

Lynchburg Police Department

2023 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

The Lynchburg Police Department continues to build meaningful relationships in our community as we partner with and protect those we serve. Throughout 2023, our officers and professional staff did an exceptional job of addressing community needs and identifying those responsible for criminal acts. We enjoyed the support of our community, other departments within the City of Lynchburg, and our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. This collaborative approach allowed us to make impactful arrests for serious criminal offenses while also addressing quality-of-life issues in our unique neighborhoods.

Over the last year, our staff managed increasing expectations for service delivery despite continued staffing challenges, seen similarly across our country. An elevated level of mental health calls for service persisted, significantly straining our limited resources. We remained focused on lobbying our state legislature to overhaul the current mental health laws that place an unsustainable burden on law enforcement. At the end of 2023, we were awarded two grants in partnership with Horizon Behavioral Health for a mental health co-responder model that will pair a police officer with a mental health clinician to better serve our residents in crisis.

Other accomplishments in 2023 included the addition of several new professional staff positions and part-time officer positions, the approval of a pilot take-home vehicle program, as well as the implementation of the public safety pay plan designed to assist with both recruitment and retention. We are grateful that all of this was approved by Lynchburg City Council. In the middle of the year, we implemented Stratified Policing, which is an organizational model for proactive crime reduction, accountability, and community engagement. In the first six months of its implementation we've seen significant reductions in crime; a trend we will work tirelessly to continue in 2024.

One of the most noticeable advancements in the past year was the beginning of construction on our new police headquarters. This project is well underway and is slated for completion in the first quarter of 2025. The impact of this project on our department and community cannot be overstated. From an internal perspective, it will 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 is committed to serving our community in a professional manner through continuous improvement of process, leveraging technology, and building lasting relationships with those we protect. Our staff is committed to you, our department, and this great city as we collectively make Lynchburg an incredible place to be.



Ryan M. Zuidema

Chief of Police

WE'RE CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA



30,287

FOLLOWERS

1,632,206

ENGAGEMENTS



2,789

FOLLOWERS

29,066

ENGAGEMENTS



5,537

FOLLOWERS

52,593

ENGAGEMENTS



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Lynchburg Police Department
July 19, 2023

We want to shell-abrate some more great work! Your LPD Animal Control Officers found a turtle this morning just trying to help joggers get a little snap in their step on Rivermont Avenue. The turtle was safely relocated to a nicer place without too much complaining.
#snappingturtle #animalcontrol #morningjog #puns #LynchburgPolice



THANK YOU!



Katie, tecnica certificada en
asientos de seguridad de niños, y
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for helpful tips, monthly
updates, and to see how we
partner with and protect
our community.



Lynchburg Police Department
February 23, 2023

As Black History Month comes to a close, we are honoring the LPD's first African American Crossing Guard, Virginia Hughes and the first female African American Officers, Officer White and Officer Cunningham.

Officer White joined LPD in 1978, Officer Cunningham joined in 1980, and Crossing Guard Hughes joined in 1950.

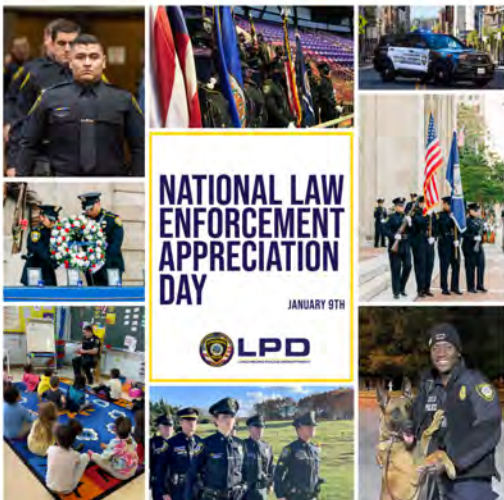
LPD celebrates these women for their service and dedication to our community.

#bth #BlackHistoryMonth #lynchburgpolice



Lynchburg Police Department
January 9, 2023

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The Lynchburg Police Department would like to thank the women and men of our department for their continued dedication and countless sacrifices made in order to partner with and protect our community and the City of Lynchburg. Thank you.



Lynchburg Police Department
June 15, 2023

I can't stop this feeling
Deep inside of me
Girl, you just don't realize
I can't find my keys...

Always bring in your keys and lock your vehicle, so your car doesn't end up looked at for stealin'.



LOCK IT
UP
LYH

#LockItUp



What you need to know: Credential
Stuffing! #FraudFriday
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lynchburgpolice Tonight, the Heritage High School Pioneers will face off against the E.C. Glass High School Hilltoppers in an epic showdown at Lynchburg City Stadium. Our SROs can't wait to see you there and to cheer on the football teams!

Who are you cheering for tonight?

#football #showdown #tradition #LCSedu #LYHlovesYou
#SROs #LynchburgPolice

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Lynchburg Police Department
August 16, 2023

Our Traffic Safety Unit was out enforcing speeding in School Zones yesterday. School Zones are roads around our schools (public and private) with signs, pavement markings, and yellow flashing lights. Please watch out for School Zones and slow down to keep everyone, especially our children, safe.

#LovingLYHtogether #BackToSchoolSafety #SchoolZone
#LynchburgPolice



WATCH FOR SCHOOL ZONES



ADVISORY

HERITAGE VS. GLASS



10.27.2023

STATISTICS

TRAFFIC

| | 2022 | 2023 | % Change 2022 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from 5 YR AVG |
|------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Fatalities | 2 | 2 | 0% | 5.8 | -66% |
| Accidents | 1211 | 1103 | -9% | 1324.8 | -17% |
| Citations | 4183 | 6386 | 63% | 5007 | 37% |

Your LPD increased traffic enforcement to keep our streets safer.

VIOLENT CRIME

| | 2022 | 2023 | % Change 2022 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from 5 YR AVG |
|----------------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Homicides | 8 | 4 | -50% | 6.2 | -35% |
| Forcible Sex Offense | 68 | 80 | 18% | 78.6 | 2% |
| Robbery | 52 | 37 | -29% | 50.8 | -27% |
| Aggravated Assault | 177 | 154 | -13% | 190.8 | -19% |
| Total | 305 | 275 | -10% | 326.4 | -16% |

PROPERTY CRIME

| | 2022 | 2023 | % Change 2022 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from 5 YR AVG |
|-------------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Burglary | 224 | 183 | -17% | 212.6 | -13% |
| Larceny | 1087 | 859 | -21% | 1005 | -15% |
| Larceny from Auto | 390 | 292 | -25% | 316.6 | -8% |
| Auto Theft | 305 | 254 | -17% | 189 | 34% |
| Arson | 6 | 2 | -67% | 8.6 | -77% |
| Total | 2012 | 1592 | -21% | 1731.8 | -8% |

Stratified Policing and the LPD Violent Crime Response Team have helped reduce Violent Crime and Property Crime

STATISTICS

Use of Force

46 Use of Force Incidents

Within Policy

Pending/ Under Review

Baton

1

0

Chemical Munitions

1

0

Chemical Spray

0

3

Diversionary Device

2

1

Exact Impact

1

0

Firearms

1

3

K-9 Bite Apprehension

2

3

Pain Compliance

1

0

Physical

4

8

Taser

5

10

Total

18

28

374 Commendations received for LPD employees in 2023

Complaints

11 Allegations of Misconduct

4 Officer Initiated

4 Pending/ Under Review

7 Citizen Initiated

6 Pending/ Under Review

1 Unfounded

34 Demeanor Complaints

8 Officer Initiated

1 Pending/ Under Review

3 Sustained

2 Exonerated

2 Policy Violation

26 Citizen Initiated

6 Pending/ Under Review

5 Sustained

4 Exonerated

1 Policy Violation

10 Unfounded





**BE THE DIFFERENCE
BE LPD**



**We believe in partnering
with our community to
forge relationships that
last and make a difference**

**Competitive pay and
excellent benefits**

**We are a family and
we support you and
your family**

**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

8,486

DIRECTED PATROLS

7,398

WARRANT SERVICES

4,268

PERSON CHECKS

4,217

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

619



62,583 TOTAL IN 2023



About Lynchburg

Population: **81,000** AND PROJECTED TO GROW 5%

History

**Arts &
Culture**

Community



Cost of living is
12.8%
LOWER THAN US AVERAGE



THE CITY OF
LYNCHBURG



ABOUT LPD



178 SWORN
OFFICERS
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF 45

218 Dedicated
Years Serving
Lynchburg

2025
NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS



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

Recognizes LPD staff by rewarding and promoting outstanding performance.

Provide resources to the LPD, 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

"The Lynchburg Police Foundation Board of Directors and donors are proud to play a pivotal role in supporting the day-to-day efforts of the Lynchburg Police Department officers and professional staff. Whether we are providing funding for furthering the officers' education and training or purchasing specialized equipment that keeps our officers safe, the Foundation will continue to do what is necessary to fill the gap where their funding falls short. During the past year we have expanded our programming and we anticipate continuing to do so in the future. It is the least we can do for the officers who do so much for us and our community."

**Eugene Wingfield
President
Lynchburg Police Foundation**



**LYNCHBURG POLICE
FOUNDATION**