

CY2018 Annual Report – Takoma Park Police



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Message from Chief of Police Antonio B. DeVaul

The purpose of this annual report is to provide information about your Police Department, about crime in the City of Takoma Park, accomplishments of the Department and to explain how every individual can partner with the police department to make our community safer.

Working in collaboration with the residents we serve, I am happy to report the City of Takoma Park saw an overall decrease in reported crime over last year. I am pleased to announce that violent crime decreased by 6.67% from 2017 to 2018 and by 30% overall since 2014.



We have made great strides to utilize emergent technologies to combat crime. Some call it “Predictive Policing,” and some call it “Intelligence Led Policing.” No matter what we call it, making crime prevention and crime fighting a regional effort is essential for our community. Our crime analyst and officers are able to view real time and historical crime data from our neighboring jurisdictions as well as communicate with our allied agencies via radio directly. This cross border communication and corroboration is essential in reducing criminal activity.

We are committed to promoting public safety while upholding the rights and dignity of all residents. This involves fostering a culture of transparency and accountability. We use frequent and timely communications via social media and press releases to convey information to our residents. We are committed to community policing, collaborative problem-solving with all community stakeholders, and continuing to build partnerships and trust with our constituents.

The City of Takoma Park appreciates the support by all members of the community. As your Chief, it is my responsibility to keep your trust in our staff by continuing to provide high quality police services.

Mission Statement

The Takoma Park Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality of police services by promoting an environment where police department employees and the community work in a partnership with a goal of improving the quality of life within our expanding multi-ethnic community, while at the same time maintaining respect for the diversity, individual rights and dignity of all residents.

The police department is committed to working in partnership with the community and each other to resolve issues and problems which impact public safety and the quality of life within our neighborhoods. We are further committed to nurturing the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and integrity.



Vision Statement

A Police Department that is committed to –

Community building through individual officer knowledge of constituents, and understanding of their needs at the neighborhood level;

Achievement of a superior quality of community life through problem solving with residents and an intolerance of criminal activity;

Responsiveness to changing community needs through planning, education, and technology; and

Excellence in service, marked with integrity, respect, innovation, and professionalism.

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for year-end 2018, as compared to year end 2017, shows a 6.67% decrease in Part 1 Crime. This is mostly due to the important decrease in robberies and auto thefts. A slight decrease in larcenies can also be observed.

Total Part 1 Crime Comparison 2017 and 2018

Crime	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
2017	0	3	29	19	55	359	30	495
2018	0	0	19	21	54	343	25	462
%Change	0.00	0.00	-34.48	10.53	-1.82	-4.46	-16.67	-6.67

Total Part 1 Crimes Five Years Decline

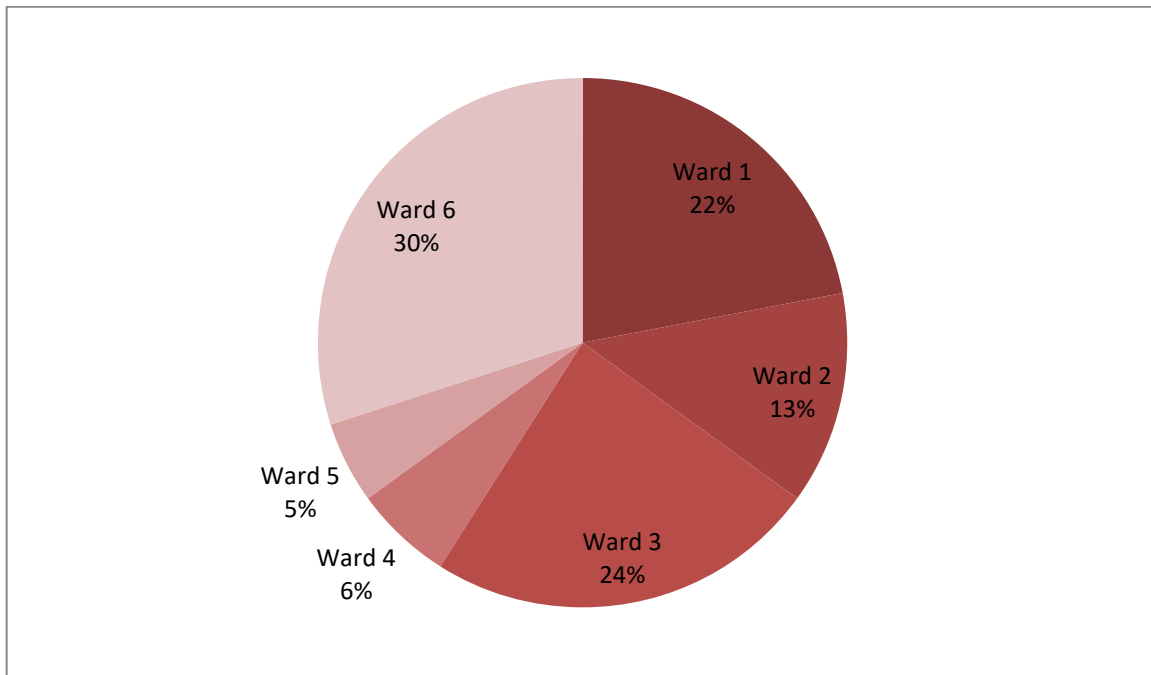
In the last five years we have observed a sustained decline of UCR Part 1 Crime in Takoma Park. Since 2014 a **30%** reduction can be seen in UCR part 1 Crime.

CRIME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Homicide	1	1	1	0	0
Rape	3	5	2	3	0
Robbery	35	25	27	29	19
Assault	17	23	40	19	21
Burglary	125	126	101	55	54
Larceny	430	405	293	359	343
Auto Theft	53	32	33	30	25
TOTAL	664	617	497	495	462

Breakdown of crime by area

The following data represents the 2018 Part 1 crimes statistics for the City of Takoma Park. Included is a monthly breakdown of Part 1 crimes in each respective Ward as well as a crime comparison of each Ward to the Total Part 1 Crime that occurred in Takoma Park. In reviewing the data, you will see that Ward 6 represents the most crime (30%) followed by Ward 1 (22%) and Ward 3 (24%).

Total Part 1 Crime by Ward



Ward 1 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Burglary	3	0	0	1	2	2	3	4	0	0	2	0	17
Larceny	6	5	9	7	8	3	2	6	3	2	12	6	69
Auto Theft	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	7
Total	12	5	11	10	11	5	7	11	4	3	14	7	100

City of Takoma Park & Ward 1 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	3	19	16
Assault	4	21	19
Burglary	17	54	31
Larceny	69	343	20
Auto Theft	7	25	28
Total	100	462	22

Ward 1 accounts for approximately 22% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Ward 2 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Burglary	4	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	12
Larceny	5	3	2	5	2	4	1	2	2	2	2	5	35
Auto Theft	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
Total	10	3	3	6	6	9	4	4	3	2	3	6	59

City of Takoma Park & Ward 2 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	2	19	11
Assault	4	21	19
Burglary	12	54	22
Larceny	35	343	10
Auto Theft	6	25	24
Total	59	462	13

Ward 2 accounts for approximately 13% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Ward 3 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Assault	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Burglary	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	9
Larceny	8	6	12	8	4	16	7	4	3	9	6	9	92
Auto Theft	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total	10	11	14	9	6	20	9	4	3	11	6	10	113

City of Takoma Park & Ward 3 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	19	5
Assault	6	21	29
Burglary	9	54	17
Larceny	92	343	27
Auto Theft	5	25	20
Total	113	462	24

Ward 3 accounts for approximately 24% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Ward 4 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Larceny	2	1	5	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	25
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	5	3	1	5	1	1	2	3	3	1	29

City of Takoma Park & Ward 4 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	19	5
Assault	0	21	0
Burglary	3	54	6
Larceny	25	343	7
Auto Theft	0	25	0
Total	29	462	6

Ward 4 accounts for approximately 6% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Ward 5 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Burglary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	3	17
Auto Theft	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Total	0	1	5	1	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	24

City of Takoma Park & Ward 5 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	19	5
Assault	2	21	10
Burglary	1	54	2
Larceny	17	343	5
Auto Theft	3	25	12
Total	24	462	5

Ward 5 accounts for approximately 5% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Ward 6 Crime Statistics

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	11
Assault	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Burglary	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	12
Larceny	6	8	13	7	8	16	3	10	4	11	10	9	105
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4
Total	11	10	19	9	8	18	4	12	6	14	14	12	137

City of Takoma Park & Ward 6 Comparison

Crime	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	11	19	58
Assault	5	21	24
Burglary	12	54	22
Larceny	105	343	31
Auto Theft	4	25	16
Total	137	462	30

Ward 6 accounts for approximately 30% of Part 1 Crime in 2018

Part 1 - Non-Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) in the Ejustice Information System: Background and Breakdown

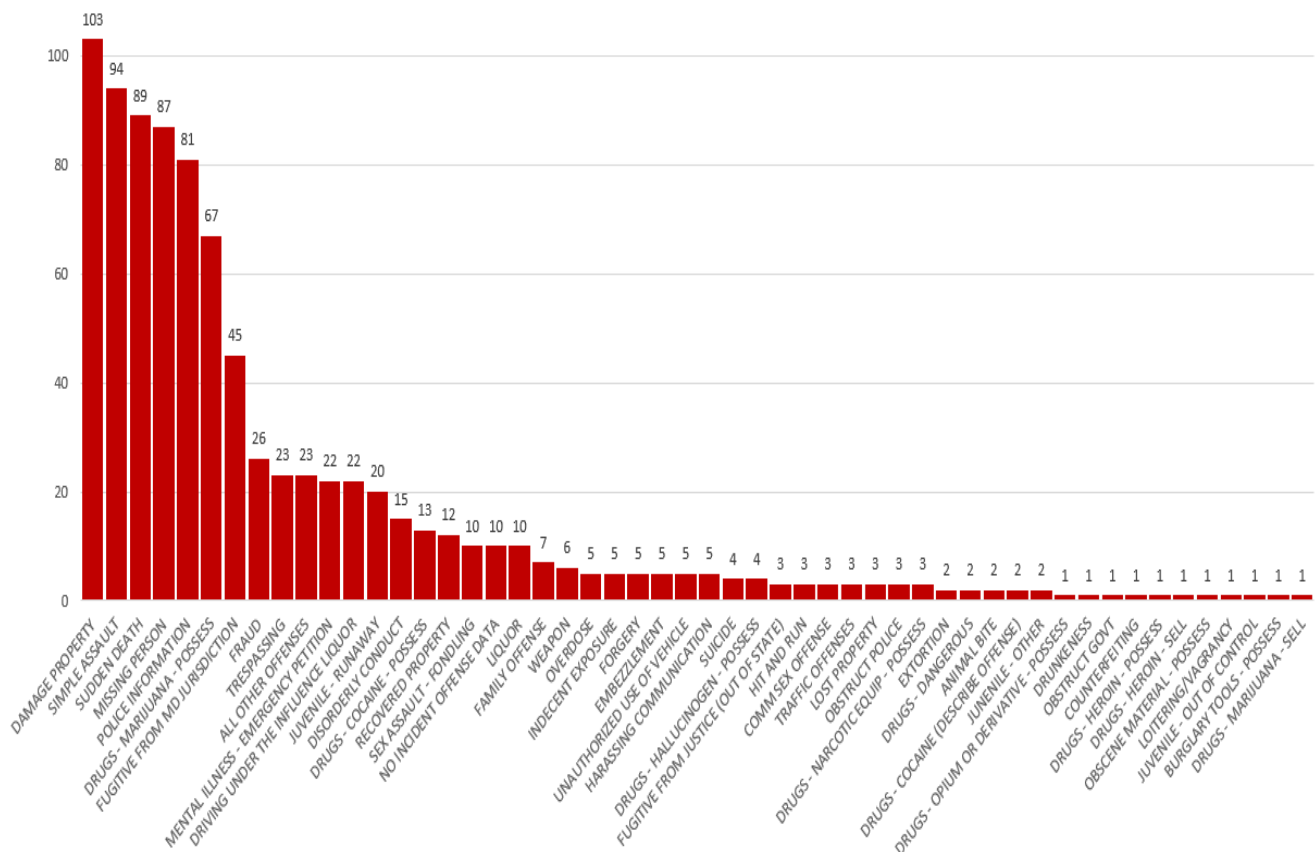
Sources: data extracted from the eJustice Information System referring to all the reports written between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Data included: all the reports from EJustice that have not been considered as UCR Part I crimes are included in the dataset.

No duplicates: as one report might refer to more crimes, the first reported crime has been used to determine the crime associated to a specific report.

Not all the reports refer to crimes: certain type of situations demand a police intervention but are not crimes, for instance “Sudden Death,” “Mental Illness” or “Missing Person.”

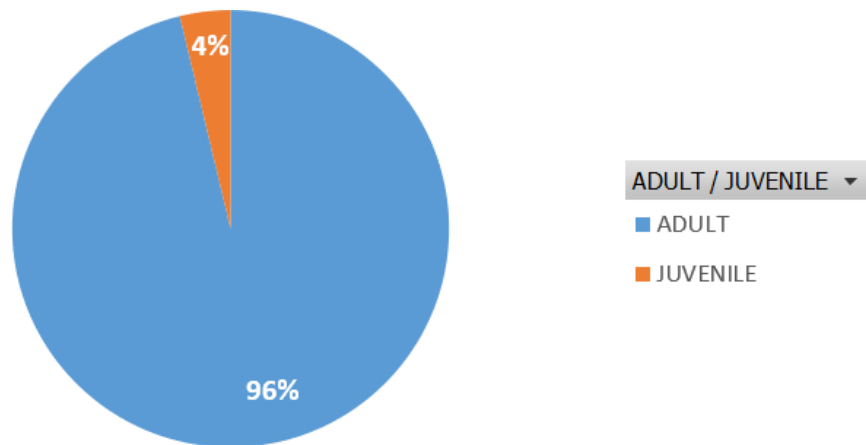
Part 1 Non-Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Extraction from eJustice



Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Arrests and Citations in the City of Takoma Park

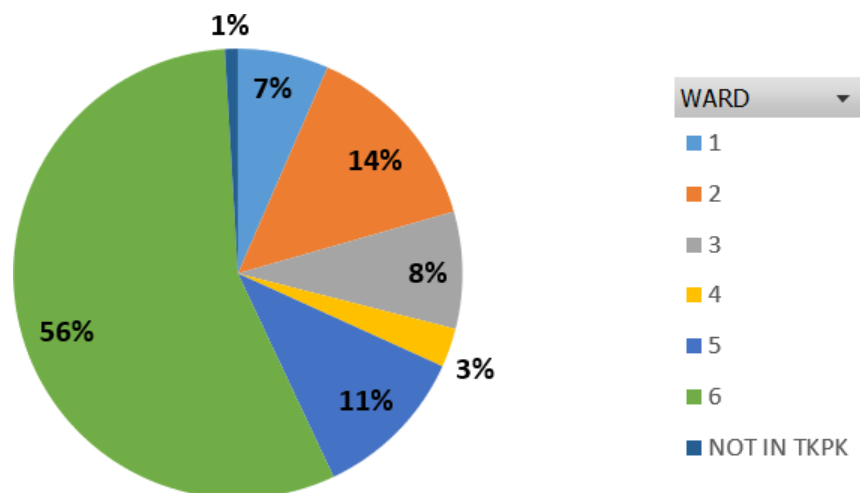
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Source: Extraction from eJustice



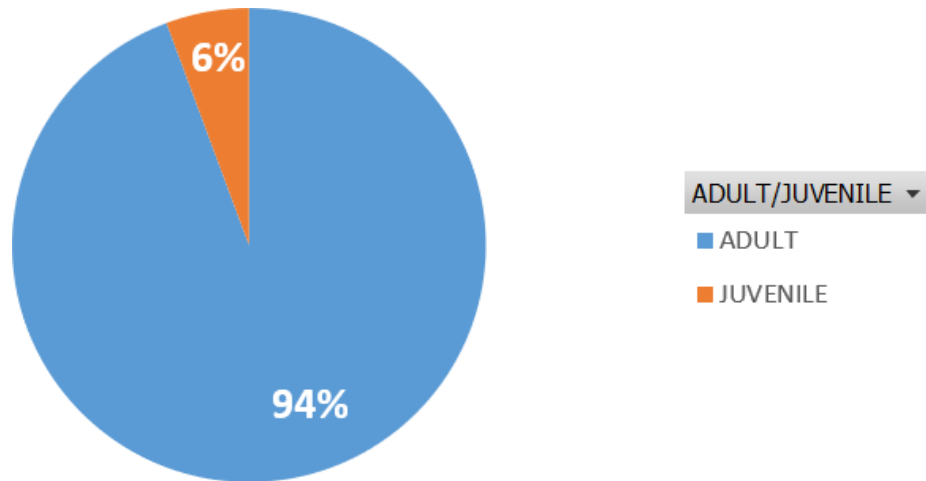
CDS Arrests and Citations in the City of Takoma Park - By Ward

Source: Extraction from eJustice



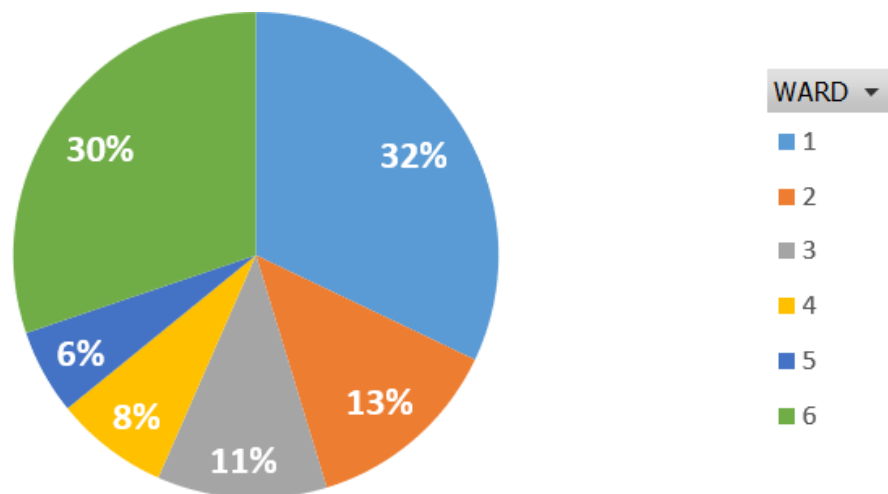
UCR Part 1 Arrests in the City of Takoma Park
(Adults and Juveniles) – Only Arrests

Sources: Extraction from eJustice and CID LOG



UCR Part 1 Arrests in the City of Takoma Park
By Ward – Only Arrests

Sources: Extraction from eJustice and CID LOG



UCR Part 1 Arrests in the City of Takoma Park

By Ward and by Crime

Sources: Extraction from eJustice and CID LOG

CRIME	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	WARD 5	WARD 6	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	2	2	3	4	1	1	13
Assault	4	1	1	0	0	1	7
Burglary	6	3	0	0	1	1	11
Larceny	2	1	2	0	0	13	18
Auto Theft	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	17	7	6	4	3	16	53

Office of the Chief

Automated Speed Enforcement Technology

Automated enforcement is the use of technology to enforce traffic laws. To date, the most common form of automated enforcement implemented in the United States is red light cameras, which detect and photograph vehicles that commit red light violations. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), approximately 300 communities in the United States use red light cameras.

Automated speed enforcement (speed cameras) is a less commonly used form of automated enforcement used to address vehicle speeds, automobile collisions and speed related injuries. Speed cameras detect the speed of motor vehicles and photograph vehicles exceeding a preset speed threshold. Jurisdictions use speed cameras to supplement traditional speed enforcement programs.

The use of automated speed enforcement does not eliminate the need for personnel. In particular, automated speed enforcement technology requires the hiring of trained personnel to set up, maintain, and monitor equipment.

There are three forms of speed monitoring systems: fixed pole, mobile, and portable camera units (PCUs). Both mobile and fixed speed camera systems consist of a radar antenna and a camera system. A mobile system is mounted in a marked van, which can be moved around to different pre-determined enforcement sites. Fixed pole cameras operate around the clock from a single location. Mobile camera systems require staffing by a trained operator, while fixed pole cameras require staff visits for the purpose of equipment monitoring and data downloads. PCUs can be moved around to different locations. The City of Takoma Park utilizes fixed pole and PCUs.

Program Description

State legislation authorizes the use of photo-radar/LIDAR speed monitoring on residential streets and school zones where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. Vehicle owners are subject to a \$40.00, non-moving

violation citation if the vehicle speed exceeds the posted limit by 12 mph or more. (At the time of inception, the program issued violations for exceeding the posted limit by 11 mph or more). The citation is a civil penalty and is treated as a non-moving violation. The civil penalty is not recorded on the owner's driving record by the State Motor Vehicle Administration, no "points" are assigned, and insurance providers are not notified.

Through provisions in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Montgomery County, citations that were issued by the City of Takoma Park were processed by Montgomery County. Revenues from the citations were initially remitted back to the City of Takoma Park. However, in October 2009, this policy changed and citations are now processed by Conduent directly with Takoma Park.

Safe Speed Corridors

In February 2013, the City Council and State Highway Administration approved the implementation of Safe Speed Corridors. Safe Speed Corridors are stretches of roadway identified and approved for Speed Camera Enforcement. Portable cameras can be placed in locations that have met all requirements and authorized by the State Highway Administration. The goal of this approach is to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit along the entire stretch of a roadway, rather than at one fixed speed camera location.

Location of Cameras

Takoma Park's Safe Speed Program is currently utilizing five fixed pole cameras and four portable camera units. The fixed pole units operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The portable cameras operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week at the sites they are located. The sites are located as follows:

Fixed Poles

- ◆ 7200 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **southbound (fixed pole)**
- ◆ 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **northbound (fixed pole)**
- ◆ 500 block of Ethan Allen Avenue/ **westbound (fixed pole)**
- ◆ 400 block of Ethan Allen Avenue/ **eastbound (fixed pole)**

◆ 950 block of East West Highway/ **westbound (fixed pole)**

Portable Units

- ◆ 900 block of University Boulevard/ **eastbound (portable unit)**
- ◆ 7400 block Carroll Avenue/ **northbound (portable unit)**
- ◆ 7400 block Carroll Avenue/ **southbound (portable unit)**
- ◆ 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **southbound (portable unit)**
- ◆ 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **northbound (portable unit)**
- ◆ 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **northbound (portable unit)**

Corridor Locations

- ◆ 6900-7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **northbound**
- ◆ 6900-7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ **southbound**
- ◆ 900-1300 block of University Boulevard/ **eastbound**

These automated enforcement locations were determined by traffic studies completed by Conduent at different locations throughout the City, as well as through accident data obtained from the Maryland State Highway Administration and the Takoma Park Police Department's records section. Thirteen sites were chosen for traffic surveys which assessed traffic volume and violation activity at each location. Initially, citations were issued to drivers exceeding the posted speed limit by 11mph or more. On October 1, 2009, the Maryland State Legislature in Annapolis raised the violation limit from 11 miles per hour over the posted speed limit to 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

Speed Camera Comparison- Citations Issued by Location

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018
5001- Ethan Allen Ave EB (400 block)	1261	1193	1040	1003
5002- Ethan Allen Ave WB (500 block)	1227	1105	1047	729
5003- New Hampshire Ave NB (7100 block)	12908	11656	11862	9923
5004- New Hampshire Ave SB (7200 block)	6596	5630	4328	5091
5005- University Blvd EB (900 block)	1159	6083	5060	4250
5006- East West Hwy WB (950 block)	2176	2139	2454	1255
5007- Carroll Ave NB (7400 block)	3751	2009	1043	3116
5009- New Hampshire Ave NB (7300 block)	7837	7154	4071	2731
5010- New Hampshire Ave SB (7400 block)	8259	5644	5384	3326
TOTAL	45174	42613	36289	31424

Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back



On April 28 and October 27, the Takoma Park Police Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), conducted Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back campaign is important as it gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The other two programs help residents to take further steps to protect their property.

In 2018, the department disposed of 646 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs via the drop box in the station lobby and in the two Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Days.

Residents looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the safe and secure **permanent drop off location** at the City of Takoma Park Police Department, 7500 Maple Avenue, 1st Floor Lobby, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912. The Takoma Park community can safely dispose of any unwanted/unused prescription and non-prescription drugs, patches, ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins or pet medication, by placing the unwanted/unused medication in the green Med-Return mailbox. **The collection site is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.**

Items that **CANNOT** be left are liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, regular household ointments/lotions, needles/sharps and/or thermometers.

The Takoma Park Police Department will collect and store these items and then safely dispose of them through accepted practices as done in past Take Back Events.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70% of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. But, the **Takoma Park community doesn't**

have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The drug collection unit is produced by MedReturn, LLC of Grafton, Wisconsin. MedReturn, LLC is committed to providing a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way to help law enforcement agencies and communities collect unwanted or expired household medication, including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and unused pharmaceuticals.

Sworn Officers

The following person was sworn in as Takoma Park Police Officer in 2018:



February 13

Henok Atakilt

Emergency Management

During the course of 2018, Mr. Hardy worked with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on many projects, including but not limited to:

Mosquito Task Force multi-county agencies to educate the public and prevent Zika and other mosquito transmitted diseases.

Updated the City of Takoma Park Emergency Operations Plan.

Worked with Montgomery County and other municipalities on the county Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Conducted outreach on safety and preparedness to high rise resident buildings in the city. Will follow-up with buildings missed in 2019.

Montgomery County, Gaithersburg, Chevy Chase, Rockville, other jurisdictions and Everbridge, worked on the Mass Notification system to better improve the alert system in the National Capital Region and share best practices for use on the Region's Alert System.

Represented the city on numerous conference calls in the winter and summer regarding storms, and as the hurricanes tracked up the coast into our area, providing information to city management.

Participated in Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee's outreach project events in the city such as Celebrate Takoma, National Night Out, Folk Festival and the Street Festival. As part of the outreach to all, a quiz game and bean bag toss were used to help people understand the need to prepare.

Along with other members, started classes on a program called "Stop the Bleed." The one-hour class taught people techniques on how to control severe bleeding from direct pressure to use of tourniquets. Classes will continue in 2019.

TPPD staff represented the City on the National Capital Regions Council of Governments, Emergency Managers Committee. Committee discussions were centered on regional exercises, training and the yearly Threat Analysis to the region.

Continued to train City employees on the city response plan to Shelter in Place, Lock-down, and best procedures for an Active Assailant attack.

Participated in the Community Police Academy and the Explorer program.

Worked with Montgomery College and Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on the planning and delivery of an Active Shooter exercise at the Rockville campus and its effects on the other campuses.

Participated in the Montgomery County Emergency Managers Group meetings and the two training exercises at the Emergency Operations Center

Provided an Emergency Preparedness presentation to cub scouts of Den 33 in December

Statutory Mandates

A plethora of new laws or changes to existing laws were enacted and/or became effective in 2018, many of which impacted the policies and procedures of the police department.

The "Move Over" law has expanded to include waste/recycling trucks and transportation, service and utility vehicles with yellow/amber flashing lights or signal devices; already covered under the law are tow trucks, emergency response vehicles and law enforcement vehicles.

Some people with a learner's permit can take a provisional driver's license test sooner than before.



The Motor Vehicle Administration can provide birth certificate copies if they are on record with the Maryland Department of Health.

The penalty for interfering with a school bus driver or public transportation worker has been increased to a 1-year sentence rather than 90 days previously on record and/or up to \$1,000 fine.

Law enforcement officers can issue a civil citation to a person who distributes certain tobacco products, including e-cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery programs. The penalty is \$300 for a first violation; \$1,000 for a second violation; and \$3,000 for each subsequent violation in a two-year period.

Groups are now considered to be victims of a hate crime.

There are now mandatory minimum sentences for those with past convictions who are found wearing, carrying or transporting a handgun.

Permanent protective orders will now be available for victims of domestic violence.

The "red flag law" allows a judge to order the temporary surrender of firearms if someone is deemed a threat to themselves or others, through an extreme protective order.

Devices such as "rapid fire trigger activators" are now banned in the State of Maryland. This includes bump stocks.

Battery-operated smoke alarms are no longer allowed to be sold unless they are sealed, tamper-resistant units incorporating a silence/hush button and using one or more long-life batteries.

A crime of violence defined under § 5-101 of the Public Safety Article and a crime against a victim who is a person eligible for relief under § 4-501 of the Family Law Article, a new charge is added to the list of charges for which a person is statutorily prohibited from violating a condition of pretrial or post trial release. It makes it a crime to violate an order prohibiting contact, harassment, or abuse of the alleged victim or going in or near the alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

Doctors must disclose risks and benefits when prescribing opioids.

Distributors must report suspicious orders of controlled dangerous substances.

Pharmacists are allowed to discuss different medications at lower costs with patients, since a "gag rule" has been revoked.

Public Safety – Extreme Risk Protective Orders - Authorizing certain individuals to file a petition for an extreme risk prevention order with a certain court or law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain judge to enter an interim extreme risk prevention order to order the respondent to surrender to law enforcement authorities any firearm in the respondent's possession and to refrain from possession of any firearm for the duration of the extreme risk prevention order;

authorizing a judge to proceed with a final extreme prevention order under certain circumstances; etc.

Criminal Procedure – Firearms – Transfer - Requiring a State's Attorney to serve a written notice on a certain defendant, defendant's counsel, and the court prior to trial or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or the equivalent; requiring a court to inform, either verbally or in writing, a defendant convicted of a certain offense that the defendant is prohibited from possessing certain firearms; requiring the defendant to provide proof of a transfer of firearms owned by the defendant; requiring the defendant to transfer all firearms within 2 business days of sentencing; etc.

Distribution of Electronic Cigarettes to Minors – Prohibition and Penalties - Prohibiting under criminal law a person that distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes from distributing to a minor an electronic nicotine delivery system; prohibiting under criminal law certain persons from purchasing for or selling an electronic nicotine delivery system to a minor; prohibiting under criminal law certain minors from using, possessing, obtaining, or attempting to obtain an electronic nicotine delivery system; establishing a criminal penalty for distribution of nicotine delivery systems to minors; etc.

A full list of bills that Governor Hogan signed into law can be found at:

<http://governor.maryland.gov/bill-signings/>

Community Outreach

The Takoma Park Police Department continues to participate in and launch new outreach efforts:

✦ **Community Police Academy:** A program in which members of the community are educated in different functions and components of the Takoma Park Police Department, including but not limited to communications, criminal law/investigations, traffic law, victim/witness rights, driving under the influence, use of force/Tasers, speed camera program, emergency preparedness, firearms, media relations, gangs, bicycle law, canine program, patrol, crime analysis and community policing.



✦ **Click it or Ticket Campaign:** A campaign during the month of May to raise awareness of the importance of wearing a seatbelt and using the proper child safety seats while operating or riding in a motor vehicle. ***Officers issued 29 seatbelt*** citations and educated drivers who were not wearing a seat belt or who did not have their child properly restrained.

✦ **Police Notification List:** To sign up for notifications from the police department, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/police and click on the link and put a name, email address and then click any of the boxes of topics you would like to receive. It can be updated as many times as the user likes.

✦ **Home Security Surveys:** Survey of the strengths and weaknesses of security measures of a residence (fences, locks, alarms, etc.). It is conducted by an officer trained in completing security surveys. The officer provides information on how to reinforce the weak security measures.

✦ **House Checks:** Services offered to residents who will be away on vacation for a lengthy period of time (usually one week or more). A police officer responds to the residence on a daily basis to ensure that no crime (such as a burglary) has occurred to the residence.

✦ **Community Cam Program:** Community Cam is a crime fighting tool that residents and businesses within the City of Takoma Park can use to register their private video surveillance systems to assist the police department in solving crime and crime prevention. The program is free.

Visit the website at <http://communitycam.takomaparkmd.gov/> and register your camera system and you will only be contacted by the police department if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera. The program is voluntary and you can exit the program at any time.

✦ **Caring About Residents Everyday (CARE):** CARE is a program directed at our residents who live alone with special needs, or just need to be checked on each day. It's another way we can give back to the community and take care of those in need. To sign up, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/police and find the link under Community Policing.

✦ **Operation Chill:** The Takoma Park Police Department partners with 7-Eleven each summer in its "Operation Chill" program; a program that aims to reduce crime and build rapport between kids and law enforcement. "Operation Chill" is a great way of teaching the importance of making good decisions, being kind and doing the right thing. Through "Operation Chill," Takoma Park Police patrol officers can 'ticket' youngsters caught in the act of doing good with Slurpee beverage coupons. Appropriate 'offenses' might include helping another person, deterring crime, practicing safety (wearing a helmet during bike riding), participating in a positive activity in the community, or just for having a pleasant conversation with an officer. Each coupon can be redeemed for a small Slurpee drink at participating 7-Eleven stores. The coupons are great for officers who are on patrol in the community. It's an icebreaker, a way to encourage dialogue in a non-threatening, non-law enforcement situation.



♦ **National Night Out:** An annual event held by individual communities at which time they demonstrate their commitment to being partners in the fight against crime.



♦ **Police Chief's Advisory Board:** A group of residents or business owners who live or work within the City and who meet on a regular basis to discuss community issues and how the police department can be of service.

♦ **Ride-Along Program:** Provides residents the opportunity to ride in a marked police cruiser alongside a patrol officer to observe the daily duties of an officer.

♦ **"Take 25" Awareness Program:** Celebrated in the month of May and nationally recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited

Children. It raises awareness of child safety and encourages parents to take 25 minutes of their time to educate their children in the importance of personal safety.

♦ **Junior Police Explorers:** An on-going program for kids aged 14 to 21 to be a part of the police department and who are educated in different functions and components of the Takoma Park Police Department, including but not limited to communications, criminal law/investigations, traffic law, victim/witness rights, driving under the influence, use of force/Tasers, speed camera program, emergency preparedness, firearms, media relations, gangs, bicycle law, canine program, patrol, crime analysis and community policing. They are given various opportunities for volunteer work and participation in police functions, such as the 4th of July Parade, Police Week activities, etc.



♦ **Homework Study Club:** The Takoma Park Police Department Homework Club offers young people an after school experience where they can socialize with their peers, earn SSL hours, enjoy some pizza, and complete their homework. It's a comfortable and supportive environment embracing teamwork and an increased positive attitude towards school. These kids take homework seriously, together, one assignment at a time!



♦ **Polar Bear Plunge:** The Takoma Park Police Department participated in the 2018 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge! Officers and civilian employees braved the cold and plunged into the Chesapeake Bay in support of Special Olympics Maryland athletes across the state.



♦ **Breakfast with Santa:** The Takoma Park Police Department launched a Breakfast with Santa event in December. It was well received by the community.



♦ **Coffee with a Cop:** The Takoma Park Police Department held two Coffee with a Cop events. Both were well received by the community.





♦ **Car Seat Installation:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its first Car Seat Installation Program in 2018 in partnership with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. Takoma Park will continue with this service in 2019.

♦ **Coat Drive:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual winter coat drive in partnership with the Takoma Park Adventist Church. The department collected clean, gently used warm coats in any size from infant to adult. The coats were donated to people in need. This coat drive makes a difference in the lives of others by simply donating coats and jackets that are no longer needed. We also accept clean, gently used gloves/mittens and scarves during these drives.



♦ **Toy Drive:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual toy drive. Our officers brought a smile to so many kids' faces on Christmas Day - hand-delivering over 123 **toys**! Thank you to our community and City employees for so many donations to make the "Pack the Patrol Car" event so successful!



◆ **Towel/Blanket Drive for Animals:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual Towel & Blanket Drive for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, which was once again a success.



◆ **Safe Routes to School:** Officers worked Safe Routes to School details, which is a program designed to target vehicle/pedestrian violations around schools in an effort to provide a safer commute for the children coming and going to school. Violations include signals, signs, crosswalks, speeding, school bus violations, pedestrian related offenses and other offenses. As a result of enforcement efforts, ***47 citations were issued, with the majority being for stop sign violations.***

◆ **Distracted Driving Awareness:** In April, the distracted driver campaign focused on distracted motorists while driving. Officers worked various details throughout the City enforcing the law and educating motorists. ***Officers issued 17 state citations and three warnings; the majority being for talking on a cell phone while driving.***

♦ **Alcohol Holiday Task Force:** In November through to the end of the year, Takoma Park Police partnered with Montgomery County Police, and other allied agencies, for an Alcohol Holiday Task Force. *During the eight weeks of the task force, task force officers arrested 205 people for driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs. (It should be noted that these arrests include only those arrests made by task force officers and do not include the additional arrests made by patrol officers in the performance of their duties. Therefore, the number of total DUI arrests made by officers during this time period is higher).*



Officer of the Year (2017)

Cpl. Michal Godlewski was selected as Officer of the Year 2017 because of his dedication to duty and his significant accomplishments and contributions throughout the year. He demonstrated outstanding performance by showing initiative, perseverance and dedication to duty in highly credible police work.

Cpl. Godlewski worked with the Special Assignment Team for four years. In that time, he was an integral part of that unit, making 563 arrests and

obtaining numerous search and seizure warrants. In addition to his investigatory assignments, he volunteered as the “go to” field training officer assisting new officers assigned to the unit and, in 2017, trained two officers who were new to investigations.

Cpl. Godlewski also took on the role as team leader for the Department’s Emergency Response Team (ERT). In this role, he supervised a group of specially trained officers tasked with the tactical mitigation of dangerous situations. Remarkably notable for 2017, Cpl. Godlewski successfully established a long-lasting partnership with the City of Laurel Police Department. Recognizing the expertise and equipment that both Departments could bring to the other, he established a collaborative tactical team with that agency. These efforts enhanced the effectiveness of both Departments’ tactical teams, as well as their respective agencies.

In addition to his regular duties, Cpl. Godlewski also took it upon himself to initiate a “station beautification” project. Recognizing the need to update and upgrade the aesthetic look of the police department, he began to make changes, to include displaying law enforcement photographs, inspirational posters, as well as historical memorabilia illustrating the police department’s long history. Cpl. Godlewski also gave his time to assist and instruct for the annual Community Police Academy and the on-going Police Explorer Program.

When not spending his time as an investigator in SAT, supervising the ERT, upgrading the aesthetic look of the police department and teaching various blocks of instruction to different groups, Cpl. Godlewski spent his time assisting with the recruitment of new officers. During 2017, he developed a new physical fitness threshold for new applicants, provided assistance with the application and testing process, and proposed ideas to enhance the caliber of applicants sought while ensuring an equitable process.

Civilian of the Year (2017)

Mr. Ron Hardy, Emergency Manager, was selected as Civilian of the Year 2017 because of his dedication to duty and his significant accomplishments and contributions throughout the year.

During 2017, Mr. Hardy served as the Administrative supervisor for 10 weeks. He also not only co-hosted the annual Community Police Academy, he also handled a block of instruction. He also taught a block of instruction for the on-going Police Explorer Program. He taught, and continues to teach, a variety of classes in the City for council, senior staff, new employees, Council of Governments (COG) and private groups, to include first aid, work place violence and emergency preparation. Mr. Hardy created a city-wide safety team that addresses employee concerns on emergency preparedness, as well as other safety issues.

Mr. Hardy participated and assisted in a myriad of police events, such as the Prescription Drug Take Back Day, including completing the follow up by weighing and transporting the items for destruction. He also participated in many outreach events providing information on emergency preparedness, to include but is not limited to the 5K race, Celebrate Takoma, July 4th, Folk Festival and the Street Festival. He has given instruction to the Boy Scout Troop 33 and assisted in their outreach project to educate the community in Ward 1 on the Zika virus. He gave many presentations to the community, including the Adventist Church and Fire Department, regarding safety. In addition, Mr. Hardy was always available to help other staff members with anything they needed. Whether it was driving cars to Public Works or staying late to assist with any program, he would change his schedule to help and he was always happy to do so. Mr. Hardy's duties are too voluminous to sum up, but he goes above and beyond in everything he does for the department.



National Night Out

The City's National Night Out Against Crime observance took place on August 7. National Night Out is held by individual communities to demonstrate their commitment to being partners in the fight against crime. National Night Out Against Crime is designed to heighten awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and enhance police-community relations.



No Shave November

Takoma Park Police joined No Shave November in support of Grow & Give to end prostate Cancer. Takoma Park Police raised over \$1,200 to donate to Grow & Give. We thank our officers, police department & city staff and community for participating, bringing awareness and donating to this very worthy cause.



Criminal Investigations Section (CIS)

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) consists of three investigators and one unit supervisor. CIS is overseen by one division commander and one assistant commander. The commander is also responsible for the direct supervision of the Special Assignment Team (SAT), Victim/Witness Coordinator, Crime Analyst and the Property/Evidence room.

CIS Statistics

There were 158 new cases assigned during 2018. Out of the 158 cases assigned to CIS for investigation, 100 were closed, eight were exceptionally cleared, 33 were suspended and 29 arrests were made. The unit as a whole had a 63% closure rate.

2018 CIS STATISTICS – Unit as a Whole

Cases Closed	Cases Exceptionally Cleared	Cases Suspended	Arrests	Closure Percentage
100	8	33	29	63%

NOTABLE ARRESTS

During 2018, several notable arrests/case closures were made and this represents a sample of those arrests.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - On January 16, units responded to the 600 block of Elm Avenue for the report of a residential burglary that occurred earlier. The victim had left for work in the morning and when she arrived home, she found that the rear glass door was shattered and the home ransacked. The suspect stole jewelry, to include an expensive watch. Coincidentally, the victims had been burglarized previously when they lived in another

home in Takoma Park. In that case, the same watch was stolen and recovered in a pawn shop, which led to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect in that case and the watch had since been returned. Detectives again used the pawn database, which again located the watch which had been sold by another, unrelated suspect. Investigation into that suspect revealed that he as a suspect in numerous other residential burglaries in Prince George's County and Washington D.C. Detectives worked closely with these agencies and located the suspect at his address in Prince George's County, operating a stolen vehicle. After attempts to elude officers in the stolen vehicle, he was arrested and found to be in possession of a handgun.

COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY - On January 25, units responded to the Check Cash located in the 1300 block of University Blvd., for an attempt armed robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival, detectives spoke with the complainant, who stated that the subject entered the store wearing a hooded sweatshirt and large sunglasses in an effort to hide his face and was carrying a red bag. He approached the teller window and handed the teller a note. The note contained a very threatening demand for cash and indicated that the assailant was armed with a handgun. The suspect then slammed the red bag down on the counter. The employee, in fear for her life, stepped away from the counter and gave the note to a coworker. The subject then left the business without obtaining any currency. A K9 was deployed and a track of the subject began. The K9 lead officers in the direction that the subject was last seen walking and the bag that the subject was carrying was found. The bag was shown to the complainant and was positively identified as the bag the suspect was carrying. The note, left by the subject, was collected by detectives and submitted to the lab for processing for latent fingerprints. Fingerprints were recovered from the note and sent to the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (RAFIS) for identification. The prints on the note were successful for a name. A comparison of the video surveillance images of the subject was conducted and confirmed that the subject had been identified. The subject had extensive criminal history to include weapon possession and robbery. An arrest warrant was applied for and received and with the assistance of the Crime Analyst and the Special Assignment Team, detectives were able to positively determine that the subject was living at an apartment in Hyattsville, Maryland. A search and seizure warrant for the apartment was applied for and obtained. The subject was located in the apartment and

arrested. The search warrant recovered the clothing and glasses worn by the subject during the robbery attempt. An additional search warrant was applied for and aided in recovering hand written letters from the subject that were needed for handwriting comparison to the note left by the subject. The letters were submitted as a writing sample to compare with the robbery note left behind by the subject. Maryland State Police conducted the analysis and concluded that the subject's handwriting matched the writing on the note. Based on this overwhelming evidence, the subject pled guilty to Attempt Commercial Armed Robbery.

ASSAULT & ROBBERY - On January 29, units responded to the Takoma Park Elementary School for the report of a robbery that had just occurred. The victim, a school employee and student at Washington Adventist University, reported that she was violently assaulted by seven female assailants who punched and kicked her, as well as sprayed her with mace. The suspects took her cell phone and wallet and fled in a vehicle. Detectives responded and conducted interviews, which revealed that the victim knew her assailants very well and had a previous interaction with them. According to the victim, the suspects were angry at her for not inviting them to a birthday party. All seven suspects were identified and charged with the robbery and assault. Upon their arrests, they were interviewed by detectives and several of them gave admissions to the assault and robbery.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY - On June 29, units responded to the Washington McLaughlin Adult Day Center, for the report a burglary that occurred earlier. Upon officers' arrival, they met with the business owner who provided a list of property taken, to include laptop computers, medication, flat screen televisions and credit cards. The suspect gained entry through an unlocked window and once inside, the suspect destroyed the video surveillance equipment and splashed bleach and other cleaning liquids throughout the facility in order to destroy physical evidence. The suspect located keys to the transport vehicles and stole one of the vans. Unbeknownst to them, the vehicle had a tracking device installed by the owner. Investigators received the data from the device which revealed a location in which the vehicle stopped after the burglary. That address revealed that the suspect was related to the victim. The stolen vehicle was recovered and evidence located in the vehicle, confirmed the suspect's identity. An arrest warrant was applied for and with the cooperation from the victim, the defendant was arrested. Further investigation recovered all

of the victim's property, which was returned. The suspect pled guilty to the offenses.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - On July 17, units responded to the 7400 block of Holly Avenue for the report of a residential burglary that occurred earlier. The victim stated that she left her house in the early afternoon and when she arrived late that evening, she discovered that her back door was open and her home ransacked. The suspect had taken a large quantity of jewelry and electronics as well as credit cards. A neighborhood canvas was conducted and a witness was located and provided a description of the possible suspects. With this information, detectives determined that the suspects fled to the Takoma Metro Station. Video footage was obtained from the Metro Transit Police Department which revealed that the suspect used the victim's metro pass card. The suspects later used the victim's credit cards in Prince George's County and detectives received video from those transactions as well. Detectives worked with investigators from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia in order to positively identify the suspect(s) and warrants were obtained. The suspects were charged with numerous burglaries in all three jurisdictions.

ARMED ROBBERY/SHOOTING - On September 10, units responded for the report of an armed robbery that just occurred. The victim stated that he was accosted by a group of young men and robbed of his phone and cash. Prior to fleeing, one suspect discharged a round from a handgun into the ground next to the victim. A witness was located and stated that she saw the suspects in a local business prior to the robbery and video surveillance was located. The victim reported that he recognized one of the suspects and knew that he attended an area high school. During the investigation, it was determined that the suspects were members of a local criminal street gang. Detectives worked with the Montgomery County Police Gang Unit and were able to identify all of the suspects and they were arrested. Detectives worked closely with the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office and one of the defendants provided a full confession to the robbery and shooting.

ATTEMPTED MURDER - On November 22, units responded to the 6800 block of New Hampshire Avenue for a large fight in progress in the parking lot of an after hour's restaurant. Upon the officers' arrival, the crowd began charging at and attempting to assault the police. An emergency request for assistance from surrounding jurisdiction was made in order to control the

crowd. Through witness interviews, it was determined that one victim had been stabbed several times and transported to MedStar by friends and another victim was unconscious and had been transported to Washington Adventist Hospital by friends. Detectives were notified and responded to interview the victims. It was revealed that the stabbing victim was in critical condition and in emergency surgery. Detectives responded to MedStar and interviewed approximately 20 family members and friends. From these interviews, relevant suspect information was obtained and through the use of open sources and social media, the suspect was identified and charged. The stabbing victim made a full recovery. The second assault victim had a concussion and had no recollection of how he was injured.

Special Assignment Team (SAT)

The Special Assignment Team (SAT) is a unit comprised of three detectives and one sergeant. SAT investigators operate in a plain clothes capacity and are tasked with the following:

- Fugitive Apprehension
- Case Enhancement for active investigation being led by the criminal investigation division.
- Investigation of complaints originating from residents regarding quality of life issues such as narcotics violations, weapon offenses and prostitution.
- Assisting regional law enforcement allies with felony investigations which cross jurisdictional boundaries.
- Self-initiated investigation which stem from pro-active street level enforcement.

In 2018, SAT made 35 arrests. The arrests include such criminal activity as auto theft, distribution of illegal narcotics, burglary, theft from auto suspects, and sexual assault. Additionally, members of SAT seized one illegally possessed firearm.

Significant Events

The Takoma Park Police Department lost a member of SAT during 2018 – an off-duty death. Sergeant Matthew Barber, a 13 year veteran of the Takoma Park Police Department served from October 17, 2005 to his End of Watch on May 24, 2018. Sgt. Barber played a significant role in SAT during 2018 and will always be remembered for his kindness and manner in which he interacted with the community and members of the agency.



Notable Arrests/Incidents

During 2018, members of SAT made many notable arrests to include the following:

Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana/ Illegal Possession of a Handgun Investigation - During 2018, SAT was involved in addressing drug, and other issues in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue. On February 9, members of SAT were involved in a surveillance in which they observed a suspected narcotics transaction. The investigation resulted in six individuals who were stopped, with four arrests made after the recovery of a loaded handgun and approximately one pound of marijuana was located.

SAT was involved in several arrests involving assistance to the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Section. On April 20, SAT arrested a subject who was in possession of approximately one ounce of Phencyclidine (PCP) and who was responsible for a theft from auto in which a warrant was obtained by a member of the Patrol Division.

On July 27, members of SAT were involved in a theft investigation and a meeting was arranged with the suspect of the investigation. The arranged meeting resulted in the suspect from the theft being involved in a physical confrontation with a member of SAT and subsequently firing a handgun

several times at the officer. The suspect was taken into custody in Washington, DC and charged in both Washington, DC and Maryland.

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Takoma Park/Laurel Police Emergency Response Team (ERT) currently consists of 15 active members and two Tactical Perimeter Team (TPT) members.

During 2018, the team responded to and successfully resolved two barricades, executed 18 search and seizure warrants for various agencies and assisted in four narcotics related operations as over watch. During these operations, three handguns and one shotgun was recovered.

ERT members also participated in the 1st Annual Veteran's Day Event at the Takoma Park VFW Post 350, as well as three public demonstrations.



Members of ERT and TPT conducted approximately 250 hours of training during 2018. The training topics included certification and re-certification in less lethal/chemical munitions, rappelling, distractionary devices, defensive tactics, vehicle takedowns, room entry and clearing, as well as handgun and rifle qualifications. The counter snipers and breachers conducted additional training separate from the team as part of their specialized training. ERT and the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) also conducted two mock barricade/hostage negotiation trainings as well as participated in Active Shooter Response training.

Internal Affairs Investigations Report

The Takoma Park Police Department's policy directives require investigations of all complaints against the Department or its employees, and that annual statistical summaries of such investigations by the internal affairs function be made available to the public. The following is a summary of complaints filed for calendar year 2018:

Twelve formal complaints were recorded in 2018 with three subjected to internal affairs investigations. Seven complaints were submitted by community members and four complaints were generated internally by an employee, the Chief of Police, or the Command Staff. One of the formal complaints was submitted by another law enforcement agency. There were no complaints referred anonymously. Two of the 12 formal complaints were received for the same incident by two family members.

During 2017, the police department initiated an online option to file complaints AND compliments in an effort to make the process easier and more accessible. The online option was used for submission of five of the formal complaints to include two family members on the same incident. There were two complaints filed online that were not complaints and filed incorrectly by community members as a report of a crime. There were five compliments that were filed using the online option thanking officers for their handling of various calls for service.



Subjects of the complaints in 2018 included a total of 10 sworn officers, some of whom were involved in more than one complaint. One civilian employee was the subject of a complaint. There were two complaints that did not specify an employee.

One of the 10 complaints resulted in sustained findings of improper conduct, and disciplinary measures were warranted and taken. Four complaints are still pending investigation due to case specific circumstances. Nine complaints were referred to a supervisor for investigation/counseling sessions in lieu of an internal investigation (two were from the same incident). The disciplinary measures taken during

2018 on sustained findings were handled administratively and resulted in administrative actions to include counseling and written reprimands to address specific issues.

The 2018 statistical comparison with 2017 indicates a decrease of five complaints with 17 received in 2017 and 12 received in 2018 - or a reduction of 29.4%. Five fewer complaints were referred to internal affairs investigations in 2018 as compared to 2017. Sustained findings decreased from six in 2017 to one in 2018.

Of particular interest in 2018 was the use of body worn camera footage to assist in the investigation of complaints. Body worn camera footage was essential in several complaints to include two that were determined to be unfounded based upon review of body worn camera footage.

In 2018, officers had a total of 13,484 contacts with the public, which included calls for service, self-initiated calls*, and traffic stops. The complaints represent 0.09% of all contacts.

Residents are reminded that the process for making a complaint against a police employee is detailed on the City of Takoma Park web page by selecting the Government and then the Police tab. The information is also available on flyers available to the public in the Police Department lobby. Complaints and compliments can be filed online through the web page.

**Self-initiated calls: These types of calls are initiated by a police officer and given to dispatch, i.e., loiterers, suspicious subjects, parking, etc.*

Use of Force Activity

The Takoma Park Police has stringent reporting guidelines for Use of Force incidents. The Department's policy requires reporting under the following situations:

- Any use of a secondary weapon

- Any physical strikes

- Pointing a Taser or firearm in the clear direction of an individual

Non deadly force without a weapon that results in apparent physical injury or purported claim of injury

Deadly Force

Any intentional or unintentional discharge of a firearm or Taser

K-9 deployment with injuries

Any material difference in description of force reportedly used by an officer and reported by the subject upon whom the force was used.

An analysis was done on Use of Force incidents for the year 2018 and resulted in the following:

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS- 17

There were 17 incidents in which force was used/claimed in 2018 compared to eight the previous year, which represents an increase of 112.5%. Six of the 17 use of force incidents involved animals (euthanizing injured deer) as compared to two in 2017, and three involved a show of force, which gained compliance prior to physical force being required.

In 2018 Takoma Park Police officers had a total of 13,484 contacts with the public which included; calls for service, self-initiated calls, and traffic stops. Takoma Park Police officers used force in 0.08% of the contacts (Does not include the six animal incidents).

The breakdown of the reported use of force incidents is as follows:

K-9 utilization (one incident involved an accidental bite) -3

Firearm to euthanize injured animal - 6

OC (Pepper Spray) -1

Physical takedowns/Hand controls -3

Firearm (show of force only) -2

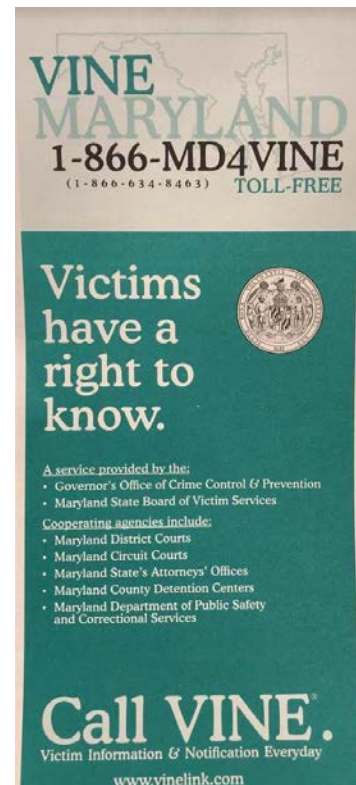
Firearm -1

Taser (show of force only) -1

Victim Witness Assistant Statistics

The needs of victims within the service area of the City of Takoma Park can vary. Variables may include the type and extent of each individual crime, the existing support already in place for each victim, the age of the victim or the victim's financial needs. Some victims may require as little as basic information given by a police officer in the form of a pamphlet provided by the State, "Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services". Other victims may need many hours of support and assistance provided by police officers, the Takoma Park Police Department Victim Witness Assistant and other related service providers.

The Victim Assistant, a civilian police employee, may initially come in contact with a victim at a crime scene if called in by an officer or detective, especially if the victim has need of emergency services such as safety planning, protective orders, emergency shelter, or crisis counseling. Most victims are contacted by the Victim Assistant to offer support, information, accompaniment to court or to offices of other agencies for services. A victim's needs are assessed at that time and referrals for additional services such as counseling, medical care, support groups and compensation are given to victims after an incident. The Victim Assistant can also act as a liaison between the victim and detectives investigating a case. The Victim Assistant can schedule interviews and sit with the victim, if asked. The Victim Assistant also passes on important information to victims and witnesses and explains police procedures, the investigative process and the criminal justice system. If requested, the Victim Assistant accompanies victims and witnesses to pre-trial interviews with prosecuting attorneys.



In 2018, the Victim Assistant had contact with approximately 702 individuals who were either victims, family of a victim or witnesses to a crime. These cases involved most Part I serious crimes, as well as cases of domestic violence, assault, identity theft, unattended deaths, runaways, elder abuse, child abuse and sex assaults. Accompaniment was provided to

court, prosecutors' offices, related medical visits or service providers 78 times. In addition, the Victim Assistant had contact with many people seeking information pertaining to unreported incidents or other concerns such as family or immigration issues as well as City residents who had been victims or witnesses of a crime in other jurisdictions.

Ongoing support and services continued for victims and survivors of homicides from incidents that occurred in previous years, as needed.

A homicide case from 2017 went to trial in 2018. This was a jury trial that involved many of the victim's friends and co-workers who either attended the trial or were called to testify. Because of the close contact the Victim Assistant had maintained with these people, she was able to help coordinate their appearance as well as the officers who were subpoenaed to testify and to accompany the friends and co-workers who wanted to observe the trial. She also assisted these people with writing victim impact statements to the Judge prior to sentencing.

Another case involved an elderly resident who had been previously victimized by a family member while living in another jurisdiction. Because of allegations of further abuse/neglect by another family member made to Adult Protective Services, the Victim Assistant accompanied a social worker to the home several times. No criminal charges were filed, however follow-up phone calls were made to both the elderly woman and her family by the Victim Assistant to check on her.

The Victim Assistant is also responsible for gathering all evidence, including photos, statements, lethality assessments, 911 calls and all reports, in cases of domestic violence to submit to prosecutors for trial. In 2018, evidence was gathered and submitted in 48 cases. These cases are the most time sensitive and intensive because of the possibility the abuse can intensify and/or become deadly.

In another case of domestic violence and sexual assault, the Victim Assistant accompanied the victim to the hospital for a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam, accompanied the victim to several court hearings for protective orders and many interviews with both detectives and prosecutors and finally help in preparing her for trial.

The Victim Witness Assistant also keeps a court calendar for officers and personnel who have been subpoenaed to testify in criminal and traffic

cases and acts as a liaison between the department and the State's Attorney's Office when there are conflicts or complications or additional information is needed for court. In 2018, the Victim Assistant logged in and distributed an average of 300 subpoenas per month.

The Victim Assistant gave presentations related to victim's rights, issues and resources in both the department's Community Police Academy and the Police Explorer Program.

In addition, the Assistant trained new officers and dispatchers, translated Spanish/English as needed both written and verbal and maintained a relationship with related service agencies in Montgomery County, as well as other counties by attending Service Providers' meetings and training.

Operations Division

The Operations Division consists of one Captain, one Lieutenant, four Sergeant Team Leaders, five Corporals, 11 Private First Class, and one Private Officers.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit works closely with all other units of the Takoma Park Police Department. At the end of the calendar year, the department has two K9s - Kota (Partner: Cpl. Matthew Muzzatti) and Drogo (Partner: Cpl. Jessica Garrison). During 2018, the K9 unit took calls for the following:

Mutual Aid (MCPD) – 18

Mutual Aid (Other PD) - 4

Alarm (Home/Business) – 6

Assault - 1

Burglary – 5

Canine Demonstration – 2

CDS Investigation – 1

CDS Violation – 3



Domestic - 2

Robbery – 7

Shooting – 2

Suspicious Situation - 2

Traffic Stop – 11

Trespassing - 2

Weapons Offense – 4

DEPLOYMENT TOTAL – 49

APPREHENSIONS – 12

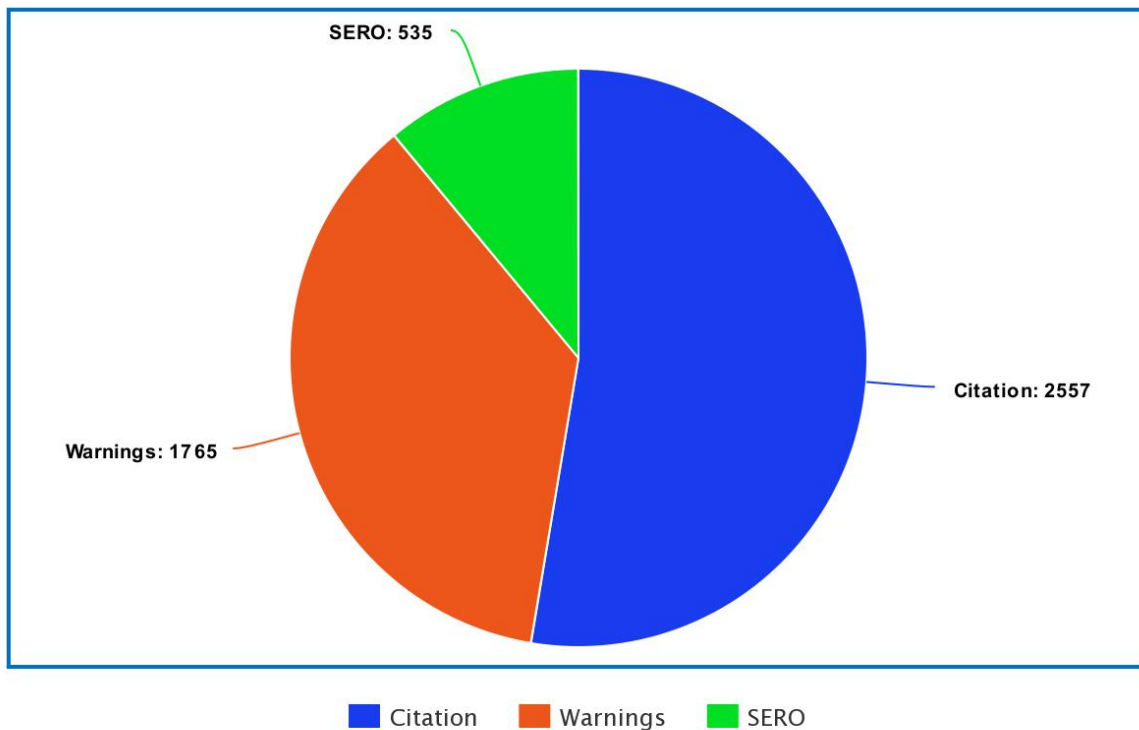
Honor Guard

The Takoma Park Police Department's Honor Guard was formed in the late 1980's and is made up of members from all ranks. The Honor Guard participated in various details on behalf of the City and Police Department. They also posted colors for the July 4th parade and fireworks. In May, the Honor Guard participated in the Concerns for Police Survivors (COPS) Escort Detail at Reagan National Airport during National Police Week.



Traffic Statistics

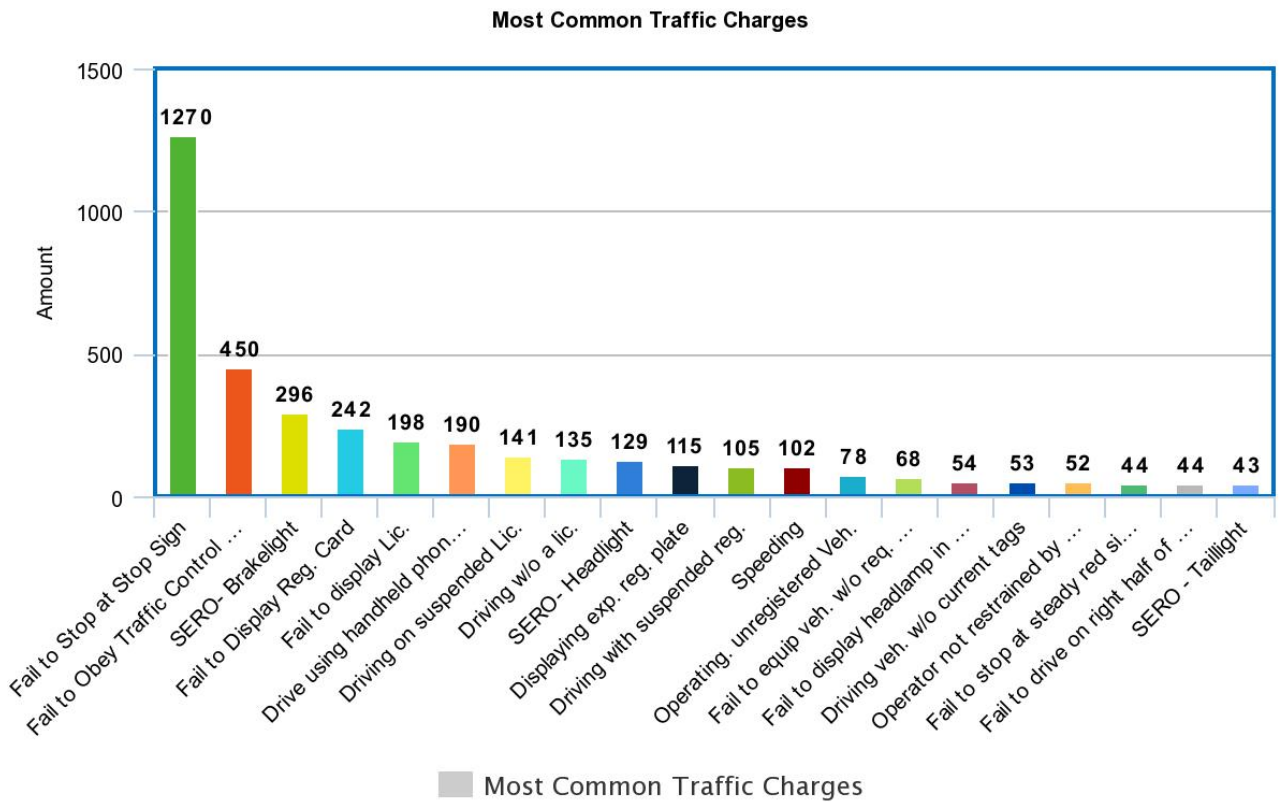
Throughout 2018, the Takoma Park Police Department conducted several traffic related details, which concluded with officers issuing 2,557 E-Citations, 535 Safety Equipment Repair Orders and 1,765 warnings.



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Most Common Charges

Charge	Quantity	Charge	Quantity
Fail to Stop at Stop Sign	1,270	Driving Veh. W/ Suspended reg.	105
Fail To Obey Traffic control Device	450	Speeding	102
SERO Brake light	296	Operating unreg. Veh.	78
Fail to Display Reg. Card	242	Fail to equip. veh. w/ req. stop lamp	68
Fail to Display Lic. On Demand	198	Fail to display headlamp in unfavorable conditions	54
Driver using Handheld phone while veh. In motion	190	Driving Veh. w/o current reg plates/tabs	53
Driving on suspended lic.	141	Oper. Veh. Not restrained by seatbelt	52
Driving without a lic.	135	Fail to stop at steady red signal	44
SERO- Headlight	129	Fail to drive on right half of roadway	44
Displaying expired reg. plates	115	SERO- Taillight	43



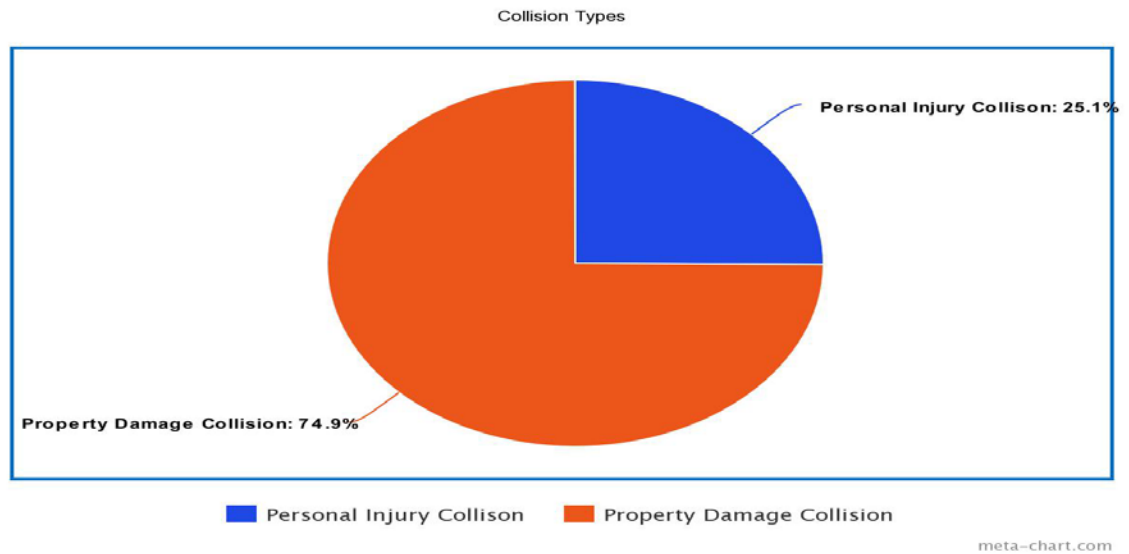
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Total Amount of Traffic Stops: 2,281 Stops

Takoma Park Accident Collision Data

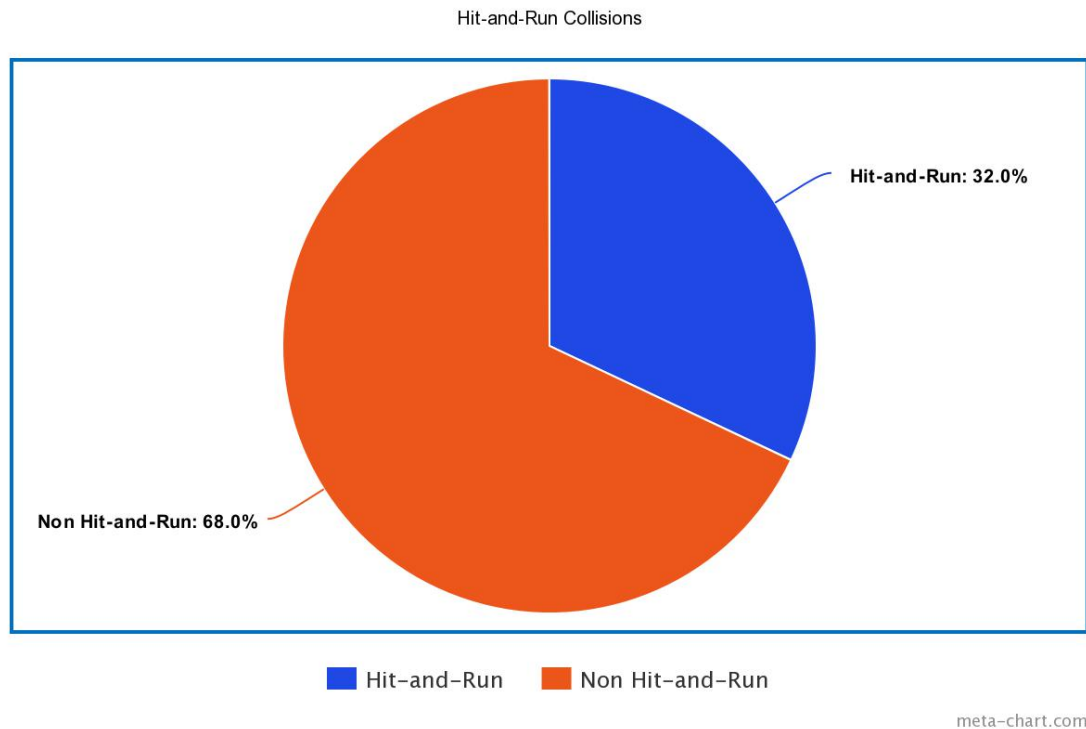
A total of 203 crashes were recorded by the Takoma Park Police Department.

Personal Injury Collison	51 Total Injury Collisions
Property Damage Collison	152 Total Property Damage Collisions



Not Hit-and-Run	138 Total
Hit-and-Run	65 Total

32% were due to Hit & Runs; 68% were not due to Hit & Runs



During 2018, officers of the Takoma park Police Department worked extremely hard enforcing traffic violations and making criminal arrests to make Takoma Park a safer community.

The following outlines enforcement efforts by patrol officers during 2018:

Calls For Service	15,399
Reports written	1,572
Field Investigative Reports (FIRS):	806
State Tickets	2,265
Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO):	1,246
Parking	526
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): Arrests	8
Warnings	2,734
In-View Arrests	132
Juvenile Arrests	9
Warrant Service	165
Warrants Obtained	44
Criminal/Civil Citations	136

Support Services Division

The Support Services Division consists of one Captain, two Lieutenants (one for investigations and one for administration), a Records Clerk, Logistics/Payroll Clerk, Warrants/(National Crime Information Center) NCIC Clerk, Parking Enforcement Clerk, Neighborhood Services Team members, an Emergency Preparedness Manager and seven dispatchers.

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for overseeing various functions that support the overall departmental units. These functions include policy review and development, fleet management, quartermaster/supply, technology implementation, grant research, budget preparation and administration. This division is also responsible for recruitment selection and oversees the Administrative Support Staff.

Current Staffing

The Takoma Park Police Department is authorized to employ 43 sworn positions. Currently, the department is staffed with 37 sworn officers with five currently in the Police Academy.

Retirements

In August, after 23 years of service, Capt. Richard Bowers retired from Takoma Park to lead the City of Greenbelt Police Department as Police Chief.



In December, after 20 years of service, Capt. Tyrone Collington, Jr. retired from Takoma Park to assist in leading the City of Bladensburg Police Department as Deputy Police Chief.



In December, after 26 years of service, Cpl. Roberto Rodriguez retired from Takoma Park.



TAKOMA PARK POLICE: DISPATCHED CAD EVENTS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	740	612	632	637	650	729	758	665	676	672	635	650	8,056
2018	684	560	670	705	738	521	601	598	593	648	531	588	7,437

***Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Events:** These types of calls are received by the 911 Dispatcher and then given to police officers, i.e., burglaries, alarms, 911 disconnects, etc.*

***Self-Initiated Calls:** These types of calls are initiated by a police officer and given to dispatch, i.e., loiterers, suspicious subjects, parking, etc.*

SELF-INITIATED FIELD ACTIVITY

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	Other Self-Init	303	282	243	183	252	260	191	218	199	189	145	155	2,620
	Traffic Stop	229	344	357	266	234	370	237	269	269	315	274	260	3,524
	Total	532	626	660	449	586	630	428	487	468	504	419	415	6,144
2018	Other Self-Init	191	141	151	183	185	198	188	187	180	195	134	781	2,714
	Traffic Stop	295	274	272	486	270	199	259	178	201	301	344	254	3,333
	Total	486	415	423	669	455	397	447	365	381	496	478	1,035	6,047

Training

Training of Takoma Park Police personnel, both sworn and non-sworn, remains a priority; it enhances the skills, knowledge and abilities of staff and identifies gaps in capabilities and procedures. Takoma Park police officers, like all sworn officers across the state, must meet the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission annual certification requirements, which include a minimum of 18 hours of on-going “in-service” training. This training was completed jointly with the various law enforcement agencies from across the county to ensure a coordinated response to emergency situations, including firearms, use of force and legal updates.

Supervisors, patrol officers and detectives attended a wide range of training programs designed to improve their skills, including responses to public safety-related situations. The training covered traditional areas such as managing a police shooting incident, active shooters and traffic stops. Patrol officers and detectives also focused on emerging issues such as the use of social media sites, cellular phone data recovery, and technology in forensics investigations. Other training included two Captains attending the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command Program, and other officers receiving training in TRUE Leadership (Valuable Lessons for Leaders), Foundations of Leadership, Leadership in Police Organizations, Field Training & Evaluation Program, K9 Management and Oversight, Child Passenger Safety Certification Training, Explosive Breaching Certification training and Emergency Vehicle Operations. In addition, members of the department attended the following conferences for continued learning: International Association of Chiefs of Police, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and Maryland Tactical Officers Association.

The training of newly hired officers, and the continuing of training all officers, will remain a priority in 2019. The opportunity to train a new officer, who will have an impact on the department and community for years, is critical to the future of the agency.

Grants

Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Award – The Takoma Park Police Department applied for and was awarded funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to be used to help offset the costs of providing ballistic armor to its police officers. The department issues armor that meets the standards promulgated by the National Institute of Justice and is designed to protect against the types of threats most likely to be encountered by law enforcement professionals. A fewer number of units were due for replacement in 2018, so the amount awarded was less than in past years. The agency award in 2018 was \$2,336 and can be used for ballistic vests for officers.

Neighborhood Services Team (NST)

During calendar year 2018, 361 Property Maintenance Cases were opened and closed. Presently, there are 49 open cases that have yet to be resolved. Monthly inspections were performed on 45 vacant properties; these cases stay open until they are occupied. There were 78 properties on the monthly litter patrol; these are multi-family residential and commercial buildings. There were 53 environmental cases that were opened and closed; these cases were used to enforce the City's environmental initiatives. Thirty snow citations were issued. Two hundred and sixty-five Courtesy Notices were issued. There was a removal of 2,301 signs and flyers from utility poles and the public right of way.

NST hosted one Organic Lawn Care presentation to promote Safe Grow and two Anti-Litter presentations. NST staff also visited several businesses to provide educational materials.

Parking Enforcement issued 3,777 parking tickets, 162 72-hour warning tickets and impounded 49 vehicles for various infractions.

In Memoriam

Matthew (Matt) Lee Barber ended his watch on May 24, 2018, at the age of 39, after suffering a stroke while off duty. He is survived by his wife, Kalihah, and his two young daughters, Kora and Kialelee. Matt is also survived by the men and women of the Takoma Park Police Department – his work family, partners and friends.

Matt was a Damascus Cougar football player and went on to play for the LInganore Lancers until graduation in 1997. Matt always wanted to be a police officer so, in high school, he joined the Frederick County Sheriff Explorer Cadet Program. From there, Matt started at Frostburg State and went on to get his AA at Frederick Community College. Matt then signed on with the Montgomery County Correctional Department in 2002 and worked at the Rockville facility (MCDC).

In 2005, Matt landed his dream job with the Takoma Park Police Department. He started out as a patrol officer and soon garnered recognition for his superior service. Matt received numerous unit citations, memorandums of commendation, command recognitions, and in 2011, a meritorious service medal. In addition, Matt won the department's First Place Shooter award five times, including back to back in 2015 and 2016.



Matt was extremely proud of his final assignment as a detective with the Special Assignment Team. Matt was also a member in good standing with the Frederick Paternal Order of Elks Lodge #684.

Matt devoted his life to making this a safer world for everyone. He was a devoted husband, a loving father to his two wonderful girls and a good friend to those who knew him.

Matt was posthumously promoted to Sergeant in May 2018. In addition, the departments First Place Shooter Award has been re-named the Matt Barber First Place Shooter Award.