



2012 Annual Report

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Mission Statement



The men and women of the Police Department are dedicated to building a strong Lexington.

Through the delivery of exemplary service with a focus on problem solving, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods by building a partnership with the community we serve.

A Message from Chief Green



The men and women of the Lexington Police Department are committed to the provision of the highest possible quality of service to the Lexington community. As public servants, we are accountable for the service which we provide. The Annual Report for the 2012 calendar year is one result of our dedication to the spirit of accountability to the citizens of Lexington in that it represents the Department's efforts and achievements during the past year. Through the provision of exemplary service with a focus on community oriented policing and problem solving, it is the goal of this Department to build and maintain a working partnership with the citizens of Lexington.

LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or my agency. I will maintain courageous and calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

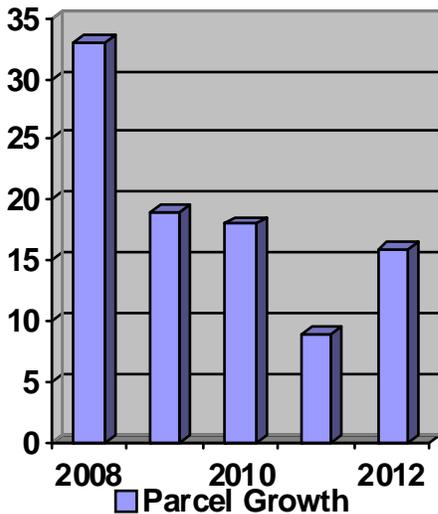
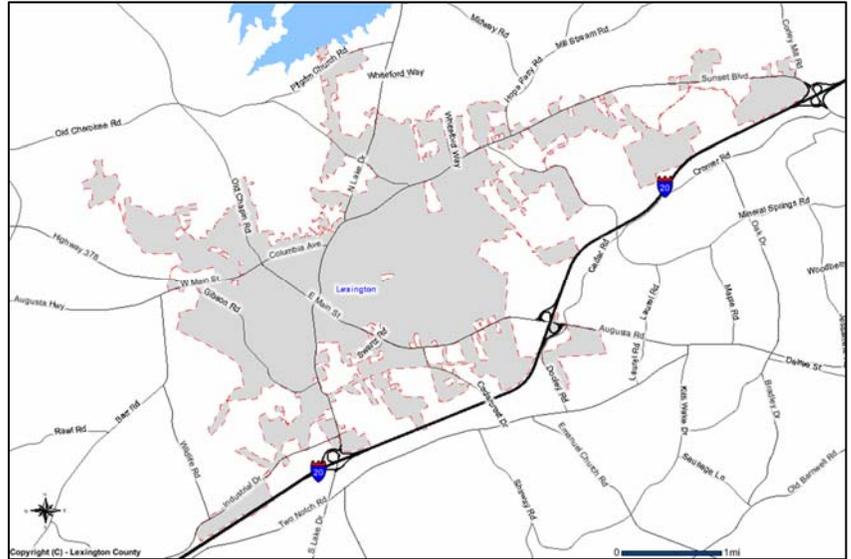
I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, law enforcement.

The Town of Lexington



The Town of Lexington was incorporated in 1861. When it was incorporated as a town, Lexington boasted a diverse population of lawyers, physicians, trades people, artisans and farmers. There were then two churches, several schools, a carriage factory, a saw and gristmill, a tannery, livestock yard, tin and blacksmiths, and a weekly newspaper.

If anything characterizes the Town of Lexington, it is the fast growth rate. The Town of Lexington is the 23rd largest municipality in South Carolina according to the 2010 U.S. Census. The Town's population grew 83% in the last ten years, jumping from 9,793 to 17,870 which still ranks as the second largest municipality in the Midlands region.



These figures show that the Town of Lexington had the highest growth rate among the Top 25 municipalities in South Carolina. The second closest had a 56% increase.

Since 1990, the Town of Lexington has grown 443%, making it the fourth fastest growing municipality in the state over the past two decades.

The Town's area has grown as well, from approximately 5.8 square miles in 2000 to 9.22 square miles today; a 59% increase.

Growth has not been limited to just that of the Town of Lexington. The County of Lexington has also grown and 2000 census figures indicated that approximately 65,000 people live within a 5 mile radius of the Town. Traffic counts routinely show around 130,000 vehicles travel on the three (3) major highways that pass through town each day. To put that into perspective, it equates to over 3,000,000 vehicles passing through every year.

Available census data (2010) shows Lexington to be approximately 82% white, 12.7% African American, and 3.7% Asian. Approximately 3.5% of the Town's residents are of Hispanic origin.

Department Overview



The Lexington Police Department is comprised of a total of 52 personnel, including 48 sworn officers and four civilian positions. The Department is broken down into four divisions: the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Division and Administration which includes the Office of Professional Standards.

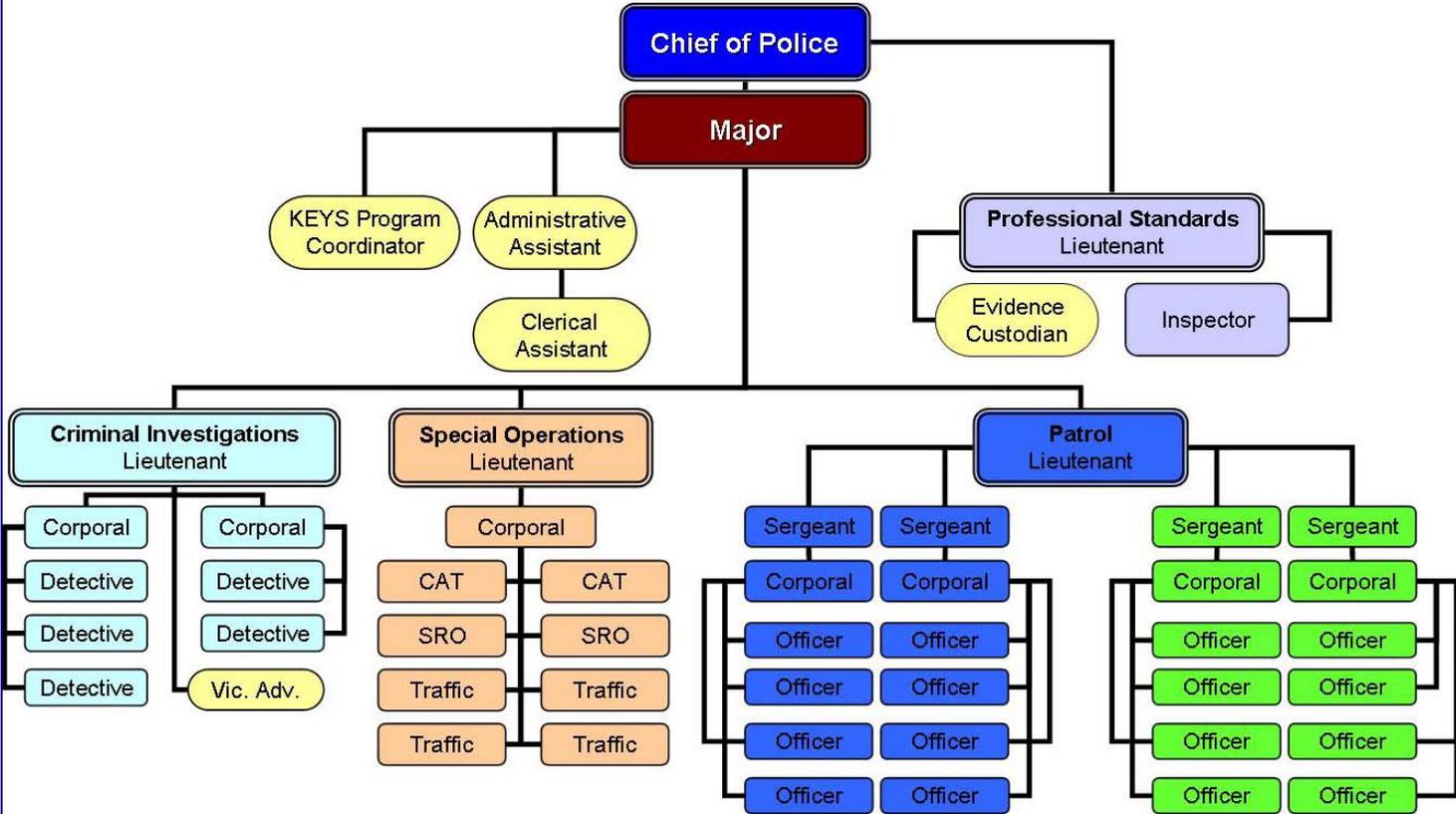
The Patrol Division is responsible for providing general police protection and service to the community including the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, patrol of the Town, response to calls for service and the protection of property. The division consists of 25 personnel and is the backbone of the agency. Patrol officers are the ones any member of the public is most likely to encounter on a day to day basis in any given situation.

The Criminal Investigations Division consists of 8 detectives and is responsible for the investigation of reported crimes and special investigations such as those related to narcotics and gang activity. One sworn employee serves as the department's Victims Advocate and provides initial and follow-up services to victims of crime.

The Special Operations Division's 10 personnel make up several subdivisions which coordinate and administer community programs, training and special events. This division houses the community action team, school resource officer, canine officer and the department's traffic division.

The Administration Division includes the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police, Administrative Assistant, Clerical Information/Records Management Assistant, and the Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) Coordinator. The three employees assigned to the Office of Professional Standards are responsible for the Internal Affairs function, Accreditation, Crime Analysis, Evidence and National Crime Information Center operation.

Lexington Police Department Organizational Chart



Accomplishments for 2012

1. Re-issue of the Traffic Safety Grant.
2. Received CALEA National Accreditation Award.
3. Conducted the Department's annual Family Fall Festival,
4. Alive at 25 Instructor of the Year - Grady Johnson
5. Law Cadet Instructor of the Year - Steffonie Cockerill
6. Officer Recognitions:
 - 1st Quarter: Corporal Sturges
 - 2nd Quarter: Detective Carter
 - 3rd Quarter: Sergeant Stowe

Officer of the Year: Corporal Sturges

General Statistics

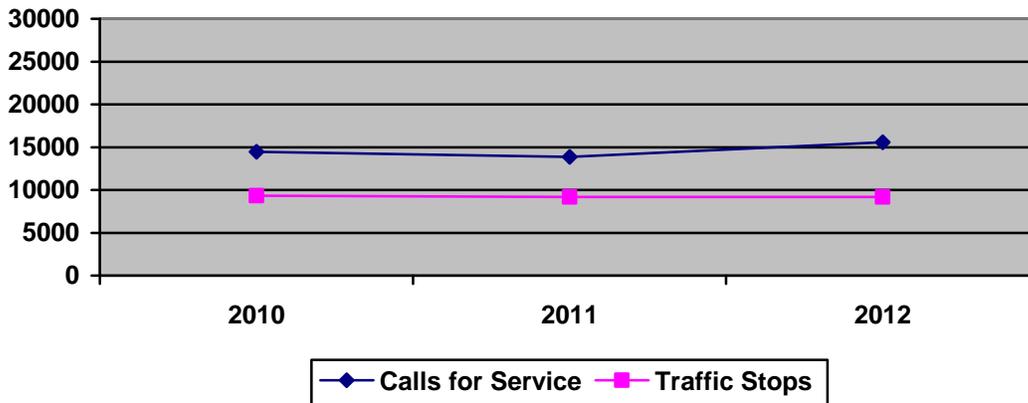
The below listed information contains general statistical calculations for the 2012 calendar year. In some tables, additional statistics from the previous year have been included. These statistics encompass the general functions of the Department. Specialized functions, such as those specific to a particular Division or Unit, are included in later portions of this report.

General Summary of CAD Activity

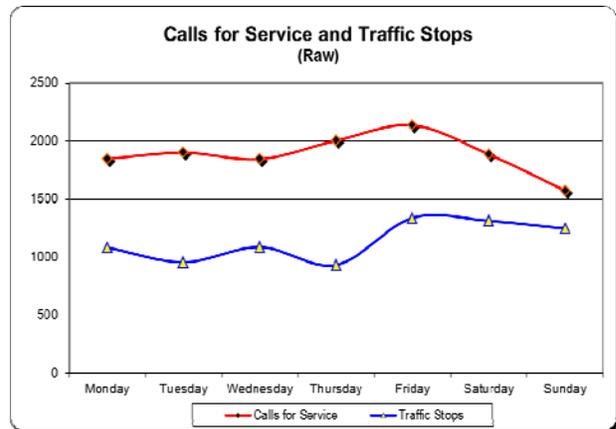
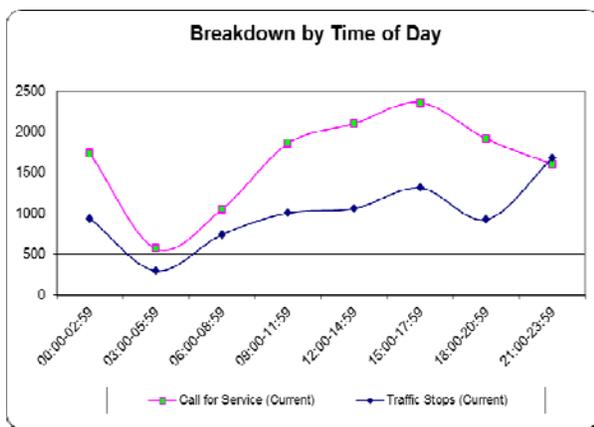
01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

(Data Compiled through CAD administered by Lexington County Communications)

Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Calls for Service	14,477	13,884	15,576	12%
Traffic Stops	9,320	9,184	9,180	<.1%
TOTAL CAD	23,797	23,068	24,756	07%



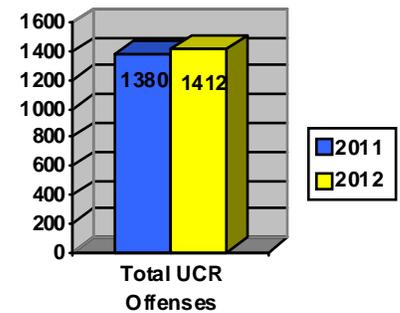
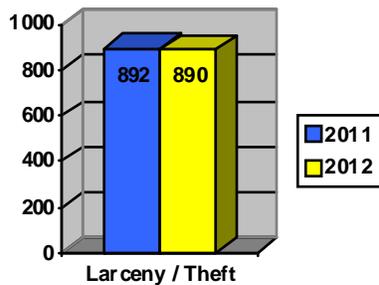
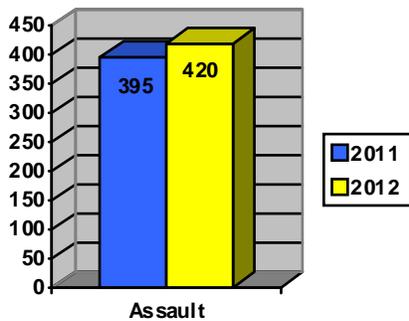
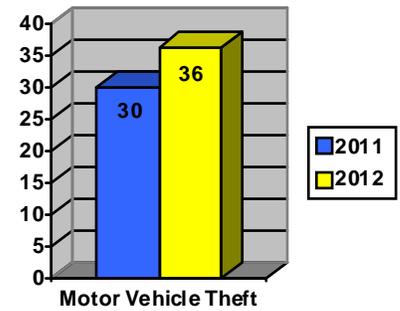
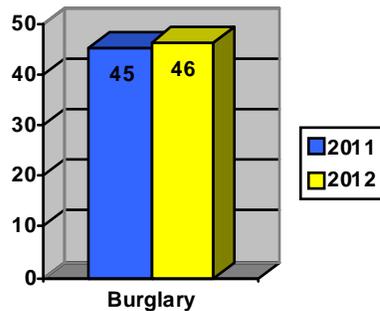
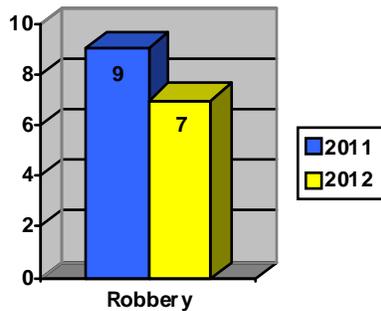
The following charts show the break down of Calls for Service and Traffic Stops by Day of Week and Time of Day.



Summary of Reported Offenses UCR Index Crimes 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

(Note: This data is retrieved from Department Records and will differ from official FBI/SLED UCR statistics)

Incident Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Murder	0	0	0	n/c
Forcible Rape Offenses	9	9	13	44%
Robbery	9	9	7	-22%
Assault	434	395	420	06%
Burglary	46	45	46	02%
Larceny (All larceny and theft reported)	705	892	890	-
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	30	36	20%
Total UCR Offenses	1216	1380	1412	02%



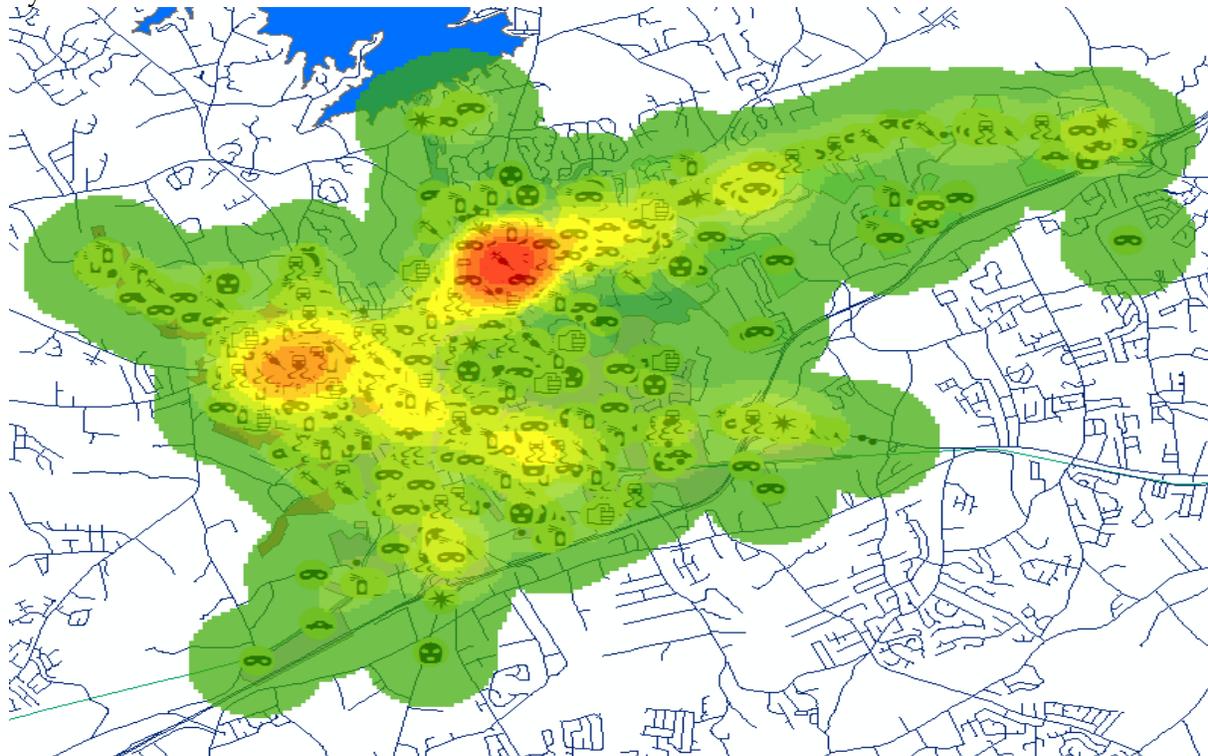
Summary of Reported Offenses By Offense Category 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

(Note: This is overall data retrieved from Department Records and will differ from SLED UCR statistics)

Incident Category	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Alcohol Crimes	229	253	433	71%
Arson/Suspicious Fire	1	0	0	n/c
Assaults	441	404	420	04%
Drug Crimes	213	340	391	15%
Homicide	0	0	0	n/c
Information Only Reports (Alarms, Lost Property, etc)	2,444	2,668	2,510	-06%
Larceny Offenses	768	976	890	-09%
Other Crimes	245	251	288	15%
Prostitution	0	0	1	-
Vandalism/Damage to Property	177	175	130	-26%
Total Offenses	4,518	5,067	5,063	12%

2012 Calls for Service Locations

The following map is a density analysis of all calls for service for 2012. The US #378 corridor which includes Sunset Boulevard represents the greatest share of incidents than any other location within the town.

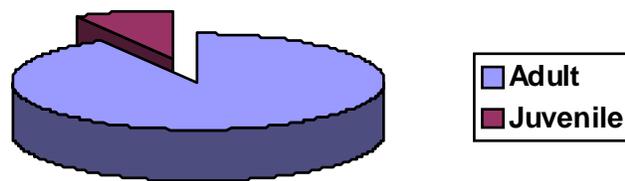


Arrest Data



The arrest data below shows that a total of 1,744 persons were arrested in 2012. This is a 20% increase over 2011 and a 52% two year increase. The custodial seizure of a juvenile is counted as an arrest in the overall total. Adults accounted for 86% of total arrests.

Summary of Arrests 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)



Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Adult	1,034	1,319	1,594	21%
Juvenile	116	132	150	14%
TOTAL	1,150	1,451	1,744	20%

The majority of persons arrested by the Lexington Police Department reside outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the town therefore demographic data from Lexington County is used for comparison purposes.

Arrests Percentages by Race 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

*Hispanic persons are counted as Caucasian for race tracking purposes.

Race	2011 Arrests	2012 Arrests	Yearly Change	2011 % of Total Arrests	Lexington County 2011 Estimated Racial Demographics*
Caucasian*	1,076	1,300	21%	74.54%	81.3%
African American	367	431	17%	24.71%	15.0%
Other	8	13	63%	0.75%	3.7%
Totals:	1,451	1,744	20%	100%	100%

*US Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45/45063.html>

Warrants

Statistics regarding outstanding warrants and served warrants during the period from January to December 2012 are listed below.

A statistical summary of outstanding warrants held by the Lexington Police Department is presented below. Bench warrants are issued by the Municipal Judge in response to the failure of a convicted defendant to satisfy the terms of a sentence imposed by the Court. Arrest warrants are issued by a judge pursuant to the sworn affidavit of a victim, witness or officer and constitute the original charging document for the offense for which the defendant is charged. Service of outstanding warrants is a responsibility shared by all officers and no specific officer or Division of the Department is specifically charged with this duty.

Summary of Outstanding Warrants

(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Warrant Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Bench Warrant	634	711	749	05%
Arrest Warrant	230	278	172	-38%
Combined Total	864	989	921	-07%

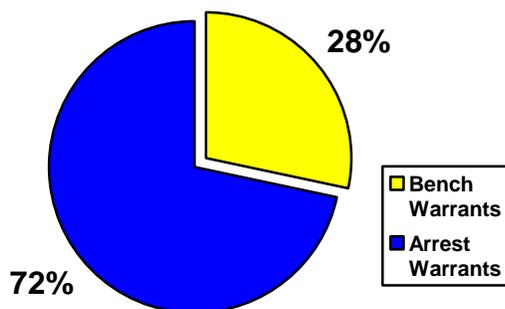
Note: These totals pertain to all outstanding warrants on file at the time of inquiry.

A total of 1,033 warrants were served by officers in 2012. It represents a 49% increase over 2011. The higher number was largely in part to a court ruling in 2012 that required warrants to be used for most shoplifting and criminal domestic violence incidents which was not previously required. The totals for each type of warrant are represented in the chart below.

Summary of Warrants Served

01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)



Warrants Served	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Bench Warrant	229	231	294	27%
Arrest Warrant	422	463	739	60%
Combined Total	651	694	1,033	49%

FLEET MANAGEMENT



The Lexington Police Department operates a fleet composed of 56 vehicles. Department vehicles were driven 611,073 miles and used 47,375 gallons of fuel during 2012.

Fleet Mileage and Fuel Usage 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Mileage (Fleet)	534,286	596,019	611,073	03%
Fuel Consumed	43,685	46,080	47,375	03%
Miles Per Gallon	12.33	13.06	12.90	(01%)

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is led by a Lieutenant and is divided into four operational shifts that are each comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal and patrol officers. The Patrol Division performs the most essential function of the Department. Patrol officers are tasked with responding to calls for service; completing incident reports; investigating and reporting traffic collisions; performing traffic enforcement;

recognizing and investigating suspicious/criminal activity; enforcement of South Carolina laws and Town ordinances; performing traffic direction; and a vast array of other duties which maintain the safety and security of residents and visitors to the Town of Lexington. Patrol officers are also usually the first, if not only, contact a citizen or visitor has with the Lexington Police Department; thus, they serve a vital role as ambassadors of the Town and its government.

A statistical summary of Patrol Division activities is provided in the following pages. It is important to note that incident, collision and traffic enforcement statistics are addressed in separate sections of this report. These are the main response activities of the Patrol Division.

Average Call Response Time

01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

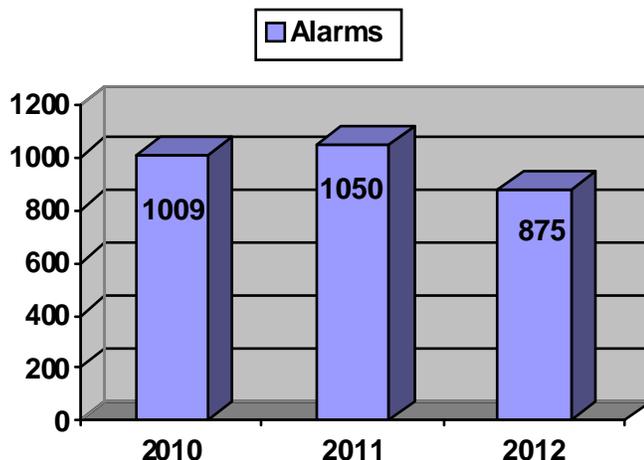
Response Times	2011	2012	% Change
Overall	6:18	6:20	< .1%
*Excluding Outliers	11:36	10:32	(08%)

*Excludes categories in which the response time is "0" such as all traffic stops.

The average response time excluding outliers for remained virtually unchanged in 2012 and the total response time actually decreased which is a fairly significant accomplishment considering the growth of the town and associated call volume.

Alarm Response

Officers responded to 875 alarms during 2012. The number (a 16% decrease) represents the lowest number in at least four years and is likely a result of the Town's alarm ordinance which was instituted in hopes of doing that very thing.



Canine Function



The Department's canine is trained in narcotics detection, tracking and apprehension. The Canine program at Lexington Police Department has been active since July 1998. The current Canine (Leena) has been in-service since September 2008.

Canine activities are represented in the table below.

Training and Deployment	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Training Hours*	254	217	258	19%
Tracking Deployments	03	7	9	29%
Drug Sniff Deployments	31	23	24	04%
Patrol / Apprehension Deployments	1	1	0	-

Canine Leena increased most of her statistical categories in 2012 even though she missed at least six weeks of duty due to two separate medical issues. Also of note, four of her nine tracking deployments assisted in the arrest of the targeted subject. Corporal Paul Walker is Leena's handler.

TRAFFIC

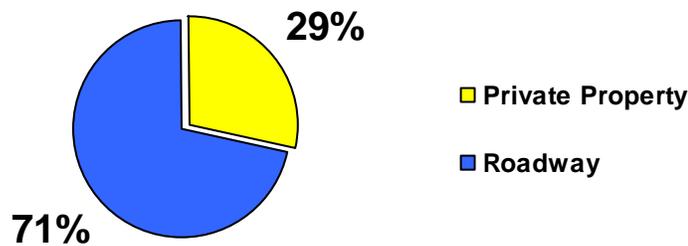
Traffic Collision Reports 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

General Collision Information	2011	2012
Total Traffic Collisions Reported	1093	1214
Average Collisions Per Day	2.99	3.33

Of the reported traffic collisions that occurred in the Town of Lexington during 2012, 71% occurred on public roadways with the remaining occurring on private property.

Totals for Traffic Collisions Roadways and Private Property 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

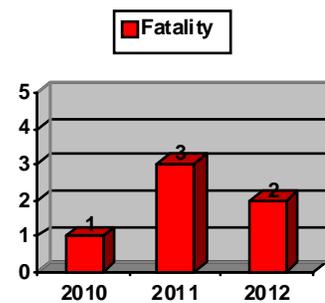
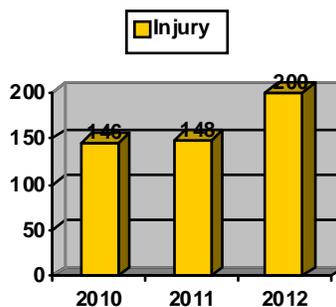
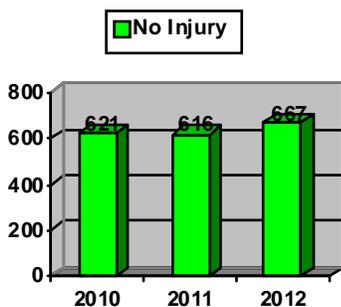
Private Property	Roadway
347	867



The table and chart below show that 23% of traffic collisions which occurred on public roadways resulted in injury or possible injury to at least one person. Two people were killed in vehicle collisions during 2012.

Total Reported Injuries Related to Traffic Collisions (Public Roadways Only) 01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

Collision Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
No Reported Injury	621	616	667	08%
Injury	146	148	200	35%
Fatality	1	3	2	-33%



In addition to investigating traffic collisions, all uniformed officers are charged with enforcing traffic laws within the Town of Lexington. 9180 (N/C, 9,184) traffic stops were conducted in 2012 with 8,880 tickets (02%) and 3,729 (N/C, 3,724) warnings issued. The Department is highly conscious of its enforcement practices. In light of nationwide concerns regarding racial profiling, statistics are maintained regarding the race and sex of violators cited or warned by officers during traffic stops. As demonstrated in the following tables, the statistics show that officers of the Department do not indicate any tendency toward discriminatory enforcement practices.

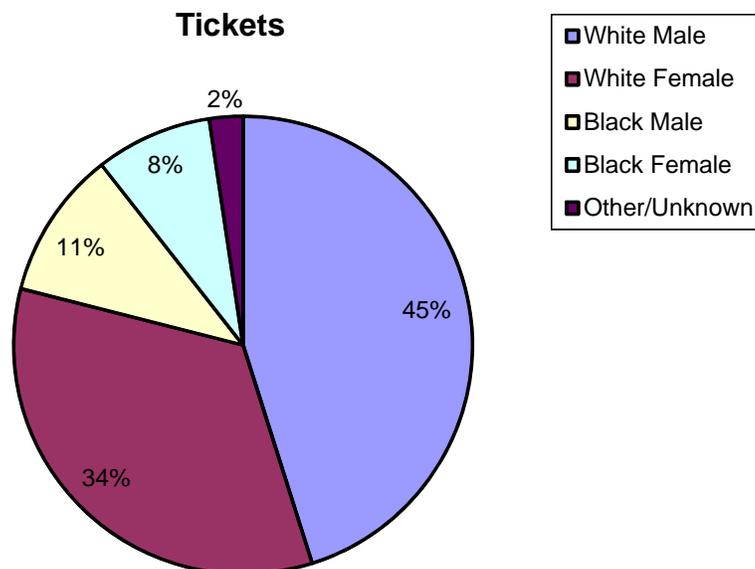
**Traffic Enforcement -- Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued
(Traffic Offenses Only)
Totals by Race and Sex
01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)**

Race	Male	Female	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2010 Racial Demographics*
Caucasian	4,007	3,006	7,013	79.0%	82.5%
African American	928	731	1,659	18.7%	14.3%
Other/Unknown	208		208	2.3%	3.7%
Totals			8,880	100%	100.5%

*Hispanic persons are counted as Caucasian for race tracking purposes.

**US Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45/45063.html>

The chart below breaks the numbers down further by race and sex.



Uniform Traffic Ticket Counts
Totals by Offense Description
01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

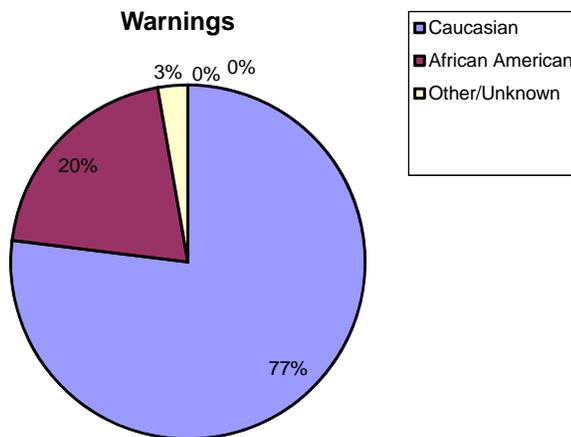
OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Operating Uninsured Vehicle	54	83	115	39%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 10 mph above or Less	3,181	2,450	2,464	01%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 11 to 24 mph above	103	113	156	38%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 25 mph and above	0	0	0	N/C
Driving in Wrong Lane	1	0	0	N/C
Shifting Lanes Improperly	22	15	31	107%
Parking Improperly	1	0	0	N/C
Lights Improper	756	1,058	580	40%
Improper Backing	3	1	2	100%
Vehicle in Unsafe Condition	2	4	9	125%
Disregarding Sign or Signal	173	189	253	34%
No Right of Way	126	148	145	-02%
Wrong Side of Road	24	33	49	48%
Passing Unlawfully	12	14	12	-14%
Turning Unlawfully	18	35	37	06%
Following to Closely	127	102	143	40%
Reckless Driving	39	53	70	32%
Hit & Run Property Damage	11	11	7	-36%
Passing Stopped School Bus	0	0	1	N/C
Failure to Stop for Police Vehicle	3	3	5	67%
Other Moving Violation	37	28	30	07%
Drivers License Violation	355	348	471	35%
Vehicle License Violation	617	757	774	02%
Vehicle License Improper	56	100	134	34%
Faulty Equipment	60	99	73	-26%
Other Violations	1,437	1,778	1,938	09%
Driving Under Suspension	225	264	355	34%
Driving Under the Influence	109	93	244	162%
Minimum Speed Law	2	0	1	N/C
Racing on Highway	0	0	1	N/C
Non-Traffic Offenses	587	923	776	-16%
Total:	8,141	8,705	8,880	02%

Traffic Enforcement - Warning Tickets Issued
Totals by Race and Sex
01/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012
 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Race	Male	Female	Unk	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2010 Racial Demographics
Caucasian	1,684	1,103	82	2,869	76.9%	82.5%
African American	431	312	15	758	20.3%	14.3%
Other/Unknown	102			102	2.7%	3.7%
Totals				3,729	99.9%	100.5%

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



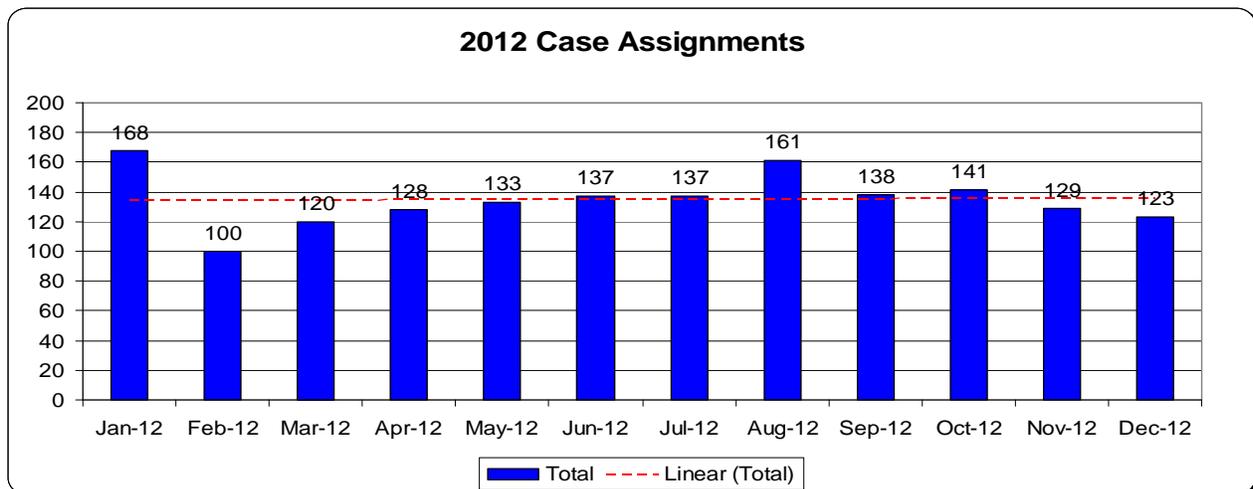
The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is managed by a Lieutenant who supervises five investigators, two vice/narcotics/gang investigators and the Victims Advocate. CID is tasked with following up on reports of criminal activity initially reported to our uniformed patrol officers. Investigators are available to respond twenty-four hours a day when needed.

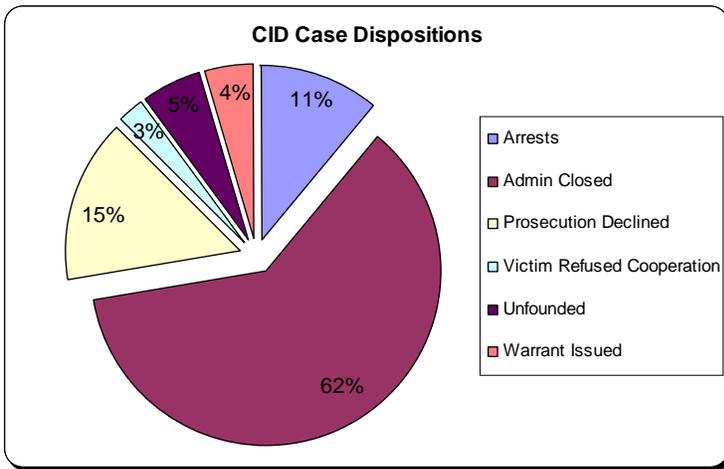
CID is also responsible for forensic examination of crime scenes along with the evaluation and collection of evidence and the transport of fugitives from other jurisdictions. The Criminal Investigations Division also plays an integral part in assisting the Solicitor's Office in the prosecution of cases.

In 2012 the Criminal Investigations division assigned 1658 cases for follow-up, a 22% increase over 2011.

Activity	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Cases Assigned	1274	1364	1658	22%
Cases Closed	1274	1364	1608	18%

Over the course of the year you can see that the number of cases assigned closely mirrors the calls for service/reports taken.



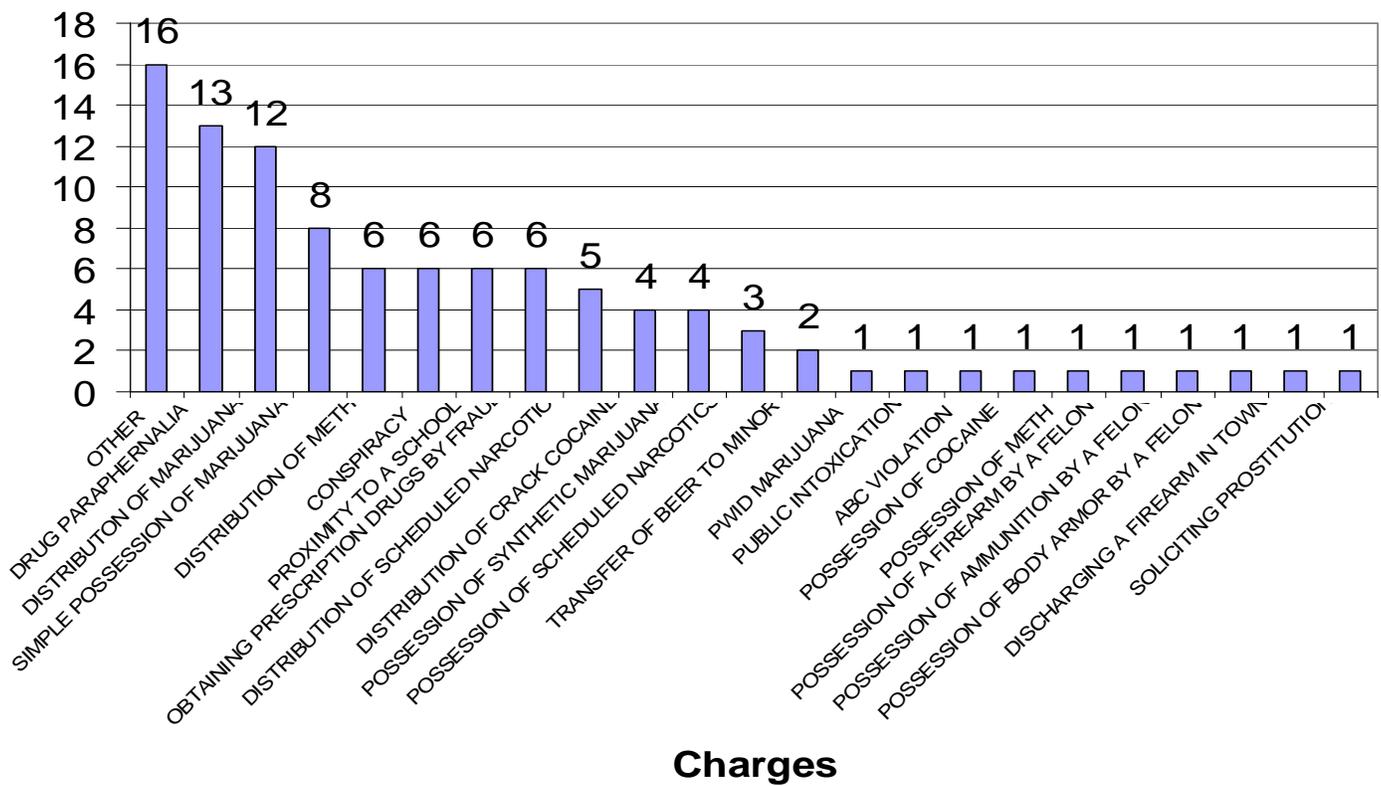


1608 of the cases assigned in 2012 have been closed at the time of this report for a clearance rate of 96.98%. The chart below breaks down the dispositions of how those cases were closed.

Narcotics/Vice Activity

The CID Narcotics/Vice Investigator conducted numerous operations that resulted in various charges being brought.

Vice Investigator Charges

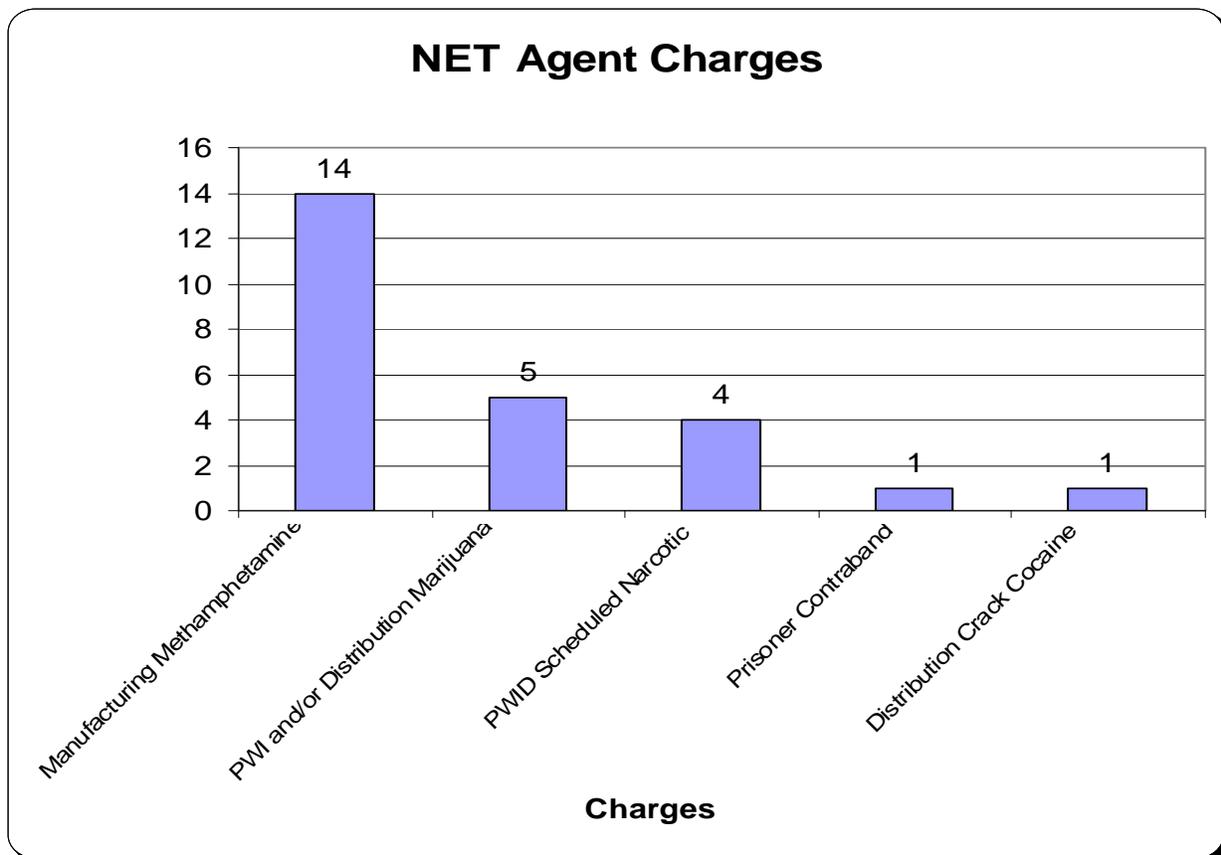


Additionally the Narcotics/Vice Investigator conducted the following:

Activity Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Cases Assigned	NT	NT	200	N/A
Warrants Served	123	80	60	-25%
Search Warrants Obtained	6	7	10	43%
Electronic Surveillance (Hours)	400	200	450	125%
Surveillance (Hours)	250	200	250	25%
Narcotic Purchases	24	24	28	17%
Educational Presentations	20	20	12	-40%

2012 Lexington County Narcotics Task Force Officer

One of the Narcotics/Vice Investigators is assigned to the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET). This investigator's primary assignment on the NET team is the investigation and enforcement related to methamphetamine. The following are the statistics for the year 2012.



Additionally the Task Force Agent conducted the following:

Activity Type	2010	2011	2012	% Change
In-House Cases Assigned	NT	NT	16	N/A
Warrants /Citations	28	15	21	40%
Search Warrants Obtained	NT	NT	1	N/A
Narcotic Purchases	9	17	14	-17%
Meth Lab/Trash Calls	NT	NT	29	N/A
Surveillance (Hours)	25	36	10	-72%

GANG ACTIVITY

The Department has been monitoring gang activity in the Town for several years now. While the percentage of gang-related incidents is low (less than 1% of the total in any given year), the propensity of gang members to commit violent crimes and the difficulty of eliminating gangs which have the opportunity to become entrenched in a community has led the Department to assign a detective the task of identifying, monitoring, and suppressing gang activity. This detective has received additional training related to gangs and how to identify and decode gang graffiti and symbols.

To date, the Department has been able to confirm the presence of several gangs and continues to closely monitor any suspected activity. In 2012 gang contacts amongst all gang categories were consistent with national trends. Contacts with both adult and juvenile gang members have been made this year as well as contact with female gang members. A greater portion of these contacts came while officers are conducting traffic stops.

Further advanced training in gang identification has been received by the town's gang detective and training was also provided to the uniformed patrol division in the form of annual training sessions and roll call training. Intelligence updates are also provided to the patrol division through memorandum and roll call training sessions. The town's gang detective is an active member in good standing of both the South Carolina Gang Investigator's Association (currently serving as a region representative) and the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator's Association. These associations provide information sharing and training opportunities that the town's gang detective actively participates in to better his ability to serve in this capacity.

Solid relations with gang detectives from other agencies were further solidified this year which have opened the flow of information sharing between agencies within the area. Gang intelligence and information sharing meetings hosted by SCGIA have been attended on a monthly basis which has provided a great deal of knowledge and information to be shared. From discussions with other law enforcement agencies which must deal with a larger gang problem, the Department is well aware that gang members

will typically move from “small” crimes to “big” crimes as they get older and that the transition can occur quite suddenly. It is for this reason the Lexington Police Department is devoting the resources it can spare to gathering intelligence on gang members, who they associate with, and what patterns of behavior they engage in.

Gang Investigator Activity	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Events Worked	10	13	4	-75%
Classes Taught	17	10	12	20%
Standard Surveillance Hours	598	1056	1280	21%
Cases Worked	55	40	4	-90%

The Town’s gang detective helped form SCHATF (South Carolina Hells Angels Task Force) in 2010. Over the last 3 years, SCHATF conducted an intense investigation of the SC Nomad chapter of the Hells Angels (with bases of operation in Lexington and York County). The investigation culminated in a 91 count federal indictment, numerous local warrants and the arrests of 27 members and associates of these outlaw motorcycle gangs. The indictment and state charges include charges of narcotics violations, weapons violations, money laundering and violation of the RICO act among others.

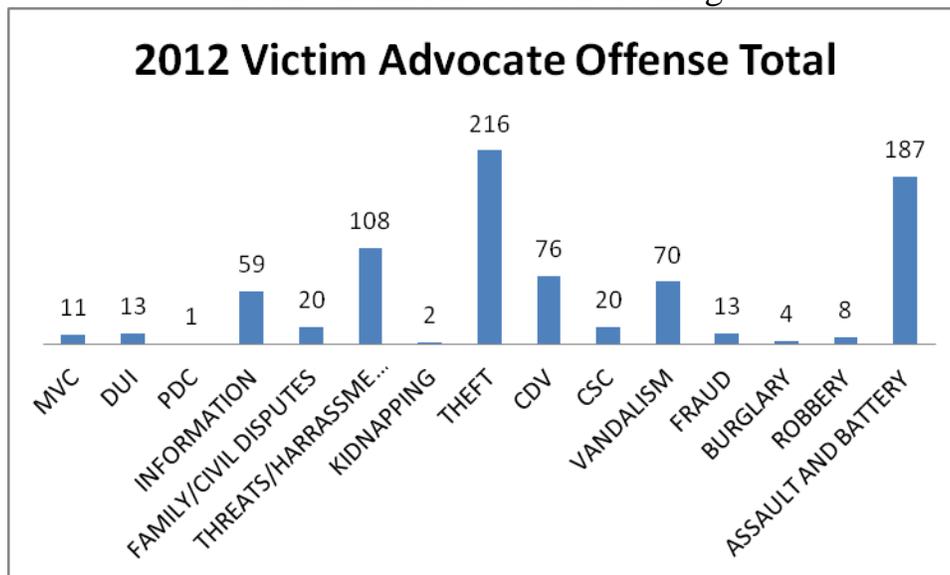
While a large amount of the Town’s gang detective’s focus has been on outlaw motorcycle gangs recently, the presence of local gang members has been observed to have increased. The presence was noticed through investigation and intelligence into the activities, trends and identification of gang members and potential gang members in the Lexington area. The gang detective provides any necessary updates on gang activity as part of each COMPSTAT meeting. This information then helps guide the development of division action plans that are in response to specific crime trends and patterns. Through these efforts, the Department has been able to confirm the presence of several gangs within the Town and continues to closely monitor any suspected activity.

VICTIM ADVOCATE

The main responsibility of the Victim Advocate is to ensure the safety of crime victims as well as minimizing their re-victimization while in the criminal justice system. This is done by responding to their expressed needs and partnering with outside agencies that can fulfill their needs.

A total of 954 offenses victim services were responded to in 2012. The Victim Advocate offered services for offenses ranging from violent to non-violent cases. The number of offenses has decreased over the past year. The Victim Advocate responded to 1,096 offenses in 2011 compared to 954 this year. The Victim Advocate's services are designed to provide immediate support for crimes such as, but not limited to, assault and battery cases, criminal domestic violence, criminal sexual conduct, threats and harrassment. Victim Services also assisted in an accidental death, a suicide, and with a missing person.

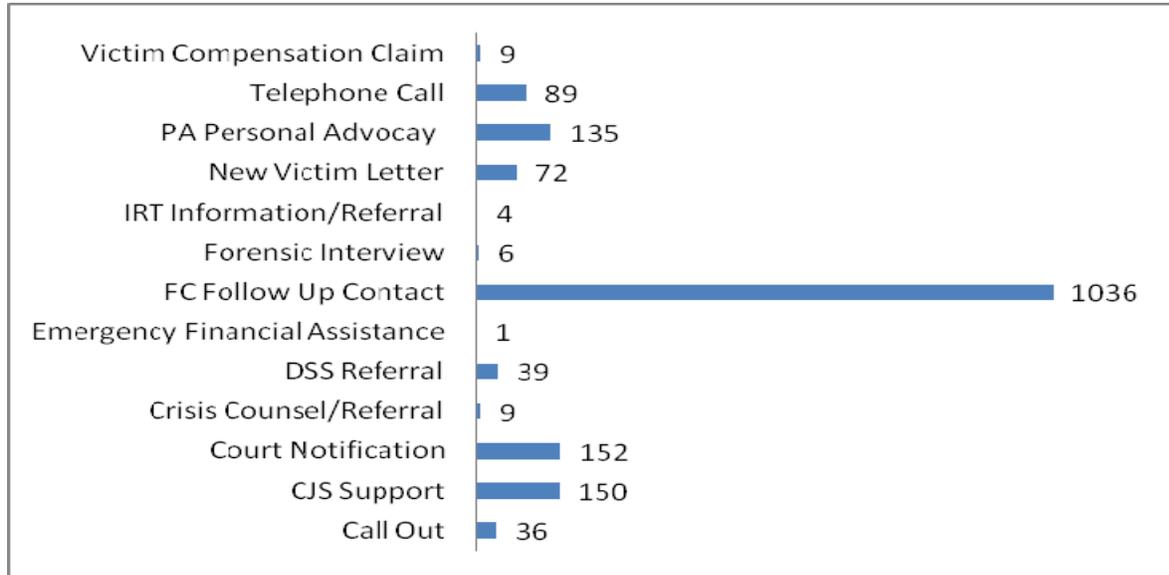
2012 Victim Advocate Percentage



Nine hundred twenty eight victims (928) in the jurisdiction of the Lexington Police Department received services from the Victim Advocate in 2012. Of this total number, 554 were female, 368 were male, and six were unknown. One hundred and seventy four (174) of these victims identified their race as African American, 729 were identified as Caucasian, and 22 were unknown.

Victims were offered 1,744 services in 2012. The services ranged from call outs (36) to criminal justice support (302). Criminal justice support includes court notifications, meetings with prosecutors and investigators; information about restraining orders and orders of protection; and any other information dealing with criminal justice or the court systems. Victim Services also assisted with emergency financial assistance (01), follow up via telephone/face to face advocacy (1,258), forensic interviews (06), crisis counseling (09), victim compensation claims (09) and other miscellaneous support.

2012 Victim Advocate Services Provided



"KEEPING EVERY YOUTH SAFE" Program

The Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) program continues to be active in improving the quality of life for Lexington youth. The KEYS program received a \$73,346 Community Development Block Grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2012. KEYS is located at 209 South Lake Drive beside Town Hall and the Virginia Hylton Park. The program operates Monday - Thursday from 2pm to 6pm and continues to focus on improving the academic and life skills of its participants. Each youth receives individual tutoring and mentoring, based on their needs; provided by program staff and volunteers from local churches, colleges, and high schools. Additionally, assistance from Community Action Team (CAT) officers provides life skills training and the opportunity to positively interact with law enforcement officials.

Averaging 26 youth per day in 2012, the program was successful in multiple areas of its mission. Most importantly, "KEYS" exceeded a majority of objectives and outcomes, number of youth served, improvement in school attendance and grades, parent and student satisfaction with "KEYS" and successful completion of students from the program. Finally, 50% of the involved youth demonstrated an increase in at least one life skill area (time and money management, character education, etc.) during the latest survey.

Community Sponsors and/or contributors to the program in 2012 included:

- The Town of Lexington
- Lexington Police Department
- Lexington County
- Lexington Improvement League
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina
- The Watershed Fellowship
- Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church
- St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
- Spring Hill AME Church
- Mats2Men
- The Swim Lessons Company
- Bi-lo
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Personal Donations

TRAINING



One of the most important ways the Department strives to insure that officers' actions are within the law and departmental policy is through training. Training falls under the Special Operations Division, which works closely with all the other divisions of the Department to identify what type of training officers need before implementing changes to the Department's training program. The training officers receive is categorized as advanced, in-house, and specialty. Advanced training is training approved by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and taught by SCCJA instructors or instructors from outside sources. Speed measurement device certification, legal/CDV update, leadership courses, supervisor courses, instructor courses are examples of advanced training. In-house training is training required by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy that is taught by department instructors and training that is required by the department for accreditation or areas the department feels necessary for officers. Firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, sexual harassment awareness, gang updates, court room testimony are examples of in-house training. Specialized training is not required by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. It is often taught by outside training organizations and include topics such as CPR/first aid, narcotics detector dog certification, survival Spanish, critical incident response, etc.

The Department sends officers to training as outlined in the Table below. The Department's officers underwent an average of 102 hours of training per officer and a total of 4,765 hours of training during 2012. This decrease in total training can be partly accounted for by the transition to a new training officer and higher minimum patrol coverage requirements. It was also the first full year that the Department lost being the host site for the PATC which provided free training in exchange for hosting.

Summary of Training Statistics for Calendar Years 2010-2012

	2010	2011	2012	% Change from Previous
Total Training Hours	7,174	7,001	4,765	-32.9%
In-House Training Hours	2,771	3,742	2,545	-32.0%
Avg. Training Hours per Officer	167	155	102	-34.2%

EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM



The Emergency Services Team (EST) is considered a component of the Special Operations Division for operational purposes. EST is composed of two components which include a tactical unit and a crisis negotiations unit. Tactical unit officers receive advanced specialized training in tactical deployment, building entry, chemical munitions and high risk response. Team members are on call at all times and can assist in a variety of potentially hazardous situations such as those involving barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk warrant service/vehicle takedowns, search and rescue and fugitive recovery. The crisis negotiations unit functions independently of the tactical team and is staffed by five officers with specialized training in crisis/hostage negotiations. All officers who participate in the EST serve on a voluntary basis as an additional responsibility to their assigned duties. Activities of the EST are represented in the table below.

Emergency Services Team Stats	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Training Hours	110	101.5	101.5	N/C
Training Hours (Monthly Average)	11.0	8.4	8.4	N/C
Total Training Days	20	18	21	16%
Call Outs	01	0	03	-

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officers (SRO) are assigned under the Special Operations Division and serve at the Lexington Middle School and the Rosenwald Focus Center. All school resource officers must attend specialized training for the position and conduct a variety of activities in their assigned school. Activities of the SRO in 2012 are represented in the table below.

School Resource Officer Lexington Middle School Activities for 2012		
Activity	Annual Total	Monthly Average (10 Months)
Total Classes Instructed	14	1.4
Total Students Instructed	217	21.7
Total Individuals Counseled	545	54.5
Total Incident Reports Taken	46	4.6
Total Arrests/Petitions	11	1.1
Total Special Events	72	7.2
Total Training Hours Completed	173	17.3

Rosenwald Focus Center School Resource Officer Activities for 2012		
Activity	Annual Total	Monthly Average (10 Months)
Total Classes Instructed	02	.2
Total Students Instructed	40	4.0
Total Individuals Counseled	87	8.7
Total Incident Reports Taken	38	3.8
Total Arrests/Petitions	20	2.0
Total Special Events	26	2.6
Total Training Hours Completed	49	4.9

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The position of Community Oriented Policing Officer (COP) was created in August 2004 to insure that neighborhood organizations, businesses, and civic groups would have a single, direct line of communication to the Department. The COP function was re-cast with the addition of a second officer and the designation of Community Action Team (CAT) in October 2006. A third officer has since been assigned to the team. The CAT officers are charged with assisting the patrol division in addressing crime trends and issues identified in the COMPSTAT meetings or by the community. As part of this responsibility, the CAT officers are the Department's front line of defense in identifying and dealing with gang activity. Community Action Team officers still handle the annual Citizen's Academy and also work with the Lexington KEYS after-school program. The Community Action Team also operates the department's prisoner transports for all court days which averages to sixteen hours a month and assists with prisoner transports from other jurisdictions.

Activity	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Bike Patrol Hours	96.5	47.5	65	37%
Bike Patrol Miles	277	85*	96	13%
Community Meetings	12	15	19	27%
Community Meeting Attendance	169	242	598	147%
Informal Community & Business Visits	1,882	1,390	1,446	04%
Fingerprinting Services	36	34	17	-50%
Child Safety Seat Inspections	84	99	68	-31%
Code Enforcement (Hours)	24	16.5	5.5	-67%
KEYS Program (Hours)	285	106**	56	-47%

*Some data was lost due to computer error.

** No summer program and increase in supervision.





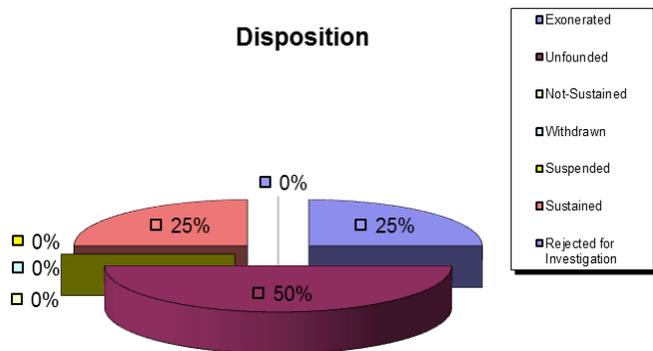
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is staffed by two officers, a Lieutenant and Inspector, who report directly to the Chief of Police. The OPS is responsible for the Department's Internal Affairs functions and handles all internal and external complaint investigations; reviews/investigates all response to resistance incidents and pursuits; and administers the departmental Early Warning System. The OPS also maintains CALEA and SCLEA accreditation and is responsible for the Department's crime analysis, NCIC compliance and provides management of the Department's policies and procedures.

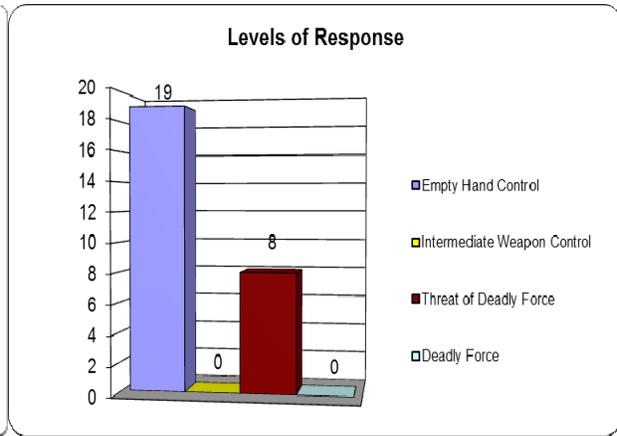
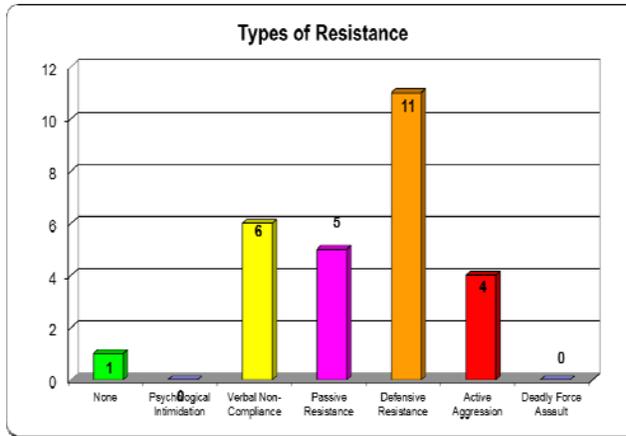
Complaints

The department investigated four complaints in 2012. The complaints represent a substantial decrease from 2011 (19) and the lowest number since at least 2004. While the four complaints is an impressive number, it will likely not continue as the norm as the Department has averaged 18.3 complaints since 2004. Officers were cleared in three of the cases. One complaint (or its subpart) was sustained for the year. Traffic stops originated three of the complaints in 2012. A field contact accounted for the other. The originating numbers should be expected as that is the vast majority of how officers spend time interacting with the public. When compared to the 24,756 citizen contacts in 2012, the percentage resulting in a complaint equates to only one complaint for every 6,189 citizen contact.

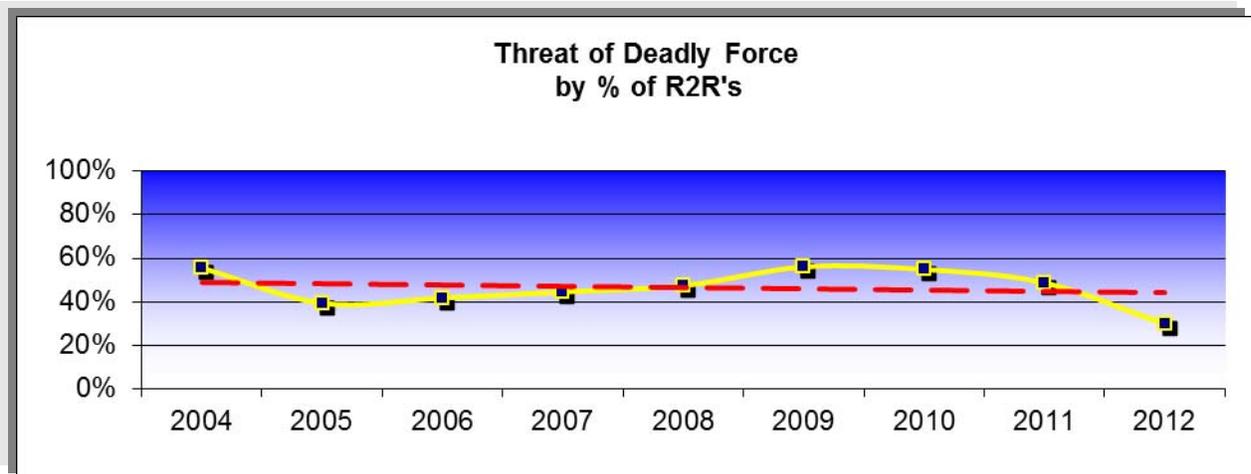


Response to Resistance

There were 27 reportable Responses to Resistance in 2012 which is a 27% decrease from 2011. The ratio of arrests to incidents was 1 out of 64. All Responses to Resistance in 2012 were classified as "authorized".



There were eight incidents in which a threat of deadly force was made due to subject actions. This was a decrease over last year (18) and falls below the three year average (16.3). The threat of deadly force reached its lowest point since at least 2004 in number as well as the percentage of incidents requiring the threat of deadly force as shown in the following chart.

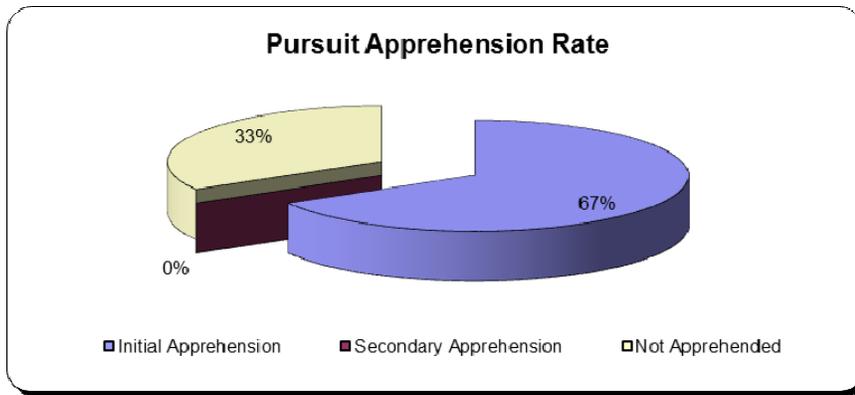


Pursuits

The department was involved in six pursuits in 2012 which is three less than 2011. Five pursuits were classified as "authorized". One pursuit was found to be "unauthorized" which means conditions (road, traffic, subject actions) existed which under normal circumstances would preclude this agency from pursuing by policy.

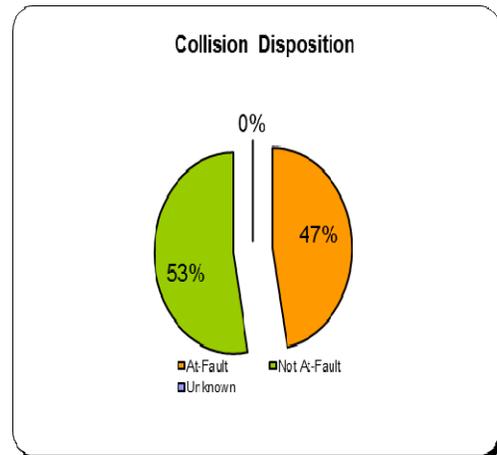
There were 9,180 traffic stops conducted. The number of pursuits occurring per traffic stop was 1:1530. The average pursuit lasted 7.25 minutes and covered a distance of 8.15 miles.

Four of the pursuit suspects in 2012 were initially apprehended. The remaining two have yet to be apprehended. The overall apprehension rate for pursuits in 2012 was 67% which is down from previous years.



Fleet Damage

Seventeen reports of Fleet Damage were recorded in 2012 which is a decrease of one from 2011 and the lowest since 2008. Eight (47%) were classified as “at-fault” which is defined as being caused by department employees. There were no incidents involved officers utilizing lights and sirens. Of the eight at-fault collisions, three occurred while the vehicle was traveling forward and three involved backing operations. The remaining incident involved turning.



Accreditation

The Office of Professional Standards maintains the Department’s ongoing accreditation efforts. The department currently maintains dual (International and State Accreditation) and successfully underwent an accreditation on-site in December 2011.

Summary of Key Activities from the Office of Professional Standards Calendar Year 2012

Incidents	2009	2010	2011	2012	Previous Year % Change
Complaints	16	12	19	04	-375%
Response to Resistance	25	31	37	27	-27%
Pursuits	08	04	09	06	-33%
Fleet Damage	19	25	18	17	-06%

A complete analysis of all OPS activities is available in the OPS annual report available upon request.