



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

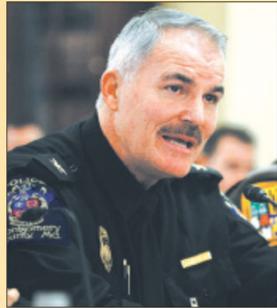
2008 Annual Report

Law Enforcement Legacies

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From the Chief



Testifying before Congress, March 4, 2009.

I am pleased to bring to you the Montgomery County Police Department's Annual Report. In this 2008 edition we are providing crime statistics, contact information, as well as featuring just some of the many outstanding members of your Police Department.

Overall, crime went up 1.4% last year (when compared to 2007). During each year, my staff and I do in-depth analysis on our crime numbers in an effort to quickly identify trends and react to them. Our analysis of the 2008 crime statistics reveals some good news and some areas for improvement. Our largest increase of 8.5% came in the Larceny category. This category includes shopliftings, thefts from vehicles, etc. On a more positive note, robberies stayed relatively steady in 2008, up less than 1%. With the steady increase of robberies between 1999 and 2006, I am encouraged that the numbers have stayed flat over the past two years.

One of the bright spots in our crime statistics is a 9.1% reduction in stolen cars. The detectives in our Central Auto Theft Sec-

tion are doing a great job at making arrests and reducing the number of vehicle thefts. Locking your car doors and not keeping an ignition key in an unattended vehicle are still the best theft-prevention safeguards. By any measure, Montgomery County continues to enjoy a low crime rate. A complete look at our 2008 crime numbers is available on the Montgomery County Police website.

The Montgomery County Police Department's reputation for professionalism brought us to the national stage in recent months. Issues like automated traffic enforcement (speed cameras), enforcement of immigration laws by local police, and use of conducted energy devices (tasers) have caught the attention of federal, state, and local lawmakers. Elected officials at all levels of government have come to Montgomery County to review our policies, procedures, and training as they develop public policy and best practices for law enforcement agencies around the country. These issues and others continue to be of great interest to the public. It is my intent for our agency to be transparent, accountable, and effective at keeping Montgomery County safe.

In closing, let me say, once again, how proud I am of the men and women who are the MCPD. Sworn, non-sworn, and volunteer, we are blessed to have tremendously dedicated people. We decided to feature a few of the "family connections" in our agency. I recall, years ago, at a training conference, a very experienced police chief said that you can measure the quality of your organization by asking your employees if they would recommend joining the department to a family member. You can see we are doing pretty well.

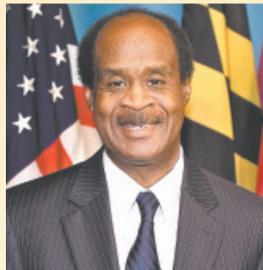
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From the Executive

I am proud to join Chief Manger in presenting the Montgomery County Police Department's 2008 Annual Report. As your County Executive, I have accepted the responsibility for ensuring the safety of our residents and businesses. Despite our fiscal constraints and the budget shortfalls we are facing, I will continue to make sure that the necessary resources are in place to maintain a strong and vital police force. Our public safety officials are the keys to providing the safest streets and secure neighborhoods our residents demand. The dedication and courage of our sworn, non-sworn, and volunteer members of the Police Department are second to none.

I salute these professionals for their efforts everyday on behalf of all the residents of Montgomery County.



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Useful Contact Information

- PHONE NUMBERS**
- Abused Persons Crisis Line 240-777-4673
 - Animal Services Division (ASD) 240-773-5925
 - ASD 24-HR. Emergency Line 240-773-5900
 - Animal Shelter 240-773-5960
 - Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Line 240-777-4417
 - Child Safety Seat Hotline 240-777-2222
 - Crime Solvers of Montgomery County 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)
 - Crisis Center Hotline 240-777-4000
 - District Court 301-279-1565 (Rockville)
 - 301-563-8500 (Silver Spring)
 - Drug Tip Hotline 240-773-DRUG (3784)
 - Fire Non-Emergency 240-683-6520
 - Gang Tip Hotline 240-773-GANG (4264)
 - Landlord Tenant Affairs 240-777-3609
 - Montgomery County Highway Maintenance 240-777-6000
 - Office of Consumer Protection 240-777-3636
 - MC Dept. of Transportation 240-777-6000
 - Police Internal Affairs Division 240-773-6000
 - Police Non-Emergency 301-279-8000
 - Police Personnel 240-773-5310
 - Sheriff's Office 240-777-7000
 - State's Attorney's Office 240-777-7300

- WEBSITES**
- Montgomery County Police www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police
 - Check out our Useful Links section for:
 - Crime Statistics
 - Sex Offender Registry
 - Project Lifesaver
 - Automated Speed and Red Light Enforcement Programs
 - Paying Moving Violations Online
 - Crime Reports Online

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From One Generation to the Next - and Beyond - the MCPD Keeps it in the Family

Sgt. M. Fergus Sugrue (6th District Patrol), Sgt. Sheila Sugrue (3rd District Patrol), Officer Daniel Sugrue (4th District Patrol); Sgt. Daniel Helton (3rd District Special Assignment Team), Officer Daniel Helton (4th District SAT), Officer Brian Helton (6th District Patrol); Officer Kimberly Wilson (6th District Patrol), Cpl. Ronald Wilson (1st District Patrol), Officer Dominic Brissett (3rd District Patrol), Officer Norman Brissett (3rd District Motor Unit); Lt. Michael Mancuso (Deputy Director, Major Crimes Division), Police Officer Candidate Michael Mancuso



TRAFFIC - A Priority



Pictured from left to right are: Sgt. R. Russell, Captain J. Damskey, Sgt. J. Demory, Sgt. T. Harmon, Sgt. J. Barnette, Sgt. S. Brown, Lt. R. Smith, and Sgt. I. Lankford.

Ensuring the safety of drivers and pedestrians in the County is a top priority for the Department. The individuals most responsible for meeting these goals are members of the Traffic Division, established in July of 2008, and each District's Motor Unit. The Traffic Division is comprised of five units: Collision Reconstruction, Alcohol Initiatives, Automated Traffic Enforcement, School Safety, and Chemical Test for Alcohol. It is led by Captain John Damskey and Lieutenant Ronald Smith.

Each of the six MCP District's has a Traffic Unit lead by a Traffic Sergeant. With over 40 motor officers, the MCPD has the largest motor unit in the state of Maryland. Sgt. Roy Russell developed training programs certified by the state of Maryland. In 2008, over 20 of the motor officers took part in a "Santa Ride" (Santa riding a motorcycle and escorted by other motor officers) that raised over \$7,000 to assist families residing at the Children's Inn at NIH. These dedicated sergeants are:

1st District Traffic Sgt. Ivan Lankford has been an officer for 23 years, and is in his fourth year of being a Traffic Sergeant. He knows how many people are killed in traffic collisions each year and that his enforcement of traffic laws can directly reduce those tragedies. His goals are to reduce speeding in residential neighborhoods and increase pedestrian safety in his district's school zones. He says, "Obey all traffic laws and be patient when traffic is backed up. Give full time and attention to driving, and you can't do that using cell phones and text-messaging."



Pictured from left to right are: Child receiving treatment at NIH, "Santa" 5th District Motor Officer Robert Ladany, and 2nd District Motor Officer Edgardo Cobian.

2nd District Traffic Sgt. Roy Russell has been an officer for 28 years, and the Traffic Sergeant for the 2nd District for 10 years. He regularly teaches motor operation skills and successfully represents the department in motorcycle competitions. His major concerns for the district are pedestrian safety, monitoring speed violations, and being accountable to community concerns. Sgt. Russell says, "Anyone who is driving on the road or crossing the road has to give full time and attention to driving or walking. Anything that takes attention away can have disastrous results."

3rd District Traffic Sgt. Tom Harmon has been a MCP officer for over 27 years and the Traffic Sergeant for the 3rd District for over 8 years. He is proud to work with community groups such as the

In 2008, more than 20 motor officers took part in a "Santa Ride" that benefited the Children's Inn at NIH.

Silver Spring Transportation Management Advisory Board and the Silver Spring Pedestrian Safety Committee. He organized the "Santa Ride" of motor officers that benefited the Children's Inn. He says, "Know and obey the traffic laws. Inattention to driving is the major cause of collisions. When you are driving, that has got to be the most important thing you are doing."

4th District Traffic Sgt. James Barnette has been an officer for almost 24 years and the Traffic Sergeant in the 4th District for 7 years. Prior to becoming an officer he was a teacher in Fairfax and Arlington Counties for ten years. He likes having a positive impact on traffic concerns. He does pedestrian safety outreach with non-English-speaking community members. His message, "It comes down to sharing the road. Pedestrians have to do their part to cross appropriately, but drivers need to slow down and be ready. Don't push the light, and be on the lookout for pedestrians."

5th District Traffic Sgt. Scott Brown has been a police officer for 21 years and the Traffic Sergeant for the 5th District since October 2003. He has enjoyed being responsible for coordinating major community events and monitoring traffic patterns in the County's largest police district. Sgt. Brown's goals are to enforce traffic laws and educate students about the critical importance of pedestrian safety. He says, "People need to pay full time and attention to their driving." To students, "We want you to be safe, so if you don't use crosswalks, we're going to give you a citation."

6th District Traffic Sgt. James Demory has been an officer for almost 20 years and Traffic Sergeant in the 6th District since 2004. He has a keen interest in enforcing traffic laws and gains satisfaction by enhancing traffic and pedestrian safety. One of his goals is to reduce traffic collisions at the major intersections in his district. He has also targeted enforcement to ensure children are properly secured in a safety seat or seatbelt. He also conducts pedestrian safety campaigns at area high schools. Sgt. Demory emphasizes, "Pay attention to those in front of you. Take your time when you are driving. Slow down, and be aware of all of those around you."



SERT - A Specialty

The Special Events Response Team (SERT) was formed in the year 2000, for the purpose of providing support to maintain security during large-scale events. The team is made up of approximately 130 members of the Montgomery County Police Department, and also includes personnel from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Gaithersburg Police, Rockville City Police, Maryland National-Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service, and the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.

The team is provided with extensive training and equipment to deal with scheduled events, civil disturbances, and hazardous situations. In addition, they coordinate radio communications between agencies during such events. Members of the team attended advanced training that allowed them to assist the Metropolitan Police Department during the April 2008 visit from Pope Benedict XVI, and to assist with several Inaugural Presidential details, including the 2009 Inauguration for Barack Obama.

There are instances when SERT must supplement general law enforcement personnel to keep the public safe. This past year, they provided added security at annual events, such as the Montgomery County Fair and the Tiger Woods AT & T Golf National Tournament. Specialized riot gear allows the team to handle incidents of civil unrest and resistance from protestors. They are provided with special equipment that allows them to detect hazardous materials, and devices for radiological and chemical materials. This equipment enables them to safely and quickly decontaminate sworn officers when they have been exposed to hazardous materials, such as those present when investigating a methadone laboratory.

Membership in the Special Events Response Team is voluntary. Members must attend minimal training, and many have attended advanced training, in addition to performing their regular duties. Training includes how to deal with difficult protestors by deploying marching and squad techniques, wearing gas masks while handling stressful events in the presence of chemical munitions, and making arrests under challenging circumstances.

Today, law enforcement is called upon to plan for and resolve a variety of situations with varied degrees of risk. The trained members of SERT augment the Department's capacity to manage those situations when and where a focused team approach is necessary.



Pictured from left to right are: Officer Patrick McEnerney, Cpl. Gary Lewis, and Sgt. M. Fergus Sugrue in D.C. during the Pope's visit.



The vehicle transporting the Pope in Washington, D.C.

DISTRICTS & COMMANDERS



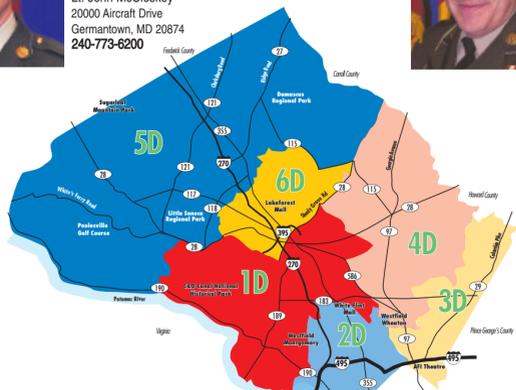
5th District Station
Captain Thomas C. Didone, *Commander*
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Ron Hardy
Lt. Demetri Komegay
Lt. John McCloskey
20000 Aircraft Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
240-773-6200



6th District Station
Captain Alan M. Goldberg, *Commander*
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. John Fitzgerald
Lt. Gary Hopkins
Lt. Daniel Waring
18749 N. Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
240-773-5700



1st District Station
Captain Darryl W. McSwain
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Zane George
Lt. John Hack
Lt. Nancy Hudson
1451 Seven Locks Road
Rockville, MD 20854
240-773-6070



2nd District Station
Captain Russell E. Hamill
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Thomas Jacobs
Lt. Michael Price
7359 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-652-9200



4th District Station
Captain Nancy C. Demme
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Jacques Croom
Lt. Edward Harhai
Lt. Frank Stone
2300 Randolph Road
Wheaton, MD 20902
240-773-5500



3rd District Station
Captain Donald M. Johnson
Commander
Deputy Commanders:
Lt. Edwin Daniel
Lt. Stephen D'Ovidio
Lt. Paul Liguorie
Lt. Robert McCullagh
801 Sligo Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-565-7740

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - A Commitment

BORIS PALLOMINY

Officer Boris Pallominy joined the MCPD in 2004. He is the Hispanic Liaison for the 1st District. Officer Pallominy was born in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where his mother was a missionary and his father was a medical doctor. "I grew up seeing my parents working with the needy. They were great role models." His family lived in Italy, Venezuela, and Brazil. Currently he has three special projects in his district working with: Hispanic homeless people, Day Laborers, and students. "The majority of homeless men do not speak English, and a lack of understanding about our policies and systems may cause them to make many mistakes." He teaches the Day Laborers about pedestrian safety and crime prevention. He speaks with elementary and middle school students about gang prevention. His advice, "It is important to have information in order to stay out of trouble. With the right knowledge, negative consequences can sometimes be prevented."

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman teaches Spanish classes at the MCP Training Academy. She obtained her Master of Arts degree in Languages after attending Farleigh Dickinson University in New York, Barry University in Italy, and Spain's Universidad Complutense Madrid. She speaks five languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese, Italian, and some Japanese. She says, "My commitment is to not only teach the Spanish language, but also immerse my students in the Hispanic culture." An important part of her curriculum is to teach basic Spanish phrases that officers might need to conduct routine business with Hispanic community members. She says, "Our police department is making an effort to help the community, people should not be afraid of police. They are here to help us all out." In 2008 she felt privileged to translate on live TV for Pope Benedict XVI's Mass at National's Park in Washington, D.C.



Crime Statistics

For complete statistics, visit the Montgomery County Police website and select "Media," then "Crime Stats."

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft
2008	21	131	1,100	835	3,603	19,027	2,285
2007	19	129	1,096	815	3,551	17,536	2,483
2006	16	141	1,166	833	3,804	16,860	2,493