2020

ANNUAL REPORT

Service with Integrity

BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
15901 EXCALIBUR ROAD
BOWIE, MARYLAND 20716
MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life in the City of Bowie by developing partnerships with the community and other stakeholders in a manner that promotes problem solving and preserves a safe environment through professional law enforcement that respects human dignity.

VISION

To continuously seek ways to create open and inclusive partnerships with community members and other government agencies. These partnerships will foster greater citizen confidence and result in responsive, effective, and efficient police services, which ultimately will improve the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit the City of Bowie.
"2020. Need I say more?

This was the year that brought us a pandemic, social unrest, and unprecedented challenges. Yet, through it all, the Officers and Civilians of the Bowie Police Department continued their pledge to bring our Community “Service with Integrity”.

We wore masks, doused ourselves and our equipment with disinfectant, took our temperatures, and kept moving forward. Then, on May 25th, a different type of seismic event occurred. Nationally, George Floyd’s death awoke long-existing concerns and anger over policing in Communities of color and systemic racism in our Country. Once again, we rolled up our sleeves, had hard conversations (both internally and externally), took an honest look at ourselves, and kept moving forward. We facilitated demonstrations and marches, and we continue to seek out ways to increase trust, transparency, and accountability, such as the upcoming Civilian Review Panel.

While the national narrative surrounding policing is negative, locally our residents recognize the type of policing that we represent on a daily basis and continue to support us. We have long considered our Police Department to be a collaborative partnership with our Community and truly appreciate the support that we receive from them. We are not perfect. We never will be. Yet I would stack the men and women of this Department against any other in the entire nation. Your trust in us is a gift, and we will continue to strive to earn that gift on a daily basis.

I am proud to serve this Community, but I am even prouder of the members of this Department who have shown resiliency, courage, and dedication during our most challenging times."

Sincerely,

JOHN K. NESKY
CHIEF OF POLICE
2020 Command Staff

John K. Nesky
Chief of Police

Dwayne A. Preston
Deputy Chief

Captain Richard Wohkittel
Division Chief

Lt. John Knott
Investigative Services Division

Lt. Rachel Jefferson
Operational Services Division

Lt. Joseph Rose
Patrol Division

Lt. Ernest Stanley
Patrol Division

CITY COUNCIL
Each Bowie resident is represented by the Mayor, two At-Large Councilmembers, and a District Councilmember.

Tim Adams
Mayor

Adrian Boafo
Mayor Pro Tem, District 3

Henri Gardner
At-Large Councilmember

Ingrid Harrison
At-Large Councilmember

Micheel Esteve
District 1 Councilmember

Dufour Woolfrey
District 2 Councilmember

Roxy Ndebumadu
District 4 Councilmember
2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

67 SWORN POSITIONS
1 CHIEF
1 DEPUTY CHIEF
1 CAPTAIN
4 LIEUTENANTS
9 SERGEANTS
4 DETECTIVES
47 OFFICERS

19 CIVILIAN POSITIONS
2 RECORDS
1 PROPERTY
1 CALL CENTER SUPERVISOR
12 DISPATCHERS
1 CRIME ANALYST
1 EXECUTIVE ADMIN
1 EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN
The Patrol Operations Division is the backbone of the Bowie Police Department and is the largest Division. This Division is under the command of two lieutenants and is comprised of the majority of the uniformed officers working in the City of Bowie.

Officers are assigned to specific beats for patrol and answer calls for service. This allows the officer to become familiar with the area they routinely service while utilizing the close relationship with community members within that area. The officers are responsible for patrolling all of Bowie, Maryland, which is comprised of over 19 square miles. Patrols respond to calls from 60,000+ residents of the City.

Patrol Operations Division personnel are the first responders to any call for service. They rely on a high standard of professionalism, ongoing training programs, and the utmost level of dedication to duty in order to accomplish their mission of service to the City of Bowie. The numbers above also reflect calls for Code Enforcement, Animal Control, Park Rangers, etc. in 2020.
By all accounts, 2020 was a momentous year; the U.S. faced a global pandemic, protests, and riots. Bowie Police Department has an incredibly supportive community. Still we found ourselves engaged in many aspects of these uncertainties. As President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, Chief Nesky represents each and every police department in Maryland working toward police reform and Deputy Chief Preston was chosen as a member for the Prince George’s County Police Reform Committee.

To begin 2021, the officers of the Bowie Police Department were asked to safeguard the Nation’s Capital and facilitate a peaceful transition of power to newly-elected President of the United States. Amidst these historic events, the men and women of our Patrol Division have continued to provide the stellar services Bowie residents expect.

The Patrol Division has an authorized strength of 41 officers and is the largest division in the Bowie Police Department. The officers in this division serve City of Bowie residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. During calendar year 2020, with the threat of COVID-19, Patrol developed new methods of engaging with citizens. Despite personal health concerns, we continued to proactively patrol the City of Bowie. We continued to proactively patrol and engage with residents wherever possible.

Officers worked in a proactive manner, making a number of gun and drug arrests, while respecting the rights of citizens and treating everyone with dignity. I’d like to personally thank each member of the Patrol Division for their dedication and resilience while adapting to an ever-changing situation.

Lieutenant J. Rose
Commander, Patrol Operations Division
INCREASE VISIBILITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:
- Utilizing bike, foot patrols, and technology
- Identifying locations of concern and assigning beat officers to dedicate time in those areas

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
- Work with training staff to identify training and education in the areas of leadership
- Identify deficiencies in the areas of officer safety to be addressed during in service training

IMPLEMENT AN OVERALL CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY THAT INCLUDES:
- Analyzing crimes occurring in reporting areas
- Identifying target areas and develop an action plan for “hot spots”
- Actively engage with the community to collect relevant intelligence for Criminal Investigations and SAT for enforcement

K-9 "ROOSTER"
K9 "Copper" and partner Corporal R. Shifflett had a busy year in 2020! Below are some of the many achievements conquered by this dynamic duo, who began their work together in 2019.

In March 2020, the pair graduated from the Prince George’s County K9 School. Instructors Cpl. Don Smith & Cpl. Michael Cicale of Prince George's County Police Department did a stellar job!

Throughout 2020, K9 Copper has assisted with 22 Critical Missing Person calls between Prince George's County and Bowie, Maryland. K9 Copper had his first "live find" in 2020 when a juvenile female runaway was located. Copper has since had additional live finds!
K9 Copper has also assisted on three homicide scenes, a commercial burglary, and a recovered stolen vehicle incident.

When he's not digging in the yard or soaking in family time, K9 Copper attends rigorous weekly training. Every Wednesday, he and pal Cpl. Shifflett set out to hone their skills together in order to continue to provide support services to Bowie and beyond!
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Criminal Investigative Services Division consists of one Sergeant, four detectives and four crime scene technicians. Currently, the Investigative Services Division investigates crimes against person and property, fraud, and missing person cases. Crime Scene handles evidence collection of cases investigated by Bowie Police detectives. Major crimes, such as homicide and rape, are investigated by Prince George's County Police Department.

Total Crimes Assigned & Citizen Contacts: 259
Closed by Arrest/Exceptionally: 59
Open/Suspended/Unfounded: 199

Property/Persons Crimes Totaled: 259
★ Closed by Arrest/Unfounded/Exceptionally: 53.6%

Status of 110 Assigned Cases with Solvability Factors:
★ 50 Arrests
★ 6 Unfounded
★ 46 Suspended pending further information
★ 5 Active/Open
★ 3 Closed Exceptionally

Search and Seizure Warrants: 80

**Highlights**

On August 3, 2020, Det. Booth was assigned a contact shooting investigation that occurred in the "Y Section" of Bowie. During the investigation it was determined that the suspect shot two family members inside their home. Through an investigation to include search warrants, that case was closed by arrest. Unfortunately, on a later date, one of the victims succumbed to their injuries and passed. Thorough investigation made way for a smooth transition to PGPD Homicide Unit.
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, CONT.

20-0001110

On April 30, 2020, Officers responded to the 3000 Block of Eagles Nest Drive for a hit and run incident. Upon arrival, Officers met with one of the victims who stated that his father and he were just struck by a white sedan that fled the scene. The victim advised that his father was thrown into the air and landed on the pavement causing serious injuries. A citizen proceeded to assist prior to the Officers' arrival and transported him to the hospital.

Criminal Investigations proceeded to assume control of the investigation. After interviewing the son, it was revealed that as they were leaving Collington Plaza on foot, they had a short verbal dispute with a male dressed in a Domino's Pizza uniform. The son stated that this was the same suspect that struck them with the vehicle.

After a thorough investigation, including a positive identification by the victims and search warrants for the suspect’s vehicle and phone, investigators were able to arrest the suspect. The suspect proceeded to make a full confession and subsequently charged with 1st Degree Assault and Attempted 1st Degree Murder.

20-0001565

On June 27, 2020, Officers responded to the Longhorn restaurant in the Bowie Town Center for a carjacking incident. Upon arrival, the owner of the vehicle stated that he and his friend were meeting the suspects at that location to buy some shoes they negotiated online.

The first victim stated that he exited his vehicle and entered the suspect’s vehicle, then stated that one of the suspects proceeded to point a gun at him and demanded his property. The victim complied. The driver of the suspect vehicle proceeded to strike the suspect with brass knuckles.
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, CONT.

A third female suspect exited the suspect’s vehicle and approached the second victim waiting in the vehicle. The first suspect proceeded to point the gun at one of the victims and ordered him to give the keys to the female suspect, to which he complied. All three suspects proceeded to flee, with the female suspect driving off in the victim’s vehicle. Criminal Investigations assumed control of the case. After interviewing the victims, they stated they were actually at the location to buy a handgun from the suspects.

Through social media search warrants, investigators were able to identify the two male suspects. A few days after the incident, a neighboring police department stopped the carjacked vehicle on a traffic stop. Bowie Investigators were notified and interviewed the female driver and obtained a confession to her involvement in the carjacking. All three suspects were charged accordingly.

20-0000454

On February 13, 2020, Officers responded to the Kay Jewelers for a theft. Upon arrival, Officers spoke to store employees who stated that a male suspect entered the store and asked to look at a piece of jewelry. As the employee opened the glass case, the suspect reached in and grabbed two pieces of jewelry (valued at $27,000) and fled on foot. Criminal Investigations responded and assumed control of the investigation.

After obtaining statements from witnesses and reviewing video surveillance, a BOLO “Be On the Look Out” was created and disseminated on several social media sites. Investigators received an anonymous tip identifying the suspect. Subsequently, Investigators proceeded to present witnesses with a photo array and they were able to positively identify the suspect. Investigators proceeded to successfully close the case with an arrest warrant.
OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

Goals

RECORDS
- Complete the institution of the Records Retention Policy
- Ensure remaining Records Section personnel receive METERS certification.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
- Have a back-up Communications Center up and running
- Fill open vacancies
- Create an in house training lab for Meters Certification

TRAINING
- The goal of the training section for FY2021 is to ensure that Bowie Police Department maintains and keeps organized training records utilizing both physically and electronic methodology, which will assist us in keeping in compliance with MPCTC/CALEA standards.
- Providing officers the opportunity to experience training on various subjects given by local, state, and federal partners which can enhance their skill level and for those same officers to bring back information and assist the training staff in creating training topics.
- With the purchase of additional firearms training equipment, it is our goal to enhance the officer’s skill level and threat recognition to build confidence and proficiency. Utilizing the MILO system allows us to create critical and non-critical situations, in which officers will have to apply quick decision-making skills.
OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION, CONT.

TRAINING
- The goal of Active threat training is to prepare officers to respond appropriately to an active threat situation whether using a single or multiple officer approach. Also officers are familiarizing themselves as a squad, Utilizing team movements and non-verbal signals.
- The goal of mental health awareness is to help officers identify issues not just with themselves both also other officers. And also explain different ways of addressing those issues.

The Bowie Police Department has been internationally accredited through CALEA® since November 13, 2020. The Accreditation Manager is responsible for ensuring that the department maintains compliance with CALEA® accreditation standards. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement’s major executive associations.

The CALEA® Accreditation program seals are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA® Standards and have been awarded Accreditation by the Commission. The Bowie Police Department pursued accreditation in an effort to improve the administration of law enforcement services to the residents of the City of Bowie, Maryland and the community we serve. Accreditation helps our agency to remain current and effective in reaching that goal.
COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

2021 Goals

• Develop programs that offer educational and scenario-based crime prevention strategies.

• Offer community building programs to various groups in the community, which may include elderly, youth, business owners, property owners and all residents.

• Continue offering useful crime prevention suggestions to Bowie citizens, which will be accomplished through community events, HOA meetings, neighborhood programs, and school interaction.

• Advertise and implement home and business security surveys to assist citizens in protecting themselves.

• Utilize available data and citizen input to address and identify problems, then allocate appropriate resources.

• Use program surveys to measure the quality of service and adjust based on feedback.
Data is based on Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines established by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Part I Crime encompasses both violent and property-related offenses reported in Bowie, Maryland. Part I Violent Crimes include criminal homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Part I Non-Violent crime includes burglary, larceny, and auto theft.

The chart below depicts the crime index in a 5-year trend.

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<th>INCIDENT TYPE</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>%Change 2019 to 2020</th>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>176</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>169</td>
<td>218</td>
<td>28.90%</td>
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<td><strong>VIOLENT CRIME TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>184</td>
<td>218</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>206</td>
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<td>Burglary</td>
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<td>77</td>
<td>82</td>
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<td>Larceny</td>
<td>575</td>
<td>606</td>
<td>686</td>
<td>759</td>
<td>560</td>
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<td>Vehicle Theft</td>
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<td>49</td>
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<td><strong>PROPERTY CRIME TOTAL</strong></td>
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<td>817</td>
<td>865</td>
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<td>1071</td>
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**NOTE:** The information above shows crimes made known to the Bowie Police Department in 2020 and previous years. Every measure is taken to ensure accurate data is presented and reported. We continue to work diligently to ensure that the most accurate crime information possible is being reported. Note that numbers for any specific category may change over time due to routine record entry/editing. Always report crime to your local law enforcement agency!
The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program generates reliable statistics for use in law enforcement. It also provides information for students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. The program has been providing crime statistics since 1930.

The UCR Program includes data from more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Agencies participate voluntarily and submit their crime data either through a state UCR program or directly to the FBI's UCR Program.

https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr
2020 CRIME & CITATION STATISTICS

5,742 MOVING VIOLATIONS

15,888 2019

16,278 PHOTO ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS

14,325 2019

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND USE OF FORCE

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<th>Complaint Type</th>
<th>Admin. Closed</th>
<th>Exonerated</th>
<th>Not-Sustained</th>
<th>Sustained Policy Violation</th>
<th>Unfounded</th>
<th>Unreported Misconduct</th>
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<td><strong>0</strong></td>
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<td><strong>5</strong></td>
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Disposition Type:

1. Administratively closed: When investigations are completed and non-disciplinary actions, such as training or counseling, are provided.

2. Exonerated: When investigation determines that the incident did occur, but the actions of the accused were justified, lawful and proper.

3. Not-Sustained: When an investigation fails to disclose sufficient evidence to prove or disprove an allegation.

4. Sustained: When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish a prima facia case with respect to the allegations of misconduct.

5. Unfounded: When the investigation indicates that the alleged acts did not occur.
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Inquiries will be directed to the appropriate unit

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