



Town of Tazewell Police Department

2022 Annual Report



David D. Mills

Chief of Police

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A Message from the Police Chief, David D. Mills –

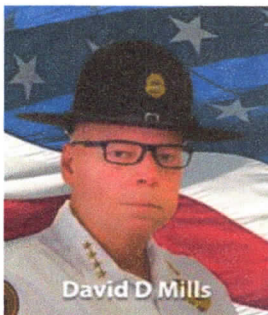
Welcome to the Town of Tazewell Police Department's 2022 Annual Report. The men and women of the Tazewell Police Department are proud to serve such a great and supportive community. The department is a full service law enforcement agency providing 24 hour service year round.

We work closely with other municipal and private agencies in the area to maintain a quality of life where our citizens feel safe to walk, jog, or be outdoors. The Tazewell Police Department holds the distinction of being one of the smallest agencies to hold VLEPSC accreditation. Accreditation is regarded as one of the key benchmarks for measuring the quality of an organization and the Tazewell Police Department is proud of our status.

This report will highlight our efforts in crime reduction through traffic enforcement, building checks, patrols, and investigations; as well as our community involvement. Our "community first approach" includes the planning and coordination of safety and security of multiple road races, parades and festivals. We also sponsor several events which include a Community Dinner, Shop with a Cop and a Kids Fish Day, these events could not be achievable without the support from Tazewell Town and the magnitude of volunteers that show up to aide with these events.

Our efforts in reducing crime and our community first approach could not be possible without the support from our Town Manager and the Town Council. We appreciate them for their support. I could not ask to be part of a better team of professionals. In 2023, I am sure we will be able to approach the issues that we face with the same professionalism in order to keep the Town of Tazewell an outstanding place to live, work, play and visit for everyone.

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On the cover: Unit 43 –
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Accreditation

The Tazewell Police Department is one of the smallest agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accreditation is an ongoing process to maintain the highest level of professionalism. The 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 the Town of Tazewell. As stated in the VLEPSC program manual "Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria, and have compliance with that criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body". VLEPSC accreditation demonstrates the Tazewell Police Department's commitment to utilizing the best operational practices and maintaining strict compliance with performance standards.





2022 Quick Fact Sheet

Population for Town of Tazewell.....	4,113
Square Mileage.....	6.5Sq. miles
Town Budget.....	\$ 12,314,841
Police Budget.....	\$ 1,556,585
Sworn Officers.....	17
Non-Sworn.....	3
Total Calls for Service.....	414

Non-Violent Offenses

Total.....	473
Burglary.....	16
Larceny.....	39
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	10

Violent Offenses

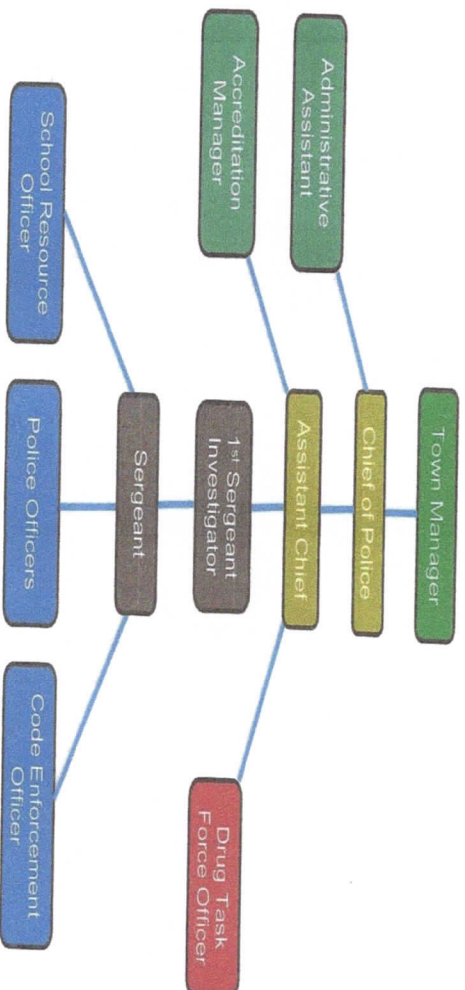
Total.....	52
Murder.....	0
Rape	1
Forcible Fondling.....	4
Aggravated Assault.....	2



TAZEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Tazewell Police Department Organizational Chart
"CHAIN OF COMMAND"



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Tazewell Police Department



Mission Statement

The mission of the Tazewell Police Department is to protect the life; individual, liberty and property of all people within the town of Tazewell, Virginia.

Department Vision

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

Philosophies & Values

The Tazewell Police Departments' 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, 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, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.



Administration Operations

Administration Overview

The Town of Tazewell Police Department is a state accredited agency and a member of the Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. Our department consists of seventeen sworn police officers and three civilian workers, including the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, First Sergeant, Investigator, Sergeant, Resource Officers, Administrative Assistants, Accreditation Manager, Information Technologist, Code Enforcement and six Patrol Officers. The department strives to provide the upmost protection to the citizens of the town and constantly undergo trainings and seminars on how to better relate to those in which we serve.

Personnel Training

The Tazewell Police Department takes great pride in providing all personnel with the best training available. All sworn officers have received and passed the requirements for basic law enforcement training in Virginia. The department has officers trained in specialized areas of law enforcement including street survival, community policing, general instructor training and drug/alcohol prevention, just to name a few.

Range Training

All officers are required to undergo annual qualifications with the weapons they carry on duty and during special operations, our department decides to go above and beyond by challenging our officers to complete this bi annually when ammunition is available in order to maintain above proficiency for the protection of the citizens. The department has three certified range masters who qualify our officers with their on-duty and off-duty weapons; all officers must achieve a proficient score set forth by the state in order to be able to carry their weapon. Our department maintains their own range which enables us to train 24 hours a day if necessary and allows our officers the ability to practice with their weapons whenever a range master is present. The officers are also required to stay up to date on policy changes and complete annual recertification on all "less than lethal" weaponry.

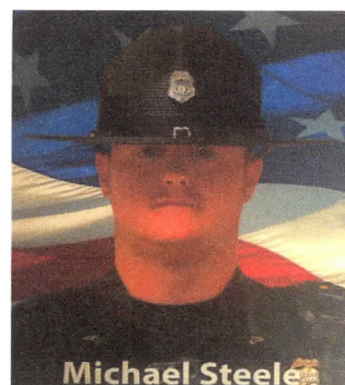
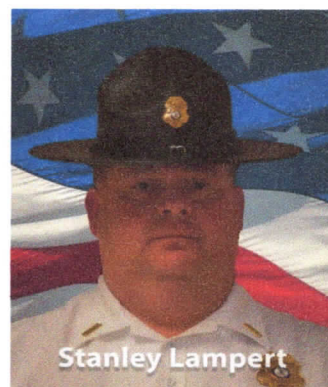
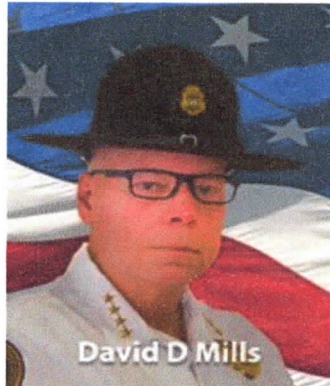


Our Department

- Chief of Police David D. Mills
- Adm. Asst./Dispatch Flora Sinkford
- Asst. Adm. Walter Barrett
- Accreditation Manager Shawn Hurd
- Assistant Chief Stanley Lampert
- First Sergeant/Investigator Ben Leighton
- DEA Officer
- Sergeant Mike Steele
- Investigator Craig Menefee
- Investigator Blake Robinson
- Code Enforcement/Animal Control Missy Woodard
- School Resource Officer Joe Stevenson
- School Resource Officer Mathew Perry
- Officer Will Lowe
- Officer Steven Bowman
- Officer Jason Rundlett
- Officer Houston Wyatt
- Officer Russell Stowers
- Info Tech Sean Hagy

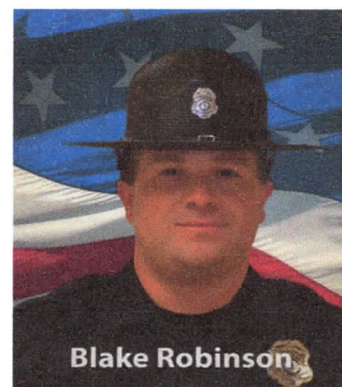
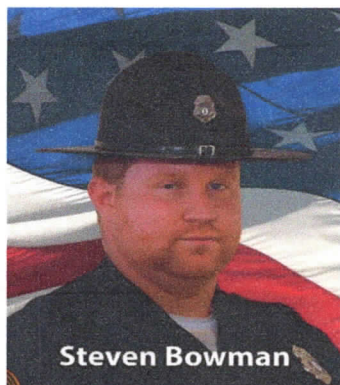
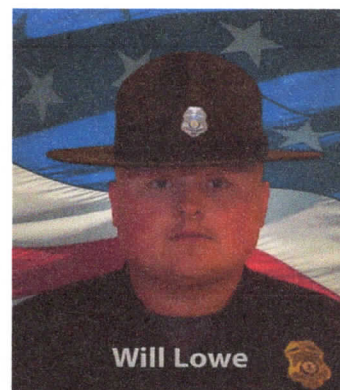
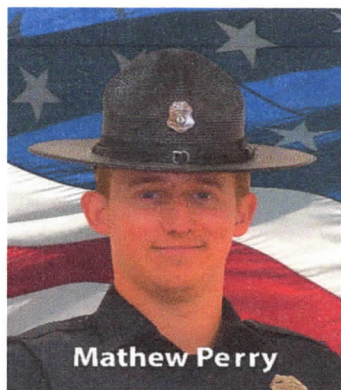
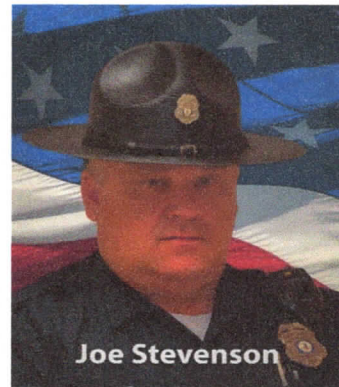
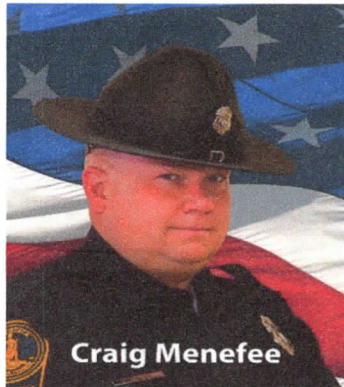


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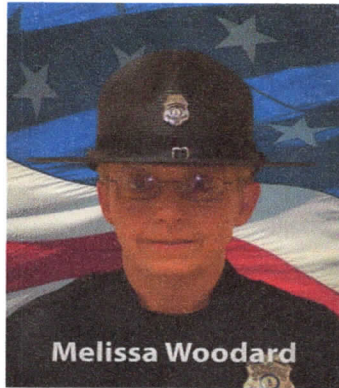


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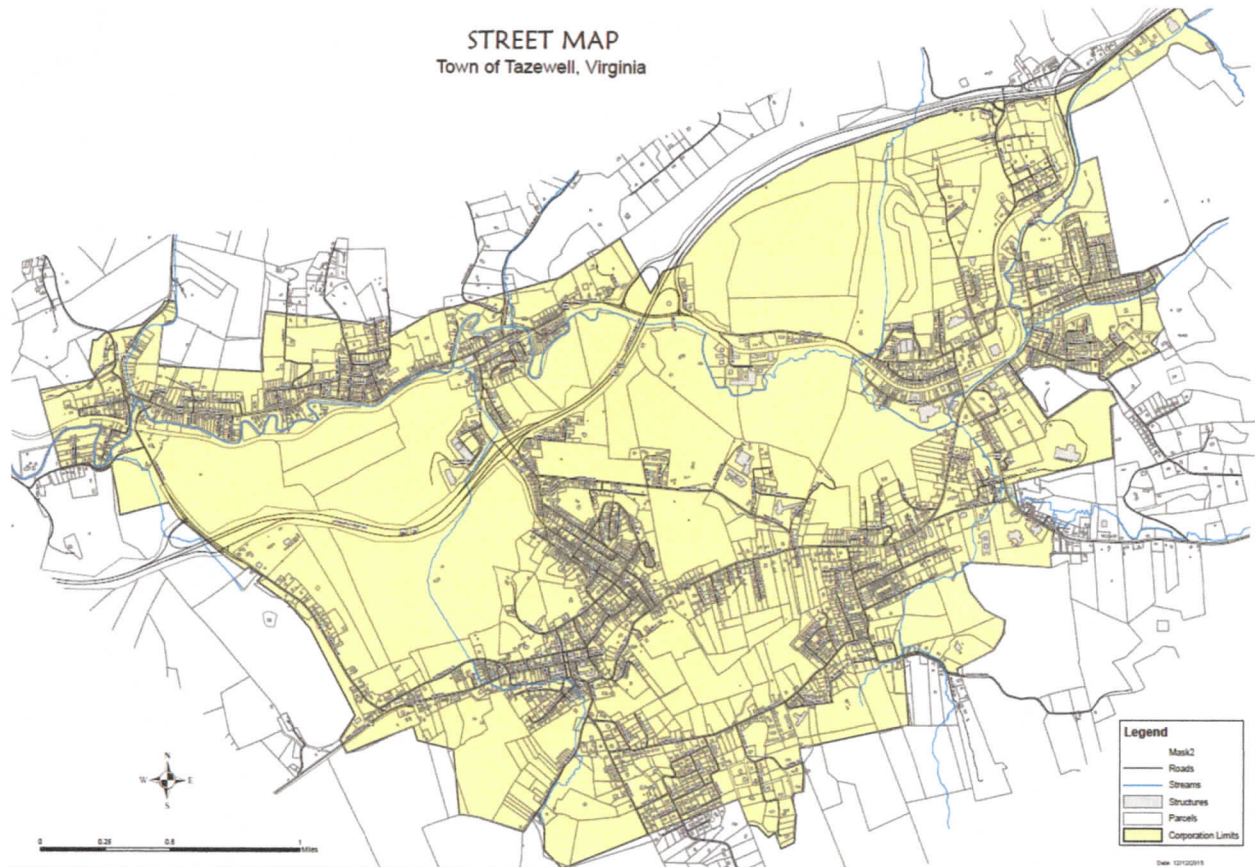
Sean Hagy – IT

Walter Barrett – Officer

Russell Stowers – Officer



Town Boundaries



Town Square Mileage..... 6.5 Square Miles

- The Town of Tazewell Police Department covers all 6.5 square miles including both the areas of Tazewell and North Tazewell during normal patrol and calls of service, the above map includes all the new territory that has been annexed in town limits in recent years. Our officers offer the citizens 24 hour services during two shifts. During the shifts the officers check businesses and do normal patrol routines of the neighborhoods on top of answering emergency traffic and other calls for service.



5 Year

Statistical Comparison Chart

Year	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Burglary	Homicide	Counterfeiting/ Forgery	Kidnapping/ Abduction	Larceny	Forcible Rape	Forcible Sodomy	Sexual Assault with an Object	Forcible Fondling	Incest	Statutory Rape	Total
2018	6	31	10	0	3	0	16	1	0	0	3	0	0	70
2019	5	42	11	1	3	0	5	3	0	0	8	0	0	124
2020	3	108	28	1	4	2	38	1	0	2	3	0	0	190
2021	6	49	24	0	6	4	17	1	0	1	4	0	0	112
2022	2	40	16	0	3	1	16	1	2	1	4	0	0	86

Source:

IBR – Statistical Comparison Chart:

Population: 2018 — 4,368

2019 — 4,194

2020 — 4,141

2021 — 4,113

2022 — 4,423



Special Enforcement

Throughout 2022, the Special Enforcement Unit participated in various "Click it or Ticket" operations, conducted road checks throughout town limits. Through these efforts 529 citations were issued during the year for various offenses including: 85 speeding, 21 reckless driving citations, 21 defective equipment and 20 driving revoked or non-licensed and 3 DUI's. Our officers also handled 55 funeral escorts and 3 wide load escort throughout town which all were led by a Patrol Vehicle, assisted 62 stranded motorists or citizens on the streets of Tazewell Town and assisted motorists with 73 vehicle lockouts as well as participated in 16 parade escorts.

Several agencies in Southwest Virginia attended the "Click it or Ticket" kick-off event, emphasizing the nationwide mobilization to save lives by strongly enforcing occupant protection laws, to include both belt and child restraint violations. The Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign is a nationwide law enforcement and public awareness effort to promote seatbelt and occupant safety among the roadways which started in North Carolina in 1993 and was adapted by the state of Virginia in 2005. Throughout the year our officers have issued citations for 22 seatbelt violations and 2 child restraint citations.



Trainings

To maintain DCJS certification, officers have to go through forty hours of recertification every two years centered on Cultural, Legal and Career. Also, officers must go through annual qualifications on firearms and less than lethal weapons as well as annual updates on policy, procedures and operations. Tazewell Police Department Officers are all CPR certified and maintain qualifications in basic first aid, should the need arise to aid the public. Our Department also attempts to go above and beyond to have training options available to all our officers to help further their knowledge and abilities in this job to pass on the best quality care to the citizens we serve.

Along with the annual departmental trainings our officers are required to go through, we have a few selected officers who attend specialized trainings at the Department of Criminal Justice and are trained in going back and training their department as well as going back to the basic academy and training the new recruits. These trainings range from firearms instructor, defensive driving and tactics, open field search and rescue as well as active shooter and hostage situations which are very helpful and geared towards school instances. With the trainings we make available to our officers, we feel that the more equipped they are to handle whatever they have thrown at them, and the safer and more secure our citizens can be as they go about their day-to-day actives in our peaceful neighborhoods.