

# 2008

## Annual Report



Washington City Police

## Message from the Chief



To the Citizens, Businesses and Visitors of the City of Washington

On behalf of the men and women of the Washington Police Department, I submit our annual report for the calendar year of 2008. This report provides an overview of the many components of our department's operations. Additionally, this report provides our community with future plans in an effort to provide the City of Washington with a safe and pleasant environment.

Contained within this report is statistical information related to the challenges we face as a community. It is the mission of the Washington Police Department to detail those challenges and our efforts to improve the quality of life by reducing not only the unlawful activity, but the perceived problems within the City. Also provided, is positive steps taken and future projects designed to achieve the goals listed.

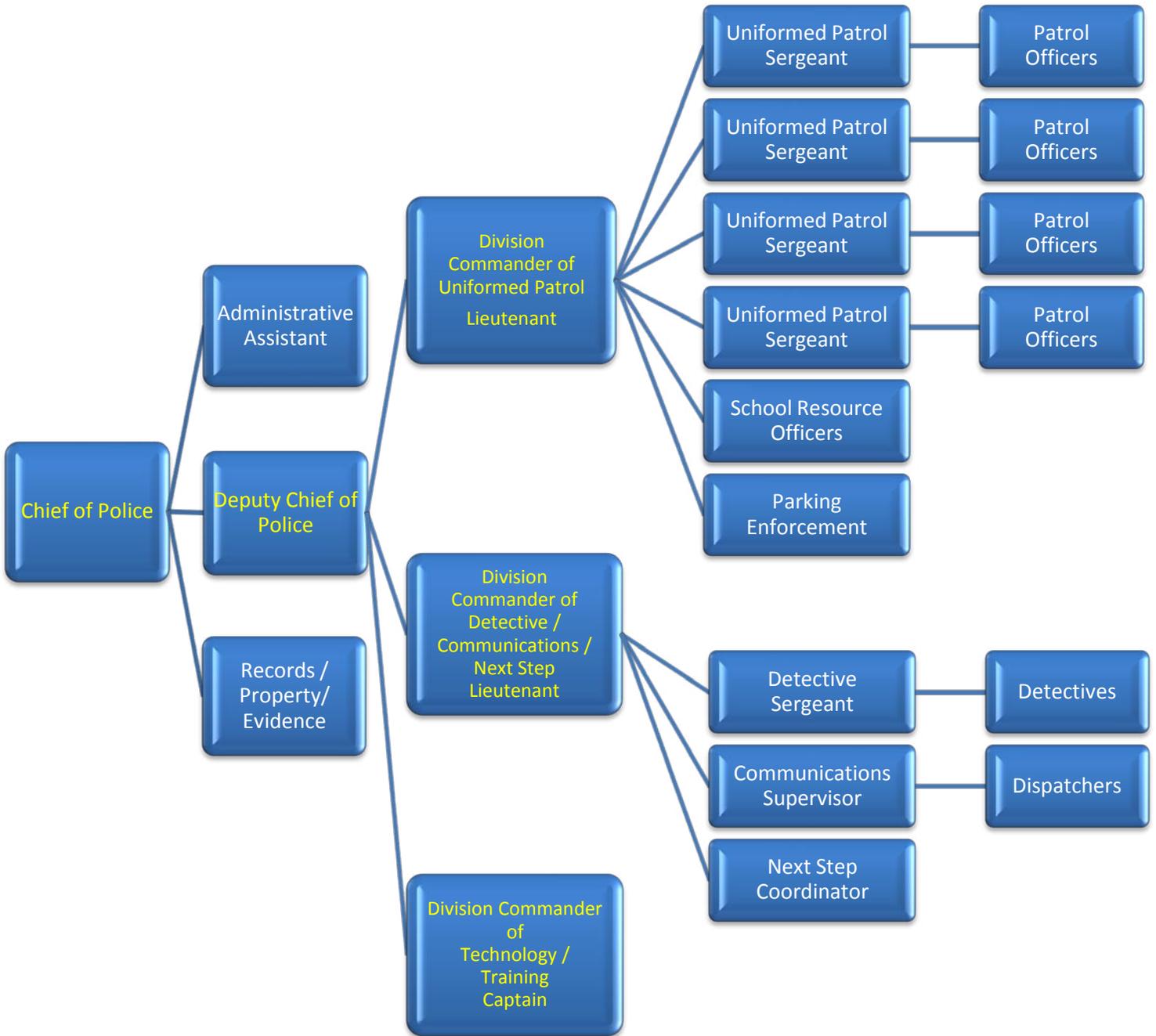
The Washington Police Department maintains a close relationship with our citizens, businesses and visitors. We strive to improve on those relationships and we have embraced the Community Policing Philosophy. Through our many proactive measures to prevent unlawful activity and our emphasis on mutual respect and professionalism, we believe significant improvements have been achieved. It is our pledge to the community, that we will not slow our efforts in these areas. I am proud of the men and women of your police department and I look forward to continued service to the City of Washington.

G. Mitchell Reed

Chief of Police

Washington Police Department

# Washington Police Department Organizational Chart



## Washington Police Department New Employees

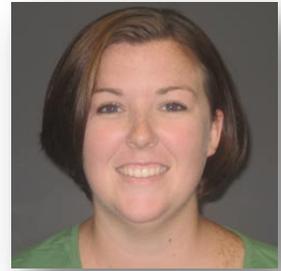
The Washington Police Department's mission is to recruit, hire and retain the finest professionals available. We feel confident that we are successful in that component. We wanted to take the opportunity to identify some of our new members and introduce you to each of them. Our commitment is to find and maintain the finest caliber of individual, who properly represents the wonderful diversity of our community. These individuals joined those who have served our community for many dedicated years and of whom I am equally proud.



**Ofc. J. Mixon**



**Ofc. V. Garnet**



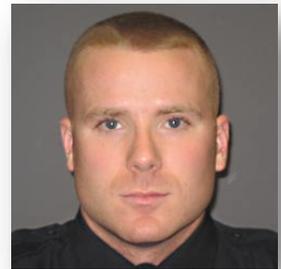
**TC. A. Revells**



**Ofc. A. Mobley**



**Ofc. D. Watson**



**Ofc. G. Ingalls**



**Ofc. M. Hoffman**



**Ofc. W. Watts**



**S. Moore Jr.**

## Washington Police Department At a Glance



**During calendar year 2008, the men and women of the Washington Police Department:**

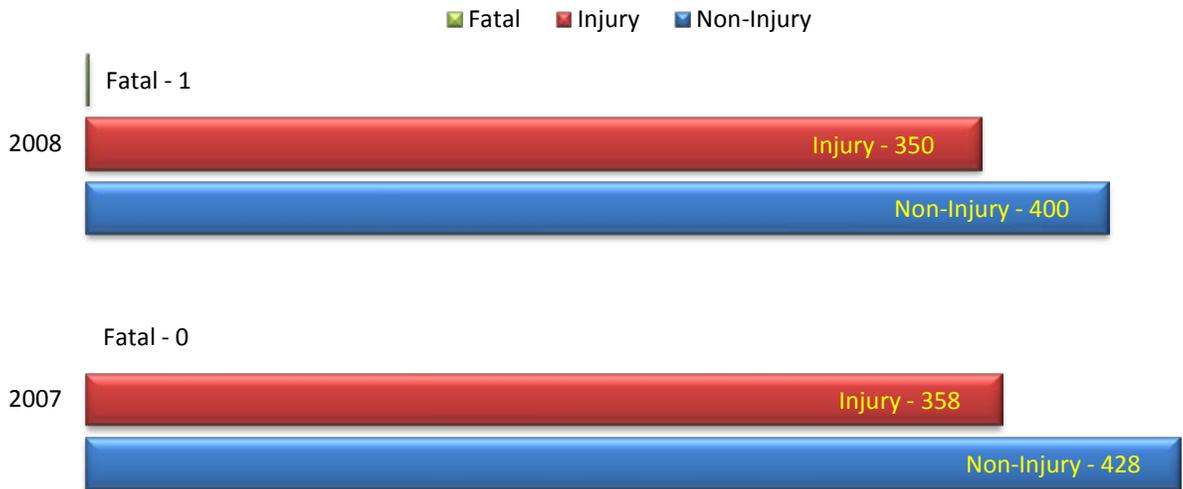
- Responded to 20,284 calls for service & officer initiated contacts
- Reported and investigated 2,117 criminal cases
- Processed and logged 892 pieces of property and evidence
- Solved 1,189 criminal cases
- Made 398 on-view arrests for crimes
- Served 671 criminal papers
- Served / attempted service of 763 criminal subpoenas
- Reported and investigated 751 traffic crashes
- Issued 1,644 citations for criminal offenses and infractions
- Responded to 1,361 burglar & panic alarm activations
- Escorted 151 funeral processions
- Provided security for 14 special events, utilizing 550 man-hours

## Washington Police Department Traffic Safety

### Traffic Crashes / Citations

During the calendar year, your police department has increased our efforts to educate, enforce and enhance the safe travel of our citizens throughout the City. In a proactive philosophy, we procured a 'Stealth Stat'. This product allows us to provide accurate vehicular traffic information related to a particular street or intersection. Utilizing this product, we can document vehicular traffic volume, speed and time with which to analyze potential safety issues and better respond properly. In addition, we can provide objective information to determine if problems exist, or allay concerns for our citizens. By utilizing this product, we collect this data in a cost efficient manner, thereby utilizing valuable man power in other areas. A Speed-Trailer is also in our inventory and used to heighten awareness in high-volume traffic areas by providing visual reminder of the speed limit and the speed of vehicles, as they pass through. A strong professional relationship with our Public Works Department, further enhances the City's vision of safe travel within our City limits.

#### Traffic Crashes



#### Citations Issued

2008

Total: 1644

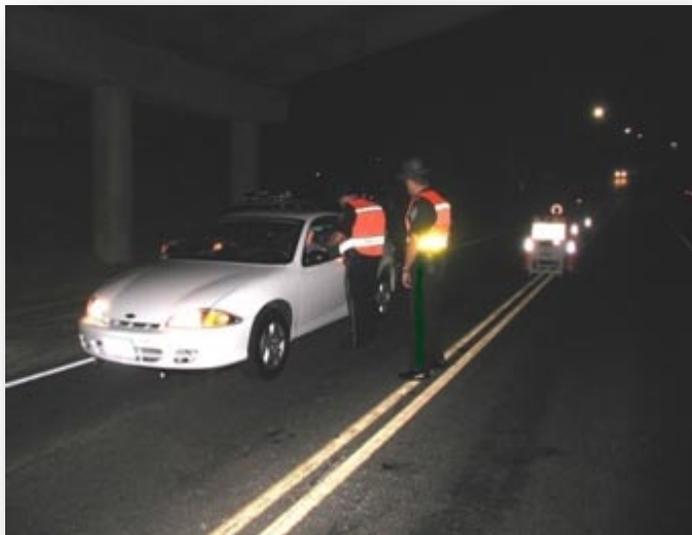


# Washington Police Department

## Traffic Safety

### DWI Reduction

The Washington Police Department has joined North Carolina in strengthening our resolve to remove Drunk & Impaired Drivers from our highways. We will continue those efforts with projects like Sobriety Check Points and Specialized enforcement activities. Continued education and partnering with our businesses will help reduce the tragedy of loss of life and damage of property, due to unlawful driving under the influence of intoxicants.



#### DWI Arrests Comapison

■ 2007 ■ 2008



## Washington Police Department Calls for Service

Every citizen, whether a local member of our community or visitor, has access to assistance from the Washington Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We never close and we never ignore a request from our community. Below is statistical information regarding the number of calls for service handled through our E-911 center, as well as documented personal contacts with our members. It is important to note the number of our citizens who personally appear at the Police Station for assistance, as we try to maintain access through the Community Policing philosophy. A proactive approach to law enforcement includes, maintaining that ability of our citizens to reach an officer/communications specialist at any time.

Personal contacts / CAD (computer aided dispatch) entries:	<b>22,883</b>
Calls for service:	<b>21,083</b>
Fire/Rescue/EMS calls received:	<b>1,566</b>
Walk in customers, after hours:	<b>1,418 *</b>
Phone calls received via E-911:	<b>6,085 *</b>
Alarms:	<b>2,723 (false alarms = 1,312)</b>
Business / residential courtesy building checks:	<b>71</b>
Funeral escorts:	<b>151</b>
Subpoena service attempts:	<b>809</b>
Summons service Attempts:	<b>107</b>

**\* Denotes 6 months worth of data**

## Washington Police Department Citizen Complaints

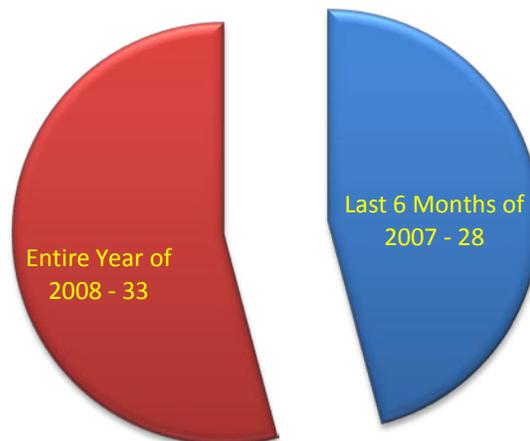
During the calendar year, considering the number of citizen contacts, there will always be an occasion where communication is not adequate. It is here, that we provide documented complaints against our members and how they are handled.

Each complaint, regardless of origin, is documented and sent via the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police. Every citizen complaint is investigated thoroughly and reviewed with the goal of addressing any training/disciplinary issue identified. In addition, every use of force, from physical altercations to the deployment of less-than-lethal weapons, is critiqued by the supervisors as well as the Department's Administration. Additionally, those reports are presented to a committee, that includes department trainers in this area, along with experts in the field not employed by the Washington Police Department. The stated goal of that committee is to recommend to the Chief of Police any training/disciplinary actions needed, either with a particular member or the department as a whole. A professional law enforcement agency is faced with confrontation and must be diligent in its willingness to constantly review its policies and procedures.

*\*Please note that North Carolina Law prohibits releasing information concerning some details in this category.*

The members of the Washington Police Department made contact with members of the community 22,519 times in 2008. Of those contacts, a complaint was filed against a member 31 times. There were 2 internal complaints filed in 2008.

**The chart below illustrates the number of complaints received for the entire year of 2008 as compared to just the last 6 months of 2007.**



## Washington Police Department Parking Enforcement

In 2008, the Washington Police responded to citizen concerns, by introducing a member designated to the enforcement of parking regulations in our Downtown area. It is with pride, that we note that this individual is employed via a partnership with Project New Hope and our shared efforts to go beyond simply enforcing the rules, but be a part of proactive steps to remove the desire/need to commit unlawful activity.



**Municipal Enforcement Officer, Lamar Mitchell,  
issues a parking ticket on Main St.**



**A Police Officer issues a ticket for improper  
parking in a Handicapped Parking Space**

## Washington Police Department Proactive projects

### Project Next Step

As a way of presenting solutions to challenges faced by our neighborhoods, Project Next Step was launched. The project, funded by a grant authorized by the Governor's Crime Commission, is designed to identify criminal activity in a targeted neighborhood selected by data. The concept is to locate the individuals involved in unlawful conduct and present a unique manner in dealing with that individual which, if successful, would eliminate overt criminal activity, while bringing all City and Community resources available to alter the individual's lifestyle. A project coordinator, Ms April Corbett, was selected. An oversight committee was put in place to advise, monitor and assist in the project. East Carolina University, Mid East Commission, Beaufort County Schools System, Beaufort County Community College, and Beaufort County Medical Center are only some of the civilian components of this project. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Washington City Manager, and City Officials are among other entities involved in this comprehensive plan to change the environment in our most challenging neighborhoods. The most important component is the citizens who live in the targeted neighborhood themselves. It is important to emphasize, that this is not a City, Police, or Law enforcement project. This project is the result of our entire Beaufort County community coming together to face a challenge as one team.



**April Corbett**  
Coordinator  
Project Next Step



**Det. Jerry Davis explains the  
Community Watch program**



**April Corbett speaks to community  
outreach workers**

## Washington Police Department Proactive projects

### Special Events

In addition to Project Next Step, the Washington Police Department provides security for, and participates in many functions throughout the year. It is with pride, that we partner with other City departments and businesses, to create a safe and relaxing atmosphere during the year. We provided security for 14 special events, utilizing 550 man-hours during 2008. Among some of the events with which we partner with City support are:

- National Night Out
- Music in the Streets
- Turnage Theater events
- Flotilla
- Summer Festival
- Smoke on the Water
- Celebration of Children Parade
- Christmas Parade
- Homecoming Parade
- Hispanic Walk
- Freedom March
- Young Life 5K
- New Year's Eve
- Halloween



Ofc. W. Bradbury and McGruff the Crime Dog at  
"National Night Out" 2008



Summer Festival

## Washington Police Department Training

The mission of the Washington Police Department cannot be fulfilled without properly trained, educated and devoted members, representing our agency. Law enforcement is a constant series of learning new legislation, technology, in-service, diversity training, and field work. A fresh point of emphasis on training and education is in place, and below is only a partial list of work-related training. An overall plan to ensure training is constant, is also provided. Additionally, the City maintains a positive program to encourage our members to continue their formal education, through incentives available.

The men and women of the Washington Police Department attended **4,811** hours of training in 2008.



**An Officer negotiates a course during Precision  
Driving Training**



**A Firearms Instructor assists an Officer during annual  
Firearms Training**

## Washington Police Department Training Matrix

This matrix shows what training is to be accomplished, according to years in grade / position.

	1st Year	2nd year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
<b>Police Officer</b>					
Intoxilyzer Certification	X		x		X
Radar Certification		X			X
Public Speaking					X
Diversity Training	X			x	
National Incident Management System	X				
TASER Training		X			
PPCT & Tactical Baton Training	X				
Officer Survival 1		X		x	
Precision Driving	X		X		X
Crime Scene & Evidence	X				
Interview & Interrogation		X			
DWI Detection	X				
Standardized Field Sobriety Test	X				
Police Law Institute			X		
Tactical Handguns			X		
Adv. Interview & Interrogation					X
Death Investigation				X	
Courtroom Testimony		X			
<b>Unit Supervisor / AUS</b>					
First Line Supervision	X				
Leadership			X		
Management Courses				X	
<b>School Resorce Officer</b>					
SRO Cert	X				
Gang Awareness		X			
School Law	X				
Gang Training		X			
<b>Detective</b>					
White Collar Crime	X				
Computer Crimes		X			
Advanced Interview & Interrogation	X				
Police Law Institute	*				
Death Investigations	*				
Advanced Crime Scene Investigation	X				
Advanced Photography			X		
First Line Supervision				*	
Mass Casualty Evidence Collection					X
Courtroom Testimony	*				

## Washington Police Department Information Technology

The most valuable tool in Law Enforcement is information. The Washington Police Department has taken the lead, in providing access to our members and our community, with the technology that allows connecting to, sharing and utilizing information from other localities, state agencies and federal Homeland Security initiatives, which allows our members to best serve our community. Through grant funding and with support from our leadership, we have deployed mobile data computers in our vehicles, allowing for paperless transfer of reports and keeping our officers in the community and less time in the office. Additionally, it provides 'real time' access to law enforcement sensitive data via the internet. We have also upgraded our office, to comply with legal requirements for interviewing witnesses, maintaining records, and securing evidence. Additionally, this reduces our use of paper and other resources in the 'going green' atmosphere. Although the price of technology is significant, we believe that we must keep up with the technology, in order to best serve our community. Updates and improvements are also connected to our E911 communications division, to best ensure quick, professional response to calls for assistance.



**Telecommunicators use technology to receive E-911 calls and dispatch resources**



**Police cars are equipped with mobile computers, printers, digital video systems and automatic vehicle locators as well as two-way radios and emergency equipment**

## Washington Police Department Goals and Projections

The final portion of this report is to establish a list of goals, that will ensure continued success with our mission to maintain safety and security in the City of Washington. While it is important to review our statistical analysis of 2008, we do so with the objective of identifying areas where our future needs to be focused. The members of the Washington Police Department commit ourselves to the goals listed and we wish to thank our City Manager, our Council and our citizens for their support of our efforts.

- **Combine our education and enforcement of traffic laws to reduce injury and destruction of property, resulting from vehicular traffic.**
- **Increase our use of and educate our community, regarding our ability to prevent unlawful activity, through our Certified Crime Prevention Specialists**
- **Reduce the involvement in and the destructive result of narcotic use within the City of Washington.**
- **Partner with the citizens, in a joint effort to reduce violations of city ordinances, thereby increasing the quality of life within neighborhoods.**
- **Continue our positive progress in the area of communication with our community, thereby providing proactive strategies to improve the quality of life.**
- **Maintain and increase our use of Community Policing philosophies, which increase our partnership with our Business Community.**
- **Improve our participation in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) concepts with other City departments, to attract future growth throughout the City.**
- **Diligently work through Project Next Step, to reduce unlawful activity throughout the City, with the ultimate goals of changing the environment within our community.**
- **Improve our ability to provide one of the basic 'quality of life' components, a safe environment, to increase the economic attraction and success of the City of Washington.**