

Farmville Police Department
State of Department Annual Report
2019



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April 30, 2020

C. Scott Davis
Town Manager, Town of Farmville
116 North Main Street
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Dear Town Manager Davis:

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you, Farmville Police Department's Annual Report for 2019. With all due respect, I apologize for the delay, however due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, everyone's schedules and daily operations seemed to have gotten sidetracked.

I am pleased with the accomplishments and progress summarized within this publication. Furthermore, I trust that you, along with Town Council members, residents, and business owners of Town of Farmville, will find this report to be informative and a fair representation of the dedication and commitment to service that the sworn and civilian members of the Farmville Police Department exhibit on a daily basis.

Respectfully Yours,

Anthony Q. Ellington Sr.
Chief of Police, Farmville Police Department



"To provide a safe and secure community through excellence in public service."

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 2019 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.

I am honored to serve as your Chief of Police in Farmville, Virginia. I am extremely proud of the incredible accomplishments and dedication of our incredibly fine officers. Our officers are committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Farmville.

It is a privilege to lead these talented and professional officers. The Farmville Police Department takes pride in working together with citizens and community organizations to ensure that our town is a safe place to live, work and enjoy the unique opportunities and events that Farmville has to offer.

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 toward 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.".

Chief A. Q. "Andy" Ellington Sr.

Organization and Structure

The Farmville Police Department employs 27 sworn officers and two civilian employees. The Farmville Police Department is located at 116 North Main Street in the Town of Farmville, Virginia. The Farmville Police Department provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, professional Law Enforcement Services to the citizens of the Town of Farmville. Administrative offices are open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Farmville Police Department is led by Chief A. Q. “Andy” Ellington Sr. Chief Ellington is celebrating 31 years of Law Enforcement service to this wonderful community. Chief Ellington Joined the Farmville Police Department in 1989 as a patrolman, and has since worked in every supervisory role within the Department. Chief Ellington was appointed to the Chiefs Position in October 2016.



William H. “Bill” Hogan serves as Deputy Chief of Police—Captain—responsible for daily activities of the agency and reports directly

to the Chief of Police. The Assistant Chief is second-in-command and has responsibility for and authority over operations, administration and training for the agency. The Assistant Chief of Police serves as the Acting Chief of Police in the absence of the Chief of Police.



Lt. John R. Garrett serves as Administrative Division Commander—Lieutenant—responsible for, and has authority over, all activities of

the administrative division of the agency. The Administrative Lieutenant delegates authority to supervisory staff and coordinates the department’s records management, training, quartermaster,

property room, and payroll. The Administrative Lieutenant reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.



Lt. Bobby Ragland serves Patrol Division Commander—Lieutenant—responsible for, and has authority over, all activities of the patrol

operations of the agency. The Patrol Lieutenant delegates authority to supervisory staff and coordinates uniformed law enforcement services, crowd control response, and critical incident response of the agency. The Patrol Lieutenant reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.



Lt. Chris Moss serves as Special Operations Division Commander—Lieutenant—responsible for, and has authority over, all activities

of the Special Operations Division of the agency. The Special Operations Lieutenant delegates authority to supervisory staff and coordinates the activities of the Criminal Investigations Section, Narcotics Investigations Section, Emergency Planning, Crime Prevention; and the Evidence Room. The Special Operations Lieutenant reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.



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 Professional Standards Commission. 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 seventh year as a state accredited Agency.

Agency Awards and Accomplishments



Officer Dalton Foley received The D.U.I. Enforcement Award named in honor, and in memory, of former Farmville Police Chief Stuart O. Dunnivant. 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.



Life Saving Award -The Life Saving Award is awarded to members who, by direct intervention, are reasonably determined to be responsible for saving the life of another. The member need not be placed in personal peril or risk. The Life Saving Award is the second highest award the department can bestow on a member and is accompanied with

a proclamation, and a plaque. Officers Foley and Martin were recognized for their heroic lifesaving event for pulling an individual from a burning vehicle the morning of November 14th, 2019.



For 2019 National Night Out, Farmville Virginia was ranked 13th nationally among jurisdictions with a population of 5000 to 15000. Shown here with Chief Ellington is Lt. Chris Moss. Lt. Moss coordinates our NNO Program.



Officer Rachael Herndon was recognized with Certificate of Commendation for her extraordinary efforts apprehending a suspect in a wooded area following a shootout among two groups.

2019 Police Officer of the Year Award



The Officer of the year status was awarded to Officer Dalton Foley. This award is presented 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. Submissions are 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.

Officer Foley has been with the department for two and half years, and has excelled exponentially as a young officer. During the past year Officer Foley captured the D U I service award as well as being honored as a Home Town Hero and receiving a Life Saving Award. During the course of the past year, Officer Foley excelled in his in-service training and put an outstanding effort into every aspect of his job. He was active in handling calls for service and initiating traffic stops, many of which led to arrest. He has displayed a exposed knowledge of his job, the ability and desire to learn, and brings a positive attitude to work on a daily basis. His efforts shown best when he received a call of a motor vehicle crash in which a woman ran out of the road and struck a sign. The shrubbery around the vehicle caught fire and the vehicle was quickly engulfed in flames. If not for the rapid response and action taken by Officer Foley, at the risk of his own well-being, the driver would not have survived. Foley along with the assistance of Officer Martin was able to free the woman from the burning vehicle before it was completely consumed in flames.

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 10 children during this year’s event. This provides positive reinforcement to the children and opens trust with youth within our community.





Farmville Police Department partnered with Sweet Frogs in hosting Cool off with a COP. Kids were able to enjoy a cup of ice cream, play games and have a computer generated child ID kit made.



The Farmville Police Department conducted its sixth 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.



National Night Out

In August 2019, the Farmville Police Department, Town Manager and Town Council members visited our neighborhoods, enjoyed food, conversation and had a great time with our citizens during our annual National Night Out. This provided an opportunity for citizens to have contact and become familiar with the members of the government that serve them. Eight neighborhoods participated in NNO.



FISCAL YEAR 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Officers with the Department attended approximately 1307 hours in training during the fiscal year,
2. In addition to the hours spent attending training, officers with the Department spent approximately 792 hours instructing various courses mainly for the academy. Areas that officers instructed include Virginia Code and Criminal Law, firearms, defensive driving, defensive tactics, radar use, DUI, and officer survival.
3. In furthering the Department's Written Directive System, numerous policy reviews and were completed some of which were amended. Examples of reviewed policies include: *Organizational Structure and Command Use of Force, Cultural Diversity, Use of Force, , Line of Duty Deaths, Body Worn Cameras, Interview Room Techniques, Eyewitness Interview Procedures, Line of Duty Deaths, and Emergency Operations Procedures.*
4. Continued to aggressively identify drunk drivers, making 35 driving under the influence arrests.

Speed Enforcement

Farmville Police Department is committed to its purpose of traffic law enforcement, preventative patrol, proactive enforcement, and its relationships with citizens, motorist, pedestrians, and visitors to our Town. The emphasis of our officers' speed enforcement is placed on violations that contribute to accidents and prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. In 2019 FPD Officers conducted 3750 traffic stops, resulting in 1830 summons/citations being issued. In addition officers effected 35 arrest for Driving under the influence of alcohol.

Parking Enforcement

1001 Parking tickets were issued.

Special Operations

In 2019 our Special Operation Unit handled 167 new criminal cases compared to 169 in 2018.

In addition to working criminal investigations, our Special Operation's unit is also responsible for the development and promoting of community policing activities. In 2019 the Farmville Police Department participated in 91 community policing events stemming from National Night out, Cream with a cop, Public Presentations, Neighborhood/ Downtown walks, Triad, Coffee with the Chief, and many more.

2019 Reportable Motor Vehicle Crash Report



<u>Year</u>	<u># of Crashes</u>	<u>Damages</u>
2019	133	\$1,019,450.00
2018	138	\$910,570.00
2017	133	\$874,800.00

Location of Highest Occurrence of Crashes

South Main and Milnwood Road	7
Main and Third Street	2
South Main and Griffin	2
Main and Third	2
Second and Virginia Streets	2
High and Oak	1
High and Griffin Blvd	1

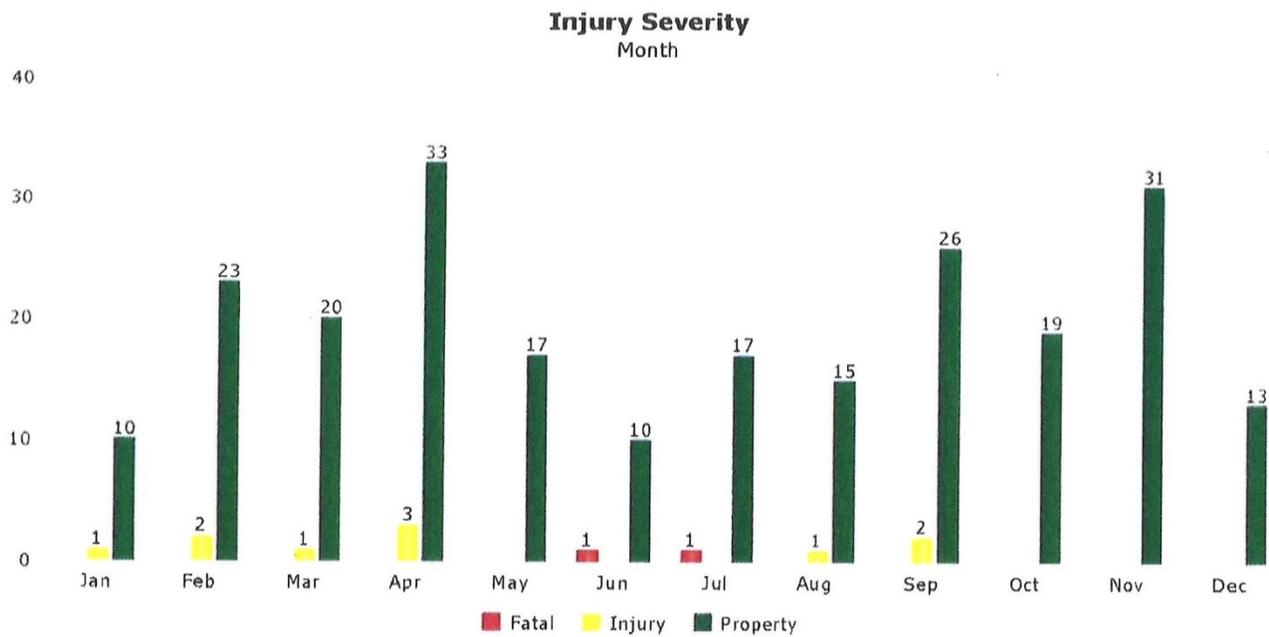
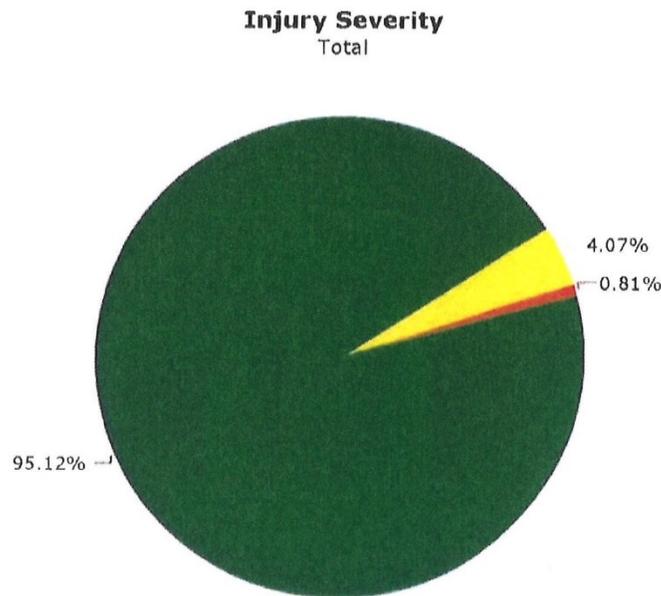
Note:

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 2019 was twenty-seven (27).

Total Number of Crashes Reported between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2019 for [All Reporting Locations]: 246**

- Fatal
- Injury
- Property

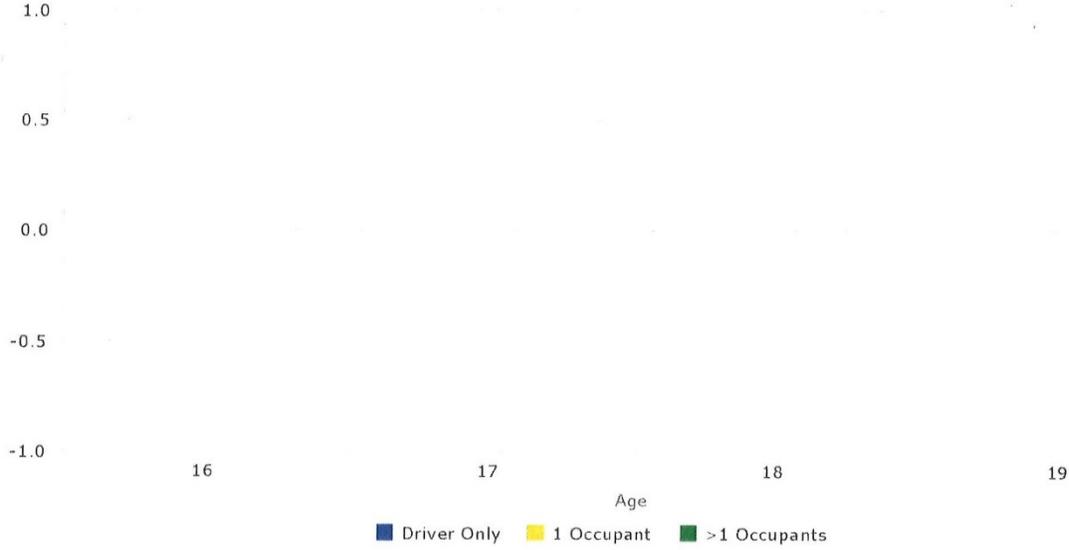


Total # of Teen Driver Related Crashes Reported between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2019 for [All Reporting Locations]: 22**

% of All Drivers: 8.94 %

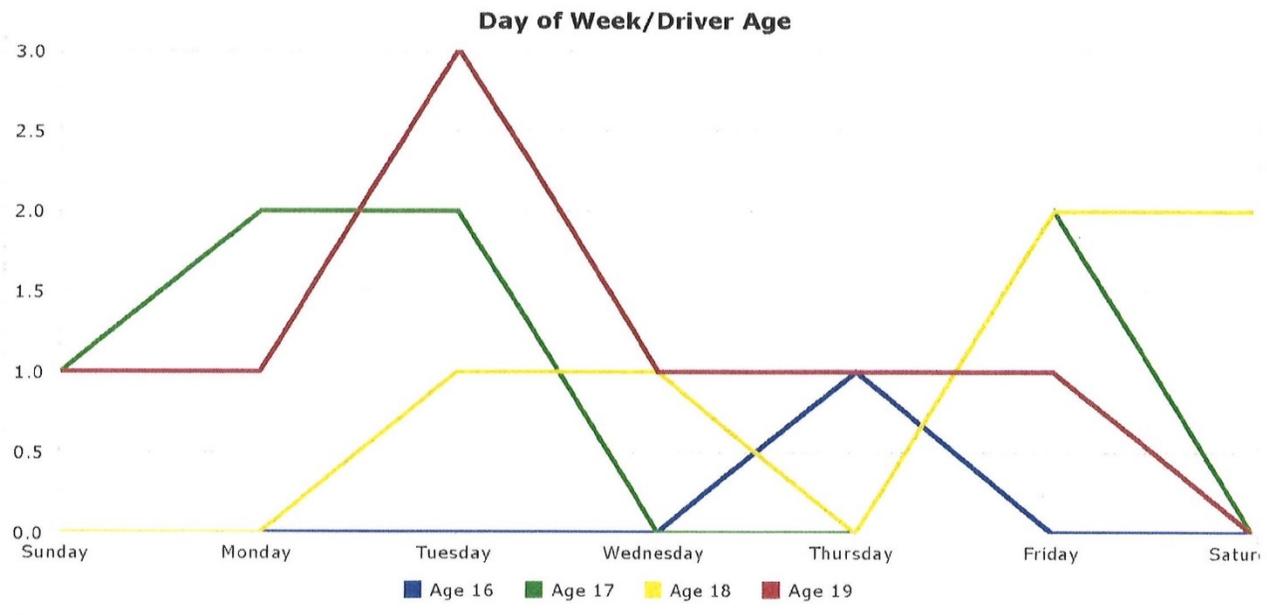
**Note: All charts and statistics based on number of drivers per crash. Teen drivers are ages 16-19

Driver Age and # Occupants



Driver Age and Injury

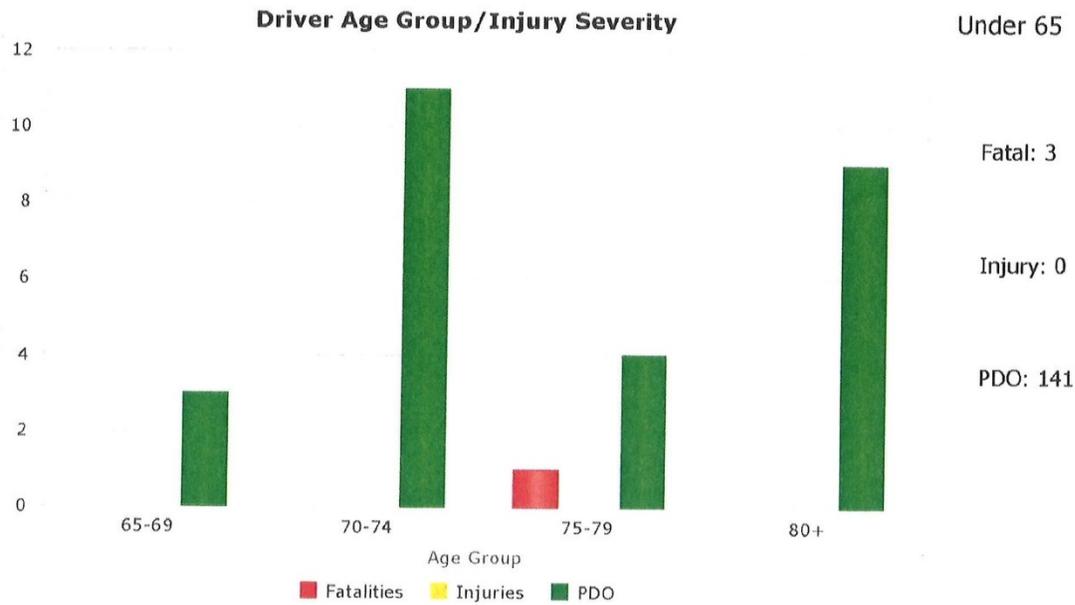




Total # of Elderly Driver Related Crashes Reported between 1/1/2019 and 12/31/2019 for [All Reporting Locations]: 29**

% of All Drivers: 11.79 %

**Note: All charts and statistics based on number of drivers per crash. Elderly drivers are 65+



% of All Crashes by Driver Age Group/Injury Degree

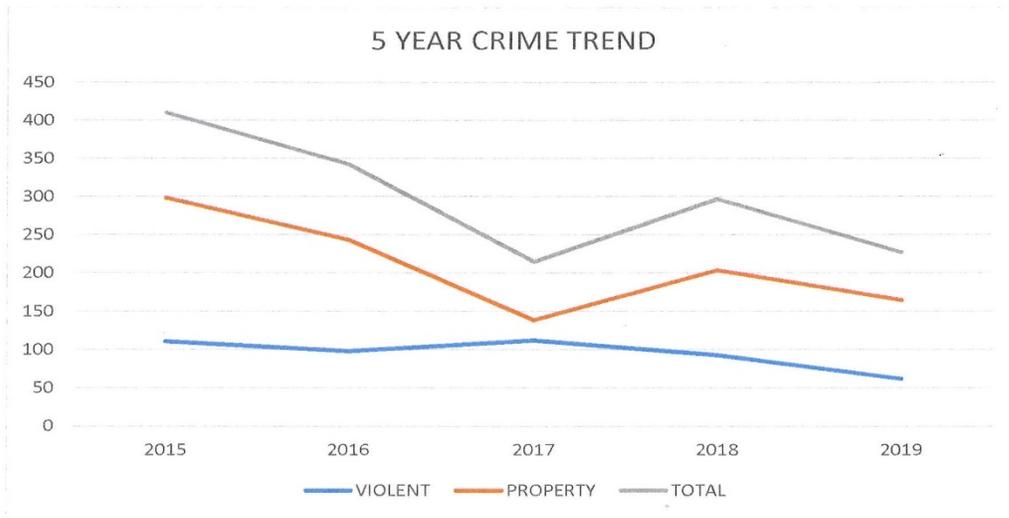
Age Group	PDO	Injury	Fatal
Under 65	74.35 %	0.00 %	1.57 %
65-69	1.05 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
70-74	5.76 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
75-79	2.09 %	0.00 %	0.52 %
80+	4.71 %	0.00 %	0.00 %

Each value represents the % of crashes (per driver) compared to ALL crashes (per driver) within each age group and injury degree.

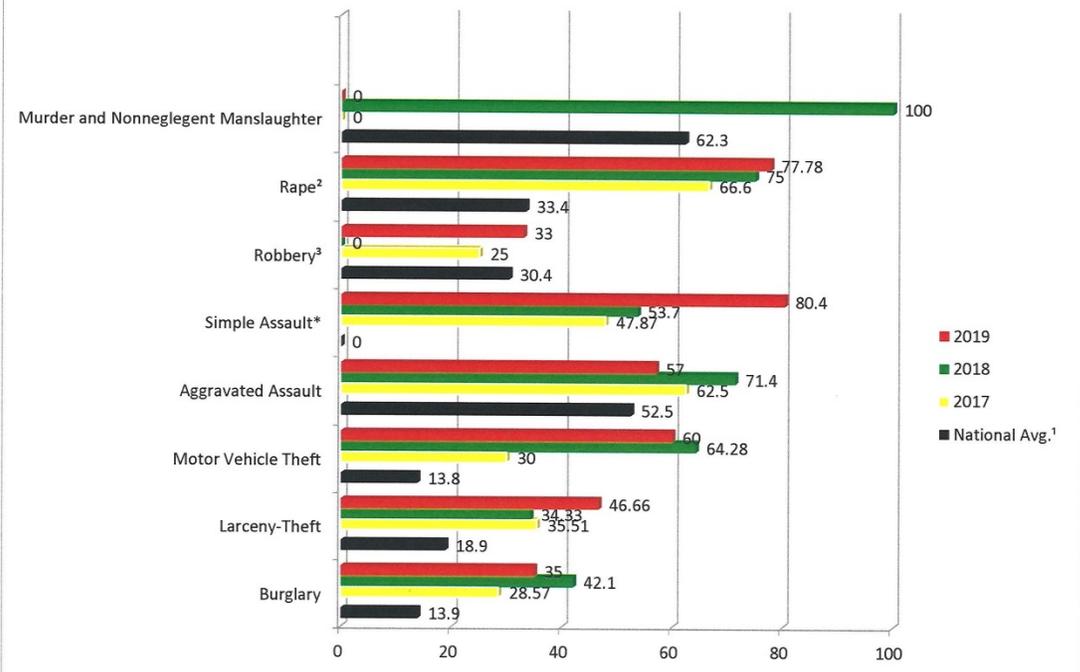
Crime Numbers For The Past Five Year Period

<u>VIOLENT CRIMES</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Simple Assault	53	69	94	77	92
Aggravated Assault	15	9	08	11	8
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	3	4	3	5	3
Forcible Fondling/Sodomy	3	2	2	1	5
Robbery	3	0	5	4	3
SUBTOTAL	77	85	112	98	111
<u>PROPERTY CRIMES</u>					
Burglary	17	18	22	14	20
Larceny	150	166	105	229	273
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	13	11	0	5
Arson	1	0	1	1	1
SUBTOTAL	173	197	139	244	299
TOTAL	250	282	251	342	410

- In a head to head comparison from last year, overall crime numbers were down by 32 offenses.
- Violent crime, which includes simple assault, for comparison was down by 8 offenses
- Using a four year average of crime as a measurement for comparison, we find that the average for total crimes is 321.25. *In 2019 we are down 22.17 percent from the four year average.*



Farmville Police Department 2019 Clearance Rates



¹National Avg. is based on latest available figures from FBI: Crime in the U.S. (2018)

²Rape includes forcible sodomy and forcible fondling offenses

³There were no founded reports of Robbery in 2018

*The FBI does not consider simple assault a violent crime and does not provide a clearance rate

Emergency Custody Orders

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number of calls	53	52	59	82	65
Total Man-hours	236.75	384.5	389	632.5	521
Avg. hours per call	4.47	7.39	6.59	7.7	7.18

*.01% decrease over the previous year

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

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number of calls	8	12	8	8	13
Total Man-hours		55.75	37	38.5	29
Avg. hours per call		4.65	4.63	4.81	2.23

550 total man-hours = 29% of 1 full-time employee

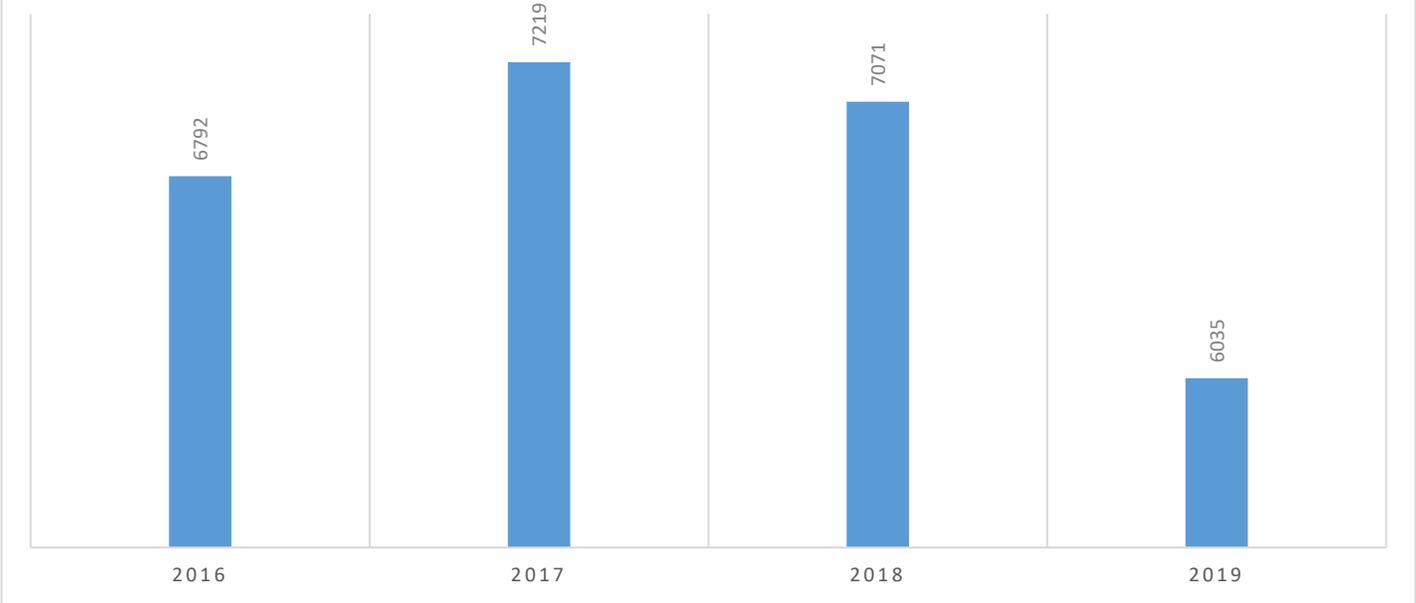
Calls For Service Demands

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 decreased 14.65 % in 2019.

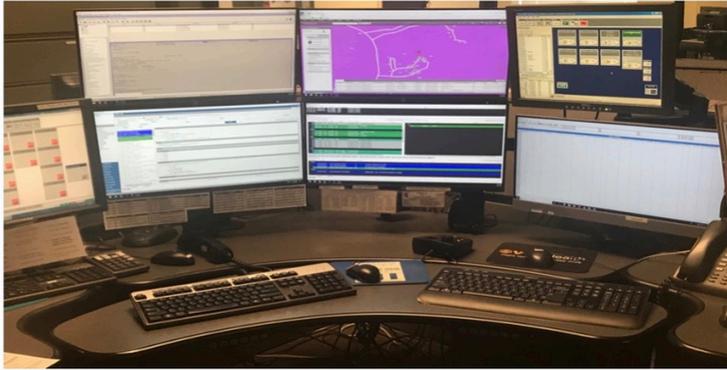
Note: Calls for service numbers do not include area property checks as previously displayed in prior years.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

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FARMVILLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

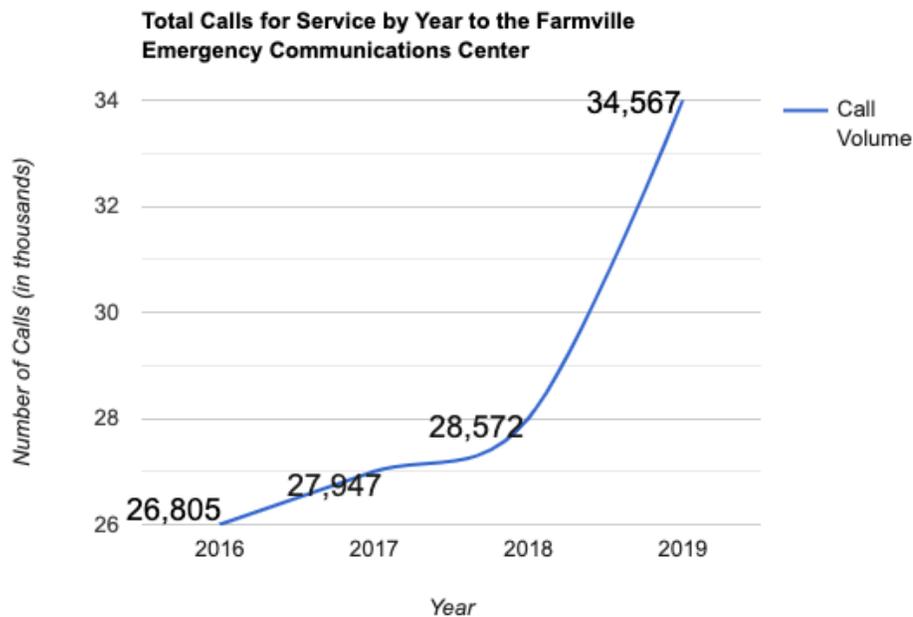


The Farmville Emergency Communications Center is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the Farmville area. Our center answers 911 calls for the Town of Farmville, Prince Edward County, and southern Cumberland County. The center dispatches the Farmville Police Department, Hampden-Sydney Police Department, and Longwood Police Department. The center also dispatches three

rescue squads, seven fire departments, and public works for the Town of Farmville. Currently, the center employs 18 full-time dispatchers and 3 part-time dispatchers. Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts. We have 2 full-time dispatchers in training, while the remaining have completed all training requirements to be certified Telecommunicators.

On January 25th, 2019, the Farmville Emergency Communications Center began dispatching for the Longwood Police Department. The center is responsible for answering the business line for the Longwood Police Department, dispatching Officers to calls for service and monitoring door and fire alarms for all of the university's buildings and dormitories.

In May of 2019, all emergency phones (blue light) and rescue phones (inside dorm) were switched over to automatically dial 911 when activated. This gives dispatchers the ability to see the location on the map when an emergency or rescue phone is activated and Officers are notified immediately.



In August 2019, the center upgraded its 911 call handling equipment. We replaced the existing call handling equipment with the new Vesta 911, which has text and multimedia capabilities. Our center is currently testing text to 911 and are working with the five major cell phone carriers to ensure we are able to receive text messages from their subscribers.

In December 2019, we upgraded our voice logger, better known as the recorder. The recorder allows all radio channels, phone lines, and 911 lines to be recorded. The new recorder will allow us to capture text messages and video once we go live with those services.

Current Projects for 2020

Deployment to the EsiNet

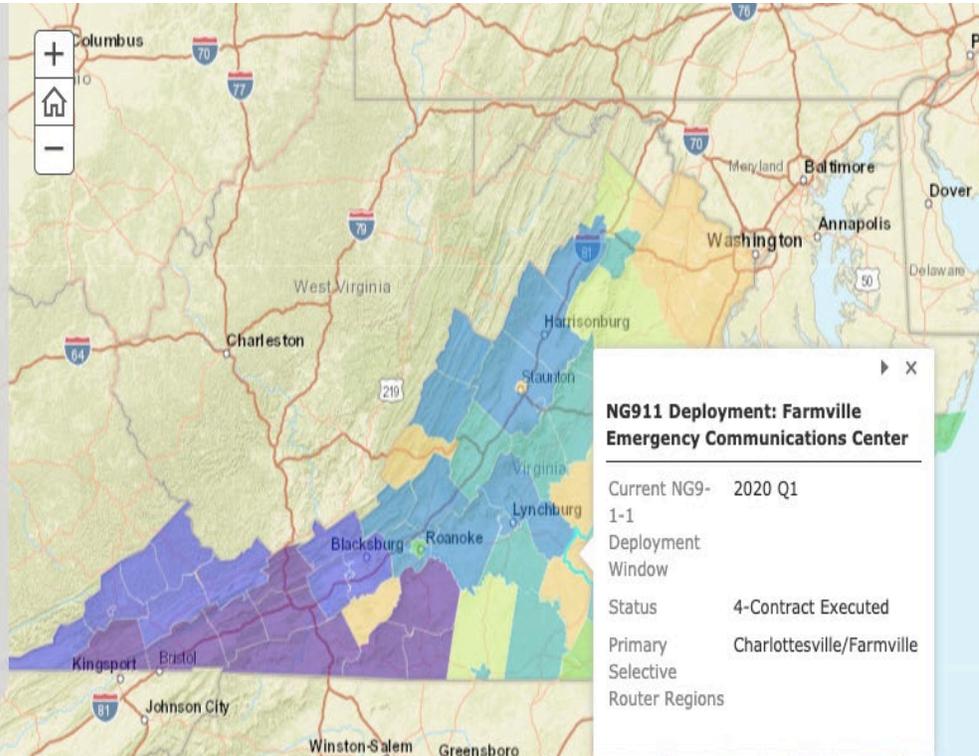
The Farmville Emergency Communications Center is currently working with Century Link, AT&T, and VITA to migrate to the EsiNet. The 911 service provider has historically been the local exchange carrier (Century Link) that provides telephone service to the area of the local 911 center. The infrastructure that the current 911 solution is based on is going away. Next generation 911 will require a complete upgrade of the 911 network to a shared IP network called an Emergency Services IP network, or EsiNet. The dispatch manager has been working with our local GIS technician and surrounding counties to ensure that when the EsiNet is deployed, calls will still be routed to the correct Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). In addition to GIS, we have been participating in bi-weekly conference calls regarding equipment such as servers and routers to make the deployment a success. The Farmville PSAP is scheduled to deploy the EsiNet in July of 2020.

Deployment Schedule of all PSAPs in Virginia

The Virginia NG9-1-1 deployment follows a phased approach. This map shows deployment phases based on the schedule approved by the 9-1-1 Services Board on 14 November 2019.

NG911 Deployment

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4
- Phase 5
- Phase 6
- Phase 7
- Phase 8



Emergency Medical Dispatch

A grant application has been submitted to the Office of EMS requesting assistance from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. If awarded, the grant money will be used to implement an Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program at our PSAP. The EMD program is designed to meet and exceed all existing medical standards. Emergency Medical Dispatch is a process used by dispatchers to gather information, process requests for emergency medical assistance, and ensure that appropriate medical services are dispatched. Dispatchers will provide necessary medical pre-arrival instructions on all chief complaints to include providing CPR and childbirth instructions. In Virginia, there are 35 localities with a combined population of approximately 612,262 that have not implemented EMD, and the population served by the Farmville PSAP is a part of that combined total. By January 1, 2024, this service will become mandatory due to recent legislation (SB720).

Telecommunicator of the Year 2019



Dispatcher Michael R. Driskill was chosen as the 2019 Telecommunicator of the Year! Mike was nominated by his peers for going above and beyond with accuracy and his attention to detail. Dispatcher Driskill constantly updates rosters, accessible lists, and departmental forms that are used daily in the center. Without these accessible lists, it would delay crucial contact. While this task remains hidden and behind the scenes even more so than the normal responsibilities of a dispatcher, it is greatly appreciated by his co-workers.

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 2020.

