

CY2021 ANNUAL REPORT

TAKOMA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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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.



In 2021, our city and our nation continued to face the challenges of a global pandemic and a national outcry for reform of our public safety system. In 2021, the Takoma Park city council created a Reimagining Public Safety Task Force (RPSTF) to review the public safety model in Takoma Park. The task force made 51 recommendations. All city departments, the chiefs advisory board, and the city council reviewed the recommendations made by the RPSTF and provided input. Many of the recommendations had already been implemented and many are in the process of being implemented. We will continue to work with the city council and other stakeholders to review the recommendations and make improvements to our public safety delivery, where appropriate.

The City of Takoma Park saw a 5% increase in Part 1 reported crime over the last year. This was mainly due to an increase in larcenies and auto thefts. This trend is not unique to our agency. Many agencies locally and nationally have seen a significant increase in serious crime.

Making crime prevention and crime-fighting a regional effort is essential for our community. Our crime analyst and officers can 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 are essential in reducing criminal activity. However, to have a real lasting impact on criminal activity, we must look at the core issues impacting criminal activity; lack of educational opportunities, jobs, housing, and mental health care.

The Takoma Park Police Department is committed to taking a holistic review of the public safety model in Takoma Park. 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. Good bad or indifferent, you will always get the full story from us. 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 of 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.

Total Part 1 Crime Comparison 2020 and 2021

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for year-end 2021, as compared to year end 2020, shows a 5% increase in Part 1 Crime. This is mostly due to an increase in reported larcenies and auto thefts. Percent change values have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

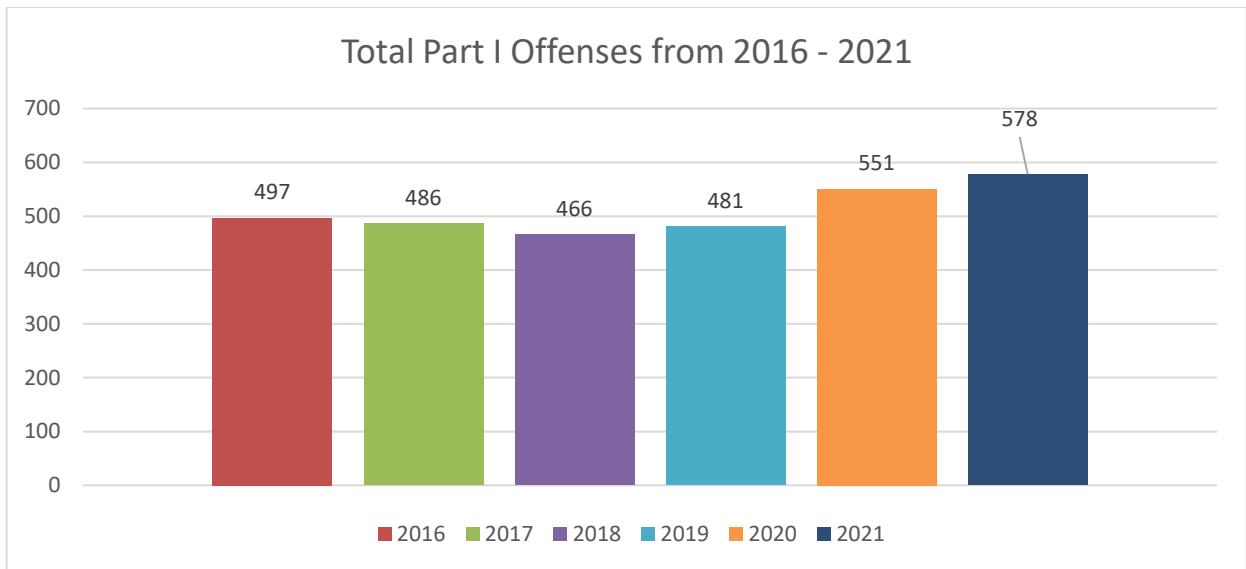
Total Part 1 Crime Comparison 2020 and 2021

Year	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Auto Theft	Theft from Auto	Total
2020	25	35	162	2	7	29	32	259	551
2021	16	32	194	3	4	34	40	255	578
Change	-36%	-9%	+20%	+50%	-43%	+17%	+25%	-2%	+5%

Total Part 1 Crimes 16% Increase

In the last six years we have observed a 16% increase of UCR Part 1 Crime in Takoma Park. This is mainly due to the increase in crime over the last two years.

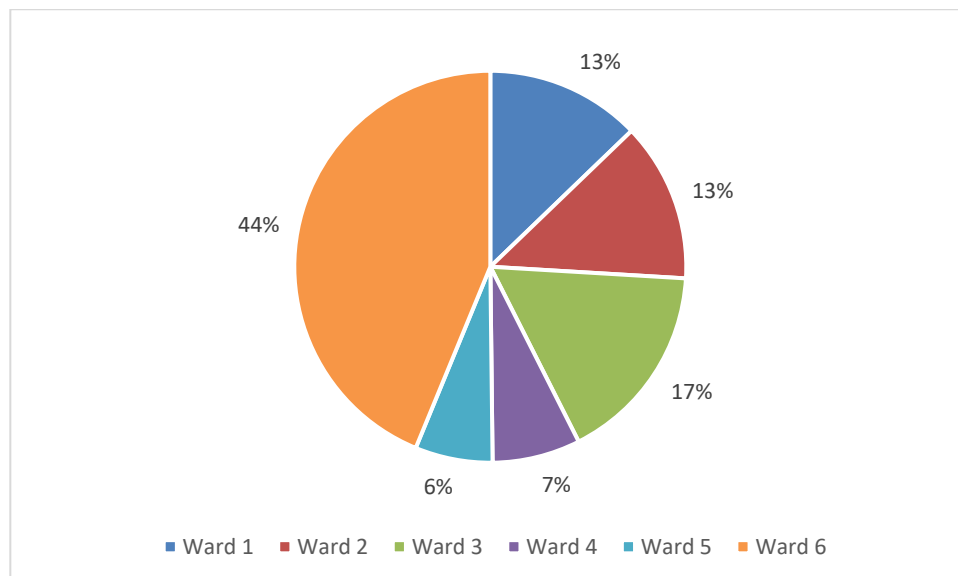
Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	1	0	0	0	2	3
Rape	2	3	4	5	7	4
Robbery	27	20	19	27	29	34
Assault	40	19	21	31	25	16
Burglary	101	55	54	50	35	32
Larceny/Theft from Autos	293	359	343	343	420	449
Auto Theft	33	30	25	25	32	40
TOTAL	497	486	466	481	551	578



Breakdown of crime by area

The following data represents the 2021 crimes statistics for the City of Takoma Park. Included is a monthly breakdown of crimes in each respective Ward as well as a crime comparison of each Ward to the Total Crime that occurred in Takoma Park. In reviewing the data, you will see that Ward 6 represents the most crime 44% followed by Ward 3 at 17% and Ward's 1 and 2 with 13%.

Distribution of Part I Offenses by Ward



Ward 1 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
Burglary	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Larceny	1	4	3	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	1	19
Murder	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	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Auto Theft	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Theft from Auto	5	1	2	1	4	7	3	3	2	4	3	5	40
Total	8	6	7	8	5	10	6	3	3	7	4	7	74

City of Takoma Park & Ward 1 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	0	3	0%
Rape	0	4	0%
Robbery	3	34	9%
Assault	4	16	25%
Burglary	5	32	16%
Larceny	19	194	10%
Theft from Auto	40	255	16%
Auto Theft	3	40	8%
Total	74	578	13%

Ward 1 accounts for approximately 13% of Crime in 2021

Ward 2 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Larceny	2	4	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	1	3	19
Murder	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Auto Theft	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Theft from Auto	6	6	8	0	1	3	6	7	3	1	3	1	45
Total	11	11	11	4	1	5	8	8	5	4	4	5	77

City of Takoma Park & Ward 2 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	1	3	33%
Rape	2	4	50%
Robbery	5	34	15%
Assault	0	16	0%
Burglary	2	32	6%
Larceny	19	194	10%
Theft from Auto	45	255	18%
Auto Theft	3	40	8%
Total	77	578	13%

Ward 2 accounts for approximately 13% of Crime in 2021

Ward 3 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	10
Larceny	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	3	16
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Auto Theft	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	10
Theft from Auto	5	6	3	3	6	7	3	7	4	3	5	4	56
Total	8	9	6	9	13	7	7	10	4	8	8	7	96

City of Takoma Park & Ward 3 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	0	3	0%
Rape	1	4	25%
Robbery	3	34	10%
Assault	0	16	0%
Burglary	10	32	31%
Larceny	16	194	8%
Theft from Auto	56	255	22%
Auto Theft	10	40	25%
Total	96	578	17%

Ward 3 accounts for approximately 17% of Crime in 2021

Ward 4 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Burglary	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Larceny	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	1	1	17
Murder	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	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Theft from Auto	2	0	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	14
Total	3	1	4	5	5	5	0	3	3	8	4	1	42

City of Takoma Park & Ward 4 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	0	3	0%
Rape	0	4	0%
Robbery	4	34	12%
Assault	3	16	18%
Burglary	3	32	9%
Larceny	17	194	9%
Theft from Auto	14	255	5%
Auto Theft	1	40	3%
Total	42	578	7%

Ward 4 accounts for approximately 7% of Crime in 2021

Ward 5 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Burglary	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Larceny	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	9
Murder	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	1	0	0	0	0	1
Auto Theft	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
Theft from Auto	0	0	6	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	14
Total	5	2	8	3	3	3	1	6	0	2	1	3	37

City of Takoma Park & Ward 5 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	0	3	0%
Rape	0	4	0%
Robbery	1	34	3%
Assault	2	16	6%
Burglary	4	32	12%
Larceny	9	194	4%
Theft from Auto	14	255	5%
Auto Theft	7	40	18%
Total	37	578	6%

Ward 5 accounts for approximately 6% of Crime in 2021

Ward 6 Crime Statistics

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Assault	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
Burglary	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
Larceny	7	11	7	5	8	10	14	7	16	8	3	18	115
Murder	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	2	2	0	4	2	0	4	3	1	2	18
Auto Theft	1	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	16
Theft from Auto	10	8	9	12	9	7	3	6	5	10	1	6	86
Total	20	22	22	25	19	24	22	15	28	24	6	26	253

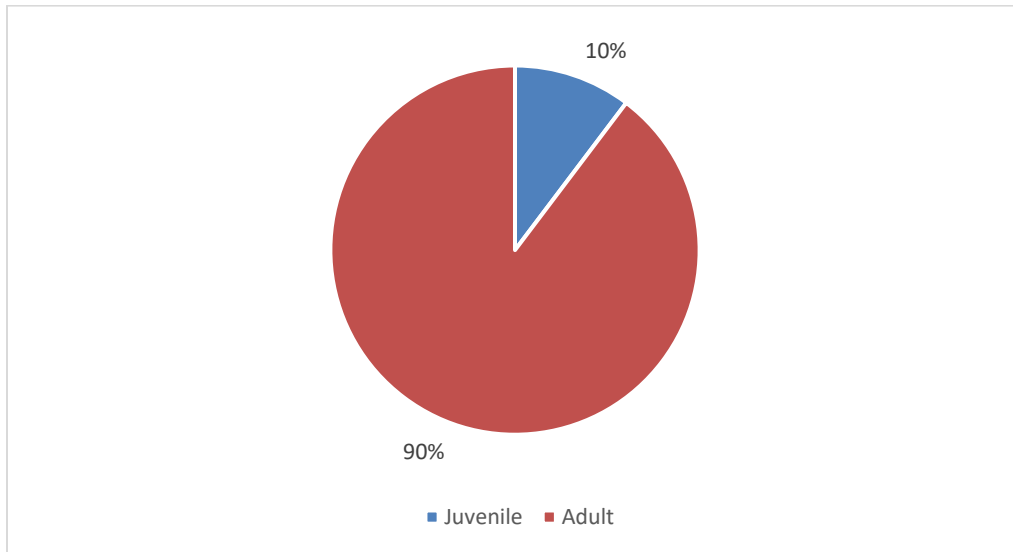
City of Takoma Park & Ward 6 Comparison

Offense	Ward	City	% of Total Crime
Murder	2	3	67%
Rape	1	4	25%
Robbery	18	34	53%
Assault	7	16	44%
Burglary	8	32	25%
Larceny	115	194	60%
Theft from Auto	86	255	34%
Auto Theft	16	40	40%
Total	253	578	44%

Ward 6 accounts for approximately 44% of Part 1 Crime in 2021

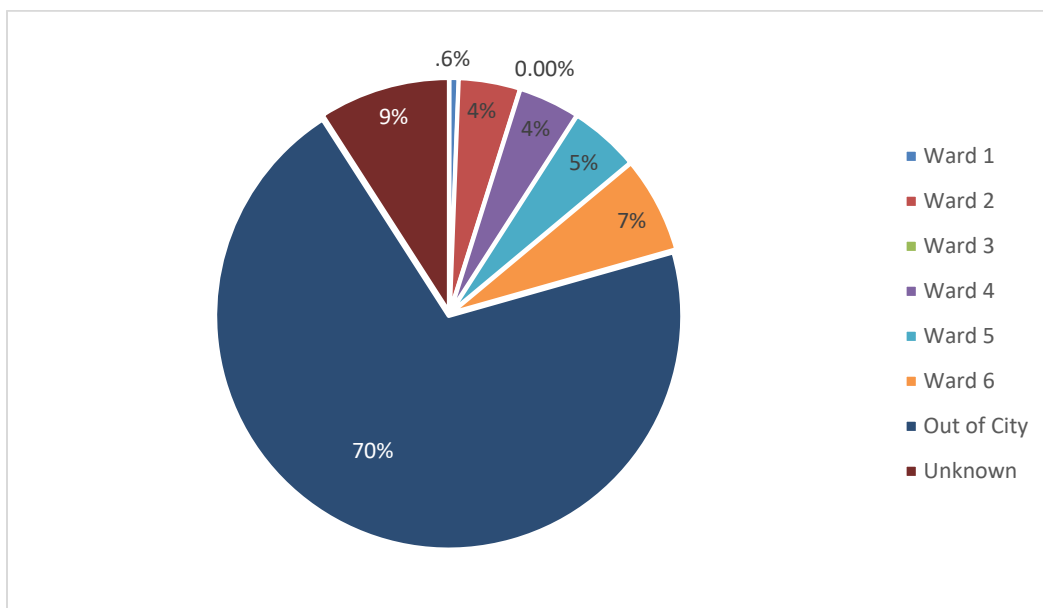
Arrests in the City of Takoma Park (Adults and Juveniles) – Arrests and Citations

Sources: Extraction from eJustice



Arrests in the City of Takoma Park by Ward (Adults and Juveniles)

Source: Extraction from eJustice



Arrests in the City of Takoma Park by Offense and Ward

(Adults and Juveniles) – Arrests Only

Source: Extraction from eJustice

Offense	Out of City	Unknown	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Grand Total
Assault 1st Degree	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	10
Assault 2nd Degree	8	2	0	3	0	4	3	4	24
Burglary 1st Degree	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary 2nd Degree	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Burglary 3rd Degree	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary 4th Degree	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	9
Carjacking	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CDS Paraphernalia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CDS: Possession Not	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Child Neglect	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Civil Marijuana	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Concealed Weapon	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
Driving Uninsured	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Driving w/o Lic	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
DUI	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	9
Fail to Return to Acc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Handgun in Vehicle	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
M/V Unlawful Taking	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
MDOP > \$1k	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Murder 2nd Degree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Open Container - Veh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape 2nd Degree	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	13
Rogue and Vagabond	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sex Offense 4th	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft \$100 - \$1.5k	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Theft < \$100	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	32
Trespassing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Violate Prot. Order	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
Grand Total	116	15	3	8	1	6	8	17	175

ACC - Accident

CDS – Controlled Dangerous Substance

MDOP – Malicious Destruction of Property

M/V – Motor Vehicle

Office of the Chief

The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief of Police, the Executive Assistant to the Chief/Public Information Officer, and the Emergency Preparedness Manager. The Office of the Chief is responsible for the day to day management of the police department, policy and planning, media, and emergency preparedness. The Office of the Chief also oversees various departmental programs.

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. The department will be implementing a red light camera program in the near future.



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 predetermined 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. 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.

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 four fixed pole cameras and five 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)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 7100 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ northbound (portable unit)
- ◆ 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue/ southbound (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 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	2019	2020	2021
5001- Ethan Allen Ave EB (400 block)	1261	1193	1040	1003	813	734	257
5002- Ethan Allen Ave WB (500 block)	1227	1105	1047	729	667	794	507
5003- New Hampshire Ave NB (7100 block)	12908	11656	11862	9923	8193	6831	6483
5004- New Hampshire Ave SB (7200 block)	6596	5630	4328	5091	4555	3734	5704
5005- University Blvd EB (900 block)	1159	6083	5060	4250	3417	1217	3218
5006- East West Hwy WB (950 block)	2176	2139	2454	1255	1260	1888	3041
5007- Carroll Ave NB (7400 block)	3751	2009	1043	3116	3324	2845	1028
5009- New Hampshire Ave NB (7300 block)	7837	7154	4071	2731	1799	2891	3052
5010- New Hampshire Ave SB (7400 block)	8259	5644	5384	3326	3096	3910	3131
Total	45174	42613	36289	31424	27124	24844	26421

Speed Camera Updates

The Safe Speed program has seen an increase in citations along New Hampshire Ave. and University Blvd. Some reasons for this can be attributed to decreased traffic congestion due to COVID-19 and a pause in the construction of the Purple Line.

Sworn Officers/Civilians

The following Takoma Park Police Officers were sworn in in 2021:



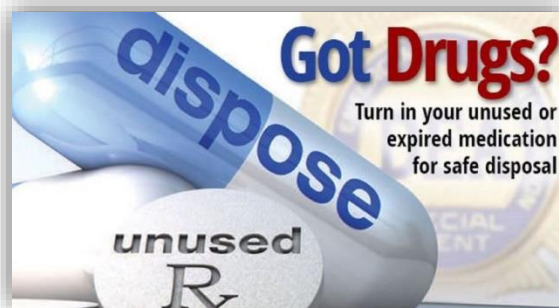


Two dispatchers were hired:



Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back

This event is held twice each year; in April and October in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). 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 2021, the department disposed of 635 pounds of pharmaceutical drugs via the drop box in the station lobby and through the one Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

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 collects and stores these items and then safely disposes 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.**

Emergency Management

During the course of 2021, Mr. Ron Hardy, Emergency Preparedness Manager, worked with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on many projects, including but not limited to:

Community Outreach and Training

Train new city employees on the All Hazards Plan and provided new recreation staff training on Blood Borne Pathogens, First Aid, CPR, and AED.

Participated in the Virtual Community Police Academy classes, and taught a class on preparedness.

Participated in two National Drug Take Back events in the city. The city collected 635 pounds of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical drugs for the year that were properly disposed of.

Work with Cable TV Takoma on TV and Radio Public Service Ads on preparedness topics and CoVid-19 Health Guidelines.

Attended the Council of Governments Preparation Summit and the Montgomery County Emergency Management Fall Symposium virtually.

Attended a yearly safety course on gas pipeline safety.



Attend several Long Branch Community virtual meetings on issues related to that area of the city and county.

Committees, Seminars, and Work Groups

Represents the city on the National Capital Regions Council of Governments Emergency Managers Committee. Committee discussions were centered on CoVid-19, regional exercises, training and the yearly Threat Analysis to the region.

Member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Set up the virtual meetings and attended monthly meetings. Gave updates on the city's response to CoVid-19 and outreach issues to the community.

Conducted virtual meetings for the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Worked with Emergency Preparedness Committee members on a preparedness flyer and distribution to the community.

Worked with Montgomery County Health and Human Resources and Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on preparedness and response, related to CoVid-19.

Participated in the Montgomery County Emergency Managers Group meeting, virtually.

Participates in the National Capital Region Notification system meetings for mass notifications using the alert systems - one in person and 11 virtually.

Represented the city on all winter weather calls and provided updates to senior staff.

Sent messages on closings, late openings or early closings of city government using the city's mass alert system Takoma Park Alert.

Represent police and emergency management on a Salvation Army workgroup, that is looking how to better serve the Mid-Atlantic region.

Special Events

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

Oversee grant money from Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), for purchase of police equipment.

Provided alert information to staff, public and news media on winter weather openings and closings due to weather.

Provided virtual support to the Police Department for meetings.

Assisted in a very successful winter coat, pet essentials, and school supply drives and delivered to the organizations in need.

COVID-19 Related

Provide updated information on the Takoma Park CoVid-19 page.

Liaison to Montgomery County and Council of Governments calls related to CoVid-19 and provide information back to city leadership.

Prepare reimbursement projects for FEMA and CARES, to get money back on items city spent on CoVid-19 related protection, cleaners, sanitizers, teleworking equipment, small business grants and communication.

Coordinated the vaccines for Police Department staff and portions of other city staff.

Statutory Mandates

A plethora of new laws or changes to existing laws were enacted and/or became effective in 2021, many of which impacted the policies and procedures of the police department.

MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – SEARCH WARRANTS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS RELATING TO POLICE MISCONDUCT (ANTON’S LAW)

Requiring that an application for a certain no-knock search warrant be approved in writing by a police supervisor and the State’s Attorney; requiring a certain no-knock search warrant to be executed between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., absent exigent circumstances (note the TPPD does not utilize no-knock search warrants); requiring a certain custodian to allow inspection of certain records by certain persons; providing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a police officer is not a personnel record for certain purposes; etc.



PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICER – DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

Requiring certain law enforcement agencies to report by March 1, 2022, and each March 1 thereafter, certain information to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services regarding police officer-involved use of force incidents that resulted in a monetary settlement or judgment against the law enforcement agency; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to adopt certain

procedures and compile and report certain information to the General Assembly by June 30 each year; etc.

MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND INVESTIGATION OF DEATHS CAUSED BY POLICE

OFFICERS Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from receiving certain equipment from a program operated by the federal government for the transfer of surplus military equipment (note the TPPD does not obtain any surplus military equipment); requiring a law enforcement agency to notify the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General of an alleged or potential police-involved death of a civilian by a certain time; establishing the Independent Investigative Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to investigate alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians; etc.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM Requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop a poster to notify a victim of the right to request a certain private room in a law enforcement agency or unit when reporting a crime, other than homicide, that primarily involves injury to a person; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to display a poster developed by the State Board of Victim Services informing a victim of the right to request a private room; and requiring a certain law enforcement agency to provide a certain private room to a certain victim.

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES INVOLVING COMPUTERS Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility or a public school; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for purposes of introduction into a computer, network, or system of another person; providing a penalty for violation of the Act of 2 years of imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine or both; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages; etc.

CRIMINAL LAW – HARM TO SERVICE ANIMALS Prohibiting a person from willfully and maliciously killing, injuring, or interfering with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner, or allowing a certain animal to kill, injure, or interfere with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 2 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$2,500, or both; and authorizing a court to

order a certain defendant to pay full restitution for all damages arising out of the offense as a condition of sentencing

CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT Establishing as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.

CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a person who is a victim, witness, or suspect in an open investigation that the officer is conducting, supervising, or assisting with if the officer knew or should have known that the person is a victim, witness, or suspect, is requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer in the course of the officer's official duties, or is in the custody of the officer; establishing certain exceptions; etc.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTION AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENDER PENALTIES – DRIVING WHILE PRIVILEGE IS CANCELED, SUSPENDED, REFUSED, OR REVOKED Authorizing a person to file a certain petition for expungement if the person is convicted of a certain misdemeanor involving driving while the person's license or privilege to drive is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked; and providing that a person is subject to a certain enhanced penalty for a subsequent conviction for driving while the person's license or privilege to drive is canceled, suspended, refused, or revoked only in a certain circumstance.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS Requiring the expungement of certain records 3 years after a disposition of the charge if no charge in the case resulted in a disposition other than acquittal, dismissal, not guilty, or nolle prosequi, except nolle prosequi with a requirement of drug or alcohol treatment; requiring a court to send a certain notice; requiring a court to notify a certain defendant of certain information relating to expungement; requiring a court to mail a certain written form to a certain defendant; etc.

JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTION (JUVENILE RESTORATION ACT) Authorizing a court, when

sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than a certain minimum term; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing an individual convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence; requiring a court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the sentence; requiring notice of the hearing be given to the victim or the victim's representative; etc.

JUVENILES – SEXTING Establishing a certain mitigating factor in a certain juvenile court proceeding against a child for a certain violation if the violation involved or arose out of sexting; prohibiting the court from making a disposition of community detention if the violation arose out of sexting unless the court finds that extraordinary circumstances exist; authorizing the court to order a child whose violation arose out of sexting to participate in an age-appropriate educational program on the risks and consequences of sexting; etc.

VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES – PENALTIES Altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license; and providing that a person who violates a certain section of the Act must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

CRIMINAL LAW – LIFE-THREATENING INJURY INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE (WADE'S LAW) Prohibiting a person from causing a life-threatening injury to another as a result of the person's driving, operating, or controlling a motor vehicle or vessel in a criminally negligent manner; exempting certain conduct that results in a life-threatening injury to another; and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a violation of the Act

VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a certain vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in violation of Maryland Vehicle Law; defining "vulnerable individual" as a person acting lawfully including a pedestrian, certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual walking an animal, or an individual operating certain modes of transport; establishing

certain penalties of a fine of up to \$2,000, community service, motor vehicle safety education; etc.

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT – SAFETY GLASS – REPLACEMENT STANDARDS

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations establishing standards and requirements for aftermarket safety glass replacement that include certain requirements and meet or exceed certain standards and requirements; and defining “aftermarket safety glass replacement” as motor vehicle safety glass replacement services that occur after the original installation by a vehicle manufacturer.

(Maryland Insurance Administration) PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – NOTICES – ALTERATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to cancel or fail to renew a policy or binder of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance or reduce coverage under a policy or private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in triplicate; and repealing the requirement that a certain notice required to be sent by an insurer that intends to increase the total premium for a policy of private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance be in duplicate.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT MC 02–21

Authorizing Montgomery County and municipalities of Montgomery County to decrease the maximum speed limit to not less than 15 miles per hour on highways only after performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and prohibiting Montgomery County and municipalities in Montgomery County from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on certain highways

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:

♦ **Police Notification List:** There are many ways to stay connected to the police department through various social media apps to emails. To sign up for notifications from the police department, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/police and click on the bulletin 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. You can also connect to us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor and Neighbors.



♦ **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. In 2021, we held a virtual class.



♦ **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. *Due to the pandemic, this campaign was still suspended in 2021. However,*

officers continued to make traffic stops at problem intersections identified by resident complaints and accident data.

✦ **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 provide youngsters caught in the act of doing good with Slurpee beverage coupons. Appropriate actions 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 and a great way to encourage dialogue.



♦ **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. In October, the Chief added two youths to the Board. To see member bios, visit <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/community-policing/chiefs-advisory-board-members/>

♦ **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. *This program was still suspended in 2021 due to the pandemic.*

♦ **“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.

♦ **Polar Bear Plunge:** The Takoma Park Police Department participates in the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge each year! Officers and civilian employees brave the cold and plunge into the Chesapeake Bay in support of Special Olympics Maryland athletes across the state. *This event was held virtually in 2021 due to the pandemic.*



♦ **Breakfast with Santa:** The Takoma Park Police Department’s *Breakfast with Santa event was still canceled in 2021 due to the pandemic.* Photos below are from 2019.



◆ **Coffee with a Cop:** The Takoma Park Police Department held three Coffee with a Cop events; one, for the very first time, in the evening. Thank you to Starbucks, IHOP and Takoma Bev Co for hosting!



◆ **Coat Drive:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual winter coat drive in partnership with the Takoma Park Adventist Church, Adventist Community Services and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department. The department collected tons of clean, gently used warm coats in varying sizes, as well as other items such as gloves and scarves. 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.



◆ **First Responder Toy Drive:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual First Responder Toy Drive. This drive was very successful due to the outpouring of donations of toys and money from our city staff and community. This was a collaborative effort between the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Takoma Park Police Department. We worked together to collect toys and donations, identify families in need, pack, and distribute toys during the holiday season. In 2021, we were able to service **89** families that yielded **200** children - **93%** of those families were from Takoma Park.

The lower level of the Takoma Park Fire Department was used to store, sort, and pack toys. We offered several pick-up times before the holiday to include morning, afternoon and evening pickups. Members from the fire

and police departments convoyed around the city delivering packages along a scheduled route. There were **46** deliveries made.



✦ **Essentials Drive for Montgomery County Animal Shelters:** The Takoma Park Police Department held its annual essentials drive for the Montgomery County Animal Shelters, which was once again a success.



✦ **Distracted Driving Awareness:** In April, the distracted driver campaign focuses on distracted motorists while driving. *Due to the pandemic, this campaign was suspended. However, officers continued to*

make traffic stops at problem intersections identified by resident complaints and accident data.

✦ **Alcohol Holiday Task Force:** The department participates in a joint DUI Holiday Task Force with Montgomery County and other local jurisdictions. This detail starts mid-November and runs every Wed-Sat until the first week in January. As of January 9, 2022, officers working in conjunction with Montgomery County and other allied agencies issued the following:

DUI Holiday Task Force Final Totals- 1/9/2022

	Total		Total
DUI Arrests (Alcohol)	277	Civil Citation Alcohol-Adult	2
		DUI Arrests Alcohol- Crash Related	32
Alcohol Restriction Violations	14	Criminal Citation Alcohol Adult	3
Traffic Stops	2002	Civil Citation Alcohol Juvenile	0
Traffic Citation	2701	Criminal Citations - Other (Adult)	8
Traffic Warnings	2001	Civil Citations- Other (Adult)	8
Traffic SERO's	176	Criminal Arrests	13
DUI Arrests- Drugs	4	DUI Arrests (Blood kit Pending)	3
DRE Evaluations	7	Breath Tests Performed	61

✦ **Faith Blue Weekend:** Faith & Blue Weekend is a national event with activities in communities across the country that brings together law enforcement and residents to build connections, create mutual understanding, and enhance justice and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through events, activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. It's based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding.

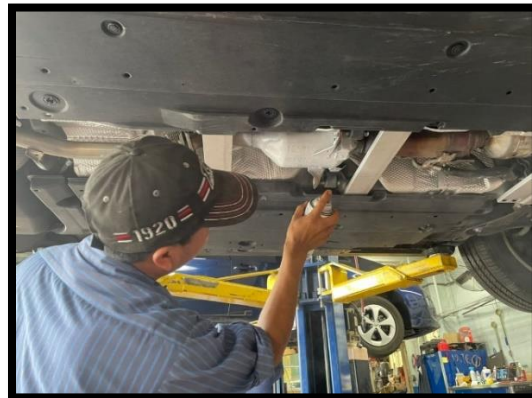
Law enforcement entities and faith-based organizations are key pillars of the community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. National Faith & Blue is an extension of the One Congregation One Precinct initiative (OneCOP), a program of Movement Forward, Inc., which is a



solution-focused, human & civil rights organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, Faith & Blue is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations and the community. Faith & Blue

organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America. The effort is being co-convened by OneCOP and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) to organize the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent American history. We held our first event on October 10, with a “Walk & Talk” along Sligo Creek Parkway.

♦ **Etch & Catch Anti-Theft Catalytic Converter Program:** In an effort to deter would-be thieves and to track stolen catalytic converters, the Takoma Park Police Department teamed up with RS Automotive on Carroll Avenue and Lowe's. Our goal was to deter potential thieves looking to steal catalytic converters. If your catalytic converter is stolen and recovered, law enforcement would be able to trace the converter based on the markings.





OPERATION: ETCH & CATCH

Catalytic converter theft is on the rise in Takoma Park and nationwide.
Let us help you take preventative measures to deter theft!

Takoma Park Police are launching this crime prevention program at RS Automotive. Come out and get your catalytic converter etched with your license plate number, marked with bright, high heat spray paint and outfitted with a Takoma Park PD window sticker **FOR FREE.**

****FIRST COME FIRST SERVE - LAST CUSTOMER WILL BE TAKEN AT 1:00 PM.**** Visit web link below for information on how to have your vehicle's catalytic converter etched after the launch.

WHERE: RS Automotive
7224 Carroll Avenue
WHEN: Friday, October 8, 2021
11:00 am - 1:00 pm



Find information about the program at www.takomaparkmd.gov/police under Services and Programs
Sponsored by: RS Automotive and Lowe's

♦ **Collection of Emergency Care Packages for Victims/Families of Domestic Violence:** In partnership with the Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation, Takoma Park Police collected care packages and/or donated items to meet the immediate, critical needs that directly impact the safety, wellness, and/or healing of a victim of domestic violence and/or their children. Emergency care packages provide brand new toiletries and personal care items for each survivor of domestic violence and their children who walk through the doors of the Family Justice Center to receive services. Brand new stuffed animals, games, toys and books are also provided to every child who goes to the Family Justice Center.



Officer of the Year (2020)

Det. Charles Earle was selected Officer of the Year 2020 because of his dedication to duty and his significant accomplishments and contributions throughout the year.



Det. Earle took the Oath of Office with the Takoma Park Police Department on January 3, 2020. He worked successfully in the patrol division until his transfer to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

Det. Earle's work and actions have contributed significantly to the department's visions and goals through his extraordinary efforts in the

accomplishment of extremely difficult police work requiring skills and intelligence. He has demonstrated outstanding performance by showing initiative, perseverance and dedication to duty in highly credible police work.

During 2020, Det. Earle continued to handle himself with professionalism and worked several serious cases which resulted in arrests.

In addition to solving cases, Det. Earle was also paramount in assisting in the department's recruiting process. Background investigations are time consuming and very intricate work.

Det. Earle always maintains a positive and professional demeanor. He is an extremely hard worker and team player. He is always willing to assist other investigators on their cases, gives advice, covers on-call status for his fellow investigators and significantly contributes to the agency's goals and vision.

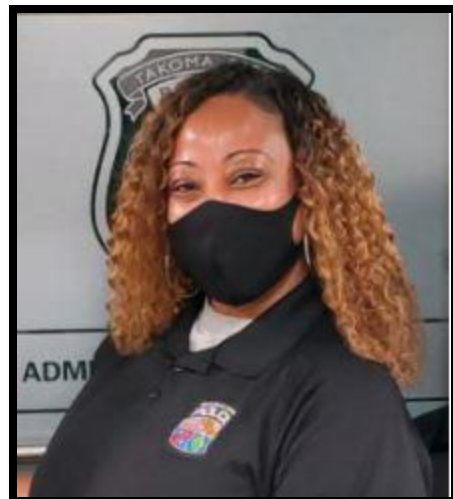
These are just some examples of the type of work and dedication that Det. Earle exemplifies on a regular basis.

Det. Earle is an excellent asset to the Takoma Park Police Department and to the residents he serves. His teamwork, persistence and efforts to take offenders off the streets, and to ensure the safety of others, are outstanding. He is recognized for his dedication and commitment as Officer of the Year 2020.

Civilian of the Year (2020)

The Civilian of the Year Award describes an employee, in part, whose work duties and actions have contributed significantly to the Department's visions and goals. Ms. Lakya Coles performed these duties and more during 2020.

In 2020, with the pandemic outbreak, policies changing daily and civilian staff fully transitioning to remote work, Ms. Coles served as a source of stability for the



department. She dealt with many challenges and hurdles, including taking on new responsibilities, as well as assisting other employees with tasks that needed to be completed in the building while they were remotely working. Ms. Coles demonstrated strong perseverance, dedication and adaptability throughout 2020.

To be named Civilian Employee of the Year requires significant contribution to the department's visions and goals through outstanding performance showing initiative, perseverance and dedication to duty and the department in highly creditable work.

These are just some examples of the type of work and dedication that Ms. Coles exemplifies on a regular basis.

Ms. Coles is an excellent asset to the Takoma Park Police Department and to the residents she serves. She is recognized for her dedication and commitment as Civilian of the Year 2020.

National Night Out

The City's National Night Out Against Crime observance usually takes place the first Tuesday in August annually. 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. We held this event on August 3, 2021.







No Shave November

Takoma Park Police joined No Shave November in support of Grow & Give to end prostate Cancer. Takoma Park Police raised over \$500 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.

Grow & Give To End Prostate Cancer

Takoma Park Police is joining together to support #NoShaveNovember for the entire month of November. We will be donating all funds raised to Grow & Give to end Prostate Cancer. Please support our team by making a tax-deductible contribution today!





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Criminal Investigations Section (CIS)

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) consists of one Bureau Commander, one Division Commander, one Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Supervisor, two CID Investigators, a Victim/Witness Coordinator, Property/Evidence Clerk, Crime Analyst and the Special Assignment Team (SAT) consisting of one supervisor and two officers.

CID Statistics

There were 136 new cases assigned during 2021. Out of the 136 cases assigned to CID for investigation, 76 were closed, one was exceptionally cleared, 59 were suspended and 30 arrests were made. The unit as a whole had a 55% closure rate.

2021 CID STATISTICS – Unit as a Whole

Cases Closed	Cases Exceptionally Clear	Cases Suspended	Arrests	Closure Percentage	Search Warrants Obtained/ Executed	Arrest Warrants Obtained/ Served
76	1	59	30	55%	18	24

NOTABLE ARRESTS:

During 2021, there were several notable arrests/case closures; some highlighted below:

ATTEMPTED MURDER- On December 1, 2020, at approximately 9:24 am, police responded to 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of a shooting. Officers canvassed the area and located one shell casing in the parking lot of the property. It was learned that the victim and the suspect left the scene before officers arrived. Video surveillance footage was obtained which showed the suspect physically assaulting the victim before firing a single round in the victim's direction. Through Investigative means, investigators were able to identify the suspect involved in the shooting and obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect's arrest. On January 20, 2021,

Maryland State Police conducted a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was arrested on the outstanding warrant in connection to the shooting and charged accordingly. A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's vehicle, which resulted in the recovery of the handgun used in the shooting.

BURGLARY- On February 28, 2021, at approximately 10:18 am, police responded to the 1300 block of Holton Lane for a commercial burglary. Investigators obtained video surveillance, which captured the suspects and the vehicle that they were driving, including their tag number. Through investigative means, the suspect was identified and investigators obtained an arrest warrant. Special Assignment Team (SAT) investigators conducted surveillance at the suspect's residence and then was apprehended without incident. The suspect was transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit and charged accordingly.

BURGLARY- On March 12, 2021, at approximately 6:00 pm, police responded to the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of a burglary. An unknown suspect broke into a storage room and stole property. Investigators obtained video footage and, through investigative means, were able to identify the suspect. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant charging the suspect with 2nd degree burglary and malicious destruction of property. The suspect was later apprehended.

FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT- On March 24, 2021, at approximately 10:38 pm, police responded to Walgreens for a fight in progress involving a machete. The incident began across the street in Prince George's County. Two suspects chased the victim into Walgreens. The victim ran behind the counter with the suspects pursuing him. One of the suspects pulled out a machete and began to hit the victim multiple times with the machete, while the other suspect kicked the victim. The suspects then fled the scene. The victim was not seriously physically injured. Investigators were able to identify the two suspects and obtained an arrest warrant for their arrests. The suspects were later located, arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit where they were charged with 1st degree assault and 2nd degree assault.

INDECENT EXPOSURE- On March 27, 2021, at approximately 5:05 am, police responded to the 1100 block of University Blvd., for the report of an indecent exposure. Through investigative means, detectives were able to

identify the suspect. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect, who was later arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit, where he was charged with indecent exposure.

ROBBERY- On March 27, 2021, police responded to the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue, for the report of a robbery. The victim was approached by three suspects who demanded the victim's property. The victim relinquished her property and the suspects fled the scene. Through investigative means, investigators were able to identify one of the suspects. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect charging them with robbery.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY- On May 23, 2014, at approximately 8:38 am, police responded to the 6300 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of a commercial burglary. The suspect forced entry into the establishment and stole property and fled the scene prior to police arrival. The suspect left behind a knife that was used to cut a hole through a wall. Investigators collected the knife and submitted the knife to the lab for DNA processing. On April 26, 2021, investigators received a CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) match identifying the suspect. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect charging him with 2nd degree burglary and malicious destruction of property.

DOUBLE HOMICIDE- On April 7, 2021, at approximately 5:03 am, police responded to the 7300 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the sound of multiple sounds of gunshots. Upon arrival, they contacted an off-duty Pentagon officer who reported that he observed suspects attempting to break into a vehicle parked in the parking lot. The off-duty Pentagon officer reported that when the suspects were fleeing that they almost struck him with their vehicle and he fired several shots at the vehicle. Investigators shortly learned that the suspect vehicle and its occupants went to a local hospital and that two of the suspects had been shot by the off-duty Pentagon officer and were deceased. Investigators worked several hours investigating the incident alongside the State's Attorney's Office. As a result of the investigation, it was determined that the shooting involving the off-duty Pentagon officer was not justified and he was charged with two counts of 2nd degree murder as well as other related charges.

HOMICIDE- On April 7, 2021, police responded to the 7700 block of Carroll Avenue, for the report of a rape and a deceased person on the scene. Investigation determined that the suspect raped a female relative. Another occupant of the house observed the suspect raping the female and intervened. The other occupant pulled the suspect off of the female and got into a struggle. Upon police arrival, the suspect that was raping the female was found to be deceased. Investigators worked closely with the State's Attorney's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office throughout the examination. The death of the suspect who was committing the rape was classified as a homicide, and the State's Attorney's Office declined to prosecute and advised that it was a justifiable homicide.

ARMED ROBBERY- On April 19, 2021, at approximately 7:18 am, police responded to the intersection of Chicago Avenue and New York Avenue for the report of an armed robbery. The victim was sleeping in his vehicle when he was approached by five suspects. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and ordered the victim out of the vehicle and demanded his property. The victim did not comply at first and a physical altercation occurred. The suspect obtained some of the victim's property and fled the scene. Through investigative means, investigators were able to identify one of the suspects, who was charged with armed robbery. Investigation is continuing in attempts to identify the other suspects.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY- On June 8, 2021, at approximately 4:52 am, police responded to the 900 block of East West Highway for a commercial burglary. Units discovered that the front door had been damaged and pried open. A green Honda Accord with its lights off fled from the scene. The vehicle eventually stopped in the 6800 block of New Hampshire Avenue where the driver fled. The driver, who was wanted by this agency, was later located and transported to the station for questioning. The vehicle was stolen and thus towed and impounded for processing. Investigators interviewed the suspect who admitted involvement and was arrested and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit where he was charged with auto theft, 2nd degree burglary and malicious destruction of property. Investigators also conducted a search of the vehicle the suspect was driving and recovered burglary tools and video footage from the business capturing the suspect breaking into the business.

FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT- On August 14, 2021, police responded to the 7500 block of Wildwood Avenue for the report of an assault. Investigation

revealed that the victim got involved in a verbal altercation with the suspect. The suspect obtained a handgun and a machete from his vehicle and struck the victim over the head with the gun. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was treated and released. Investigators applied for and obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. The suspect was later apprehended and transported to the Montgomery County Central Processing Unit, where he was charged with 1st degree assault and other related charges.

ARMED CARJACKING/ARMED ROBBERY - On August 26, 2021, police responded to the 7600 block of Maple Avenue for the report of a carjacking that had just occurred. Two suspects approached the victim, one armed with a handgun. They demanded the victim's car keys and cell phone. The suspects then took the victim's keys and cell phone and entered the victim's vehicle and fled from the scene.

On August 27, 2021, police responded to the 7700 block of Maple Avenue for the report of an armed carjacking that just occurred. The victim was exiting his vehicle when the suspect approached him armed with a handgun and took his car keys and other property. The victim fled on foot. The suspects then stole the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

Investigators worked together with Montgomery County Police who were investigating similar incidents. On August 30 at 10:20 pm, Montgomery County Police conducted a traffic stop on the victim's vehicle previously stolen from the 7700 block of Maple Avenue. Both occupants inside the vehicle were apprehended and placed under arrest. Located inside the vehicle under the front passenger seat was a black Glock 42 .380 caliber handgun with a laser attachment. Both suspects were transported to the Montgomery County Police Headquarters for questioning. Takoma Park Police Investigators responded and interviewed the suspects. Both suspects admitted to being involved with the carjacking in Takoma Park, and the robberies in Silver Spring and the District of Columbia. One suspect was 16 years old but charged as an adult. The second suspect was 15 years old as was detained in a Juvenile Detention Center.

ARMED ROBBERY- On September 24, 2021, police responded to the 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Investigation revealed that the victim was on his way

home when a gray Honda CRV pulled up beside him. Two unknown Black males exited the vehicle and dragged the victim inside the CRV.

While in the vehicle, a struggle ensued and one suspect displayed a black handgun and demanded the victim's property. The victim gave the suspects his property and was released.

On September 24, 2021, police responded to the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. The victim reported that a silver SUV (Honda CRV) pulled up beside him and three Black males pushed him into the SUV. While in the SUV, one suspect struck him in the face with a handgun. The suspect drove the victim to three Bank of America ATMs where they made him withdraw cash. They also took him to an Exxon gas station to put fuel in the SUV.

Investigation revealed that later the suspected Honda CRV was involved in an accident in the District of Columbia. U.S. Secret Service arrived on the scene and arrested one of the occupants who was carrying a firearm. Investigators determined that the suspect that the U.S. Secret Service apprehended was one of the suspect's that robbed the victim in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue. Evidence of value was located in the Honda CRV and recovered, which ultimately led to the identification of the second suspect. Property was also recovered belonging to each victim.

Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for both suspects charging them with armed robbery and other related charges.

THEFTS - On October 12, 2021, police responded to the 7500 block of Maple Avenue for the report of a theft. Unknown suspect(s) entered the building and broke into the laundry card dispenser and stole currency.

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into the property manager's office and then broke into the laundry card dispenser and stolen currency.

Through investigative means, investigators were able to identify one of the suspects and were able to connect the suspect to all of the thefts that occurred along Maple Avenue. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant and the suspect was later arrested.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY/ARMED CARJACKING- On October 15, 2021, police responded to the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of an attempted armed robbery that had just occurred. The victim exited his vehicle and was approached by two Black males, one armed with a handgun. The suspects demanded the victim's property, but were unsuccessful in obtaining it. The suspects then fled in a black Honda.

On October 15, 2021, police responded to the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue for the report of an armed carjacking that had just occurred. Three suspects approached the victim as he was exiting his vehicle, one armed with a handgun, and demanded the victim's property, but the victim resisted. The suspects then entered the victim's vehicle that was running and fled the scene.

Investigators obtained video footage for each incident and coordinated efforts with investigators at the Montgomery County Police Gang Unit; they were also having similar robberies and carjackings.

On October 28, 2021, at 1:02 pm, the Montgomery County Police Department Gang Unit located one of the vehicles taken in the carjacking in Silver Spring, Maryland. The suspect was armed with a black handgun at the time of his arrest. Investigators were able to link the suspect to both incidents and he was charged with armed carjacking and attempted armed robbery. Investigators are still working on trying to identify other suspects.

BURGLARY- On October 5, 2021, police responded to the 300 block of Lincoln Avenue for the report of a burglary that had occurred earlier. Suspects entered an unlocked room and stole property. Investigators were able to locate the victim's property at a local pawn shop. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect charging him with 1st degree burglary.

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 summary of such investigations by the internal affairs function be made available to the public. The following is a summary of complaints filed for the calendar year 2021.



Thirteen complaints were recorded in 2021 with all subjected to internal affairs investigation. Three complaints were submitted by community members and 10 were submitted internally by an employee, the Chief of Police, or the Command Staff. The majority of the complaints received in 2021 were initiated by police department employees. There were two compliments submitted using the online option thanking officers for their handling of calls for service.

Subjects of the complaints in 2021 included a total of nine sworn officers, some of whom were involved in more than one complaint. Two civilian employees were the subject of a complaint, some of whom were involved in more than one complaint. Eleven out of the 13 complaints resulted in sustained findings of improper conduct, and disciplinary measures were warranted and taken. One complaint was unfounded and one complaint resulted in the employee resigning while under investigation.

The 2021 statistical comparison with 2020 indicates a decrease with 24 complaints received in 2020 compared to 13 in 2021, which is approximately a 54 percent decrease in complaints compared to that in 2020. All Takoma Park Police sworn officers wear body-worn cameras. Body-worn camera footage was essential in determining if the complaint is to be unfounded or provided evidence to support the allegations based upon the review of the camera footage. In 2021, officers had a total of 10,346 contacts with the public, which included calls for service, self-initiated calls*, and traffic stops. The complaints represent 0.0013% 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 tab and then selecting 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.

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED
Written Reprimand – 7
Loss of Leave – 0
Loss of Pay – 0
Suspension without pay from Duty - 2
Demotion – 1
Dismissal from Employment – 0
Monetary Fine - 0
Retired While Under Investigation - 0
Resigned While Under Investigation - 1
Other Type of Discipline - 0
Unfounded – 1
Pending – 1

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

Special Assignment Team (SAT)

The Special Assignment Team (SAT) is an investigatory unit which is comprised of two detectives and one supervisor. SAT Investigators operate in a plain clothes capacity and are tasked with fugitive apprehensions/extraditions, case enhancement for active investigations, complaints originating from residents impacting quality of life issues, such as narcotic violations, weapons offenses, property crimes, and prostitution. SAT investigators are also responsible for assisting regional law enforcement allies with felony investigations which cross jurisdictional boundaries, self-initiated investigations stemming from pro-active street level enforcement, and assisting all facets of the police department and criminal investigations division.

In 2021, SAT made approximately 12 arrests and assisted the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and patrol in over 20 arrests, conducted numerous police interactions, apprehensions and investigations; including such criminal activities as homicide, distribution of illegal narcotics, firearms related offenses, larceny, burglary and assault. Additionally, members of SAT seized or assisted with seizing two illegally possessed firearms. SAT also conducted hundreds of hours of surveillance for armed robberies and other serious crimes, as well as conducted over 1,000 hours of surveillance on multiple theft cases within Takoma Park and several outside of Takoma Park as most of the locations lead to surrounding jurisdictions.

Long-Term Motor Vehicle Thefts/Recovery/Arrests

In January spanning to December of 2021, the Takoma Park Police Department had received numerous calls for service regarding stolen/suspicious vehicles, and a rash of theft from vehicles (to include catalytic converters,) and armed carjackings. With the information in hand, SAT conducted multiple investigations, surveillance, and proactive enforcement.

Within the multiple investigations, in conjunction with neighboring jurisdictions, over 15 felony arrests were made, and dangerous weapons were taken off the street, to include handguns. Since closing out multiple cases, there has been a drastic decrease in calls for service regarding stolen vehicles and carjackings.

Stolen Auto/Recovery

While canvassing the targeted affected areas of previous robberies and carjackings, SAT observed a gray 2013 Honda Civic parked on Carroll Avenue. This vehicle was stolen and SAT was able to contain the vehicle and make the arrest and recover the stolen vehicle.

Recovered CDS/Handgun

SAT conducted a stop on a vehicle in the 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue where CDS and a handgun was recovered.

SAT units conducted surveillance due to a rash of catalytic converter thefts. On one occasion, SAT units observed suspects drive near a Toyota Prius and a passenger exit the suspect's vehicle. That individual looked under the Toyota Prius. When SAT units attempted to make contact, the individual made it back into the suspect vehicle and fled into the District of Columbia.

CDS Surveillance and Arrests

On October 7, 2021 at approximately 12:15 pm, SAT conducted surveillance in the 8200 block of Roanoke Avenue due to recent CDS complaints from the community. Investigation determined that there was no evidence of CDS usage or distribution.

Warrant Service

On April 5, 2021 at approximately 3:31 pm, SAT conducted surveillance on a suspect that investigators had obtained a warrant for in connection to a 1st degree assault that had occurred at the Walgreens. SAT investigators located the suspect in the 2200 block of University Boulevard East, Hyattsville, Maryland, and he was taken into custody without incident.

Apprehension of Sex Assault Suspects

On August 5, 2021 at approximately 11:30 am, SAT conducted a surveillance detail on a wanted suspect that was wanted for a series of sex assaults. After several hours of surveillance, SAT investigators were able to arrest the suspect in the area of New Hampshire Avenue and Holton Lane without incident. Detectives interviewed the suspect who gave information supporting the allegations.

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 2019 and resulted in the following:

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS- 18

There were 18 incidents in which force was used, shown, or claimed in 2021. This is the same number of incidents recorded in 2020. Seven of the incidents involved the use of force, nine involved a show of force, and two involved euthanizing of deer. All 18 incidents reported were justified and were in accordance with department policy.

In 2021, Takoma Park Police officers had a total of 10,346 contacts with the public; which included calls for service, self-initiated calls, and traffic stops. Takoma Park Police Officers used force or a show of force in only 0.15 of all the contacts. *(does not include the two animal euthanizing incidents).*

The breakdown of the reported use of force incidents are below:

**Note* More than one Use of Force Technique can be used in one incident.*

USE OF FORCE REPORTED INCIDENTS		
	2020	2021
Firearm to euthanize injured animal	1	2
OC Spray (Show of Force)	1	0
OC Spray (Deployment)	0	1
Physical takedowns/Hand Controls	2	4
Firearm (Show of Force)	7	8
Firearm	0	0
Other Secondary Weapon (Asp Baton)	1	1
Taser (Show of Force)	5	2
Taser (Deployment)	1	2
K9 Utilization	0	0

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 Witness Coordinator, 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 Witness Coordinator 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 the crime or incident has occurred. The Victim Witness Coordinator can also act as a liaison between the victim and detectives investigating a case by scheduling



interviews, follow ups and translation for Spanish speaking victims. The Victim Witness Coordinator passes on important information to victims and witnesses and explains police procedures, the investigative process and the criminal justice system. If requested, the Victim Witness Coordinator accompanies

victims and witnesses to pre-trial interviews with prosecuting attorneys and additional court proceedings.

In 2021, it was very challenging for the Victim Assistant due to the COVID-19 pandemic still being prevalent in the community and much of the nation. Victim advocacy was forced to continue to adapt and mold along with everchanging guidelines surrounding COVID-19 precautions. This led to more victim contact through electronic and remote means, in addition to assistance in person with precautions put into place.

In 2021, the Victim Witness Coordinator had contact with approximately 430 individuals who came in to the department, called in seeking information, or were victims or witnesses of crime. In addition, the Victim Witness Coordinator had contact with people seeking information pertaining to unreported incidents or other concerns, such as family or

immigration issues. These cases involved mostly Part I serious crimes (*Part I crimes include murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, human trafficking – commercial sex acts, and human trafficking – involuntary servitude*), as well as cases of domestic violence, assault, identity theft, homicide, runaways, elder abuse, child abuse and sex assaults. The Victim Witness Coordinator provided court accompaniment 24 times in 2021. Maryland Courts began to reopen in phases and in-person accompaniment was able to resume with precautionary measures in place.

The Victim Witness Coordinator 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. These cases are the most time sensitive and intensive because of the possibility the abuse can intensify and/or become deadly. In 2021, evidence was gathered and submitted in 42 cases, the majority of which were domestic violence cases.

The Victim Witness Coordinator 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 2021, the Victim Witness Coordinator logged in and distributed over 1,300 subpoenas.

The Victim Witness Coordinator gave presentations related to victim's rights, issues and resources in the department's Community Police Academy. In addition, the Victim Witness Coordinator trained new officers on victim advocacy and domestic violence, 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 meetings, webinars and trainings.



Notable Cases

The Takoma Park Police Victim Witness Coordinator assisted a woman who was a domestic violence victim in 2020. She kept in touch with the victim, periodically checking in on her to make sure she was doing well. She assisted the victim with preparing for the defendant's domestic violence criminal case appeal where she would possibly need to testify again. The victim was assisted with extending the active protection order she had against the defendant. The victim was extremely nervous of testifying once again in court with the defendant in such close proximity. The victim struggled the first time the case was in court and was afraid she would struggle again. The Victim Witness Coordinator reiterated that she would accompany her to court and be a support for her until the case was closed. To the victim's surprise, the defendant did not appear in court and she did not have to testify. She reiterated that the officers who intervened had saved her life when the incident first occurred.

An elderly and disabled couple in the city was assisted with filing for peace orders against a suspect who was financially exploiting and harassing them. Police filed criminal charges against the individual. The Victim Witness Coordinator, along with Adult Protective Services, assisted the couple with court accompaniment for the protective order hearing and made sure the department was aware of this case for special attention in the event a call for service went out for this elderly couple.

The Victim Witness Coordinator assisted police who were out on patrol. The officers were approached by a young girl and her younger cousin. The Victim Witness Coordinator was able to establish a brief rapport with the victim and the family. The younger cousin was escaping abuse from her father who resided out of state and the child ended up in Maryland where she was seeking refuge. The Victim Witness Coordinator contacted Child Protective Services who were able to build a plan of action in order to get the child to a safe place. The victim and her older cousin had no possessions with them. The victim and her cousin were assisted with clothing and food donations and the Victim Witness Coordinator remained in contact with the family to provide ongoing assistance.

Four victims of sex assault reported arrived at the police department alleging their church pastor had assaulted them each individually on separate occasions. This was a high-profile case for the city as the church

was in their community. The Victim Witness Coordinator assisted detectives with the interviews of the victims, assisted in providing reassurance, translation services and support to the victims throughout the investigative process and provided the victims with community resources.

The Victim Witness Coordinator provided victims with guidance based on knowledge of victim services as well as listened to concerns and offered other appropriate referrals as needed. Throughout the pandemic, the Takoma Park Police Department reminded the community that help was still available 24/7, along with victim assistance services.

Information and resources can be found on the Takoma Park Police Department's web page www.takomaparkmd.gov/police under Services and Programs.

Operations Division

The Operations consists of the Patrol Division and the Safe Speed Division. The Patrol Division consists of one Captain (Division Commander), one Lieutenant (Patrol Commander), four Sergeants (Team Leaders), four Corporals (Assistant Team Leaders), and 20 Patrol Officers. The Safe Speed Section consists of one civilian coordinator who oversees the Safe Speed Program and the Traffic Unit which has two officers; a Sergeant and Corporal.

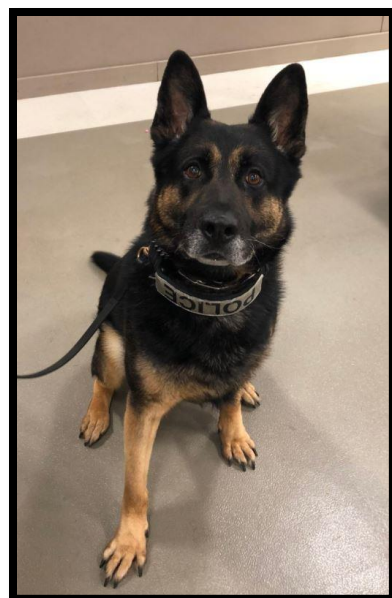
K-9 Unit

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 had one K9 - Kota (Partner: Sgt. Matthew Muzzatti).

Note- At the end of 2021 K9 Kota was retired from service. The department does not currently have a K-9 team in service

Honor Guard

The Takoma Park Police Department's Honor Guard, led by a Sergeant, was formed in the

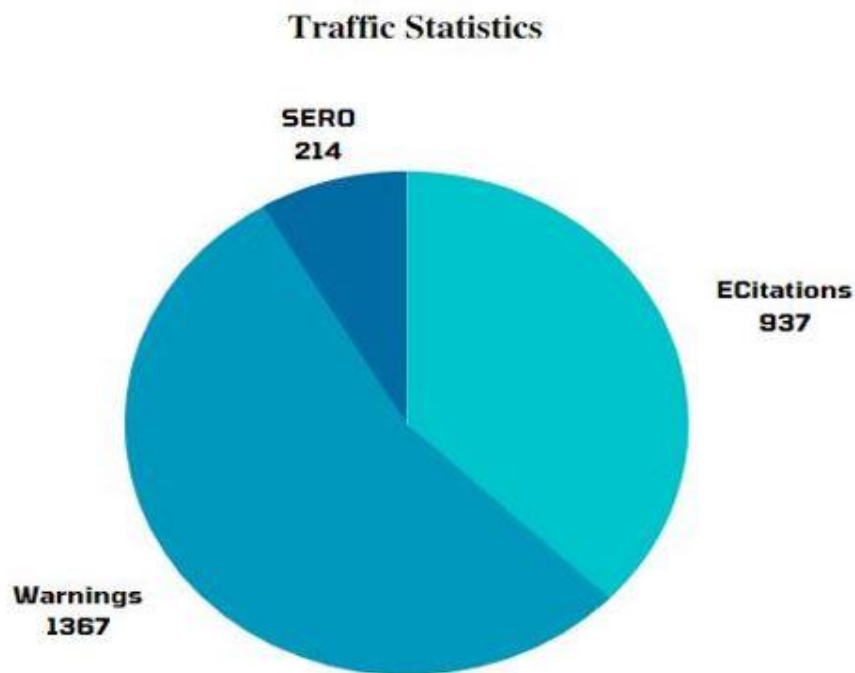


late 1980's and is made up of members from all ranks. The Honor Guard participated in various details on behalf of the City and Police Department, including the events in May for Police Week and the Concerns for Police Survivors (COPS) Escort Detail at Reagan National Airport during National Police Week.



Traffic Statistics

Throughout 2021, the Takoma Park Police Department conducted several traffic related details, which concluded with officers issuing 937 ECitations, 214 Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO), and 1,367 warnings.

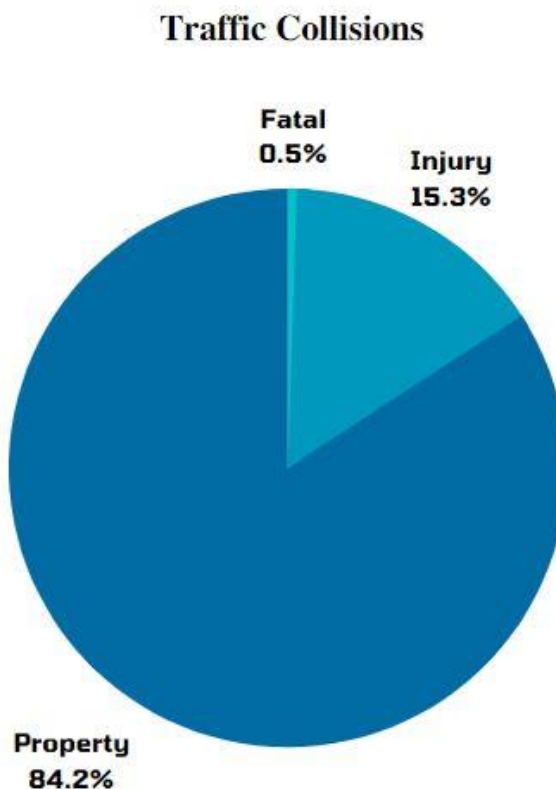


During 2021 officers conducted 1,449 total traffic stops.

Takoma Park Accident Collision Data

A total of 196 reportable crashes were recorded by the Takoma Park Police Department in 2021. This was an increase from 139 reported incidents in 2020. We believe this increase is related to the huge reduction in vehicular traffic in 2020 due to the national shutdown during the first phase of the pandemic, which lead to far fewer vehicles on our roadways and thus fewer reported collisions.

Fatal Collision	1 Total
Personal Injury Collision	30 Total
Property Damage Collision	165 Total

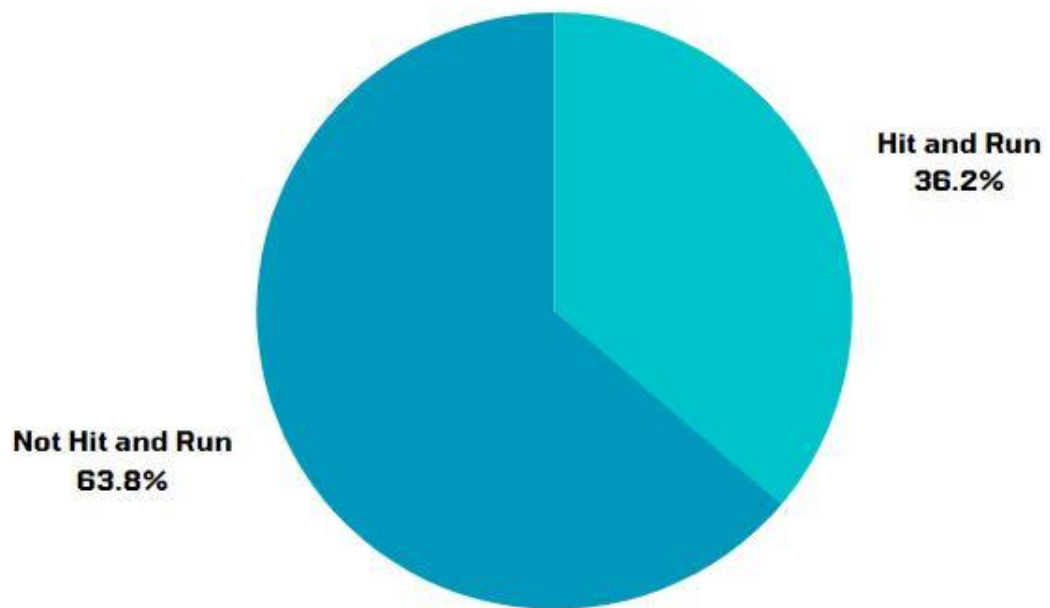


Hit and Run Collisions

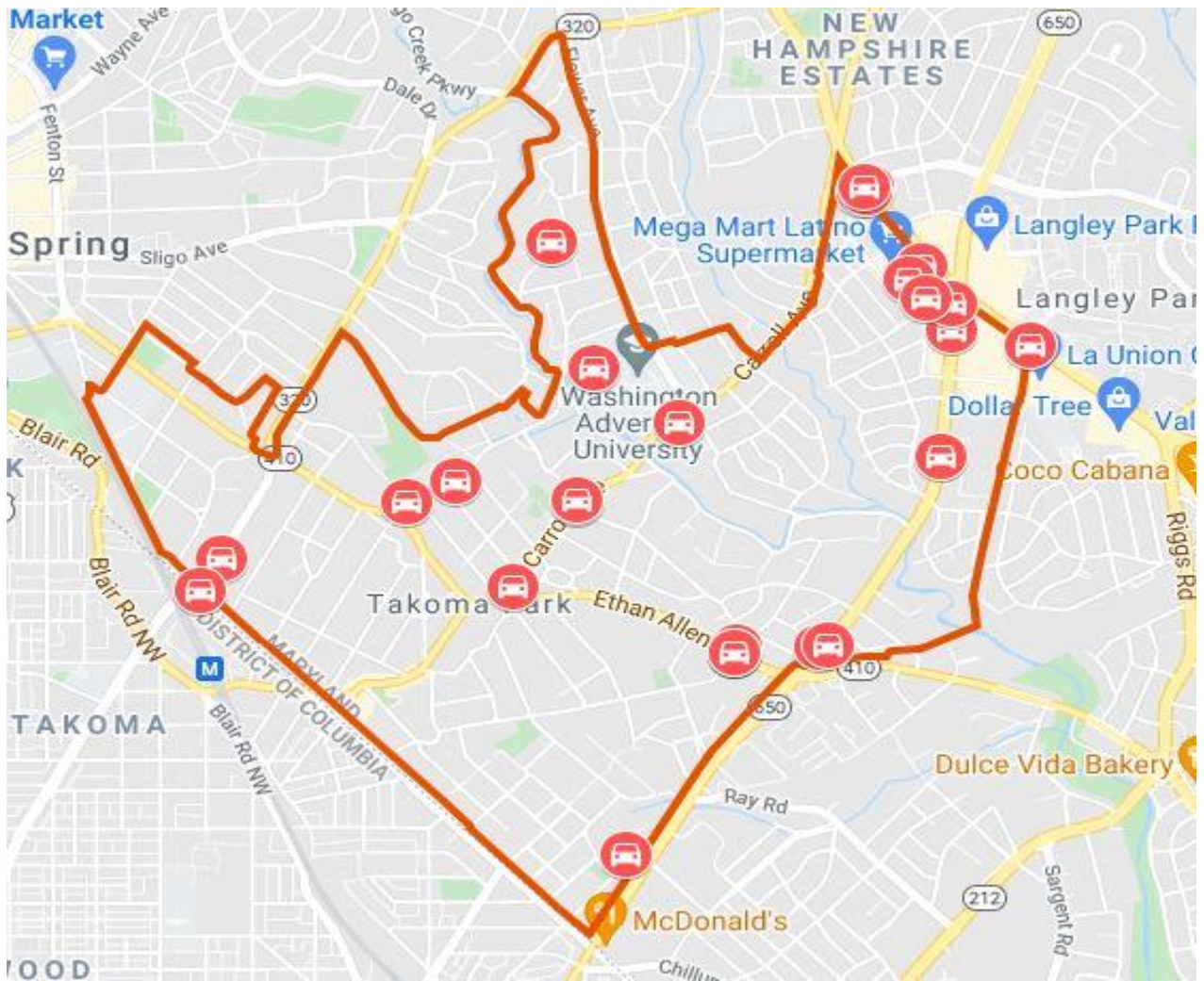
Of the reportable collisions, 71 were Hit-and-Run, 135 were not Hit-and-Run.

Not Hit-and-Run	125 Total
Hit-and-Run	71 Total

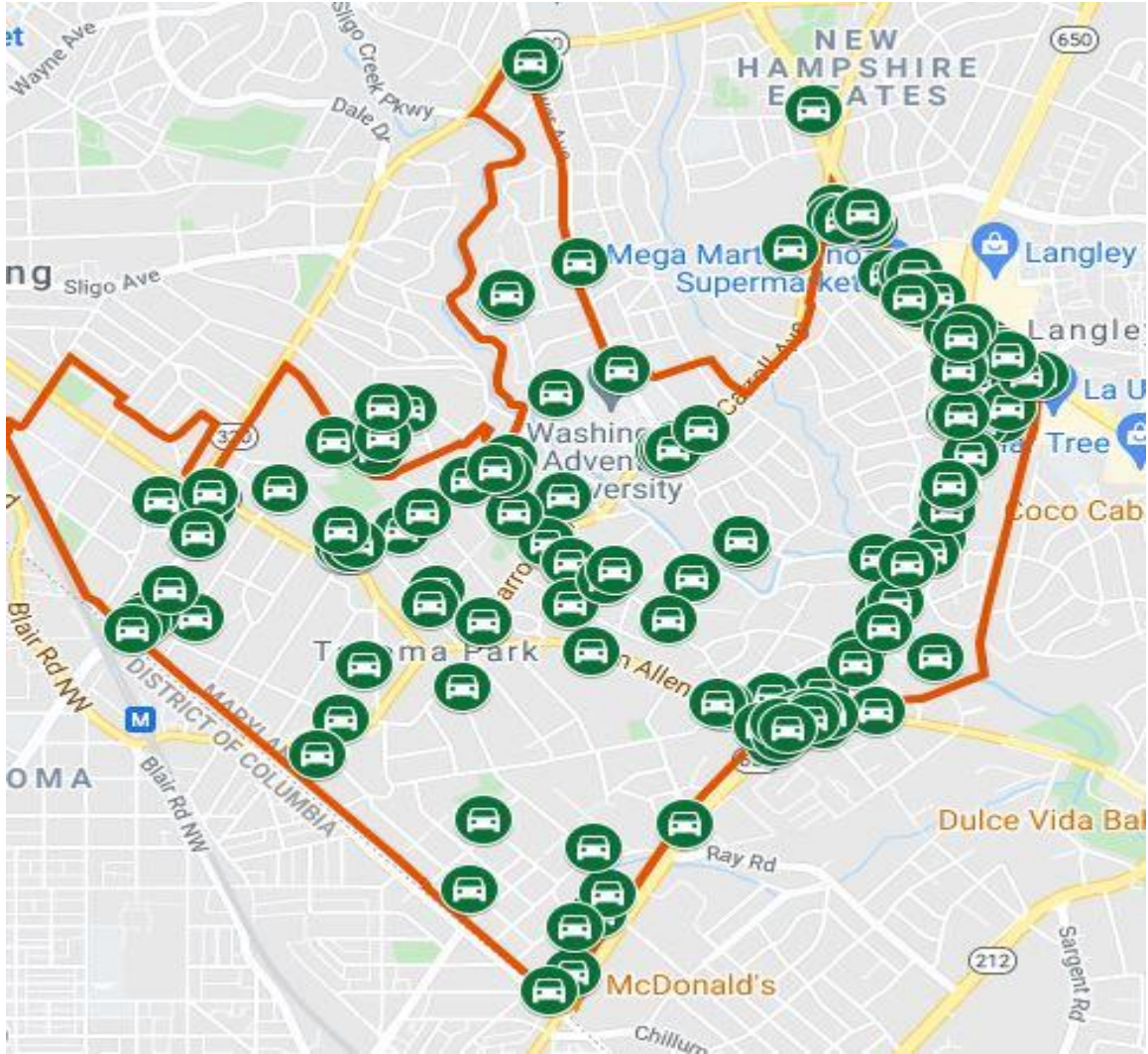
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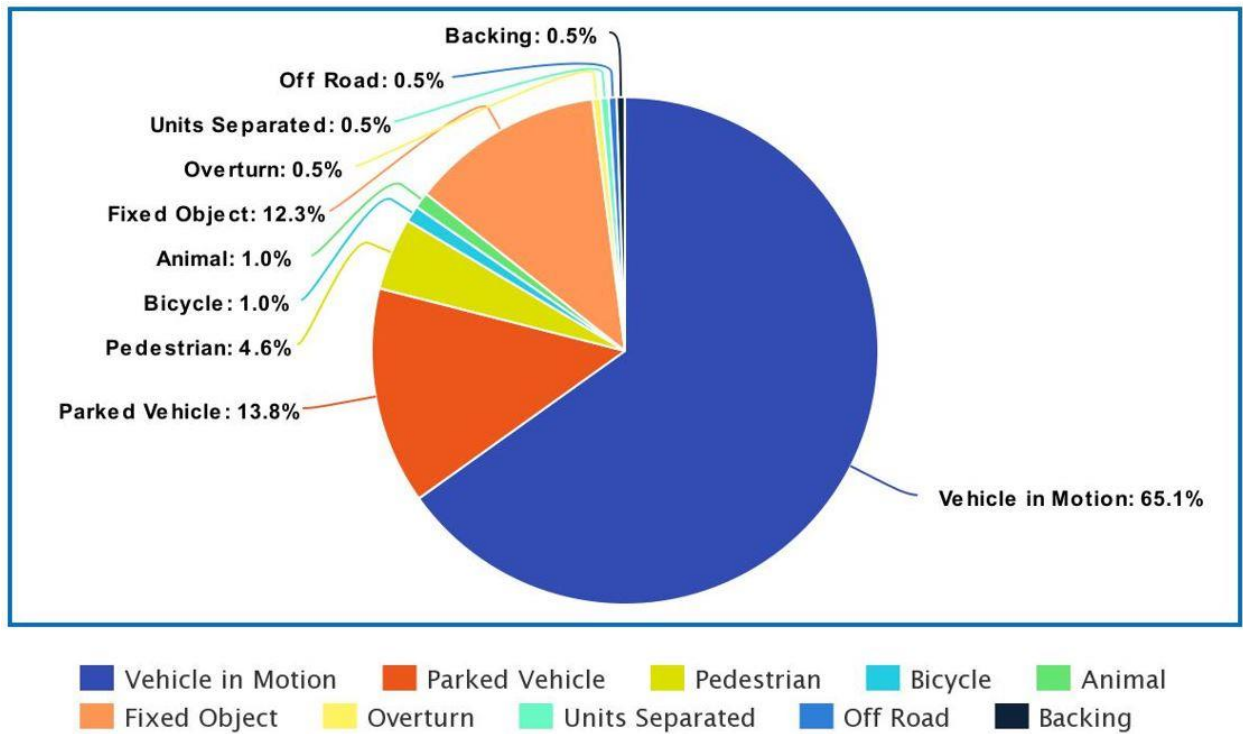
Personal Injury Collision Map



Property Damage Only Collision



Crash Type Statistics



The following outlines enforcement efforts by patrol officers during 2021:

Calls for Service: 8,773

Reports written: 1,268

Field Investigative Reports (FIRS): 110

State Tickets: 937

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO): 214

Parking: 25

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): 10

Warnings: 1,367

In-View Arrests: 63

Juvenile Arrests: 6

Warrant Service: 51

Warrants Obtained: 11

Criminal/Civil Citations: 18

Support Services Division

The Support Services Division consists of one Lieutenant (Division Commander), a Records Clerk, Logistics/Payroll Clerk, Warrants/ (National Crime Information Center), Parking Permit Coordinator, and seven Communications 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. The communications section, which consist of a supervisor and six dispatchers, provides 24/7 communications services to the police department/public as well as 24/7 front desk services for residents.

Current Staffing

The department is currently authorized 43 sworn officers. We currently have four vacancies.

Retirements

After 24 years of service to Takoma Park, **Sgt. Jerome Erwin** retired from the Takoma Park Police Department.



TAKOMA PARK POLICE: DISPATCHED CAD EVENTS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	798	688	655	544	661	610	685	408	618	619	581	578	7445
2021	554	500	654	573	609	611	503	603	589	629	594	624	7043

***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
2020	Other Self-Init	293	179	194	294	305	172	277	272	347	222	182	199	2936
	Traffic Stop	272	250	235	14	18	8	12	221	203	200	125	142	1700
	Total	565	429	429	308	323	180	289	493	550	422	307	341	4636
2021	Other Self-Init	109	85	136	236	117	133	200	158	176	175	111	94	1730
	Traffic Stop	227	142	212	101	19	28	82	41	70	128	303	220	1573
	Total	336	227	348	337	136	161	282	199	246	303	414	314	3303

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 updates.

Below is a list of various training courses officers attended during 2021, including but not limited to:

911 Leadership Module 1
911 Leadership Module 2
Active Bystander for Law Enforcement (ABLE)
Advance Warning
Advanced Firearm and Training Exercises Course
Advanced Firearms Instructor Certification Course
Advanced Police Dispatching
Advanced Supervisor Liability
Analyzing Criminal Behavior
Background Investigations for Police Applicants
Basic Crime Scene Investigations
Basic Instructor Training
Basic Investigator's Course
Basic Supervisor Liability
Best Practices of a Successful QA/QI Program
Bi-Annual Firearms Training
Cannabis Intoxication Impaired Driving Lab
Civilian Supervisor Training
CLEIG Conference
Community Policing Training
Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Certified Examiners Course
Crisis Communications Training
Death and Homicide Investigation
Disaster Planning for the PSAP
Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Training
Dispatch Training & Evaluation Program
Dispatchers' Role in Critical Incidents
Domestic Violence Overview
Drug Interdiction and Conducting the Complete Traffic Stop
Enhanced Caller Management
Entrance Level Training Program
Etix Initial Training
Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
Executive In-Service
Executive Management Training Session
Field Training - Lateral

Fill Those Seats - Recruiting 911 Superheroes
First Line Administrator
First Line Supervisor Training
Full Day In-service Training
Half Day In-service Training
Homicide Investigation & Crime Scene Management Training
Hostage Negotiation for Telecommunicators
IA Investigations of Off-Duty Conduct
Internet Crimes against Children and in Domestic Violence Setting
Interview and Interrogation for Investigators and Patrol Officers
Law Enforcement and High Visibility PPE
Law Enforcement De-escalation & Crisis Management Training
Law Enforcement Executive Coordination and Training
Law Enforcement Implicit Bias
Leadership in Police Organizations
Leadership Integrity
LPR Operator Class
Marijuana Civil Citations
Maryland Impaired Driving Conference for Law Enforcement
Module 1 Montgomery County In Service 2021
Module 2 Montgomery County In Service 2021
NCIC CN2 Basic Access Course
New Detective Training
Officer Involved Shooting
Public Safety Communicator 1
Recruiting and Hiring for Law Enforcement
Residential and Commercial Crime Prevention
Seal the Deal: Building your Criminal Case for Serious Crimes
Search Warrant Major Case Investigation
Semi-Auto Rifle Instructor
Shotgun New User
Social Media and Officer Discipline
Tactical Dispatch for the Telecommunicator
Taser 7
Taser Handgun Confusion
Taser Instructor School
Terrorism and the Telecommunicator
The Art of Communication: Giving and Receiving Feedback
The Military Model for Recruiting and Retention in Law Enforcement

The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing & Advanced Interrogation Techniques

The Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Positive Persuasion
Vehicle Involved Arrests

When High Profile Calls Have a Higher Impact

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. The agency award in 2021 was \$3,482.90 and can be used for ballistic vests for officers.

State Aid for Police Protection – UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative – DHS Homeland Security) Funding for 2019-2021 was \$5,675.00. These funds were used for personal protection equipment for staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Neighborhood Services Team (NST)

The Neighborhood Services Team consists of one supervisor, two parking enforcement officers, and two code enforcement officers. Code Enforcement officers' responsibilities include community-wide enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code and other nuisance ordinances, the investigation of nuisance complaints, and referrals to appropriate county and state agencies in situations where local codes do not apply.

Parking enforcement officers enforce parking regulations throughout the city.

Below is a list of enforcements that were conducted during 2021:

Calls

<i>Incoming</i>	6,981
<i>Outgoing (incl. emails)</i>	3,610
<i>Walk-ins</i>	19

Complaints

<i>Complaints received</i>	156
<i>Initial complaints inspected</i>	156
<i>Complaints re-inspected</i>	612
<i>Notice of Violations sent</i>	35
<i>Citations issued</i>	19
<i>Requests for legal action</i>	1
<i>Court appearances</i>	5
<i>Complaint cases closed</i>	48
<i>Courtesy notices left</i>	516
<i>Courtesy notices closed</i>	350

Property Maintenance

<i>Initial inspections</i>	2,560
<i>Re-inspections</i>	3,926
<i>Notice of Violations sent</i>	165
<i>Citations issued</i>	89
<i>Request for legal action</i>	16
<i>Court appearances</i>	13
<i>Cases closed</i>	139

<i>Signs, handbills, flyers removed</i>	1,606
<i>Parking</i>	
<i>Calls for service</i>	1,109
<i>Parking tickets issued</i>	2,453
<i>Vehicles towed</i>	39
<i>Warning tickets issued</i>	349
<i>Meters repaired</i>	0