

DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022

ANNUAL REPORT



FOREWARD FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Reader,

The year 2022 proved to bring its own challenges and successes once again to the Danville Police Department.

I am elated to share once again that violent crime, as it has done from the beginning of the implementation of neighborhood policing in 2018, has continued a downward trend.

In fact, violent crime has plummeted 20 percent since 2021 and is at a 35 year low. This wouldn't be possible without the trust of the community, who time and time again over the last five years have shown why they love where they live.

The department continues to hold community walks, have conversations in barber shops, restaurants and engage youth through new programs held throughout the year. But it's not just about those events, and seeing that they are attended monthly. It's about the relationship between you, and us. Countless stories could be told of the relationships that have been forged out of those events with residents and officers. What could be better than having a connection with your local law enforcement officers and knowing that they are not only here to serve and protect, but to also be a friend and neighbor.

The successes of the department rides not only on community relationships, but also on strong policing. As evident by the Special Investigations Section of the Investigations Bureau, the department continues to seize firearms that are in the wrong hands off the streets. In 2022, there were 170 firearms seized from individuals in Danville. Those weapons are now off the streets for good, and will never fall into the hands of someone looking to commit a felonious act — or worse — in the hands of an innocent child.

After some delays, the department in July began moving in its new space at 1 Community Way. This state-of-the-art police department is unlike anything the City of Danville has had before. With space for a real time crime center; a half-court gym for special events, programs and community use; locker space for officers to store their gear; a dedicated workspace for officers on patrols and sector lieutenants; and secure lobby for visitors; this masterfully renovated space will serve Danvillians for decades to come.

I invite you to come and see why your police department continues to receive accolades for the policing and community work these officers and citizens do every day. Enjoy this look at 2022. We look forward to serving you in 2023 and beyond.

Yours,

Scott C. Booth
Chief, Danville Police Department





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Cover Photo: The Danville Community Market and River District as captured by River City TV in 2022.



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

A Brief History of Danville's Police

The City of Danville, located midway on Virginia's southern border with North Carolina, was founded in 1793 on the banks of the Dan River.

The Danville Police Department had its beginnings on May 21, 1833, when a citizen patrol with compulsory service was established.

By 1860, the citizen patrol had expanded to include two sworn police officers.

Today, the police department is a modern, accredited agency with a maximum capacity of 131 sworn officers, two animal control officers, 21 professional staff members and four school crossing guards.

The fiscal year 2022 adopted budget was \$18,966,990.



Seated from left is Danville Police Chief R. E. Morris, who was later found to be an escaped murderer from Georgia, Mayor Harry Wooding with his dog, Col. Beverly F. Morisett and James Bell. After Morris was later exposed as an escaped convict from Georgia, Bell became chief and served until 1930.

Mission Statement

The Danville Police Department will provide quality service to the community through a process of continuous improvement. We will maintain a safe environment for all by protecting life, liberty and property through partnership with citizens and businesses.

Department Community Engagement

Community engagement within the Danville Police Department is one of the top priorities. With a dedicated community engagement staff, they are tasked with consistently designing new, innovative programs and events that bring officers and community members together. Watch for new programs throughout the year.

Department Motto

The Danville Police Department motto is "Deeds Not Words."



Danville PD Patch

The Danville Police Department patch features the city seal. It is divided into four quadrants representing the four cornerstones of Danville's economy.



Department Overview

The Danville Police Department accomplishes its mission by actively engaging the community through the application of evidence-based policing practices. The department utilizes a neighborhood policing strategy dividing the city into two areas, which are then divided into four quarters.

The department is organized into multiple divisions:

The Operations Division is responsible for the day-to-day and emergency tactical service of law enforcement response. The patrol bureau, investigations bureau and special tactical teams perform these functions.

The Services Division has the

responsibility to support the other divisions and units of the department. It is comprised of support units including records, crime prevention, school resource officers, animal control, parking enforcement, evidence room, school crossing guards, training, quartermaster, recruitment and retention, and community engagement.

The Professional Standards Division provides the policy and inspection criteria necessary to maintain a professional organization. This unit is primarily responsible for internal affairs investigations, use of force investigations, citizen complaints and accreditation.





COMMAND STAFF



Scott C. Booth
Chief of Police



Lt. Col. Ronald D. Hairston
Deputy Chief of Police



Major Christopher K. Wiles
Operations Division Commander



Major Timothy W. Jones
Services Division Commander



SENIOR STAFF



Captain E. Keith Thompson
North Area Commander



Captain Jerry L. Pace
South Area Commander



Captain David E. Whitley
Investigations Bureau



Captain Henry S. Richardson
Professional Standards



STRATIFIED POLICING OVERVIEW

Neighborhood Oriented Policing and the Stratified Policing Model

The Danville Police Department continued to utilize and refine the Stratified Policing Model that was first implemented in 2019. In a nutshell, Stratified Policing is an organizational model that includes specific processes to implement evidenced-based, proactive crime reduction strategies to impact problems at each level. Within the day-to-day operations of the police agency, place-based, problem-solving, person-focused and community-based approaches are implemented for each type of problem in the most effective and efficient ways. This model looks at immediate, short-term and long-term community problems and stratifies them by the organization level of direct accountability within in the Department.

The positions of area commanders, North and South, were created in 2018 to provide specific geographic responsibility to Patrol Bureau managers, however the four platoons that comprised the officers and line-level supervisors of Patrol continued to be deployed based on a rotating schedule instead of geographic assign-

ment. Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP) model was developed to bring geographic responsibility to the entire Patrol Bureau by redeploying the four platoons into quarters, where all officers and supervisors were assigned to specific areas within the city. This model was implemented in January 2021 with the promise of improving the Patrol Bureau's ownership of the public safety service of specific areas of the city. Change is always a challenge, especially when it is a fundamental shift from the previous way of doing things, however the women and men of the Patrol Bureau rose to the occasion and made Neighborhood Oriented Policing a success.

Only a year out from implementation, the positive impacts of Neighborhood Oriented Policing are clear to see. Greater communication with and responsiveness to members of the community with focused and tailored public safety services based on each community's unique needs and challenges.

New Roles within the Department

The Danville Police Department saw the creation of several new roles in 2022.

In April, the Special Victims Unit was created, with Sergeant Nicole Jeffries leading the unit with Investigators Heather O'Bryant and Bethany Bidgood. It falls under the Danville Police Department's Investigations Bureau. SVU oversees Internet Crimes Against Children, sexual assault cases, child and elderly abuse cases, review and investigate social services referrals that come to the agency. SVU also works together with forensic nurse examiners located at Centra Health in Gretna, the Danville Commonwealth's Attorney Office and their victim witness program. In addition, Sgt. Jeffries and Investigator Bidgood is a member of the Sexual Assault Response Team, a regional group of local

stakeholders.

In November, the Special Operations Captain position was created and assigned to Captain Jerry Pace. This position is responsible for the supervision and management of the Crime Scene Unit, Motor Unit, serve as the Casino Liaison, SWAT, CDU, Crisis Negotiation, Honor Guard and Bicycle Program. Additionally, Capt. Pace represented the department in mental health and crisis intervention, traffic safety, special events including parade/street closure/assembly permits, overseeing extra duty assignments and large scale attendance events.

Previously, Capt. Pace was the South Patrol Area Captain. Those duties now fall under Captain Keith Thompson, who is Captain of Patrol and oversees both the North and South areas of the city.

Organization Chart



P.E.A.C.E. with Police





BY THE NUMBERS

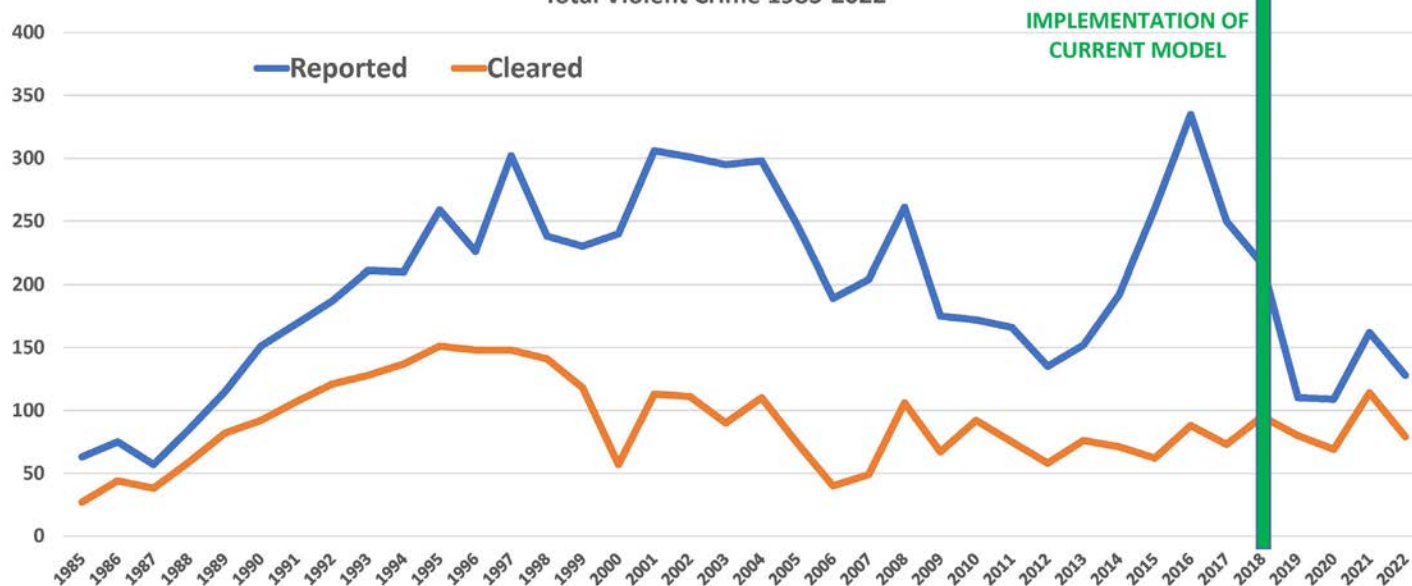
Danville Police Department Danville Model Violent Crime Comparison and Evaluation Since 2019 Implementation (UCR-NIBRS standards of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault)

4 Years Before Implementation	Total Violent Crime	4 Years Since Implementation	Total Violent Crime	Difference
2015	260	2019	110	
2016	335	2020	109	
2017	250	2021	162	
2018	216	2022	128	RESULTS
Yearly average before Stratified Implementation	265.25 <i>violent crimes per year</i>	Yearly average since 2019 Stratified Implementation	127.25 <i>violent crimes per year</i>	-138 violent crimes avg. per year or 52% avg. annual reduction in violent crime since implementation

City of Danville Violent Crime Historical Map

(UCR-NIBRS standards of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault)

Total Violent Crime 1985-2022





2022 Danville Police Department Case Clearance

Summary (as of April 17, 2023)

Offense	2022 Total Reports	Cleared by arrest	Unfounded	WOF	EC-Cleared	Active	Active / Pending Lab	Total Cleared (removing unfounded and add EC-Cleared /WOF)	Dep Clearance Rate
Homicide- Murder 09A	8	5	0	0	1	2	0	6/8	75.00%
Homicide- Manslaughter 09B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0%
Robbery 120	29	16	4	0	3	4	0	19/25	76.00%
Aggravated Assault 13A	68 cases	43	0	0	2	10	0	45/68	66.18%
Victims	0	0						00/00	00.00%
Rape 11A, 11B, 11C	19	1	6	0	5	5	0	6/13	46.15%
Burglary 220	85	46	8	4	0	9	3	50/76	65.78%

2022 Danville Police Department Case Clearance

FBI National Clearance 2020

as of April 17, 2023

Offense	Danville Police 2023	2020 FBI National Clearance Rate	% Difference 2023 v. FBI
Murder and Non- negligent Manslaughter	75.00%	54.4%	+20.6%
Rape	46.15%	30.6%	+15.5%
Robbery	76.00%	28.8%	+47.2%
Aggravated Assault	66.18%	46.4%	+19.8%
Burglary	65.78%	14.0%	+51.8%



OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

HOMICIDES

For 2022, the City of Danville suffered eight homicides, with six of those cases being cleared by arrest. At the end of 2022, the Danville Police Department had recorded seven homicides. It was later revealed as the result of an ongoing investigation into a suspicious death that there was an eighth homicide for 2022, which has

been cleared by arrest.

A total of 41 homicides (Homicide - Murder 09A and Homicide - Manslaughter 09B) have been committed in the Danville city limits since Jan. 1, 2018. The police department has cleared 42 cases since the same time period, with some cases being cleared from previous years. Five of the last 41 homicides remain unsolved. The department's clearance rate is now 87.8% over the last five years.

PROPERTY CRIMES

The department continues to use the stratified policing model to reduce crimes. Burglaries continued a downward spiral with 85 reported for 2022, compared to 111 in 2021 and 114 in 2020. According to the data, the double digit number of reported burglaries is at an all time low. The Properties Crimes Unit of the Danville Police Department Investigations Bureau solved 65.78% of burglaries in 2022.

VIOLENT CRIMES

In 2022, the Special Investigations Section (SIS) of the Danville Police Department Investigations Bureau had one of its most successful years to date, with 170 firearms seized and \$270,530.10 in United States currency. Narcotics seizures by SIS included 2,244 grams of cocaine, 2,395 grams of heroin, 11,590 grams of methamphetamine, 21,562 grams of synthetic marijuana and 86.39 pounds of marijuana.

SIS ran two major operations in 2022 for the purpose of reducing violent crime. As a result of those efforts, there was a 67% decrease in motor vehicle thefts from November 2021 to April 2022, 88 criminal arrests were made, 20 search warrants were executed and 15 firearms were seized.

Overall, violent crime was down 20% compared to 2021, and gang related incidents were down 16.1%. The department cleared 56% of robberies in 2022, which is down from 66.67% in 2021. Aggravated assaults were cleared at a rate of 65.5%





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Danville Police Department implemented the IA Pro/ Blue Team professional standards software on Jan. 1, 2022. This software allows for tracking of complaints, use of force, adds an early intervention system to the agency, pursuit review module, as well as notable positive interactions such as incidents worthy of awards, de-escalation efforts that saved lives or avoided a use of force, as well as review of data for bias. With the training and build-up completed in 2021, this product adds a multi-level accountability to the agency with additional Professional Standards oversight and accountability moving forward.

Use of Force		Show of Force		Other Force	
Category	2022	Category	2022	Report Type	2022
Total Use of Force Incidents	79 (83 subjects)	Total Show of Force Incidents	26 (27 subjects)	Animal Euthanized	43
Total Officers Involved in Using Force	175	Total Officers Involved Showing Force	46 (16 witnesses, 62 total involved)	Damage to Property	1
Total of All Types of Force Used	181	Total of All Types of Force Shown	46	Preplanned Operations	50

Use of Force Type	2022	Show of Force Type	2022
Taser Probe/ Drive Stun	6	Point Firearm	43
Baton Contact	0	Point Taser	3
Hard Empty Handed	3	Point Less Lethal Shotgun	0
Soft Empty Handed	146	SWAT Deployment	2
Chemical / OC	4		
Display- Lethal Impact Shotgun	2		
Vehicle Pin - Takedowns	2		
Firearm- Point Only	18		
De-escalation Technique documented	21		

2022 Danville Police Department Citizen Complaint Incident Summary

Citizen Complaint Type	2022 Total	2021 Total
Conduct Unbecoming	4	3
Criminal	3	4
Demeanor-Dis courtesy	14	14
Job Performance-Service	14	14
Legal Procedure	2	2
Use of Force	6	2
Discrimination	3	1
Totals	46	40

Citizen Complaint Outcomes	2022 Total	2022 % of Total Complaints
Exonerated	18	39%
Sustained	16	35%
Unfounded	8	17%
Active – No outcome	2	4%
Training Need ID	1	2%
Not sustained	1	2%
Totals	46	

All data as of April 1, 2023



ACCREDITATION



From left, CALEA Executive Director W. Craig Hartley, Jr., DPD Chief Scott C. Booth, DPD Accreditation Manager Corporal Ben Crozier, DPD Captain H. Steve Richardson and CALEA Commissioner Marcus L. Brown.

DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Danville Police Department was awarded with accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA) on Saturday night April 2, 2022, in Orlando, Florida.

The process of review for accreditation through CALEA began almost two-and-a-half years ago for the Danville Police Department and ended with a final hearing before the commissioners on Saturday. The Danville Police Department proved compliance through both policy and agency practices with the highest standards in the law enforcement profession throughout the accreditation process. CALEA requirements are centered on state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

CALEA accreditation is the gold standard in public safety and a great achievement for the Danville Police Department and the City of Danville.

The leadership of the Danville Police Department would like to thank all the men and women of the

agency for representing the highest and best law enforcement has to offer, which made this award of accreditation possible.

The Danville Police Department would also like to thank the City of Danville leadership, community partners, and citizens who help make the agency better every day with their ongoing support of efforts to engage the community and reduce crime. Many of those leaders, agencies partners, and citizens took part in interviews during the CALEA review process and showed unbelievable support at the December 2021 public hearing. We are grateful for everyone who played a part in the Danville Police Department being award with CALEA accreditation.

The Danville Police Department has been accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission for more than 22 years and is now a dual-accredited agency with the award of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA).



PROGRAM GRADUATES

Since 1941, members of the Danville Police Department have graduated from various programs offered at the federal and state level. The first ever graduate was Ural W. Watson, who completed the FBI National Academy during the 17th session on June 28, 1941. Since that time, 16 others have completed the FBI academy.

A total of 15 department members have completed the Southern Police Institute Administrative

Officers Course, with the first in 1951 by Lonnie M. Lewis. In 2022, Major David E. Whitley completed the course (see page 35 for more).

The department has also had 12 members complete the Virginia Forensic Science Academy, with the first being Thomas A. Smith during the second session on June 2, 1975.

Below is a complete list of graduates from each program.

Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course Alumni	John M. Bailey 35th AOC Mar - Jun 1966	Oscar T. Link 44th Session June 30, 1950	Claude I. Slayton, Jr. 176th Session March 25, 1994	Barry G. Creasy 21st Session May 4, 1984
Lonnie M. Lewis 2nd AOC Apr - Jun 1951	Thomas W. Evans 38th AOC Aug - Nov 1967	Juby E. Towler 53rd Session June 11, 1954	Edward V. Burke 203rd Session December 8, 2000	Tommy L. Moore 30th Session November 18, 1988
Norman H. Boswell 4th AOC Jan - Mar 1952	Lames C. Lewis 51st AOC Mar - Jun 1974	Thomas E. Yeaman 60th Session November 8, 1957	Ronald D. Hairston 246th Session September 16, 2011	Larry P. Rigney Sr. 36th Session November 22, 1991
Thomas E. Boyd 5th AOC Mar - Jun 1952	Kenneth D. Fitzgerald 95th AOC Feb - May 1996	T. Neal Morris 77th Session May 25, 1966	Scott C. Booth 268th Session June 7, 2017	Scott A. Eanes 59th Session November 15, 2002
Wade H. Mays 6th AOC Sep - Dec 1952	William H. Waldron 97th AOC Feb - May 1997	B.C. Elliott, Jr. 90th Session September 15, 1972	Christopher K. Wiles 272nd Session June 8, 2018	Donald W. Robertson 66th Session April 28, 2006
Frank A. Chaney 7th AOC Jan - Mar 1953	Matthew V. Carter 126th AOC Aug - Nov 2011	William D. Rigney 96th Session March 28, 1974	Timothy W. Jones 277th Session September 13, 2019	Walter H. Gillespie Jr. 78th Session November 12, 2010
Lonnie W. Riddle 17th AOC Mar - Jun 1957	David E. Whitley 148th AOC Aug - Nov 2022	C.W. Howerton 97th Session June 20, 1974	Virginia Forensic Science Academy Graduates from the Danville Police Department	Charles W. Willard Jr. 86th Session November 7, 2014
Leonard A. Howerton 28th AOC Sep - Nov 1962	FBI National Academy Graduates from the Danville Police Department	Jackson H. Brown 110th Session September 3, 1977	Thomas A. Smith 2nd Session June 2, 1975	Perrow A. Brumfield 94th Session March 30, 2018
Marion F. Setliff 31st AOC Mar - Jun 1964	Ural W. Watson 17th Session June 28, 1941	Philip A. Broadfoot 150th Session September 25, 1987	John R. Winebrenner 8th Session December 8, 1977	Steven B. Cannaday 98th Session June 28, 2019
		Thomas A. Brown 172nd Session March 26, 1993		William D. English 101st Session November 13, 2020



A NEW HOME FOR

After spending nearly a century in the City of Danville Municipal Building, the Danville Police Department moved into a new home in 2022. Now officially 1 Community Way, the former Dan River Inc. Executive Building was

converted into office space and more for the police headquarters and for community use.

Dan River Inc.'s executive board approved the building's construction in 1965 and it was completed in 1969. The textile company was at one time the

premier producer of home fashions and clothing lines throughout the world before being outsourced in 2005. While the mill buildings nearby in Schoolfield were dismantled, the Executive Building remained unused for nearly 16 years.



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The facility today provides the department with one of the most secure headquarters in Virginia. Also, it not only brings all divisions of the department under one roof, but features a real-time crime center with virtual patrol, virtual training room, backup

dispatch center, and ample multipurpose space to expand community engagement activities.

This project was a collaboration between the City of Danville, developer Ed Walker, Blair Construction, Caesars Virginia, and Architectural Partners.

A grand opening and tours for the public were held in October 2022.

For additional photos, see the following pages.

MAKING THE OLD...



Construction underway on the former Dan River Executive Offices, looking northeast.



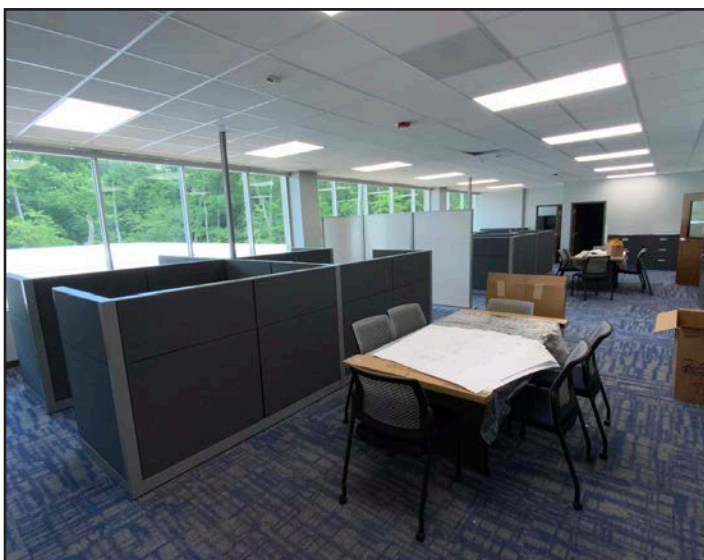
The foundation and first blocks are being set for the brand new Annex Building, affixed to the back of the existing structure. It houses a half court basketball gym, locker rooms, warming kitchen and training space.



Work underway to the side of the original building, where a new generator will eventually sit. Trees will also be removed that are too close to the building for safety and security.



The newly opened Danville Police Department as photographed Aug. 22, 2022 looking south.



The new criminal investigations division space, which features an open floor plan. This was a new feature for investigations that allows for strategizing and collaboration unlike the old space, which had individual offices.



The facade of the new Danville Police Department.

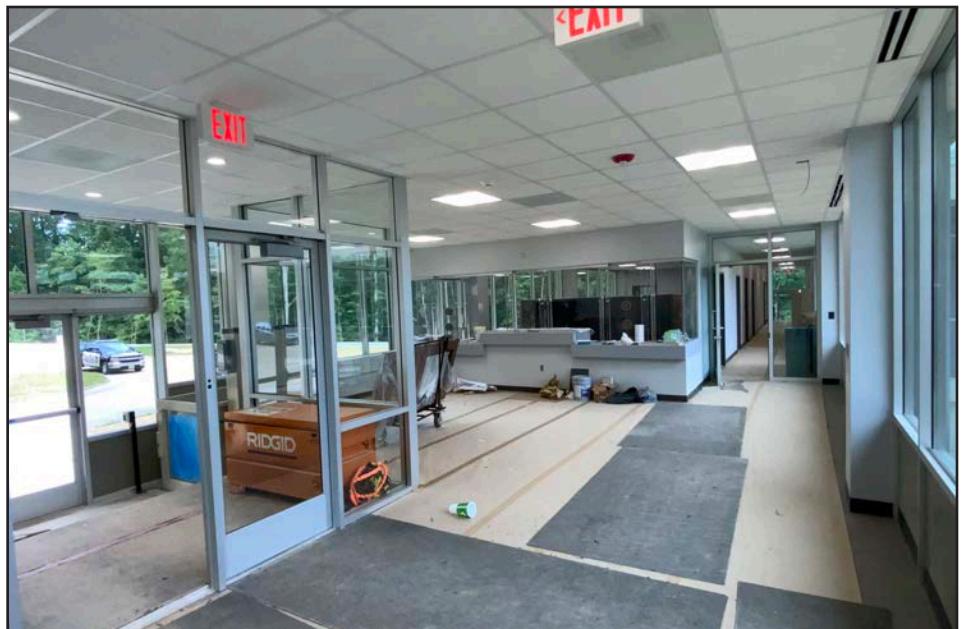


(TOP) The ribbon was officially cut on the Danville Police Department at 1 Community Way on Aug. 21, 2022. The highly anticipated grand opening marked the beginning of a new home for the agency in near a century, after being in continuous operation at 427 Patton Street since 1927.

(LEFT) The Annex Building was an addition to the existing structure. It houses training space, locker rooms, a warming kitchen, and a half court gym with balcony.

(BOTTOM LEFT) The new Maintenance Building under construction.

(BELOW): The Danville Police Department lobby nearing completion.





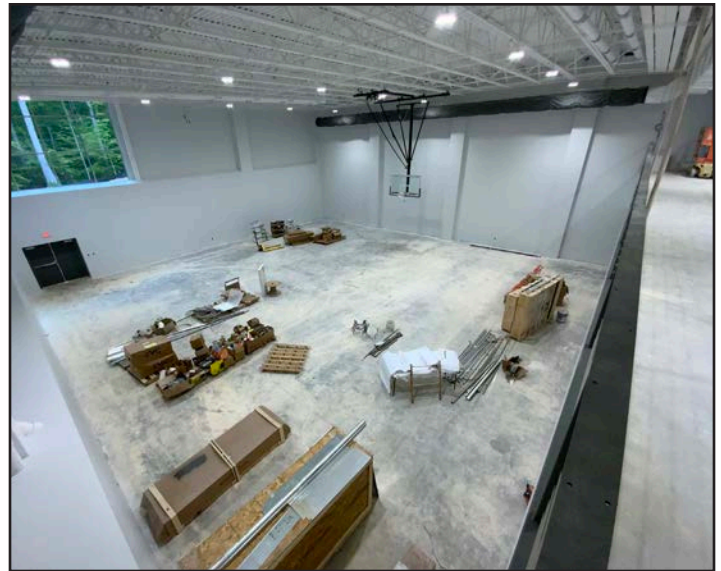
Work continues to the breezeway area on the backside of the new police station. A brick wall was added to the breezeway in addition to the transitional space between the new Annex and existing structure. The doorway at right is also a brand new feature.



The Annex Building complete, work begins to finish the interior and grounds surrounding the space.



Work continues on the outside of the building, where a stairway, roadway and additional work to the grounds are yet to be done.



The Annex Building houses a half court gymnasium, as seen here before the floor is laid. Having this new space allows for community events, ceremonies, games, and more. The first youth talent show was held in the newly completed space in November. Until the new building opened, the Danville Police Department had no space of its own to host community events.



Open House

The Danville Police Department hosted an open house on Saturday, Nov. 5, for community members to explore the new police headquarters. Tours were led throughout the building, and refreshments were provided. The four hour open house began at 10 a.m. and allowed for guests to get questions answered about the state-of-the-art facility, see the newly renovated space, and to speak with officers. Recruiting was set up to talk about open positions as well (top). (RIGHT) Major Chris Wiles leads a tour through the hallway and shows the group new offices that are used by two of the department's captains.





CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY



The Danville Police Department continued holding Community Engagement Walks monthly throughout 2022. As has been practice since their implementation, officers find neighbors with questions and concerns about where they live. Some even share with officers where problems lie, and are thankful for the department's time and effort to come to their neighborhood.

Monthly, officers pass out literature to Danville residents, as pictured at left, and take time to chat with those they meet.

A similar program began in 2019 with H.E.A.R.T. Walks (Heal and Engage After Recent Trauma). The department has reached dozens of individuals in the Danville community following a traumatic incident that has occurred in neighborhoods all over the city.

The Danville Police Department helped hand out thousands of pieces of candy during the annual Monster Mash Halloween event at the Danville Community Market in October. Events that are open to the community allows officers to connect with residents and visitors that they may otherwise never have contact with. It is also the perfect way to have positive interactions with children.





PROJECT B.R.A.V.E. SEES EARLY SUCCESS

After implementing Project B.R.A.V.E. (Bringing Resources After Violence) in May 2022, the Danville Police Department has experienced successes and overall improvement within the Danville community when answering domestic violence calls.



Because domestic violence is one of the most dangerous calls for service in addition to draining resources, the police department took a different approach in an officer's response to those calls. The program has enhanced an officer's ability to recognize and bring awareness to domestic violence, improve the resources available in the city for victims, decrease the number of victims and improve the community as a whole.

In 2022, the department had 421 domestic assault reports, compared to 425 in 2021.

When an officer responds to a domestic violence call, the victim is given a danger assessment and offered resources on scene. The danger assessment is then scored again and given a BRAVE score which identifies which tier they are in. If a victim falls into tier 1, they are visited in person by representatives from Project BRAVE where they can ask questions and get further information on resources that are available in the community.

"Each situation is different, and how we respond to those victims can vary. It could be anything, for example, from a mother whose life is in danger and her children threatened, to an ex-spouse or lover that is now the victim of physical harm. Those are the ones that are in the most danger of being killed or harmed by their partner, and who we aim to help through BRAVE," said Danville Police Investigator B.R. Bidgood.

In 2022, one victim that was considered tier 1, and high-danger, scored a 122 and immediately received a response from local law enforcement in addition to Haven of the Dan River Region and victim/witness services from the Danville Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Because of the resources and information the victim was able to receive, in addition to support from the Commonwealth Attorney's office, they have not had another domestic violence incident since June 2022 after have one earlier that year, and another in 2021.

Haven is involved with all tiers of the program, and victims are able to talk directly with a counselor on scene instead of waiting days later to connect them with resources.

Currently, 64 victims are identified as high danger, with five of those victims considered tier 1. In all, 20 victims have at some point been classified as tier 1, and all have been grateful for the services they have received as a result of Project B.R.A.V.E.



SUMMER YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY



The 2022 Summer Youth Police Academy was held in June with 28 youth cadets from the Danville community. Over the course of three weeks, students ages 9-17 participated in character development, physical fitness and scenario-based training over the course of the last three weeks. Most importantly, the program offers the youth and police an opportunity to build relationships and gain perspective from one another.

The youth police academy would not be possible without community support. Several speakers shared their time, and in some cases their personal stories and experiences. The George Washington High School NJROTC taught the cadets team building and drill exercises and Danville Public Schools provided food and facilities. Many members of the community made generous donations of food, supplies and funds to make the event possible.

The youth academy is designed to build character more than just three weeks in one summer. This academy class also had twelve youth leaders who had been cadets once themselves in previous years academies. The youth leaders were expected to act as role-models for the cadets and help with a variety of tasks to support the academy staff.

This program continues to be one of the department's most successful and fulfilling community engagement efforts.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In August, Community Relations Liaison Ashtyn Foddrell applied for a Reimagining Juvenile Justice Opportunity through the Annie E. Casey Foundation to further educate herself and Cpl. Sylvia Brooks on new ways to positively engage youth. She received the opportunity where they became certified trainers in Reimagining Juvenile Justice in Denver, Colorado. In 2023 they are offering the training for free to community members and stakeholders that are youth affiliated to help encourage others in new ways to engage with youth in their own work.



Ashtyn was able to have a 2nd Annual Cars and Community and 5k with 5-0 which were large community events for the department in 2021. This year, Ashtyn was able to increase participation in the 5k from the previous year while also getting special needs children involved in the race. Cars and Community had another great turnout with over 1,000 people in attendance.

In 2022 Ashtyn created the Stop, Pop & Lock It initiative to combat the departments high number of stolen vehicles and theft from motor vehicles. She worked with the community engagement unit to design a catchy name, create flyers, keychains and handouts to disperse in areas of the community where these crimes were prevalent. She worked with lieutenants from each quarter to identify locations and discuss details to hold this initiative. The initiative began in December 2022 and will end February of 2023.

Lastly, Ashtyn created a new program as a spin off from her I.D.D.U (Incarceration Doesn't Define Us) Program to focus on getting the homeless population access to resources and help them get on their feet. The H.D.D.U (Homelessness Doesn't Define Us) was created to teach things such as how to manage money, housing, interview and job skills, and computer skills at the homeless shelter. Ashtyn goes every other week to teach the classes and form relationships with these individuals. Through this, she has been able to connect homeless individuals with mental health services, housing opportunities, jobs and more. She has built trusting relationships with them where they feel comfortable to reach out to her and tell personal information.

For the month of July, Ashtyn applied for a \$25,000 grant from the Danville Regional Foundation to manage and lead the Exploring Danville Architecture Summer Camp at the PEACE Center. This was a camp that had never been done before in the City of Danville. She had 15 youth register for the camp and was able to create a fun, educational, safe outlet for these youth for a portion of the Summer.



YOUTH SHOW THEIR TALENT

In November, the Danville Police Department hosted the second Youth Engagement Talent Show. It was the first to be held in the new police department headquarters.

Students ages pre-k through 12th grade were able to participate in the program, which was presented before a large audience.

The event was sponsored by Lucks Lawn Care, Inc., and the grand prizes included a Sony Playstation 5, an Apple iPad, a Nintendo Switch, and cash prizes for each age group.





NEW HIRES AND RETIREES

The Danville Police Department was pleased to welcome 17 new employees in 2022.



Matthew Bell, Police Public Relations Specialist



Officer Clinton Carty



Christine Fekete, Police Accreditation Manager



Officer Stephen Hairston



Officer Logan Hoffman



Officer Preston Jacob



Officer Erica Lewis



Officer Joshua Richardson



Officer Isaiah Rosser



Officer Nicholas Smithers



Montrell Stroud,
Police Records Clerk



Sharon Wilson,
Quartermaster

*Not Pictured: Jonathan Coleman, Deandre Edmunds,
Kamden Lewis, Thomas Maginnis and Christopher Stanley*



The department also wishes all the best to five personnel members who retired in 2022.



Lt. Col. Ronald Hairston



Bonnie Haskins, Police
Department Admin



Lt. Jeffrey McLaughlin



Sgt. Charles Moorefield III



Pamela Simpkins, Police
Department Admin



K9 Officer Joins Danville PD

Officer Stephen Hairston joined the Danville Police Department in 2022 after serving another agency. In December, Hairston's K9 partner, Dexter, joined him. In addition to finding people, Dexter is trained to locate drugs. Dexter is one of two K9's in the Department.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS



In December, Danville Police Chief Scott Booth promoted Major Christopher K. Wiles to Lieutenant Colonel following the retirement of Lt. Col. Dean Hairston. Major of Services Timothy Jones took over as Major of Operations. Captain of Investigations David Whitley was promoted to Major of Services. From left is Lt. Col. Wiles and Major Whitley.

During the month of March, Chief Scott Booth and the Command Staff presented officers, citizens and community members with the following awards in the Multipurpose Room.

UNIT AWARDS

Design Team

Lt. P.R. Deel
Major T.W. Jones
Captain E.K. Thompson
Lt. Colonel C.K. Wiles
Chief Scott Booth, who also received the Distinguished Service Medal from City Manager Ken Larking for his involvement in all phases of the completion of the new, state-of-the-art Danville Police Department at 1 Community Way.

The Violent Crime Gang Unit

Cpl. G.A. Clay
Lt. J.D. Dixon
Investigator J.T. Land
Sgt. R.P. Wright

Crime Scene Unit

Cpl. S.B. Cannaday
Officer W.D. English
Officer K.S. Hardin

VICE/Narcotics Unit

Sgt. A.D. Harn
Cpl. D.C. Lancaster
Officer J.R. Motley

Property Crimes

Investigator
T.J. Graves
Investigator
W.R. Merrill
Cpl. M.J. Phillips
Sgt. D.T. Shively

Community Engagement Unit

Cpl. S.S. Brooks
Officer E.M. Coppage
Sgt. D.C. Ferguson
Ashtyn Foddrell
Officer J.N. Milan-Carter

Officer of the Year

Officer P.J. Hamlett

Specialty Officer of the Year

Cpl. D.C. Lancaster
Sgt. R.P. Wright

Professional Staff Member of the Year

Animal Control
Officer A.R. Crowder

Supervisor of the Year

Captain S.C. Bray

Partnership Award

Dr. Joshua Hearne
Tracie Wiseman-Scearce
Edward Palmore
Dr. Billy Wooten
Teresa Wiseman
Tia Yancey

Chief's Award

Sgt. B.P. Crozier
Christine Fekete
Sgt. C.B. Morris

See the following pages for pictures



Design Team

Chief Scott Booth,
Lt. Colonel R.D. Hairston,
Major C.K. Wiles,
Major T.W. Jones,
Captain E.K. Thompson,
and Lt. P.R. Deel



Crime Scene Unit

Cpl. S.B. Cannaday,
Officer W.D. English, and
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Investigator
T.J. Graves, and
Investigator
W.R. Merrill



Community Engagement Unit

Sgt. D.C. Ferguson, Cpl. S.S. Brooks, Officer E.M. Coppage, Ashtyn Foddrell, and Officer J.N. Milan-Carter



Officer of the Year

Officer P.J. Hamlett



Specialty Officer of the Year

Sgt. R.P. Wright and Cpl. D.C. Lancaster



**Professional
Staff Member
of the Year**

Animal Control
Officer A.R. Crowder



**Supervisor
of the Year**

Captain S.C. Bray



Partnership Award

(Clockwise, from top left) Dr. Billy Wooten, Edward Palmore, Doug Hall, and Tia Yancey
Not pictured: Dr. Joshua Hearne, Tracie Wiseman-Searce, Teresa Wiseman





INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

On April 26, 2022, Danville Police Chief Scott C. Booth was presented the 2022 Excellence in Virginia Award for Innovation in Government by the Virginia Commonwealth University L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at the Richmond Marriott.

Chief Booth was accompanied by City Manager Ken Larking, City Councilmen Sherman Saunders, Lee Vogler, and James Buckner, multiple members of the Danville Police Department, community leaders, friends, and supporters for the formal presentation of this award.

The L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs 2022 Excellence in Virginia Government Awards Announcement Reads:

INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

Danville Police Chief Scott Booth is praised for his community policing work including the Community Leadership and Immersion Program (CLIP) for new officers and Pass the Perspective program for citizens.

When Chief Scott Booth came to the Danville Police Department in 2018 he made his top two priorities the reduction of violent crime and community engagement. Crime numbers have decreased and the relationships and trust have



grown in the community. Booth introduced the Community Leadership and Immersion Program (CLIP) as part of new officer training and the Pass the Perspective program for residents to learn more about policing. Both programs have had a profound impact on Danville community's relationship with police.

About the award: This award recognizes the recipient's innovative work has resulted in increased efficiency, effectiveness, or other improvements that affect how a government entity performs, in supporting and delivering services to its constituents. An individual, organization or government entity may be nominated for this award.

This award highlights the excellent work of the men and women of the Danville Police Department under the leadership of Chief Booth, while being supported by City leaders, community members, and partners working to make Danville grow better every day.



SOUTHERN POLICE INSTITUTE GRADUATE

Danville Police Department Major David Whitley attended and graduated from the Southern Police Institute with the University of Louisville in November.

The twelve-week academy held in Louisville, Ky. was the 148th Session and hosted law enforcement leaders from across the United States. Whitley earned a spot on the Dean's List in recognition of his exceptional academic performance in the program.

Whitley is the 15th officer from the DPD to attend the academy starting with Lonnie Lewis who graduated in the second session in 1951.

The Southern Police Institute is

an integral part of the Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Louisville. It is an advanced educational and training institute whose mission is to enhance the professional development of law enforcement practitioners. Since the creation of the Southern Police Institute in 1951, its program of instruction has been based on the belief that law enforcement is a demanding activity requiring the highest level of professional preparation. The Administrative Officers Course has been offered continuously since 1951. Today, it is our primary leadership development program. It is designed to provide a comprehensive and challenging educational experience that



is intended to enhance the professional and personal lives of our students.

Please join the Danville Police Department in congratulating Major David Whitley on this momentous accomplishment!





IN MEMORIAM



On Jan. 23, 2022, Officer Christopher Agee passed away. The Danville Police Department mourns the loss of Officer Agee, whose watch began on July 1, 2018.



LOOKING AHEAD



The space the Danville Police Department needed for decades was resolved with the renovation of the former Dan River Inc. Executive Building in 2022. Violent crime continued a downward spiral. For 2023, the department looks to continue on this trend. But new challenges lie ahead. The last few years have been historic with low crime numbers. The department continues to grow and address needs that arise from calls for service. With construction underway for Caesars Virginia in the former Schoolfield mill site, the department continues to strategize and plan for new growth and visitors coming to the city.

Through the implementation of new programming for youth in 2023, and the community's growing interest in how the department upholds law and order, the bond between officers and Danvillians looks to grow even stronger. Sector policing has proven to nurture the relationships officers have with those they serve.

A brand new real time crime center will allow the department to conduct special operations and manage events that require multiple streets to be shut down, for example, without interrupting the everyday operations of Danville's dispatchers located on Lynn Street.

Finally, it is our mission — our task — to continue protecting Danville through deeds, not words.

