

# Lynchburg Police Department

## 2022 Annual Report



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# **LPD MISSION STATEMENT**

**We partner with our  
community and protect  
our citizens, while  
respecting the rights  
and dignity of all  
persons.**

# A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Throughout 2022, our community transitioned into a post-pandemic environment that allowed us to return to our community policing focus. We continue to engage with our residents, visitors, and businesses to address quality-of-life issues and neighborhood concerns to make Lynchburg an even greater place to be. These partnerships with our community allow us to better protect the unique fabric of our city so we can continue to progress.

Over the last year, our staff has performed exceptionally well despite staffing challenges and has provided a high level of professional service with an ever-increasing demand for engagement. Mental health calls for service continued to significantly strain our limited resources. We partnered with Horizon Behavioral Health on several fronts to explore creative solutions to this challenge, while also encouraging our state legislature to overhaul the current mental health laws that place an unsustainable burden on law enforcement.

We were extremely excited to have a ground-breaking ceremony in late 2022 for our new police headquarters. This project has been many years in the making and is now a reality that will come to fruition in the near future. The impact of this project on our department and community cannot be overstated. From an internal perspective, the over 25 years, as well as provide a sense of pride in a workspace that will assist with both retention and recruitment. For our community, it will provide a modern facility that allows our staff to more efficiently serve our residents while also offering community meeting space for more frequent and impactful public engagement.

Your police department completed its 217<sup>th</sup> year of service to our community in 2022. Over more than two centuries, the organization has evolved in many ways as our city has grown. We will continue to adapt to the ever-changing environment experienced in law enforcement by ensuring highly trained, properly equipped, and community-focused officers are partnering with all of our residents as they protect our incredible city.



**Ryan M. Zuidema**  
**Chief of Police**



# WE'RE CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

## FACEBOOK



**26,941** FOLLOWERS

**1,218,272** ENGAGEMENTS

## INSTAGRAM



**2,571** FOLLOWERS

**20,034** ENGAGEMENTS

## TWITTER



**5,429** FOLLOWERS

**36,800** ENGAGEMENTS



**@LYNCHBURGPOLICE**





**THANK YOU!**



Lynchburg Police Department

November 8, 2022

Thank you Lynchburg Police Foundation for your continued support and for recognizing the Lynchburg Police Department's Professional Staff of the Quarter!

Ms. Smith is commended for her diligence, focus, and attention to detail in preparing a large number of records for an urgent request.

<https://lynchburgpolicefoundation.org/.../officer-of-the-...>



Lynchburg Police Department

April 14, 2022

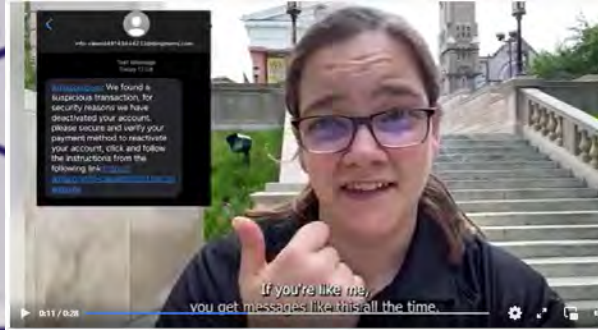
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LPD Begins Transition to New Vehicle Color Scheme

LYNCHBURG, Va. – The Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) is excited to announce that the department is transitioning to a new color scheme for its patrol vehicle fleet.

Effective today, two vehicles with this new color scheme have entered service and will be visible around the city. As additional vehicles reach the end of their lifespan, they will be replaced with vehicles that have this new branding.

"This transition is part of an overall rebranding of the LPD," Chief Zuidema said. "These vehicles will be more visible and recognizable by the general public moving forward, while also enhancing the safety of the officers operating them." See less



Animal Control Officer Houston conducted an experiment to see just how hot the inside of a vehicle can get when parked for 15 minutes. Check out her results!...

**We use social media to share helpful tips, be transparent, and get our community involved. We want to ensure our partners have as much information as possible. Follow us @LynchburgPolice**



Lynchburg Police Department

September 15, 2022

We will, we will lock you  
We will, we will lock you

Locking your car and removing valuables can help prevent a crime. Thank you for locking it up Lynchburg!

#tbt #lockitup #lynchburgpolice  
#protectyourride #crimeprevention #70s  
#70smusic

**We will,  
we will  
lock you!**



**#LockitUp**





# STATISTICS

## Traffic

	5 Year Average	% Change from 5 Year Average	% Change from 2021	2022
Fatalities	5.6	-64%	-75%	2
Accidents	1,325.6	-9%	-2%	1,210
Summons	5,409.2	-23%	-5%	4,183

## Violent Crime

	5 Year Average	% Change from 5 Year Average	% Change from 2021	2022
Homicide	3	100%	-75%	6
Rape	30.4	-24%	-23%	23
Robbery	45	-4%	-10%	43
Aggravated Assault	188.2	-6%	22%	177

## Property Crime

	5 Year Average	% Change from 5 Year Average	% Change from 2021	2022
Burglary	274	4%	14%	285
Larceny	1,175	3%	6%	1,210
Larceny from Auto	353	20%	8%	425
Auto Theft	193	81%	63%	350
Arson	9.00	-78%	-80%	2

# STATISTICS

## Internal Affairs

### Use of Force - 2022

41 UOF Incidents

38 Within Policy

19 Physical

8 Taser

4 Police K-9 Bite Apprehension

3 Diversionary Device

2 Chemical Munitions

2 Exact Impact

3 Pending/Under Review

1 Physical

2 Firearms

### Allegations of Misconduct - 2022

17 Complaints

9 Officer Initiated

4 Pending/Under Review

4 Sustained

1 Unfounded

8 Citizen Initiated

1 Pending/Under Review

3 Exonerated

4 Unfounded

### Demeanor Complaints - 2022

31 Complaints

8 Officer Initiated

3 Sustained

1 Unfounded

2 Policy Violation

2 Policy Training Review

23 Citizen Initiated

6 Sustained

1 Non-Sustained

5 Exonerated

8 Unfounded

2 Policy Violation

1 Policy Review

**320** Commendations received for  
LPD employees in 2022







# WHY JOIN THE LPD?



**Be a part of a  
community where you  
make a difference**

**Competitive pay and  
excellent benefits**

**We are a family and  
we support you and  
your family when you  
need it most**



**A diverse range of  
career opportunities:  
Forensics, Intel, K-9,  
Crisis Negotiations,  
Drone Team, Peer  
Support, Honor Guard,  
and Tactical Unit**





# CALLS FOR SERVICE



## VEHICLE STOPS

4,965

## DIRECTED PATROLS

4,577

## WARRANT SERVICES

4,298

## PERSON CHECKS

3,867

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

571



**56,069 TOTAL IN 2022**





# About Lynchburg

Population: **81,000** And Growing

**History**

**Arts &  
Culture**

**Community**

**28.5** Median Age

Cost of living is

**12.8%**

**LOWER**

than U.S. average



## About LPD

**176** Sworn Officers

Professional Staff

**40**

**217** Dedicated  
Years Serving  
Lynchburg

**2025**

New Police Headquarters







**The LPD values our partnership with the Lynchburg Police Foundation, a local organization that does the following:**

Recognize department members and citizens of the City of Lynchburg by rewarding and promoting outstanding performance throughout the department and community.

Provide resources to the Lynchburg Police Department, including seed money, equipment and in-kind services, to provide advanced training and encourage the development of innovative programs and projects.

Promote and encourage citizen involvement in the activities of the department through increased communications and prioritization of police services.

Provide assistance and support to those serving as police officers in the City of Lynchburg by increasing public awareness of the role of police officers in modern society

**"During the past several years, the responsibilities and expectations of our local law enforcement have changed. More demands have been placed on those who choose to serve and protect our community with limited additional resources.**

**Whether we are members of law enforcement, community citizens or business partners, we all have a stake in the success of our police department. The Lynchburg Police Foundation is proud to support our police officers and associated professional staff. They have a significant role in the growth of our community today and in the future. We appreciate the value our law enforcement adds to residing in Lynchburg. They are here for us regardless of the task. As a result, we will be here for them."**

**Eugene Wingfield  
President  
Lynchburg Police Foundation**



**LYNCHBURG POLICE  
FOUNDATION**