providing quality service to our public. During times of personnel shortages each unit must rely on the other through a spirit of cooperation to be successful.

Officers and supervision alike roll up their sleeves to take up the slack to simply “get the job done”.

Today’s street officer is discovering more and more the need to be technologically savvy. From laptops in the patrol units to the use of night vision and thermal imaging, technology is providing more tools for the officers to have at their fingertips.

Today’s Danville is a 24/7 city and that is reflected in the demand from the public for police services. The E.O.C. dispatchers are sending out calls to the officers at a rapid pace. Just listen to the police radio at 3 A.M. on a weeknight and it could easily be 10 P.M. on a Saturday night. The officers break from roll call running calls and do not let up until the end of their shifts. Today’s officer must be prepared to face this fast paced world. Danville’s officers are ready, willing and able to tackle the demands of the present and the future.



# INVESTIGATIONS



Captain Kenneth D. Fitzgerald

## Criminal Investigations

In 2007, Investigations accomplished numerous goals.

- Two cold case homicides have been completed and submitted to the Commonwealth Attorney for Grand Jury,
- A complete homicide library containing all open homicides has been set up and is located in the Investigations Division.
- The polygraph room and interview room have been soundproofed,
- A tracking system for seizures of real estate through the asset forfeiture process is complete and being managed by S.I.D.

In 2007, Investigations achieved a virtually paperless status. All cases now

assigned are contained in the CRIMES system and updates are done directly by the investigators into the system. Case information can now be easily accessed and viewed or e-mailed within the department. All cases can now be easily tracked to a logical conclusion. The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a total of 1472 cases in 2007.

• <b>Total cases</b>	<b>1472</b>
• Cleared by Arrest	169
• EC Cleared	70
• Admin. Closed	267
• Inactive	612
• Unfounded	41
• Pending Grand Jury	9
• Warrant on file	10
• Active/Open	294

**Conclusion Rate**                      **80%**

## Special Investigations

In 2007, the Special Investigations Unit completed an undercover operation dubbed “Operation Street Sweeper” resulting in 68 indictments against 40 suspects for drug violations ranging from possession to distribution of cocaine.



## COMMUNITY POLICE



**Captain M.V. Carter**

Community Police assisted with numerous community activities throughout the year as they have in the past. In addition, Community Police took the lead in planning enforcement activity mandated by a recurring DMV block grant. This took the form of DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, campaigns such as Click-It or Ticket, and extra duty assignments that concentrated on traffic enforcement. In addition to the traffic enforcement activity mentioned, special enforcement activities were conducted that targeted weapons and drug violations. Assistance came from outside agencies to include the Virginia State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

In addition to these outside agencies, many officers from throughout the department contributed their time and talents, which led to many of the highlights listed here.

In January 2007 Community Police Officers attended an Advanced Gang Training School located at Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Also in January, Cpl. Searce and Officer Walker conducted a Child ID Livescan session at Aaron's Rental. The purpose of this project was to provide parents with child ID kits, which included a set of fingerprints, photos, and other identifying information in the event that their child is reported missing or runs away. This information greatly aids law enforcement during the crucial early hours of an investigation.

In February 2007 Community Police Officers participated in "Operation Heat Wave" with the Virginia State Police. The goal of this operation was to identify and locate stolen vehicles and stolen license plates utilizing the Virginia State Police infrared camera vehicle. The secondary goal of the operation was aggressive enforcement of traffic violations.

Also in February, Community Police Officers were assigned to Operation Viper Phase II and worked with a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Task Force to target drug and firearm violations.

In March 2007 Community Police Officers participated in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles St. Patrick's Day Impaired Driving Awareness Campaign. Saturation patrols were conducted at various locations. In addition to the patrols, a DUI road check was conducted at Locust Lane and Third Avenue. Community Police Officers also attended the CEVO II (Coaching the



Emergency Vehicle Operator) Police class in Blacksburg, Virginia.

In May 2007 Community Police Officers participated in the annual Cops and Lobsters Fundraisers for Special Olympics at the Red Lobster restaurant. Officers also assisted with the Festival in the Park located in Ballou Park.

During May, Community Police Officers participated in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Click-It or Ticket Campaign. This activity primarily consisted of saturation patrols and continued in the fall of the year.

Community Police Officers also participated in a Fallen Law Enforcement Officers ceremony in honor of Officer Courtney L. Dickerson in Richmond, Virginia.

In June 2007 Community Police Officers provided police services for the City of Danville's annual Air Show at Danville Regional Airport.

Community Police Officers participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. They also provided facilities and police services for the Juneteenth Celebration sponsored by the Parks Recreation Department in Doyle Thomas Park and the Green Street Police precinct. There was a basketball tournament, food, and refreshments and a number of activities including STD/HIV testing.

Community Police Officers also assisted with the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration held at the Crossing At The Dan. Also in July, a DUI road check was conducted at Memorial Drive and Primrose Lane.

In August 2007 DMV block grant activity continued with a DUI road check at North Main St. and Bradley Rd.

Another DUI road check was conducted in August at South Main St. and Lockett Dr.

Officers also assisted with the Border to Border operation in Pittsylvania County along with the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police.

In September a three night operation (Operation S.L.E.D. Street Level Enforcement Detail) was conducted by officers of the Community Police division along with the Virginia State Police and members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The primary goal of the operation was to target street level drug dealers with specific attention given to firearms violations. Traffic violations were a secondary focus of the operation.

In October 2007 Community Police Officers assisted with the annual "Trick or Treat" activities at Piedmont Mall handing out candy for the children.

In November 2007 a road check was conducted on Mt. Cross Rd. at the city limits.

In December 2007 Community Police Officers along with patrol officers and auxiliary officers assisted with the first Christmas parade held at night in recent memory. A large number of people came out and traffic control and parking were the primary areas of responsibility. Also in December, a two night operation (F.A.L.C.O.N. – Federal And Local Cops Organized against Narcotics) was

conducted by members of the Community Police along with members of Special Investigations, SWAT team members, and members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The first objective was to combat street level drugs and firearms violations. The second objective was strict enforcement of traffic violations.

On December 15, 2007 Community Police Officers assisted other area law enforcement officers with the annual F.O.P. "Shop with a Cop" program at Wal-Mart. Officers took needy children from the Danville area shopping for Christmas gifts, which included needed items such as clothing and school materials.

And on December 16, 2007 a road check was conducted at Piney Forest Rd. at the city limits.

This year Community Police filled a previously vacant K-9 position with Officer Gagnon and "Aero." Officer Riggins and "Noel" assisted DPD's Special Investigations Unit and the local State Drug Task Force with a drug

interdiction operation. Officer Riggins and K-9 Noel were instrumental in the detection and seizing of approximately 15 pounds of marijuana in a shipping package. An additional investigation by the task force and patrol netted approximately 50 lbs of marijuana that was connected with the same individuals.

A decision was made this year to dedicate two officers to concentrate on gang intelligence and investigate gang related crime. Existing information was updated, and new information was entered for officers to have access to. The two officers also spent considerable time documenting and following up on graffiti, some of which was gang related. Information that they gathered was forwarded to Investigations, and they continue to work with investigators to uncover possible gang ties with various criminal acts. The two officers also attended the Virginia Gang Investigators Association Conference held in Virginia Beach. The conference was sponsored by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the U.S. Marshal's Service.



Officers Dalton and Millner assisting with Shop With a Cop



Christmas Parade

# SERVICES DIVISION



**Major Ronald D. Hairston**  
**Services Division Commander**

The Services Division experienced a number of significant changes in 2007 that provided both opportunities and challenges. Both the Crime Scene Search Unit and the School Resource Officer program operated most of the year with a reduced number of officers. The position of crime prevention was elevated to the rank of corporal and a midyear promotion facilitated a rotation in personnel.

If I had to pick one key word to describe 2007, it would be the word "Interoperability." A number of departmental and regional projects were continued and initiated with this goal in mind. Using a number of grants, which are listed in a separate section of this report, and working closely with the city's IT department, substantial progress was made toward bringing many of these projects one step closer to reality. Listed below is some of the major work performed toward that goal.

**Piedmont Regional Voice Over Internet Protocol Regional Project** – Mentioned in the 2006 Annual Report and highlighted in a separate cover story, this project received a

coveted National Excellence in Technology Award. A lot of regional work was completed to move the project closer to implementation. We anticipate that the project will be launched in early 2008.

**Regional Data Sharing** – The department undertook the initial steps necessary to host a regional data sharing system among 16 agencies located on or near the border in both Virginia and North Carolina. The system will allow participating agencies to exchange RMS data in real-time and is funded through multiple grants from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

**Wireless Infrastructure – Zone Project** – In 2007 the department joined with the Utilities Division to deploy wireless antennas at intersections along major thoroughfares in the city. The first section of zone access points were deployed along the Piedmont Drive corridor. A total of nine zones are planned.

**Microwave Link** – In order to create a permanent privatized communication link between Danville and the state of North Carolina, the department began work on establishing a microwave link between the city's Jenny Lane tower site and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol tower site in Caswell County, N.C. The department funded the fiber connection to the Jenny Lane site with an existing grant and has made application to the state office of interoperability for federal funding to complete the project. The project received regional approval and was submitted to The Department of Homeland Security by the governor's office with a recommendation for funding.

Other projects included an upgrade of the public safety imaging system funded by a law enforcement based grant, and two Records Management System upgrades. I am deeply grateful for the sworn and civilian personnel who serve in the Services Division for their demonstrated professionalism and for representing the department well in 2007.



## CRIME SCENE SEARCH UNIT



**Lt. Michael Mondul**

The Crime Scene Search Unit is responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence at crime scenes. The unit is staffed by four officers and an evidence technician. Despite a 25% drop in manpower for four months, the unit responded to 929 calls for an average of 2.5 calls per day. This was a marked increase from 726 calls in 2006. One technician has attended the Virginia Department of Forensic Science Academy, and another technician is scheduled to attend the forensic academy during the first quarter of 2008. During 2007, drug seizure funds were used to purchase an evidence drying machine. The machine will be used to decrease the time spent drying evidence while creating a safer environment when dealing with items tainted with bodily fluids.



**Contaminated Evidence Dryer**

The property and evidence officer is responsible for the security of all evidence. Multiple pieces of evidence from 1521 cases were logged in to the vault during 2007. The property and evidence officer works diligently to maintain the chain of custody for cases going to court.

The CSSU Lieutenant was tasked with spearheading and managing a DMV regional crash investigation team. During 2007, the team was formed, and two officers were trained in basic and advanced crash investigation techniques. The unit was expanded by two more officers toward the end of the year. These new officers will be trained with the assistance of DMV grant money which was awarded to the department. The officers on the crash team work together to investigate serious accidents whenever requested by police supervision. These officers will work closely with officers from Martinsville and Henry County to develop the team into a regional concept.

## POLICE RECORDS



**Lt. John T. Henderson**

This year has been one of getting settled into the Records supervisor's position. I have personally come a long way. The responsibilities associated with this position have stretched me professionally. There are many more facets of records management than I anticipated.

A great team effort has been and is involved in improving the services provided by this section of the police department. Records personnel have worked closely with the city information technology department. The CRIMES RMS has been recently updated to release 5.0. The upgrade of the system has always been problematic in the past and this upgrade has had its challenges also, but I am confident the growing pains have passed. The communication between the state system and the Danville system has improved. This has resulted in no unresolved errors reported in the month of December 2007.

The laptops in the field have been updated with a stand-alone version of GISmo Webb. This version only needs to be connected at a wireless hotspot when it is being updated. The program gives the officer many different tools to use in the field. It gives officers the ability to locate addresses, cross streets

and search information collected through the CRIMES RMS system about certain mapped points. It also allows the officer to search information stored in the Water Gas and Electric system.

Later in 2007 a new Suspicious Persons layer was added to help track potential suspects. This should prove invaluable for criminal investigations as well as giving all officers an idea about criminal activity on other beats.



**Officer Pierce using the field stand alone GISmo program**

Three more wireless access points were erected on the traffic lights along Piedmont Drive and another on the Squire Armory on North Main Street to facilitate improved data transfer.



**We were happy in 2007 to welcome Arlita Smith (upper left) and Sandra Roberts (lower right) to full time employment with the City of Danville as clerks in Police Records.**

## TOP NEWS STORIES FOR 2007



**January 4** Danville Police along with members of the Henry County Sheriff's Office arrested Blake James Short of Danville. Short was wanted for the murder of John Finney at the Dutch Inn in Collinsville, Va. on 1/1/07. Short was arrested in the 200 block of Parker Road without incident. Short was charged with the Murder of John Finney, the Malicious Wounding of Denise Finney, Attempted Robbery, shooting into an occupied vehicle, and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Short was interviewed by Henry County Sheriff Investigators and transported back to Henry County to stand trial.

**January 10** At approximately 8:40 PM, Danville Police arrested Norman Lee Graham, age 60, in the 800 block of Grove Street. The Kentucky State Police had contacted the Danville Police Department earlier with a possible address and he was located with the information that they provided. Graham was taken into custody without incident. Information received suggested that he had recently established residency at the Grove Street address. The original charges in Kentucky are forcible rape and capital murder.

**January 20** At approximately 7:57 PM, Danville Police Officers responded to North Main Heights Convenience Store located at 544 North Main Street in reference to a male subject lying in the floor. When Danville Police Officers arrived on the scene, they discovered the owner, Yem Dinh Bui, age 61, lying on the floor unresponsive and suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Bui was pronounced dead at the scene. A suspect Anthony Antwan Fitts, age 23, of Danville was developed and a special grand jury indicted Fitts for first-degree murder and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Fitts was subsequently convicted of both charges and sentenced to 63 years in prison.



North Main Heights Store



**March 1** At approximately 5:22 AM, Danville Police responded to a reported shooting at the Innkeeper Hotel on Piney Forest Road. Upon arrival, officers entered a room and discovered Ethan Tyrone Stockton, age 36, from Martinsville. Stockton had suffered an apparent gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene. The body was transported to the Roanoke Medical Examiners Office. A suspect was developed but was murdered in Martinsville before charges could be brought.

**March 28** The Danville Police Department responded to a motor vehicle accident at Pizza Hut on Piney Forest Road. Responding officers found that a 2004 Mitsubishi SUV had crashed into the business causing severe damage. There were several patrons dining at the business when the accident occurred. The driver and several patrons were transported to the Danville Regional Medical Center. The investigation determined that a probable medical condition was a contributing factor in this accident.



Pizza Hut Crash

**April 19** At approximately 9:18 AM, Danville Police and Rescue units responded to the end of Lexington Ave. The resident there reported a plane going down in a wooded area. Units arrived on the scene and were able to gain access to the aircraft. Two fatalities were confirmed. The Virginia State Police and Federal Aviation Administration responded and began an investigation of the crash site.



Airplane tail section

**June 3** At approximately 12:36 AM, Danville Police responded to reports of shots fired in the area of North Main and Fagan Street, near the Sunrise Convenience Store. Upon arrival, officer discovered Joshua Dewberry in the front seat of a van suffering from a gunshot wound. The Danville Life Saving Crew responded to the scene and pronounced Dewberry dead. On 6-11-2007 Danville Police arrested a 16-year-old Danville resident for his involvement in the homicide of Joshua Dewberry. The juvenile was tried as an adult and convicted of murder. He was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

**June 20** The Danville Police Department, assisted by the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, started Operation Street Sweeper. Operation Street Sweeper was a drug enforcement effort which targeted street level drug dealers as the result of the efforts of an undercover police officer buying illegal drugs in certain areas of the City of Danville. This operation also included separate drug related charges stemming from evidence seized during search warrants. The areas were targeted based on complaints generated from the citizens of Danville. Operation Street Sweeper resulted in sixty-eight charges on forty different people.

**August 21** At approximately 12:01 PM, Danville Police responded to Wooding Avenue near the intersection of Hughes Street in response to a shooting incident. Once on scene officers discovered Lacharles Omar Edwards, age 23, of Danville dead from apparent gunshot wounds. On 8-27-07 Danville Police officers charged 29-year-old Danville resident Larry Alexander Witcher for the murder of Lacharles Edwards. Witcher was arrested 8-26-07 on Chatham Avenue for impeding police officers who were in the process of conducting this investigation. Witcher was also charged with using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

**October 19** At approximately 2:30 AM, Danville Police Officers apprehended three individuals responsible for the theft of large quantities of copper wire from the City of Danville Utility Facility. The suspects were utilizing a boat to access the Monument Street site and carry away copper by way of the Dan River. Officers were able to locate these suspects through the use of night vision equipment and innovative patrol tactics. Once the suspects were located, officers closed in on their position and made the apprehensions. All three were charged with Grand Larceny.

**December 27** At approximately 6:50 PM, Officers were dispatched to George's Market #2 at 1510 North Main Street in reference to a shooting. Responding officers were approached by a 62-year-old female who said her van window had been shot out. Officers saw she was bleeding and found that she had an entry and exit wound on her right forearm. A security video showed that gunfire began outside the store and a 16-year-old male armed with a handgun ran to the doorway of the store. The juvenile stood in the doorway and fired multiple shots towards the Bradley Rd. area. The 16-year-old male fled the scene and was driven by private vehicle to the DRMC for treatment of a leg injury sustained during the exchange of gunfire.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

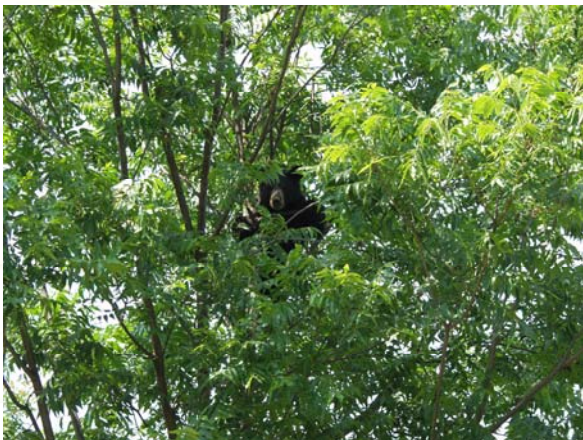


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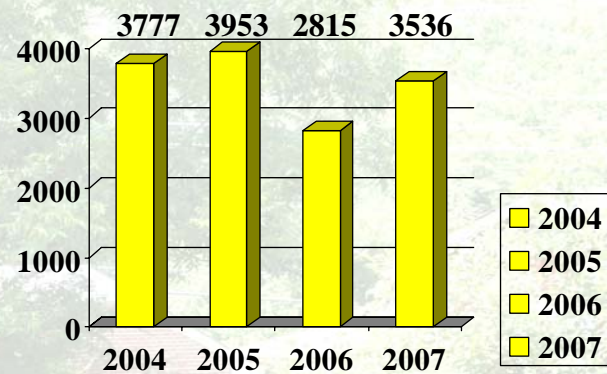
It is our mission to provide the school system with the most effective police service possible and to represent the law enforcement community as a liaison to the education community.



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS



Animal Control Officers safely relocated a bear that wandered into the city.



Animal Control calls for service





# CRIME PREVENTION



Greetings,  
I am grateful for the opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Corporal in the Crime Prevention Office. The City of Danville Police Department has long offered informative and educational programs for the citizens we serve, and as the need for such services increases so does our commitment to that goal. The year 2007 brought several changes to this office and even though some faces have changed, the services and goals remain as focused as before. I look forward to continuing the representation of the Police Department in this new capacity and welcome inquiries about any or all programs offered.



Cpl. T. B. Searce



## Crime Prevention Programs

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Neighborhood Walks  
Business Watch  
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Identity Theft  
Personal Safety  
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Virginia Chiefs Challenge Application  
Child Identification  
Safety Programs  
Fatal Vision Program  
Seasonal Safety Programs





# COMMENDATIONS



**Sergeant Jerry Pace (third from left) receives the prestigious Homicide Investigator of the Year Award at the annual Virginia Homicide Investigators Association Symposium in Norfolk in October, 2007.**



**Officer Sylvia Brooks received the 2006 American Legion Post 325 Police Officer of the Year Award.**



**Officer Worsham received a commendation from Chief Broadfoot on 10-29-07 for his part in convincing a suicidal subject not to take her own life.**



**Officer Don Robertson received the 2007 Danville F.O.P. Officer of the Year Award.**



**Officer Charles Willard receives a commendation from Chief Broadfoot in October of 2007 for his part in the rescue of a drowning man.**



**On 1-23-07 Officer Larry Land received a letter of commendation for his part in solving multiple burglaries on the south side of Danville.**



**On 2-14-07 Officer Keith Thompson received a letter of commendation for his work in making multiple drug arrests.**



**On 11-20-07 Lt. Jerry Smith received a letter of commendation for his part in the arrest of individuals stealing copper wiring from the city Utility Department.**

## Ending Tour Of Duty



**Sergeant Larry Preston Rigney Sr. started serving the citizens of the City of Danville as a police officer on October 8, 1973. He was a police officer like his father who served as a Danville Police Officer before him. During his tour of duty Sergeant Rigney served in patrol, crime scene, and on community police. Sergeant Rigney retired June 5, 2007 after almost 35 years of faithful service.**

# PROMOTIONS



Sergeant. D.W.Crawford is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.



Officer R.E Chivvis is promoted to the rank of Corporal.



Corporal P.R. Deel is promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Officer J.E. Garrett is promoted to the rank of Corporal.



Corporal B.L. Robertson is promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Officer E.K. Thompson is promoted to the rank of Corporal.



Corporal S.R. Yeaman is promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Officer C.S. Moorefield is promoted to the rank of Corporal.



# NEW HIRES 2007

<b>Marcus Carter</b>	<b>1/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Chris Orlowski</b>	<b>1/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Randall Wark</b>	<b>3/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Melissa Plogger</b>	<b>5/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>James Simmons</b>	<b>6/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Jeremy Williams</b>	<b>7/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Eugene Kerns</b>	<b>8/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Debra Dees</b>	<b>8/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Perrow Brumfield</b>	<b>8/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Edward Crane</b>	<b>8/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Billy Mitchem</b>	<b>9/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>James Nelson</b>	<b>9/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Michael Lawson</b>	<b>9/1/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>
<b>Christopher Stone</b>	<b>11/12/2007</b>	<b>Officer</b>

# GRANTS FOR 2007

## 2007 Grants – Total \$283,372

DMV Selective Enforcement Unit Grant	\$16,158	State of Virginia DMV	DUI/DUID Check points and Saturation Patrols
DMV Regional Crash Investigation Unit	\$13,500	State of Virginia DMV	Funds used toward training officers on the team
Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	\$48,917	Federal - Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Program	Used to purchase field reporting arrest module & assorted technology pieces
Regional Data Sharing System Grant	\$165,102	State of VA Dept. of Criminal Justice Services	Used for server upgrade, fiber and wireless access point installation
Bullet Proof Vest Reimbursement Grant	\$4,695	Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	Reimburse one half of the cost of bulletproof vest purchases
DMV Selective Enforcement Mini-grant	\$4,000	State of Virginia DMV	Click It or Ticket Campaign
Chemical Detection Device	\$31,000	CEDAP Equipment Grant	Handheld device used to identify unidentified chemicals and substances

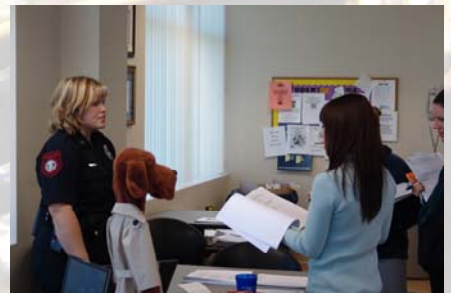
# AVERETT UNIVERSITY CAREER DAY



Danville Police Officers recruit future officers at local educational institutions during their career day functions.



# NATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE CAREER DAY





# 2007 TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Danville Officers in cooperation with surrounding jurisdictions raise over \$4,000 for Special Olympics

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Danville Police Officers team up with local neighborhood watch committees to raise public awareness about crime



## 2007 COPS AND LOBSTERS



As We  
a Special Olympics  
& Lobsters"  
ville Red Lobster  
RUN - JUNE 5 & 6 -  
and POWERS SIGNS



Danville Police School Resource Officers organized the annual Cops and Lobsters event at Red Lobster to support Special Olympics and raised \$4,122.59.





# 2007 IRON DOG COMPETITION



In 2007 K-9 Officer Jerry Riggins and his dog Noel competed in the area Iron Dog K-9 competition in Roanoke, Virginia taking third place in their class.





# ACCREDITATION 2007



Chief Broadfoot receiving the re-accreditation plaque at City Council meeting for the police department

The Danville Police Department underwent a rigorous process in 2007 to remain a state accredited law enforcement agency.



Displays of equipment during the re-accreditation process

# DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2007 STATISTICAL DATA

- Calls for Services
- Incidents
- Arrests
- Citations
- Warrants
- Accidents
- Parking Tickets



## Calculation of Crime Rates

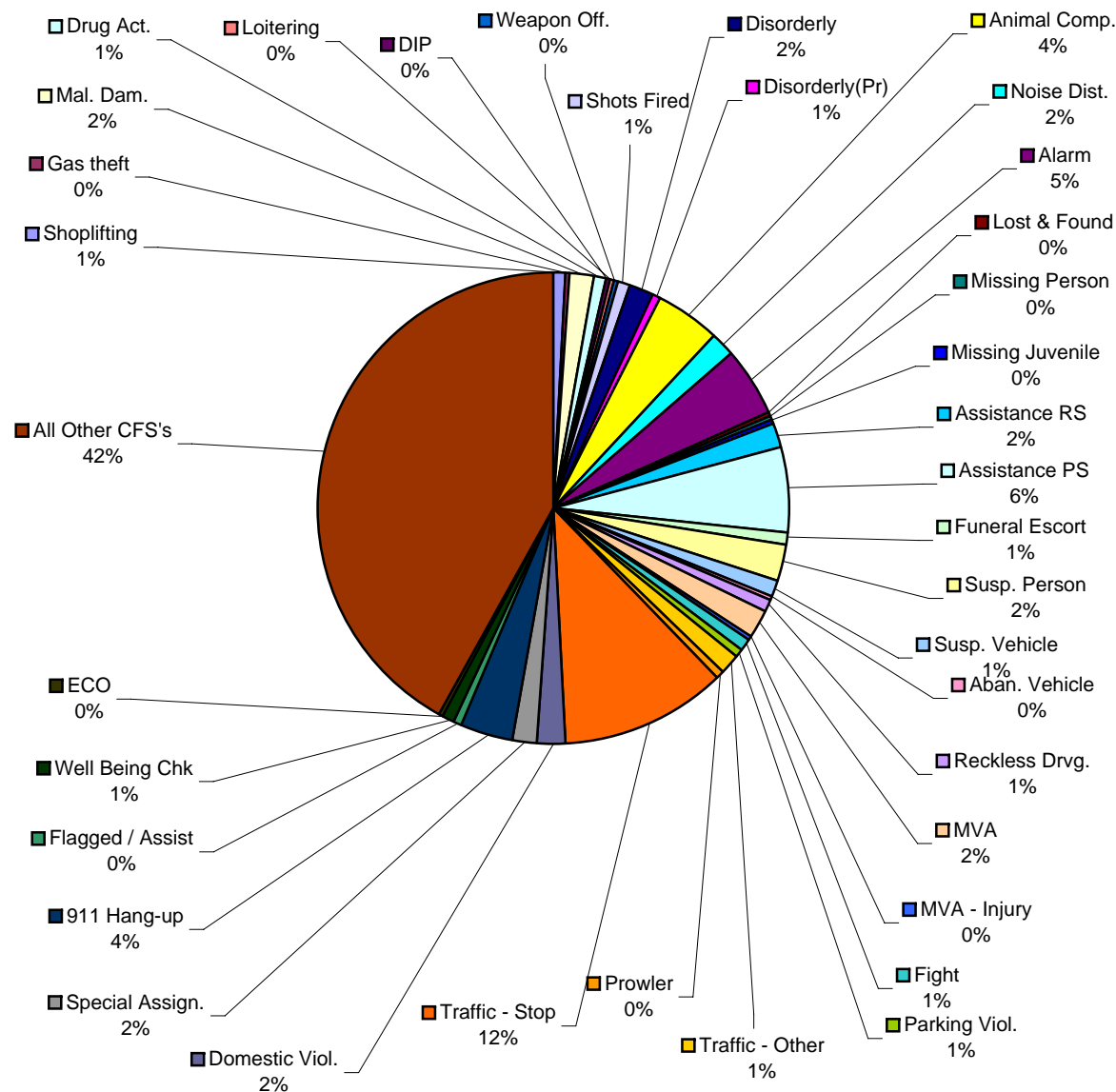
One of the most meaningful crime statistics used in Uniform Crime Reporting is the Crime Rate. This rate is the number of offenses per 100,000 inhabitants. This rate can be calculated regardless of the number of inhabitants in a city or county. To compute rates, the city's 2000 census population is divided by 100,000 and the number of offenses in each class is then divided by that answer. The answer is the number of offenses per 100,000 inhabitants, which is the crime rate for that offense.

Statistical data for previous years for each jurisdiction in the state of Virginia, can be found online in the state publication "Crime in Virginia."

[http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime\\_in\\_Virginia.shtm](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm)

CFS - Calls For Services Information				
Selective types of CFS calls are charted and graphically displayed. Balance of CFS's are grouped under the category of "Other."				
CFS Type	2007	2006	2005	2004
Shoplifting	585	373	406	464
Gas theft	265	229	395	395
Mal. Dam.	1465	1587	1522	1558
Drug Act.	638	670	542	590
DIP	341	323	278	260
Loitering	307	160	104	35
Weapon Off.	182	99	107	76
Shots Fired	697	545	438	457
Disorderly	1366	1313	882	741
Disorderly(Pr)	514	524	960	879
Animal Comp.	3773	2815	3953	3777
Noise Dist.	1276	1317	1422	1433
Alarm	4125	3927	3907	4103
Lost & Found	200	145	108	109
Missing Person	128	137	123	85
Missing Juvenile	198	270	225	283
Assistance RS	1546	1742	1622	1710
Assistance PS	4932	5262	6099	6738
Funeral Escort	601	622	668	629
Susp. Person	2016	1688	1439	1375
Susp. Vehicle	929	755	640	563
Aban. Vehicle	359	329	350	352
Reckless Drvg.	586	454	261	434
MVA	1618	1674	1876	1942
MVA - Injury	365	372	367	417
Fight	642	614	580	572
Parking Viol.	491	560	565	565
Traffic - Other	1237	1039	1004	956
Prowler	290	185	211	216
Traffic - Stop	9787	10923	8263	7223
Domestic Viol.	1518	1500	1336	1362
Special Assign.	1346	2621	2415	2023
911 Hang-up	3158	3479	1560	1829
Flagged / Assist	295	301	320	297
Well Being Chk	733	621	578	386
ECO	276	240	226	192
All Other CFS's	35310	33,865	32,727	32,732
Grand Totals	84095	83,280	78,479	77,758

**Calls For Services For 2007, 2006, 2005, & 2004**



Shoplifting	Gas theft	Mal. Dam.	Drug Act.	DIP	Loitering
Weapon Off.	Shots Fired	Disorderly	Disorderly(Pr)	Animal Comp.	Noise Dist.
Alarm	Lost & Found	Missing Person	Missing Juvenile	Assistance RS	Assistance PS
Funeral Escort	Susp. Person	Susp. Vehicle	Aban. Vehicle	Reckless Drvg.	MVA
MVA - Injury	Fight	Parking Viol.	Traffic - Other	Prowler	Traffic - Stop
Domestic Viol.	Special Assign.	911 Hang-up	Flagged / Assist	Well Being Chk	ECO
All Other CFS's					



**2007 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	5	10.94
Rape	9	19.69
Robbery	96	210.06
Aggravated Assaults	86	188.18
Burglary	552	1207.87
Larceny	1782	3899.34
Motor Vehicle Theft	112	245.07
<u>Arson</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>41.57</u>
Total	2,656	5811.81

Accidents 1,276  
Calls For Services 84,095

**2006 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	4	10.33
Rape	5	10.33
Robbery	76	156.99
Aggravated Assaults	102	210.7
Burglary	436	900.62
Larceny	1612	3329.82
Motor Vehicle Theft	130	268.53
<u>Arson</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>26.85</u>
Total	2,379	4914.17

Accidents 1,280  
Calls For Services 83,280

**2005 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	8	16.53
Rape	15	30.98
Robbery	134	276.8
Aggravated Assaults	157	324.31
Burglary	365	753.96
Larceny	1798	3714.03
Motor Vehicle Theft	145	299.52
<u>Arson</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>37.18</u>
Total	2,640	5453.31

Accidents 1,586  
Calls For Services 78,479

**2004 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	4	8.26
Rape	26	53.71
Robbery	106	218.96
Aggravated Assaults	193	398.67
Burglary	318	656.88
Larceny	1,876	3875.15
Motor Vehicle Theft	140	289.19
<u>Arson</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>39.25</u>
Total	2,682	5540.26
Accidents	1,997	
Calls For Services	77,758	

**2003 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	4	8.26
Rape	28	57.84
Robbery	78	161.12
Aggravated Assaults	171	353.23
Burglary	322	665.14
Larceny	1,833	3786.33
Motor Vehicle Theft	163	336.7
<u>Arson</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>30.98</u>
Total	2,614	5399.6
Accidents	2,264	
Calls For Services	78,185	

**2002 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	7	14.46
Rape	16	33.05
Robbery	91	187.97
Aggravated Assaults	232	479.23
Burglary	343	708.52
Larceny	1870	3862.76
Motor Vehicle Theft	122	252.01
<u>Arson</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>43.38</u>
Total	2702	5581.38
Accidents	1,862	
Calls For Services	79,790	

**2001 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	4	8.26
Rape	22	45.44
Robbery	101	208.63
Aggravated Assaults	220	454.44
Burglary	347	716.78
Larceny	1980	4089.98
Motor Vehicle Theft	159	328.44
<u>Arson</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>41.31</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>5893.29</b>

Accidents 1,695

Calls For Services 85,974

**2000 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	10	20.66
Rape	19	39.25
Robbery	97	200.37
Aggravated Assaults	176	363.55
Burglary	362	747.76
Larceny	2177	4496.91
Motor Vehicle Theft	149	307.78
<u>Arson</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>26.85</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3003</b>	<b>6203.14</b>

Accidents 1,719

Calls For Services 88,191

**1999 CRIME INDEX OF OFFENSES**

<u>Index Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Crime Rate</u>
Murder	9	18.27
Rape	18	36.54
Robbery	102	207.09
Aggravated Assaults	57	115.72
Burglary	390	791.80
Larceny	1870	3796.57
Motor Vehicle Theft	141	286.27
<u>Arson</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12.18</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2593</b>	<b>5264.44</b>

Accidents 1,385

Calls For Services 78,145



# Seven Year Incident Report Trend

## Year   Total

\*2001 - 8,323

\*2002 - 7,335

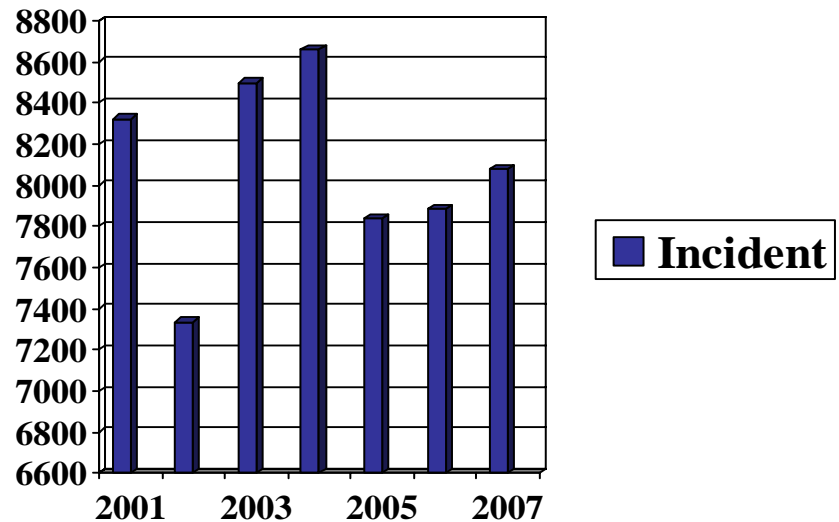
\*2003 - 8,499

\*2004 - 8,656

\*2005 - 7,841

\*2006 - 7,887

\*2007 - 8,075



# Seven Year Adult Arrest Trend

## Year   Total

\*2001 - 8,092

\*2002 - 7,965

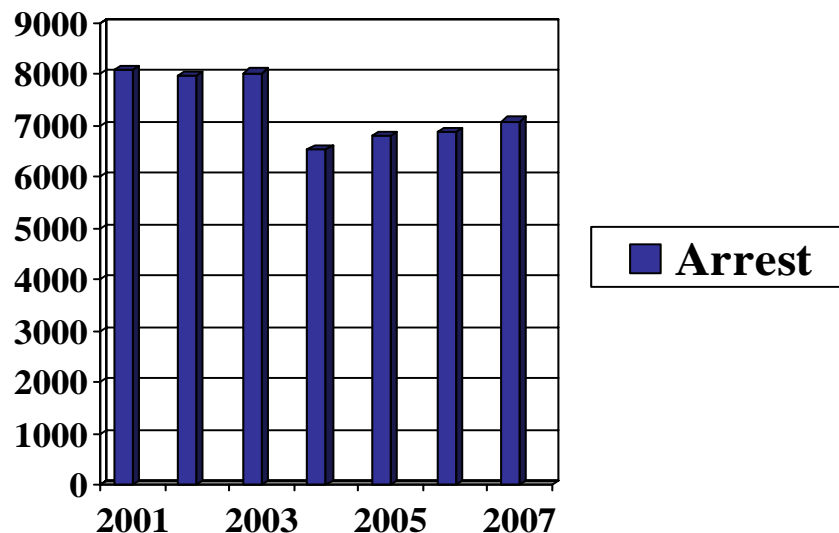
\*2003 - 8,030

\*2004 - 6,528

\*2005 - 6,799

\*2006 - 6,874

\*2007 - 7,088



## Seven Year Citation Trend

### Year   Total

\*2001 – 9,442

\*2002 – 8,324

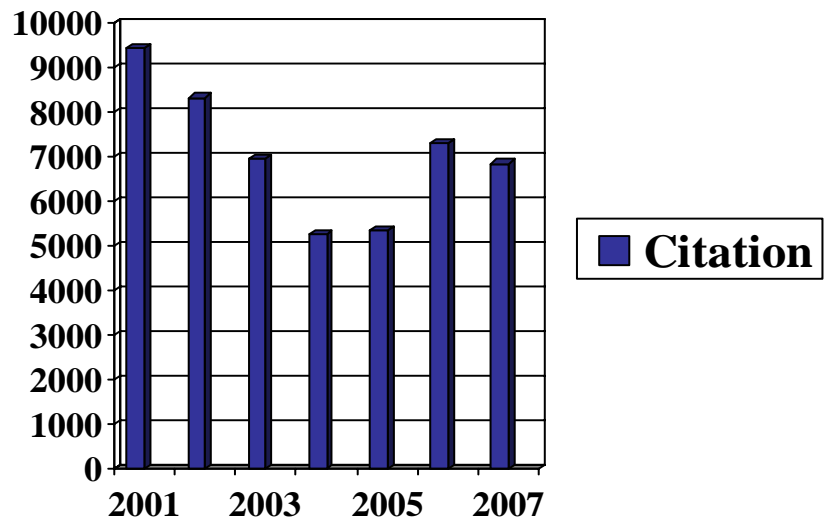
\*2003 – 6,970

\*2004 – 5,250

\*2005 – 5,348

\*2006 – 7,310

\*2007 – 6,852



## Seven Year Warrant Trend

### Year   Total

\*2001 – 4,941

\*2002 – 4,408

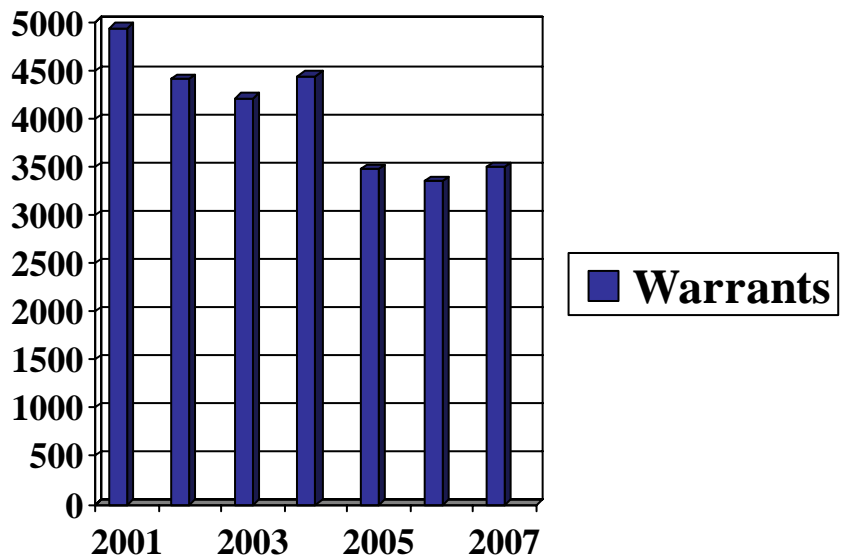
\*2003 – 4,212

\*2004 – 4,442

\*2005 – 3,480

\*2006 – 3,352

\*2007 – 3,497



## Seven Year Accident Trend

### Year   Total

\*2001 – 1,724

\*2002 – 1,866

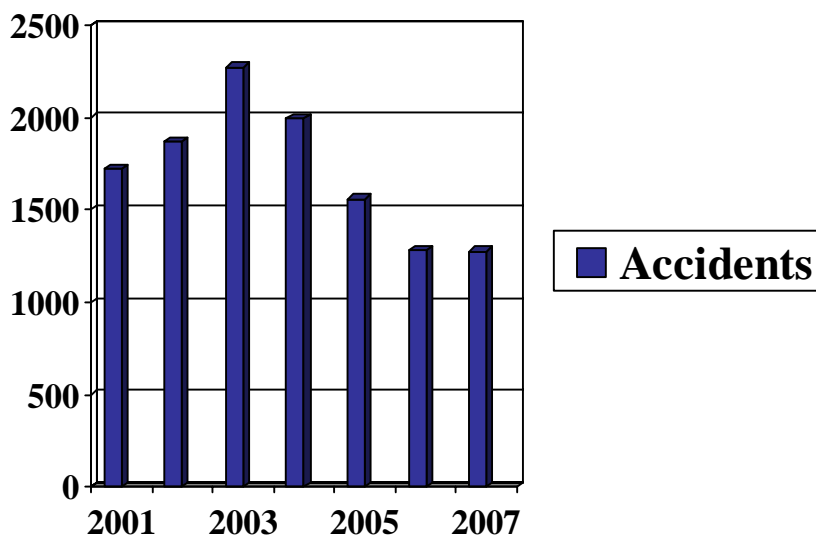
\*2003 – 2,271

\*2004 – 1,997

\*2005 – 1,558

\*2006 – 1,280

\*2007 – 1,276



## Seven Year Parking Ticket Trend

### Year   Total

\*2001 – 2,422

\*2002 – 2,489

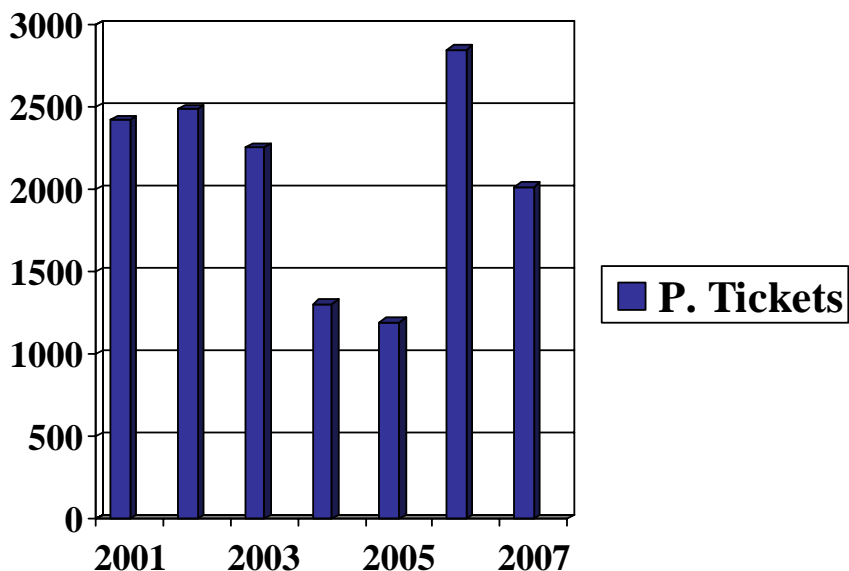
\*2003 – 2,255

\*2004 – 1,307

\*2005 – 1,197

\*2006 – 2,847

\*2007 – 2,020





# 2007 Top Intersections For Accidents

Piney Forest Road / Franklin Turnpike.....	30
South Boston Road / Kentuck Road.....	22
Riverside Drive / Mt. Cross Road.....	16
Piney Forest Road / Parker Road.....	15
Piedmont Drive / Lowes Drive.....	15
Piney Forest Road / Old Piney Forest Road.....	14
Riverside Drive / Piney Forest Road.....	11
Mt. Cross Road / Piedmont Drive.....	11
Riverside Drive / Audubon Drive.....	10
Riverside Drive / Old Riverside Drive.....	10



**Truck Crash Route 29 South & 58 Bypass**

# 2007 Top Officers For Traffic Citations

R.B. McCormick	352
E.L. Thompson	323
J. Rossman	304
T.D. Pierce	269
D.W.Epps	250
J.P. Nelson	243
J.L. West	238
S.G. Luck	216
F.L. Hudgins	186
W.R. Merrill	152



## 2007 Top Officers In Total Criminal Arrests

J. Rossman	173
J.L. West	170
J.M. Epps	144
F.L. Hudgins	143
E.L. Thompson	141
C.G. Gagnon	138
D.E. Whitley	128
W.R. Merrill	127
S.G. Luck	126
M.C. Pace	123

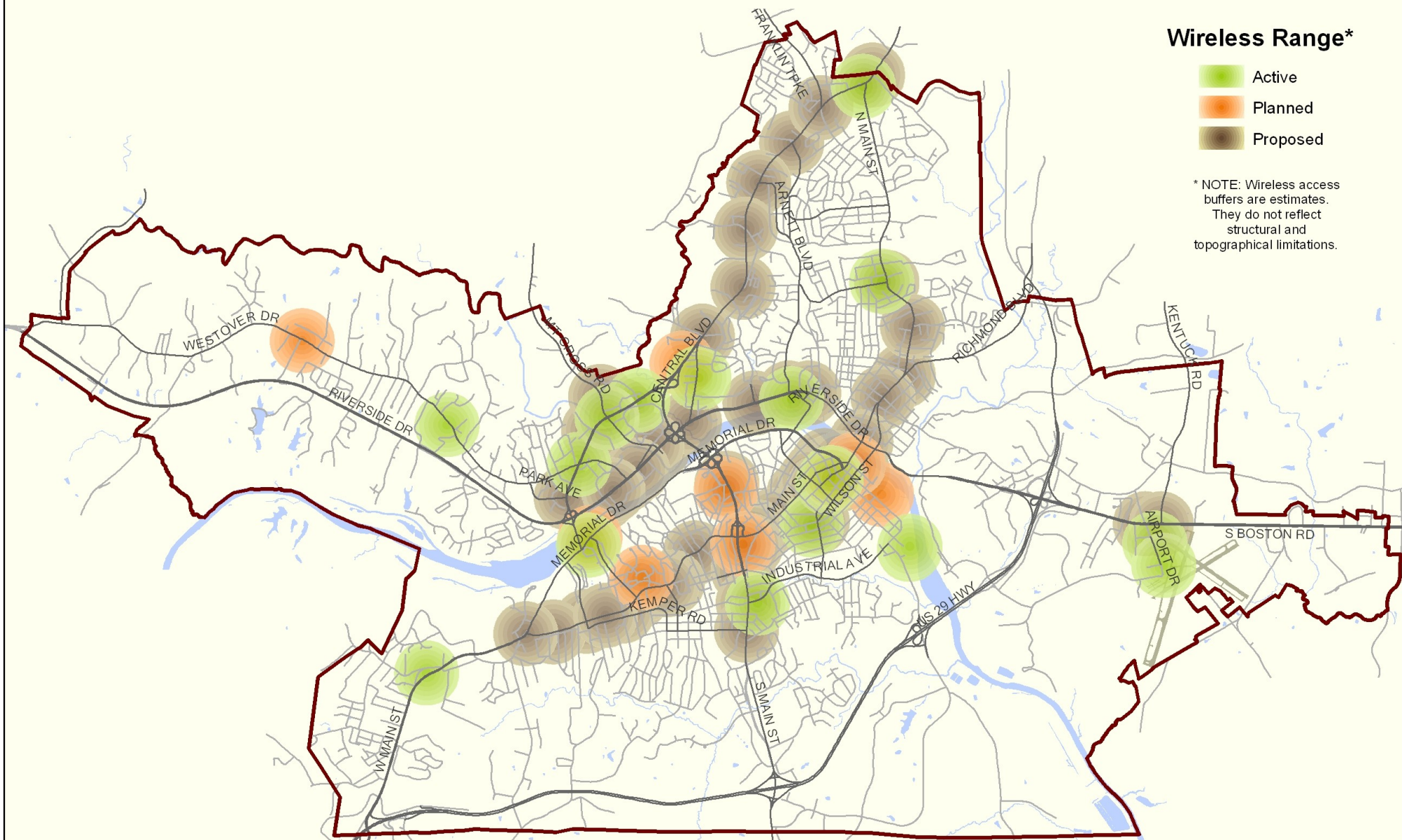


## 2007 Top Officers for Drug Arrests

J.P. Nelson	43
E.K. Thompson	43
R.V. Worsham	29
C.G. Gagnon	28
L.D. Land	17
W.R. Merrill	14
J.D. Barker	15
R.B. McCormick	15
R.E. Chivvis	10
K.L. Shackett	9



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