



SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The Seat Pleasant Police Department proudly serves the City of Seat Pleasant, A Smart City of Excellence, located in Prince George's County, Maryland. The Seat Pleasant Police Department is committed to the protection of life, property, as well as public service to the citizens of this progressive community. We value the quality of life while continuing to ensure public trust and cultural sensitivity.

OUR VISION

The Seat Pleasant Police Department will adopt a proactive community focused policing strategy that restores public confidence and encourages community collaboration to creating a shared understanding of the department's primary mission. The agency will foster an environment where success is measured by qualitative long-term changes rather than traditional quantifiable methods. Community engagement, empowerment, and education will be core goals of the agency.



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Message from the Mayor

The late Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, once said, "Safety and security doesn't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in society, a life free of violence and fear."

This is such a powerful and meaningful quote because it recognizes the fundamental role law enforcement agencies fulfill in our society. Accordingly, our police department strives to engender the highest trust among the population and are committed to protecting the lives, the rights, and the property of our community.

I am pleased to announce that as one of the first "Smart" cities in the nation, our police department is embracing innovative technologies and data driven solutions to better combat crime, identify offenders, and interact with residents in near real time. Ultimately, these efforts will make our great City a safer place to live, work, play and pray.



Mayor Eugene W. Grant

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“ Our Police Officers in Seat Pleasant are committed to protecting the lives, the rights, and the property of our citizens. ”



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

As a life-long resident of Prince George's County, Maryland, and a native of the City of Seat Pleasant, I understand firsthand, that strengthening partnerships with citizens and local businesses are vital to increasing public safety and enhancing the quality of life for our citizenry. Today, officers interact regularly with residents throughout the city which is a testament of our commitment to the principals of community policing.

On behalf of the men and women of the Seat Pleasant Police Department, I am delighted to present the 2017 Annual report. The annual report contains information on the variety of services we provide as well as a summary of crime statistics, citizen complaints, and accomplishments over the past year.

In the new year, we will continue to look for new and innovative ways to maximize our crime fighting efforts despite increasing call volumes and rising demands for service. This includes looking for grant opportunities and researching new and innovative programs.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Mayor, City Council, and most importantly, the community for their continued support. I am honored to serve you.



Devan A. Martin

Chief of Police





2017 DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOT

- Agency awarded a **\$104,000** Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.
- First City in the United States to receive clearance to operate drone (sUAS – Small Unmanned Aircraft System) in the Capitol Region's Flight Restricted Zone.
- Department restructuring, increased accountability measures & Body Worn Cameras resulted in 97% reduction in Police Misconduct complaints
- Patrol Division personnel trained and equipped with Narcan to help prevent death from opioid overdoses
- Purchase of (VMS) Variable-Message Sign boards as part of our traffic safety efforts
- Acquisition of twenty new vehicles to replace aging patrol fleet.
- Seizure of 23.22 pounds of illegal drugs
- Awarded federal matching grant for bullet-resistant vests
- Agency Awarded Police Athletic League Grant.



Body Worn Cameras are standard issued equipment for every member of the department. These cameras provide many benefits and help to improve the high-quality level of service we expect from our officers. They also bring a sense of perceived legitimacy to police-citizen encounters.

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE – BREAKDOWN BY TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE PERCENTAGE
911 DISCONNECT	1,514	884	-630	-41.61%
ABDUCTION	2	2	0	0%
ACCIDENT	238	212	-26	-10.92%
ADDED INFORMATION	11	12	1	9.09%
POLICE AND FIRE ALS COMBINED	3	6	3	100%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	53	44	-9	-16.98%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT W/FIRE DEPT.	2	1	-1	-50%
ARMED PERSON	127	106	-21	-16.53%
ARMED PERSON REPORT	2	0	-2	-100%
ASSAULT	18	22	4	22.22%
ASSAULT GROUP W/WEAPON	0	1	1	50%
ASSAULT W/FIRE DEPT.	60	67	7	11.66%
ASSAULT REPORT ONLY	6	4	-2	-33.33%
ASSIST	16	22	6	37.50%
ASSIST FIRE/EMS	48	36	-12	-25%
ATTEMPT SUICIDE W/FIRE DEPT.	28	24	-4	-14.28%
BARKING DOG	1	0	-1	-100%
POLICE AND FIRE BLS COMBINED	8	8	0	0%
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	68	68	0	0%
BREAK IN REPORT	45	38	-7	-15.55%
CAVE-IN W/FIRE DEPT.	0	1	1	100%
CDS COMPLAINT	54	48	-6	-11.11%
CHECK WELFARE	91	90	-1	-1.09%
CHECK WELFARE W/FIRE DEPT.	220	188	-32	-14.54%
CHECK WELFARE MENTAL	7	5	-2	-28.57%
CHECK WELFARE VIOLENT	13	1	-12	-92.30%
CITIZEN ROBBERY W/FIRE DEPT.	4	1	-3	-75%
CITIZEN ROBBERY REPORT	1	5	4	400%
CUTTING	1	0	-1	-100%
CUTTING COMBINED WITH FIRE BOARD	6	10	4	66.66%
CHILD/VULERABLE ADULT ABUSE	12	6	-6	-50%
CHILD/VULERABLE ADULT ABUSE	2	1	-1	-50%
DEATH REPORT	7	8	1	14.28%
DEATH REPORT W/ FIRE DEPT.	7	0	-7	-100%
DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT FD	1	1	0	0%
DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT PD	7	13	6	85.71%

INCIDENT TYPE	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE PERCENTAGE
DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT PD/FD	1	6	5	500%
DEVICE/PACKAGE THREAT	0	1	1	100%
DISORDERLY	612	657	45	7.35%
DISPUTE W/WEAPON	8	9	1	12.50%
DOMESTIC	251	219	-32	-12.74%
DOMESTIC W/FD	5	6	1	20%
DOMESTIC STANDBY	10	15	5	50%
DOMESTIC W/WEAPON	25	20	-5	-20%
DWI DRIVER	7	4	-3	-42.85%
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE	1	0	-1	-100%
FAMILY DISPUTE	112	80	-32	-28.57%
FIGHT	102	91	-11	-10.78%
FIGHT W/FD	5	2	-3	-60%
FOUND PROPERTY	36	29	-7	-19.44%
GAMBLING COMPLAINT	2	1	-1	-50%
GUNSHOTS	22	41	19	86.36%
HELP FOR FIRE/EMS (SIG13)	0	1	1	100%
HIGHWAY ACCIDENT W/FD	3	1	-2	-66.66%
HIT AND RUN	116	97	-19	-16.37%
HIT AND RUN W/INJURY & FD	10	4	-6	-60%
HOLD UP ALARM	21	17	-4	-19.04%
IMPOUND	1	4	3	300%
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT	1	0	-1	-100%
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT W/FD	1	0	-1	-100%
INJURED PERSON	1	1	0	0%
JUVENILLE COMPLAINT	2	0	-2	-100%
LOCK OUT	14	19	5	35.71%
LOCK OUT IN	2	7	5	250%
LOCK OUT W/FD	10	9	-1	-10%
LOITERING COMPLAINT	2	4	2	100%
LOST PROPERTY	17	19	2	11.76%
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	24	30	6	25%
MISC CALLS	5	8	3	60%
MISC POLICE INCIDENT	227	271	44	19.38%
MISSING PERSON	42	25	-17	-40.47%
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT W/FD	0	11	11	100%
NOISE COMPLAINT	2	22	20	1000%
NOTIFICATION	6	11	5	83.33%
OPEN DOOR OR WINDOW	12	8	-4	-33.33%
OVERDOSE	1	0	-1	-100%

INCIDENT TYPE	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE PERCENTAGE
OVERDOSE ALS W/FD	6	4	-2	-33.33%
OVERDOSE BLS W/FD	5	3	-2	-40%
OVERDOSE W/FD	2	2	0	0%
CUSTODIAL ABDUCTION	5	1	-4	-80%
PARTY COMPLAINT	3	5	2	66.66%
PAST ABDUCTION	0	1	1	-100%
PAST SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3	2	-1	-33.33%
PAST TRESPASSING	0	2	2	100%
PEDESTRIAN STRUCK	1	2	1	100%
PEDESTRIAN STRUCK W/FD	13	15	2	15.38%
PREMISE CHECK	1609	2149	540	33.56%
PROPERTY ALARM	4	8	4	100%
PROPERTY ALARM COMMERCIAL	89	98	9	10.11%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	31	26	-5	-16.12%
REPORTED CARJACKING	0	5	5	10%
REPORTED CITIZEN ROBBERY	6	14	8	133.33%
REPORTED T/A ROBBERY	3	13	10	333.33%
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	200	212	12	6%
ROBBERY	19	3	-16	-84.21%
ROBBERY W/FD	2	2	0	0%
ROBBERY REPORT	6	0	-6	-100%
SCHOOL ALARM	7	2	-5	-71.42%
SCHOOL RESOURCE	1	1	0	0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORT	1	0	-1	-100%
SEXUAL ASSAULT W/FD	3	1	-2	-66.67%
SHERIFF PREMISE CHECK	1	0	-1	-100%
SHERIFF TRAFFIC STOP	5	0	-5	-100%
SHOOTING	3	7	4	133.33%
SHOOTING W/FD	9	7	-2	-22.22%
SHOPLIFTING	14	7	-7	-50%
SIGNAL 100	4	5	1	25%
SIGNAL 100 SERVICE	3	4	1	33.33%
SIGNAL 13	3	2	-1	-33.33%
SNOW EMER. TOW REQUEST	1	0	-1	-100%
STALKING	1	1	0	0%
STOLEN VEHICLE	66	105	39	59.09%
SUBJECT STOP	329	367	39	11.55%
SUICIDE	1	4	3	300%
SUSPICIOUS AUTO	138	264	126	91.30%
SUSPICIOUS OCCUPIED AUTO	168	270	102	60.71%

INCIDENT TYPE	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE PERCENTAGE
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	148	164	16	10.81%
TAMPERING	2	3	1	50%
THEFT FROM AUTO	63	48	-15	-23.80%
THEFT FROM AUTO JUST OCCURRED	11	14	3	27.27%
THEFT JO JUST OCCURRED	124	155	31	25%
THEFT REPORT	116	100	-16	-13.79%
THREATS COMPLAINT	8	8	0	0%
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	90	178	88	97.77%
TRAFFIC HAZARD	36	27	-9	-25%
TRAFFIC PURSUIT	5	3	-2	-40%
TRASH DUMP COMPLAINT	5	0	-5	-100%
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	76	85	9	11.84%
UNKNOWN TROUBLE	535	373	-162	-30.28%
VANDALISM	48	71	23	47.91%
VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1	0	-1	-100%
VEHICLE ACCIDENT W/FD	105	74	-31	-29.52%
VICE INVESTIGATION	0	1	1	100%
WARRANT INVESTIGATION	13	8	-5	-38.46%
WARRANT SERVICE	34	34	0	0%
WIRES DOWN	0	1	1	100%
WIRES DOWN W/FD	1	1	0	0%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	8,631	8,648	17	0.19%

**The statistics listed in this section indicate calls for police service, not necessary crimes committed.*



STAY CONNECTED • STAY INFORMED

MYSEATPLEASANT

DOWNLOAD THE MY SEAT PLEASANT APP

- SUBMIT CRIME TIPS
- CALL-A-BUS
- GET INFO & ALERTS
- CONTACT US
- ASK QUESTIONS
- MAKE PAYMENTS TO CITY
- REQUEST CITY SERVICES
- AND MUCH MORE!

PART I CRIMES – COMPARISION BY TYPE

CRIME TYPE	2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE PERCENTAGE
MURDER	2	2	0	0%
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	0	0%
ALL ROBBERY TYPES	9	18	9	100%
ROBBERY -COMMERCIAL	4	6	2	50.0%
ROBBERY-RESIDENTIAL	0	0	0	0%
ROBBERY -CITIZEN	5	12	7	140.00%
CARJACKING	0	1	1	100%
ALL ASSAULTS	41	48	7	17.07%
ASSAULT W/Weapon	8	21	13	162.50%
ASSAULT No Weapon	33	27	-6	-18.88%
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	52	69	17	32.69%
BURGLARY	23	38	14	65.21%
COMMERCIAL	2	11	9	450%
RESIDENTIAL	21	26	5	23.08%
OTHER	0	1	1	100%
LARCENY THEFT	74	63	-11	-14.86%
THEFT FROM AUTO	26	22	-4	-15.38%
OTHER THEFT	48	40	-8	-16.66
STOLEN VEHICLE	13	21	8	61.53%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	110	122	12	10.90%
TOTAL CRIMES	162	190	28	17.28%

**The statistics listed in this section are based upon crimes committed which were reported to the police department.*



Intelligent Operations Center uses big-data to combat crime

The City's Intelligent Operations Center (IOC) brings together crime intelligence, real-time data analysis and a variety of cutting-edge technologies to predict crime and identify emerging trends. Since its inception, our Public Safety officials have harnessed the IOC's capabilities to develop data driven solutions and strategically deploy resources at troublesome locations.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL DATA

ARRESTS – VIOLENCE CRIME		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
25	33	+32%

ARRESTS		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
213	265	+24.41

COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
34	1	-97.05%

TRAFFIC STOPS		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
906	2,869	+216.66%

FIREARMS SEIZURES		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
18	19	+5.55%

TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
1,853	5,428	+192.93%

PARKING CITATION ISSUED		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
28	264	+842.85%

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES		
2016 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF DIFFERENCE
313	819	+161.66%

SPPD IN THE COMMUNITY



CRIME PREVENTION

Residential & Commercial Security Surveys

Security Surveys are available to the community free of charge. These surveys are designed to identify potential vulnerabilities in your home or business's security and provide recommendations on changes that can be made to help safeguard yourself or business against crime.

Property Agent Agreements

Property Agent Agreements to authorize members of the Police Department to act on behalf of specified properties to address issues involving loitering, trespassing, abandoned vehicles, illegal parking, and vehicles that are not in compliance with City, State, or County laws.

House Watch

The Seat Pleasant Police Department provides periodic residential property inspections for residents who will be away from their home for extended periods of time while hospitalized, on vacation, deployed with the Military, or for other reasons not listed. During these checks, officers will visually inspect the area for open doors, broken windows, flooding, or other suspicious conditions.

PROGRAMS

Police Athletic League (PAL) program

The PAL program provides juveniles between the ages of eight and seventeen with enrichment activities to include leadership workshops, teambuilding skills, and community service events.

Senior Safety Monitoring Program

The Senior Safety Monitoring Program offers adults, seventy years of age and older, free weekly wellness visits from Police Department staff. These visits provide seniors the opportunity to discuss safety concerns and obtain information on services that are available to the community.

Citizens for Public Safety Advisory Council (CPAC)

CPAC is a community-based organization that was established to strengthen the relationship between residents and the Police Department. Membership is comprised of civic-minded residents who are devoted to addressing the quality of life with-in the City. During monthly meetings, members of CPAC and the Police Department share information, discuss crime prevention tips, and plan public engagement events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Night Out Against Crime

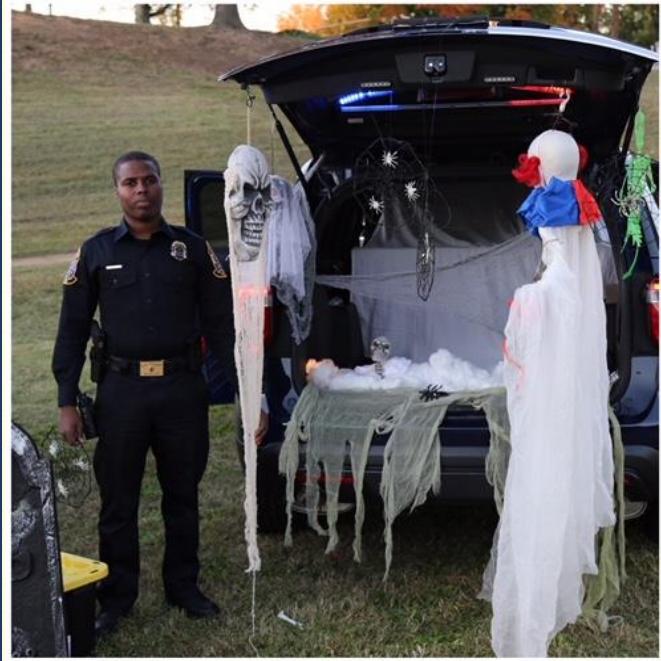
This annual event is a unique crime prevention campaign that includes local businesses, residents, and the police department. The event generates support for anti-crime programs and aims to strengthen police-community relationships.

Trunk or Treat

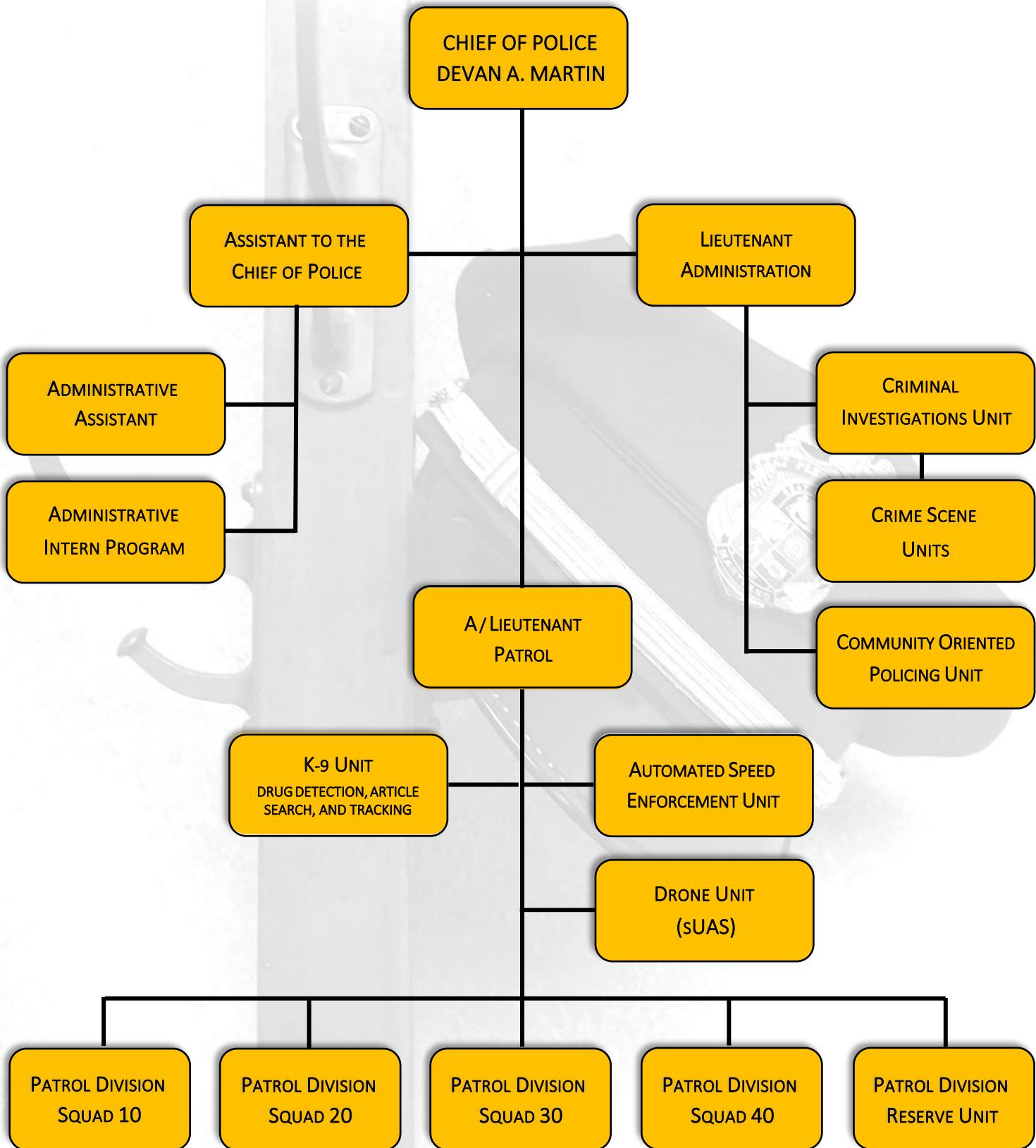
This annual event offers a safe and fun alternative to traditional trick-or-treating. The event features decorated police and fire vehicles, free candy, music, and family friendly entertainment.



2017 TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT – GOODWIN PARK



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Office of the Chief of Police

The Office of the Chief of Police is the department's administrative branch. The branch manages all fiscal affairs, payroll preparation, budgeting, special projects, strategic planning, inventory control, fleet maintenance, equipment procurement, technology implementation, coordination of grants, contracts review, quartermaster services, worker injury reports, employee on-boarding, and access control.

The branch is staffed by the Chief's Assistant who directly oversees all administrative services as well as the Code Enforcement Division.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services group serves as the central repository for most documents processed within the department and is responsible for storing, disseminating, processing, scanning, retrieving, and releasing documents when authorized by applicable department policy or law. These documents include but are not limited to criminal, civil, traffic, and parking citations as well as incident and vehicle collision reports.

The division is staffed by a full-time Administrative Assistant who provides information and assistance to individuals entering the Police Headquarters Building. The Administrative Assistant is also responsible for a variety of other duties:

- Operates department phone switchboard
- Compiling statistical data as reported to the department, state, and federal agencies
- Coordinating court subpoenas
- Processing and issuing vehicle releases
- Processing expungement orders
- Digitally tracking staff performance
- Ensuring record accuracy by querying multiple data sources



Neighborhood & Commercial Compliance

The Neighborhood & Commercial Compliance unit is devoted to building better neighborhoods by creating awareness of health and safety regulations. To that end, NCC Inspectors work collaboratively with residents and business owners to address City Code violations prior to taking formal enforcement action. While most matters are easily resolved, chronic or egregious violations often necessitate the issuance of civil citations which carry significant fines and the possibility of protracted judicial proceedings. The NCC Division is now overseen by the Office of Economic Development. Their duties include issuing business and rental property licenses, parking enforcement, vacant property registration, and much more.



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division constitutes the largest component of the police department and is often a citizen's first contact with law enforcement. Officers assigned to this division are responsible for providing a myriad of professional police services to the community. This includes, responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, conducting preliminary criminal investigations, enhancement of traffic safety through active enforcement, and preventing crime.

To further accomplish department goals, the division also partners with other local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies. At times, mutual aid is requested from neighboring jurisdictions with whom the department has executed a Memorandum of Understanding.

This division is staffed by full-time sworn law enforcement officers, certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. Members of the patrol division possess diverse backgrounds and skills which allows the patrol team to draw from a broad level of experience when dealing with unique or complex situations that may arise.

Each officer within the division is assigned to one of the department's four duty shifts, which are individually supervised by a squad Sergeant.

Bicycle Patrol Unit

The use of bicycles for police patrol has many benefits to the city. Not only are bicycles economical and environmentally friendly but, in many situations, bicycle-mounted officers can respond quicker and more efficiently than those on foot or even in a car. Bicycle officers are also able to patrol where cars cannot and where foot patrol would be impractical because of time and distance constraints. Most importantly, bicycle patrol promotes greater citizen interaction and offers safety programs for our youth.

To ensure better versatility with the deployment of bike patrols, nearly all members of the Patrol Division have been outfitted and specially trained for Bike Patrol. The training, certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association involves: learning to ride the bike safely in all traffic and weather conditions, obstacle avoidance, slow speed maneuvering, law enforcement tactics and bike maintenance.

While assigned, these officers patrol the community on specially equipped bicycles, answering calls for police service and maintaining a high visibility presence.





Police Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit is a secondary assignment and is often activated for funeral and dignitary escorts. The Motorcycle unit also participates in the many special events hosted in and around the City. Currently, the Unit maintains two 2007 Harley Davidson Electro Glide Police motorcycles and two Police-Edition Can-Am Spyder smart bikes.

One of the greatest benefits of motorcycle patrol is the connection to the community. Several studies have shown that citizens feel more comfortable approaching a motorcycle officer for assistance. One of the reasons noted was that motorcycle officers are not hidden in a patrol vehicle. Citizens tend to feel motorcycle officers are part of the community because of their visibility. Throughout the United States of America, Motorcycle police patrol has a long tradition and the reason for this longevity is the diversity and adaptability to current social trends that make the motorcycle unit an indispensable and relevant part of any modern law enforcement agency.

Police Reserve Unit

The Seat Pleasant Police Department's Reserve Program was established in May 2007 pursuant to City Code 35, Article V, Section 44. The primary purpose of the program is to supplement the City's paid full-time police officers with sworn law enforcement reservists. Notably, reservists are certified and perform all the duties of a sworn Police Officer however, they do so without compensation.

To qualify for the program, reservists must have attended and graduated from a State of Maryland approved basic police academy. In addition, reservists must meet the same rigorous employment and Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission requirements as their full-time counterparts. Accordingly, all reservists undergo a comprehensive pre-employment background investigation including an oral interview, medical physical, drug screening, Computer Stress Analysis Examination, and psychological.

Generally, reservists are members of the community that are either interested in a law enforcement career or that are otherwise employed but wish to volunteer in a meaningful and fulfilling way. All Reservists work a minimum of (40) forty hours a month, but often volunteer to work additional hours to assist with a variety of the department's functions.



Criminal Investigation Unit

When a citizen reports a crime, Patrol Division officers are usually the first to respond. On those occasions when the responding officer is unable to resolve the reported case, or the situation is of a complex nature, he or she will refer the incident to the Criminal Investigations Unit.

Detective(s) assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit are tasked with case and crime scene management. Ultimately, it is the goal of the detective(s) to successfully close each case through the evaluation, collection and documentation of facts and evidence specific to the incident. When it has been determined that a crime was committed, and the perpetrator is identified, the case is then forwarded to the court for prosecution.

The Criminal Investigation Unit is also responsible for investigating missing persons, tracking crime patterns, collecting and disseminating intelligence information to patrol personnel and to representatives of other law enforcement agencies as well as conducting police and city job applicant pre-employment background investigations.

Each detective is trained in basic investigations, interviewing and interrogation. Detectives regularly enroll in advanced training to expand their knowledge and skills necessary to carry out complex investigations. Although work is performed in accordance with established rules and procedures, the detective must exercise considerable independent judgment in his or her application of these rules and procedures to specific cases.

Crime Scene Unit

Specially trained officers have been designated to serve as Department evidence technicians. Those members are responsible for the preservation and collection of physical evidence at crime scenes. Additionally, evidence technicians identify and inventory physical evidence; take photographs and measurements, draw rough sketches of the scene, and complete reports relative to the crime or accident scene. Evidence Technicians receive extensive classroom and hands-on training in photography, latent fingerprint collection, physical evidence identification, preservation and collection and overall crime scene processing.



CVSA - Truth Verification Examinations

The Seat Pleasant Police Department considers Computer Voice Stress Analyzers (CVSA) a useful investigative tool when combined with other evidence in establishing guilt, innocence, or the truthfulness of the examinee. This technology has been embraced by many agencies throughout the county.

Currently, there are two members of the department certified as CVSA operators. When requested, these members conduct CVSA examinations of police employment candidates as well as other individuals involved in or possessing information about criminal and/or internal affairs matters.

Evidence / Property Custodian

All property and evidence received by the Seat Pleasant Police Department is stored in a secure, key card access monitored Property and Evidence Room which is surveilled by video camera recording equipment. Once received, Property Custodians are responsible for storing, cataloging and releasing, or disposing of all incoming property.

Property and Evidence is commonly stored by the department for the following reasons:

- Evidence in criminal cases
- Safekeeping
- Prisoner belongings
- Found/Abandoned Property

Property may only be released to the legal owner and/or their designee. If property is being held as evidence in a criminal case, certain property may be released after the judicial proceedings have concluded. Found/Abandoned property and items of safekeeping are disposed of after 90 days once reasonable efforts have been made to identify and notify the owners.

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

23.22 POUNDS OF DRUGS
SEIZED IN 2017

ESTIMATED STREET VALUE OF
OVER \$66,000





Automated Speed Enforcement Unit

The Automated Speed Enforcement Unit is responsible for managing the department's Photo Enforcement program.

Photo enforcement cameras are now used worldwide to help reduce vehicle collisions, address traffic safety concerns and provide a more comprehensive method of enforcement without diverting police officers from other, possibly more important duties. In fact, studies have proven that the use of such technologies are effective in discouraging motorists from running red lights and causing crashes.

Though most drivers obey traffic signals all the time, some drivers, due to temporary inattention, distractions, poor decision-making, or aggressive driving fail to stop for red lights. Not only is red light running prohibited by law, but it is dangerous to public health. Thus, enforcement in various forms are necessary. Even rolling stops enforcement in various forms is necessary. Even rolling stops pose a significant threat to pedestrians and bicyclists because those drivers fail to allow time to properly assess the turn and identify potential conflicts.

With nearly 126,000 vehicles traversing the City each day, the program is vital to reducing speeds, eliminating red light running, and preventing fatalities. It is however, important to note that these cameras represent only a portion of the City's robust safety efforts which include community education, high visibility patrol, awareness initiatives, signage, and direct police intervention.

Photo Enforcement Inquiries:

Email - speedcameras@seatpleasantmd.gov

Phone – (866) 979–4824

Online – www.citationpayment.com

Drone Unit

The department's Drone Program was established in early 2017 to aid in monitoring vehicle traffic flow patterns, spotting roadways needing repairs, gathering data for accident reconstruction, identifying locations where enforcement efforts should be prioritized, and other police operations.

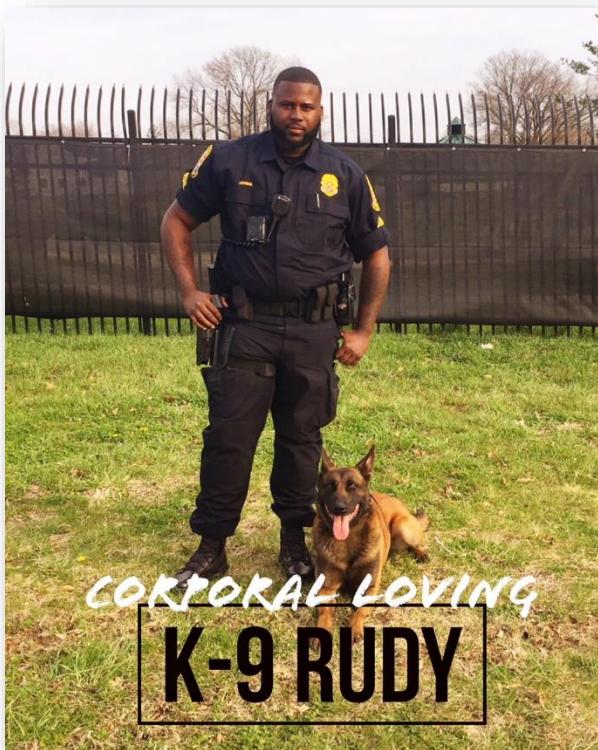
Notably, Seat Pleasant is the first City in the United States to receive clearance from the TSA, DHS, and FAA to operate our drone (sUAS – Small Unmanned Aircraft System) in the Capitol Region's Flight Restricted Zone. In accordance with regulatory requirements, department Drone operators are Part 107 certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

K-9 Unit

While working, our K-9 Teams patrol and respond to calls as any other officer would. However, when requested, these teams assist with incidents where drug possession is suspected. No modern technology has been developed that can replace the effectiveness of a well-trained drug dog. Trained to detect a variety of drugs – marijuana, methamphetamines, cocaine, heroin, etc. – these dogs can alert to hidden contraband.

Article searches are conducted when a person has either lost or thrown an item while committing a crime. Using the dog's olfactory abilities, the canine is given an area to search and within a matter of moments the canine can locate the item even in a large area. Often it is more effective to deploy a canine in an area where there is poor lighting, heavy brush, or an area is too large to be searched visually.

The canine handler has the responsibility of maintaining and improving upon the canine's basic skills, which is accomplished through departmental training and periodic attendance at formal retraining. Unlike other police equipment, police dogs need constant attention. When not on-duty the canine lives with the officer and it remains the officer's responsibility to ensure that all of the canine's needs are met such as regular exercise, grooming, day to day needs, and medical requirements of their assigned K-9.



DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARDS

2017 RECIPIENTS



MARCUS JONES
CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD



SGT. WAINE HARRIS
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
(CHIEF'S AWARD)



CPL. BRYAN STEVENS
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD



OFC. FRANKLIN BRAXTON
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
(CHIEF'S SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD)

IN MEMORIAM

We salute Police Private William Ray Clements and all the brave officers who have made the Ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties. Their courage and service to the community will never be forgotten.

On Saturday, November 30, 1968, Seat Pleasant Police Private William Clements and Prince George's County Police Private Robert Yeszerski were shot and killed while supervising the towing of a vehicle from an apartment complex parking lot on Greig Court in the City of Seat Pleasant.

Private Clements was a U.S. Air Force veteran and had served with the Seat Pleasant Police Department for four years. He had previously served with the Mt. Rainier Police Department and Brentwood Police Department. He is survived by his wife and child and is buried in Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Prince George's County, Maryland.

In May 2016, the Seat Pleasant Police Department honored Private Clements by organizing a graveside memorial ceremony which was attended by members of law enforcement and Private Clements family. As a tribute, the Ceremony will be held annually in the month of May to coincide with National Police Week.

President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week "pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



POLICE PRIVATE
William Clements



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