

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2008

Administrative Initiatives

- ◆ The Department became compliant with CALEA's 5th edition by re-writing approximately three hundred standards by the October deadline. The Department was required to develop a family medical leave policy which was later adopted by the entire City.
- ◆ Sergeant Carl Schinner was certified as a CALEA assessor in March. Since then he has participated in on-site assessments in Huber Heights, Ohio and Henderson, North Carolina. Sergeant Schinner also provided assistance to six local agencies with informal mock assessments in preparation for their more formal on-sites.
- ◆ The Department reorganized and created the Office of Professional Standards to encompass accreditation, internal affairs and staff inspections. Sergeant Carl Schinner was selected for the position.
- ◆ A job task analysis was completed for all non-sworn positions. New job descriptions were developed as a result of the job task analysis.
- ◆ For the first time in nearly ten years a command position within the Department was vacated upon the retirement of Captain Michael D. Craddock. Sergeant David Buerger was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to command the Patrol Division.
- ◆ An annual audit by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention indicated that the Department was in full compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 1974.
- ◆ An audit conducted by the Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commissions found the Department to be in compliance with state mandated selection and training standards for police officers.
- ◆ The Department took another step closer to fully implementing its automated records management system. The system provides functionality for records management for the cities of Greenbelt and Hyattsville.
- ◆ More than sixteen thousand arrest records covering 20 years have been entered into the records management system making the data available to investigators and the MOU group. The pre-existing manual file has been eliminated. Starting with calendar year 2007, approximately 7,200 master names, 2,800 incidents and data on 4,000 vehicles has been entered into the system.
- ◆ Working with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), through the Police Chief Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Department has completed the necessary requirements in order to link to the National Capital Region Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LiNX) system. This system is designed to allow a multitude of agencies throughout the National Capitol Region to exchange data.
- ◆ Crime analysis covering the crimes of murder, sex offenses, robberies and carjacking began in September 2007.
- ◆ With the contract of a new vendor for parking citations, handheld units are being introduced to improve efficiency.



- ◆ All officers were provided with in-service training covering the diverse subject matters of an all hazards plan, homicide/suicide bomber incidents, Metro subway emergencies, police ethics, dealing with mentally challenged individuals, missing children, rape and sexual assault. Officers received additional training on use of force policy and with lethal and less-lethal weapons.
- ◆ A detailed retention schedule was created outlining periods of retention for various types of documents and records held by the Department.

Operational Initiatives

- ◆ Both homicides committed in Greenbelt were closed by investigators.



- ◆ In partnership with county, state and federal investigators, Detective Michael Lanier assisted in the arrest of a serial arsonist who confessed to 21 arson incidents associated with fires in occupied buildings in the Springhill Lake multiple fire events.
- ◆ Investigators arrested 8 people suspected of 27 different robberies in the span of five months.
- ◆ The Criminal Investigations Unit obtained a computer through a grant and established a digital photo bank (electronic mug book).
- ◆ Due to the number of armed robberies in Springhill Lake, special suppression details were fielded to address the situation. As a result, 624 extra hours of patrol were designated resulting in 45 arrests for various offenses.

- ◆ In conjunction with four neighboring municipalities, \$20,000 of federal funding was obtained for the purpose of purchasing mobile data computers. The City's IT staff assisted with the purchase and installation of units.
- ◆ In addition to the units mentioned above, a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) was obtained to partially upgrade ten outdated mobile data computers.
- ◆ Pre-employment background screening methods were reviewed with significant changes being made. Revised methods of documenting, coordinating, tracking and investigating were implemented.
- ◆ Duty weapons were replaced with handguns incorporating more modern technology. Transitional training and qualification was provided to each officer.
- ◆ A Department representative continues to meet with the Prince George's County Office of Public Safety Communications as plans are made for the upcoming transition to the state-of-the-art county-wide radio system. This system will allow public safety agencies throughout most of Maryland, DC, and Virginia to communicate with each other in the event of a catastrophic event.



- ◆ The Honor Guard participated in more than a dozen community events including the Greenbelt Labor Day opening ceremony and parade, the Beltway Plaza holiday parade, the American Legion Officer of the Year banquet, and several fallen officer burial ceremonies.

- ◆ The Emergency Response Unit conducted 14 high risk operations in support of drugs and weapons search warrants, robbery suppression details and arson investigations. Mutual aid was provided to the cities of Hyattsville and Laurel, the Montgomery/Prince George's HIDTA Initiative drug task force and the Montgomery County Police.
- ◆ The Emergency Response Unit and Crisis Negotiation Unit mission readiness was upgraded to include management of non-hostage barricade situations.

School Resource Officers' Activities

- ◆ Approximately 51 high school juniors and seniors completed the Introduction to Criminal Justice class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- ◆ A program was conducted to illustrate the dangers of drinking and driving for seniors at the high school. The program was presented before the prom and graduation. The program was a combined effort of the local Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) chapter and the school's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).
- ◆ Continued teaching DARE in the elementary schools. Approximately 200 fifth graders completed the program. Visitations were also made to kindergarten, first and third grade levels.
- ◆ The GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program was taught for the fourth straight year. Approximately 120 students from Greenbelt Middle School completed the course, along with 80 students from Greenbelt Elementary. Students from the Middle School classes raised money to plant two trees at their school to make their school a GREAT school.
- ◆ Hosted the annual year-end AAA School Safety Patrol picnic at the station. Over 50 patrols from Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary attended.
- ◆ Funded by donations from AAA Mid Atlantic and the schools' PTA, Corporal Marty Parker took four elementary school students to the Montgomery County Police Department/AAA School Safety Patrol Camp in Thurmont, Maryland.
- ◆ Hosted the fourth annual regional School Safety and Security Gang Information Conference for over 200 attendees at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- ◆ Corporal Marty Parker had an article about the Criminal Justice class at Roosevelt published in the CALEA national magazine, *The CALEA Update*, recognizing the class as an exemplary program for other accredited agencies to follow.

Traffic Unit

- ◆ MPO Kaiser coordinated the Municipal DUI Check Point Task Force this year. The Department participated in five checkpoints, two in Greenbelt, in addition to three saturation patrols in which officers patrol to specifically locate drivers under the influence.
- ◆ The Department arrested 93 people for DUI/DWI in 2007.
- ◆ Officers performed 161 tests using the Intoximeter.
- ◆ Participated in the national Smooth Operator aggressive driving campaign. 2,321 citations/warnings were written and 181 arrests were made during the four-week operation.
- ◆ Two pedestrian safety stings were conducted as well as speed monitoring being increased in crosswalks throughout the City. As a result, 12 motorists were cited for violation of the pedestrian laws, 149 motorists were stopped for speeding and 428 various other citations/warnings were issued. As part of the pedestrian safety programs, the National Walk to School programs were conducted at Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary.

- ❖ Operation ABC (Always Buckle Children) and the Chiefs' Challenge safety belt campaigns were conducted. MPO Kaiser and MPO Mathews filmed Public Service Announcements for the Maryland Highway Safety Office.
- ❖ MPO Kaiser and MPO Scott Yankow completed certification to become DOT Inspectors. MPO Kaiser conducted 99 commercial vehicle inspections and participated in National Air Brake Safety Week.



- ❖ The annual Labor Day booth received third place in the "Best Appearing Booth."
- ❖ Two hundred seventy-three child safety seat inspections were made at the Police Station. MPO Kaiser sits on the State Child Passenger Safety Board.
- ❖ MPO Kaiser developed an enforcement program for motorcycles that is being used throughout the state.
- ❖ MPO Kaiser secured more than \$31,000 from the state to facilitate traffic safety measures in town.

Crime Prevention Unit/Community Relations

- ❖ Held a series of public safety meetings for residents of Springhill Lake. The meetings addressed issues ranging from personal safety, burglary prevention and lighting issues. Command Staff personnel and detectives also attended these meetings to address questions and concerns from citizens. Representatives

from the Recreation Department spoke to residents about activities available to youths. Representatives from management were present to discuss housing issues.

- ❖ Conducted a walkthrough of the Greenwood Village Community with members of the Neighborhood Watch Group for the purpose of identifying potential areas of criminal activity and places needing cleaning. The walk through was followed up with a community clean up during which an overgrown area that had been used by truants as a hiding place was cleared of brush and debris.
- ❖ Held numerous Crime Watch meetings and training sessions throughout the community.
- ❖ Coordinated National Night Out, a growing success with four events held throughout the City.



- ❖ Helped sponsor the first annual "Shop with a Cop" event in which 20 "in need" children identified by Springhill Lake Elementary school were taken to the Target Department Store to shop for Christmas presents for their family members and themselves. Generous donations were received from the Faith Baptist Church of Laurel, Maryland, the Beltway Plaza, Target, AIMCO (the management of the Springhill Lake Apartments), the Greenbelt FOP Lodge #32 and employees of the Police Department. In addition to the shopping spree, the children were treated to lunch courtesy of Three Brothers Pizza.

Public/Private Partnerships

- ◆ MPO Jermaine Gulledge, the Beltway Plaza community policing officer, built upon established good working relationships with Quantum Management, merchants and asset protection staffs of businesses. He participated in Mall sponsored or supported activities including national Walk to School Day and Shop with a Cop.



- ◆ MPO Jonathan Lowndes, the Springhill Lake community policing officer, coordinated crime prevention meetings with residents, assisted Patrol officers with the identification and location of criminal suspects living within the development, responded to many quality of life complaints from residents ranging from loud music, neighbor disputes, loitering, public intoxication and suspicious activity associated with laundry rooms, provided quick response to crimes located within the community, augmented School Resource Officers by periodically monitoring school dismissals, provided the Prince George's County Transitional Housing program a resource referral for resident concerns within the development, acted as liaison between the Police Department and management on shared sensitive issues such as evictions and displacement by fires, and completed a four-day Mountain Bike course to facilitate his patrols in the community.

Bike Unit

- ◆ The Bike Unit, under the direction of Corporal Thomas Moreland, primarily assisted the Patrol Squads with staffing shortages and

addressed community policing concerns throughout the City, particularly Roosevelt Center and the Spellman Overpass.

- ◆ Attended various community group meetings such as the Golden Age Club, the Greenbriar Home Owners Association, the Roosevelt merchants meeting, GHI meetings and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.
- ◆ Conducted a bike demonstration for the Girl Scouts of America, attended Career Day at Springhill Lake Elementary and participated in the National Walk to School Day.



- ◆ Held the first two International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) bike training classes for Greenbelt officers and other allied agencies. Assisted and instructed other area departments with bike training classes.



- ◆ Participated in National Night Out, 4th of July celebration, the Labor Day Festival, and the City's Christmas tree lighting.

- ◆ Provided significant assistance to the design and implementation of the video cameras in Roosevelt Center.

Police Canine Unit



- ◆ MPO Mike Dewey completed training to become the Department's first certified K9 trainer.
- ◆ All four K9 teams were certified in "Patrol Dog 1" by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).
- ◆ Two of the K9 teams were awarded the Triple Crown Award by the USPCA.
- ◆ Police K9 "Duke" was retired and replaced by Police K9 "Rambo."



Special Awards and Recognition

- ◆ Detective Edward Holland was recognized as the 2007 Greenbelt Police Officer of the Year

by the American Legion Post #136 for his outstanding investigation of a murder.

- ◆ For the eighth consecutive year, the Department was awarded the Governor's Award for first place in the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge safety belt program.
- ◆ For his superior performance as a K9 handler, Corporal Robert Musterman, supervisor of the K9 Unit, was selected from among hundreds of officers from dozens of departments within the Mid-Atlantic region as the "Canine Officer of the Year" by the USPCA.

Departmental Promotions

- ◆ David Buerger was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned as the Patrol Division Commander.
- ◆ John Barrett and Marie Triesky were promoted to Sergeant within the Patrol Division. Sergeant Triesky is the first woman to attain the rank in the history of the Department.
- ◆ Marty Parker, Mark Sagan and Robert Dowling were promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to the Patrol Division.



- ◆ Christopher Bladzinski, Jermaine Gullede, Tammy Harris and Kelly Lawson were promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer.
- ◆ Ryan Peck was promoted to the rank of Patrolman First Class.
- ◆ Ms. Stephanie Janifer was promoted to Police Records Specialist II.