



# *Martinsville*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# 2020

# ANNUAL REPORT

# **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE MARTINSVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*We, the members of the Martinsville Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services.*

*Recognizing the responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.*

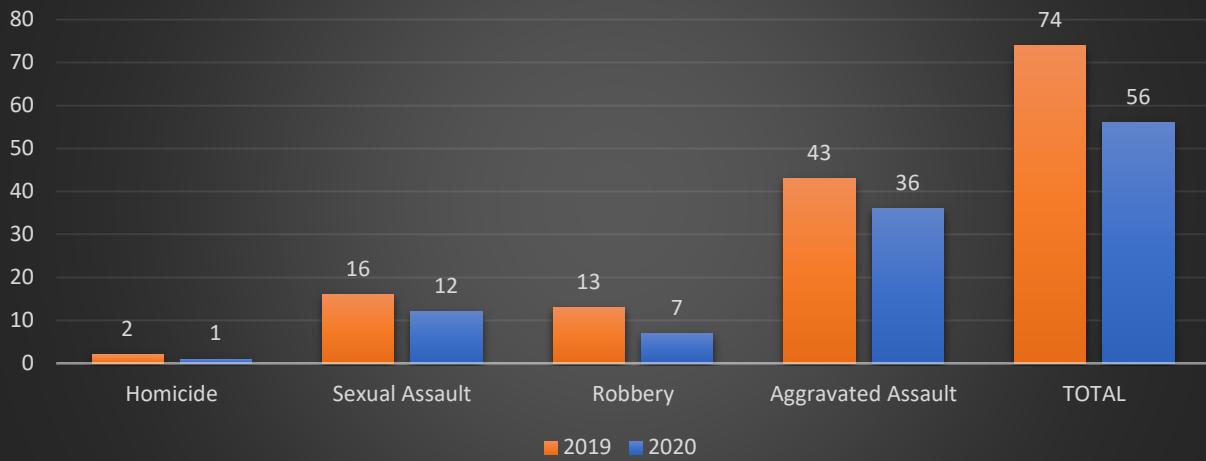
## A Message from the Chief



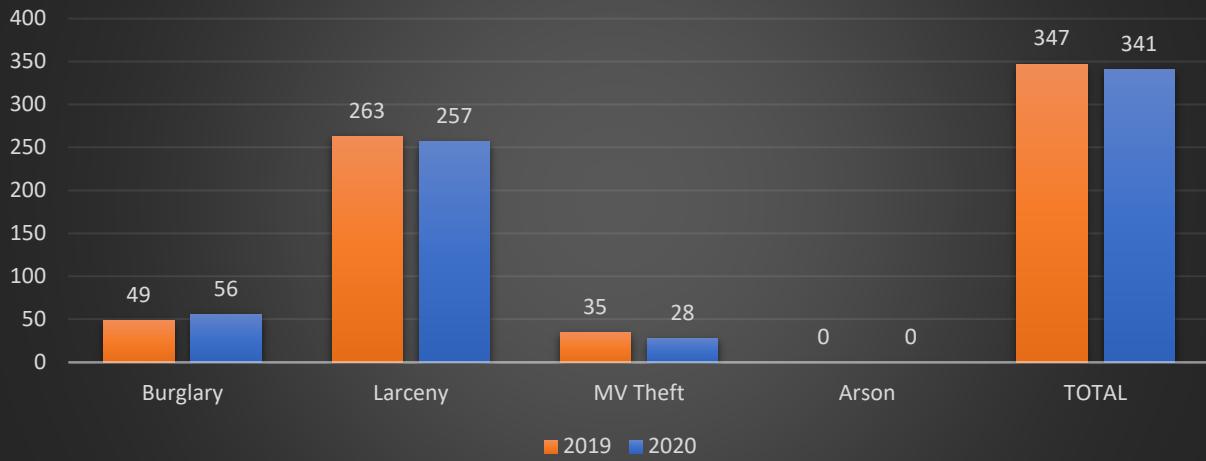
The year 2020 has without a doubt been a very challenging year for the City of Martinsville and the Police Department. Although we have seen a decrease in crime, the Covid-19 virus has presented specific challenges for our City as a whole. I want to thank my staff, our citizens, and the other workers in our city for their diligent work during this pandemic. It is without saying that our city pulled together as a team to work through this difficult time.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## VIOLENT CRIME



## PROPERTY CRIME



**TOTAL CRIME 2020**

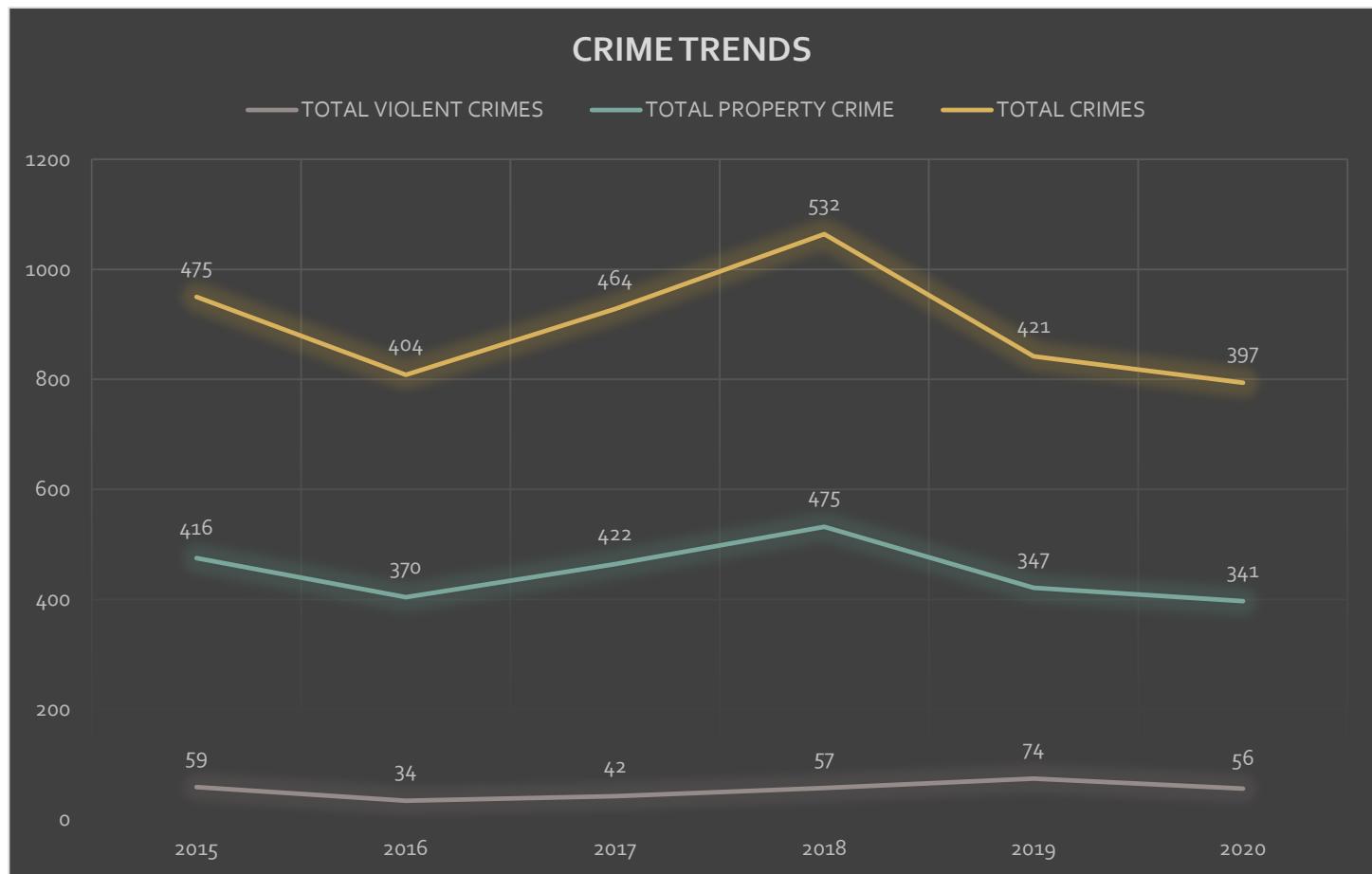
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**TOTAL CRIME 2019**

**421**

**5.7% DECREASE IN CRIME**

# CRIME TRENDS



## DEFINITION OF SELECT GROUP A OFFENSES:

**VIOLENT CRIMES:** *Homicide, Sexual Assaults, Robbery and Aggravated Assaults*

**CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY:** *Burglary, Larceny (including Shoplifting), Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson*

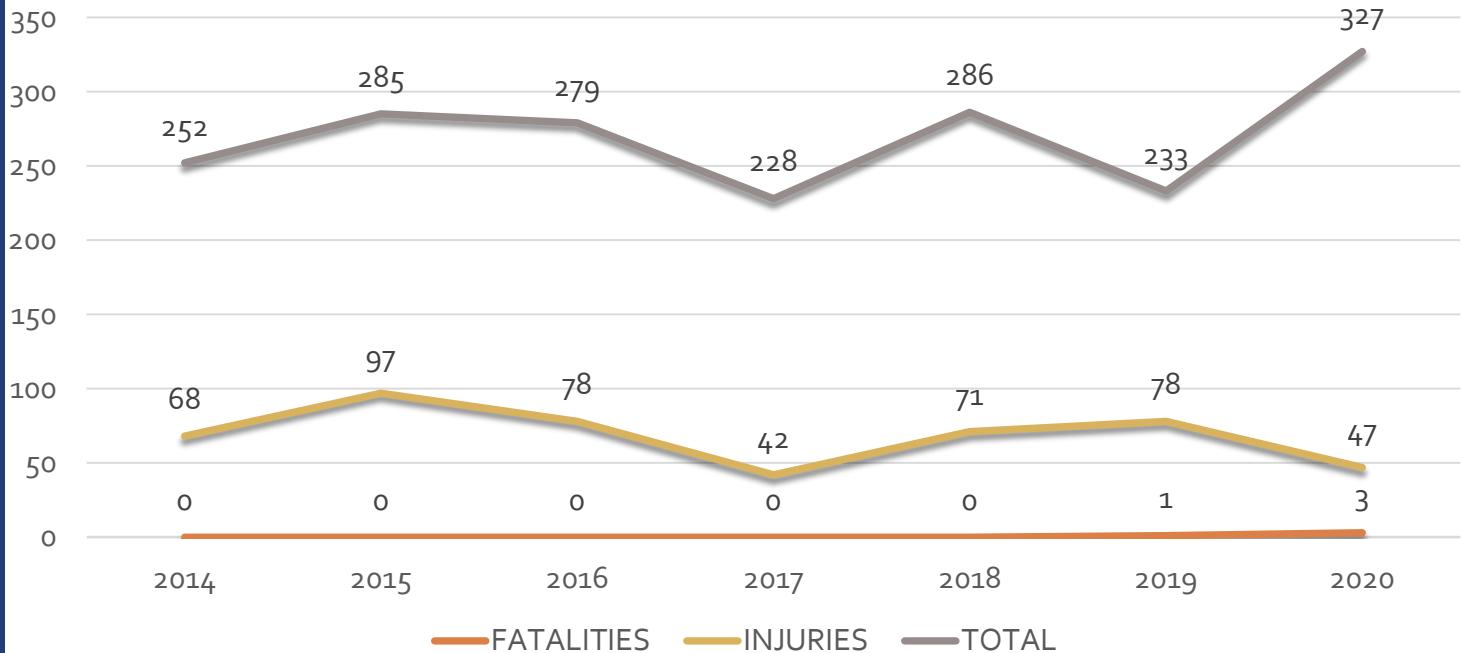
# COMMUNITY POLICING IN ACTION

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL HOMICIDE	2	1	0	2	2	2	1
TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	13	12	6	5	6	16	12
ROBBERY	12	8	2	4	8	13	7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	29	38	26	31	41	43	36
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>56</b>
BURGLARY	58	54	51	70	72	49	56
LARCENY	313	344	292	327	370	263	257
MV THEFT	18	14	23	25	33	35	28
ARSON	2	4	4	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>397</b>

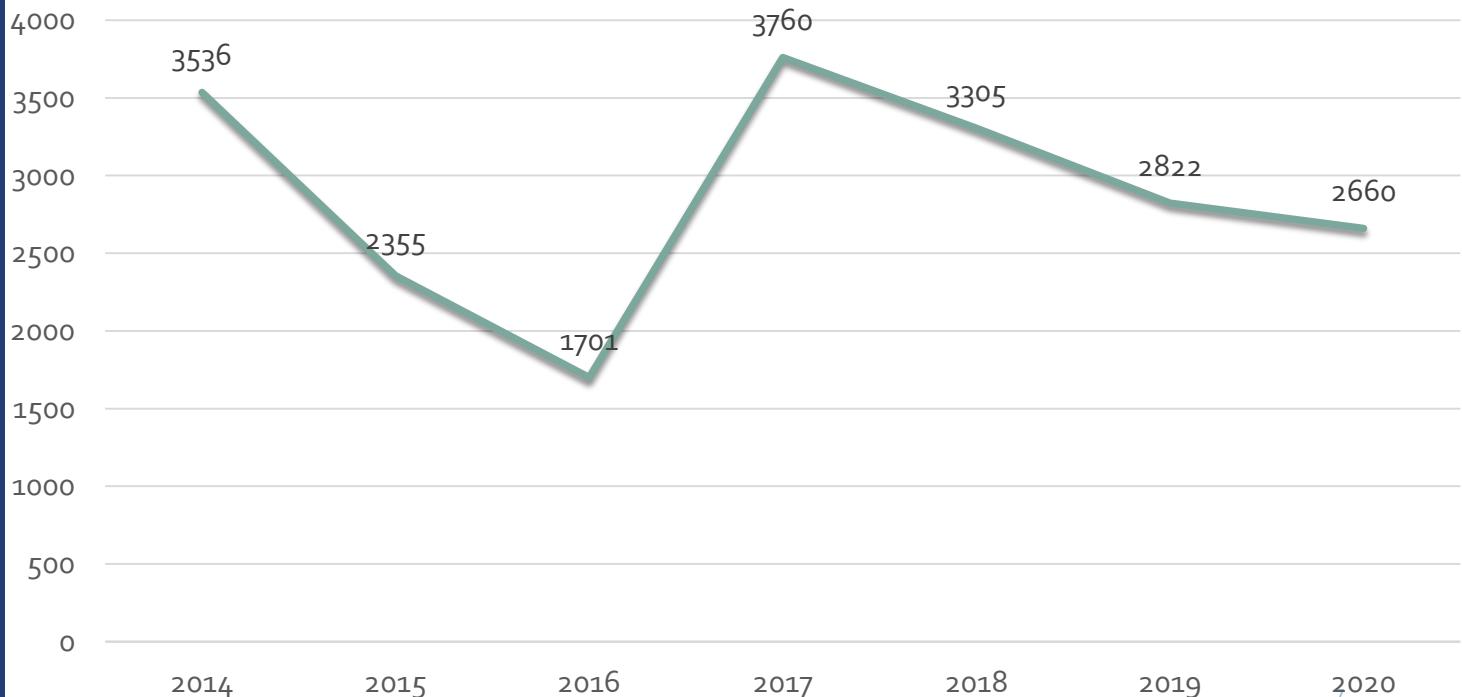
*Community Policing is vital to our department. The presence of our officers can help defer crime and let citizens know we are here to help.*

# TRAFFIC

## ACCIDENTS



## SUMMONS



# CALLS FOR SERVICE

## CITIZEN/OFFICER INITIATED CALLS FOR SERVICE

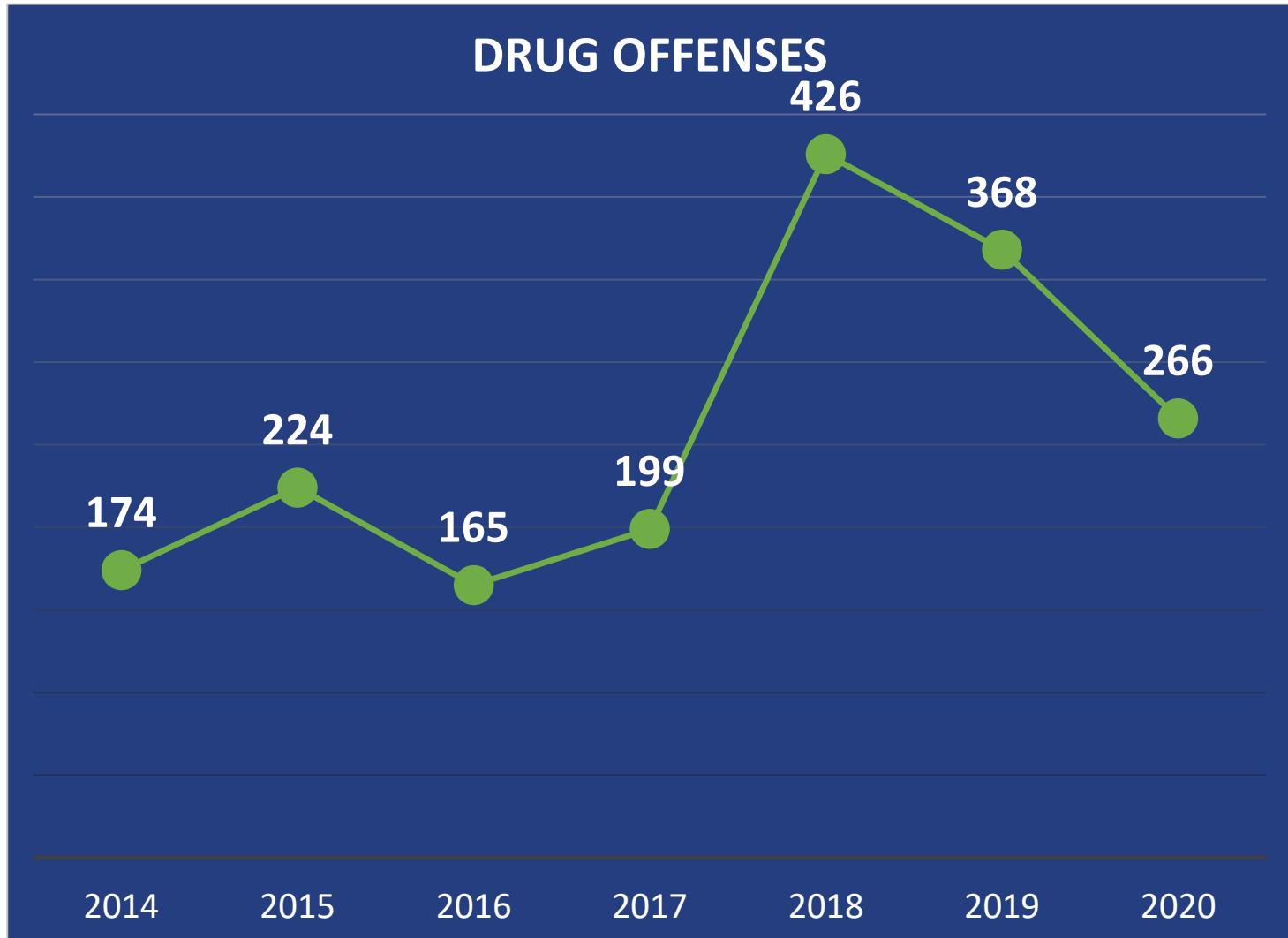


■ Citizen Driven ■ Officer Initiated ■ Total

## CITIZEN'S TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE 2020

1. Call by Phone	2107
2. Extra Patrol-Vacation Checks	1000
3. Misc. Law Enforcement	857
4. Dog Case	752
5. 911 Open Line Hang Up	668
6. Disturbance	619
7. Well Being Check	614
8. Suspicious Circumstances	603
9. Alarm-Business	455
10. Suspicious Person	337

# TOTAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT



*All employees of Martinsville Police Department, including officers and civilian, are certified in the administration of NARCAN*

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



**Martinsville Police Department is always proud of officers who receive recognition for their hard work and accomplishments.**

Center: Officer Jason Griffith wins the Crimestoppers Award

Clockwise from top left: Chase Bennett was promoted to sergeant; Jonathan Cox received the Fontaine Ruritan Award; Jason Vaughan was promoted to Sergeant; Jayme Clark wins the MADD Award.

# — NEW EMPLOYEES —

***Martinsville Police Department  
welcomed three new officers to our  
department in 2020.***



**Newly sworn officers  
David Koger, Matteu Harper and Alfredo Huerta**

# GRANTS

# **BRYNE/JAG COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT \$79,484.00**

This grant for 2020-2021 is to further the department's community policing efforts, increase outreach into the residential neighborhoods and crime prevention efforts in the business community. This grant also funds opportunities to assist with juvenile justice, blight abatement and retail theft reduction.

This grant provided training for every sworn member of the department in *Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics*, also known as ICAT. The course is designed to help officers learn to safely resolve critical incidents involving individuals who may pose a danger to themselves or others, but who are not armed with firearms. Reducing the need to use deadly force, upholding the sanctity of life, building community trust, and protecting officers from physical, emotional, and legal harm.

# GRANTS

## Continued

### DMV GRANTS

**\$13,758.00**

Each year, the Martinsville Police Department receives grant funding from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Based on statistical data, the grants are given to jurisdictions in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries, and even deaths related to vehicle crashes. There are two categories that the Martinsville Police Department receives.

- ***Speed Enforcement:*** To reduce speeding within the City of Martinsville, overtime funding is provided for officers to work RADAR within the city limits to reduce crashes.
- ***Alcohol:*** Provides officers the opportunity to work overtime to enforce the DUI laws to reduce alcohol related crashes.

### CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT

**\$50,000.00**

The funding for this grant was to provide necessary equipment for the officers in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This equipment increased safety for the officers and the citizens for not only current emergency but also in the event any future such dangers should occur.

# STRATEGIC PLANNING

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE MPD IN 2021

The following is a list of strategic initiatives for the police department for the year 2020. Plans certainly change and this should in no way be interpreted as a promise or commitment, but here is our best effort at determining our priorities for the coming year.

### **A Continued Concentration on Greater Community Policing**

We have continued to stay as engaged with our citizens as possible during this past year due to covid. We have had several community walks and will continue to look for opportunities to enhance our relationship with our citizens while solving community concerns through traditional and non-traditional strategies. All officers are cross trained in property maintenance inspections. As part of the City's strategic plan, we will continue to complete property maintenance inspections to keep our city clean and hopefully improve the quality of life for some of our citizens. Any concerns whether police related or for other departments in the city will be addressed. Again due to Covid restrictions, we are continuing and working to obtain our Certified Crime Prevention Community status for the city.

### **Intelligence Led Policing**

Just as we have in previous years, we continue to have had tremendous success with our efforts at deploying officers and resources to locations where data suggests we will be most successful at preventing crime and traffic crashes. This policing strategy allows us to be much more effective with existing resources.

### **Continue Major Drug Operation and strict enforcement of Drug Laws**

Drug related offenses continue to be the one of the most frequent crime related complaints we hear from citizens. Our highly skilled Special Investigations unit continues to work undercover drug operations. We have assigned an officer to the DEA Drug Diversion Task Force. Every officer and civilian employee is trained in the use of NARCAN, a counter acting drug against opioid and heroin overdoses. Our continued goal is to significantly impact the source of drugs entering our community. As before, our philosophy is to send the message that we will not tolerate drug dealing. We continue to work closely with our Commonwealths Attorney's Office to prosecute drug cases as soon as possible.

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### Personnel Development

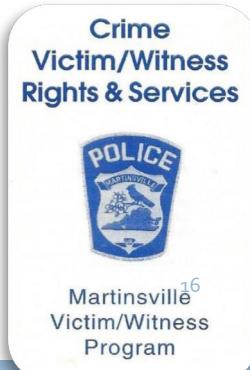
We must ensure that our staff is continuously learning the best practices and forward-looking law enforcement strategies to best meet the needs of our community. All of your officers have attended: community policing, verbal de-escalation, fair and impartial policing, Narcan training, and crisis intervention training. We are currently concentrating our training efforts on our newly promoted supervisors to ensure that our community policing philosophy continues to grow. We were successful in securing the grant funding to provide our officers with ICAT (Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics) training offered by the police Executive Research Forum or PERF. This is another tool officers can use for de-escalation.

### Traffic Safety

Continue to secure grant funding through DMV to continue traffic enforcement efforts. Effective and ongoing traffic enforcement is a key factor in improving or maintaining a community's quality of life by reducing traffic accidents and injuries. The police department will continue to increase traffic safety through enforcement, technology, and education.

# PARTNERSHIPS

- Martinsville City Sheriff's Office
- Henry County Sheriff's Office
- Virginia State Police
- US Marshal Service
- ATF
- DEA
- Commonwealth Attorney's Office
- Martinsville Victim/Witness Program
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Southside Survivor Response Center
- Department of Social Services
- 9-1-1 Center
- PRCJTA
- ICAC
- CAC
- Crime Stoppers
- SPCA of Martinsville/Henry County

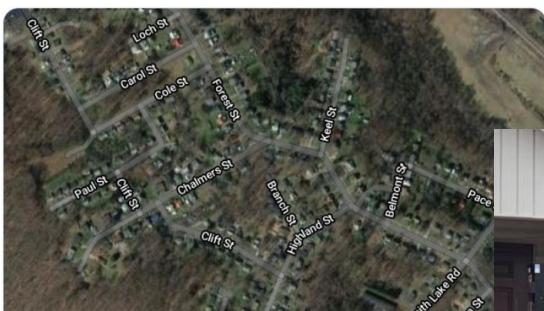


# SNAPSHOTS



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Our next COVID Wellness Walk will be in the Forest St area, Thurs May 7, 10-11 am. Say hello from your front porch or through a window while we will be walking through to check on you. We will be practicing social distancing, but checking on your wellbeing is important to us.



"Never judge people by the color of their skin. God makes each of us unique in ways that go much deeper."

- Ruby Bridges

Lt. Hines reads "Ruby Bridges Goes to School" to an elementary class for Black History Month.



The Martinsville Police Department is an accredited agency through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. We were first accredited in 1998 and were reaccredited in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria and have compliance with that criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body.



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