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LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report 2015

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MAYOR OF LEXINGTON JIM GRAY

Hello, Everyone,

You're reading about a very special group of individuals in the pages of this report ... people who work very hard to keep you safe in a world where safety is becoming increasingly complicated and challenging. Lexington ranks as one of the safest cities of its size in the country, thanks to our hard-working police officers.

The Urban County Council and I set a high priority on making sure our police officers have the tools they need to do their jobs. Every year, public safety is the top priority in our budget. Since the start of 2011, we have invested almost \$1.5 billion in public safety, and that's a 22% increase over five years.

In 2015, we added 10 new police officers to our department to help better serve our growing city. The city budget also included funding for new patrol vehicles and equipment.

I know you join me in thanking the men and women of the Lexington Police Department for the great job they do. I know because you tell me regularly, and I appreciate hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Gray
Mayor



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CHIEF OF POLICE MARK G. BARNARD

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to present the 2015 Lexington Police Department annual report. The pages that follow highlight the efforts of our committed staff, community partners, and citizens to create and maintain a safe place to live, work and visit.

We are building on a well-established commitment to community policing in an increasingly challenging time for law enforcement. Now more than ever, it's important that we have strong partnerships within the city we serve.

Our educated and highly trained personnel are dedicated to providing professional service worthy of our community's trust. We embrace the values of ethical work, professional integrity, and transparency and pledge to continue to strengthen the community's confidence in its officers through our words and actions.

Crime victim advocacy continues to be at the forefront of our thoughts and efforts. A variety of needs are realized when a citizen falls victim to crime, and the police department will continue to expand its efforts to ensure that those who have been affected by crime are offered dedicated support and assistance.

I invite you to stay connected to the police department. Follow us on social media, approach our officers in the community, enroll in the Citizens Police Academy, and share your ideas. Collaboration is imperative to our continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Barnard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark G. Barnard
Chief of Police

RECOGNITION AND HONOR

[Click here to view recipients from this year's Awards Banquet.](#)



6th
Sergeants Academy graduation



2nd
Promotion Ceremony



20th
Officers rescue a German Sheperd from I-75 during snow storm

11th
Women's Law Enforcement Symposium — offers helpful information and insight for women interested in police work.



11-17th
National Citizen Police Academy Association Conference hosted by Lexington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



4th
Relay for Life

5th
Crime Stoppers Golf Scramble fund-raiser



20th
Mounted Unit's beloved barn cat HOBBS is awarded "Cat of the Year" honors by the Lexington Humane Society

JANUARY

12th
Mark G. Barnard is sworn in as Lexington Chief of Police

20th
Lieutenants Academy graduation

FEBRUARY

12th
Officers participate in book reading program at local schools

16th
Storms drop 27 inches of snow by March 5



MARCH

12th
Command staff attend Leadership Lexington program

16th
Recruit Class 072014 graduation

APRIL

18th
High School Boy/Girls Basketball Tournament. March Madness begins

20th
Officers attend Maxwell Elementary "Career Day"

MAY

5th
Lexington Police Awards Banquet. Chief Barnard (right) presents "Detective of the Year" award to Christopher Russell.



22nd
Employees participate in "Pink Day" for Breast Cancer Awareness month

JUNE

10th
Recruit Class 052015 began May 4th and graduated with 31 officers.



19th
Martin Luther King Memorial March

4th
Fourth of July Festival

JULY



13-17th
Officers host two Junior Citizen Police Academies for the year



AUGUST

13th
Kenney Watson Canine Training Field Dedication Ceremony

26th
Retirement Ceremony

22nd
Crime Stoppers Shootout competition and fund-raiser



SEPTEMBER

12th
Roots & Heritage Festival

18th
Festival Latino de Lexington



12th
Police Promotions

13-16th
Mounted Unit hosts NAPEC Competition; Officers Stacy Shannon and Ray Alexander judge Best Dressed Uniform Class competition.

OCTOBER



26-31st
Breeder's Cup Race and Festivities including a UK football game, Thriller parade and Halloween "Trick or Treat".



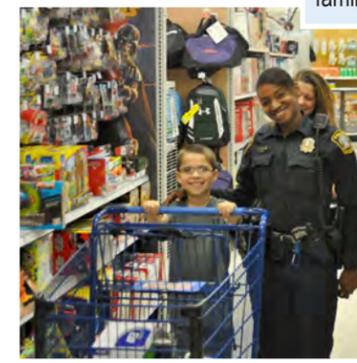
NOVEMBER

10th
CPA Class 54 graduates

11th
Crime Free Multi-Housing Program resumes

DECEMBER

11th
"Shop with a Cop" program for kids



13th
Christmas party for law enforcement families at Keeneland



2016



SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Officers participated in the Books and Badges Program at William Wells Brown Elementary, which was a short term monthly reading program. It afforded officers the opportunity to read books to students from kindergarten to second grade. The initiative was immensely popular with officers. In fact, there were more volunteers than dates available to participate in the program. Officers and children alike all agreed that the time spent together turned out to be a great experience, and they look forward to participating again in the future.

East Sector officers were given a unique experience to greet students arriving at school in the morning. This school-law enforcement partnership created a strategic outreach opportunity for officers who quickly



In another initiative involving the 13 Fayette County public elementary schools located within the geographical boundary of East Sector, uniformed



PHOTOS

Top: Officer Jerome Bean listens to a student at Maxwell Elementary's "Career Day" where many questions were asked about policing in Lexington.

Bottom: Officer Kevin Jones read a book to students at Booker T. Washington Academy during black history month.



responded to the call for volunteers. This endeavor was met with enthusiasm and evolved into more than just a "meet and greet". The officer volunteers created positive relationships with students and staff and ultimately became a valuable resource. They participated in the following school activities: Morning "meet and greets", lunch with the students, class book readings, after school mentoring, and "Career Day" events.

This experience turned out to be a reciprocal opportunity for the students and staff to support the department and officers. Many of the schools hosted appreciation events and provided care packages for officers.

This partnership has a bright future that requires the department and schools to be purposefully engaged in the community. It has already had a positive and meaningful impact on youth and officers. With word spreading about the success of this initiative, several non-profit private schools who serve elementary students have sought out similar partnerships.

PHOTOS

Above: Officers Jerome Bean and Shannon Gahafer at Maxwell Elementary "Career Day".

Column right, top: Officers from East Sector enjoy a meal with students from Dixie Elementary School.

Second: Student at Tates Creek Middle School models a police hat and vest.

Third: Officer appreciation event at Dixie Elementary School.

Bottom: "Partners for Youth" summer camp outreach program at Gainesway.





JUNIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Officers revamped the curriculum of the Junior Citizen Police Academy (JCPA) and successfully hosted two classes of 30 students in 2015 during the weeks of June 22-26 and July 13-17. The department had the opportunity to teach about the role of police in the community and demonstrate how our extensive resources are used. In many cases, it was an opportunity for a positive first interaction between students and police.

Both classes provided opportunities to visit with different sections within each bureau of the police department. Class highlights included visits to the Mounted Unit, Canine Unit, Investigations and Forensics. The JCPA was a positive community outreach effort and provided opportunities for students to learn about the police department. Positive feedback was received from attendees' parents, and many students want to attend again in 2016.

PHOTOS

Top: Children having fun traveling on the police bus.

Bottom, left to right: Detective Lora Harrison demonstrates how to create a chemical compound to lift fingerprints from various objects; Officer Josh Breeze demonstrates how the bomb robot is used to pick up suspicious objects safely; Children visit the Mounted Unit barn; Sergeant Billy Richmond answers questions about police motorcycles;

E-911 Supervisor Nannette Lewis explains the importance and process of proper emergency communications.

Next page, top: Newly certified D.A.R.E. instructor, Officer Eric Jones poses with students from Booker T. Washington Academy.

Right: Park Ambassador Jonathan Washington plays a basketball game with children in Douglass Park.

D.A.R.E. - TEACHING STUDENTS DECISION MAKING FOR SAFE & HEALTHY LIVING

A combination of four officers from Special Operations and Patrol have been selected to become certified instructors and attend the D.A.R.E. training program. The new D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on school safety, internet safety, drug use, community safety, and bullying awareness and prevention. Upon their certification, the officers will teach the new D.A.R.E. curriculum at two elementary schools – Booker T. Washington Intermediate and William Wells Brown Elementary. By re-establishing the D.A.R.E. program in Fayette County Schools, the department will be providing the tools students need to make good decisions for their safety.



BACK PACK PROGRAM

Community Services personnel participated in the back-to-school Back Pack Program. This annual event occurs the first Saturday in August in various parks throughout our city.

This event has a strong following with many community partners who donate backpacks and other school supplies for our youth. Officers distribute water bottles for youth to place in their backpacks along with hand sanitizer and additional police department promotional items for their use during the school year.

PARK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Community policing in the park

In the Summer of 2015, the Division of Parks and Recreation and the police department worked together to create the position of Park Ambassador. The ambassadors, who are retired police officers, work to increase community policing efforts in the parks. They are familiar faces who were influential in their law enforcement careers and worked with many youth programs. Retired Officers David Lewis, Phillip Segar, Jonathan Washington and Walker Webb are encouraged to make as many positive contacts as possible with the public in their assignments during events in the parks. Their presence provides a friendly outlet for guests at the park to talk about safety issues, improvement to park facilities and their overall park experience.

Each ambassador wears a high visibility yellow shirt with "Park Ambassador" on the back, which allows them to stand out among park visitors. They work youth football games played in Southland, Shillito, Martin Luther King, Constitution and Douglass Parks. In addition to the football games, they worked other events including East End Days at Charles Young Park, Douglass Park Movie Night, Duncan Park Centennial Celebration, and the annual Parks and Recreation Football Tournament, which is held at Bryan Station High School.



The park ambassador program has already had a strong impact in the community and received positive feedback. There is great potential to expand this program in the future.





L LEXINGTON POLICE PEACE MARCHES

“Let’s Get Better and Do IT Together” is a slogan of a “stop the violence” effort in Lexington. The department has taken the reins to partner with different organizations within the community to fight violence.

This past year, officers continued to answer the call, and citizens walked the streets of East End to voice concerns and continue the momentum gained from previous years. Council members, community leaders, residents, and police officers walked the area in large numbers.

From June through August, one Saturday a month, a different theme was created to support each walk. “Community Day” was the first theme that invited the community at-large to participate, “Government Officials Day” encouraged local, state and federal government personnel to show their support for the second theme, and the last theme “Peace” focused on the reduction of violence specifically.

During the walks, banners were flown, and citizens sitting on their porches along the route waved in support of the participants in the peace march.

People will continue to make a stand against violent crime by sending a message of support through peaceful marches in their neighborhoods.

PHOTO

Top: Lexington police coordinated peace walks where citizens took a stand against violence.

VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE

Due to an increase in gun violence, the department created a Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF) to address shootings that began to occur in the spring.

Additional officers were assigned to work with detectives in the Personal Crimes, Intelligence, and CLEAR Units. Collectively, they assisted the Bureau of Investigation (BOI) with over 130 cases that involved violent crime such as shots fired, assaults involving firearms and homicides. They served over 50 arrest warrants and seized over 30 firearms.

In addition to working with BOI personnel, they also partnered with Probation and Parole officers and Fayette County Sheriff’s deputies to conduct home checks on offenders who were out on bond or on probation. During these checks, they arrested 14 subjects who were in violation of their conditions of release and also seized eight firearms.

The VCTF was effective and violent crime activity decreased across the city. The success of this task force led to the permanent assignment of a new Violent Crime Unit.

GEORGETOWN STREET VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE

The CLEAR Unit was tasked with developing a plan of action to reduce crimes associated with narcotics trafficking, various forms of weapons violations, and disorderly conduct in the Georgetown Street corridor.

The department had received multiple complaints from concerned citizens, the Georgetown Neighborhood Association and community leaders about the upward trend in gang, gun and narcotics related activity and violence. The plan outlined three strategic phases that would reduce violent crime in the area, displace and cripple narcotics operations while at the same time garnering the support from the neighborhood residents.

The specific design of the plan was to focus on criminal issues, neighborhood complaints and solving community concerns using information derived from local citizens. Their efforts directly impacted the quality of life by reducing the fear of crime and being victimized by those engaged in criminal activity.

High visibility patrol efforts with a focus on positive citizen contacts, listening to community concerns and utilizing the information for leads on narcotics dealers, gang members and their associates led to a successful outcome for this initiative.

The investigations resulted in 21 narcotics related arrests and citations, four gun charges—including one stolen, and a narcotics related search warrant of a residence, which speaks highly of the exceptional character and work ethic of all of those involved.

The positive outcome generated from the Georgetown Violent Crimes Reduction Initiative was a direct result of a professional strategic plan as well as the focused enforcement efforts by the officers involved.



Lt. Brad Ingram



Melinda Weathers



Brandy Gordon

HEALING AND LIVING ONWARD

The agency partnered with Hospice of the Bluegrass to offer a support group for families that have lost a loved one to homicide. This group, known as H.A.L.O. (Healing and Living Onward), is headed by Lt. Brad Ingram with Robbery Homicide along with Victim Advocates Melinda Weathers and Brandy Gordon with Hospice of the Bluegrass.

The importance of the group is not only to bring counseling services to the families, but also to help families connect and share their experiences with others that have suffered a loss through homicide. H.A.L.O. provides an opportunity for families to come together in a safe environment where they are free to express themselves through a variety of outlets, or if they choose, they may simply listen to others recount their stories.

The department educates and guides families following an incident. They play an important role by bridging the gap that families often experience when they are forced to enter into the criminal justice system. Detectives are on hand, not only to answer questions about the system, but also to enhance their relationship with the families and the community. H.A.L.O.’s counselor, Brandy Gordon has been with Hospice of the Bluegrass for over 10 years and states:

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The grief that is experienced due to the death of a loved one resulting from a homicide can be devastating and paralyzing for family members and friends. The H.A.L.O. group is an effort between the Lexington Police Department and Hospice of the Bluegrass to help survivors realize that they are not alone and enables them to find support from others experiencing a similar type of loss.

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Both agencies are committed to offering services to families that have lost their loved one to homicide and will continue to expand their efforts in the field of victim services.



W WINTER STORMS

The winter of 2015 was one for the history books in Lexington. The extreme weather forced schools, businesses and even the government center to close for a time, but the police department and other first responders jumped into action.

A snowstorm on February 16 dumped 10 inches of snow on Lexington. For days, the temperatures stayed well below freezing, dropping to minus 18 at one point. Conditions were unsafe for people and animals.

So when a dog was spotted running loose on Interstate 75 that week, officers knew they had to act quickly. The dog, a German Shepherd named Abi, was reported weaving in and out of traffic. Officers stopped traffic and trudged through snow to help capture Abi, who appeared scared and dehydrated.

An officer from Animal Care & Control was eventually able to catch the dog and take her to a veterinarian for treatment of hypothermia. While recuperating, personnel from E-911 determined that Abi had been reported stolen. It wasn't long before Abi was reunited with her family, thanks to collaborative efforts from many public safety personnel.

Mother Nature wasn't finished with the cold weather and snowfall yet. On March 4 and 5, snow totaling 17.1 inches fell over Lexington. According to the National Weather Service, the storm completely crushed Lexington's previous two-day snowfall record of 13.5 inches set back in 1917 and 1943.

Police responded with extra crews to address traffic concerns. The department's all-wheel drive Ford Interceptors proved capable of handling most snow-covered roadways. Lexington officers, as well as deputies from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, helped transport hospital and emergency personnel as needed. All told, Lexington Police responded to dozens of collisions and hundreds of calls for service.

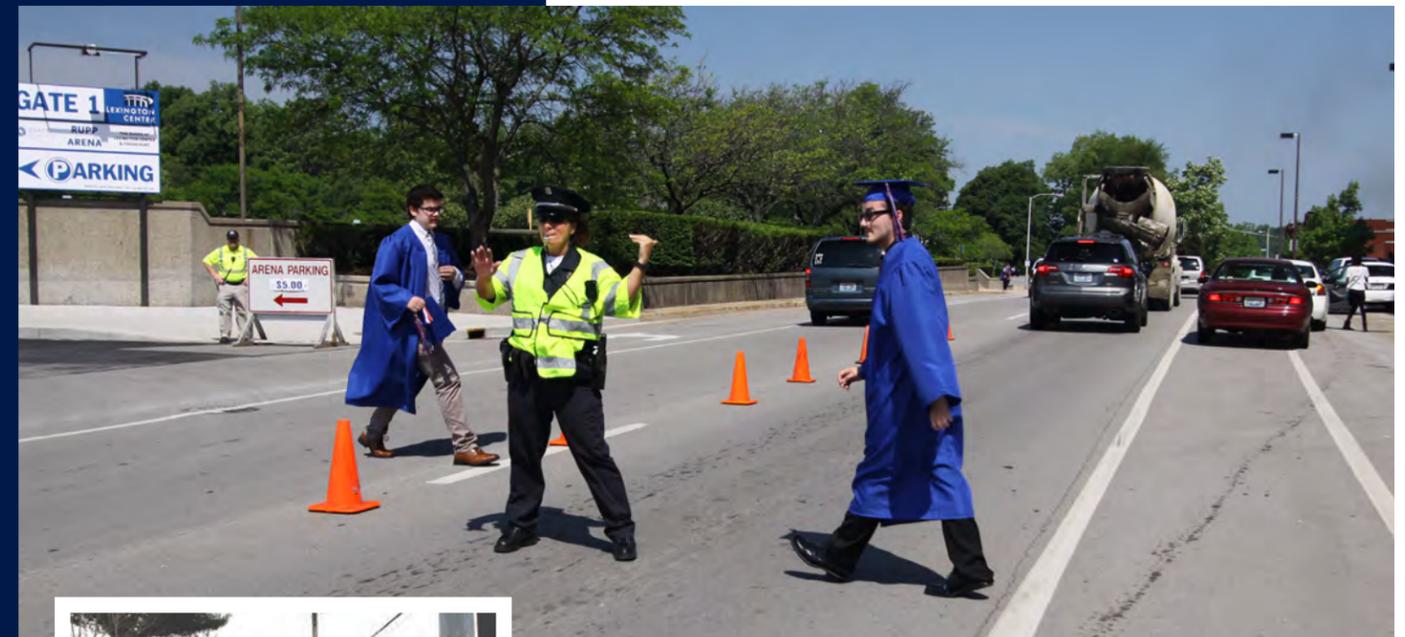


PHOTOS

Top: Heavy snow on I-75.

Second: German Shepherd dog blocks traffic on I-75.

Bottom: Officers attempt to capture dog so traffic lanes can be reopened.



PHOTOS

Top: Officer Susan Kettering directs traffic in front of Rupp Arena and assists graduates crossing the street.

Second: Officer David Dewolfe explains the utilization of a traffic control box to civilian trainees at an intersection.

Bottom: Officer Justus Daniel ensures safe passage for pedestrians crossing the street

TRAFFIC SAFETY & SERVICE

The Traffic Section participated in a variety of special events requiring large numbers of sworn and civilian personnel to ensure the safety of all participants. As a result, the Traffic Section conducted Civilian Traffic Control Training in February, March and August with Officer Greg Marlin teaching manual traffic control to approximately 100 civilian employees and school crossing guards.

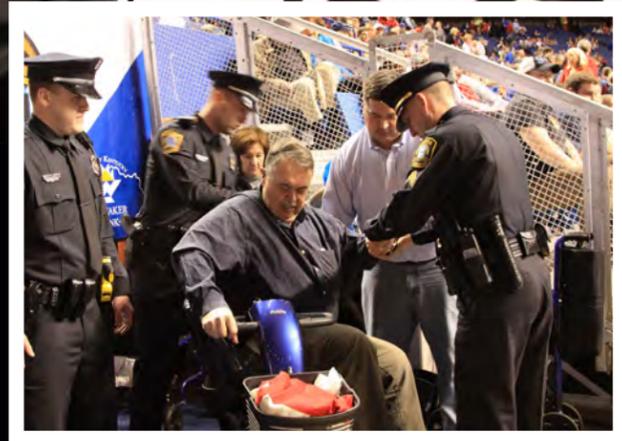
The instruction covered topics such as basic school crossing guard procedures, pedestrian safety, traffic flow, pedestrian flow, entering and exiting the intersection safely and how to stop vehicular traffic in a safe manner. This annual training keeps employees up-to-date with the safe practices of manual traffic control and allows the civilian personnel to assist the Traffic Section with traffic control during foot races, parades and UK Football games.

At the beginning of May, the University of Kentucky (UK) commencement ceremonies are held at Rupp Arena, and at the end of the month, Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) hold their high school commencement ceremonies at Rupp Arena. Families, parents, students, and visitors from around the country and the world attended these events.

The Traffic Section worked with Lexington Center personnel, UK Police and FCPS Police to provide traffic control around the arena and help attendees cross the streets and get to parking areas safely and efficiently, as well as, minimize the congestion of downtown traffic.

The annual Midsummer Night's Run was held downtown on August 8th. Wonderful weather resulted in thousands of people coming to the downtown area to enjoy the evening event.

The annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was held October 3rd. Traffic officers maintained posts, blocked streets and redirected traffic around the race course to ensure a safe event for all participants.



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KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION “SWEET SIXTEEN”

March 18th, 2015 kicked off the Kentucky High School Athletic Association’s (KHSAA) Boys State Basketball Tournament. The “Sweet Sixteen” tournament highlights the best boys basketball Kentucky has to offer as the champions from each of the sixteen districts around the state compete for the coveted title of Kentucky State Basketball Champions.

Thousands of fans from around the state converge on Rupp Arena to cheer their teams to victory. The department directs the surge of visitors into the city by providing smooth traffic flow into the Rupp arena venue. Traffic officers staffed traffic posts around the area to ensure the safety of downtown workers, visitors and attendees of the tournament. As the fans approach the arena from the parking lots surrounding Rupp, they are greeted by Downtown Entertainment District officers who provide extra security around the arena on their police mountain bikes and Segway’s. Officers and horses from the Mounted Unit patrol their assigned area around the arena on horseback.

Once inside, fans can be assured of enjoying the highest quality basketball competition the state has to offer. While the games were taking place, CLEAR officers were standing watch near the ticket booths, at the turnstiles, on the concourses, and court side to provide security and public safety assistance. Lexington police officers take great pride in making the fan experience as smooth and safe as possible and one they will cherish for a lifetime.

NCAA BASKETBALL

The University of Kentucky men’s basketball team made a historic run toward another national championship title falling just short during the final game with Wisconsin. This historic run for UK also provided an opportunity for the department to partner with other law enforcement agencies.

Preparations were made for the largest deployment of resources in anticipation of multiple celebrations including the State Street and S. Limestone corridors. The Fayette County Sheriff’s Office, Fayette County Detention Center, Kentucky State Police, the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police, and UK Police worked with Lexington Police to deploy over 425 personnel to monitor various venues throughout the city. Traffic plans were coordinated with the Division of Traffic Engineering to manage the crowd overflow into the streets.

The operations plan for each of the games — Sweet 16, Elite 8, and the Final Four — offered a solid foundation for the joint response to ensure flexibility and provide officers with a tactical advantage in their deployment locations. In addition, the Public Information Officer provided updates to the community through live tweets before, during and after the basketball games.

During pre-game briefings, officers were encouraged to observe and interact with the crowd in a positive manner, such as taking photos with fans when appropriate, but also take law enforcement action if warranted to remove violators safely from the crowds.

The operations plan and its subsequent execution resulted in a successful series of celebrations with little damage and few injuries. Even though the UK Wildcats lost their Final Four game, they came one game shy of setting NCAA history with an undefeated championship year.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Each year, the city of Lexington hosts the Fourth of July celebration. Since the holiday fell on Saturday, a record number of people visited the downtown festival area to enjoy the activities including the Bluegrass 10K, an afternoon parade and an evening of fireworks. The department worked with the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office, Divisions of Streets and Roads, Traffic Engineering and Parks and Recreation to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for everyone. Officers provided traffic control at various intersections and security for different points of interest throughout the weekend.

PHOTOS

Previous page, top: Officers Tai Nguyen (left) and David Lawson observe the crowd during the Boys Sweet Sixteen Tournament at Rupp Arena; Inset: Officers assist fan into motorized wheelchair.

Above: Officers Officers Ray Miller and Alejandro Zaglul meet and greet children attending the Fourth of July celebration.





BREEDERS' CUP 2015

The department provided security and traffic control for the Breeders' Cup Festival hosted in the downtown area from October 25th through the 31st in anticipation of the Breeders' Cup race to be held at Keeneland Race Course. The majority of events were held within the area of Fifth Third Pavilion, along Short Street, east to Courthouse Plaza, and a portion of the Jefferson Street area.

The seven day assignment involved security for the many musical acts taking place in the Courthouse Plaza area, security on Jefferson Street for Breeders' Cup personnel and official guests, and monitoring several high profile gatherings throughout Lexington's downtown area—Trust Lounge, Polly's Toasted Barrel and The Livery.

On Friday and Saturday, record breaking crowds were in attendance at the Keeneland Race Course. In addition, officers were deployed throughout the city at multiple special events taking place at the same time, including: the Breeders' Cup race, a UK Football game and other Halloween festivities.

This brought a large influx of people to the city including dignitaries from around the world who converged on Keeneland to participate in the annual horse racing event, which was held here for the first time. The department's focus was ensuring the safety of residents and visitors alike. The operational and traffic plan implemented allowed events to take place without incident and ensured safe and efficient ingress and egress from the property for all guests without inconveniencing daily commuters.

The entire week brought excitement and national attention to Lexington. The Breeders' Cup events were widely recognized as a resounding success. Civilian and sworn members of the department met the many challenges they faced and performed admirably.

ROOTS & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The annual Roots and Heritage Festival was held September 11th through September 13th in the city's East End neighborhood. The department worked closely with various other divisions of the Urban County Government and with the Roots and Heritage committee to provide necessary services for the three-day event.

In support of this event, the Bureau of Special Operations provided temporary traffic control devices, assisted with event security, and coordinated traffic control for the parade.

PHOTOS

Top: Officer Kati Rhea escorts jockeys at Keeneland Race Course during the Breeders' Cup event.

Next Page: Thursday Night Live gathering at the Fifth Third Pavilion.

FESTIVAL LATINO DE LEXINGTON

In September, the annual Latino Festival was held at the Courthouse Plaza. This event brought many people into the downtown area to enjoy great food and music from members of the Hispanic community. The activities took place over an entire weekend and thousands from all ages and backgrounds came out to enjoy the free entertainment. The most popular attractions included a wide variety of Hispanic foods and distinctive musical performances.

The Downtown Entertainment District Unit, CLEAR officers and Traffic Units worked this event. They welcomed the businesses and greeted patrons who came to downtown Lexington. Officers were at the festival to provide security and traffic control, answer questions, and assist visitors who came to enjoy the festivities in Lexington.

Each year, the Latino Festival brings people together from all over Kentucky and showcases the vibrant Latino community in Lexington.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

The Thursday Night Live event takes place at the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion every week from April through October and is organized by the Downtown Lexington Corporation. This was a special year due to the 20th Anniversary of Thursday Night Live. The event was a strong lead into the Breeders' Cup Festival, which was also held in downtown Lexington.

Every Thursday during the summer months, many local bands, food vendors and businesses come together to provide entertainment. This gathering continues to grow annually, with several thousand people in attendance, making it the social event of the week for many. Most participants attending the celebration work and live in the area, but many regional and international visitors enjoy the event too.

The Downtown Entertainment District Unit monitors the crowds utilizing police bikes and an all-terrain electric vehicle. Officers working the downtown area can be seen assisting visitors with directions to local restaurants, popular establishments and entertainment while acting as ambassadors for the city.

Thursday Night Live is immensely popular and continues to grow. The department will continue to provide necessary support to ensure this event will remain a standard of entertainment for people in downtown Lexington for many years to come.





NATIONAL MOUNTED POLICE COLLOQUIUM

In organizing the 31st Annual National Mounted Police Colloquium, it was going to be a difficult task to improve upon the success of the previous two years. Through careful planning, advertising and collaboration, the Mounted Unit and the Kentucky Horse Park Police delivered another well attended world-class equestrian event.

When preparation began last year, two major points needed to be addressed. The first was how to accommodate the increased number of participants and adequately manage available facility and instructor resources for training classes. This year the number of instructors remained the same, but an additional day was added to the schedule ensuring the instructors had enough time to devote to each rider. This made the training flow better without being rushed between classes, and the extra day relieved the strain on the instructors. Participants felt they received the

best training for their money because there was enough time for each class.

The second and perhaps most important point to address, was the fiscal aspect for both agencies with the decision to add a day to the training, which would impact the cost-benefit ratio. The additional day would increase the cost for staff, instructors and attendees. Several critiques received the previous year mentioned not having enough time to practice the techniques discussed in each class. In addition, officers had to work longer hours. After analyzing the cost associated with personnel and the quality of training, it was decided to add a day to the event and increase the entry fee to offset the cost. This decision proved to be an overwhelming success. Participants were more rested, had more time to practice the material covered in class, and never once complained about the increased cost.

Troop drilling, officer safety, team building, equitation techniques, search and rescue, jumping skills, and crowd control were some of the classes offered. The competitions included: Equitation, Best Dressed Uniform, Team Event, and Obstacle Course; awards and ribbons were presented to the winners.

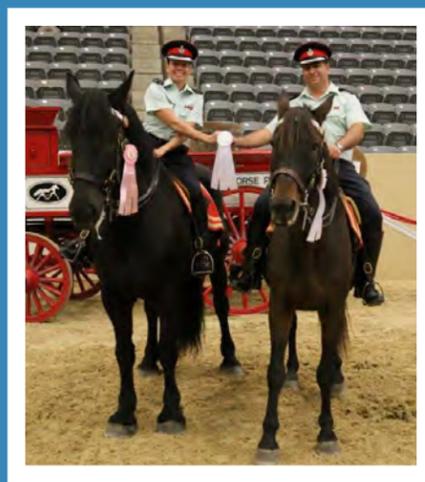


The 2015 Colloquium exceeded all expectations. There were 84 participants from 23 agencies as far away as New Mexico, Michigan, Texas and Florida.

Planning has already begun for next year's colloquium. It will include better advertisement in the community to encourage spectators and to draw more community partnerships. By consistently improving this world-class event, the colloquium continues to be influential in the profession of Mounted Policing throughout the country.

2015 GOVERNOR INAUGURATION

The Mounted Unit and Louisville's Mounted Unit were invited to participate in the 2015 Governor's Inauguration. The organizers requested the Mounted Unit to ride in a lengthy inaugural parade and afterward provide a security detail around the capital during the address. Both agencies responded with four horses each. Officers represented the department in an exemplary manner performing their duties with honor and distinction.



NORTH AMERICAN POLICE EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PHOTOS

Previous page, top: Recruit Class 102015 creates a crowd control scenario for mounted officers during a colloquium training class.

Previous page, bottom left: Attendees receive instructions before jumping an obstacle course on horseback.

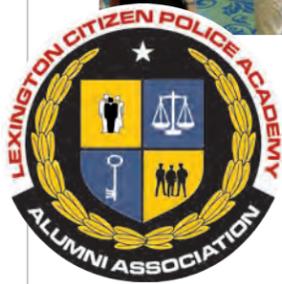
Bottom: Mounted officers from Maryland Montgomery Capital Park Police, Maryland Prince George County Police, Louisville Metro Police Department and Kalamazoo Sheriff's Department practice a moving line formation during training class.

Top, right: Officers from the Governor General's Horse Guards, Toronto, Canada accept the team event ribbon at the North American Police Equestrian Championships.

The Colloquium partners— Lexington Police Mounted Unit and Kentucky Horse Park Police (KHP)— were approached in 2014 and asked to host the 32nd Annual North American Police Equestrian Championships in Lexington at the Kentucky Horse Park in October 2015. The two agencies agreed to host the event and planning began.

Operation costs would be covered with a reduced budget due to the smaller entry fee for the classes. The challenge was to produce a quality event with less funding yet worthy of the stellar reputation gained by hosting the annual national colloquium.

Through prudent management and teamwork, the goal was reached. The success was due to the support of established community partners through financial and other non-monetary donations. Participants received outstanding training and an exciting competition. There were 44 participants from 21 departments representing the United States and Canada.



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

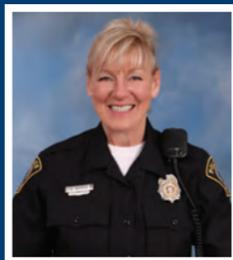
The 17th annual National Citizens Police Academy Association Conference (NCPAA) was hosted by the Lexington Police Department and the Lexington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association in May. The conference featured leading forensic and law enforcement speakers from around the country. Participants were able to learn as well as network with other CPA coordinators and members to enhance their own local academies.

Lexington was asked to host the conference because the local chapter has been awarded "Best in Nation" three times, "Best Officer Coordinator" two times, "Best Alumni Member" and "Outstanding Police Department Citizens Program". The conference was the largest ever attended with 183 attendees from 26 states, Canada and Guam.

PHOTOS

Top: NCPAA Conference class; attendees network in lobby; attendees at registration desk.

Left: Keeneland bugler opens conference with call to post.



Officer Debbie Wagner Retires

The Lexington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is saying farewell to their coordinator of 17 years, Officer Debbie Wagner. She retired in December after 37 years of service. During her distinguished career, some of the many accolades bestowed to her were several professional and distinguished service awards, unit citations, and the International Community Service Award from the International Association of Women Police.



CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was one of many community service programs that the department discontinued several years ago. It was later recognized as being one of the most effective community outreach programs offered and needed to be reinstated. It was designed to help residents, owners and managers of rental property reduce drug trafficking and other illegal activity from occurring on their properties thus improving the quality of life for their residents.

Officers Jerome Bean and Shannon Gahafer were given the assignment to rebuild the program in order to offer it to the public once again. In preparation, they identified and attended training courses to become certified Crime Free Multi-Housing instructors. Once certified, they spent numerous hours updating the program, creating a class curriculum and scheduling dates for the course. The officers invited code enforcement, local attorneys, the fire department, tenant services, narcotics detectives, gang resource officers, and crime prevention officers to participate and share their expertise with attendees.

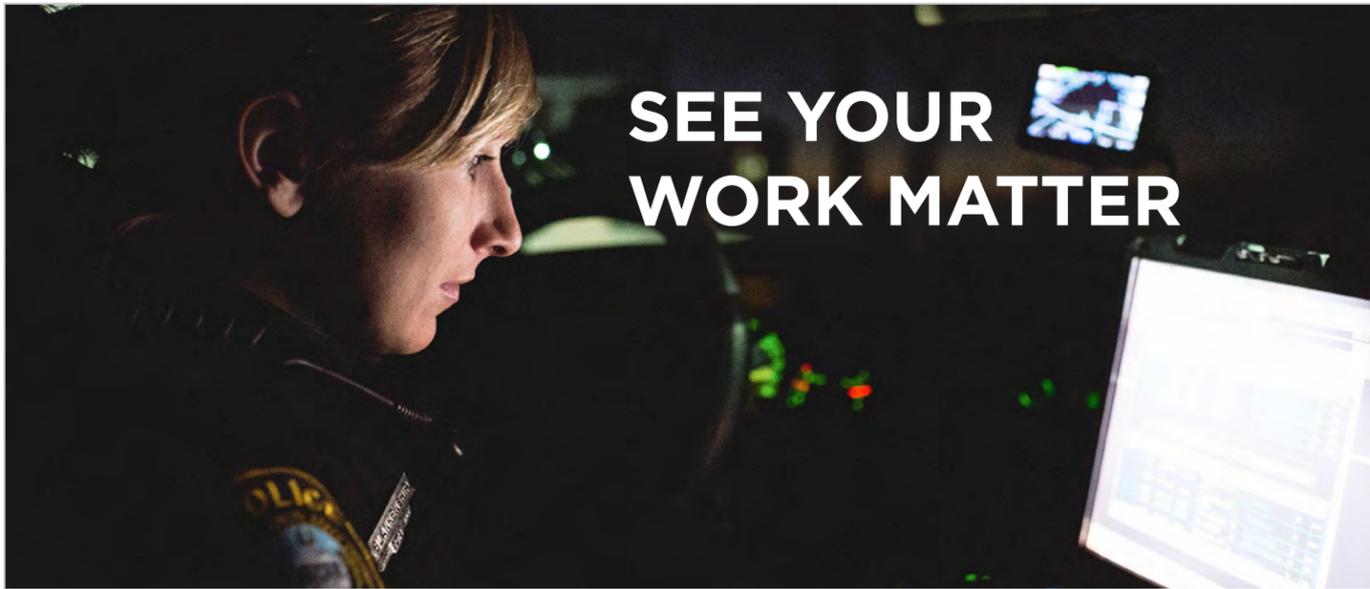
Through this five-month process, specific multi-housing properties were identified and their managers, owners and directors were recruited to attend the course. The first phase of the program was implemented with forty-three people attending the initial class. The attendees were impressed with the presentation and shared their experience and valuable information learned from the course with other property owners and managers, which increased the demand for additional classes.

The commitment and dedication of Officers Bean and Gahafer in improving the quality of life for residents in Lexington was later recognized at the annual police banquet.



PHOTO

Top: Officers Jerome Bean, Shannon Gahafer (far left) and attendees begin the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The free seminars will continue to be offered to the public due to popular demand.



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WORK MATTER**

R RECRUITING OUTREACH STRATEGIES

“See Your Work Matter!” You may recognize this slogan as the agency’s newest recruiting outreach strategy. Police officer recruiting efforts now encompass a variety of outreach opportunities. Higher education institutions, community partnerships, college athletics, non-profit organizations, armed forces, and professional organizations are the link to young motivated professionals that possess the enthusiasm and character to excel as public servants.

Our main targets in recruiting have been highly populated cities and universities in Kentucky since most of our trainees come from the Central Kentucky area. Our local outreach includes colleges and universities such as Georgetown College, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, University of the Cumberlands, Campbellsville University, University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, and Murray State University. Our reach extends to the armed services, especially the

Kentucky National Guard, Army Reserves and Marine Corp Reserves. Public events such as the Festival Latino de Lexington, Roots and Heritage Festival, High School Operation Preparation, Thursday Night Live, Cruisin’ for a Cure, and Women Leading Kentucky have served as other local avenues for recruiting endeavors. Strong bonds with youth groups and high school academic teams, extracurricular activities and athletics have enabled us to mentor and develop these



young professionals. Ties with local news and radio media have allowed us to extend far beyond face-to-face encounters.

Job postings extend from local to national sites where citizens from all over the country inquire about employment with the department. Even soldiers who are deployed in foreign countries have been able to easily access information regarding our agency. After researching comparable cities to Lexington, we extended our area of recruitment to North and South Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Tennessee and Indiana. We utilize social media as a viable source of networking and have also extended our diversity outreach to historically black colleges and Universities Career Online Magazine, The Minority Update and Saludos.com. All of these sources have led to prospective candidates and formal recruiting opportunities.

The Training Section developed a hiring preparation course, which is provided at no charge to interested applicants, in order to prepare them for our hiring process. The course specifically focuses on the “police applicant” with the sessions

concentrating on test preparation, test anxiety, interviewing, oral board preparation, and the application process. Multiple courses were held, both at the training academy and at satellite locations, where over seventy hopeful future applicants participated.

With diversity in mind, recruiting efforts focused on obtaining higher numbers of female and minority applicants both locally and nationally. Endeavors such as the department’s Women’s Symposium, Diversity Recruitment Committee and other outreach efforts have proven successful. The goal has been to educate interested female applicants on the challenges, rewards, security, and the prestige of becoming a police officer. The symposium provides a relaxed environment allowing women to converse with female officers regarding career specifics. The 2015 symposium focused on topics including mental preparation, leadership, education, physical fitness, peer pressure, family, and professionalism. This ongoing initiative has led to stronger female applicant pools and an increased number of female recruits in the police academy. Our Diversity Recruitment Committee focuses on developing strategies that allow the department to reach diverse candidates.

In 2015, the department was fortunate to seat two academy classes. The May 2015 recruit class of forty-three trainees was composed of 28% minority recruits. Additionally, 85% of the class had at least some college credit hours and a significant portion had bachelor and graduate degrees. These recruit trainees sought out the Lexington Police Department from various states such as California, Ohio, South Carolina, Maryland, and Florida. In October 2015, the department was fortunate to seat another large class of fifty-four recruits, 24% of whom were minorities. The majority of the class, 83%, had at least some college credit hours and over half had bachelor and graduate degrees. These recruit trainees came from distant states such as Oklahoma, Alabama, West Virginia, Virginia, California, and Michigan to name a few. The unique backgrounds of these individuals and the diversity represented is reflective of our focus to bring the best to our community.

The Training Academy continues to strive to hire diverse, ambitious and selfless applicants and provides them with training, which is second to none. We are continuously evaluating our outreach strategies on both a local and national level while focusing on diversity that represents our community.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF LEXINGTON

Male.....49%
Female.....51%

Caucasian77%
African American14%
Hispanic7%
Other2%

DEMOGRAPHICS OF DEPARTMENT

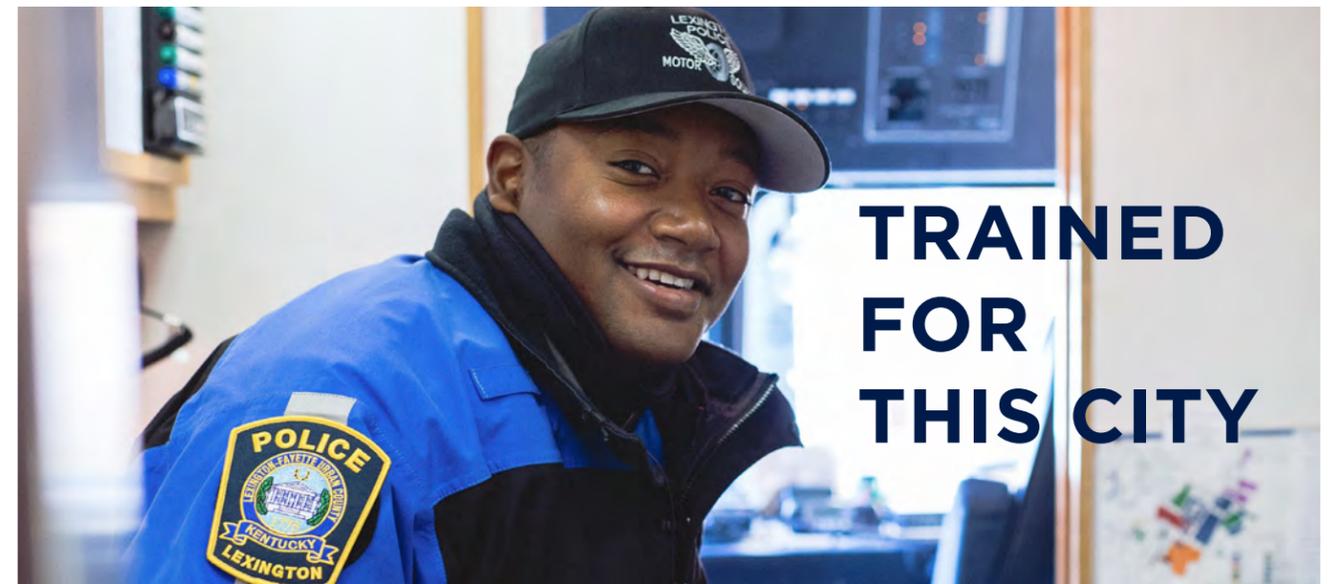
Male.....92%
Female.....8%

Caucasian89%
African American9%
Hispanic2%
Other>1%

PHOTOS

Previous page, top: Officer Mary Blankenship uses a mobile data computer inside her cruiser; Officer Jerrell Strong represents the LPD at a recruiting event.

Bottom: Officer Jeff Howard pictured in a recruiting advertisement.



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STATISTICS

PART I CRIME

OFFENSE	2015		2014		Difference	% Change
	Count	Clearance Rate	Count	Clearance Rate		
Murder	16	75%	19	68%	-3	-16%
Forcible Rape	157	34%	110	31%	47	43%
Robbery	523	26%	572	28%	-49	-9%
Aggravated Assault	408	50%	354	61%	54	15%
Breaking and Entering	2,337	13%	2,438	12%	-101	-4%
Larceny - Theft	9,122	28%	8,998	30%	124	1%
Auto Theft	1,088	15%	1,011	18%	77	8%
Arson	47	19%	42	7%	5	12%
Count Total	13,698		13,544			

PART II CRIME

OFFENSE	2015		2014		Difference	% Change
	Count	Clearance Rate	Count	Clearance Rate		
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Other Assaults	2,872	63%	2,901	71%	-29	-1%
Forgery and Counterfeiting	397	48%	387	39%	10	3%
Fraud	1,984	24%	1,768	21%	216	12%
Embezzlement	71	44%	58	34%	13	22%
Vandalism	4,178	15%	4,051	16%	127	3%
Sex Offenses (Except Rape & Prostitution)	443	38%	275	47%	168	61%
Count Total	9,945		9,440			

ADULT ARRESTS

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,218	4,225
Felony Arrests	1,959	2,046
Other Arrests	5,531	5,867
ADULT ARREST TOTAL	10,708	12,138

JUVENILE ARRESTS

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
JUVENILE ARREST TOTAL	679	728

Crime figures for 2014 are based on the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and obtained from KyOPS. Numbers change as reports are entered into the system. 2015 figures were obtained on 01-20-2016 and 2014 figures are from the 2014 Lexington Police Department Annual Report. Traffic figures are obtained from KyOPS and New World Systems.

The Planning and Analysis Unit works closely with local and regional government agencies to share information and intelligence concerning crime trends and traffic issues.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014	% Change
Fatal Collisions	24	27	-11%
Fatalities	27	28	-4%
DUI Arrests	1,040	1,385	-25%
Total Collisions	16,615	15,533	7%
Alcohol Involved Collisions	481	534	-10%
Injury Collisions	2,088	2,040	2%
Non-Injury Collisions	14,527	13,466	8%
Traffic Citations	41,218	48,784	-16%

ADDITIONAL COLLISION DATA

	2015	2014	% Change
School Bus Related - Directly	50	39	28%
Commercial Vehicle	541	555	-3%
Bicycle	73	65	12%
Motorcycle	132	116	14%
Pedestrian	181	164	10%
Teen Driver (Under 18)	646	571	13%

PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT	2015	2014	2013	2012
Sworn Strength*	576	538	554	521
Authorized Strength	580	570	555	555
Civilian Strength**	142	140	173	171

* Includes sworn recruits
 ** Includes school crossing guards

OPEN RECORDS UNIT

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
Open Records	1,056	748
Other Processed Records	3,731	1,869
TOTAL RECORDS PROCESSED	4,787	2,617

CENTRAL RECORDS

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
Online Reports	472	285
Front Desk Reports	7,839	7,951
Total Case Numbers Generated	222,294	216,948
Subpoenas Processed	6,510	7,167
Missing Persons Reports	631	561

E-911 COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
TOTAL CALLS FOR POLICE (Administrative + E-911)	526,670	507,549
Administrative Line Calls <i>Non-emergency</i>	298,976	294,794
E-911 Calls	227,694	212,755
Dispatched Calls for Service	222,062	151,908
Officer Initiated Calls	48,982	62,138
Off-Duty Responses	3,289	2,838

PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT

ANNUAL ACTIVITY	2015	2014
Formal Complaints	26	15
Informal Complaints	105	83
Internal Inquiries	6	7
Misconduct	10	15
Inappropriate Action	19	22
Unsatisfactory Performance	12	9
Driving Behavior	9	7
Questioned Report/Citation	3	1
Racially Motivated	1	6
Rudeness	38	20
Use of Force Complaint	9	3
Violation of Law	4	4
Violation of Written or Verbal Rule, Policy, Order or Procedure	9	3
Miscellaneous	1	3
Discharging Weapon	13	18
Vehicle Pursuit	47	39
Response to Resistance Reports	128	149
Vehicle Collisions	158	140



DEDICATION CEREMONY

August 13, 2015 was a day to celebrate and remember the contribution of retired Assistant Chief Kenney B. Watson with the canine training field dedication ceremony. Assistant Chief Watson sat in the shade of the ceremony tent in the center of the canine training field located at 1313 Old Frankfort Pike, surrounded by friends and family, as well as those wanting to show their respect and honor this man's dedication to the Lexington Police and his success in forming a canine unit, which has been in continuous operation for over 50 years. The dedication of the training field was a special honor for a man who trained the first Lexington Police canines and handlers.

In the fall of 1962, Officer Kenney Watson and two dogs were sent to a "London System" canine and handler training school in St. Louis, Missouri. The London System, a highly acclaimed training technique, was developed in 1946 after World War II revealed the endless value of trained police dogs. Upon completion of this training, the first Lexington Police Canine Division was formed and led by Officer Watson. He had five experienced officers and their canine partners under his command.

Assistant Chief Watson's dedication to training and handling police canines and his overwhelming success in proving the benefit of the canine unit to the people of Lexington laid the foundation for all future handlers and dogs. The Lexington Police Canine Unit of today handles explosives, narcotics and patrol canines. We offer our sincere gratitude to retired Assistant Chief Kenney Watson.



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HISTORY OF CANINE

The Lexington Police Department Canine Corps is the oldest canine corps in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The first known police training school for canines was established by the Germans in Greenheide in 1920. Dogs were successfully trained in basic obedience, tracking, searching, the chase, going for assistance, barking on command and retrieval. The British realized the value of police dogs and took canines into military service during World War II. After the war, in 1946, London borrowed the German "Greenheide" technique and developed the most advanced Canine Corps training program - known today as the "London system".

In the fall of 1962, Officer Kenney B. Watson and two dogs were sent to the St. Louis, Missouri Canine Training School where dogs and trainers were schooled under the London system. Upon Officer Watson's return, the Canine Division was formed. It consisted of six experienced officers



— Commander Kenney Watson, Officers Eugene Bowling, John McClure, Ted Howard, Don Sallee and Robert Waggoner – along with their dogs.

At that time, the department assigned two officers and two dogs to patrol at night. When not "on duty", the dogs experienced family life at the officer's home in a small kennel that had been purchased by the city. A centralized kennel was not built until 1964 and was located on city-owned property next to the old incinerator to the rear of the Bluegrass Stockyards. This structure allowed all of the dogs to be cared for at one time. Unfortunately in order to get to the kennels, one would have to cross the Town Branch via a concrete bridge that often flooded during heavy rain and made access impossible. Periodically, officers would be stranded on the other side of the creek. The concrete block structure did not have office space or storage for canine equipment and became outdated very quickly.

In June of 1968, on the site of an old potato patch at 1313 Old Frankfort Pike, the department built a new city-owned kennel and training school. The improved facility had enough room to house 12 dogs in heated comfort, and there was adequate office space, as well as a second room designed specifically to care for the dogs.

Lexington's fourteen-week police training school for both dog and handler was similar to the schools in St. Louis and London. In addition to obedience training, the dogs were taught to respond to a word or hand signal and react instantly to the commands of NO; SIT; DOWN; COME; HEEL and KENNEL. They also learned the following skills: to track any person or item by scent for one mile or more; conduct a building search on command; bark, growl or attack on command and retract when told to do so to avoid serious injury to a suspect; stand guard over a prisoner and only attack if the prisoner moved; give chase and ground a man fleeing from the handler all while paying no attention to any outside sounds; completely protect his handler; jump over a fence or through a window on command; and to take food only from his handler or at his kennel. After all the extensive training, and when not "on duty", the dog would be gentle in the company of strangers.

Today's officers and their canine partners serve with distinction out of respect and honor to those who came before them.

PHOTOS

Previous page, top: Retired Assistant Chief Kenney Watson is presented with a dedication plaque commemorating the naming of the canine training field in his honor; Inset, City Patrolman Kenney Watson and his dog, Beau.

Top right: Lexington Police Chief Kenneth Banks with German Police dog he planned to train. Photographed on or before March 28, 1956. Unpublished. Herald-Leader Archive Photo

2nd down, right: Patrolmen Robert Waggoner & Eugene Bowling and their police dogs, Buddy & MacDuff, first dogs to be used on regular patrol. Published in Lexington Herald November 4, 1962. Herald-Leader Archive Photo

3rd and 4th down, right: City Patrolman Kenney Watson and his dog, Beau, stand guard at the home of Cecil Brown, 165 Race Street, as a precaution against persons entering the premises to look for several thousand dollars reportedly hidden by Brown. Published in Lexington Herald April 22, 1963. Herald-Leader Archive Photo



PERSONNEL

PROMOTIONS

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Mark Barnard.....January 12

ASSISTANT CHIEF:

Shawn Coleman.....December 14

COMMANDER:

Roger Holland.....January 26

David Lyons.....January 26

Brian Maynard.....January 26

LIEUTENANT:

Jonathan Bastian.....January 26

Matthew Brotherton.....January 26

Andrew Daugherty.....January 26

Bradley Ingram.....January 26

Jeremy Mark Tuttle.....January 26

Joe Anderson, Jr.....August 10

Matthew Greathouse.....November 30

Albert Johnson.....December 14

Jacqueline Newman.....December 14

SERGEANT:

Daniel Burnett.....January 26

Aaron Greenleaf.....January 26

Jeffery Jackson.....January 26

Todd Johnson.....January 26

David Sadler.....January 26

Marcus Sell.....January 26

Daniel Truex.....January 26

David Flannery II.....August 10

Dean Hammond.....October 5

Aaron Kidd.....October 5

James Boyd.....November 30

Randall Combs.....December 14

Jason Rothermund.....December 14

Benjamin Stratton.....December 14

RETIREMENTS

Chief of Police Ronnie Bastin.....January 11

Assistant Chief Kenneth Armstrong.....November 28

Commander Craig Sorrell.....January 4

Lieutenant Joseph Blakely.....November 2

Lieutenant Dean Marcum.....November 28

Lieutenant Mario Russo.....January 10

Lieutenant Christopher Young.....May 30

Sergeant James Ensminger.....August 28

Sergeant April McCrickard.....December 2

Sergeant Sean Ray.....September 9

Officer Timothy Ballinger.....July 17

Officer Jose Batista.....January 9

Officer James Beaver.....September 29

Officer Bradley Burford.....December 19

Officer Alvin Cook.....May 13

Officer Bobby Crawford.....May 13

Officer Jeffery Haney.....January 31

Officer Thomas Howell.....November 29

Officer Christopher Jones.....January 14

Officer Darrell Jones.....January 26

Officer Daniel Leddy.....October 14

Officer Vincent Matteini.....December 14

Officer Eddie Pearson.....September 30

Officer Justin Rowland.....December 9

Officer Michael Sharp II.....May 13

Officer David Straub.....August 28

Officer Eric Taylor.....November 11

Officer Quentin Thornton.....June 13

Officer Amy Thurman.....August 12

Officer Jason Wade.....October 14

Officer Jonathan Washington.....April 19

Officer Mark White.....January 10

Officer Donald Williams.....December 12

Mr. Randolph Myers, Police Technician.....October 30

Ms. Beverly Russ, Staff Assistant Sr.....July 1



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OF THE HEROIC DEEDS OF OUR
DEPARTED OFFICERS WHO
ANSWERED THE GREAT
CALL OF DUTY

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JOSEPH M. ANGELUCC.....1988

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JOHN L. THOMAS.....1967

DANNY REDMON.....1967

OSCAR ROBERTS.....1948

JAMES BANAHAN.....1935

HERBERT RAY.....1935

J. J. ESTES.....1927

CLIFFORD HALL.....1922

MICHAEL MURPHY.....1907

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