2021
ANNUAL REPORT
ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
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I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report for the Rockville City Police Department. The Annual Report highlights some of the Department’s noteworthy accomplishments throughout the year and documents our progress in meeting the goals and objectives for the coming year.

Our nation continues to experience profound challenges in the law enforcement world as well as still navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. I don’t think any of us expected to still be masking, vaccinating, and not rid of the “new normal” at this point.

Despite all the challenges, we continue to focus on the importance of community policing and strengthening community relationships by demonstrating accountability and transparency. All the Department’s accomplishments are a direct result of many people working together to do things right. Exceptional personnel and community support are vital to the Department’s continued growth and success.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of the men and women of the Rockville City Police Department and express my gratitude to our Rockville community for their continued overwhelming support.

Respectfully,

Victor V. Brito

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Chief of Police
The mission of the Rockville City Police Department is to serve the public in partnership with our community, to protect life and property, prevent crime, resolve problems and protect the rights of all people.

**Service Orientation**
Each employee enhances the quality of life within our community and our department through dedicated service. Our commitment to the community is to treat people with dignity, empathetically and compassionately while delivering high quality service.

**Integrity**
Our value as police employees depends upon the respect and confidence we earn from the community and each other. The integrity of each individual, as well as the organization, is necessary for the community to give us their trust. Without this trust, we cannot expect to form a partnership with the community.

**Excellence**
We meet challenges and adversity with perseverance to attain individual and organizational goals. Our commitment to excellence includes being accountable individually and as an organization to do the right thing and take responsibility for our actions.

**Respect**
Fundamental to delivery of professional police service is the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals. We value all community members, each other and different points of view, regardless of race, gender, appearance, economic status, individual beliefs or lifestyles.

**Teamwork**
Teamwork is essential to the successful operation of the Department. The team must include all employees working in partnership with each other and the community to attain our goals. We support an environment that recognizes mutual cooperation and group accomplishments while encouraging individual contributions.
Located 12 miles northwest of Washington D.C., the City of Rockville comprises over 13 square miles of picturesque American urban and suburban living. The City enjoys a special place at the core of Montgomery County as its county seat and largest incorporated city.

Rockville is at the center of the I-270 Technology Corridor and is home to numerous software firms, biotechnology companies, and federal institutions, some of which have been ascribed new importance with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City also boasts several upscale regional shopping centers, including Rockville Town Square and King Farm Shopping Center. Rockville is home to Montgomery College, three Montgomery County Public Schools high schools, three middle schools, eight elementary schools, and four private schools.

Our population is growing and currently estimated to be 72,200 people, making it the third largest incorporated city in Maryland and a uniquely terrific place to live and work.
Office of the Chief of Police

- Professional standards
- Public & media relations
- Planning & research
- Accreditation
- Office of Professional Responsibility
- Emergency management

Field Services Bureau

- Six patrol teams
- K9 program
- Special Operations Unit: Criminal investigations, Town Center, Traffic, Community Engagement Officer, Community Services
- Crime analysis
- Special events

Administrative Services Bureau

- Support services
- Public Safety Communications Center
- Fiscal management
- Training & development
- Field training
- Neighborhood Services
- Parking & Photo Enforcement Unit
- Citywide security system
2021 BY THE NUMBERS
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Arrests by race, gender, and age

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315 Arrests

61 Criminal citations issued

27.5 Civil citations issued

8,773 Parking tickets issued

3,401 Traffic citations issued

10,228 Warnings issued

1 Juvenile citation issued

1,152 Vehicle equipment repair orders

295 Warrants processed by communication center

Firearms seized

- Rifles: 9
- Revolvers: 4
- Shotguns: 5
- Total: 36

DUI arrests: 315

Civil citations issued: 61

Parking tickets issued: 8,773

Traffic citations issued: 3,401

Warnings issued: 10,228

Juvenile citation issued: 1

Vehicle equipment repair orders: 1,152

Warrants processed by communication center: 295

2021 BY THE NUMBERS
The Rockville City Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency responding to calls for service in the City of Rockville. In 2021, RCPD responded to 68% of the 23,292 calls for service in the City, alongside the Montgomery County Police Department’s First District Station and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Residents may use the County’s Telephone Reporting Unit for some delineated non-emergency incident reports.

### Total Calls For Service

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### Officers assaulted

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## Year Over Year Crime Comparison

### 2020
- **Crimes against people**: 422
- **Crimes against property**: 1,603
- **Crimes against society**: 215

### 2021
- **Crimes against people**: 528 (+25.1%)
- **Crimes against property**: 1,584 (-1.2%)
- **Crimes against society**: 159 (-26.0%)

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While overdose reports dipped last year, in 2021 they rebounded. In response to this national crisis, all RCPD officers carry NARCAN on-duty in the event they find a community member who has overdosed.

Below one can find monthly counts of reports for opioid, synthetics, and heroin overdose, possession, and sale in Rockville City in 2021.
Calls concerning animals, including animal bites, all declined substantially in 2021. Even so, the City provided 78 more animal licenses in 2021 than the year prior.

19% Decrease of animal calls
12% Decrease of animal bite calls

Animal calls, 2018-2021
The City of Rockville's Speed Camera Program continues to supplement patrol officers' efforts to save lives, prevent collisions, and facilitate the efficient movement of traffic.

In 2021, speed-light camera citations rebounded after dropping in 2020, while red-light camera citations fell for another year.

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Street with the highest number of speed citations recorded: E/B Wootton Pkwy at Preserve Pkwy

Intersection with the highest number of red light citations recorded: Unit block of Eastbound Maryland Ave
In order for RCPD to accomplish its mission, it must have the trust and confidence of the community. To demonstrate transparency and accountability, the Department has compiled an Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) report, which includes information about complaints of officer misconduct, use-of-force incidents, in-custody deaths, and vehicle crashes.

15,877 Calls for service
315 Arrests
278 Emerg. Petitions

10 Complaint cases alleging misconduct by employees processed by OPR. A disposition of “sustained” was determined in 9 cases.

144 Incidents that involved a use of force. This represents about 24 percent of combined arrests and emergency petitions*.

*C*In 2020, our Department changed its policy concerning use-of-force incidents. This new policy includes a broader standard regarding which circumstances constitute a use-of-force incident and, as such, these incidents may misleadingly appear more numerous than in the past.

**Circumstances in use-of-force incidents**

- Serving Emergency Petitions: 54
- During an arrest: 52
- Some other activity: 38

Of the 144 suspects involved in use of force incidents, 99 were male and 45 were female.

Additionally, 54 were Caucasian, 63 were African American, 26 were Hispanic, and 1 was Asian.
With the coronavirus pandemic again cancelling a larger celebration, on September 8th, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce once again hosted a smaller event for each public safety agency in Rockville at Veteran’s Memorial Plaza.

Several RCPD officers and civilian employees were honored for their lifesaving measures and outstanding acts of service to the community.

The **Distinguished Service Citation** is presented to a member who rendered a service resulting in the accomplishment of a difficult task, the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime, or the apprehension of an armed and dangerous criminal, while also applying diligence, perseverance, or timely judgment in the performance of their duties.

The **Meritorious Service Citation** is presented to a member of a public safety organization or civilian community who deserves acknowledgement of a duty or task that falls above the normal scope of his or her job or that could easily gone undone or unnoticed.
In a region filled with veterans, it is not unusual for RCPD officers to find themselves with servicemen and servicewomen suffering from depression. An officer must remain compassionate and patient in these precarious situations.

On October 15th, the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) received a call from the Veteran’s Crisis Center about a veteran who was suicidal. The veteran had told the Crisis Center that she wanted to kill herself and then hung up. Calling back, ECC operators learned the caller had recently lost her housing, had no one to help her, and believed she was a burden on her children.

Learning that she may at a hotel in King Farm, members of Patrol Team 6 — Corporals Chris Sadelson, Justin Pieck, Nicholas Roy, and Sergeant Baquero — found the veteran in her car. The officers treated her with compassion and, although she was initially uncooperative, the woman developed a rapport with the officers and eventually allowed herself to be taken to a hospital. The coordination of this team and their compassion saved the life of a mother and veteran and allowed her to get much-needed help.

Both during long summer days and dark winter nights, officers must remain committed to their duty to deliver aid.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on February 3rd, officers were sent to check on the welfare of a man who had left his home and no longer answering the Suicide Hotline. This man finally called his wife, declared his desire to commit suicide, and told her that he will soon turn off his phone to avoid being found.

After hours of searching for the man, Corporal Zeighani redeployed his K9 partner Bolo. K9 Bolo found a scent and began leading officers into the woods near the Interstate 270 sound-wall. There, Corporal Zeighani found the man face-down in a dried creek bed, shivering from the cold. Fire & Rescue arrived, treated the man, and took him to a nearby hospital. The persistent efforts of Corporal Zeighani and his loyal K9 Bolo saved the man’s life and afforded him a desperately-needed opportunity to recover his livelihood.

Even in an era of web-meetings, medical emergencies happen. Especially when patients are isolated, speed remains critical.

On June 16, Corporal Karl Plitt and Officer Joseph Fetter arrived at a residential building for a medical problem and learned that a man had fallen to the floor and was unresponsive during a Zoom meeting. Officer Fetter immediately began CPR, followed by Corporal Plitt, until Fire & Rescue could arrive and take the victim to the hospital. With the timely help of Corporal Plitt and Officer Fetter, the man recovered by the next day. For their quick work, Corporal Plitt and Officer Fetter were the recipients of this year’s Lifesaving Award.
Being a police officer often means suddenly intervening in strangers' lives at their lowest point. But in these crises lies an opportunity to mitigate harm and begin a healing process.

Officers arrived to a home for a call about a suicide attempt and met a father whose daughter had left the house after an argument with her boyfriend.

The boyfriend learned that his girlfriend was in the area of Lake Frank. Driving to the area, officers found the girl's vehicle unoccupied in the parking lot. After they learned the victim had ingested a bottle of Valium, Corporal Phil Parnell organized a coordinated search effort, contacted search managers, and requested a Maryland State Police helicopter. While Corporals Parnell and Trogolo coordinated these resources, Officer Jeff Park and Lieutenant Jason West searched the lake trail using a handheld FLIR device and found the victim semi-conscious and under a brush pile several hundred yards from the nearest path.

Officers Park and West carried the victim over steep terrain where medics were waiting to offer treatment. Thanks to the hard work, dedication and teamwork of these RCPD officers, a girl's life was saved.

Joining Fire & Rescue on an emergency assistance call on March 7th, Corporal Tibbs found a woman armed with a knife, threatening suicide, who soon became agitated and ran towards a fence.

Engaging the woman and establishing a rapport, Corporal Tibbs became the situation's point-person. After he patiently spoke with her and allowed her a cigarette, the woman agreed to drop the knife. Within 30 minutes of the incident's beginning, the woman was safely taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Early in the afternoon of October 16th, PCO Alice Frishkorn received a call from an upset woman who said she did not know to who to turn and that she needed someone to speak with. PCO Frishkorn quickly established a level of trust that is critical for a positive outcome in calls involving someone who might be suicidal.

Alice asked specific questions of the caller's location, and the caller noted that she was on-duty as an armed security guard. With trusting conversation and reassuring dialogue, the two began speaking about the details of their lives and they agreed that laughter can assist in helping someone's state of mind.

In the end, the caller was very thankful for the time and attention Alice Frishkorn gave her and, even now, they keep in touch.
OFFICER OF THE MONTH AWARDS 2021

FEBRUARY
Officer Jordan Santis

MARCH
Officer Alex Ventura

APRIL
Corporal Robbin St. Clair

MAY
Corporal Renae McEvoy

JUNE
Corporal Christopher Sadelson

SEPTEMBER
Corporal Nicholas Roy

OCTOBER
Corporal Renae McEvoy

DECEMBER
Corporal Christopher Sadelson
Corporal Jeremy Ziegler
Officer Jeff Park

HONORING OUR TEAM
YEARS OF SERVICE

AWARDS

2021

YEARS OF SERVICE

25

Years of Service

Jeff Saleik

20

Years of Service

Ali Zeighani

PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant Jason West

Sergeant David Trogolo

Max Crago

RETIREMENTS

Jan Seilhamer

Marcia Ward

Rick Halverson

Stephen Whitney

25

16

30

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YEARS OF SERVICE
WELCOME NEW HIRES

Officer Tyler Haines

Officer Jordan Robinson

Officer Alec Kurz

Officer Quinton Bowles

Officer Kyron Jenkins
ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

YOUTH OUTREACH

Wearing Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

Toy Donation Drive

Coffee with a Cop
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2021

Drug Takeback Days

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Community FIP Training

Senior Citizen Outreach

Main Street Connect