



Town of Tazewell Police Department

2018 Annual Report



David D. Mills

Chief of Police

<http://www.townoftazewell.org/police-2/>





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

Welcome to the Town of Tazewell Police Department’s 2018 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 2019, 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: 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor and 2019 Ford Interceptor Utility with Town Welcome Sign.

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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.





2018 Quick Fact Sheet

Population for Town of Tazewell.....	4,368
Square Mileage.....	4 Sq. miles
Town Budget.....	\$5,324,794
Police Budget.....	\$1,150,582
Sworn Officers.....	17
Non-Sworn.....	4
Total Calls for Service.....	10, 538

Non-Violent Offenses

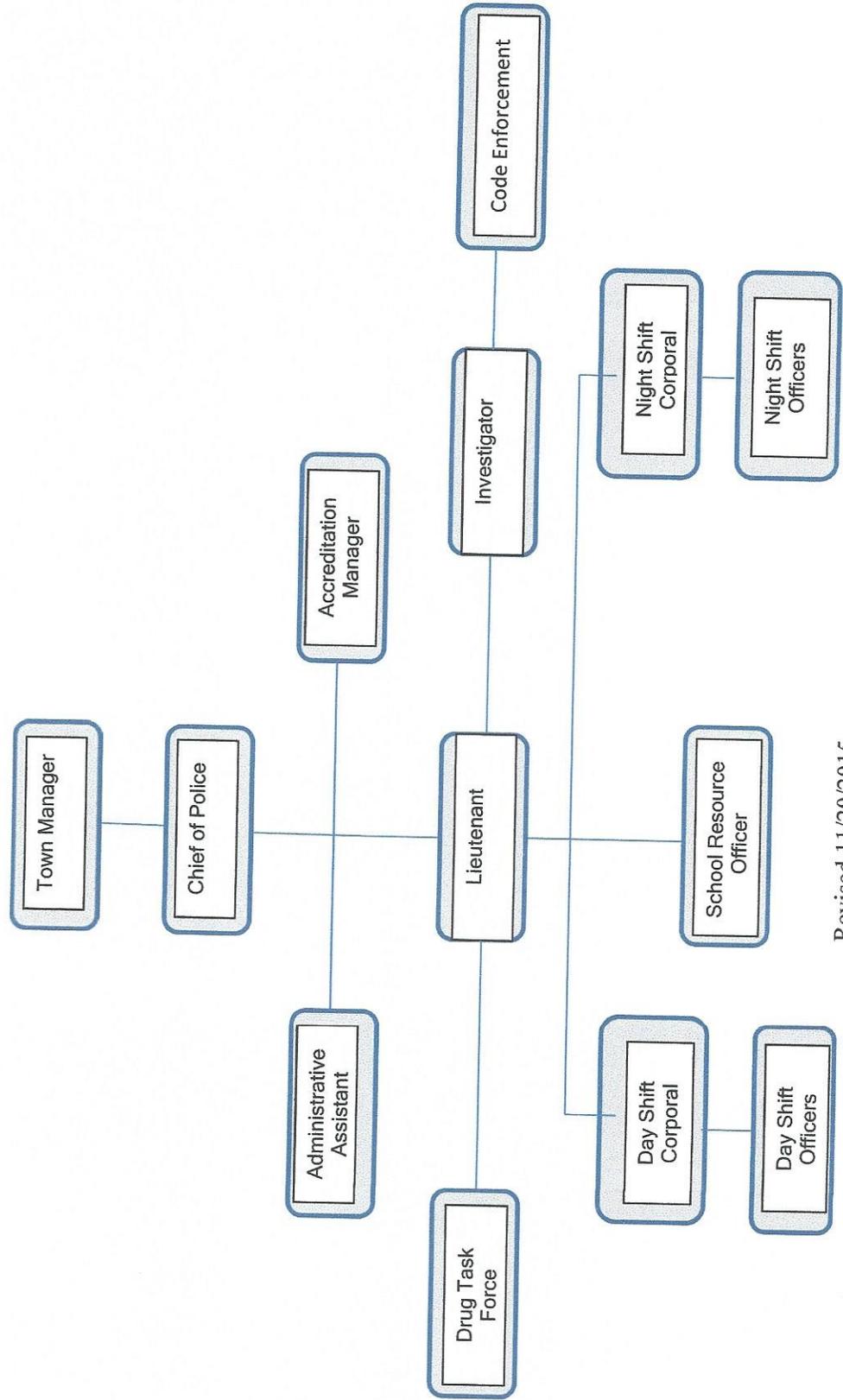
Total.....	30
Burglary.....	10
Larceny.....	16
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	4

Violent Offenses

Total.....	10
Murder.....	0
Rape.....	1
Forcible Fondling.....	3
Robbery.....	0
Aggravated Assault.....	6



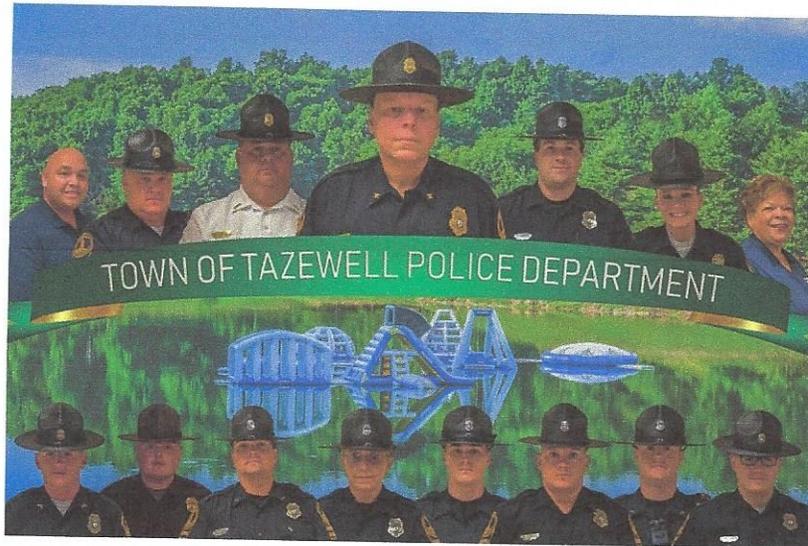
TAZEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND



Revised 11/20/2015



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.

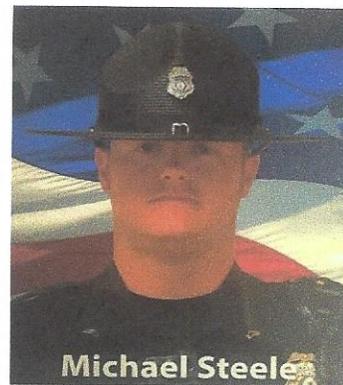
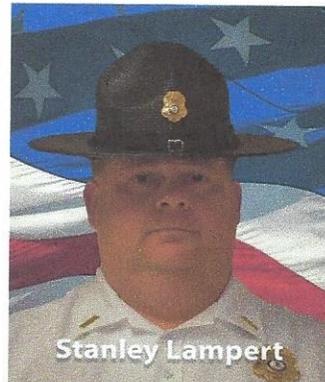
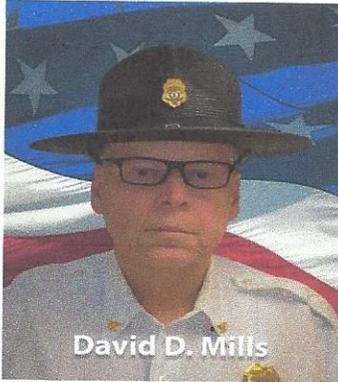


Our Department

- Chief of Police David D. Mills
- Adm. Asst./Dispatch Flora Sinkford
- Accreditation Manager Shawn Hurd
- Lieutenant Stanley Lampert
- Investigator Ben Leighton
- DEA Officer
- Corporal Mike Steele
- Corporal Chris Vass
- Officer TJ Crabtree
- Officer Joe Stevenson
- Officer Dylan Osborne
- Officer Will Lowe
- Officer Dakota Grizzel
- Officer Mike Steele
- Officer Blake Robinson
- Code Enforcement/Animal Control Missy Woodard
- Officer Summer Hess
- Inmate Worker Walter Barrett
- Info Tech Sean Hagy
- Chaplain Russell Hatfield
- Chaplain Brian Mullins



Our Department





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
2014	2	27	15	0	5	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	0	113
2015	2	44	8	0	20	2	49	1	1	0	0	0	0	119
2016	8	32	11	0	9	3	55	2	2	0	0	0	0	122
2017	2	36	8	0	7	1	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	92
2018	6	31	10	0	3	0	16	1	0	0	3	0	0	70

Source:

IBR – Statistical Comparison Chart:

Population: 2014 — 4,543
 2015 — 4,479
 2016 — 4,421
 2017 — 4,365
 2018 — 4,368



Special Enforcement

Throughout 2018, the Special Enforcement Unit participated in various "Click it or Ticket" operations, conducted road checks throughout town limits. Through these efforts 1, 089 citations were issued during the year for various offenses including: 276 speeding, 64 defective equipment and 75 driving revoked. Our officers also handled 54 funeral escorts throughout town which all were led by a Patrol Vehicle as well as assisted businesses with 46 bank 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. This fifteen year old campaign is a nationwide law enforcement and public awareness effort to promote seatbelt and occupant safety among the roadways of the state of Virginia. Throughout the year our officers have issued citations for 86 seatbelt violations and 9 child restraint citations.

Along with the Tazewell School System, our department put on demonstrations for the students using impaired driving techniques including a distracted driving course while operating a golf cart, distracted driving simulator and the DUI simulation glasses which displays impairment from .08-.20. With these efforts we hope to educate the students on consequences of these actions.



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 biannual 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.

Emergency Response Unit

The town has its own Emergency Response Team which was established in 2005. It consists of six members who undergo specialized training such as Basic Swat School, Active Shooter and Breaching. The team conducts in house trainings at the local schools and practices team uniformity, safety and proficiency. The team practices at least once a month either working on team movements and familiarity or with other teams in the area canvassing much broader areas, working on departmental unity and being able to function as a platoon in a much bigger force. The team is used for a multitude of incidents, be it crowd control, hostage situations, active shooters, search warrant service or any natural disasters where manpower should such an event occur.