



2013 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 2013 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.

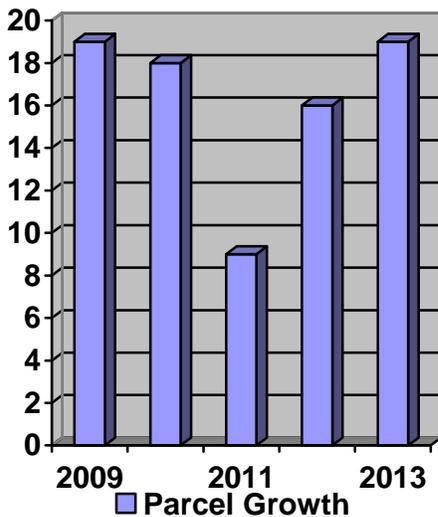
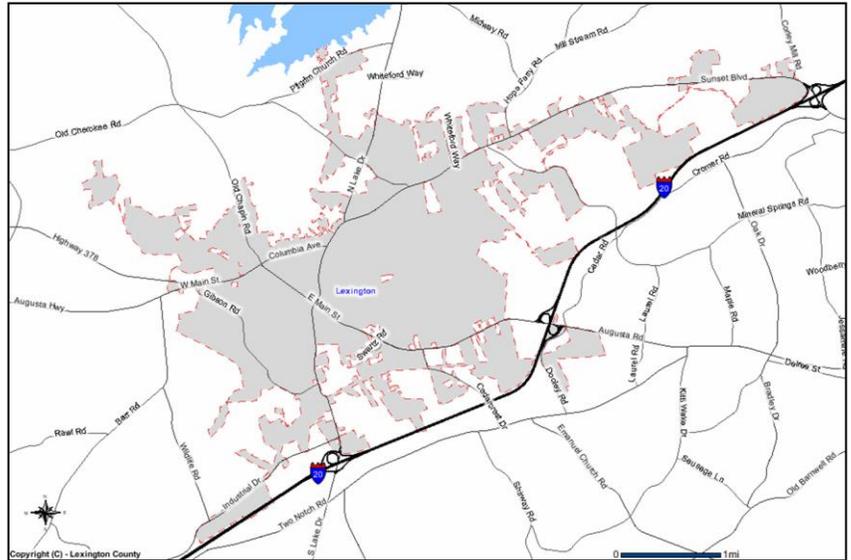
I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, law enforcement.

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.



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 9.41 square miles today; a 62% increase.

Growth has not been limited to just that of the Town of Lexington. The County of Lexington has also grown and 2010 census figures indicated that approximately 262,360 people live within the county. Traffic counts have shown 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, 3.7% and 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 49 sworn officers and three 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.

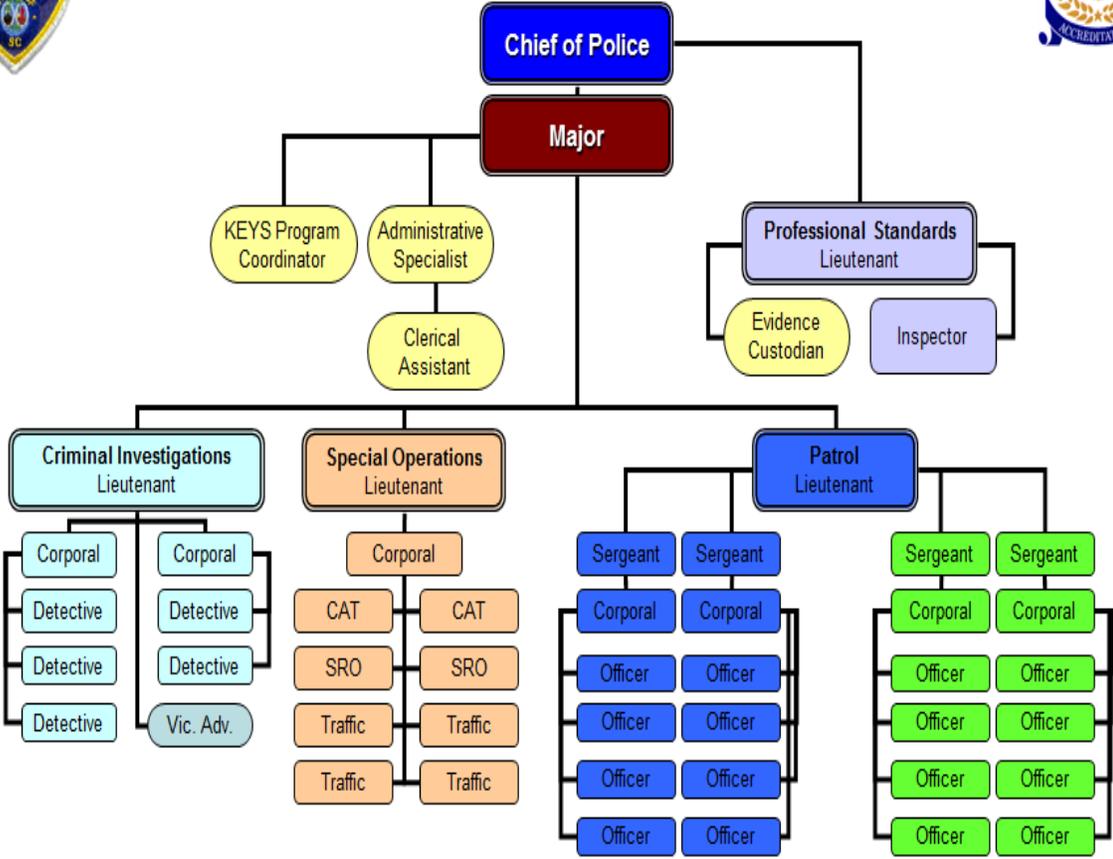
The Special Operations Division's 10 personnel make up several subdivisions which coordinate and administer community programs, training and special events. This division houses the community action team, school resource officers and the department's traffic division.

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



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Accomplishments for 2013

1. Successful audit of National Crime Information Center (NCIC) operations by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. The highest honor ever given by the Lexington Police Department, the Medal of Valor, was presented to Officer Earl Alewine.
3. The 2013 Robert Faulkner Memorial Award for Outstanding US Investigation was presented to Detective Carter.
4. Conducted the Department's annual Family Fall Festival that was the largest attended to date.
5. Officer Steffonie Cockerill was named as Director of the South Carolina Cadet Academy for 2014.
6. The Lexington Police Department was awarded State Accreditation for the fourth time.
7. The Lexington Police Department was awarded a traffic grant for the third year.
8. Officer Recognitions:
 - 1st Quarter: Officer Earl Alewine
 - 2nd Quarter: Officer Melissa Silcox
 - 3rd Quarter: Inspector Art Rish

Officer of the Year: Inspector Art Rish

General Statistics

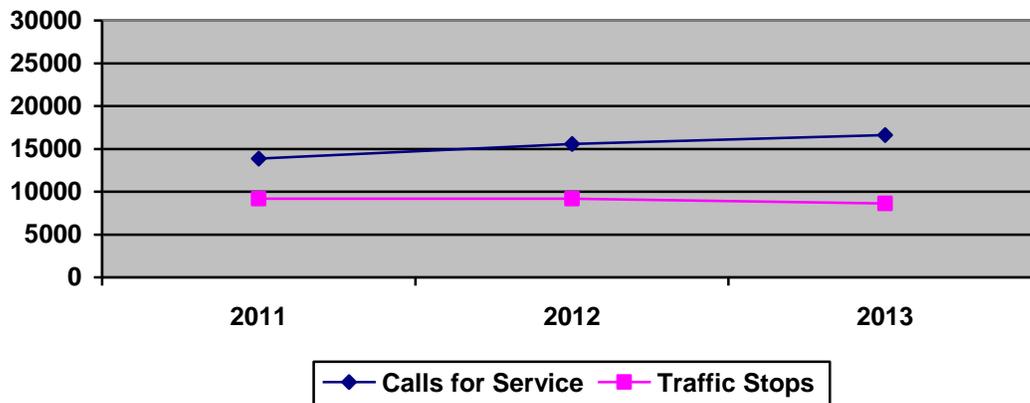
The below listed information contains general statistical calculations for the 2013 calendar year. In some tables, additional statistics from the previous year have been included. These statistics encompass the general functions of the Department. Specialized functions, such as those specific to a particular Division or Unit, are included in later portions of this report.

General Summary of CAD Activity

01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

(Data Compiled through CAD administered by Lexington County Communications)

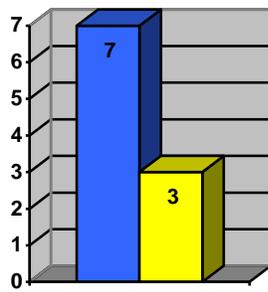
Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Calls for Service	13,884	15,576	16,620	07%
Traffic Stops	9,184	9,180	8,629	06%
TOTAL CAD	23,068	24,756	25,249	02%



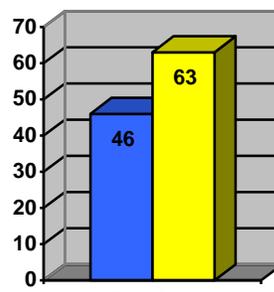
Summary of Reported Offenses UCR Index Crimes 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

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

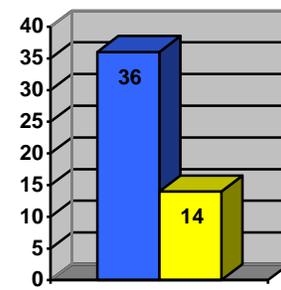
Incident Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Murder	0	0	0	n/c
Forcible Rape Offenses	9	13	7	-86%
Robbery	9	7	3	-133%
Assault	395	420	373	-13%
Burglary	45	46	63	43%
Larceny (All larceny and theft reported)	892	890	926	04%
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	36	14	157%
Total UCR Offenses	1,380	1,412	1,386	-02%



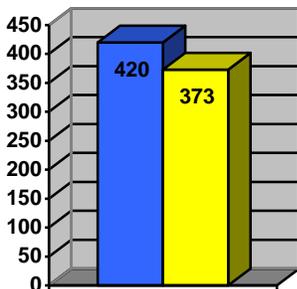
Robbery



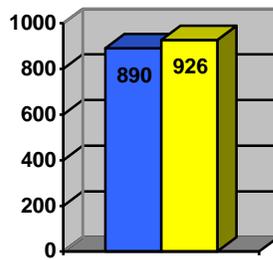
Burglary



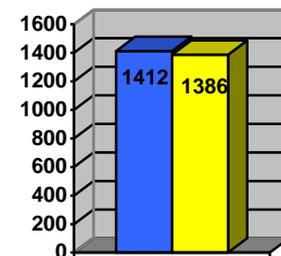
Motor Vehicle Theft



Assault



Larceny / Theft



Total UCR Offenses

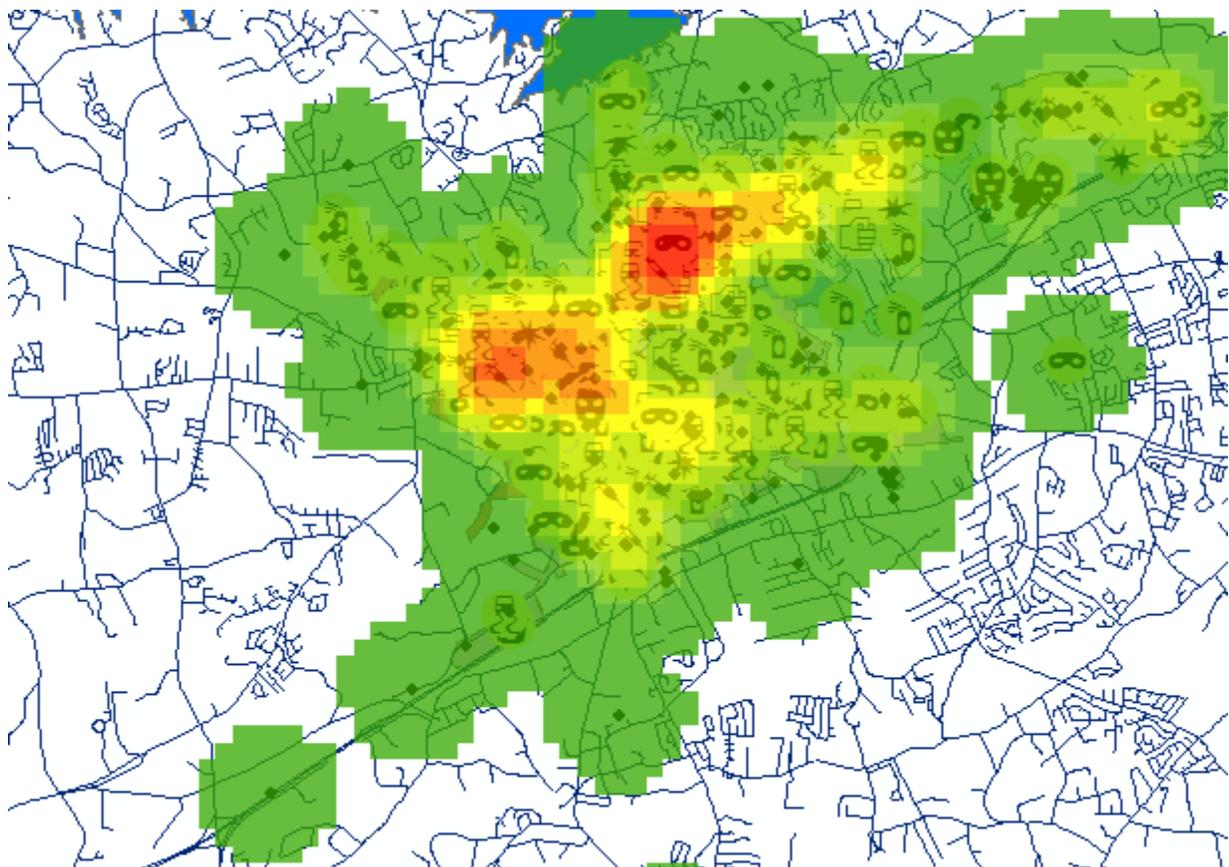
Summary of Reported Offenses By Offense Category 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

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

Incident Category	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Alcohol Crimes	253	433	427	-01%
Arson/Suspicious Fire	0	0	0	n/c
Assaults	404	420	373	-13%
Drug Crimes	340	391	456	17%
Homicide	0	0	0	n/c
Information Only Reports (Alarms, Lost Property, etc)	2,668	2,510	2,922	16%
Larceny Offenses	976	890	926	04%
Other Crimes	251	288	378	31%
Prostitution	0	1	5	400%
Vandalism/Damage to Property	175	130	154	18%
Total Offenses	5,067	5,063	5,641	11%

2013 Calls for Service Locations

The following map is a density analysis of all calls for service for 2013. The US #378 corridor which includes Sunset Boulevard represents the greatest share of incidents than any other location within the town.

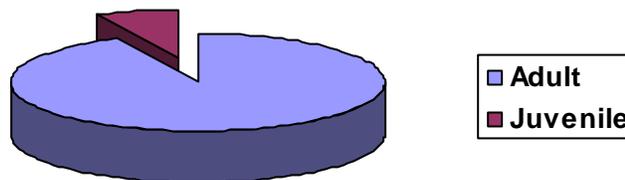


Arrest Data



The arrest data below shows that a total of 1,918 persons were arrested in 2013. This is a 10% increase over 2012 and a 32% two year increase. The custodial seizure of a juvenile is counted as an arrest in the overall total. Adults accounted for 93% of total arrests.

Summary of Arrests 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)



Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Adult	1,319	1,594	1,779	12%
Juvenile	132	150	139	-08%
TOTAL	1,451	1,744	1,918	10%

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 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

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

Race	2012 Arrests	2013 Arrests	Yearly Change	2013 % of Total Arrests	Lexington County 2012 Estimated Racial Demographics*
Caucasian*	1,300	1,402	08%	73.10%	81.3%
African American	431	504	17%	26.27%	14.9%
Other	13	12	-08%	0.01%	3.8%
Totals:	1,744	1,918	10%	99.4%	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 2013 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.

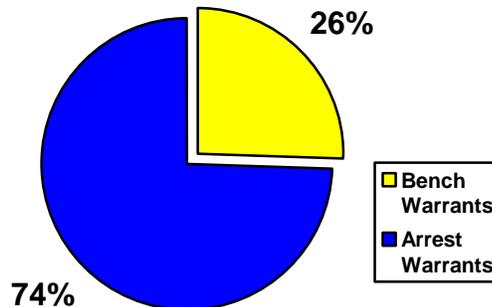
Summary of Outstanding Warrants (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Warrant Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Bench Warrant	711	749	755	<01%
Arrest Warrant	278	172	130	-32%
Combined Total	989	921	885	-04%

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

A total of 1,306 warrants were served by officers in 2013. It represents a 26% increase over 2012. The totals for each type of warrant are represented in the chart below.

Summary of Warrants Served 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)



Warrants Served	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Bench Warrant	231	294	335	14%
Arrest Warrant	463	739	971	31%
Combined Total	694	1,033	1,306	26%

FLEET MANAGEMENT



The Lexington Police Department operates a fleet composed of 56 vehicles. Department vehicles were driven 600,155 miles and used 51,086 gallons of fuel during 2013.

Fleet Mileage and Fuel Usage 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

	2011	2011	2013	% Change
Mileage (Fleet)	596,019	611,073	600,155	-02%
Fuel Consumed	46,080	47,375	51,086	08%
Miles Per Gallon	13.06	12.90	11.75	-09%

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

01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

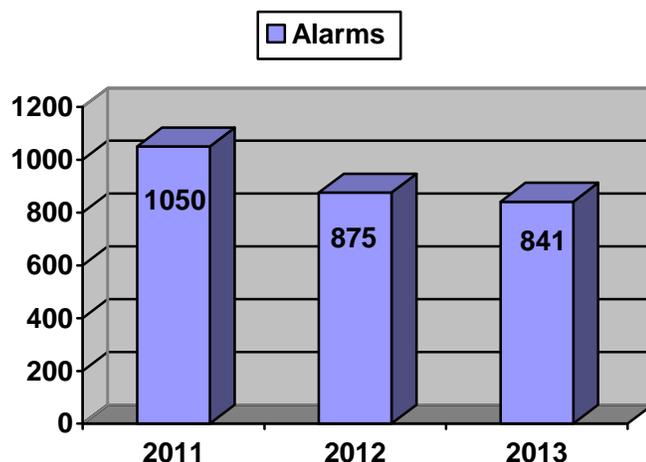
Response Times	2012	2013	% Change
Overall	6:20	6:21	< .1%
*Excluding Outliers	10:32	10:14	-02%

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

The average response time remained virtually unchanged in 2013. The response time excluding outliers actually decreased which is a significant accomplishment considering the growth of the town and increased call volume.

Alarm Response

Officers responded to 841 alarms during 2013. The number (a 04% decrease) represents the lowest number in at least five 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	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Training Hours*	217	258	300	16%
Tracking Deployments	07	9	9	N/C
Drug Sniff Deployments	23	24	78	225%
Patrol / Apprehension Deployments	1	0	3	-

Canine Leena increased all of her statistical categories in 2013 (she missed significant time in 2012 due to medical issues). Canine Leena's efforts led to the arrest of 16 people. Corporal Paul Walker continues as Leena's handler.

TRAFFIC

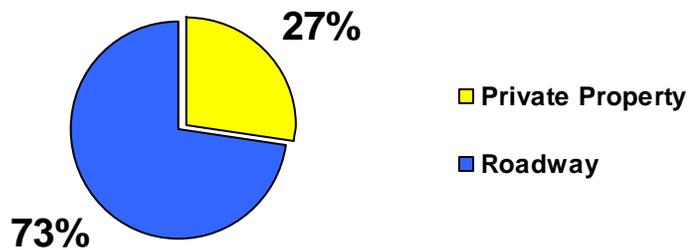
Traffic Collision Reports 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

General Collision Information	2012	2013
Total Traffic Collisions Reported	1,214	1,295
Average Collisions Per Day	3.33	3.55

Of the reported traffic collisions that occurred in the Town of Lexington during 2013, 73% occurred on public roadways with the remaining occurring on private property.

Totals for Traffic Collisions Roadways and Private Property 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

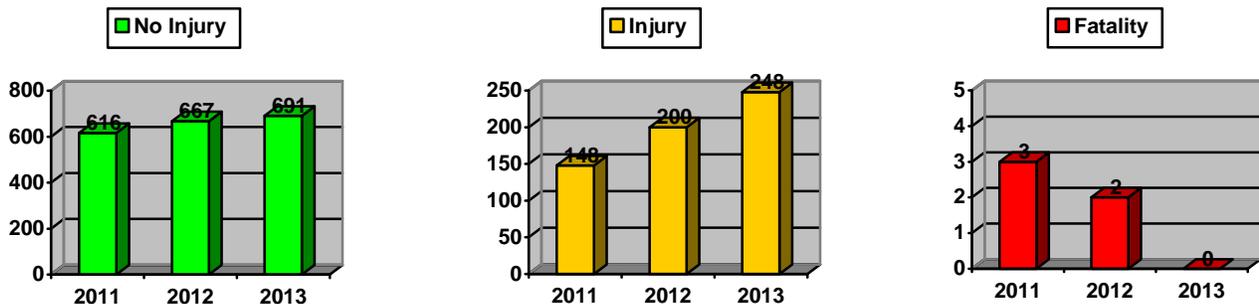
Private Property	Roadway
356	939



The table and chart below show that 26% of traffic collisions which occurred on public roadways resulted in injury or possible injury to at least one person. There were no fatalities during 2013.

Total Reported Injuries Related to Traffic Collisions (Public Roadways Only) 01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013

Collision Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
No Reported Injury	616	667	691	04%
Injury	148	200	248	24%
Fatality	3	2	0	-100%



In addition to investigating traffic collisions, all uniformed officers are charged with enforcing traffic laws within the Town of Lexington. 8,629 (-06%, 9,180) traffic stops were conducted in 2013 with 8,727 tickets (-02%) and 4,373 (17%, 3,729) 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.

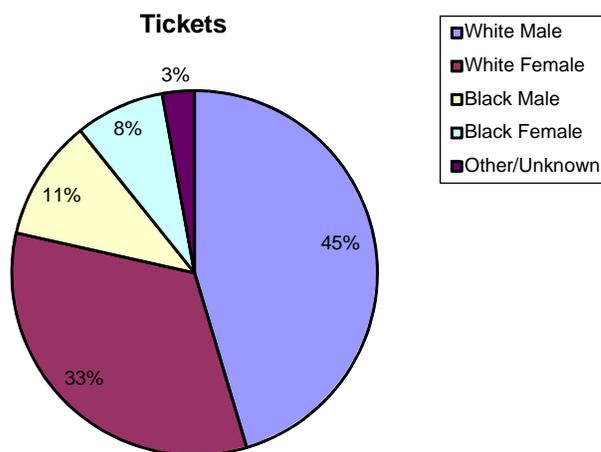
**Traffic Enforcement -- Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued
(Traffic Offenses Only)
Totals by Race and Sex
01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)**

Race	Male	Female	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2010 Racial Demographics*
Caucasian	3,961	2,891	6,852	78.5%	82.5%
African American	937	690	1,627	18.6%	14.3%
Other/Unknown	248		248	2.8%	3.7%
Totals			8,727	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
01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

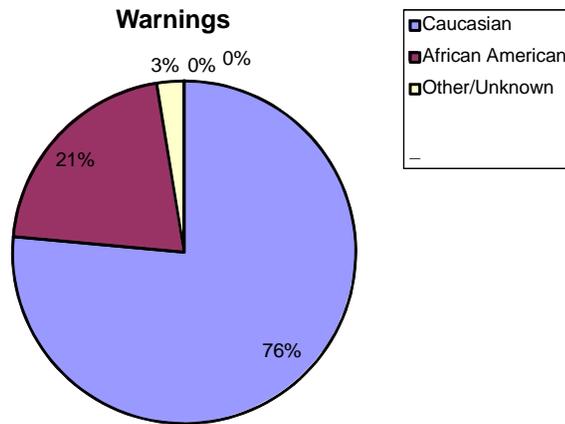
OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Operating Uninsured Vehicle	83	115	164	43%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 10 mph above or Less	2,450	2,464	2,103	-15%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 11 to 24 mph above	113	156	213	37%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 25 mph and above	0	0	0	N/C
Driving in Wrong Lane	0	0	0	N/C
Shifting Lanes Improperly	15	31	51	65%
Parking Improperly	0	0	1	-
Lights Improper	1,058	580	433	-25%
Improper Backing	1	2	2	N/C
Vehicle in Unsafe Condition	4	9	7	-22%
Disregarding Sign or Signal	189	253	232	-08%
No Right of Way	148	145	178	23%
Wrong Side of Road	33	49	77	57%
Passing Unlawfully	14	12	14	17%
Turning Unlawfully	35	37	40	08%
Following too Closely	102	143	86	40%
Reckless Driving	53	70	51	-27%
Hit & Run Property Damage	11	7	13	86%
Passing Stopped School Bus	0	1	1	N/C
Failure to Stop for Police Vehicle	3	5	5	N/C
Other Moving Violation	28	30	36	20%
Drivers License Violation	348	471	563	20%
Vehicle License Violation	757	774	1,046	35%
Vehicle License Improper	100	134	166	24%
Faulty Equipment	99	73	29	-60%
Other Violations	1,778	1,938	1,646	-15%
Driving Under Suspension	264	355	401	13%
Driving Under the Influence	93	244	231	-05%
Minimum Speed Law	0	1	1	N/C
Racing on Highway	0	1	2	100%
Non-Traffic Offenses	923	776	935	20%
Total:	8,705	8,880	8,727	02%

Traffic Enforcement - Warning Tickets Issued
Totals by Race and Sex
01/01/2013 thru 12/31/2013
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Race	Male	Female	Unk	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2010 Racial Demographics
Caucasian	1,878	1,348	118	3,344	76.5%	82.5%
African American	543	351	23	917	21.0%	14.3%
Other/Unknown	112			112	2.5%	3.7%
Totals				4,373	100%	100.5%

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



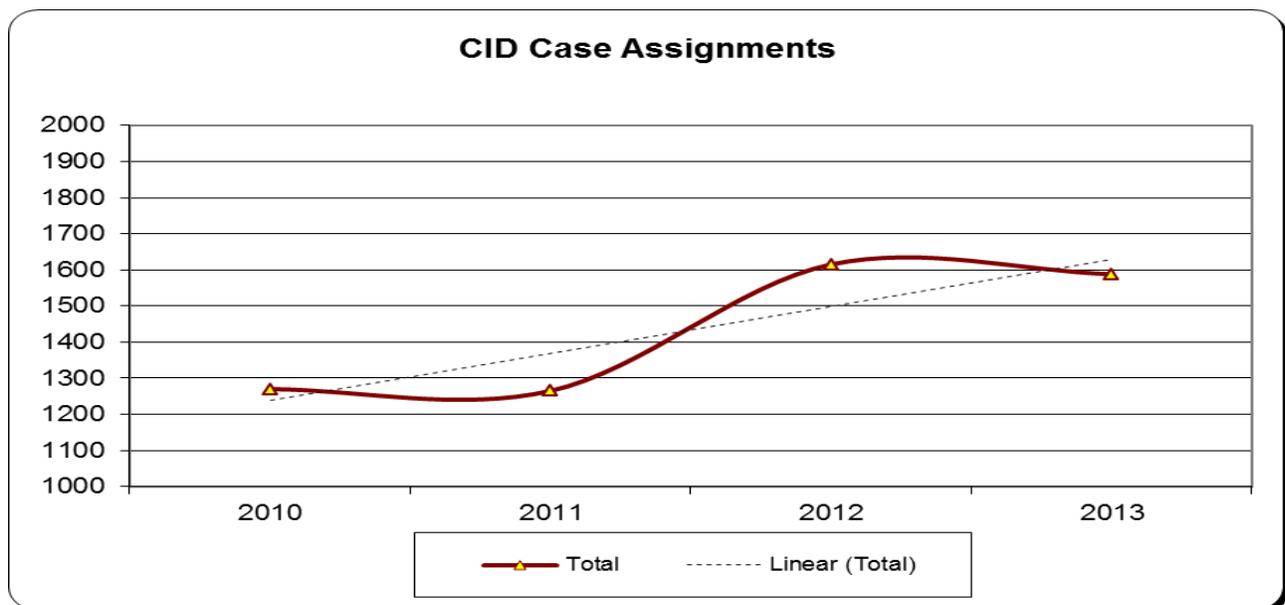
The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is managed by a Lieutenant who supervises five investigators, two vice/narcotics/gang investigators and the Victims Advocate. CID is tasked with following up on reports of criminal activity initially reported to our uniformed patrol officers. Through an on-call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

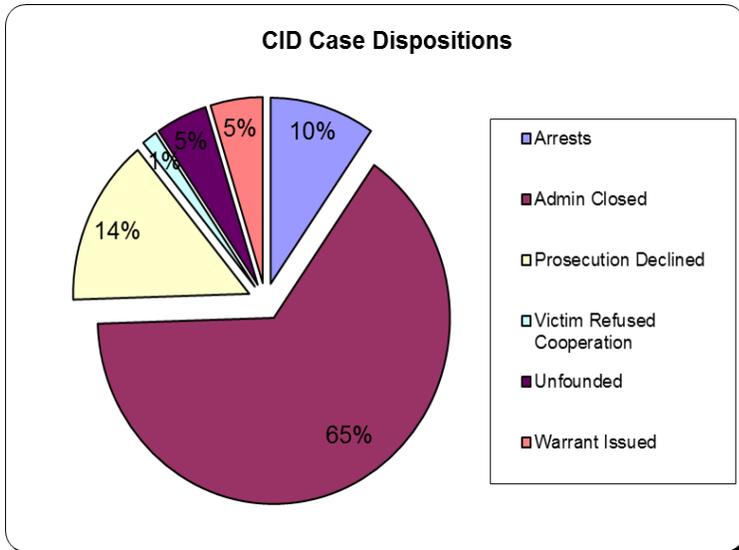
CID is also responsible for forensic examination of crime scenes along with the evaluation and collection of evidence and the transport of fugitives from other jurisdictions. The Criminal Investigations Division also plays an integral part in assisting the Solicitor's Office in the prosecution of cases.

In 2013 the Criminal Investigations division assigned 1,588 cases for follow-up. While this is a decrease over 2012, it is negligible and has little effect on the upwards trending line.

Activity	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Cases Assigned	1364	1615	1588	- 01%
Cases Closed	1364	1601	1577	- 01%
Case Closing Percentage	100%	99.1%	99.3%	

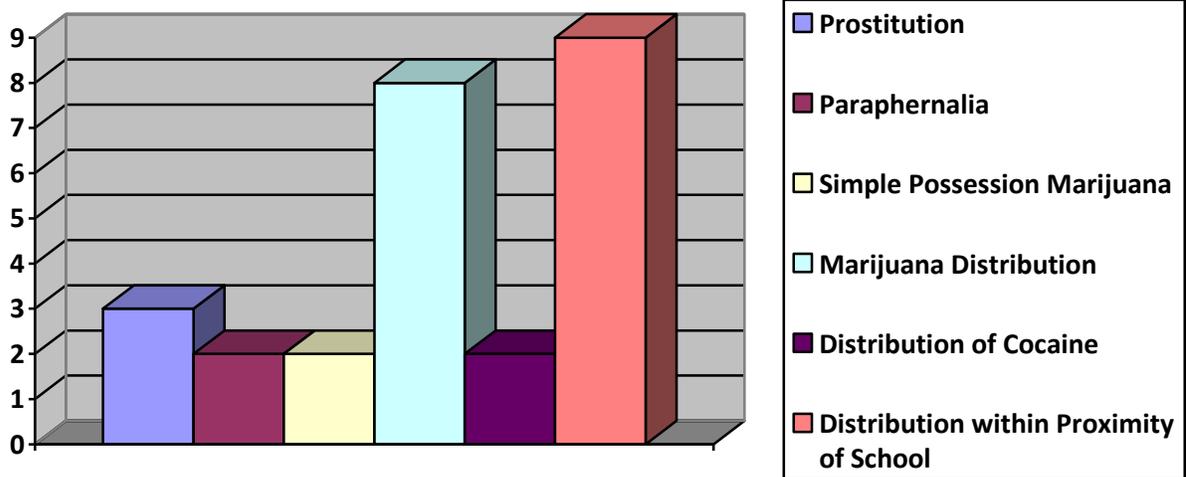
Over the course of the past 4 years, the number of cases assigned for investigation has steadily risen placing increasing demands on the current CID staffing.





1577 of the cases assigned in 2013 have been closed at the time of this report for a clearance rate of 99.3%. The chart to the left breaks down the dispositions of how those cases were closed.

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



Additionally the Narcotics/Vice Investigator conducted the following:

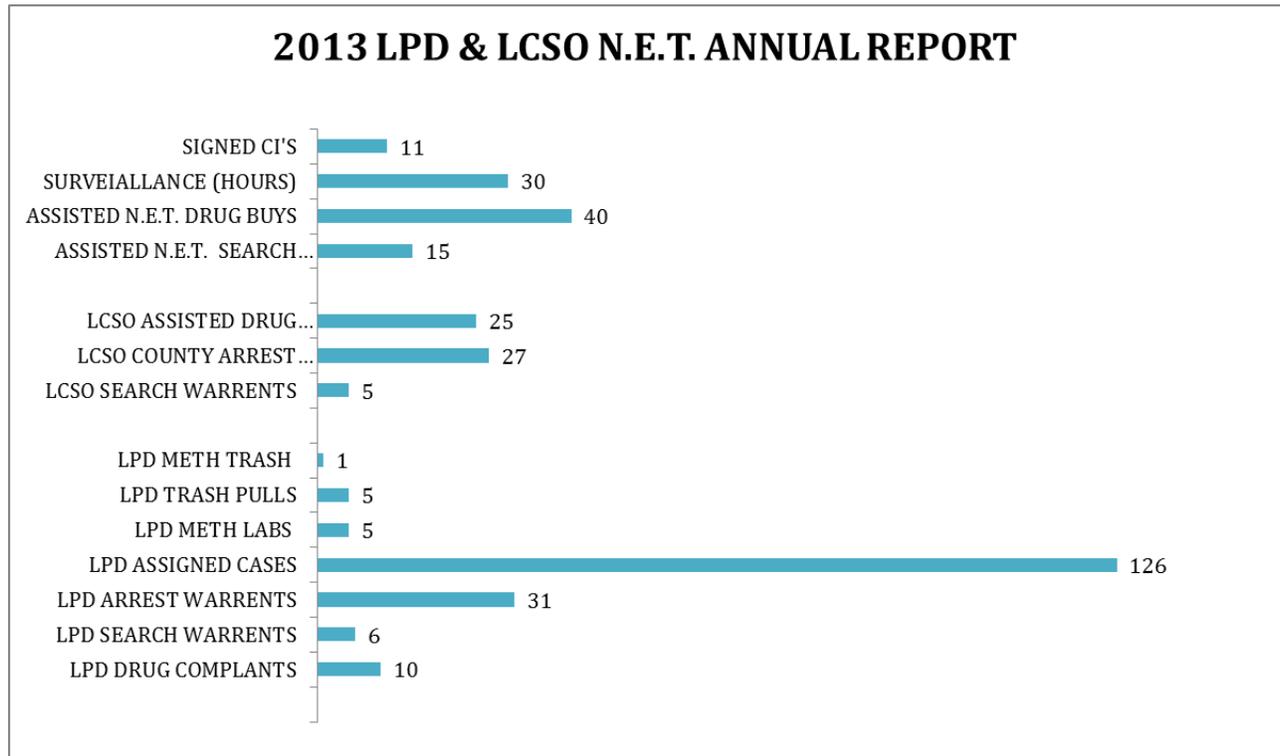
Activity Type	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Cases Assigned	NT	200	95	-53%
Warrants Served	80	60	50	-17%
Search Warrants Obtained	7	10	15	50%
Electronic Surveillance (Hours)	200	450	300	-33%
Surveillance (Hours)	200	250	n/c	n/c*
Narcotic Purchases	24	28	9	-68%
Educational Presentations	20	12	28	133%

*Previously a detective had been assigned to strictly narcotics work within the town. This changed in 2013 and the NET and Gang Detective's were tasked with that responsibility. As such their surveillance hours are included in their respective sections. No separate stats were recorded for just in-town surveillance.

2013 Lexington County Narcotics Task Force Officer

The Town of Lexington Police Department has been an active member of the Lexington County Multi Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team (LCMANET) for several years now and has participated in maintaining a Town of Lexington Narcotics Investigator on this team. The Lexington Police Department has noticed the increase of drug related activities and arrests within the town jurisdiction. By partnering and working along with other agencies on the team, the Town Narcotics Investigator is able to further his experience and knowledge by actively assisting with cases throughout Lexington County. Also with further advanced drug training, the investigator is able to better handle drug cases in the town and assist in corroborating that knowledge to uniform road officers.

The following are their stats for the year 2013.



The following compares the NET officers' statistics over the last 3 years:

Activity Type	2011	2012	2013
In-House Cases Assigned	NT	16	127
Warrants /Citations	15	21	58
Search Warrants Obtained	NT	1	11
Narcotic Purchases	17	14	65
Meth Lab/Trash Calls	NT	29	
Surveillance (Hours)	36	10	30

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 2013 gang contacts amongst the majority gang categories were consistent with national trends. The only exception was an increase in contacts with members of outlaw motorcycle gangs. 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. Intel updates are also provided to the patrol division through memos 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 association treasurer) 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. Lexington's gang detective attended the annual training conferences of both of these associations where advanced training was provided by experts from across this and other countries.

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	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Events Worked	13	4	5	25%
Classes Taught	10	12	17	42%
Standard Surveillance Hours	1056	1280	150	-88%*
Cases Worked	40	4	9	125%

Due to the major increase in outlaw motorcycle gangs in the Lexington area in recent years, the Town's gang detective helped form SCHATF (South Carolina Hells Angels Task Force) in 2010. SCHATF is made up of law enforcement officers from the FBI, ATF, Lexington Police Department, Rock Hill Police Department, Lexington County Sheriff's Department and York County Sheriff's Department. Over three 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 Lexington and Rock Hill chapters of the Red Devils Motorcycle club and the Gaston County, NC chapter of the Southern Gentlemen Motorcycle Club. This investigation culminated in a 109 count federal indictment, numerous local warrants and the arrests of 27 members and associates of these outlaw motorcycle gangs. The indictment and state charges included charges of narcotics violations, weapons violations, money laundering and violation of the RICO act among others.

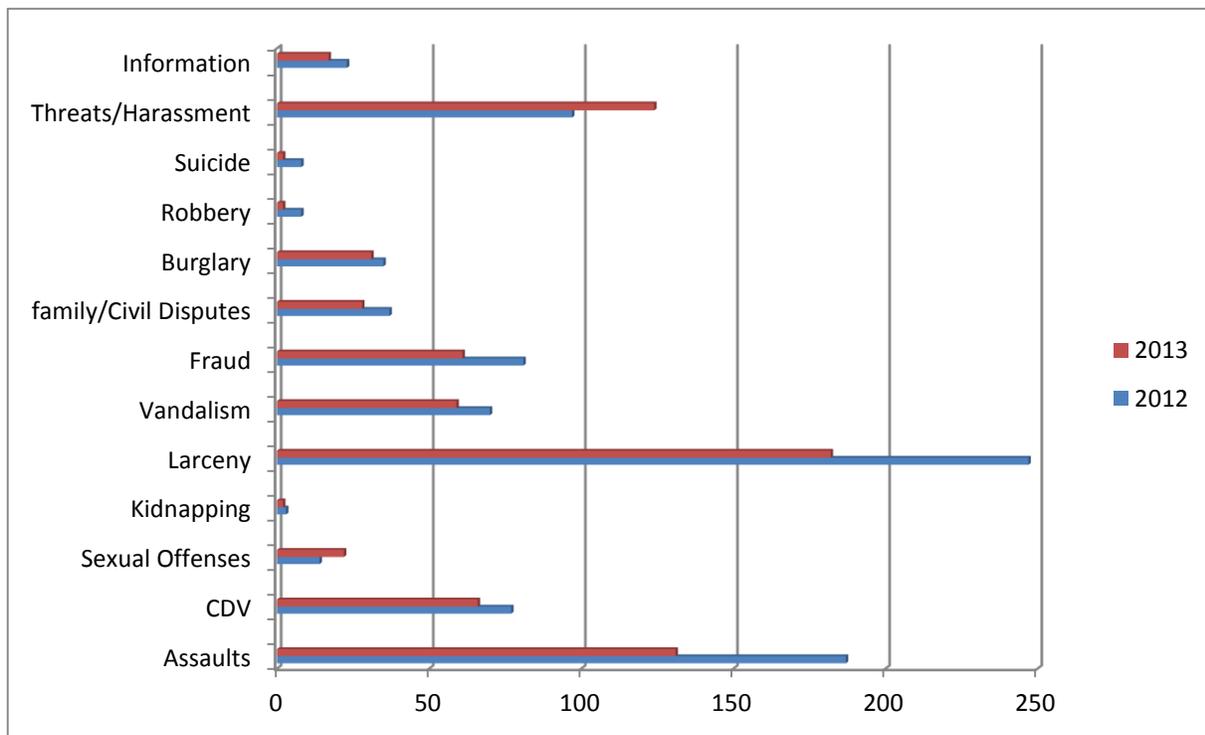
The arrest warrants for these individuals were served in 2012 along with the execution of 23 search warrants in North and South Carolina. During the execution of these search warrants members of SCHATF seized methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, pills, and approximately 150 firearms, including two automatic machine guns located in the Lexington area. 20 individuals were detained on federal charges and 7 on state warrants. All individuals have either pled guilty or gone to trial. The Town's gang detective was actively involved in the preparation for and execution of the trials of these individuals which began in February 2013. The results of the trial and pleas are a total of 140 years of prison time and 77 years of probation to be served. This case is the most successful RICO case ever brought against the Hells Angels gang in US history. This case and Lexington's gang detective were awarded the 2013 Robert Faulkner Memorial Award for Best US Investigation by the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. (*Because this investigation encompassed two years it was entirely expected the surveillance hours would have had such a precipitous drop.)

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 slightly 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.

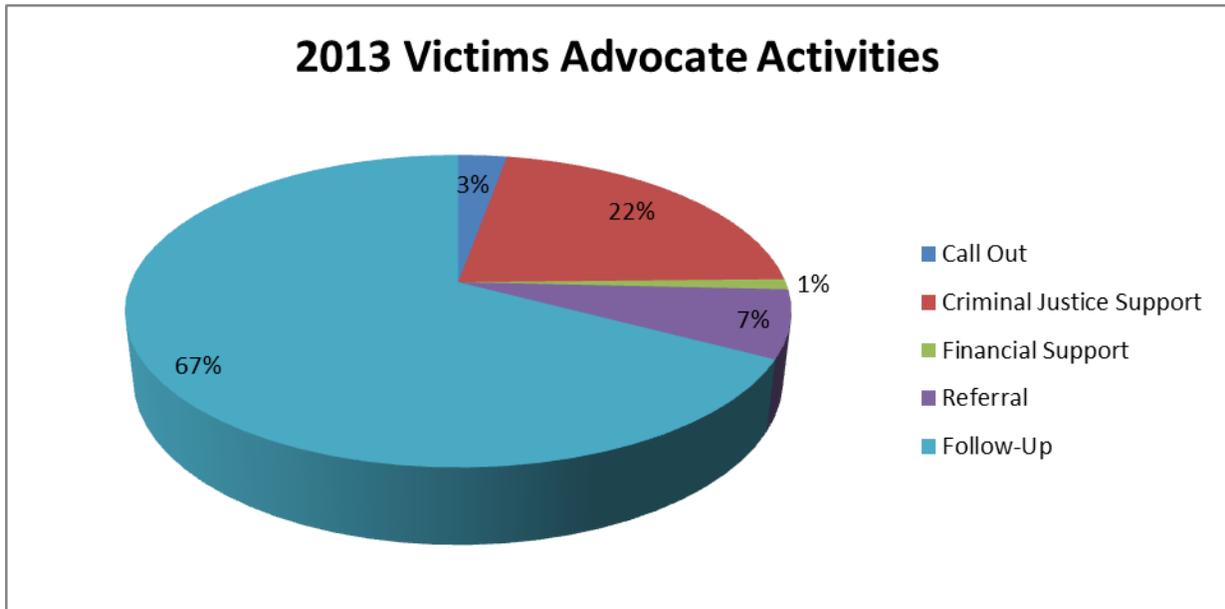
VICTIM ADVOCATE

There were a total of 727 offenses responded to by the Victim Advocate in 2013. Victim services offered assistance ranging from violent to nonviolent to potential violent cases. The purpose of victim services is to not only aid victims but to proactively approach disputes, civil disputes, juvenile problems, information reports and assist with the internal needs of the department. The Victim Advocate Services is 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 harassment. The purpose of an annual evaluation is to ensure the program's effectiveness and provide statistical data. This report will show the total number of offenses the victim advocate responded to, type of offenses, gender and race of victims that was serviced. The list of Victim Advocate activities will also be listed. Based on 2012 in comparison to 2013 the total number of offenses victim services responded to are down.

Victim Advocate Offense Total 2013 (compared to 2012)



The activities chart illustrates the services the Victims Advocate provided during the course of the year.



Offenses requiring Victims Services are outlined to the right. Larceny crimes, Assaults and Threats/Harassment make up the largest majority of crimes against a person which require some action(s) on the part of the Victim's Advocate.

Offense	2012	2013	Change
Assaults	187	131	-30%
CDV	77	66	-14%
Sexual Offenses	14	22	57%
Kidnapping	3	2	-33%
Larceny	247	182	-26%
Vandalism	70	59	-16%
Fraud	81	61	-25%
Family/Civil Disputes	37	28	-24%
Burglary	35	31	-11%
Robbery	8	2	-75%
Suicide	8	2	-75%
Threats/Harassment	97	124	-28%
Information	23	17	-26%

Below are the demographics of victims served during 2013.

Victims Services 2013 Demographics

	Total	Black	White	Other
Female	416	43	332	11
Male	283	46	229	8
Other	8	1	4	3
Total	707	120	565	22

"KEEPING EVERY YOUTH SAFE" Program

The Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) program continued to be active in improving the quality of life for Lexington youth. KEYS was 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 29 youth per day in 2013, 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.

Community Sponsors and/or contributors to the program in 2013 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 includes 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 145 hours of training per officer and a total of 6,113 hours of training during 2013.

Summary of Training Statistics for Calendar Years 2011-2013

	2011	2012	2013	% Change from Previous
Total Training Hours	7,001	4,765	6,113	28%
In-House Training Hours	3,742	2,545	4,824	89%
Avg. Training Hours per Officer	155	102	145	42%

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	2012	2013	% Change
Training Hours	101.5	101.5	93	-08
Training Hours (Monthly Average)	8.4	8.4	7.75	-07
Total Training Days	18	21	21	NC
Call Outs	0	03	02	-33

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 2013 are represented in the table below.

School Resource Officer Lexington Middle School Activities for 2013		
Activity	Annual Total	Monthly Average (10 Months)
Total Classes Instructed	14	1.4
Total Students Instructed	265	26.5
Total Individuals Counseled	535	53.5
Total Incident Reports Taken	21	2.1
Total Arrests/Petitions	05	0.5
Total Special Events	80	8.0
Total Training Hours Completed	165	16.5

Rosenwald Focus Center School Resource Officer Activities for 2013		
Activity	Annual Total	Monthly Average (10 Months)
Total Classes Instructed	12	1.2
Total Students Instructed	80	8.0
Total Individuals Counseled	112	11.2
Total Incident Reports Taken	57	5.7
Total Arrests/Petitions	25	2.5
Total Special Events	28	2.8
Total Training Hours Completed	62	6.2

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 worked with the Lexington KEYS after-school program. The Community Action Team also operates the department's prisoner transports for all court days and assists with prisoner transports from other jurisdictions.

Activity	2011	2012	2013	% Change
Bike Patrol Hours	47.5	65	66.5	02%
Bike Patrol Miles	*85	96	140	46%
Community Meetings	15	19	26	37%
Community Meeting Attendance	242	598	314	-47%
Informal Community & Business Visits	1,390	1,446	1,280	-11%
Fingerprinting Services	34	17	66	288%
Child Safety Seat Inspections	99	68	70	03%
Code Enforcement (Hours)	16.5	5.5	1.5	-73%
KEYS Program (Hours)	106**	56	20.5	-63%

*Some data was lost due to computer error.

** No summer program and increase in supervision.





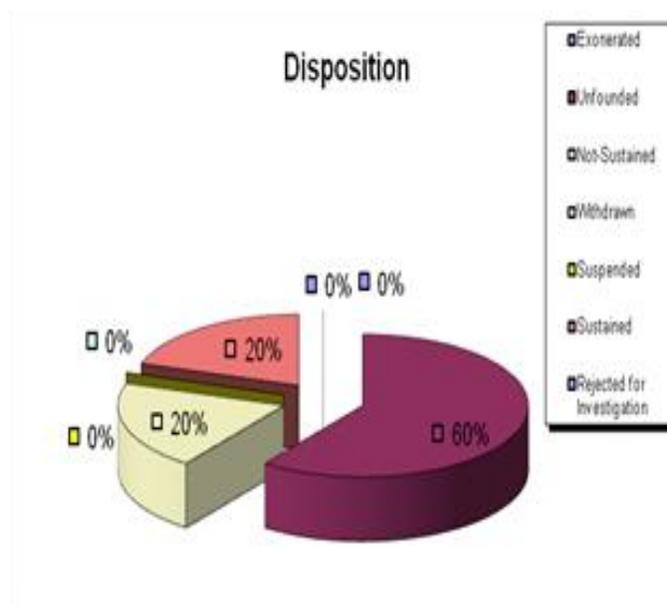
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



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.

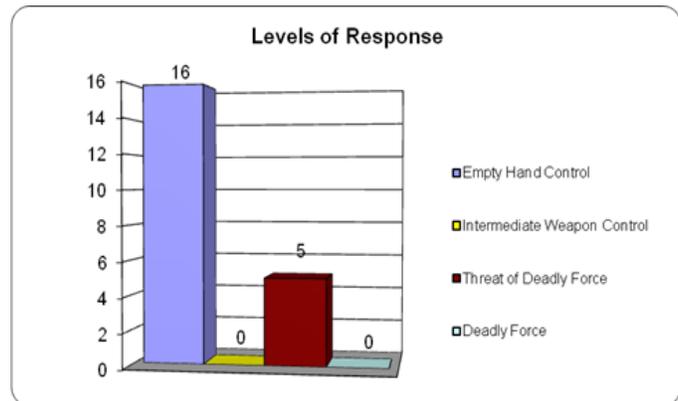
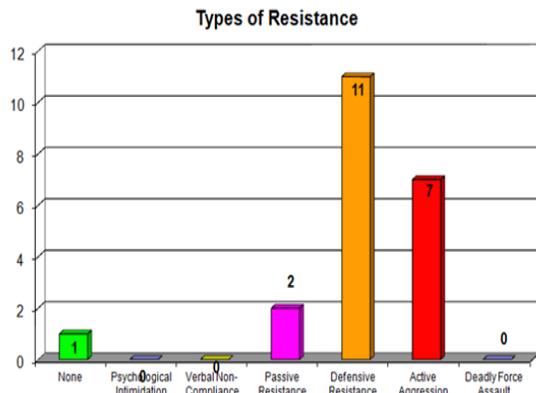
Complaints

The department investigated 13 complaints in 2013. The complaints were an increase from 2012 (04). However, 2012 had the lowest number since at least 2004. The Department has averaged 17.2 complaints since 2005. Three complaints (or its subpart) were sustained for the year. Traffic stops originated eight of the complaints in 2013. When compared to the 25,249 citizen contacts in 2013, the percentage resulting in a complaint equates to one complaint for every 1,865 citizen contacts.

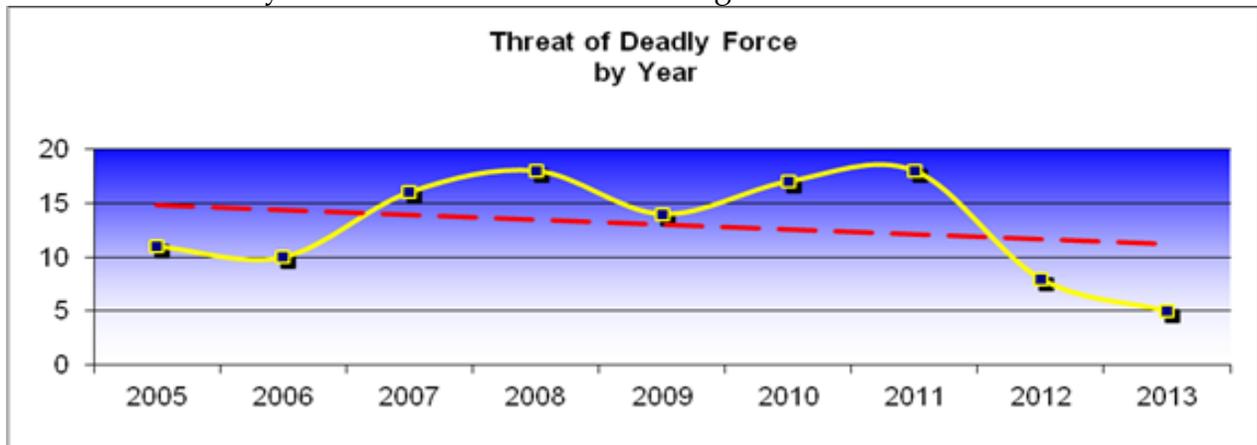


Response to Resistance

There were 21 reportable Responses to Resistance in 2013 which is a 22% decrease from 2012. The ratio of arrests to incidents was 1 out of 90. All Responses to Resistance in 2013 were classified as “authorized”.



There were five incidents in which a threat of deadly force was made due to subject actions. This was a decrease over last year (08). 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.

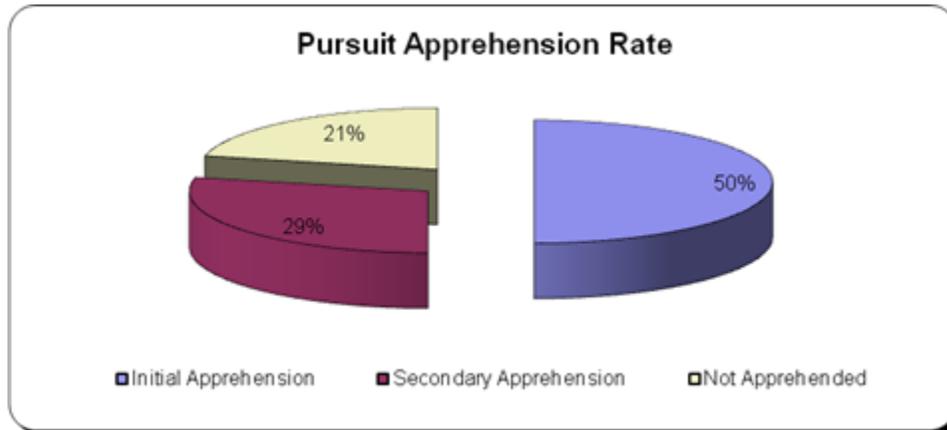


Pursuits

The department was involved in thirteen pursuits in 2013 which is seven more than 2012. Twelve pursuits were classified as “authorized”. One pursuit was found to be “unauthorized” which means conditions existed which under normal circumstances would preclude this agency from pursuing by policy.

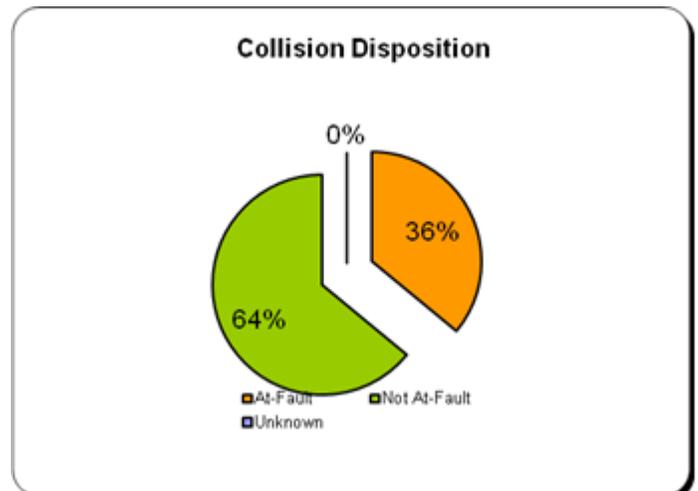
There were 8,629 traffic stops conducted. The number of pursuits occurring per traffic stop was 1:664. The average pursuit lasted 3.67 minutes and covered a distance of 2.00 miles.

Seven of the pursuit suspects in 2013 were initially apprehended. Four were apprehended at a later date. The overall apprehension rate for pursuits in 2013 was 79%.



Fleet Damage

Twenty Five reports of Fleet Damage were recorded in 2013 which is an increase of eight from 2012. Nine (36%) were classified as "at-fault" which is defined as being caused by department employees. There was one incident involving officers utilizing lights and sirens. Of the nine at-fault collisions, four occurred while the vehicle was traveling forward; three involved turning; and two backing operations.



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	2010	2011	2012	2013	Previous Year % Change
Complaints	12	19	04	13	225%
Response to Resistance	31	37	27	21	-22%
Pursuits	04	09	06	13	117%
Fleet Damage	25	18	17	25	-47%

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