

# Farmville Police Department

2018 Annual Report



Chief A. Q. Ellington Sr.

## Message from the Chief

Dear Farmville Community,



On behalf of the men and women of the Farmville Police Department, I would like to invite you to take a look at our 2018 Annual Report to learn more about your police department. The Farmville Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency that provides 24 hour a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year public protection and service to our community. The Farmville Police Department is comprised of 27 sworn officers and 2 civilian employees.

As we look back on a year in review, the Farmville Police Department again made great strides to improve the quality of life in our Town. We purchased and installed surveillance cameras at each entrance leading into, and exiting the Town. In addition to recording traffic, officers can monitor a live view of each intersection inside the police department at all times. Our officers hosted more than 25 community outreach programs throughout the year. The Farmville Police Department was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the Nation for "National Night Out".

In 2018, Farmville Police Department became a part of the Zuercher family as we purchased our new "Zuercher Suite" RMS/Cad system. Police departments need real-time data. Data that moves with them. Information that helps solve crimes and keeps officers safe. Zuercher software provides an integrated system that handles it all, with computer-aided dispatch, integrated mapping, records management, property and evidence, administration, reporting, and more. Now that we have secured Zuercher, it is my goal to move forward to provide our officers with MDT's, (Mobile Data Terminals) in each of their assigned cruisers.

Our officers continue to work as a team. When you work as a team many things can and will be accomplished. For the past year the Farmville Police Department's clearance rate for violent offenses is greater than 78%. I cannot express to you how proud this makes me of the men and women we have serving this community.

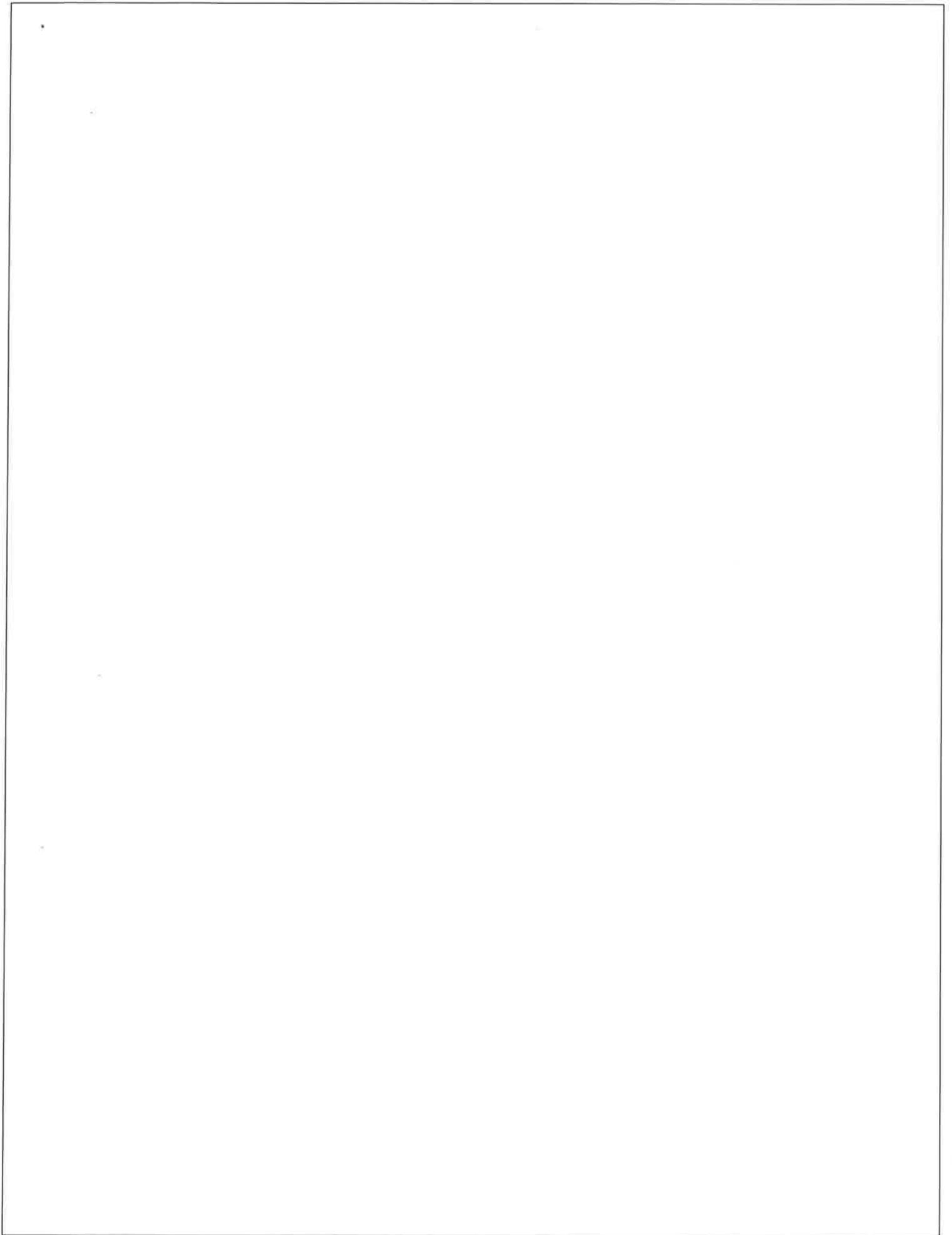
Mental Health services continues to be an issue for us. Last year, officers handled 82 Emergency Custody Orders, (ECO'S), and 8 Temporary Detention Orders (TDO's). These numbers consumed 683 man hours. We are currently working with Crossroads Community Services Board and other local Law Enforcement Agencies in an effort to acquire grant funding that will allow for the implementation of a Crisis Intervention Center. This center plans to take custody of individuals subject to an Emergency Custody Order (ECO), allowing our officers to return to duty and reducing man hours spent on Mental Health.

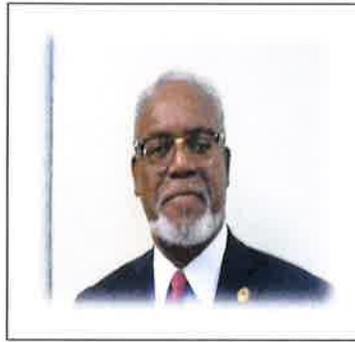
The accomplishments we continue to make each year solidifies our Mission, "To provide a safe and secure community through excellence in public service". I am very proud to be a member of this agency and will continue to work towards our goal of being the premier law enforcement agency in the region.

Serving you, I am,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Q. Ellington Sr.", written in a cursive style.

Chief A. Q. "Andy" Ellington Sr.





The Farmville Police Department is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. James H. Taylor, as Chaplain to the Department. He is both a spiritual and caring person who will voluntarily provide services to the department daily.

Dr. James H. Taylor is an ordained Minister and has served the Farmville community for some twenty-six years as the Senior Pastor of the Jericho Baptist Church. He is active in Ministerial Alliances and Associations throughout the region. Dr. Taylor also most recently served on the Chaplain's staff of Centra - Southside Hospital.

He is a native of Powhatan County and is a retired Director of Corporate Security and Investigations from Reynolds-Alcoa, Corp. He is also a retired Program Head and Professor of Criminal Justice and Religion; from Southside Virginia Community College, where he is still serving as an Adjunct Professor. Dr. Taylor served proudly on the Richmond Police Department, Richmond, Virginia, as a Detective-Sergeant. He held positions of Supervisor in the Narcotics Division and Sergeant in Charge of the Police Training Academy. He was also a Distinguished Graduate of the National Drug Enforcement Officers Academy, Washington D. C.

Dr. Taylor's formal education includes the following: Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary of Dayton Ohio; Master of Divinity Degree, School of Theology,

Virginia Union University; Bachelor's Degree, in Criminal Justice, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Associate Degree in Police Science from J Sergeant Reynolds Community College.

Dr. Taylor's military career spanned 23 years of Active and Reserve service in the United States Army. He completed two overseas tours in Southeast Asia. He retired at the rank of Command Sergeant Major, Infantry.

He counts it a blessing to serve the people of the Farmville community and beyond.



Continue to Pray for our Law Enforcement Officers

## ***Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values***

### **Vision:**

To maintain a close working relationship with the citizens, businesses, Longwood University and other law enforcement agencies to provide professional and unbiased service to the community. This department will constantly pursue advanced technologies while improving our quality of training, and demonstrating innovation and operational flexibility

### **Mission:**

*"To Provide a Safe and Secure Community through Excellence in Public Service".*

### **Goals:**

*To increase citizen safety and perception of safety*

*To be the premier law enforcement agency of this region*

*To establish, maintain, and enhance community partnerships.*

**Core Values:** *Integrity, Community Safety, Service, and Quality.*

### **VLEPSC ACCREDITED AGENCY**

The Farmville Police Department's commitment to law enforcement excellence is evidenced by their successful completion of the certification process for the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. All accreditation programs are designed to measure and confirm compliance of the participating agency with the professional standards in whatever discipline or profession they are involved. It is one of the only means by which citizens and government leaders can be assured that an agency is maintaining the high performance marks to which the community has a right. The Town of Farmville has demonstrated their commitment to professionalism and their willingness to be measured by and compared to the best in the profession. Virginia's program was started in the early 1990's, with the creation of a twelve member Commission of representatives from the Virginia Sheriff's Association and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. The VLEPSC provides law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they meet nearly 200 accepted standards for efficient and effective agency operation. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) administers the program for VLEPSC. To obtain accreditation, a law enforcement agency must meet all applicable program standards, maintain their accreditation files on an on-going basis and provide annual verifications of Compliance as required by the Commission. On-site assessments by specially trained program assessors assure consistency and full compliance of all accredited agencies. The Farmville Police Department is currently working on its sixth year as a state accredited Agency.

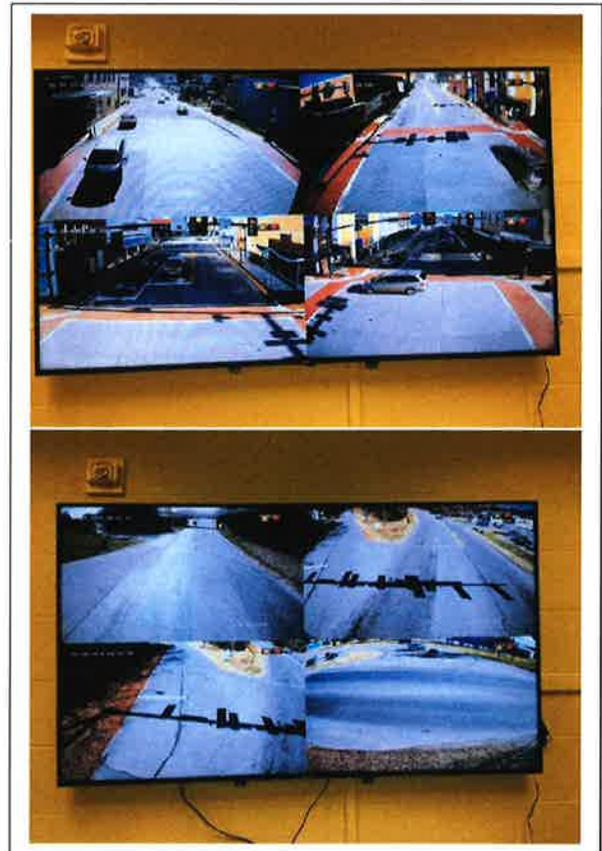
## Agency Accomplishments

During the past year we have made great strides to continue to modernize the department. In 2018 we acquired the following equipment:

- Tasers for all officers
- 4 new vehicles to our fleet
- Zuercher, State of the Art RMS and CAD system was installed
- Surveillance cameras were installed at all entrances to the Town

We will continue to work towards modernization and making the Farmville Police Department the premier Law Enforcement Agency in the region.

We are equally excited to have introduced D. A. R. E. into Fuqua School.



## Agency Awards



Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation awarded Detective/Sergeant David Ragland, with their 2018 VACP Award of Valor. Ragland was recognized at the VACPS Award Banquet held in Roanoke, Va. for his 2012 incident that resulted in an armed conflict with a suspect. The award 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.



Officer Jordan Seay-Allen received The D.U.I. Enforcement Award named in honor, and in memory, of former Farmville Police Chief Stuart O. Dunnavant. The award recognizes the department member who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the prevention, detection, and enforcement of the driving under the influence laws, and for ensuring the safety of the general public by removing impaired drivers from the streets of the Town of Farmville.



Penny Pairet was this year's recipient of The Citizen Recognition and Appreciation Award. This certificate is awarded by the Chief of Police or his designee to a citizen of the community for demonstrable measurable and verifiable acts or deeds of significant service in support of the department's mission or service to the community as a whole. The award is a certificate noting the significance of the event and is mounted on a plaque for presentation. This award is for nonmembers of the department.



In 2018, Farmville Virginia was ranked 16th for National Night Out among jurisdictions with a population of 5000 to 15000. Shown here with Chief Ellington is Lt. Chris Moss. Lt. Moss coordinates our NNO Program.

## 2018 Officer of the Year Award



The Officer of the year status is awarded to an officer who has been voted upon by the Command Staff. Nominations for this award are submitted by officers to the Chief of Police in writing. Submissions include factors supporting the nomination such as community Involvement, commitment to the agency, superior performance with a specific difficult task and/or a complete and consistent body of work throughout the year that exceeds normal expectations. Recipients of the "Otto S. Overton" Meritorious Service Award during the year will be automatically considered for the Officer of the Year award, however will not be the sole qualifying factor. Submissions will be reviewed by command Staff to determine which officer has exhibited excellence in their position and has gone above and beyond the call of duty. This is the third highest award the department can bestow on a member and is accompanied by a uniform pin that may be worn throughout the year. The Officer of the Year recipient will also be the Departments nominee to receive the VFW Law Enforcement Award.

Detective Sergeant Ragland brings with him over thirty years of law enforcement experience. During these 30 plus years, he has worked in various positions including patrol, supervision, criminal investigations, intelligence gathering, internal affairs, and narcotics investigations. Because of this experience, he is able to tackle any task assigned to him ranging from small community policing projects to the most serious criminal

investigation. David was also awarded the 2018 VACP Award of Valor this year by the Virginia Association Chiefs of Police & Foundation.

When it comes to police work, Detective Sergeant Ragland has the tenacity and aggressiveness it takes to be a police officer. For example, a victim recently reported a sexual assault that had occurred several months earlier. Because I have investigated these types of cases before, I know how difficult they can be to clear when the reporting is delayed. Many things are lost due to delayed reporting including the most important thing to your case, physical evidence.

This was not the case with Detective Sergeant Ragland. After taking the report from the victim, he used every resource available to him to gather information and evidence related to the case. After reviewing all of the intelligence that was gathered, Detective Sergeant Ragland applied for and was granted two search warrants for the residence of the suspect. These warrants were executed and as a result, another search warrant was granted, three people were charged with drug crimes, one person was charged with firearms related offenses, multiple firearms and narcotics were seized, a large amount of evidence related to a previously reported financial crime was seized, and most importantly, two suspects were arrested and charged with rape, and confessions were obtained related to that offense. All of this because he took a long shot and looked for something as small as a button.

## Community Outreach

We continue to offer more than 25 community policing programs yearly.

“Operation Blue Christmas” has become an annual tradition for the Farmville Police Department. This life altering experience joins the department with local businesses to bring the Holidays to children and their families who may not otherwise have the opportunity. Local businesses make financial donations that allow police officers to shop with children during the holiday season. Taco Bell/Long John Silver’s once again opened their doors and partnered with FPD to provide food for the children and their immediate family members. Officers and members of the department’s Advisory Board accompanied 11 children during this year’s event. This provides positive reinforcement to the children and opens trust with youth within our community.



During the Halloween downtown parade Farmville Police Department along with the Town Manager’s Office and Council members handed out over 50 lbs. of candy to children. Increased patrols throughout neighborhoods with a high volume of trick or treaters were conducted, and Bike patrol officers were also utilized throughout.



The Farmville Police Department conducted its fifth annual Citizen’s Police Academy last spring. The class allows for local business owners and citizens to explore 9 weeks of training and learning the daily operations of the police department.



## Community Outreach Continued

Each year, on the first Tuesday night in August, communities across the United States participate in National Night Out. It is a program designed to heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness, develop and strengthen partnerships between police and residents, and generate support for anti-crime programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Solvers and Business Watch. The national awards program honors registered communities for participation in the National Night Out campaign. Each year since 2011, Farmville, Virginia has been an award winning community.

## National Night Out 2018



The police department along with the Town Manager, the Mayor, members of Town Council visited neighborhoods that participated in National Night Out. Last year we had 8 neighborhoods that held cookouts that we were able to visit and enjoy great food and fellowship.

**Town of Farmville Police Department**  
**2018 Reportable Motor Vehicle Crash Report**

<u>Total crashes and damages</u>	<u># of Crashes</u>	<u>Damages</u>
2018	138	\$910,570.00
2017	133	\$874,800.00
2016	138	\$973,730.00

**Location of Highest Occurrence of Crashes**

South Main and Clarke Street	6
South Main and Milnwood Road	5
Main and Third Street	4
East Third and Virginia Street	4

**Note:**

A reportable crash are those crashes that result in damages of \$1500.00 or more and must be reported to DMV.

The total number of reportable crashes involving injuries in 2018 was thirty-one (31).

For 2018 the department conducted 3595 traffic stops and issued 1681 uniform traffic summonses.

For 2017 the department conducted 2937 traffic stops and issued 1277 uniform traffic summonses.

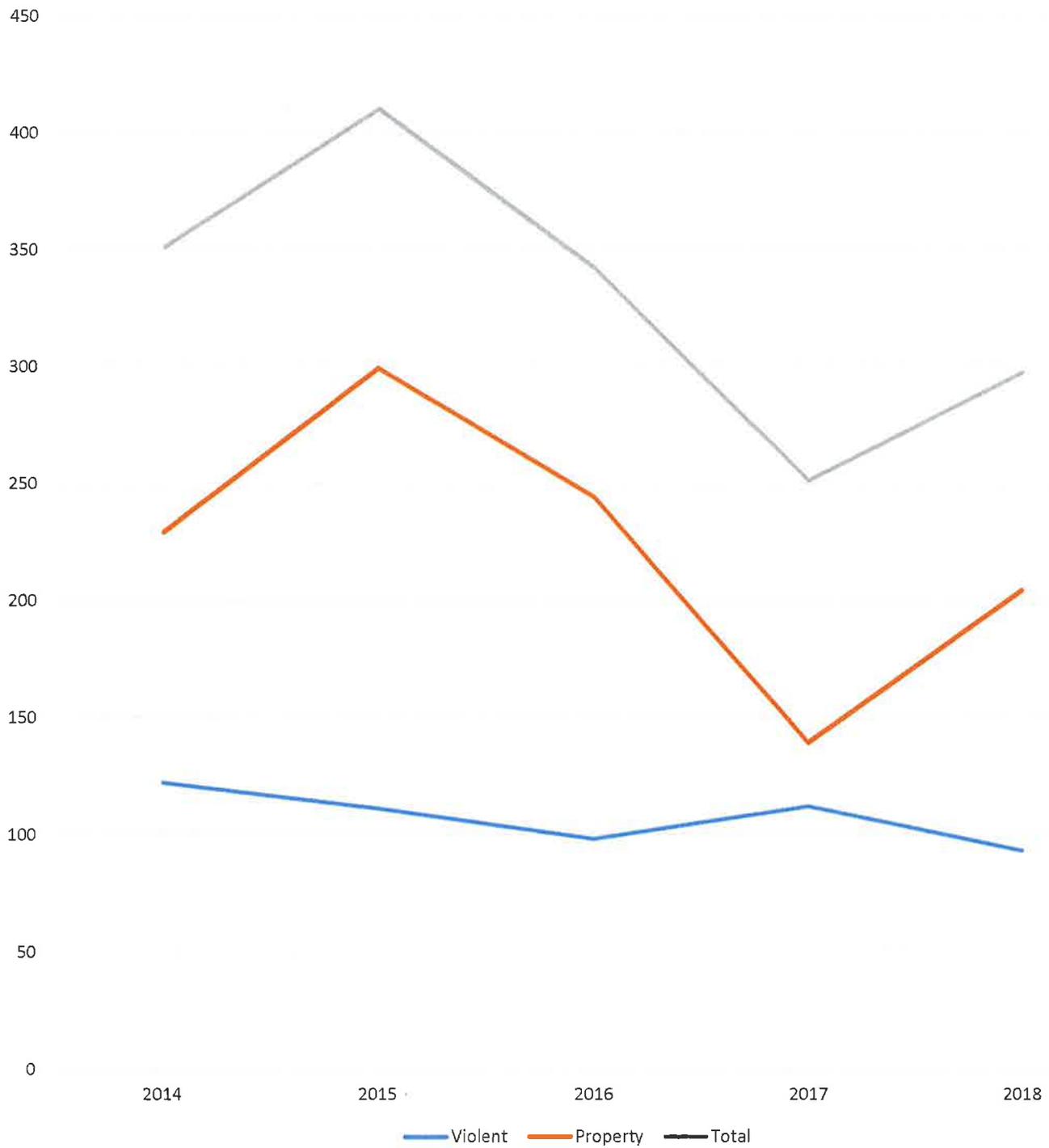
## Crime Numbers For The Past Five Year Period

<u>VIOLENT CRIMES</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Simple Assault	69	94	77	92	101
Aggravated Assault	9	08	11	8	7
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	4	3	5	3	5
Forcible Fondling/Sodomy	2	2	1	5	4
Robbery	0	5	4	3	5
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>122</b>
<u>PROPERTY CRIMES</u>					
Burglary	18	22	14	20	22
Larceny	166	105	229	273	204
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	11	0	5	1
Arson	0	1	1	1	2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>351</b>

- In a head to head comparison from last year, overall crime numbers were up by 31 offenses.
- Violent crime, which includes simple assault, for comparison was down by 27 offenses
- Using a four year average of crime as a measurement for comparison, we find that the average for total crimes is 338.5. *In 2018 we are down 17 percent from the four year average.*

# FIVE YEAR CRIME TREND

Chart Title



**FARMVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Emergency Custody Orders**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>
Number of calls	46	53	52	59	82
Total Man-hours	232.5	236.75	384.5	389	632.5 <sup>1</sup>
Avg. hours per call	5.05	4.47	7.39	6.59	7.7

\*39% increase over the previous year

**Temporary Detention Orders (transports only/does not include Medical TDO)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Number of calls	10	8	12	8	8
Total Man-hours			55.75	37	38.5 <sup>1</sup>
Avg. hours per call			4.65	4.63	4.81

<sup>1</sup>671 total man-hours = 32% of 1 full-time employee

## Calls for Service Demands

Answering calls for service is a major function of the agency. Call demand is a strong indication of the public need for police. Ultimately a goal of the agency is to show a reduction of calls for service combined with a reduction in overall crime numbers. While our overall crime numbers remain relatively steady, the demand for calls for service has increased 15% in 2018.



## Total Police calls for service

January 1 – December 31, 2015	9394
January 1 – December 31, 2016	8653
January 1 – December 31, 2017	9981
<b>January 1 – December 31, 2018</b>	<b>10,231</b>

## Conclusion

Farmville continues to be one of the safest communities in the state. We look forward to working with the community as a whole to build and strengthen relationships in an effort to keep our community the safest place to raise our children. We look forward to our continued community working relationship in 2019.

Chief Ellington