



2025 - ANNUAL REPORT



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SERVICE

LYNCHBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

**WE PARTNER
WITH OUR COMMUNITY
AND PROTECT OUR CITIZENS,
WHILE RESPECTING
THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY
OF ALL PERSONS.**



To the Lynchburg Community:

As we reflect on 2025, this past year marked a transformative chapter for the Lynchburg Police Department (LPD). On June 27, 2025, with the support of City Council and City leadership, we successfully transitioned into our new headquarters on Odd Fellows Road. This modern facility does more than just house our operations; it fosters greater collaboration among our personnel and provides a professional environment that emulates the excellence of their work.

Additionally, we designed a new department badge to honor our heritage, dating back to 1805, while symbolizing our proactive commitment to progress. While our location and insignia have evolved, our core identity remains unchanged: we are dedicated to continuing to partner with and protect our community.

Excellence in Crisis Response

In 2025, we proudly celebrated the 40th anniversary of the LPD Emergency Communications Center. Our communications officers are the unsung heroes of public safety, the first point of contact in a crisis, and the vital link between the community and our officers. Their composure and professionalism during critical moments are essential to the safety of our city, and we honor their four decades of life-saving service.

Engagement and Data-Driven Safety

We believe that safety is a shared responsibility, best achieved through presence and active engagement. This year, our officers stepped out of their patrol vehicles and into your neighborhoods for community walks, fostering direct dialogue and understanding.

Strengthening Community Ties

By utilizing our geo-policing model, we have strategically deployed resources based on real-time data and community feedback. These efforts, combined with your vigilance and support, have resulted in a tangible reduction in crime across the city.

Our success is amplified by the strength of our partnerships. Through our ongoing collaboration with Horizon, our Co-Response Program, and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), we continue to provide compassionate, specialized care for those experiencing mental health crises.

Furthermore, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Community Policing Advisory Group (CPAG) and the Lynchburg Police Foundation. Their support fuels the initiatives that bring us together. Over the past year we partnered with CPAG to host Faith & Blue and Coffee with the Community, and the Lynchburg Police Foundation supported and funded Cops and Bobbers, and Popsicles on Patrol.

Looking Toward 2026

The progress we have achieved is a testament to the men and women of the LPD. Their professionalism is the bedrock of our department. As we move into 2026, we are eager to build on this momentum through two key initiatives:

- **Bicycle Patrol Unit:** Enhancing our visibility and accessibility on city trails and at local events.
- **Real-Time Crime Center:** Implementing advanced technology to respond to incidents with greater precision and efficiency, while maintaining a strict commitment to community privacy.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are ensuring that Lynchburg remains a safe and welcoming place to call home.



Chief Ken Edwards

30 Years of Service



A New Chapter for LPD

Honoring our past. Embracing our future.



With strong community support, we celebrated the opening of our new headquarters in June 2025.

LPD's oldest living retiree, Bill Arrington, had the honor of cutting the ribbon, a powerful reminder of the legacy that built the foundation we stand on today.

This building represents more than a new space. It represents the future of service in Lynchburg.



The Honor Garden now provides a dedicated space for reflection and remembrance. Fully funded by the Lynchburg Police Foundation and generous community donors, the project reflects the strong partnership between LPD and the citizens we serve.

Est. 1805 · Serving Lynchburg for Over 220 Years



A New Badge

Unlike Any Other

This badge represents the foundation of our call to serve: selflessness and justice.

2025 marked 220 years of service for LPD. In honor of that, we introduced a badge unlike any other. At its center stand two of Lynchburg's most iconic landmarks: Monument Terrace and the Old City Courthouse.

These sites are more than just historic locations; they represent hundreds of officers sworn in, the justice we swear to protect, and honor the first officer to fall in the line of duty.

The LPD has worn many badges over the past two centuries, each representing a legacy of integrity and sacrifice. This new badge carries that legacy forward, reflecting modern professionalism while honoring our past as we continue to partner with and protect our city.



ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

FACE TO FACE 610

FACEBOOK 16,646,533

INSTAGRAM 217,309

X 27,540

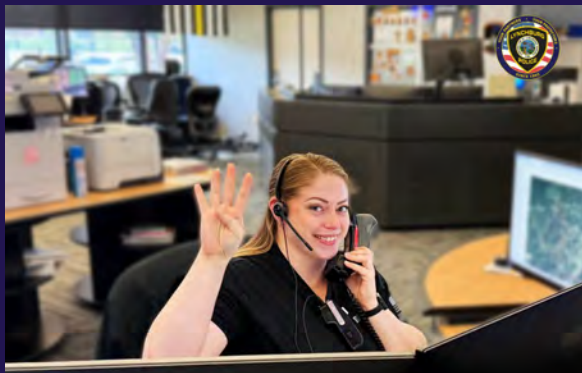
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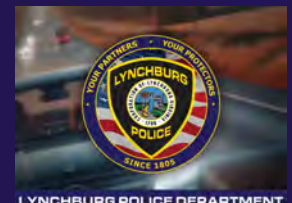


CONNECT WITH LPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA
@LYNCHBURGPOLICE

WINNER!



YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE (CITY OF / COUNTY OF) Lynchburg	
1. GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (TRAFFIC)	
2. GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (CRIMINAL)	
3. JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT	
905 COURT ST LYNCHBURG VA 24504	
A CODE: 46.2-862	LOCAL CODE: 25-152
OFFENSE CHARGE: EXCEEDS 20% ABOVE SP LMT - Traveling 113 MPH in a 85	
ONE - RADAR	
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE	YES NO VIOC
DANGEROUS WEAPON	YES NO
SALES REPUTALITY	YES NO
OTHER LAWS VIOLATIONS	



ONE TICKET
COUNTLESS LIVES AT RISK



STATISTICS

Use of Force

Type of Force	Pending	Within Policy	Under Review	Policy Violation
Taser	11	6	0	0
Diversionary Device	7	31	0	0
Physical	4	7	0	1
K9 Bite Apprehension	1	3	0	1
Pain Compliance	0	1	0	0
Firearm	1	0	0	0
Exact Impact	2	0	0	0
Chemical Munitions	2	7	0	0
Chemical Spray	1	2	0	0
Spike Strips	0	1	0	0

During 2025, the following types of force were not utilized and, as a result, were not reviewed: Baton, Vehicle, Other Weapons, Bola Wrap, K9 Non Bite Apprehension, and Kinetic Breaching Tool.

What is a Use of Force?

The International Association of Chiefs of Police defines Use of Force as the amount of effort required to compel compliance by an unwilling subject.

What initiates a Use of Force investigation?

- Outlined in Use of Force directive PD25-0602.
- Any of the Uses of Force listed as examples
- Visible injury or complaint of injury to either officer or arrestee
- Damage to non-department owned property resulting from use of physical force to apprehend, restrain or control a suspect

What is physical force?

Bodily force exceeding the normal force required to take a person into custody, including any combination of strength, leverage, take-downs, control or come-along holds used to gain control of an uncooperative person; the use of hands, fist, feet, knees, etc. in striking a person.

STATISTICS

Complaints

14 Allegations of Misconduct

5 Employee Initiated	2 Pending	0 Under Review	3 Sustained
	0 Non-Sustained	0 Exonerated	0 Unfounded
	0 Policy Violation	0 Policy Review	0 Complaint Withdrawn

9 Citizen Initiated	4 Pending	0 Under Review	0 Sustained
	1 Non-Sustained	1 Exonerated	2 Unfounded
	0 Policy Violation	0 Policy Review	1 Complaint Withdrawn

40 Demeanor Complaints

3 Employee Initiated	1 Pending	0 Under Review	2 Sustained
	0 Non-Sustained	0 Exonerated	0 Unfounded
	0 Policy Violation	0 Policy Review	0 Complaint Withdrawn

37 Citizen Initiated	8 Pending	0 Under Review	5 Sustained
	1 Non-Sustained	4 Exonerated	19 Unfounded
	0 Policy Violation	0 Policy Review	0 Complaint Withdrawn

Complaint classifications follow LPD Internal Investigations Directive PD21-1601. Complaints are categorized as either Allegations of Misconduct (e.g., corruption, use of force, civil rights or criminal violations, or serious policy breaches) or Demeanor (e.g., improper actions, vehicle operation issues, or lesser policy and conduct violations that do not rise to misconduct).

STATISTICS

TRAFFIC

	2024	2025	% Change 2024	5 YR AVG	% Change from 5 YR AVG
Fatalities	8	8	-11%	6	33%
Accidents	1147	1155	1%	1175	-2%
Citations	6015	6551	9%	5157	27%

LPD continued focused traffic enforcement to support road safety.

VIOLENT CRIME

	2024	2025	% Change 2024	5 YR AVG	% Change from 5 YR AVG
Homicides	9	8	-11%	6.6	21%
Forcible Sex Offense	89	70	-21%	80	-13%
Robbery	30	33	10%	44.2	-25%
Aggravated Assault	176	159	-8%	184.8	-25%
Total	301	270	-10%	316	-14%

PROPERTY CRIME

	2024	2025	% Change 2024	5 YR AVG	% Change from 5 YR AVG
Burglary	169	147	-13%	192	-23%
Larceny	814	803	-1%	930	-14%
Larceny from Auto	235	254	8%	290.6	-13%
Auto Theft	208	163	-22%	214.4	-24%
Arson	4	6	50%	5.2	-15%
Total	1430	1373	-4%	1632	-16%

Stratified Policing, Geo Policing, and the LPD Violent Crime Response Team have contributed to reductions in violent and property crime.



LIVE YOUR LEGACY

JOIN LYNCHBURG PD



We partner with our community to forge relationships that last and make a difference

Competitive pay and excellent benefits

We are a family, committed to supporting you and yours

We offer a diverse range of opportunities, including Forensics, Intelligence, K-9, Crisis Negotiations, Drone Team, Peer Support, Traffic, Community Action Team, Honor Guard, and SWAT.



CALLS FOR SERVICE



VEHICLE STOPS

8,875

DIRECTED PATROLS

13,061

WARRANT SERVICES

4,666

PERSON CHECKS

3,760




COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS


610


69,214 TOTAL IN 2025

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER




	9-1-1 Calls 57,303
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	Admin 74,764
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	Text 174
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	CPR Saves 8
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	Births 1
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	Total 171,391
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LPD Co-Response & Mental Health Resources

988

SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

Marcus Alerts

Horizon Emergency
Services



Project Lifesaver
Lynchburg
Sheriff's Office

What is Co-Response?

This innovative program pairs a specially trained LPD officer with a Horizon Behavioral Health mental health professional to respond to calls for service. Together, they provide compassionate support, explore alternatives to traditional enforcement, and connect individuals and families with the resources they need during and after a crisis.

Marcus Alerts

If you or a loved one have a mental health condition, behavioral health diagnosis, intellectual/developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury, you can share your emergency contacts and needs.

www.lynchburgvapolice.gov/marcus-alert-form

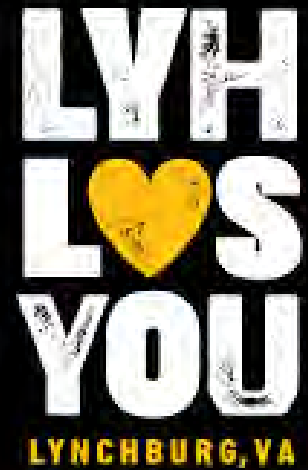
Contact: Co-Response@lynchburgva.gov

The City of Lynchburg

POPULATION:

80,000

AND PROJECTED
TO GROW



HISTORY

ARTS

CULTURE

SPORTS

COMMUNITY

Cost of living is

9%

LOWER THAN US AVERAGE



THE CITY OF
LYNCHBURG

221 YEARS PARTNERING WITH AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY



LPD has more than 240 employees serving our community, with 182 authorized sworn officer positions

NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED IN 2025

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION



LYNCHBURG POLICE
FOUNDATION



The Lynchburg Police Foundation (Foundation) continues to be honored to support our brave men and women who give so much to protect and serve the citizens of Lynchburg. The Foundation is proud of the support we receive from our many supporters in the City of Lynchburg and those in the Central Virginia area. With this level of backing, the Foundation can fulfill the many projects we do on a yearly basis for our Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) family!

In 2025, we completed the Honor Garden, remembering and recognizing the past, present and future of Lynchburg's Law Enforcement. In 2026, the Foundation will focus on an extension of the garden to honor LPD K-9s who have given so much and effectively impacted LPD for more than 40 years.

The Foundation Board of Directors looks forward to another great year in 2026!

Eugene Wingfield, President

<https://lynchburgpolicefoundation.org/>



COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY GROUP

The mission of the Community Policing Advisory Group is to create a forum of citizens and leaders from within the City of Lynchburg community to collaboratively address the immediate and future needs of the Lynchburg Police Department by researching, planning, reviewing assigned and selected cases or matters, providing advice on department policies, and recommending solutions that will integrate and prioritize the best-case practices.

In 2025, we provided feedback and citizen input on a number of important topics to include: high profile police incidents in our community, Stratified Policing, the new Geo Policing model, recruitment, retention, increasing diversity in the LPD, hiring practices, communication, community engagement, and much more.

The CPAG membership is looking forward to another great year in 2026!

Rebekah Melton, Chairperson

<https://www.lynchburgvapolice.gov/cpag/>