

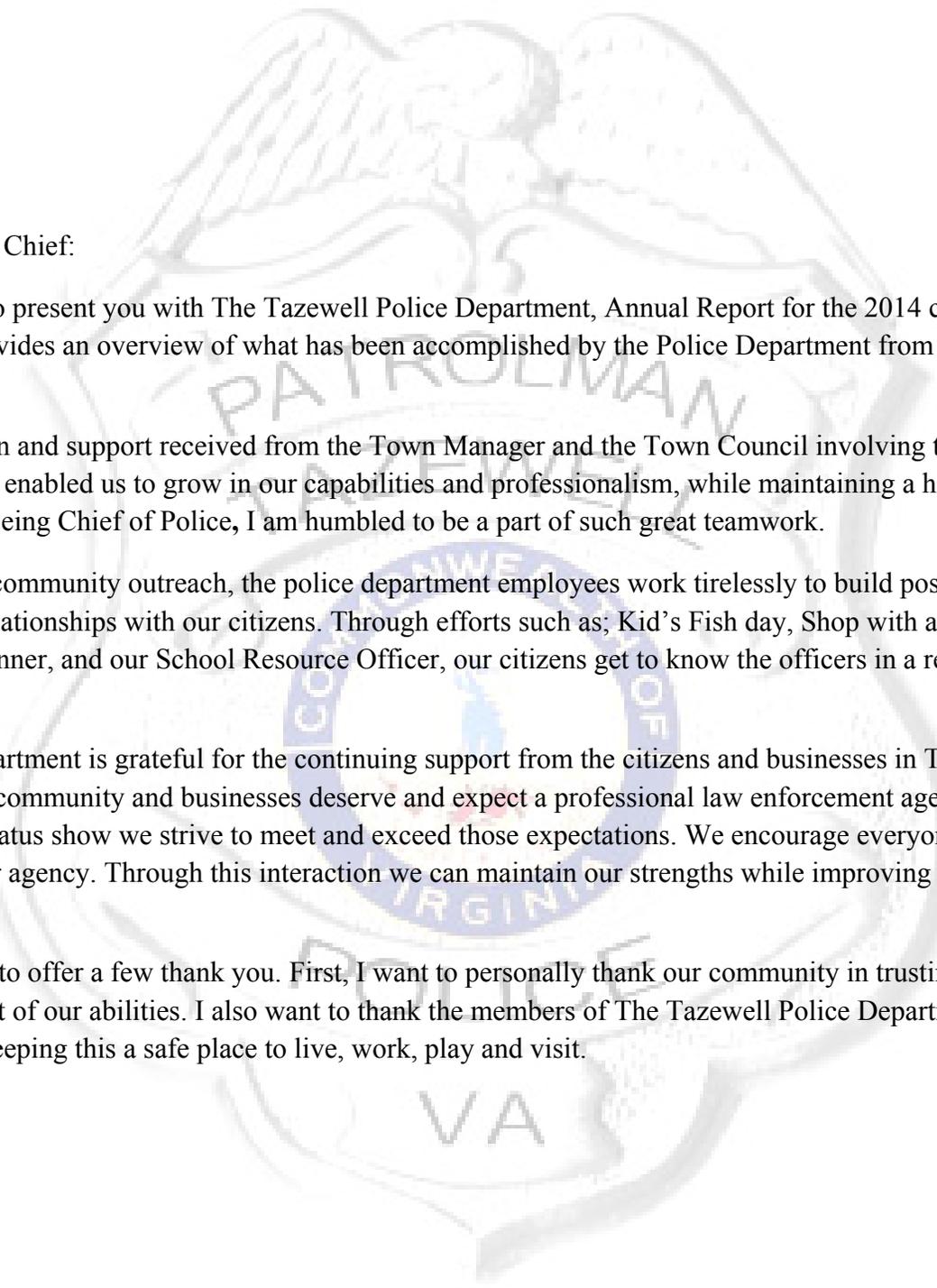


TAZEWELL POLICE

DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2014



Letter from the Chief:

I am honored to present you with The Tazewell Police Department, Annual Report for the 2014 calendar year. This report provides an overview of what has been accomplished by the Police Department from the previous year.

The cooperation and support received from the Town Manager and the Town Council involving the police department has enabled us to grow in our capabilities and professionalism, while maintaining a high degree of performance. Being Chief of Police, I am humbled to be a part of such great teamwork.

As part of our community outreach, the police department employees work tirelessly to build positive professional relationships with our citizens. Through efforts such as; Kid's Fish day, Shop with a Cop, The Community Dinner, and our School Resource Officer, our citizens get to know the officers in a relaxed atmosphere.

The police department is grateful for the continuing support from the citizens and businesses in The Town of Tazewell. Our community and businesses deserve and expect a professional law enforcement agency. As our accreditation status show we strive to meet and exceed those expectations. We encourage everyone to provide feedback to our agency. Through this interaction we can maintain our strengths while improving on our weakness.

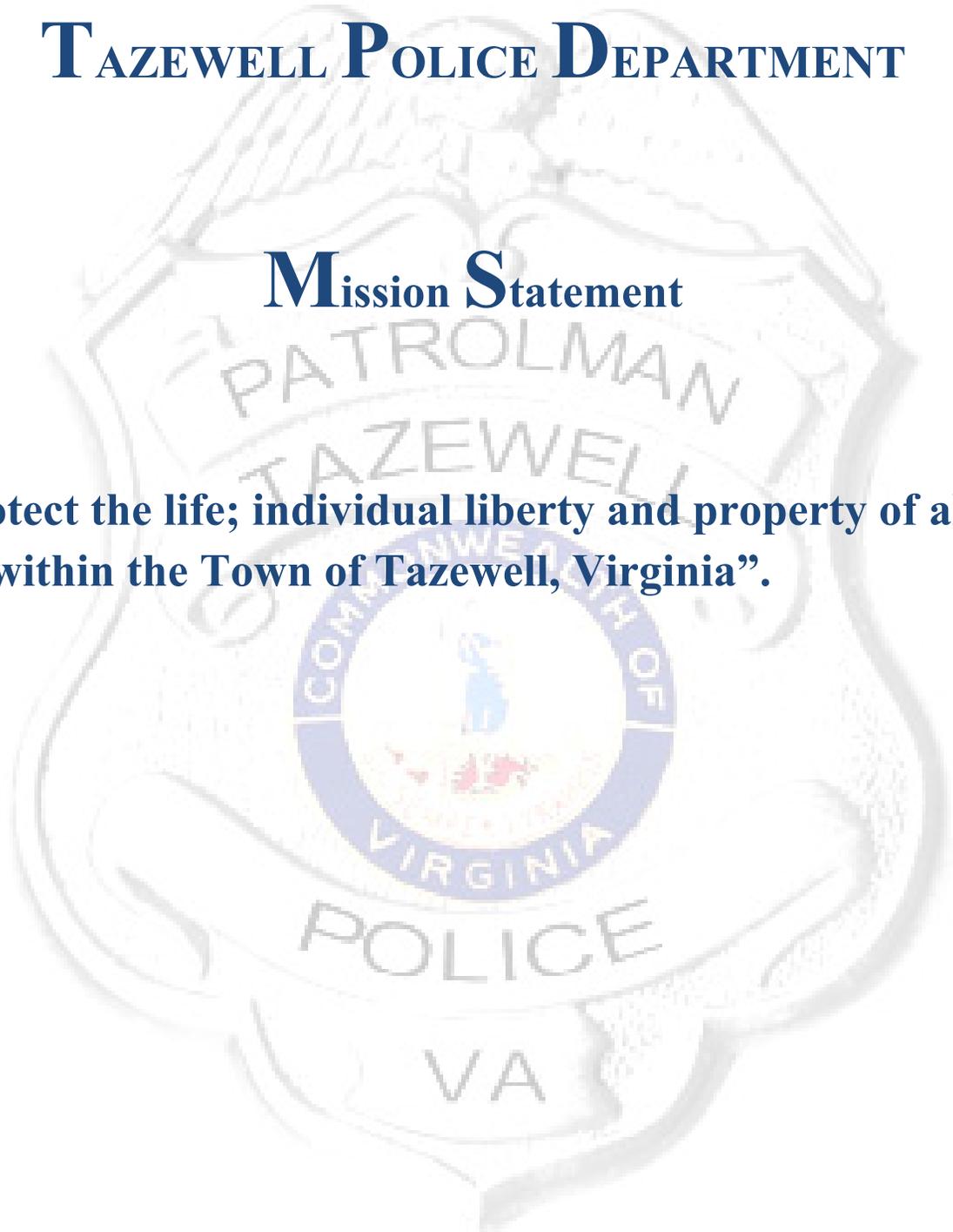
Finally, I want to offer a few thank you. First, I want to personally thank our community in trusting us to serve them to the best of our abilities. I also want to thank the members of The Tazewell Police Department for their hard work in keeping this a safe place to live, work, play and visit.

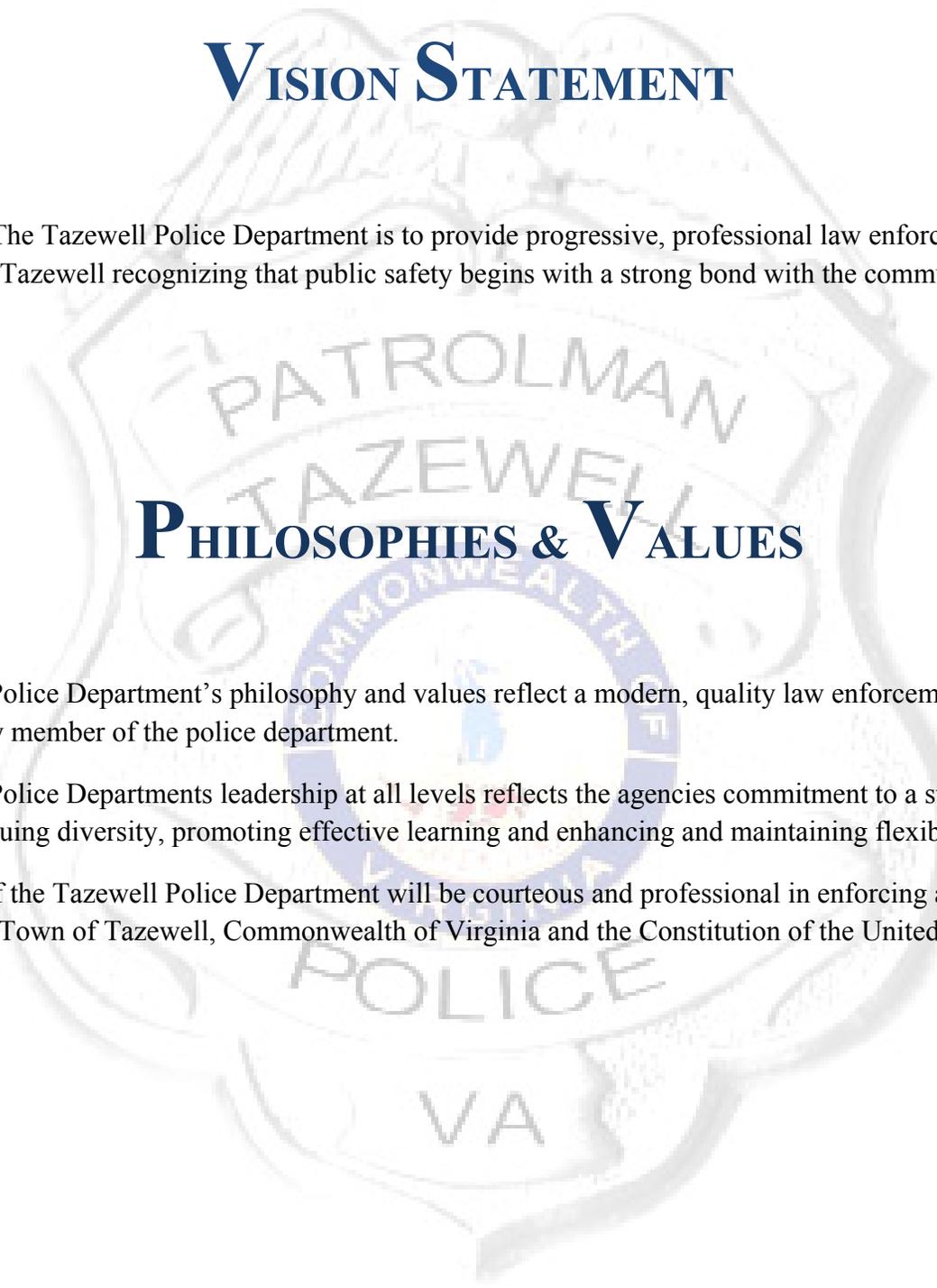
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TAZEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

“To protect the life; individual liberty and property of all people within the Town of Tazewell, Virginia”.



The background of the page features a large, faded watermark of the Tazewell Police Department badge. The badge is shield-shaped with a central emblem of a minuteman soldier. Text on the badge includes "PATROLMAN" at the top, "TAZEWELL" in the middle, "COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA" in a circular band, "POLICE" at the bottom, and "VA" at the very bottom.

VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of The Tazewell Police Department is to provide progressive, professional law enforcement services to the Town of Tazewell recognizing that public safety begins with a strong bond with the community in which we serve.

PHILOSOPHIES & VALUES

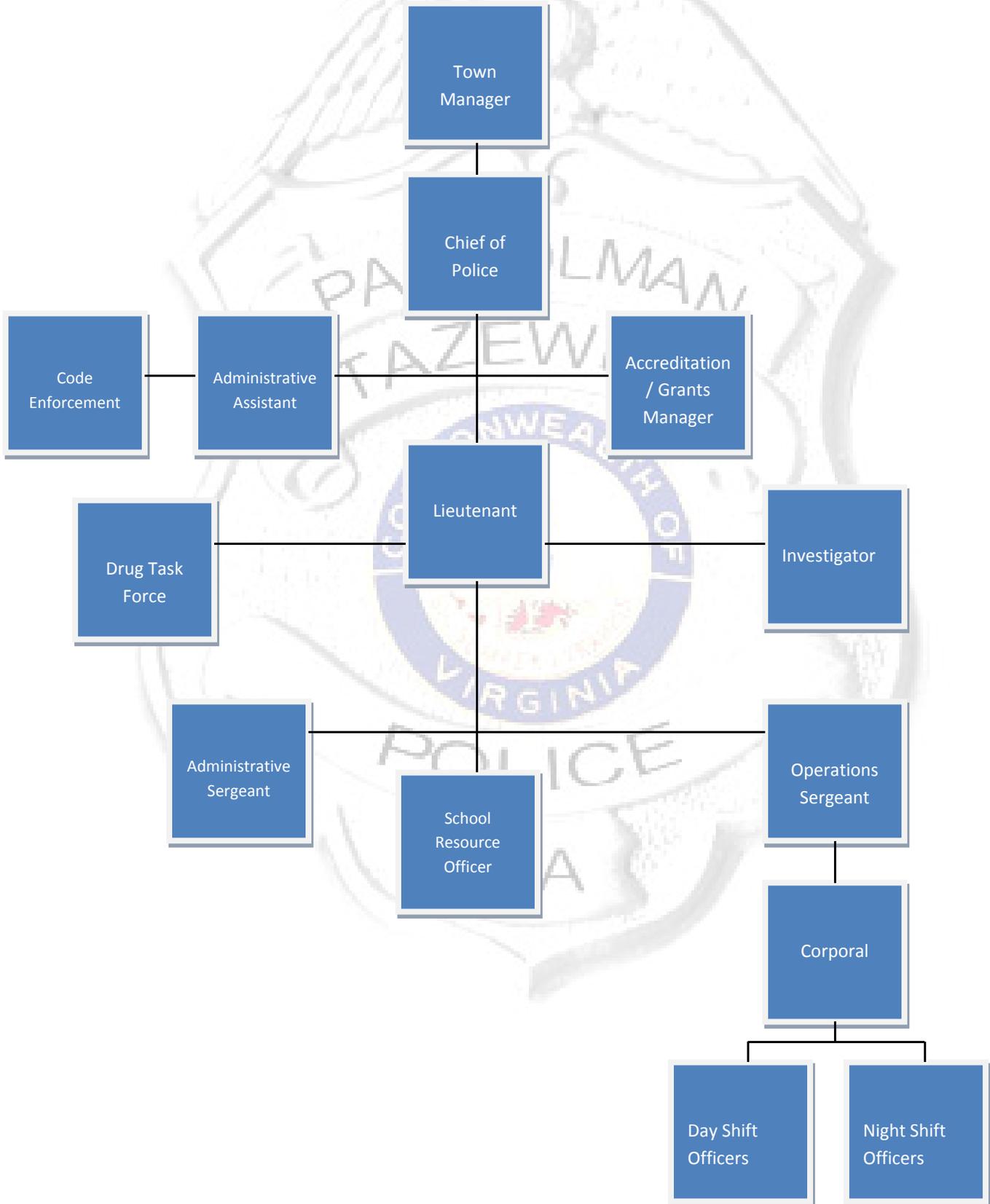
The Tazewell Police Department's philosophy and values reflect a modern, quality law enforcement concept involving every member of the police department.

The Tazewell Police Departments leadership at all levels reflects the agencies commitment to a strong work ethic, while valuing diversity, promoting effective learning and enhancing and maintaining flexibility.

All members of the Tazewell Police Department will be courteous and professional in enforcing and abiding by the laws of the Town of Tazewell, Commonwealth of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.

TAZEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

CHAIN OF COMMAND



Fact Sheet

2013 Population for Town of Tazewell.....	6,000
Square Miles.....	10 Sq. Miles
Town Budget (FY 2014).....	5,710,253.00
Town Police Budget.....	1,024,236.80
Total Employees.....	93
Police.....	15
Non-Sworn Employees.....	2
2014-Total Calls for Service.....	10,430.00
<u>Non-Violent Offenses</u>	
Total	83
Burglary.....	15
Larceny.....	63
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	5
<u>Violent Offenses</u>	
Total	3
Murder.....	0
Rape.....	1
Robbery.....	0
Aggravated Assault.....	2
Criminal Arrests.....	221
Driving Under the Influence.....	238

5 Year Statistical Comparison Chart

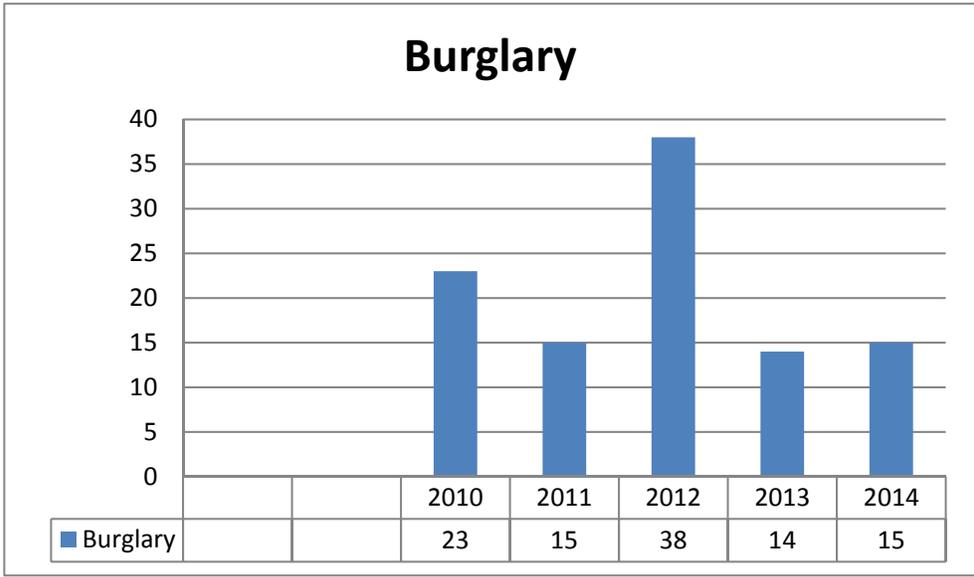
Year	Aggravated Aggravated	Simple Assualt	Burglary	Homicide	Counterfeiting Forgery	Kidnapping	Larceny	Forcible Rape	Forcible Sodomy	Sexual Assault with an object	Forcible Fondling	Incest	Statutory Rape
2010	6	57	23	1	13	2	106	2	1	0	0	0	1
2011	2	54	15	0	15	0	82	2	0	0	1	0	0
2012	6	50	38	0	42	1	87	1	0	0	1	0	0
2013	5	30	14	0	35	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	0
2014	27	0	15	0	5	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0

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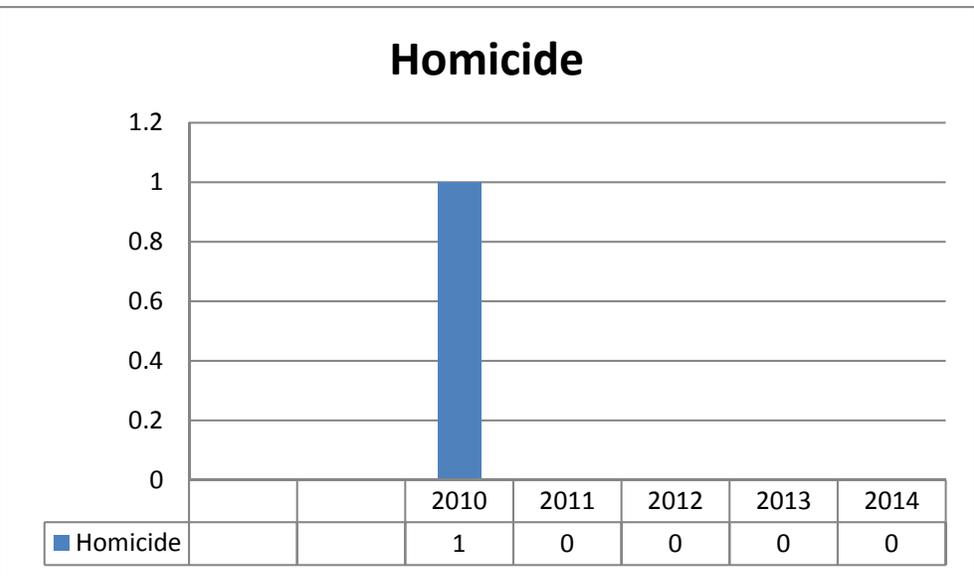
IBR- Statistical Comparison Chart

Population-	2010----	4627
	2011----	4627
	2012----	4589
	2013----	4589
	2014----	4589

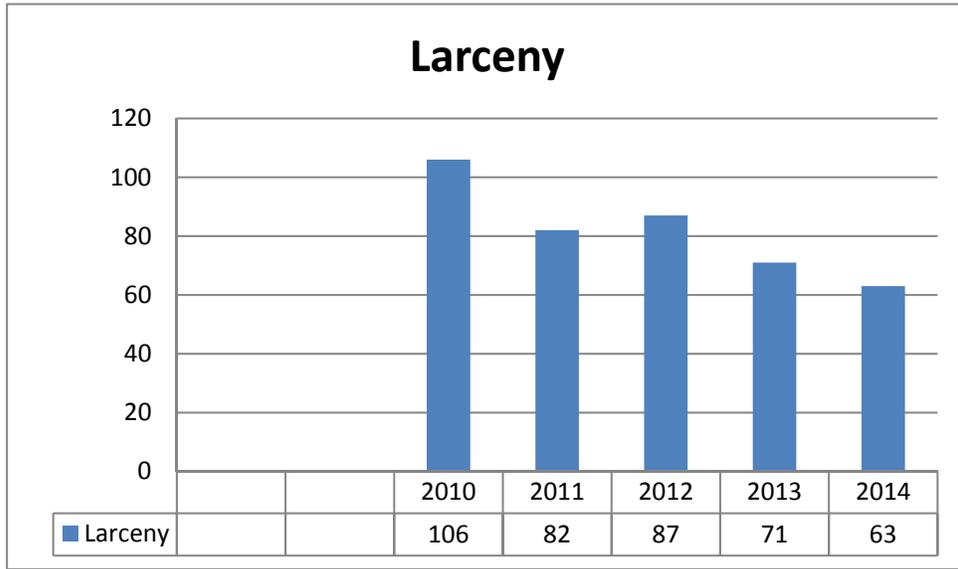
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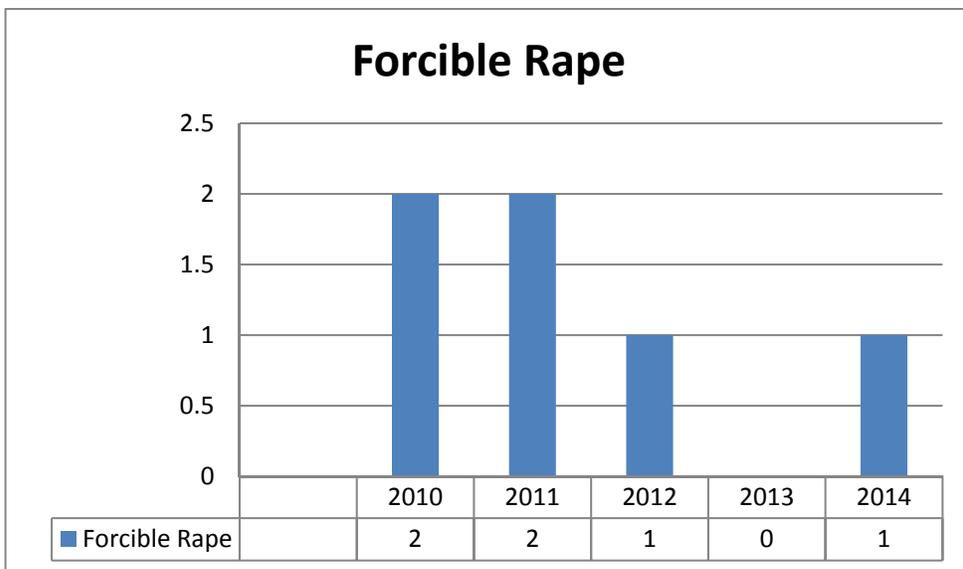
Burglary	Homicide
23	1
15	0
38	0
14	0
15	0



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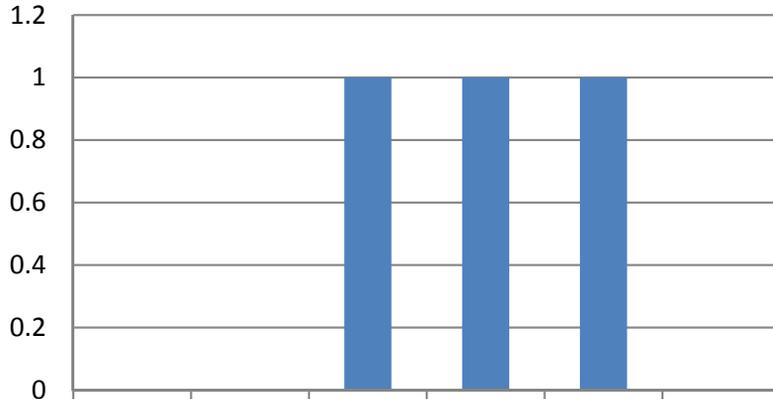


Larceny	Forcible Rape
106	2
82	2
87	1
71	0
63	1



5 Year Statistical Comparison Chart

Forcible Fondling



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
■ Forcible Fondling	0	1	1	1	0

Forcible Fondling	Incest
0	0
1	0
1	0
1	0
0	0

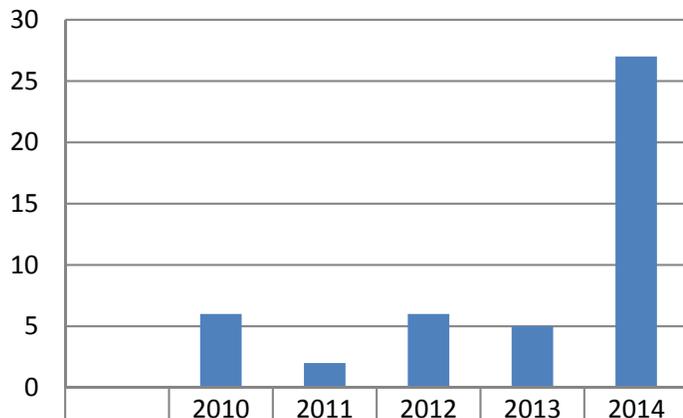
Incest



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
■ Incest	0	0	0	0	0

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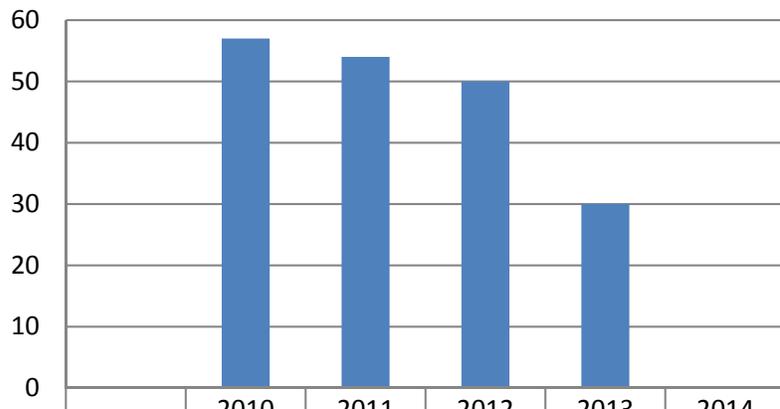
Aggrevated Aggrevated



■ Aggrevated Aggrevated	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	6	2	6	5	27

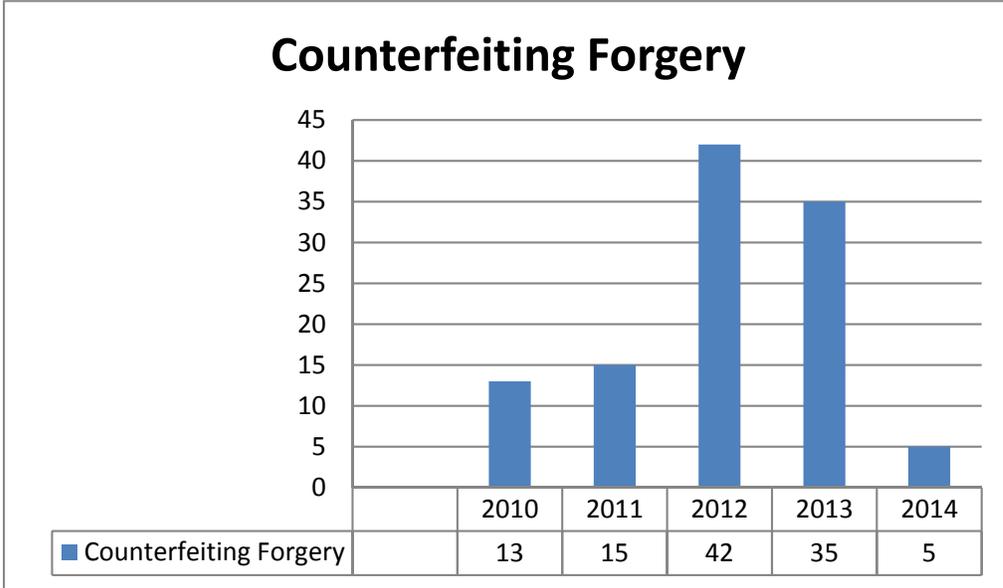
Aggrevated Aggrevated	Simple Assualt
6	57
2	54
6	50
5	30
27	0

Simple Assualt

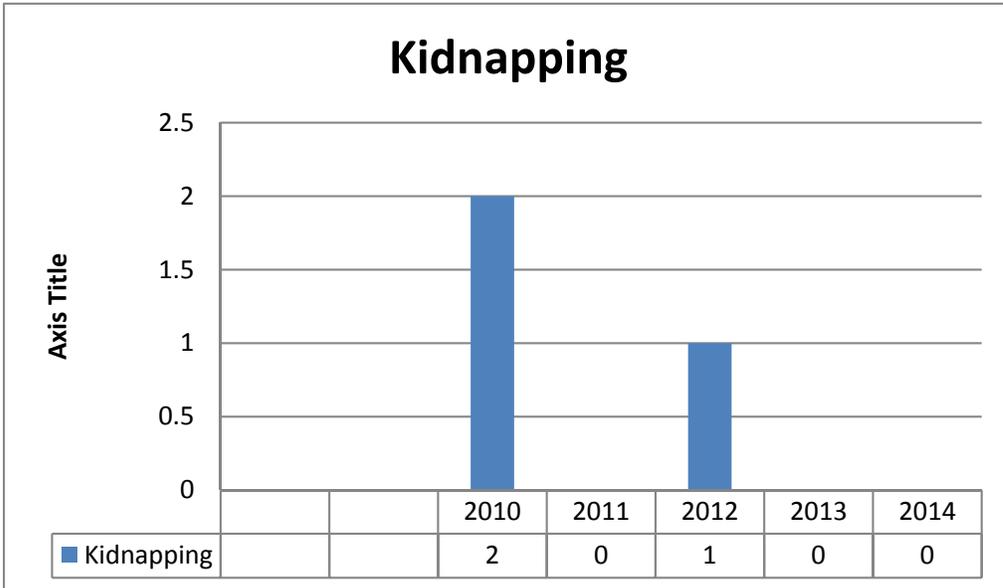


■ Simple Assualt	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	57	54	50	30	0

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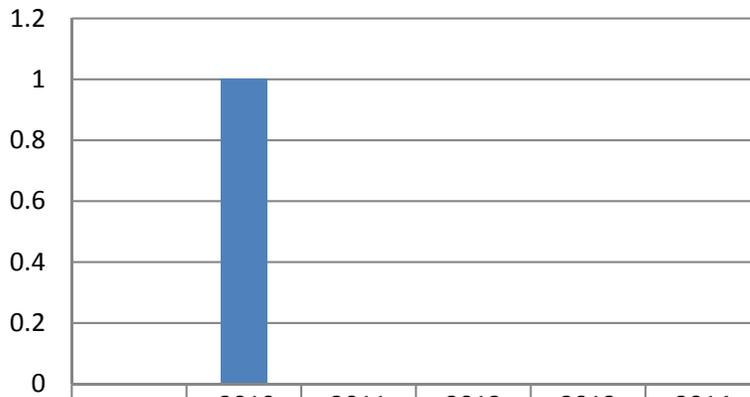


Counterfeiting Forgery	Kidnapping
13	2
15	0
42	1
35	0
5	0



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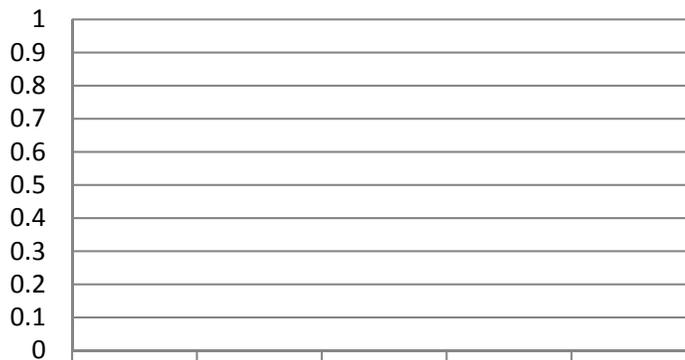
Forcible Sodomy



■ Forcible Sodomy	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	1	0	0	0	0

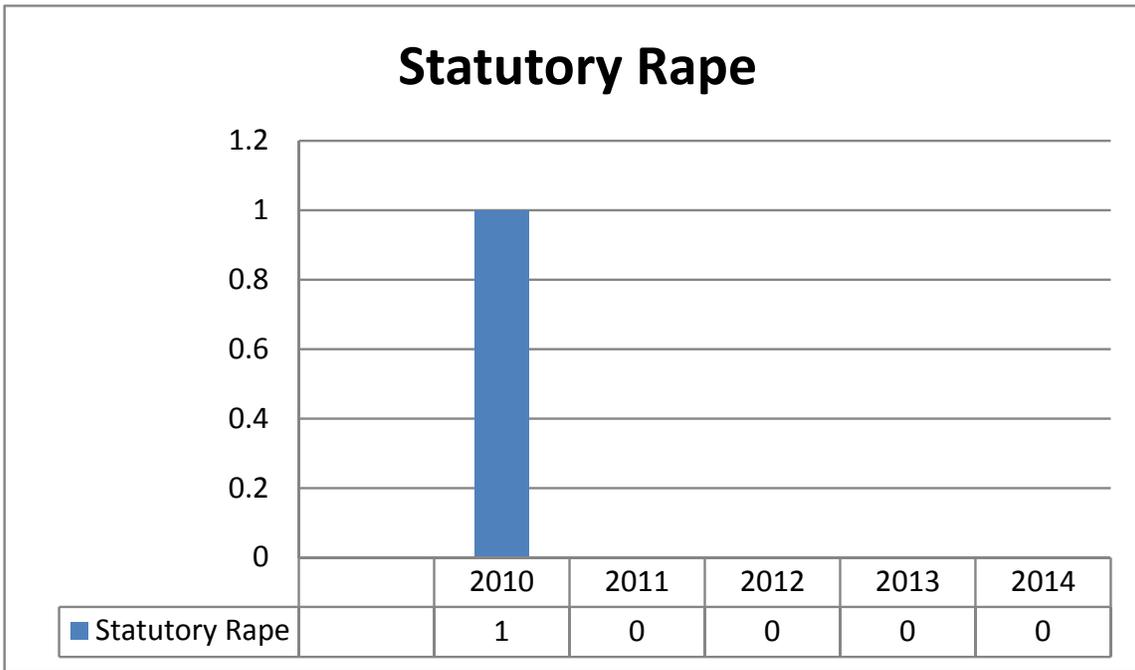
Forcible Sodomy	Sexual Assault with an object
1	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0

Sexual Assault with an object



■ Sexual Assault with an object	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	0	0	0	0	0

5 Year Statistical Comparison Chart



Statutory Rape
1
0
0
0
0

ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS

Administration Overview

The Tazewell Police Department is a state accredited agency employing fifteen sworn officers and two civilians. The department consists of the Chief of Police. In his chain of command, Lieutenant, Administration Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, Corporal, Investigator, Code Enforcement Officer, one School Resource Officer, Accreditation Manager, Administrative Assistant and five Patrol Officers. The department strives to provide the best service and protection to the citizens of the town. The mission of the police department is “To protect the life; individual liberty and property of all people within the Town of Tazewell, Virginia”.

Personnel Training

The Tazewell Police Department takes great pride in providing all personnel with the best training available. All sworn officers have received basic law enforcement training. The department also has officers trained in specialized areas of law enforcement to provide citizen’s with the best protection that can be provided. The police department in 2014, had two officers graduate from basic law enforcement training at the Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy.

Range Training

All officers are required to undergo annual qualification with all weapons carried on patrol and special operations. The department also qualifies officers with their off-duty weapon that is approved by the Chief of Police. Qualifications are mandatory within the department as well as state mandated. All officers are encouraged to practice and maintain strong skills in handling their weapons on a regular basis. Currently, the department makes it mandatory for a minimum of two officers to do range training monthly; to assure they stay proficient in the use of their weapons. Officers are also required to review the departments Use of Force policy regularly and are trained annually on less than lethal weapons, such as baton and oc. spray. Each officer received at least 8 hours of range training yearly that includes both day and night firing of their weapons. The police department has and maintains its own firing range that is available 24 hours a day for training.

Occupational Safety Training

The Safety Committee meets bi-monthly to ensure the implantation and updating of required written Safety Health programs and plans. Each department Supervisor or head of the department makes up this committee. We have one Safety Coordinator who does spot checks and briefings, the coordinator makes sure that the following are complying with OSHA (Occupational Safety Health Administration.)For the year 2014, we had 6 injuries reported with 67 days away from work as a result of said injuries.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement position has been in operation since 2012. The Code Enforcement officer is responsible for enforcing Town Code to ensure a safe and healthy environment .In addition to handling animal complaints, domestic and wild, the Code Enforcement Officer also handles noise ordinances, trash disposal, other environmental concerns, zoning requests, attends planning commission meetings and other aspects of public safety. The department handles several code violations along with over 145 animal complaints and over 45 noise complaints. Several dilapidated buildings were condemned and removed.

Evidence Handling and Control

The Tazewell Police Department collects and handles evidence and property with extreme care and consideration. The department follows and abides by Virginia State Code in the collection, preservation, and destruction / return of all property. The Evidence and Property room is overseen, supervised, and maintained by the Lieutenant and the Corporal.

Accreditation

The Tazewell Police Department has been a state Accredited Agency since 2006 when it became the smallest agency in the Commonwealth of Virginia to attain this status. There are 190 standards set forth by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) to maintain accredited status. The department was assessed in August 2014 by the Commission and received its third accreditation. Achieving accreditation is a continual process that each member of the department is responsible for. Our accredited status proves that we are in compliance with all applicable standards and that we are a professional agency, providing the best service possible to the citizens of Tazewell. As stated in the VLEPSC program manual “Policy and procedure based on professional standards will not ensure a crime-free environment for citizens, nor will it ensure an absence of litigation against law enforcement agencies and executives. However, effective and comprehensive leadership through professionally based policy development directly influences the departments’ capacity to deliver mandated services, with a greatly enhanced ability to cope with the threat of successful litigation.” VLEPSC accreditation demonstrates The Tazewell Police Department’s commitment to utilizing the best operational practices and maintaining strict compliance with performance standards.

Inspections

The Tazewell Police Department conducts several inspections at different times throughout the year. Every employee is inspected and evaluated in appearance and performance. The vehicles and equipment are inspected for operational readiness as well as appearance. The police department and its members take pride in their appearance and professionalism. All aspects of the officer and their equipment need to be of the highest quality. The efficiency of our equipment plays a large role in our ability to perform our duties.

Special Operations

Our ERT (Emergency Response Team) was established in 2005. Members from the team were sent to special training to include; Basic Swat School and Active Shooter. The team also conducted in-house training at Tazewell High School to practice for an active shooter incident. Training was also conducted with live fire training at our firing range. The ERT team also partnered with North 40 Airsoft to conduct training with airsoft weapons. The team completed approximately 84 hours of in-house training throughout the year.

Warrants

During 2014, The Tazewell Police Department had several officers sworn to serve town warrants outside the town limits. This reduced the backlog of warrants needing to be served and increased cases being closed. Total warrants for 2014, 392 issued and 377 served.

Administrative Assistant/ Dispatch

The role of an Administrative Assistant consists of answering the telephone, radio, filing papers, and communicating effectively with everyone. The administrative assistant is responsible for records management, and ensuring our internal, as well as our external community receives information needed in a timely manner. The administrative assistant helps organize community events for the police department. The Dispatching is done from 8:00 a.m. -4:00pm. Monday – Friday. Outside of those hours the 911 center handles calls. The Tazewell Police Department dispatch handles over 8000 reportable and non- reportable calls for 2014.

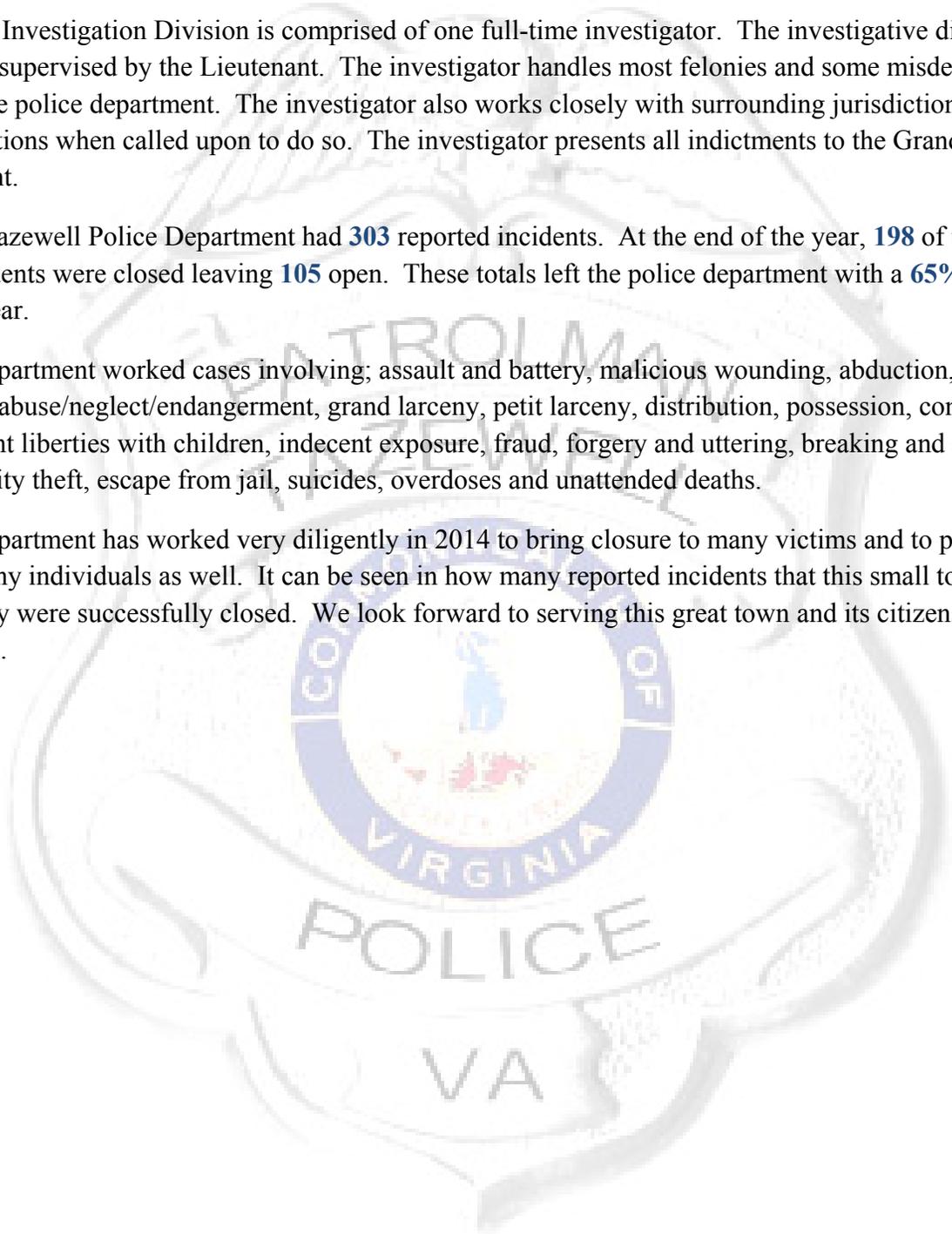
INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS

The Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of one full-time investigator. The investigative division is overseen and supervised by the Lieutenant. The investigator handles most felonies and some misdemeanors reported to the police department. The investigator also works closely with surrounding jurisdictions and assists those jurisdictions when called upon to do so. The investigator presents all indictments to the Grand Jury for the department.

In 2014 the Tazewell Police Department had **303** reported incidents. At the end of the year, **198** of those reported incidents were closed leaving **105** open. These totals left the police department with a **65%** clearance rate for the year.

The police department worked cases involving; assault and battery, malicious wounding, abduction, sexual assault, child abuse/neglect/endangerment, grand larceny, petit larceny, distribution, possession, contributing, arson, indecent liberties with children, indecent exposure, fraud, forgery and uttering, breaking and entering, perjury, identity theft, escape from jail, suicides, overdoses and unattended deaths.

The police department has worked very diligently in 2014 to bring closure to many victims and to provide service to many individuals as well. It can be seen in how many reported incidents that this small town received and how many were successfully closed. We look forward to serving this great town and its citizens for many years to come.



PATROL OPERATIONS

Patrol Operations is comprised of two 12 hour shifts, day and night. Officers are responsible for providing 24 hours service to the Town of Tazewell providing police services to approximately 6,000 residences. Patrol duties include but are not limited to the following: answering calls for service, enforcing all Federal, State, and local ordinances and laws, enforcing all traffic laws, investigations, drug interdictions, accident investigations, and safeguarding lives, property, and public peace that the citizens and visitors of the Town of Tazewell are entitled too.

The police department answers an average of over 10,000 calls for service per year. When officers are not answering calls for service they are patrolling streets and neighborhoods which is an extremely important duty. Night Shift Patrol also conducts “Business Checks” by checking a minimum of 20 per shift. Several times a year the Patrol Division operates special assignments that include road checks, seat belt enforcement, and traffic control for local events, security for events, and security for local athletic games.

The rank structure of the patrol division is operated by 2 supervisors, a day shift Sargent and night Corporal. These supervisors oversee 7 patrol officers which include a School Resource Officer. Patrol Officers have a large amount of public interaction. Patrol is very important aspect of a police department and combined with all other divisions bring the safety and the citizens of the town deserve and desire.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

Throughout 2014, the Special Enforcement Unit participated in various Click it or Ticket operations, conducted fourteen checkpoints and 12 saturated patrols, and assisted Patrol Operations with numerous other initiatives. The patrol units handled 89 funeral escorts with all being led by the Patrol Vehicle. Special Enforcement Unit personnel issued 792 Citations 400 were issued Citations for speeding . 15 for seat belt violations, 10 for child safety seat violations, 40 DUI arrests, and 327 for other violations. There were 5 other criminal arrests made. There were 34 felony arrests made for the year and 125 misdemeanor arrests made.

The Tazewell Police Department partnered with the local jurisdictions to host the annual 2014 Checkpoint Strike and driving. This ten year old campaign is a statewide law enforcement and public awareness effort to detect and impaired drivers in Virginia, focusing on the use of sobriety checkpoints to prevent drunk driving.

The Tazewell Police Department partnered with Tazewell High School, Tazewell Fire, and many other organizations to promote safe driving for Tazewell teens. The one day event included live demonstrations related to distracted driving, impaired driving, and blind spot identification. Featured courses were the Distracted Driving Golf Cart Course, Impaired Driving Simulator, DUI Fatal Vision "Walk the Line," and Demonstration.

