

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Deeds not Words"

Message from the Chief of Police

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to present to you the Danville Police Department 2023 Annual Report. This annual report serves as a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts of our officers and professional staff in serving and protecting our community. Significantly, the end of this year was accompanied by the retirement of Chief Scott C. Booth. I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Chief Booth for his transformation leadership of the Danville Police Department for the past six years. Under his leadership, the department has made incredible strides in the way we address crime and how we engage with our community. We will continued building upon his outstanding legacy.

Over the past year, our department has achieved significant milestones and implemented various initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety and improving community relations. From innovative crime prevention strategies to community outreach programs, we have worked diligently to address the evolving needs and challenges of our community.

Some of the key achievements and initiatives highlighted in this report include:

- Reduction in overall crime rates through proactive policing efforts and collaboration with community stakeholders.
- Implementation of community policing initiatives to strengthen trust and partnerships with residents and local organizations.
- Training and professional development opportunities for our

officers to enhance skills and stay abreast of emerging trends in law enforcement.

- Expansion of mental health crisis intervention programs to better support individuals in crisis and promote mental wellness.
- Continued efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within our department and ensure fair and impartial policing practices.

Despite these accomplishments, we also recognize that challenges persist, and there is much work to be done. As we look ahead to the coming year, our department remains committed to addressing the following priorities:

- Enhancing efforts to combat substance abuse and addiction through targeted enforcement and community-based interventions.
- Continued focus on traffic safety initiatives to reduce accidents and ensure safer roadways for all residents.
- Strengthening partnerships with schools, businesses, and community organizations to address youth-related issues and promote positive youth development.
- Increasing transparency and accountability through enhanced communication with the community and implementation of best practices



in policing.

- Proactive response to emerging crime trends and evolving threats, including cybercrime and organized criminal activity.

As your new Chief of Police, I am deeply grateful for the trust and support of our community. Together, we will continue to work tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer, stronger, and more resilient.

I encourage you to review this annual report and share your feedback and suggestions with us. Your input is invaluable as we strive to better serve and meet the needs of our diverse community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Following their graduation from the G.R.E.A.T. Program, new Danville Police Department officers created a block party event for the residents at Woodside Village Apartments in the closing days of summer 2023. There were games, music, face painting, and food. Attendance surpassed expectations, and the residents were thankful for the positive outreach from the Department.



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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, dual accredited agency with a maximum capacity of 130 sworn officers, two animal control officers, 21 professional staff members and four school crossing guards.

The fiscal year 2023 adopted budget was \$14,260,970.



After installing NIBIN in 2023, Crime Scene generated the first lead off a bullet casing on October 30, 2023. NIBIN tools when used with BallisticIQ make it possible to quickly identify casings for examination. Doing so allows investigators to determine if the weapon(s) were used in any additional crimes.

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. Christopher K. Wiles
Deputy Chief of Police



Major Timothy W. Jones
Operations Division Commander



Major David E. Whitley
Services Division Commander

SENIOR STAFF



Captain E. Keith Thompson
Special Operations Commander



Captain Stephen J. High
Patrol Commander



Captain Samuel C. Bray
Investigations Bureau



Captain H. Steve Richardson
Professional Standards

Departmental Changes

A multitude of changes took place within the Danville Police Department in 2023, from Chief on down. After the promotion of Chris Wiles to Deputy Chief at the closure of 2022, and the promotion of David Whitley to Major of Services, there was a void to fill in the Captain of Investigations position. In March, Samuel C. Bray was promoted to Captain of the Investigations Bureau. Major Tim W. Jones oversaw the Operations Division.

J.D. Dixon was promoted to Lieutenant of the Special Investigations Section. Evan G. Wilson was promoted to Northwest Lieutenant of Patrol. Benjamin P. Crozier was promoted to Sergeant and remained in Training. W. Chase Shively was promoted to Sergeant and during the course of the year moved from the Criminal Investigations Section to Use of Force Sergeant. R.P. Wright was promoted to Sergeant. Promoted to Corporal was G.A. Clay, Matthew J. Phillips, John S. Stadler, and R.M. Woody. Stadler moved from patrol to the Criminal Investigations Section. Woody joined the Special Investigations Section after returning from active military duty.

D. Todd Shively moved from Sergeant of Crimes Against Persons to Sergeant of the Southwest Patrol Quarter.

Chief Scott Booth during this time also announces title changes. Majors of Operations and Services will now be referred to as Assistant Chiefs.

Captain of Special Operations Jerry L. Pace retired from the Danville Police Department in May 2023 along with Officer David L. Austin. Following his retirement, S. Jamie High was promoted to Pace’s position from Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigations Section. Chris Morris was promoted to Lieutenant and moved to oversee Professional Standards under Captain H. Steve Richardson. D.C. Lancaster was promoted to Sergeant. Promoted to Corporal was Grayson N. Taylor and Matthew E. Gleber. Taylor moved from patrol to the Criminal Investigations Section.

Lieutenant Erica Land moved from Community Engagement to Community Programming and Departmental Resources. Paul Deel moved to Northeast Patrol Lieutenant. John Pulley moved from Northeast Patrol Lieutenant to Criminal Investigations Section Lieutenant. Officer Jermaine Parker moved from the Southeast Quarter of Patrol to Recruitment and Retention, and Officer Tyrone T. Russell moved from Recruitment and Retention to the Southeast Quarter of Patrol.

Sergeant Ronald “Mac” B. McCormick retired in August from patrol. He served in the Northeast Quarter of Danville.

High became Patrol Captain in September, and Captain Keith Thompson’s role changed from patrol to special operations.

Promoted in September to Sergeant was B.G. Langley and to Corporal was Jason C. Thornton.

Sergeant Marlowe moved to the Northeast Quarter of Patrol from the Special Investigations Section, and Langley filled that position.

In September, Chief Booth announced he was retiring from the department after five and a half years of service. His final day was October 31. Deputy Chief Wiles becomes Interim Chief.

In November, Southeast Sergeant Valerie M. Jennings announces her retirement. Jacob A. Amos was promoted to Sergeant of the Southeast Quarter of Patrol. Marschal A. Brandon was promoted to Corporal.

Southwest Lieutenant Eric L. Ellis announced his retirement shortly after Sgt. Jennings’ retirement.

In December, City Manager Ken Larking announced the promotion of Deputy Chief Wiles to Chief of Police. Wiles was sworn in during the Danville City Council meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19, before family, friends, and colleagues. His first day as Chief began December 16, 2023.

Before the year ended, Interim Chief Wiles made the following promotions and assignments:

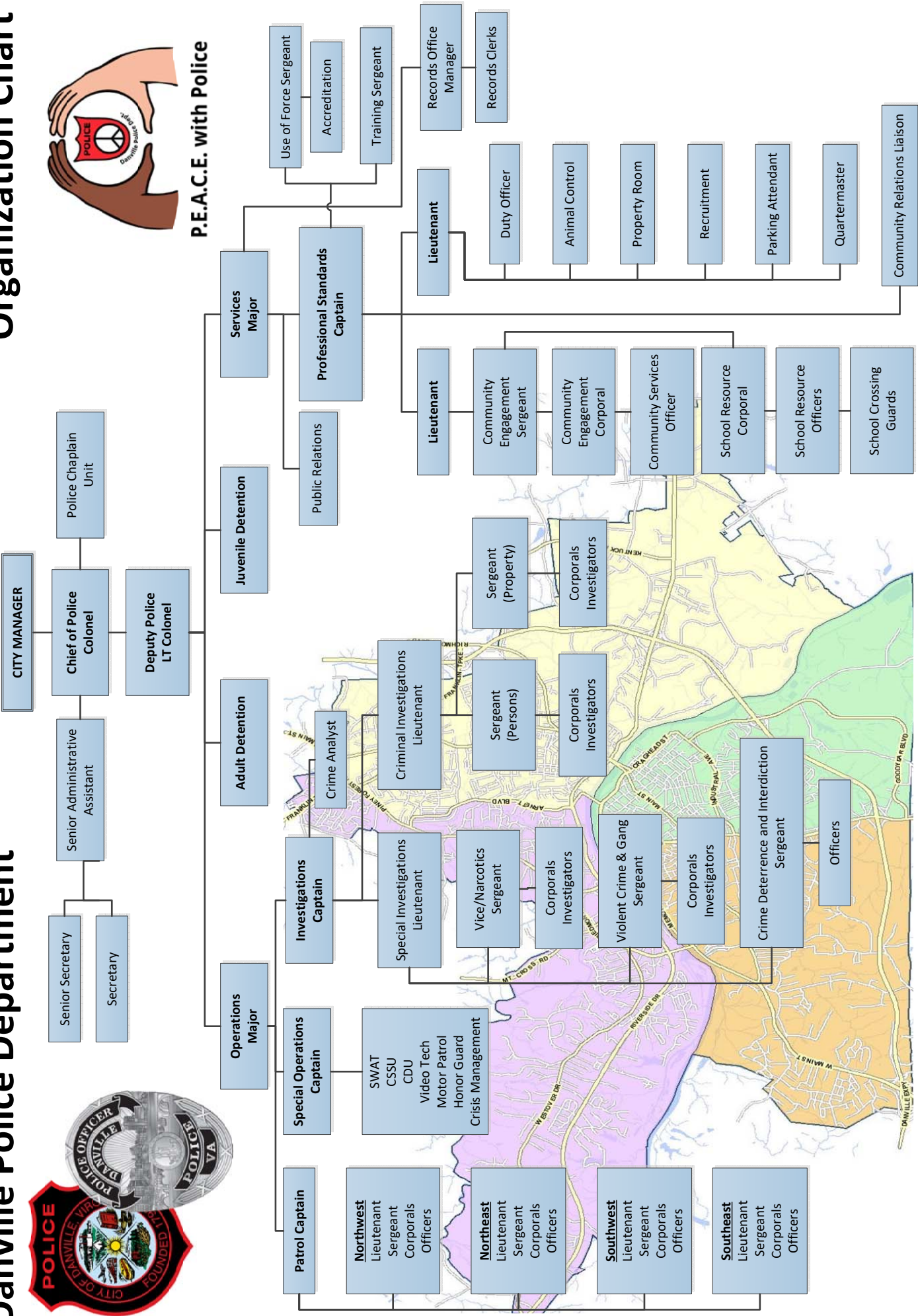
Lieutenant Colonel Jones	Deputy Chief
Major Whitley	Assistant Chief of Operations
Major Richardson	Assistant Chief of Services
Captain High	Professional Standards Captain
Captain Deel	Patrol Captain
Lieutenant Marlowe	Patrol, Southeast Quarter
Lieutenant Shively	Patrol, Southwest Quarter
Lieutenant West	Patrol, Northeast Quarter
Sergeant Ian Smith	Patrol, Southwest Quarter
Sergeant Larry Land	Patrol, Northeast Quarter
Corporal Jordan Land	Patrol, Southwest Quarter
Corporal Carnell Jackson	Motor Unit
Corporal Gleber	Patrol, Northeast Quarter

Corporal Gleber’s promotion filled a vacancy created by the promotional process. Dates for everyone’s new assignment were coordinated between each individual and their new supervisors.

Also, during 2023 two School Resource Officer positions were created using grant funding in addition to two Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer positions.

Danville Police Department

Organization Chart



Chief Booth Retires

City Manager Ken Larking announced on September 7 that Police Chief Scott Booth would be retiring from the City of Danville to accept the position of police chief for the City of Roanoke. Booth's last day as police chief in Danville was Oct. 31.

Larking noted the dramatic reduction in crime rates under during Booth's tenure.

"While I am disappointed that Chief Booth will be leaving us, I am incredibly thankful for what he and his team have accomplished under his leadership," Larking said. "I am happy for him to have this new opportunity and for the people in Roanoke. Scott and the department have built a winning system in Danville."

Mayor Alonzo Jones agreed, saying, "He's done a great job for the City of Danville, and he deserves praise for the work he has done. To see crime at the lowest rates in years, the partnerships between the police department and the community that are now in place, and the high level of engagement and trust with citizens speaks volumes for Chief Booth and the entire department."

Booth has been the chief of police in Danville since February 2018. "Over the last five years, we have worked together as a city to meet several goals, including reducing violent crime and establishing community-based policing, which has become the Danville model," Booth said. "Through a philosophy of having leaders in the department that are empowered to act, and lead by example, the Danville community has come together and



At the height of nationwide protests in 2020 following the killing of George Floyd, Chief Booth's message was clear: We care about you, and are here for you. He spoke in person to protestors at the JTI Fountain, embracing the organizer.

established a better tomorrow for the future."

During his tenure, he has been recognized for his leadership in reducing crime, community policing, and community engagement. Most recently, Booth received national recognition with the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award from the National Gang Crime Research Center. The award recognizes Booth's accomplishments for superior leadership, specifically

as it relates to reducing gang-related crime in the community.

Deputy Chief Chris Wiles was named interim chief.

In the days leading up to Chief Booth's departure, the community showed an outpouring of support and thankfulness for his tenure at the Danville Police Department.

He was honored for his time in Danville during a public ceremony in October.

New Chief of Police Named, Sworn In



(Clockwise from top) On Tuesday, Dec. 19, Danville City Manager Ken Larking announced Deputy Chief Christopher K. Wiles would become the next Chief of Police. It was with great pleasure that Wiles was sworn in during the Danville City Council meeting that evening. Following the swearing in, Wiles was pinned by his father, who also encouraged him to be a police officer in 1993. Wiles was joined for a photograph in Council Chambers with City Council, members of staff, Danville Police Department officers, family members, and friends.





Chief Scott Booth holds the VLEPSC certificate of accreditation with Officer Luke Trowbridge after receiving it in Wytheville, Va. Joining them for the presentation is from left Deputy Chief Chris Wiles, Accreditation Manager Christene Fekete, Assistant Chief David Whitley, and Captain Steve Richardson.

Danville Police Department Receives 7th Consecutive VLEPSC Accreditation

The Danville Police Department earned re-accreditation Thursday, June 1, from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). This is the seventh consecutive, four-year accreditation from VLEPSC that Danville PD has received. VLEPSC first accredited Danville PD in May 1999. The next assessment will take place in 2027. In May, an on-site assessment was conducted by three VLEPSC assessors, which consisted of reviewing 191 standards that Danville PD must meet in order to

be accredited. Danville Police Department Chief Scott Booth, Deputy Chief Chris Wiles, Assistant Chief of Services David Whitley, Captain of Professional Standards Steve Richardson, Officer Luke Trowbridge and Accreditation Manager Christine Fekete accepted the re-accreditation certificate in Wytheville, Va. on behalf of the entire department Thursday. Danville PD is proud to maintain international and state accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement

Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) and VLEPSC. “Today we received our seventh accreditation from Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. I’m very proud of the work our men and women do each and every day in our community. Being a state accredited agency shows this department is committed to meeting the rigorous standards to be in compliance,” Chief Booth said. The Danville Police Department is one of only six agencies in Virginia to be dual accredited through VLEPSC and CALEA.



Holding plaques from left are Corporal Todd J. Hawkins, Officer Lance I. Neighbors, Detective Lieutenant John D. Dixon, Detective Sergeant Richard P. Wright, and Detective Jordan T. Land along with Chief Scott Booth.

Officers receive Prestigious VACP Valor Award

Corporal Todd J. Hawkins, Officer Lance I. Neighbors, Detective Lieutenant John D. Dixon, Detective Sergeant Richard P. Wright, and Detective Jordan T. Land were honored and presented the 2023 Valor Award during the annual Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Awards Banquet in Norfolk on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The VACP’s Award for Valor recognizes a law enforcement officer who, in the line of duty, performs an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged with an adversary at imminent personal risk. This is the most prestigious award that the VACP makes to officers. Officers received the award following an incident that occurred on Feb. 10, 2023. On that date, robbery suspect Barry Lewis Swanson, 39, was arrested in the 200 block of Greenwich Circle following a brief pursuit. Swanson was spotted by

officers on Parker Road and was wanted for a robbery that occurred earlier in the day. After being spotted, Swanson fired shots at officers and fled from Parker Road. One officer returned fire. Neither Swanson nor the officer were struck by gunfire. Earlier in the day on February 10, Swanson was involved in a domestic dispute, and injured one person while committing robbery. Swanson fled from Parker Road and later spotted and pursued until he crashed on Greenwich Circle, and fled on foot. Detectives gave chase and encountered the suspect as he was trying to force his way into the occupied residence. The suspect was armed and began yelling at the officers present. Detectives immediately began to de-escalate Swanson by calling him by name

and began reasoning with him while other detectives provided lethal cover. They were able to build a quick rapport with Swanson, which led to impactful dialogue between the detectives and the suspect. Detectives persuaded Swanson to drop the firearm and surrender. The officers and detectives remained calm and professional during the hostile situation where shots had been fired. They were able to think clearly and made quick decisions that led to the safety of residents, students, parents, staff, and bystanders. Although their adrenaline was high, they were still able to work to de-escalate the situation with an armed suspect that had already shot at the police. They showed empathy and courage to apprehend a violent offender quickly and successfully without anybody being seriously hurt or injured.

2023 Statistics in Review

POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHICS

City of Danville total population estimate from April 1, 2020, census: 42, 590

By percentage (2020 census)

- Black or African American alone – 51.4%
- White alone – 40.5%
- Multi-racial – 3.8%
- Other – 3.1%
- Asian - 1.2%
- Male – 46%
- Female – 54%

2023 DPD TRAFFIC STOP DATA

Total Traffic Stops 3028 (2022)- 2531

Traffic Stops by Race

	Total	%	(2022%)
White	1096	36.2%	(42.0%)
Black	1880	62.1%	(56.7%)
Asian/ Pacific Islander	15	0.5%	(0.3%)
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	3	0.1%	(0.0%)
Unknown	33	1.1%	(1.0%)

Traffic Stops by Gender

	Total	%	(2022%)
Female	1326	44%	(45%)
Male	1702	56%	(55%)
Other	0	0	(0%)

Agency Accountability Measures: Policies and Procedures

In 2020, the Danville Police Department began the collection of data from all traffic stops and all police related encounters in relation to cause, race, gender, and outcomes. This data also includes all arrests and searches. The data is reviewed during a command staff meeting monthly but is always available for review via the Traffic Stop Dashboard. The monthly meetings include members of the entire staff, and the data is shown with charts and percentages for the agency.

Supervisors use the Traffic Stop Dashboard to evaluate the performance of the officers under their command. This data is also used to help identify any patterns of bias or inconsistencies.

Supervision from every section within the department, along with members of the Professional Standards Bureau review body-worn camera video randomly for each officer. This is used as an audit to evaluate the officer’s behavior to ensure the highest level of service is being offered and compliance of the department policies.

Every officer is required to complete anti-bias training annually. This training is conducted in the Power DMS system, which is

documented by policy.

Every citizen complaint and internal complaint is documented in the IA Pro system and investigated to a conclusion.

Accreditation with oversight through two law enforcement accreditation bodies, Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) ensures the most up-to-date policies on bias. Both agencies make notifications when laws change or when an issue is recognized as best-practice. These notifications help ensure that the Danville Police Department is current with policy updates.

The IA Pro software adds a layer of accountability which includes the early intervention system to identify officers with issues related to bias, aggression, and complaints.

IA Pro allows for separation and accounting of internal complaints not capable in prior records management systems, and internal complaint totals are added to this report.

CONCLUSION

The DPD prides itself on accountability and the trust of the citizens and visitors

of the City of Danville. The DPD policies are consistent with best practices through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA). The DPD offers multiple ways for the public to contact the department and is responsive to all complaints. Through mandatory trainings, multiple layers of accountability, the early intervention system, reported traffic stop data, reviews of body-worn video, and multiple layers reviewing use of force incidents the Danville Police Department maintains a standard of excellence.

In 2023 the agency investigated 3 citizen complaints related to bias or discrimination. Two cases were completely exonerated, and one was not sustained.

The traffic stop ratio by race show less than 10% differential from the population of the City of Danville, not including those claiming multiple races.

The DPD will continue moving forward and seek areas of improvement that can be identified and implemented. No issues of bias or patterns of concern were identified during the 2023 DPD bias analysis and review.

2023 DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Citizen Complaint Type	2022 Total	2023 Total	Citizen Complaint Outcomes	2023 Total	2023 % of Total Complaints
Improper Action	12	14	Exonerated	40	63.5%
Criminal	10	3	Sustained	13	20.6%
Demeanor-Discourtesy	17	23	Unfounded	2	3.2%
Procedure/Policy Violation	0	5	Not sustained	8	12.7%
Discrimination	3	3			
Excessive Use of Force	7	2			
Constitutional Violation	5	9			
Ethical Violation	3	1			
Misfeasance/ Malfeasance	7	2			
Improper Vehicle Operation	3	1			
Totals	67	63			

DPD Investigations Bureau

2023 DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL COMPLAINT SUMMARY

Internal Complaint Type	2022 Total	2023 Total
Attendance	2	4
Improper Vehicle Operation	1	3
Demeanor	0	1
Improper Action	2	3
Procedure/Policy Violation	1	2
Discrimination	1	0
Constitutional Violation	1	0
Ethical Violation	1	1
Misfeasance/ Malfeasance	6	1
Totals	15	15

Internal Complaint Outcomes	2023 Total	2023 % of Total Complaints
Exonerated	0	0%
Sustained	15	100%
Unfounded	0	0%
Not sustained	0	0%



Throughout 2023, the Investigations Bureau investigated 1,244 incidents ranging from homicides to fraud investigations. The bureau made arrests in each homicide investigation which resulted in a 100% clearance rate. The City of Danville showed reductions in homicide, rape, and robbery. The Investigations team had clearance rates of 100% in homicides, 62.79% in aggravated assaults, 63.15% in robberies, 41.17% in rapes, and 56.12% in burglaries.

In 2023, the Special Investigations Section (SIS) of the Danville Police Department Investigations Bureau exceeded expectations with focused efforts on violent crime reduction. SIS seized 270 firearms from traffic

interdiction, illegal firearm trafficking investigations, criminal street gang investigations, violent crime investigations, and the execution of 122 residential search warrants. They also concentrated on illegal drug trafficking that leads to fatal overdoses. Those efforts led to the seizure of 44.4 pounds of cocaine, 7.7 pounds of heroin/fentanyl, 129 pounds of marijuana, and \$171,064 in US currency.

The Investigations Bureau partnered with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to achieve their mission. These partnerships provided aerial surveillance, investigators assigned to federal task forces, financial assistance, and filled equipment needs.



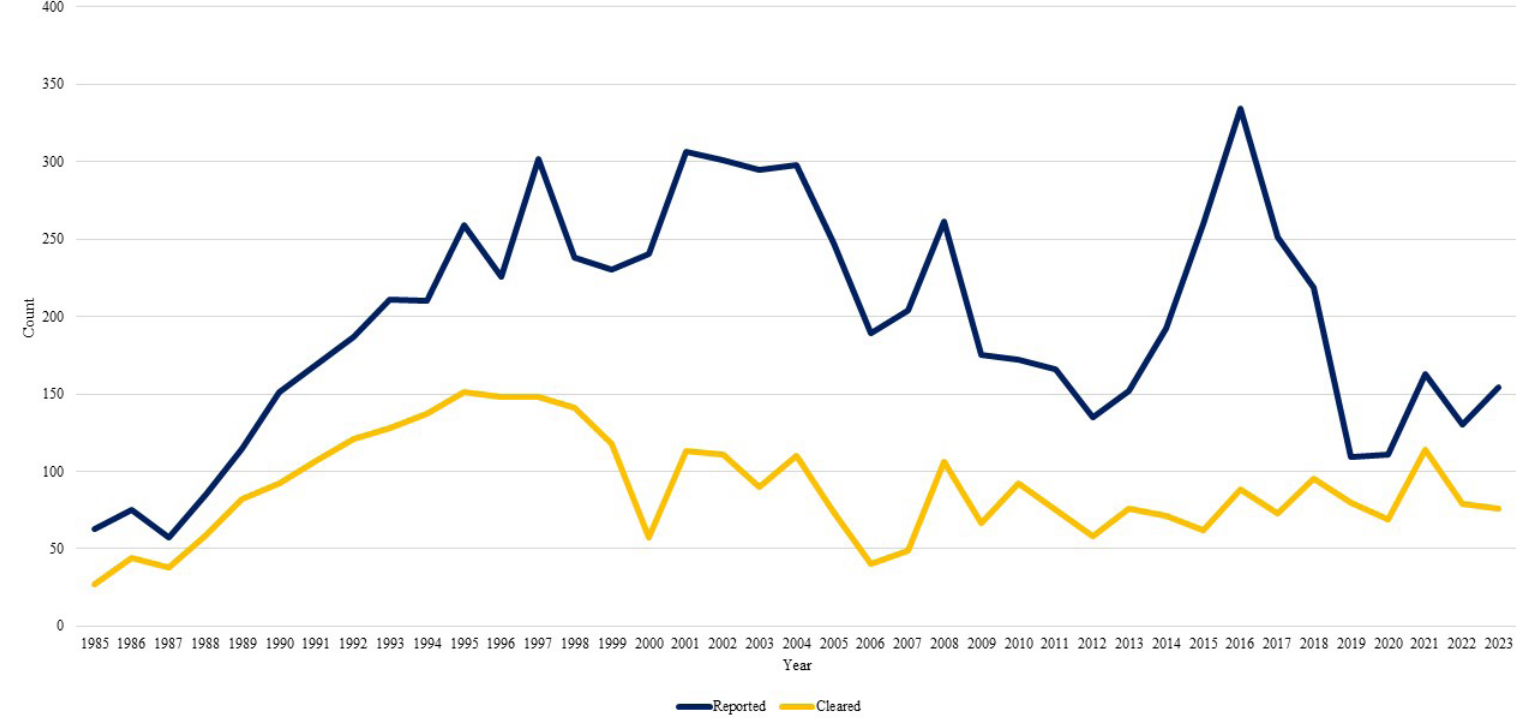
2023 Danville Police Department Case Clearance
Summary (as of December 31, 2023)

Offense	2023 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	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	6/6	100%
Homicide- Manslaughter 09B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0%
Robbery 120	19	11	1	0	0	2	1	11/18	61.11%
Aggravated Assault 13A	86	56	0	0	2	8	0	58/86	67.44%
Victims	112	75						75/112	66.96%
Rape 11A, 11B, 11C	18	3	1	1	4	3	8	8/17	47.06%
Burglary 220	100	45	2	3	3	12	0	55/98	56.12%

2023 Danville Police Department Case Clearance Rate
2022 FBI National Clearance Rate
Percentages as of December 31, 2023

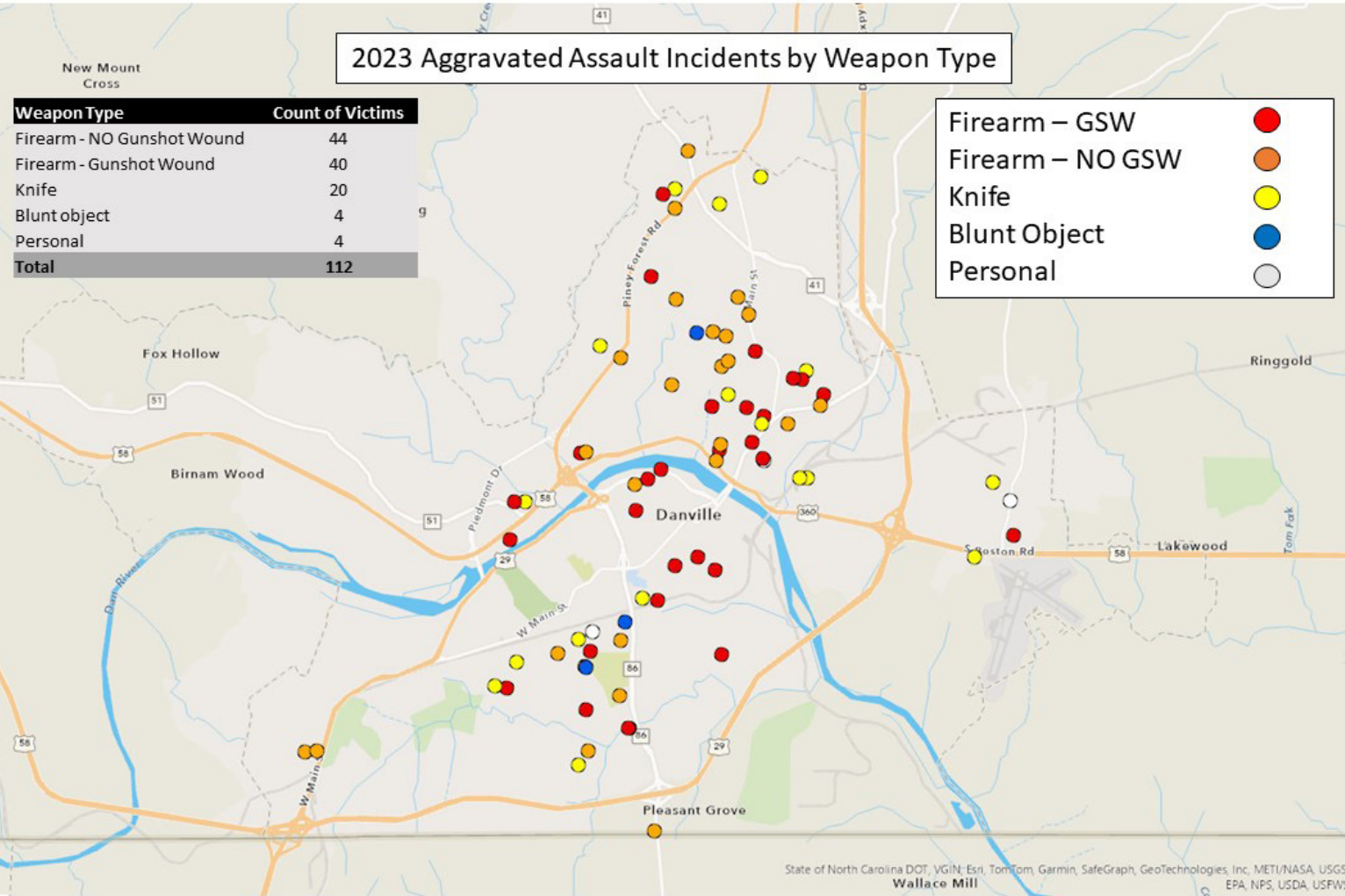
Offense	Danville Police 2023	2022 FBI National Clearance Rate	% Difference Danville 2023 v. FBI 2022
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	100%	52.3%	+47.7%
Rape	47.06%	26.1%	+20.96%
Robbery	61.11%	23.2%	+37.91%
Aggravated Assault	67.44%	41.4%	+26.04%
Burglary	56.12%	13.0%	+43.12%

City of Danville Historical Crime Chart
Violent Crime
(UCR – NIBRS standards of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault)



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

5 Years Before Implementation	Total Violent Crime	5 Years After Implementation	Total Violent Crime	Results
2014	192	2019	109	
2015	260	2020	111	
2016	334	2021	163	
2017	251	2022	130	Results: -117.80 -47% Average annual reduction in violent crime since implementation
2018	219	2023	154	
Yearly average before Stratified Implementation	251.20 Violent Crimes per year	Yearly average since Stratified Implementation	133.40 Violent Crimes per year	



Operation Blitz Press Conference



On June 1, 2023, the Danville Police Department held a press conference at 1 Community Way following Operation Blitz. It was the first press conference to be held at the new facility following a police operation since moving in 2022.

In May, the Danville Police Department conducted a five-day operation focused on violent offenders and fugitives linked to firearm-related offenses. Members of the Violent Crime Gang Unit, Vice Narcotics Unit, Crime Deterrence & Interdiction Unit, and the Criminal Investigations Section utilized focused enforcement to reduce violence. This operation involved covert surveillance operations, traffic interdiction, fugitive apprehension, and the execution of residential search warrants.

Nicknamed Operation Blitz, the operation resulted in the following:



11 firearms seized;
244 grams of cocaine,
262 grams of methamphetamine,
72 grams of fentanyl, and
4.7 pounds of marijuana; and
31 criminal charges, and
25 arrests.

The arrests resulted in a multitude of other cases being developed for future prosecution.

NOTE: The mugshot sheet at right and the weapons photo above were provided to media at the press conference.

Danville Police Department Operation Blitz Arrests



Raheem Kailffe Blackwell
Possession of Firearm by
Convicted Felon
Possession of Firearm while
in Possession of Controlled
Substance



James Cabell IV
Public Intoxication



Zair Allen Custis
Possession of a Concealed
Weapon



Charmeka Antoinet Davis
Fail to Appear



Aaron Darvelle Dodson
Possession of a Concealed
Weapon



Levonta Anton Graham
Possession of Firearm by
Felon



Jocelyn Chantal Green
Probation Violation



Jeffrey Deshan Hairston
2nd Offense DUI
Refusal



Uziah Imanuel Hairston
Fail to Appear



Kevin William Jenkins
Distribution of Controlled
Substances



Trayrek Ray Lipscomb
Second Offense Concealed
Weapon



Leticia Renee Lujan
Felony Fail to Appear



**Wykeema Lachelle
McClark**
Larceny



Andrew Ray Pruitt
Warrant, Pittsylvania
County



Rontae Lavell Slade
Grand Larceny of Firearm
Possession of Firearm by
Felon



Tyneisha Renee Stokes
Fail to Appear



Anthony Quinn Taylor
DUI



Jamie Lamont Townes
Probation Violation
Fail to Appear
Assault & Battery



Latrae Danuelle Waller
Fail to Appear

Not Pictured

Malik Sean Bethel
Possession of a
Concealed Weapon

**Wesley Lee
Hayes, Jr.**
Possession of a
Concealed Weapon

**Khyseim Montana
Jones**
Possession of a
Concealed Weapon

**Darius Marcel
Wooden**
Possession of a
Concealed Weapon

15 year-old Juvenile
Possessing a Firearm
Under the Age of 18
16 year-old Juvenile
Possessing a Firearm
Under the Age of 18
Wearing a Mask in a
Public Place

Community Engagement



The Mommy Son Dance was a first of its kind event for the Danville Police Department, with reservations for the November gathering filling up in a matter of days.

A Record Year for Events, Outreach from the Danville Police Department

A total of 218 events were held by the Danville Police Department in 2023, who was afforded the opportunity to host a multitude of gatherings due to the brand new headquarters at 1 Community Way.

These events were held for the education and betterment of community members, business owners, community stakeholders, interest groups, organizations, and visitors.

Among those, the Department hosted the Daddy Daughter and Mommy Son Dances. Both were at capacity with reservations within days of the events being announced.

By popular demand, both events are expected to be held once again 2024.

"We are proud and thankful for the partnerships that have been forged out

of a need for stronger relationships between the community and the police department. Because of that, Danville has proven over and over that we truly are better together," said Sgt. D.C. Ferguson, who leads Community Engagement.

Sgt. Ferguson also introduced Boys to Men, a new program for 2023 that provides young men with resources and tools they need as they make the transition from their youth to adulthood.

Boys to Men is an informative and educational program aimed at young men ages 12-17 to discuss becoming a man of courage with strength, wisdom, ambition, and gentleness.

The topics covered are:

Session 1: Deep Listening and Radi-

cal Vulnerability
Session 2: Hygiene & Protecting and Taking Care of Your Body.
Session 3: Gaming as a Profession
Session 4: Education, Communication & Inspiration (How to enjoy learning reading and writing)
Session 5: How to Treat Women.
Session 6: How to apply for and fill out job applications.
Session 7: How to dress and speak at interviews.
Session 8: Cell phone, social media, and online safety.

Topics encourage engagement between everyone involved. The Boys to Men program is scheduled to be held at least four times a year but is also given at juvenile detention centers when requested.

Youth Police Academy Graduates 24 Cadets

The fifth annual Danville Police Department Youth Police Academy wrapped up Thursday, June 29, with a graduation ceremony for 24 cadets at 1 Community Way.

In the first youth academy to be held in the Danville Police Department's new building, students learned not only about criminal justice, but also life skills.

From day one, officers introduced themselves, told what their rank is and what they are responsible for. In addition, officers

took time from their busy schedules during the youth academy to participate in activities with the students.

During week one, students also learned about making good choices and what k9s Rooster and Dexter, and their handlers Officers J.D. Frost and S.T. Hairston do during specific searches.

Then students were given a tour of the Danville City Jail during week two in addition to learning about court proceedings at the Danville General District Court.



They also witnessed the department's promotion ceremony on Tuesday, June 20.

Week three activities included learning about money management, crime scene, impaired driving, and the effects of drug use.

Throughout the camp, students heard from various speakers about their experiences. They also received defensive tactics training and performed ROTC drills.

Community Relations



Reimagining Juvenile Justice

(Free training the community)

We led the reimagining juvenile justice training for the community for 6 weeks. This taught different youth-affiliated organizations and members of the community how to work with youth during a constantly changing society. Members of the school board, local churches, organizations centered around youth, and dignitaries participated in the training. Through presentations, hands on activities and engagement, and self-awareness we were able to have tough conversations and determine how they can create change and impact in their own environments.

Too Good for Drugs, Too Good for Violence Summer Camp

In partnership with RASAP from DPCS we hosted a summer camp at the PEACE Center to spread awareness and information to middle school students about drugs and violence.

Stop, Pop & Lock It

The program ran from August through December to serve as a preventative measure and reactionary effort to stop the increase of thefts of motor vehicle and theft from motor vehicles. We canvassed neighborhoods throughout the city each week hanging out literature and flyers to inform citizens on the crimes being committed and serve as a reminder to lock their cars, take valuables inside, and not leave their cars running unattended.

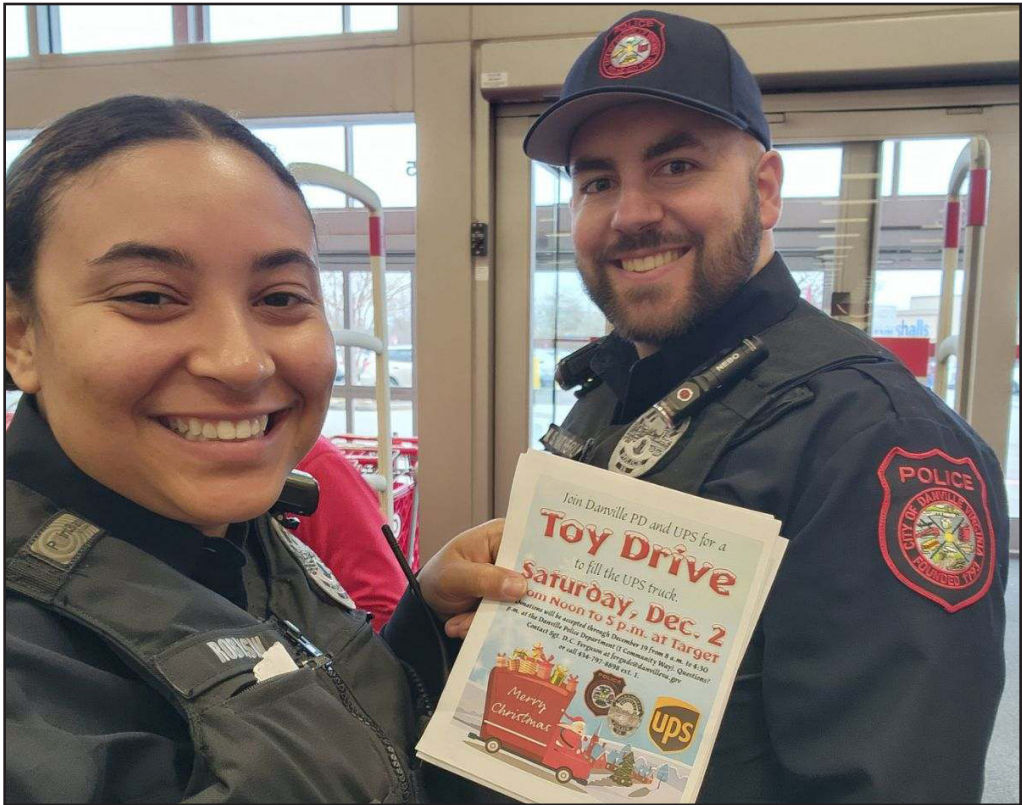
- ## Additional Highlights
- 4 Graduating Classes for the I.D.D.U Program- the most classes we've hosted in a year.
 - 3rd annual 5k with 5-0 was held in September, beginning and ending at 1 Community Way. This event focused on wellness within the community through a 9/11 themed 5k. This was our third 5k and was hosted at the new Danville Police Department.



Year in Review - Photos

From Community Engagement Walks to Coffee with a Cop, and sporting events, the Danville Police Department was heavily involved in the community in 2023 beyond enforcing laws. Throughout the year, there were a multitude of opportunities to interact with those who live and work this community.

Additional Photos are in Appendix II (Page 44)



2023 Awards and Honors

The Danville Police Department presented annual awards during a ceremony Wednesday, March 13, at 1 Community Way. The ceremony honors and recognizes achievements from members of the Department and those in the community who were involved in some way during the 2023 calendar year. Receiving the Unit Award was members of the Crime Deterrence & Interdiction Unit, Lieutenant J.D. Dixon, Sergeant B.G. Langley, Officer R.M. Dalton, Officer J.A. Ferguson, and Officer P.J. Hamlett.

The Lifesaving Award was presented to Officer Logan K. Hoffman. Earning Officer of the Year was Officer Katie N. Kuper. Corporal Matthew J. Phillips was awarded Specialty Officer of the Year. The Professional Staff Member of the Year award recipient was Crystal D. McCraw. Supervisor of the Year went to Sgt. D.C. Lancaster. The Partnership Award was presented to Virginia State Police S.S.A. Travis

Adkins, the staff at PIP Printing, and the staff at Powers Signs. Five members of the Danville Police Department earned the Distinguished Service Award, including Sgt. Benjamin P. Crozier, Sgt. D.C. Lancaster, Cpl. R.M. Woody, Officer J.R. Motley, and Officer Killian C. Nau. The Chief's Award was presented to Captain Stephen J. High and Officer Luke R. Trowbridge.



Unit Award

Crime Deterrence & Interdiction Unit

Lieutenant J.D. Dixon, Sergeant B.G. Langley, Officer R.M. Dalton, Officer J.A. Ferguson, and Officer P.J. Hamlett



Lifesaving Award
Officer Logan K. Hoffman



Officer of the Year
Officer Katie N. Kuper



Specialty Officer
of the Year
Corporal Matthew J. Phillips



Professional Staff
Member of the Year
Crystal D. McCraw



Supervisor
of the Year
Sergeant D.C. Lancaster.

Monthly and Quarterly Awards

Numbers designate month or quarter. (ex. 1=January)

2023 Officers of the Month

1. Officer Logan Hoffman
2. Officer Telvis Betts
3. Officer Kameron Clay
4. Officer Michael Matherly, Officer Corey Matherly, Officer Nicholas Smithers, and Officer Bryanna McLaughlin
5. Officer Katie Kuper
6. Officer Telvis Betts, Officer

Bryanna McLaughlin, and Officer Steffany Ortiz

7. Officer Adam Bolling
8. Officer Logan Hoffman
9. Officer Steffany Ortiz
10. Officer Erica Lewis
11. Officer Melissa Gulley and Officer Samuel Keatts
12. Officer Jonathan Coleman and Officer Seth Parker

2023 Specialty Officers of the Month

1. Detective Nicholas Pickrel
2. Detective Jordan Land
3. Detective Tyquan Graves and Corporal Gerrit Clay
4. Officer Luke Trowbridge
5. Cpl. Gerrit Clay
6. Corporal Grayson Taylor
7. Investigator Jonathan Motley



Partnership Award
Virginia State Police S.S.A. Travis Adkins



Partnership Award
The staff at PIP Printing



Partnership Award
The staff at Powers Signs



Chief's Award
Captain Stephen J. High



Chief's Award
Officer Luke R. Trowbridge.



Distinguished Service Award
Sgt. Benjamin P. Crozier, Sgt. D.C. Lancaster, Cpl. R.M. Woody, Officer J.R. Motley, and Officer Killian C. Nau

8. Officer Christopher Stanley
9. Officer Jermaine Parker
10. Officer Ryan Dalton
11. Corporal Sylvia Brooks
12. Corporal Matthew Phillips and Corporal Grayson Taylor

2023 Supervisors of the Quarter

1. Sergeant Nicole Jeffries
2. Lt. John Pulley
3. Lt. Erica Land
4. Sergeant Derrick Lancaster

2023 Professional Staff Members of the Quarter

1. Crystal McCraw
2. Sharon Wilson
3. Officer Kinsey Deering
4. Nicole Douglas and Tammy Mock

2023 Community Guardians of the Quarter

1. Lieutenant John Dixon, Sergeant Richard Wright, and Detective Jordan Land
2. Officer Katie Kuper

and Officer Kathryn Nunley

3. Officer Katie Kuper
4. Officer Nick Albano, Officer Clinton Carty, Officer Katie Kuper, and Officer Gauge Mayhew



In Closing

Reflecting on the past year, we have achieved significant milestones in our efforts to combat crime, enhance community engagement, and implement proactive initiatives. Our unwavering commitment to excellence has propelled us forward, but we recognize that there is still much work to be done.

In the upcoming year, our focus will remain steadfast on several key initiatives. We will continue to prioritize community-oriented policing strategies and strengthening our partnerships with residents and local organizations. Through increased collaboration and dialogue, we aim to build bridges of trust and understanding, ensuring that our policing efforts are aligned with the needs and aspirations of the

communities we serve.

We are committed to implementing innovative crime prevention measures and enhancing our response capabilities to address evolving threats. By leveraging cutting-edge technology and data-driven approaches, we will strive to stay ahead of criminal activity and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

We also recognize the challenges that lie ahead. From addressing substance abuse, mental health issues and other emerging threats to our communities, we understand the complexities of modern policing. However through unity, focus, and a shared sense of purpose to improve our community, we will overcome these challenges and continue to build upon Danville’s suc-

cess.

To our dedicated officers and staff, I extend my deepest gratitude for your dedication and professionalism. Your tireless efforts and sacrifice do not go unnoticed, and I am proud to lead such a courageous and compassionate team of law enforcement professionals.

To our community members, we thank you for your incredible support. Your partnership, voice, and involvement are invaluable as we work together to create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered.

In closing, let us approach the upcoming year with optimism, determination, and a renewed sense of purpose. Together, we continue to shape our wonderful community.

APPENDIX I

Danville PD Times

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Drugs and weapons are shown from a December 2022 bust during Operation Bold Blue Line. The Virginia State Police assisted during the initiative.

Violent Crime Plummets in 2022

The City of Danville experienced a large decline in violent crimes in 2022. Compared to 2021, violent crime declined 20%. In addition, gang related incident reports fell 16.1%. The police department also seized 169.74 pounds of narcotics total in 2022.

Broken down, the seizures included 4.95 pounds of cocaine, 5.3 pounds of heroin, 25.6 pounds of methamphetamines, 47.5 pounds of synthetic marijuana and 86.39 pounds of marijuana. Calls for service across all quarters totaled 51,072 for 2022. A total of 270 firearms were also seized for the year.

APPLY TODAY

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS

20% Drop in Violent Crime



51,072 Calls for Service

28% Drop in Burglaries



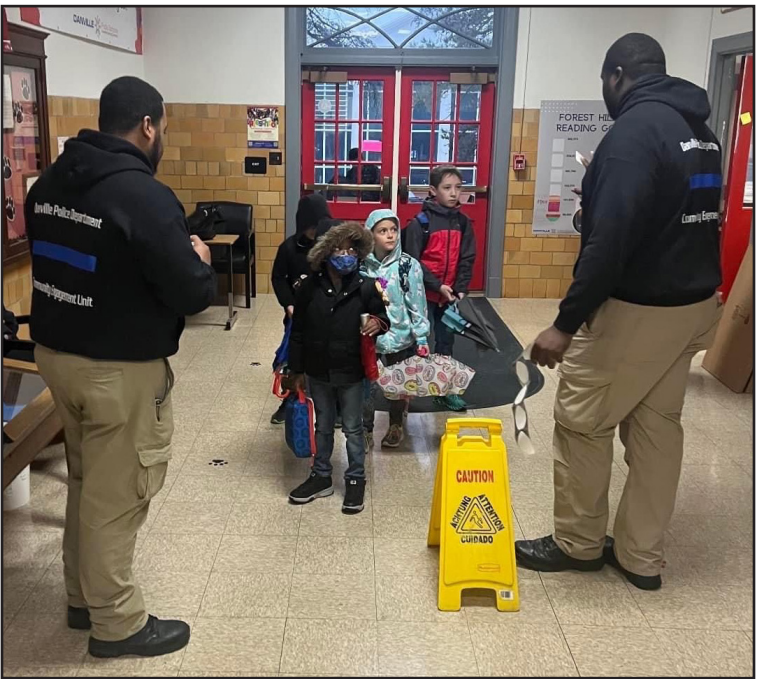
71.4 % of Homicides Cleared



16.1% Drop In Gang Related Incident Reports



87 Community and Youth Engagement Events



Community Engagement had an exciting year in Danville with a record amount of outreach following the pandemic. Team members are gearing up for an exciting year ahead, and look forward to launching a new program - Boys to Men - which offers children insight into what it means to be man through leadership and more.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS WITH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement continued to grow relationships with area leaders, citizens, businesses and organizations throughout 2022. After two years plagued by COVID-19, Community Engagement stepped up their efforts to reach even more Danvillians. In all, 87 events were held throughout the city for all ages between community and youth engagement combined. Barber Shop with a Cop returned in 2022 with open opportunities to talk about tough topics at various barber shops in Danville. Additionally, Open Discussions were held with Asian-owned businesses in an effort to strengthen relationships. Convenient Conversations, with a focus on violence and concerns caused by youth, were held in various quarters of the city during the year. Food

distribution events were held during Community Over Watch events, in addition to Community Engagement Walks.

LOOKING AHEAD

For 2023, Community Engagement will be implementing Boys to Men, a new program aimed to show boys what it means to be a man, and offer them guidance before they become adults. Community Engagement is actively seeking volunteers to work with the department throughout the city. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen or have proof of legal residency, a local resident, work a minimum of eight hours per month, comply with dress code and work under a chain of command. In addition, volunteers must be mature, responsible, enthusiastic, communicate well, work cooperatively, and maintain strict confidentiality. Contact Sergeant D.C. Ferguson at 434-797-8898 to volunteer.

2022 Community Engagement Outreach

- Exploring Danville Architecture Summer Camp
- 2nd Annual 5k with 5-0 (Increased Participation and Special Needs Children Involved)
- 2nd Annual Cars & Community
- Development of Homelessness Doesn't Define Us (H.D.D.U.)
- National Night Out
- Trained in Reimagining Juvenile Justice
- Managed three interns from the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research and Averett University
- PEACE Center Fall Kick-off & Food Giveaway



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CONGRATS TO THOSE RECENTLY PROMOTED

Promoted to Captain:
S.C. Bray

Promoted to Lieutenant:
J.D. Dixon
E.G. Wilson

Promoted to Sergeant:
B.P. Crozier
W.C. Shively
R.P. Wright

Promoted to Corporal:
G.A. Clay
M.J. Phillips
J.S. Stadler
R.M. Woody

SEE AWARDS STORY ON PAGE 2.

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Tahir Mahmud was murdered at Joy Food Store in 2017.

Tip for 2017 Homicide Could Result in \$10,000

Crime Stoppers joins the FBI, offering \$7,500, with a \$2,500 reward for a tip leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect responsible for the murder of Tahir Mahmud

Danville Crime Stoppers has allotted reward money in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to bring a conviction in an unsolved homicide case from 2017. Crime Stoppers is now offering an additional \$2,500, making it \$10,000 in total for a tip that leads to someone being convicted of the murder.

The FBI announced in 2021 \$7,500, “for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for the armed robbery and homicide of Mr. Tahir Mahmud.”

On Sept. 12, 2017, Mahmud was shot and killed at Joy Food Store in the 500 block of Riverside Drive. Upon investigation, the Danville Police Department also determined the store was robbed.

Initial information indicated a black male was last seen leaving the store

around the time of the murder and robbery. The unknown individual was described as a black male, slender, and wearing Unique jeans.

Anyone who has information is asked to please contact the Danville Police Department by either calling patrol at 434-799-6510 option 4, investigations at 434-799-6508 option 1, and option 1 again, calling 911, contacting Crime Stoppers at 434-793-0000, approach any officer you see, through social media, via email crimetips@danvilleva.gov, or use our crime tips app CARE at <https://www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=818#>.

Please contact the Richmond Division of the FBI at 804-261-1044 or via TIPS.FBI.GOV with information that may lead to the identification of this individual.

Information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case will be eligible for a cash reward.



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Reimagining Juvenile Justice Holds First Graduation

The first Reimagining Juvenile Justice training held at the Danville Police Department wrapped up in March with a graduation in the Multipurpose Room.

“What an incredible experience we had with the seven who completed the six week program. By the end, we were absolutely amazed at the ideas and collaboration with everyone,” DPD Community Liaison Ashtyn Foddrell said, who taught the class alongside Corporal S.S. Brooks.

The class took a deep dive into the lives of today’s youth, and examined what they are experiencing today.

One of the top pieces of the advice that emerged from the class was for adults to give youth the same level of respect and voice as they expect for themselves.

“Our participants learned early on about the importance of listening to our youth, because they might have



The first participants in Reimagining Juvenile Justice were Shermeka Craft-Jones, Jennifer Crews, Shelby Irving, Barbara Hubbard, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Kell Stone and Takessa Walker.

ideas themselves that would empower them for the future. Instead of being demanding, listen to their needs and wants. Have a conversation,” Cpl. Brooks said. Watch for more Reimagining Juvenile Justice training opportunities coming soon.

Awards, Promotion Ceremonies Held

Ceremonies were the first held in the new Danville Police Department.

During the month of March, the Danville Police Department presented officers, citizens and community members with the following awards in the Multipurpose Room.

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



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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed car.





Always roll your car windows up and never leave anything in plain sight.

Have someone you trust watch your home while on vacation.





Post photos or videos on social media after returning from a trip.

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There were 11 guns seized during Operation Blitz, and 25 arrests made on various charges.

Guns Seized, Arrests Made During Operation Blitz


In May, the Danville Police Department conducted a five-day operation focused on violent offenders and fugitives linked to firearm-related offenses. Members of the Violent Crime Gang Unit, Vice Narcotics Unit, Crime Deterrence & Interdiction Unit, and the Criminal Investigations Section utilized focused enforcement to reduce violence. This operation involved covert surveillance operations, traffic interdiction, fugitive apprehension, and the execution of residential search warrants. Nicknamed Operation Blitz, the operation resulted in the following:

11 firearms seized;
244 grams of cocaine;
262 grams of methamphetamine;
72 grams of fentanyl;
and 4.7 pounds of marijuana;
and 31 criminal charges;
and 25 arrests.

The arrests resulted in a multitude of other cases being developed for future prosecution.

\$2,500 for a tip to arrest and convict who killed **Brittany Nicole Poole.**

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Youth Police Academy Holds 5th Graduation

The fifth annual Danville Police Department Youth Police Academy wrapped up Thursday, June 29, with a graduation ceremony for 24 cadets at 1 Community Way.

In the first youth academy to be held in the Danville Police Department's new building, students learned not only about criminal justice, but also life skills.

From day one, officers introduced themselves, told what their rank is and what they are responsible for. In addition, officers took time from their busy schedules during the youth academy to participate in activities with the students.

During week one, students also learned about making good choices and what k9s Rooster and Dexter, and their handlers Officers J.D. Frost and S.T. Hairston do during specific searches.

Then students were given a tour of the Danville City Jail during week two in addition to learning about court proceedings at the Danville General District Court.

They also witnessed the



department's promotion ceremony on Tuesday, June 20.

Week three activities included learning about money management, crime scene, impaired driving, and the effects of drug use. Throughout the camp, students heard from various speakers about their experiences. They also received defensive tactics training and performed ROTC drills.

Watch for details on the 2024 Youth Police Academy coming soon.

Safety Tips and Laws with Pets

Animal Control reminds residents that the city has a strict tethering law. Dogs cannot be on a fixed point, including a runner or spinner, when the temperature outside is below 32 degrees or above 85 degrees, during any weather advisory, under four months of age, a female in heat, sick or injured, or for more than two hours per day.

Dogs off their owner's property must be on a leash at all times.

Animals cannot leave waste on someone else's property (without permission) or on public property -- including sidewalks.

See more codes at library.municode.com/va/danville.

Additional Resources:

Wildlife Resources
Wildlife Crime (Department of Wildlife Resources) 1(800) 237-5712
Orphaned Wildlife (855) 571-9003



Wildlife Traps <https://tinyurl.com/5n647x6f>

Local Animal Shelter
Danville Area Humane Society
996 South Boston Road
(434-799-0843)

Looking for a Pet Waste Basket?
Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dnm6czb>



Join us for our third annual golf tournament Friday, Oct. 27. Scan the QR Code for more details.



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Thanks, Chief

After more than five years as Danville's Police Chief, Scott Booth is headed to Roanoke.

In September, Danville City Manager Ken Larking announced Chief Scott Booth will be leaving the city to lead the Roanoke Police Department, effective October 31.

Larking noted the dramatic reduction in crime rates under during Booth's tenure.

Booth has been the chief of police in Danville since February 2018.

"While I am disappointed that Chief Booth will be leaving us, I am incredibly thankful for what he and his team have accomplished under his leadership," Larking said. "I am happy for him to have this new opportunity and for the people in Roanoke. Scott and the department have built a winning system in Danville."

Beginning in 2018, Chief Booth implemented a community based model of policing with two simple goals - reducing violent crime and engaging the community.

"Over the last five years, we have worked together as a city to meet several goals,



Under Chief Scott Booth's leadership, community policing has thrived after being told it wasn't possible. Violent crime has plummeted, and relationships are stronger than ever with the community.

including reducing violent crime and establishing community-based policing, which has become the Danville model," Booth said. "Through a philosophy of having leaders in the department that are empowered to act, and lead by example, the Danville community has come together and established a better tomorrow for the

future." During his tenure, he has been recognized for his leadership in reducing crime, community policing, and community engagement. Most recently, Booth received national recognition with the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award from the National Gang Crime Research Center. The award recognizes Booth's accomplishments

for superior leadership, specifically as it relates to reducing gang-related crime in the community.

In 2022, he was awarded the Innovation in Government Award by Virginia Commonwealth University's Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. In 2020, he received the Excellence in Policing Award by Radford University's Center for Police Practice, Policy, and Research.

Deputy Chief Christopher K. Wiles will serve as Interim Chief as a national search is conducted and expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

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DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

1907 to Present



R.E. Morris
1907-1911



James R. Bell
1911-1929



James H. Martin
1929-1940



George W. Price
1940-1942



Ural Watson
1942-1945



J.C. Garrett
1945-1960



Eugene McCain
1960-1971



T. Neal Morris
1971-2003



Philip Broadfoot
2004-2017



Scott C. Booth
2018-2023

Under Chief Booth:

- Creation of the Danville model, which implements community policing to reach all Danville residents and visitors.
- Lowest crime rate in 35 years.
- Violent crime drops over 50% from 2016 to present.
- Major crime (murder, burglary, robbery, and rape) clearance rates all above the FBI national average.
- Issues public apology to the victims of Bloody Monday which occurred during the summer of 1963.
- Diversity of the department is more reflective of the community, with a record number of minority and female officers serving.



Fraud, Scam Warnings

Be vigilant, especially during the holiday season.

The Danville Police Department warns citizens of ongoing scams targeting online users.

One of the known scams currently targets those with Apple devices, and tells users with a message that their device may be contaminated, and to call Apple Support. Users who call Apple Support through the link provided are then transferred to another individual who tells the victim their device is contaminated, and that they have access to the victim's bank accounts.

This is a scam. Do not call a number that pops up promising to fix an issue. To circumvent this message, restart the device and it should begin working normally again. AppleCare can be reached at 1-800-APLCARE if the problem persists.

Do not purchase gift cards or give access to accounts to anyone over the phone. Do not for any reason download any desk or ultra viewer to your device.

Never click on a link that cannot be traced back to a legitimate source. Legitimate sources will never ask for information through a third party app.

Closely guard your financial and personal information. Financial institutions will not instruct you to download a third-party app.

Never under any circumstances give out login information. Safeguard all usernames and passwords.

Fraud isn't age specific. Just as many young people, especially those not



familiar with banking, are affected by scams as the elderly.

Never allow someone to convince you to purchase gift cards while you're at work and to send your employer's money to you.

Anyone who has information is asked to please contact the Danville Police Department by either calling patrol at 434-799-6510 option 4, investigations at 434-799-6508 option 1, and option 1 again, calling 911, contacting Crime Stoppers at 434-793-0000, approach any officer you see, through social media, via email crimetips@danvilleva.gov, or use our crime tips app CARE at www.p3tips.com/tipform.aspx?ID=818#.

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OCT. 3 - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join us at 4:30 p.m. for the **National Night Out kickoff at Westmoreland. Events will also be held at Southwyck, Old West End, Cardinal village, Cedar Terrace, and Glenwood.**

OCT. 7 - CARS & COMMUNITY

Car show and Faith & Blue at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dan River Church.

OCT. 27 - GOLF TOURNAMENT

Put together your best team of four and play in the DPD's Police on the Green captain's choice tournament at Goodyear Golf Club. \$240 per team. Prizes available! Email Community Liaison Ashtyn Foddrell at ashtyn.foddrell@danvilleva.gov for more information.

OCT. 28 - CATWALK IN COSTUME

Halloween fashion show for ages 1-12.

NOV. 14 - YOUTH TALENT SHOW

Youth ages 5-19 are invited to show off their talent for a chance to win prizes. Must try out beforehand.

COMING SOON — SANTA'S LITTLE BLUE HELPERS

Questions? Email Cpl. Brooks brookss@danvilleva.gov or call 434-797-8898 ext. 4.

Dance the Night Away

First Daddy Daughter Dance exceeds expectations, Mommy Son Dance to follow in November.

The first Daddy Daughter Dance to be held in the Danville Police Department's Annex Building was a huge success on September 1.

Couples were introduced one by one for a special red carpet introduction. As each couple was announced, they walked the red carpet and performed their best moves before each father or father figure placed a corsage on each girl's wrist.

Over 120 people attended. Two photo booths were available - one for still images and another for a 360 video where guests

could dance, show off their best moves in costumes and more.

Couples also enjoyed food and a night of dancing.

The Danville Police Department wishes to thank TS Customs Events and Catering LLC and A&J Event Solutions for donating the food, music, and photo booths.

A Mommy Son Dance is set to take place in November. That dance is already full.

Watch for future events from One Community at danvilleva.gov/police, and be sure to sign up for alerts.



The Daddy Daughter Dance in September was a huge success, with the community asking for additional events. The purpose of the event was to show young ladies what it means to be a positive male role model. Watch for 2024 dates for the next Daddy Daughter and Mommy Son dances.

ONE COMMUNITY PROGRAM GUIDE

A program guide is now available from One Community.

Currently, there are 39 programs the OC is proud to offer in the Danville community for children and adults from all walks of life.

Calendar alerts are also available from One Community. Visit danvilleva.gov/police for a link to subscribe to all alerts from the OC.

Please note, all programming is subject to change.

For questions, email DanvillePD@danvilleva.gov.



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SPECIAL EDITION

Chris Wiles Sworn in as Police Chief



City Manager Ken Larking announced Tuesday, Dec. 19, the promotion of Christopher (Chris) K. Wiles from interim chief of police to the position of chief of police. Wiles served as interim police chief for nearly two months and, prior to that, as deputy police chief since last December.

Wiles was sworn in during a ceremony held during the December 19 Danville City Council meeting.

He is a 30-year veteran of the Danville Police Department, having joined the department on

Sept. 1, 1993.

“The hiring process was extremely competitive, as we had several well-qualified applicants,” Larking said. “However, it was apparent that Chris was the best fit for our community.”

Larking added, “I am pleased that we have strong leadership from the police department, so we had the luxury of promoting from within for this very important position. The department has made great strides, and Chris’ experience and knowledge of the system will allow us to continue the great progress.”

Wiles was chosen from a field of 48 candidates through a national recruitment. Developmental Associates LLC in Chapel Hill, N.C., was hired to coordinate the search. A 13-member assessment panel vetted finalists in skill-assessment exercises, including a presentation, a written exercise, a simulated community meeting and a coaching role-play. The panel included police chiefs from three states.

APPENDIX II

Department Information



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.

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.

FBI National Academy Graduates

Ural W. Watson 17th Session June 28, 1941	T. Neal Morris 77th Session May 25, 1966	Jackson H. Brown 110th Session September 3, 1977	Edward V. Burke 203rd Session December 8, 2000	Timothy W. Jones 277th Session September 13, 2019
Oscar T. Link 44th Session June 30, 1950	B.C. Elliott, Jr. 90th Session September 15, 1972	Philip A. Broadfoot 150th Session September 25,1987	Ronald D. Hairston 246th Session September 16, 2011	
Juby E. Towler 53rd Session June 11, 1954	William D. Rigney 96th Session March 28, 1974	Thomas A. Brown 172nd Session March 26, 1993	Scott C. Booth 268th Session June 7, 2017	
Thomas E. Yeaman 60th Session November 8, 1957	C.W. Howerton 97th Session June 20, 1974	Claude I. Slayton, Jr. 176th Session March 25, 1994	Christopher K. Wiles 272nd Session June 8, 2018	

Virginia Forensic Science Academy Graduates

Thomas A. Smith 2nd Session June 2, 1975	Tommy L. Moore 30th Session November 18, 1988	Donald W. Robertson 66th Session April 28, 2006	Perrow A. Brumfield 94th Session March 30, 2018
John R. Winebrenner 8th Session December 8, 1977	Larry P. Rigney Sr. 36th Session November 22, 1991	Walter H. Gillespie Jr. 78th Session November 12, 2010	Steven B. Cannaday 98th Session June 28, 2019
Barry G. Creasy 21st Session May 4, 1984	Scott A. Eanes 59th Session November 15, 2002	Charles W. Willard Jr. 86th Session November 7, 2014	William D. English 101st Session November 13, 2020

Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course Alumni

Lonnie M. Lewis 2nd AOC Apr - Jun 1951	Wade H. Mays 6th AOC Sep - Dec 1952	Leonard A. Howerton 28th AOC Sep - Nov 1962	Thomas W. Evans 38th AOC Aug - Nov 1967	William H. Waldron 97th AOC Feb - May 1997
Norman H. Boswell 4th AOC Jan - Mar 1952	Frank A. Chaney 7th AOC Jan - Mar 1953	Marion F. Setliff 31st AOC Mar - Jun 1964	Lames C. Lewis 51st AOC Mar - Jun 1974	Matthew V. Carter 126th AOC Aug - Nov 2011
Thomas E. Boyd 5th AOC Mar - Jun 1952	Lonnie W. Riddle 17th AOC Mar - Jun 1957	John M. Bailey 35th AOC Mar - Jun 1966	Kenneth D. Fitzgerald 95th AOC Feb - May 1996	David E. Whitley 148th AOC Aug - Nov 2022

2023 New Hires









Officers:
Nicholas Albano
Lance Neighbors*
Amber Brown
Kayla Robinson
Killian Nau

Matthew Donegan-Cheney
Darius Hutchings
David Guido-Flores
Christopher Hodnett
Hailey Sanchez

Monica Sanchez
Qadir Ferguson
Recardo Ford
Steven Dennis
Marlene Carlson

Kinsey Deering
Rodney Austin*
Chanston Cobbs

Records Clerk:
Gabrielle Edmunds

Crime Analyst:
James Denfeld

Not Pictured: Rodney Austin* and Police Prop & Evidence Tech:
Vincent Marsilia

**Denotes School Resource Officer*

2023 Retirees



Chief Scott Booth

Captain Jerry Pace

Sergeant Valerie Jennings

Sergeant Ronald McCormick

Corporal David Austin





