

COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department, whose efforts and energies are evident within this report, I am proud to present the 2015 Annual Report. The team work of Uniform Patrol, Investigations, Law Enforcement Services, Records, and Animal Control make Colonial Heights a wonderful place to visit, work and live.



This report is an overview of the services that we provide as well as the programs that are available within our community. You will also view just how hard these officers work to make our streets and community as safe as possible. In this report, you will see the fine officers that have been hired to serve as well as many community events that we participate in that bring us so much joy. This past year, we had so much to be grateful for as several officers were recognized within the State for their efforts and actions. We are also proud to introduce to our community, “Rose”, our newest canine to the force as she and her handler, Master Officer Wulff are ready to serve on any call where a “track” is needed.

I hope you enjoy the report and look forward to serving you, our community.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey W. Farries

Col. Jeffrey W. Farries

Chief of Police

2015 Highlights

New Police Officers

In 2015 The Colonial Heights Police Department welcomed four new officers



Chief Faries is pictured with Officer Robert Brown



Chief Faries is pictured with Officer Darrell Aleshire



Chief Faries is pictured with Officer Bryan Drake



Chief Faries is pictured with Officer Devin Marks

2015 Highlights

CHPD in the Community



Runners in the 2015 Special Olympics Torch Run



Celebrate Safe Communities events are held annually in October



Officers who participated in "Tip a Cop" a Special Olympics fundraiser at Sagebrush Steakhouse



2015 Highlights

Awards and Recognition



Officer Sophie Benkendorf received an award for her work for Special Olympics



Officer Thinnies received the Exceptional Valor Award from the Va. Chiefs Association .



Officer Greg Thinnies was awarded the American Legion Officer of the Year.



Left: Officer Robbie Simmons and Sergeant Robert Helms received the award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Right: Officer Richard Scrivner, Lieutenant Dann Ferguson, Officer Jared Brandeberry, Officer Robbie Simmons and Sergeant Robert Helms were recognized for their enforcement of DUI offenses.



2015 Highlights

“Rose” our trailing Bloodhound officially joined the Department in 2015



“Rose” is pictured with her partner, Master Officer Chris Wulff.

2015 Highlights



In 2014 the Colonial Heights Police Department received a grant through DCJS and was able to have a full time School Resource Officer at Tussing Elementary. Officer Jared Brandeberry, a veteran officer, is filling this role. This brings the total number of School Resource Officers to five. There is now a Resource Officer or SRO at every school in Colonial Heights.

Accreditation



For 2015 The Colonial Heights Police Department remained an accredited agency. The Department is up for re-accreditation in 2016. The following paragraph from the VALEPSC website describes what accreditation means to the community:

Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves. Accreditation enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives. Citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency is increased. Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public. Accreditation creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. This partnership will help citizens to understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented.



MISSION STATEMENT

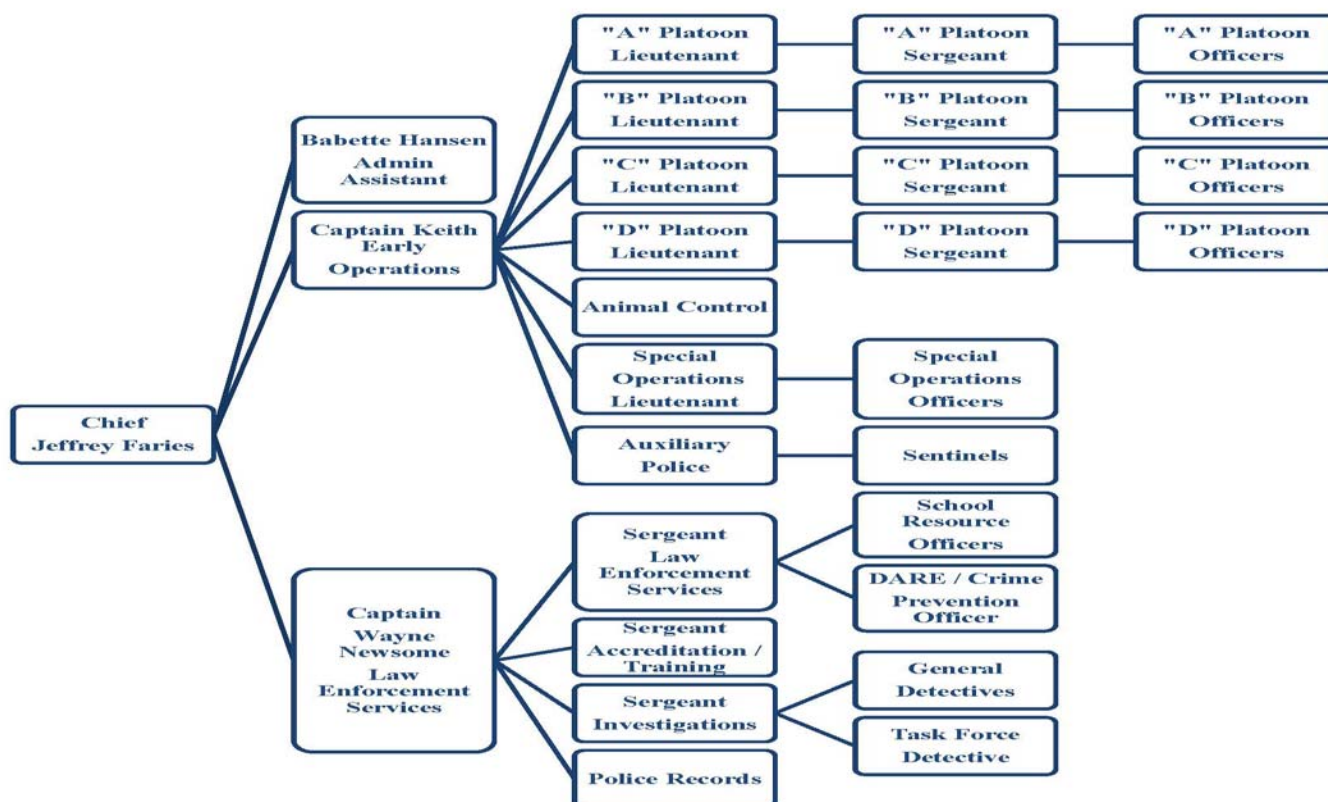
The mission of the Colonial Heights Police Department is to protect the life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Colonial Heights, to develop and actively pursue a positive relationship with members of the community and to foster a positive working environment for members of the Colonial Heights Police Department.

Department Goals

The employees of the Colonial Heights Police Department are committed to accomplishing this mission through attainment of the following goals:

- Preserving individual rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States
- Effectively enforcing state and local laws and ordinances
- Aggressively investigating criminal offenses
- Providing timely apprehension of persons suspected of committing criminal acts
- Effectively managing departmental resources for optimal service delivery to all citizens
- Providing impartial, competent, and courteous service to the public without regard to race, creed, or gender

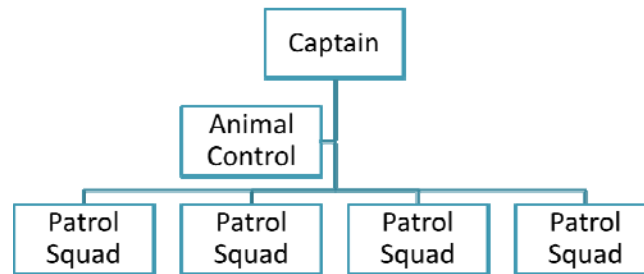
Colonial Heights Police Department Organizational Chart



Command Staff



Captain W. Keith Early commands the Operations Bureau of the Colonial Heights Police Department. Captain Early has been in Law Enforcement since 1993. He possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University, and he is a graduate of both the National Criminal Justice Command College and the FBI National Academy. Captain Early oversees Uniform Patrol, Auxiliary Police, Animal Control, and Special Operations



Captain Wayne Newsome is in charge of the Law Enforcement Services Bureau of the Colonial Heights Police Department. Captain Newsome has been in Law Enforcement since 1974. He is a graduate of the National Criminal Justice Command College. Captain Newsome oversees many areas in the department such as Evidence, Records, Investigations, School Resource Officers, Crime Prevention, Accreditation and Internal Affairs.





OPERATIONS

Uniform Patrol

Consisting of thirty-five sworn officers on four squads, these officers provide around the clock police protection through twelve-hour shifts. Uniform Patrol respond to calls for serve, enforce criminal and traffic laws, conduct investigations, process evidence, testify in court and identify and address quality of life issues in the community.

Animal Control

The Animal Control Division enforces all city and state laws and regulations relating to the control and protection of animals. Animal Control also operate and maintain the Animal Control Shelter in accordance with state laws. Animal control consists of one full time Animal Control Officer or ACO, one cross-trained police officer and one part-time Shelter Aide.

Auxiliary Police and Sentinel Officers

The volunteer division of the Colonial Heights Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to promote public safety through personal participation. Auxiliary Police and Sentinel Officers are an invaluable resource to the Department and community as they perform many supplemental police duties.

Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit is a specialty unit comprised of police officers who concentrate on quality-of-life crimes (disorderly conduct, public intoxication, prostitution, etc.), narcotics violations, gang activity, and any other tasks that would require their specialized skill set.

The Special Operations Unit assists the Investigations Division with major crimes as needed. The Unit actively solicits tips from other officers and members of the public regarding suspected criminal activity of an ongoing, chronic nature. These officers work with local, state and federal agencies and are responsible for educating the public regarding topics of narcotics and gangs.

Law Enforcement Services

The primary task of the Law Enforcement Services Bureau is to provide support to all officers and to the command staff of the Colonial Heights Police Department. The Bureau is responsible for the Criminal Investigations Division; training; maintenance and purchasing of equipment, property and evidence and buildings and grounds. The Bureau is also responsible for inspections, research and development, grants, records, receptionists and special projects. The Bureau is also responsible for supplemental department services provided to the schools including three School Resource Officers, and an officer assigned to the D.A.R.E. program.

Investigations

The Investigations Division has the primary responsibility of conducting in-depth criminal and crime scene investigations. In addition to their primary roles, detectives are able to provide guidance to patrol officers concerning criminal investigations and crime scene processing. Detectives investigate many crimes, including narcotics violations, homicides, robberies, sexual crimes, property crimes, frauds, auto thefts, burglaries and missing persons cases. The investigations unit is also responsible for investigating and maintaining compliance on many permits such as Concealed Weapon Permits and Precious Metals Permits.

The Investigations Division consists of a sergeant and three general investigators. The Task Force Detective also falls under the supervision of the Investigations Sergeant.



Law Enforcement Services

DARE / Crime Prevention

The Colonial Heights Police Department has provided a certified D.A.R.E. Officer to the city schools since 1987. Officer Sophie Benkendorf teaches D.A.R.E. to both elementary and middle school students. She also serves as the crime prevention officer, coordinating such events as Celebrate Safe Communities and the Special Olympics Torch Run.



DARE Officer
Sophie **Benkendorf**

Chaplains

The Police Chaplains are appointed by the Chief of Police to act as an aide to the officers and citizens of Colonial Heights. They strive to provide spiritual guidance, counseling and comfort in times of crisis, without attempting to moralize, evangelize, or criticize.



Rev. Lyons

Crossing Guards

The police department employs five School Crossing Guards. Crossing Guards are responsible for the safe passage of students while entering or exiting school grounds by designated crosswalks.

Records

Two full-time Records Specialists, Ms. Robin Kester and Mrs. Bobbi Adams, are responsible for maintaining all police information. Records Specialists process all police and Animal Control reports, traffic and criminal summonses, parking tickets, alarm citations, vehicle crash reports, property receipts and pawn records. Closed investigative case files are archived and purged as necessary. Each year, our Records Specialists process in excess of 20,000 documents.

School Resources Officers

The department has five school resource officers, one at the High School and one at the Middle School. Their primary mission is to provide a visible and positive image to students. They are able to provide confidential counseling to students and help them make positive choices. School Resource Officers ensure a healthy school environment where both teachers and students feel safe. In the fall of 2014 a fourth school resource officer was added at North Elementary School. These grant funded positions will hopefully lead to School Resource Officers at all three elementary schools.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SRO SCOTT
WHIRLEY**



**HIGH SCHOOL SRO
JAMES "DALE"
WALDROP**



**LAKEVIEW
SRO ANDY
BARNHOUSE**



**NORTH SRO
RENEE
WALTERS**



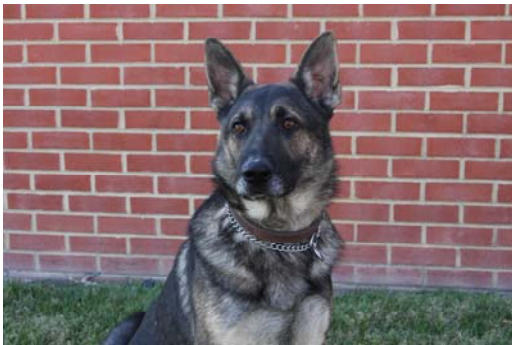
**TUSSING SRO
JARED
BRANDEBERRY**

Specialized Units

There are many specialized units within the department. These units are filled by members of both the Operations and Law Enforcement Services Bureaus. These specializations are credited towards an officer's advancement in the department's Career Development Program.

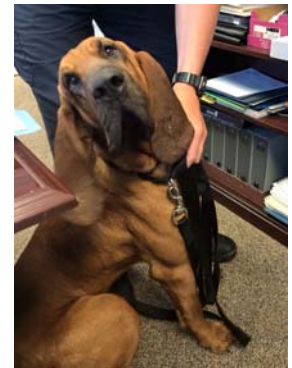
K-9

Narcotics dogs have been successful in finding a variety of illegal substances which have lead to the arrest and successful conviction of the numerous offenders. Additionally, canines are utilized for drug sweeps of city school buildings and grounds. They are available to assist other local police agencies with searches of schools and the execution of search warrants.



Blitz

In 2015, CHPD added a trailing/tracking K9. She is used to track missing persons and in any other incident which a tracking dog would be useful.



Rose

Honor Guard

The Colonial Heights Police Honor Guard consists of police officers who volunteer to represent the department during functions such as parades, official ceremonies, athletic events and funerals for law enforcement officers and other public figures. Honor Guard members wear a distinctive uniform when performing this specialized duty.

Crime Scene Technicians

Crime Scene Technicians are an essential part of the Colonial Heights Police Department. They are trained to assist detectives with major crime scenes as well as investigate minor crimes on their own. Crime Scene Technicians are patrol officers who are trained by the Investigations Division, but assigned to a patrol squad. They are provided with all the tools they need to investigate most crimes scenes they encounter.



Specialized Units

Hostage Negotiators

The Colonial Heights Police Department has several officers who are trained as hostage negotiators. These officers are able to utilize their natural skills, training and experience to verbally communicate with and convince a hostage taker or barricaded subject to release hostages unharmed, and surrender themselves peacefully.

Crash Investigators

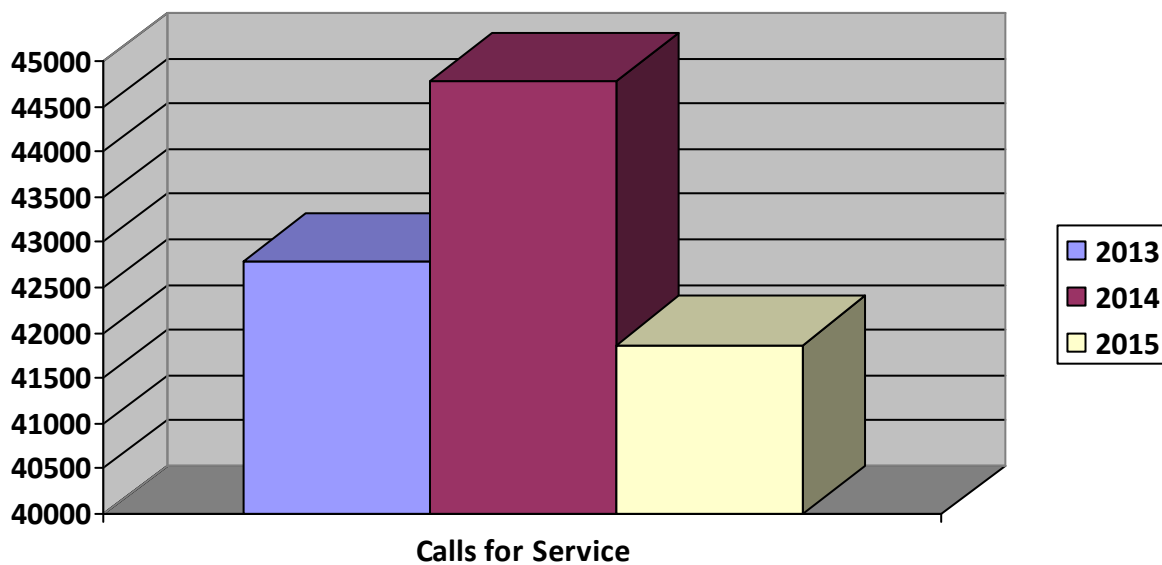
These officers are responsible for investigating fatal and major vehicle crashes, as well as crashes involving police department vehicles. Crash Investigators also provide expertise to patrol officers regarding the investigation of less serious crashes. Many of these investigations involve the determination of speed, crash reconstruction, interviewing witnesses, collecting and preserving forensic evidence and court testimony.

Child Seat Technicians

These officers have been trained to properly inspect and install various types of child safety seats. They are available during their shift to assist citizens with safety seats. Additionally they work several special child safety seat inspection and installation events throughout the year.

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Calls for Service	Year
2013	42,790
2014	44,771
2015	41,869



Crime and Traffic Statistics

Part 1 Crime Clearances

Crime	Number of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	1	1	100%
Rape	6	6	100%
Robbery	15	9	60%
Aggravated Assault	11	9	82%
Total Violent Crimes	33	25	76%
Break & Enter	50	21	42%
Larceny	837	526	63%
Vehicle Theft	27	13	48%
Arson	2	1	50%
Total Property Crimes	916	561	62%
Total Part I Crimes	949	586	62%

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Part 1 Crimes

Crime	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	1	1	1
Rape	5	1	6
Robbery	13	14	15
Aggravated Assault	18	21	11
Total Violent Crimes	37	37	33
Break & Enter	54	82	50
Larceny	704	788	837
Vehicle Theft	21	16	27
Arson	1	10	2
Total Property Crimes	780	896	916
Total Part I Crimes	817	933	949

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Other Reported Crimes

Crime	2013	2014	2015
Simple Assaults	155	168	170
Assaults on Police	9	13	13
Annoying Phone Calls	5	6	7
Bomb Threats	0	3	1
Child Neglect	31	44	45
Curfew Violations	0	8	10
Drugs/Narcotics	498	436	413
Disorderly Conduct	18	12	17
Domestic Violence	469	418	364
Drunkenness	61	73	67
Embezzlement	33	32	26
Credit Card Fraud	67	74	78
Fraud by Swindle	50	89	92
Forgery	43	69	48
Hit and Run	117	117	166
Kidnapping/Abduction	7	12	8
Missing Person	4	7	6
Resist Arrest	27	22	31
Pornography	1	4	3
Indecent Exposure	3	2	1
Sexual Assault	23	12	16
Stalking	3	2	1
Suicide	2	4	3
Trespassing	47	58	59
Vandalism	157	225	136
Weapons Violations	69	60	38
All Other Offenses	1056	1023	1151

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Persons Arrested by Offense

Offense Type	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	4	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	5	0	2
Robbery	9	22	12
Aggravated Assault	26	13	16
Other Assault	192	212	203
Burglary	20	49	24
Larceny	686	782	792
Vehicle Theft	7	7	10
Arson	0	4	0
Forgery / Counterfeit	66	79	61
Fraud	116	160	180
Embezzlement	46	58	40
Vandalism	45	160	57
Weapons Offenses	85	74	50
Sex Offenses	31	19	8
Drug Sales	136	146	122
Drug Possession	449	424	456
DUI	193	218	138
Alcohol Violations	115	74	101
Drunk in Public	66	75	78
Disorderly	46	36	28
Runaway	33	26	10
Curfew	1	29	34
Other	1719	1911	1990
TOTAL	4096	4575	4412

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Domestic Violence Calls for Service

	2013	2014	2015
Total Domestic Calls for Service	469	418	364
Total Arrests	84	105	95
Adult Male	58	80	67
Adult Female	19	21	27
Juvenile Male	7	4	1
Juvenile Female	0	0	0

2015 Assaults on Police Officers

Type of Call	2013	2014	2015
Disturbance	1	7	1
Handling Prisoner	0	3	2
Other Arrest	5	2	7
Traffic Pursuit / Stop	3	1	3
Total Assaults	9	13	13

Crime and Traffic Statistics

Traffic Offenses by Type

Offense	2013	2014	2015
DUI	193	218	138
DUI Test Refusal	44	38	30
Speeding (Radar)	2274	2035	1409
Reckless (Speeding)	139	88	66
Reckless (General)	58	88	73
Habitual Offender	4	12	15
Hit and Run	34	27	25
Following too Closely	120	110	121
Fail to Keep Proper Control	13	17	14
Improper Turn	15	13	7
Improper Lane Change	85	64	49
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	521	596	619
Fail to Obey Highway Signal	106	115	193
Fail to Yield	86	93	75
Fail to Obey Siren/Lights	22	18	24
Expired or No Operator's License	475	403	255
Suspended Operator's License	748	801	632
No Safety Restraint	213	184	133
No Insurance	135	70	58
Expired or No Inspection	759	678	450
Expired or No Registration	236	199	180
Expired or No License Plates	366	421	324
Improper Equipment	527	557	432
Fail to Dim Headlights	53	74	77
Expired or No Local Tag	28	11	13
Miscellaneous	247	195	239
TOTAL	7501	7125	5651

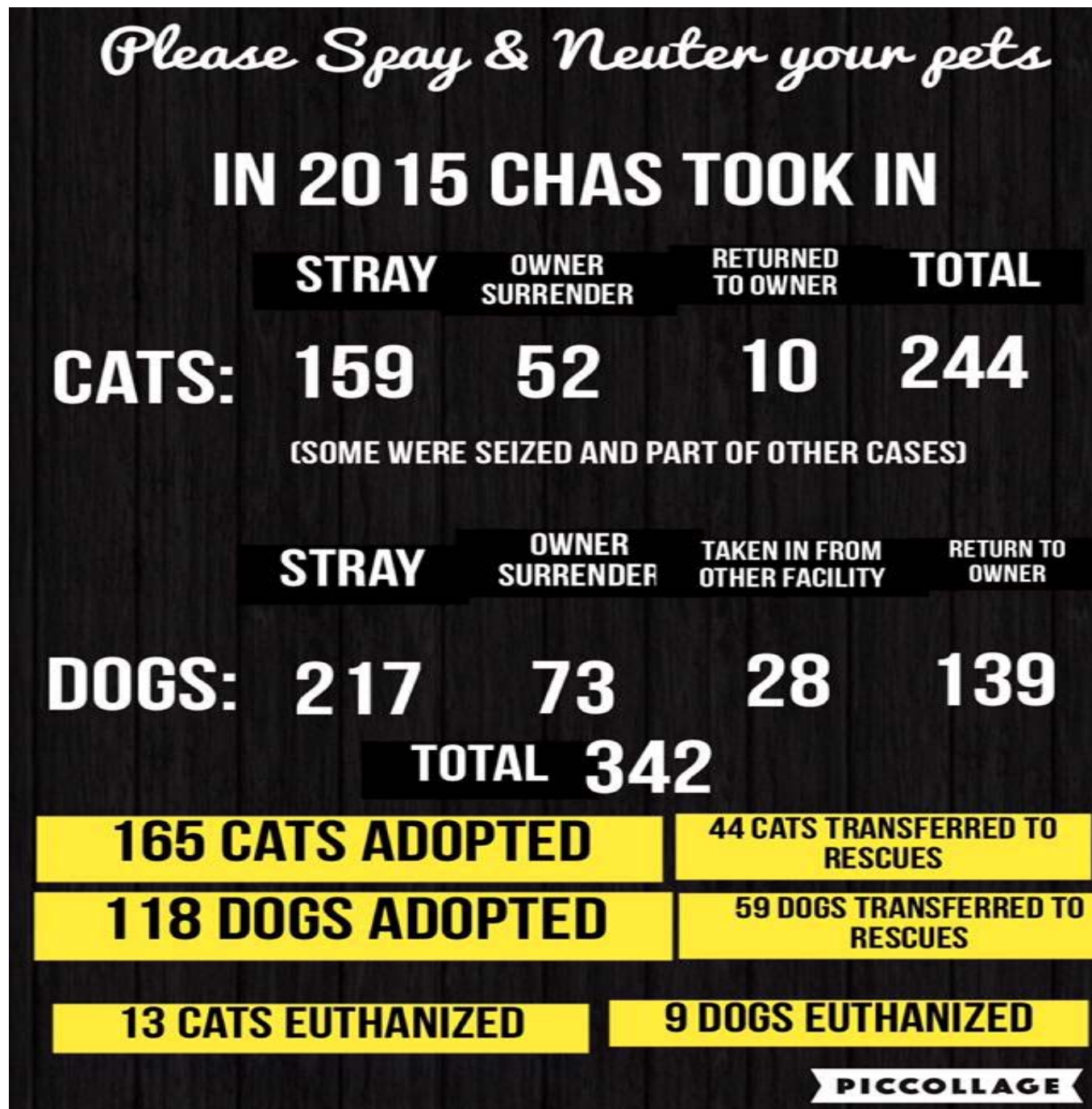
Top 10 Crash Locations

Rank	Location	2015
1	Parking Lots	162
2	I-95 & Temple	73
3	Conduit / Temple	52
4	Boulevard / Temple	28
5	Southpark / Temple	18
6	Boulevard / Ellerslie	15
7	Southpark Blvd / Southpark Circle	13
8	Boulevard / Westover	9
9	Conduit / W Roslyn	7
10	Conduit / Old Town Creek Way	7

Traffic Crashes by Month

	2014	2015
January	80	68
February	80	83
March	74	95
April	90	101
May	98	91
June	69	101
July	82	98
August	93	100
September	81	94
October	78	104
November	94	104
December	116	113

Colonial Heights Animal Shelter 2015 Statistics



Special Operations Unit 2015 Statistics

Search Warrants	22
Nuisance Letters	13
Marijuana *	194
Heroin *	18
Powder Cocaine *	16
Crack Cocaine *	7
Meth*	1
Prescription Drugs*	86
Synthetic Cannabinoids*	7
Other Drugs*	5
Covert Drug Buys	29
Alcohol Violations*	68
Firearm Violations*	17
Vehicles Seized	2

U. S. Currency Seized	\$28,739.41
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Alcohol Compliance Checks

Businesses Checked	33
Complied	26
Arrests	7

* Indicates number of charges

DEDICATION

This Annual Report is dedicated to Sentinel Les Fryar and Police Chaplain Mike Murray who retired after many years of service to the community. We wish them well in their retirements.



Les Fryar



Mike Murray