

# 2013

**Town of South Boston Police Department**

## **ANNUAL POLICE REPORT**

**James W. Binner, Col. Chief of Police**



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# South Boston Police Department

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Dear Town Manager Daniel:

It is my distinct pleasure to submit to you, South Boston Police Department's Annual Report for 2013.

*I am pleased with the accomplishments and progress summarized within this publication. Furthermore, I trust that you, along with Town Council members, residents, and business owners of Town of South Boston, will find this report to be informative and a fair representation of the dedication and commitment to service that the sworn and civilian members of the South Boston Police Department exhibit on a daily basis.*

*Sincerely yours,*

James W. Binner, Colonel  
Chief of Police

## **Mission Statement**

To enhance the quality of life in the Town of South Boston through the protection of life and property the preservation of peace, the protection of individual rights and the reduction of fear, through the delivery of professional police service.

## **Vision Statement**

The mission of the South Boston Police Department is to establish and maintain a proactive partnership with residents and business owners to work together in solving problems facing our community. The success of this mission depends upon a continuous effort to increase awareness and develop higher levels of trust and understanding among police officers and their community.

In furthering this partnership, we pledge our dedication and diligence in protecting life, liberty and property; preserving the peace; and enforcing laws and ordinances. We are committed to improving all aspects of public safety, reducing the fear and incidence of crime, extending and improving our community programs, and maintaining the highest degree of respect for individual rights and human dignity. We are committed to honoring the sacred public trust by ensuring that the South Boston Police Department adheres to the highest professional law enforcement standards. We shall continuously strive toward attaining excellence, removing barriers to communication, and providing our employees with effective leadership, supervision and training in a quality work environment.

## FISCAL YEAR 2013 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Officers with the Department attended approximately 3,718 hours in training during the fiscal year, approximately 1,040 of those hours were from three officers attending basic training leaving approximately 2,195 hours of training for various other courses. Officers attended training on a wide range of topics to include active shooter, radar instructor, general instructor, CPR recertification, First Line Supervisor, Child First (detailed training into investigating crimes against children), Intoxilyzer certification, Taser® Recertification, Virginia Victim Assistance Academy, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Background Investigator, and Basic Internal Affairs.
2. In addition to the hours spent attending training officers with the Department spent approximately 705 hours instructing various courses mainly for the academy. Areas that officers instructed include firearms, community policing, crime scene processing, defensive driving, defensive tactics, radar use, drug enforcement, gangs, and officer survival.
3. In furthering the Department's Written Directive System, numerous policy revisions were completed. Examples of revised policies include: *306. Per-Recruit and Field Training (updated FTO process)*, *112 Adm-Use of Force (updated Taser training procedures)*, *210.Opr- Mobile video recording added body camera use*, *210. Opr-Electronic system and equipment (updated to include personal web accounts and social media account in reference to types of post about work)* and *updated polices on Evidence Collection & Preservation, Property Management & Control*.
4. Continued to aggressively identify drunk drivers, making 40 driving under the influence arrests.
5. Created a South Boston Police Department **Facebook** account to establish additional avenues of communication with residents and businesses.

## COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

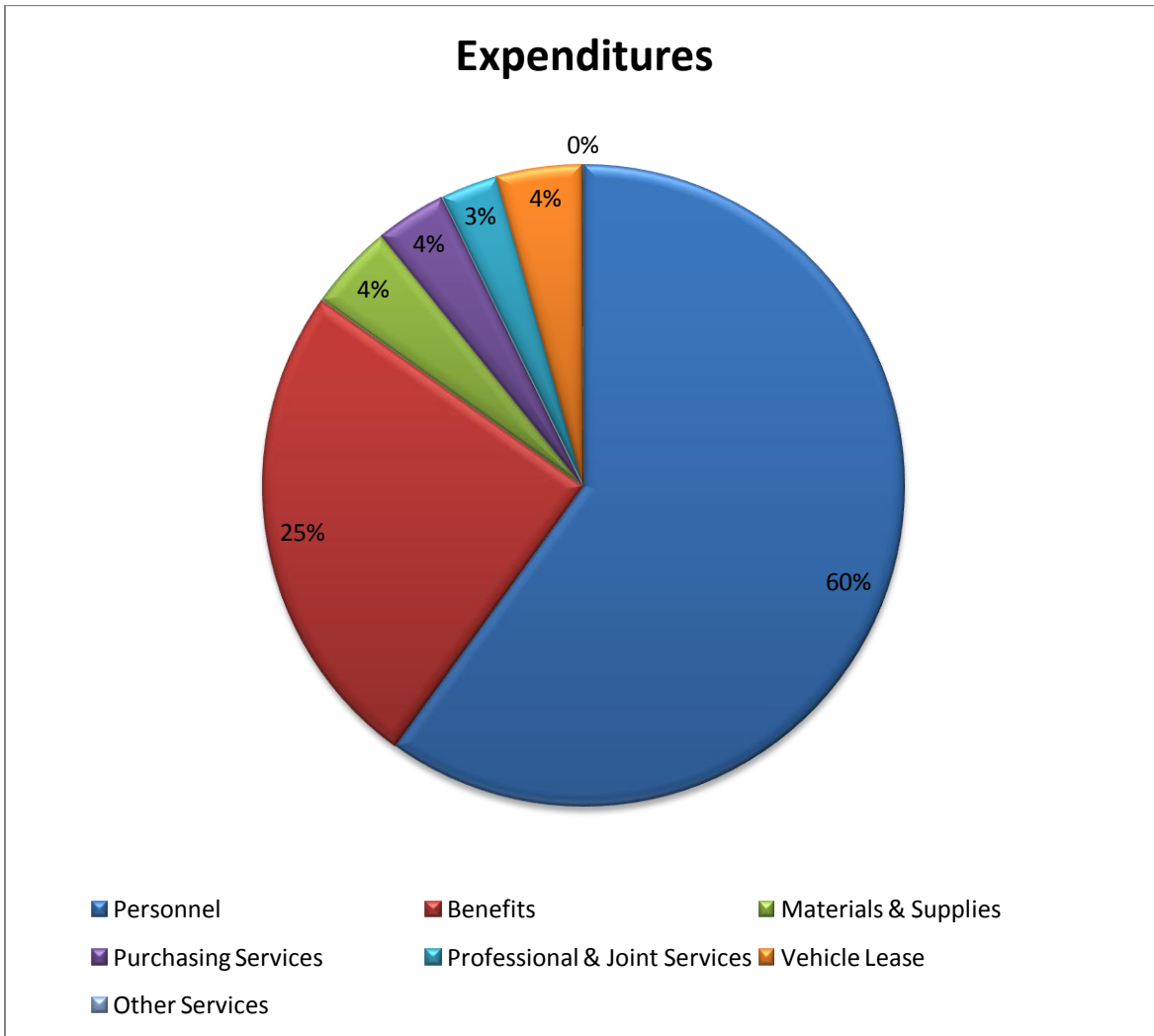
1. **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (SRO)** – The Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to provide safe schools where students can learn and teachers can teach. South Boston Police Department is committed to this ideology and has a fulltime School Resource Officer assigned to Halifax County High School.
2. **Halifax County SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION** - The Police Department works closely with the *Halifax County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition*. The coalition conducts substance abuse prevention programs and meets quarterly at the Mary Bethune Complex. The Department has assigned a member of the police department to serve on the coalition. The department has greatly benefited from this partnership and the coalition has received several grants, which are administered by *Southside Community Service Board*.
3. **CAR SEAT INSTALLATION CLINICS** - The Department Patrol Division frequently holds instructional clinics for parents, grandparents, and other caregivers on the proper installation of child restraint systems which is offered at no cost to residents. Our police department has three certified car seat technicians.
4. **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** - The Department once again partnered with Halifax County Sheriff Office, Halifax Police Department, Virginia State Police, Tri-County Community Action, local Fire Departments, the local National Night Out Committee and local businesses and the community to deliver another fun-filled “*National Night Out*” against crime. The event has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community.
5. **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK:** The Police Department participated in the *National Prescription Drug Take Back Day*. The purpose of this National Take Back Day was to provide a venue for persons who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort was a huge success in removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation’s medicine cabinets.

## COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

6. **Pre-Kindergartners (Pre-K) Classes POLICE STATION TOURS** – The South Boston Police Department routinely hosts various Pre-K classes for personalized tours of the department. Tours last about an hour and feature the Administrative offices, Office Manager Office; Officers work stations and viewing of our police vehicles and equipment. Tours usually end with a question and answer session that typically includes lectures on school safety, seat belt usages and bullying for the children, teachers and their parents.
7. **Choices OneEighty Program**-Was developed in 2013 by Everett Thomas and Investigator Sergeant T. M. VanAernem. Thomas, who is a successful business owner in Halifax County, provides the program his real life experiences and the “Choices” he made becoming a gang member at the age of 13 after a traumatic event in his life. Thomas provides the students with the “choices” he made, how they affected his life and the impact it made. Investigator Sgt. T.M. VanAernem is a member of the Halifax/South Boston Regional Narcotics and Gang Task Force. He provides the program through personal and professional life experiences, the negative impact of “bullying” in our society. Specifically, how “bullying”, whether the aggressor or the victim can result in youth making bad “choices”. The goal of the program is to be able to provide a positive and constructive environment for our youth to help ensure a bright and successful future. Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/everett.thomas.374](http://www.facebook.com/everett.thomas.374)
8. **R.I.S.E. Program**-South Boston Police Department along with Halifax County Sheriff’s Office, Virginia State Police, Town of Halifax Police Department, VASAP, Halifax County High School, and local businesses participated in the RISE program at Halifax County High School. The program “**R.I.S.E**” which is an acronym for Responsibility Improving Safety Education, the **R.I.S.E** mission is to provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions. During the week of the prom students are given information about the dangers of impaired driving. Students were also afforded the opportunity to wear the goggles while driving golf carts provide by Bridgeview Express. Since the program inception there has been no fatalities during prom weekend.

## Yearly Report and Total Expenditures

In 2013, South Boston Police Department Fiscal year budget expenditures were \$2,225,408.07.





*South Boston Police Department  
Uniform Crime Report  
2013*



## *SBPD IBR*

The Incident Based Reporting represents statistics submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The seven crimes shown below are known as the Crime Index. These figures represent actual offenses where a report was taken and the crime can be substantiated. These figures are somewhat lower than the figures appearing on the “*Calls for Service*” summary produced by the South Boston Police Department due to a call reclassified as unfounded, civil in nature, or an assistance call for fire and EMS services following police response.

### Class A Offenses

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Murder/Attempts</b>	1	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	4	1	4
<b>Robbery</b>	14	9	8
<b>Arson</b>		1	3
<b>Felonious Assault</b>	15	20	28
<b>Burglary</b>	99	81	64
<b>Larceny</b>	325	331	309
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	11	13	11

<b>Cases cleared by arrest or which remain active/pending</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Murder/Attempts</b>	1	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	1	1	2*
<b>Robbery</b>	4	1	5
<b>Arson</b>	1	11	1
<b>Felonious Assault</b>	8	11	17
<b>Burglary</b>	12	11	8
<b>Larceny</b>	87	108	153
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	6	5	3

Rape 2\*-Charges reduced to forcible Sodomy

## Offense Analysis 2013

In 2013, South Boston Police Department Officers reported 1308 offenses. Of these offenses 514 charges were placed. SBPD had a clearance rate of 39.30% through arrest.

Offense	Rep*	Unf**	Cleared by Arrest	Active	Inactive	Arrest Adult	Arrest Juvn
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forcible Rape	4	0	0	3	0	0	1
Forcible Sodomy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	5	2	1	1	1	1	0
Robbery	8	0	4	4	0	3	1
Aggravated Assault	28	0	16	9	3	14	2
Simple Assault	135	0	64	46	25	57	6
Intimidation	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Arson	4	1	1	2	0	1	0
Burglary B/E	66	0	9	48	9	8	1
Pocket-Picking	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shoplifting	119	0	100	10	9	86	8
Theft from Building	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Theft from Veh	40	0	3	25	12	1	2
Theft of Veh Parts	22	0	0	25	6	0	0
Other thefts	128	1	11	78	38	10	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	0	3	5	2	10	2
Counterfeit/Forgery	7	0	3	3	1	3	0
Swindle/Confidence	19	0	2	14	3	2	0
Credit/ATM Fraud	7	0	0	6	1	0	0
Impersonation	9	0	2	6	1	2	0
Wire Fraud	2	0	0	1	1	0	0

\*Rpt= Reported \*\*Unf= Unfounded

### Offense Analysis 2013

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Rep*</b>	<b>Unf**</b>	<b>Cleared by Arrest</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Arrest Adult</b>	<b>Arrest Juvn</b>
Embezzlement	10	0	4	6	0	4	0
Vandalism	132	0	12	79	41	12	0
Drug/Narc Violation	63	0	47	7	9	42	4
Drug Equipment Violation	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
Statutory Rape	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Porn/Obscene Matl	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violation	13	0	11	2	0	11	0
Disorderly Conduct	11	0	9	0	2	6	3
Drive Under Influence	45	0	45	0	0	45	0
Drunkenness	85	0	85	0	0	84	1
Liquor Law Violation	7	0	7	0	0	7	0
Peeping Tom	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Runaway	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Trespassing	15	0	15	0	0	14	1
All Other Offenses	303	2	63	26	212	60	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1308</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>35</b>

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In 2013, South Boston Police Department officers arrested 44 juveniles for various offenses.

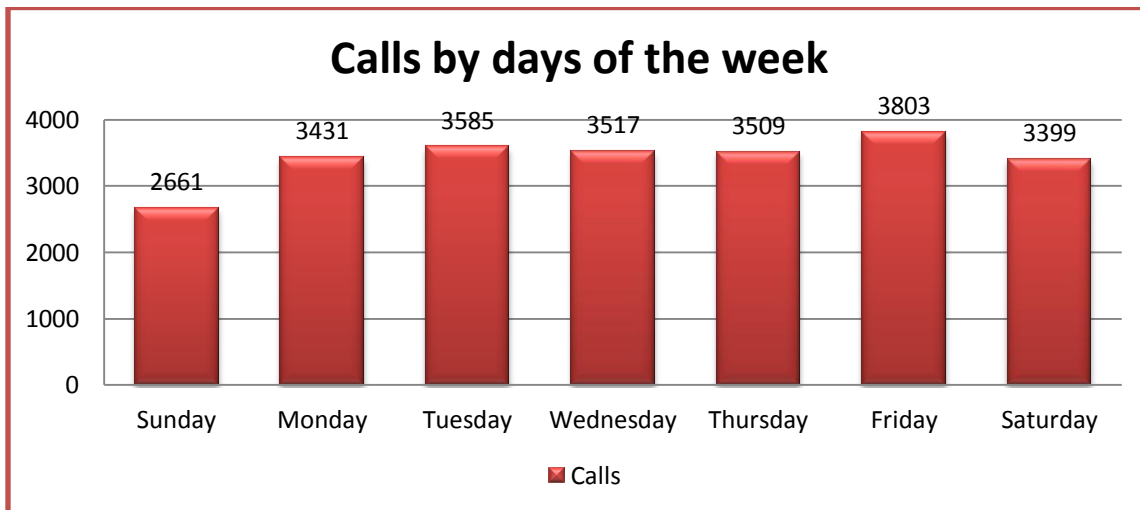
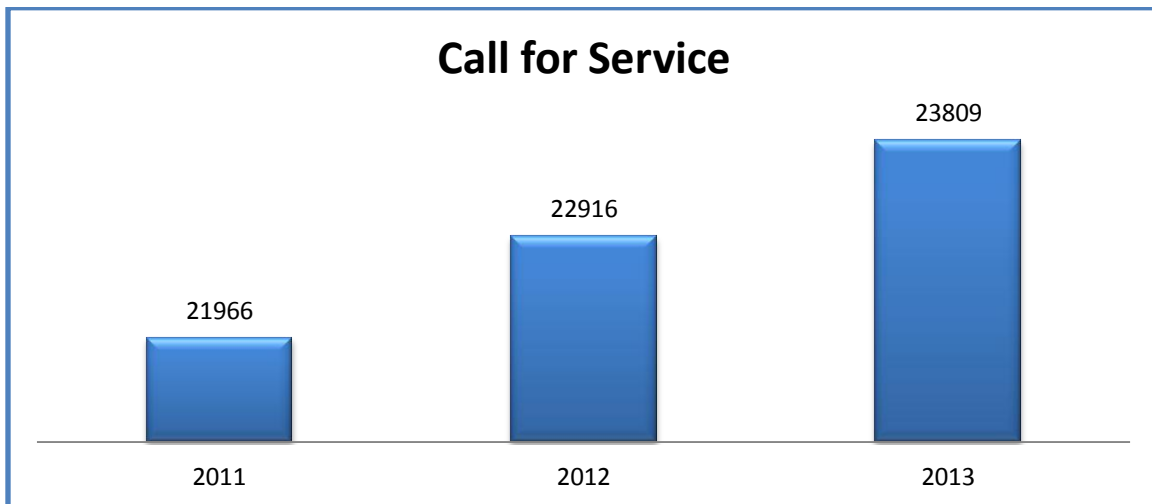
### Juvenile Arrest 2013

Offense	Race Black		Race White		Total Arrest
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Assault	4	5	1	1	11
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1
Other Thefts	5	2	0	0	7
Narcotics	4	0	2	1	7
Sodomy	2	0	0	0	2
Shoplifting	3	2	0	3	8
B&E	1	0	0	0	1
Trespassing	2	0	0	0	2
Drunkenness	1	0	0	0	1
Disorderly	2	0	0	0	2
MVT*	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Summary</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>

MVT\* Motor Vehicle Theft

## Calls for Service

South Boston Police Department utilizes an Emergency Services Communications Center that handles calls for service for the County of Halifax, Town of Halifax, and the Town of South Boston. Full-time, professionally certified communications officers staff the Communications Center 24 hours a day. Communication officers receive all requests for emergency and non-emergency police, fire, and first-aid assistance. During 2013, South Boston Police Department received 23,809 calls for service; included in these calls are request for police services, request for assistance from rescue services, assisting fire calls and Officer initiated calls. Of these calls, 6571 were Signal 54 calls, signal 54 calls are security checks at local business, schools and other locations in the Town.



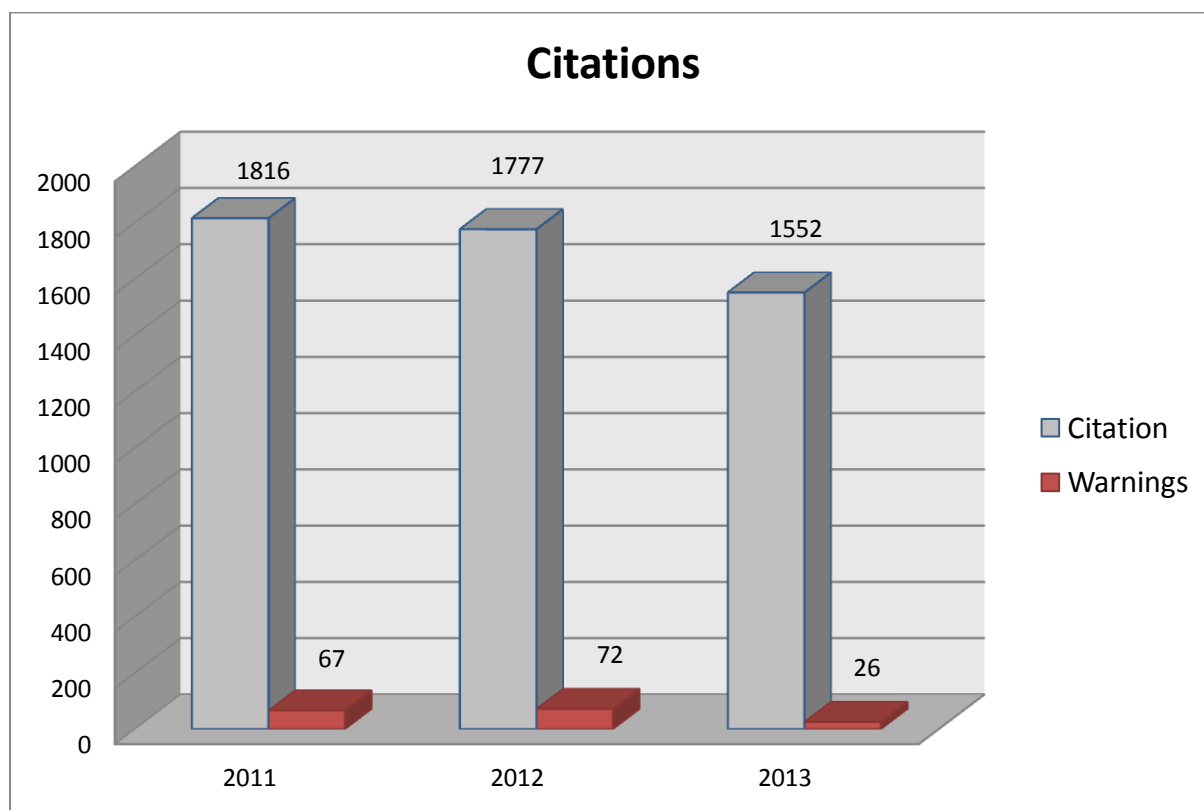
# Traffic Enforcement



# Citations

Traffic law enforcement involves all activities or operations which relate to observing, detecting, and preventing traffic law violations and taking appropriate actions under the circumstances. Enforcement not only involves arrests and citations, but also includes warnings to drivers and pedestrians, which helps them from committing minor violations. In response to community concerns targeted traffic enforcement details are considered proactive in preventing traffic violations. The emphasis of an officers' traffic enforcement is placed on violations that contribute to accidents and prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. South Boston Police Department saw a decrease of 17% in traffic citations in 2013 compared to 2011.

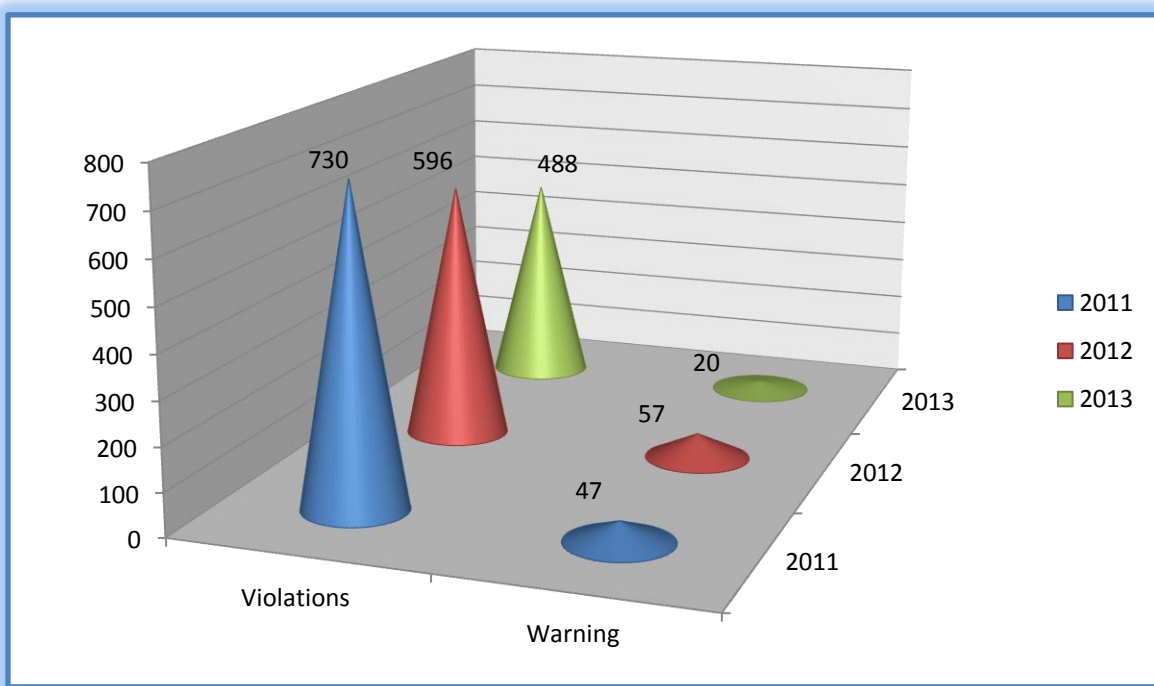
### Citations comparisons





## Speed Enforcement

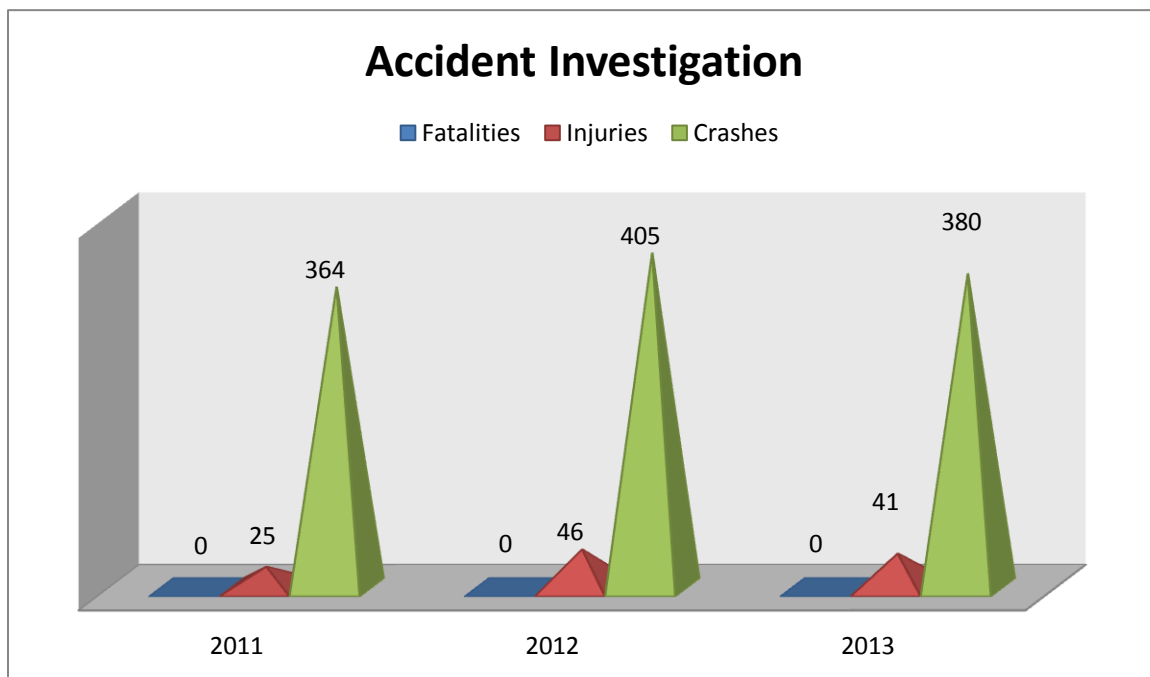
South Boston Police Department is committed to its purpose of traffic law enforcement, preventative patrol, proactive enforcement, and its relationships with citizens, motorist, pedestrians, and visitors to our Town. The emphasis of our officers' speed enforcement is placed on violations that contribute to accidents and prevent hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.



# Accident Investigations

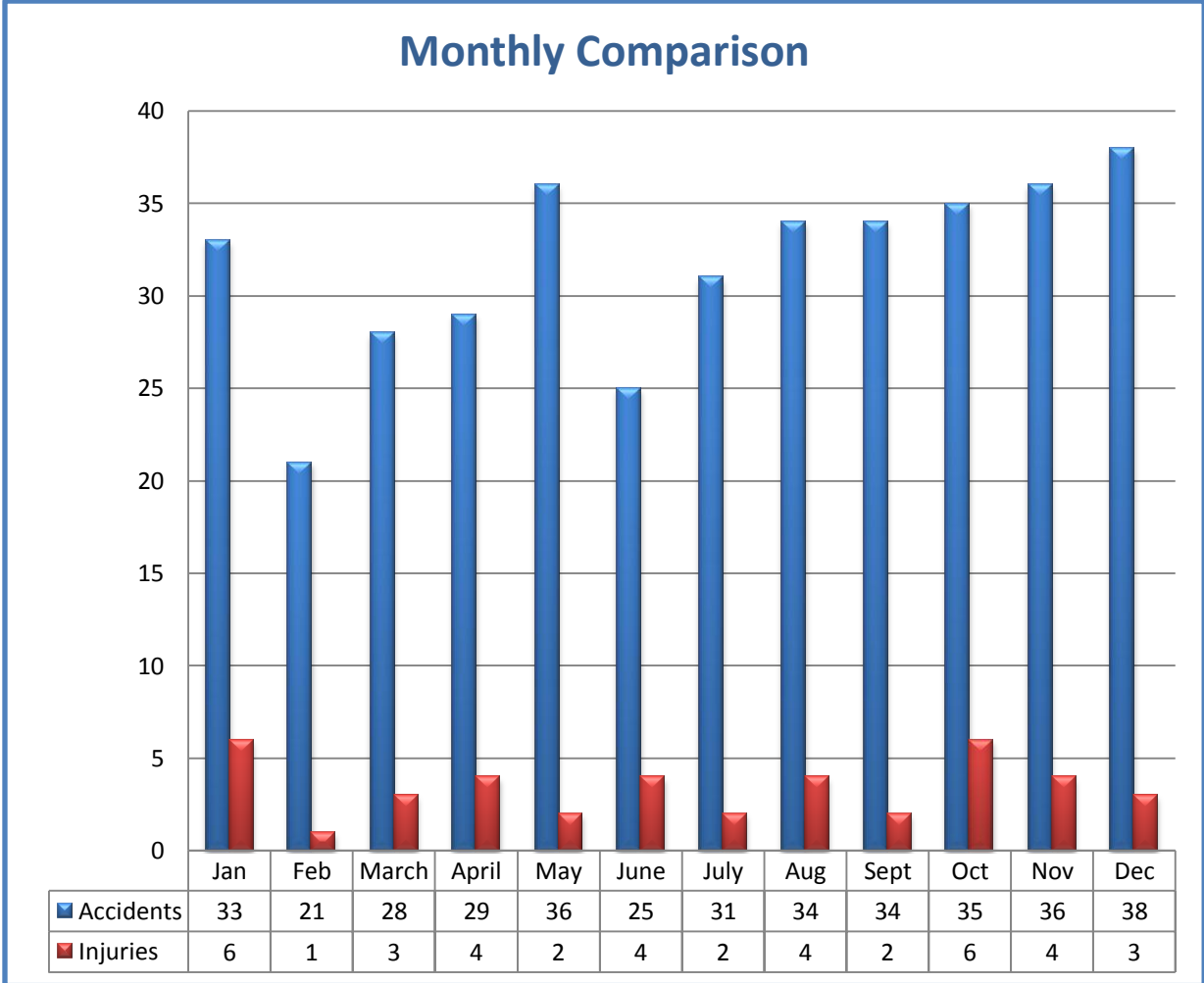
In 2013, The South Boston Police Department investigated 380 traffic accidents of which 41 involved injuries. Of the 41 accidents with injuries, there were no fatalities.

South Boston Police Department believes that our participation in the “Smart, Safe, & Sober”, “Smooth Operator Campaign”, “Checkpoint Strike Force”, and “Click it or Ticket” programs along with media attention to these programs have made our citizens aware of the danger of impaired driving, and the importance of wearing seatbelts.



# Accidents 2013

## Monthly Comparison



## *Halifax/South Boston Drug and Gang Task Force*

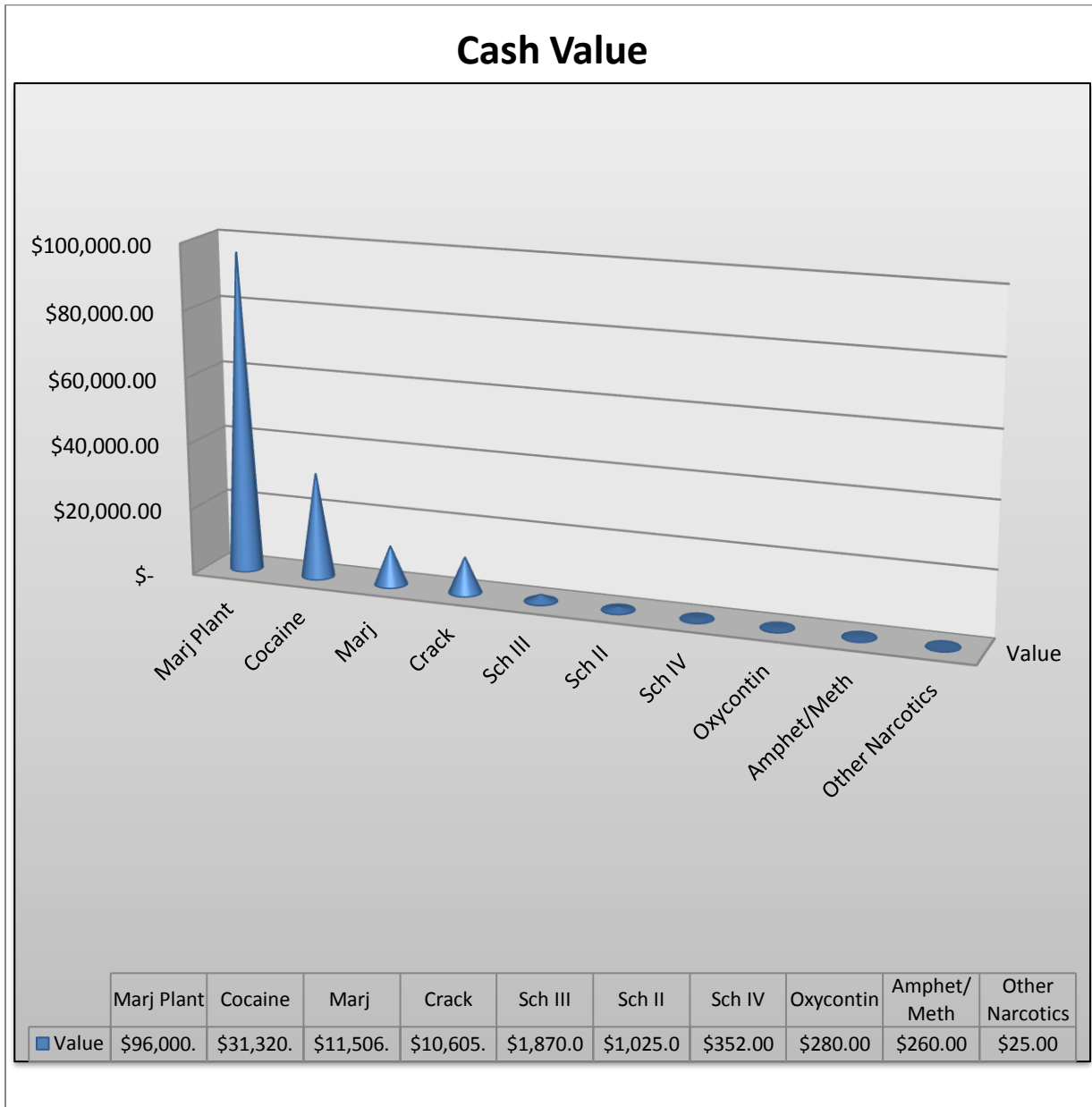
South Boston Police Department is a participating member of the Halifax/South Boston Drug and Gang Task Force. The task force is a mutual effort of local law enforcement agencies including Virginia State Police, Halifax County Sheriff's Office, and South Boston Police Department. Each investigator is sworn in as a State Police Special Agent. The objectives of the Task Force include targeting, investigating and prosecuting individuals and organizations dealing in narcotics/gang activities in Halifax County and the Town of South Boston.



## Task Force 3B yearly report

	2011	2012	2013
<b>Arrest</b>			
	121	79	201
<b>Charge Type</b>			
Felony	176	102	274
Misdemeanor	3	13	9
Total	179	115	283
<b>Arrest in assist cases</b>			
	9	1	5
<b>Charges in assist cases</b>			
Felony	8	1	8
Misdemeanor	5	1	1
Total	12	2	9
<b>Cases Initiated By</b>			
Task Force	101	220	170
Other Agencies	18	3	2
Citizen Complaints	1	0	0
BFO Referrals	0	0	0
Total	200	223	172
<b>Search Warrants</b>			
Task Force	36	25	18
Search Warrant Assist		0	2
Value of Drugs seized	\$4,876,636	\$665,520	\$153,243
Currency seized	\$12,289.00	\$1854.00	\$14,561.00
Vehicles seized	3	0	10
Guns seized	4	1	21
Clandestine Labs Destroyed	0	0	0

## Task Force 3B Value of Drugs Chart



*Criminal Investigations Divisions*



The Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.) of the Police Department is responsible for the investigation of multiple and major crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, arson, burglary and drug violations. The C.I.D. also assists the task force and patrol division in follow-up investigations and crime scene processing.

In 2013, the Criminal Investigations Division investigated 84 offenses; resulting in 88 charges.

In addition to the investigation of criminal cases and management of crime scenes, the Investigation Division is responsible for the storage and management of all evidence and property that comes into the possession of the South Boston Police Department. In 2013, there were 847 items of evidence and property logged into the department's evidence room by Evidence Custodian, Sgt. R. E. Redd and Evidence Clerk, Cpl. C. L. Carswell.

### CID Charge Analysis 2013

Charges	Counts	Adult		Juvenile	
		M	F	M	F
Embezzlement	4	1	1	0	0
Forgery/check	26	1	0	0	0
Impersonation	1	1	0	0	0
Fraud/Obtain Money Under false pretense	20	2	1	0	0
Production/Distribution Child Porn	15	1	0	0	0
Sodomy Forcible	3	0	0	2	0
Aggravated Sexual Battery	6	1	0	0	0
Burglary/Felony Intent	2	1	0	1	0
Grand Larceny	2	1	0	1	0
Grand Larceny Check	1	1	0	0	0
Larceny Shoplifting	1	1	0	0	0
Vandalism/Prop Damage	1	1	0	0	0
Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor	1	1	0	0	0
Contempt of Court	1	0	1	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	0	0	0
A&B Family Member	1	1	0	0	0
Robbery & Attempts	1	1	0	0	0
Violate Protective Order	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>



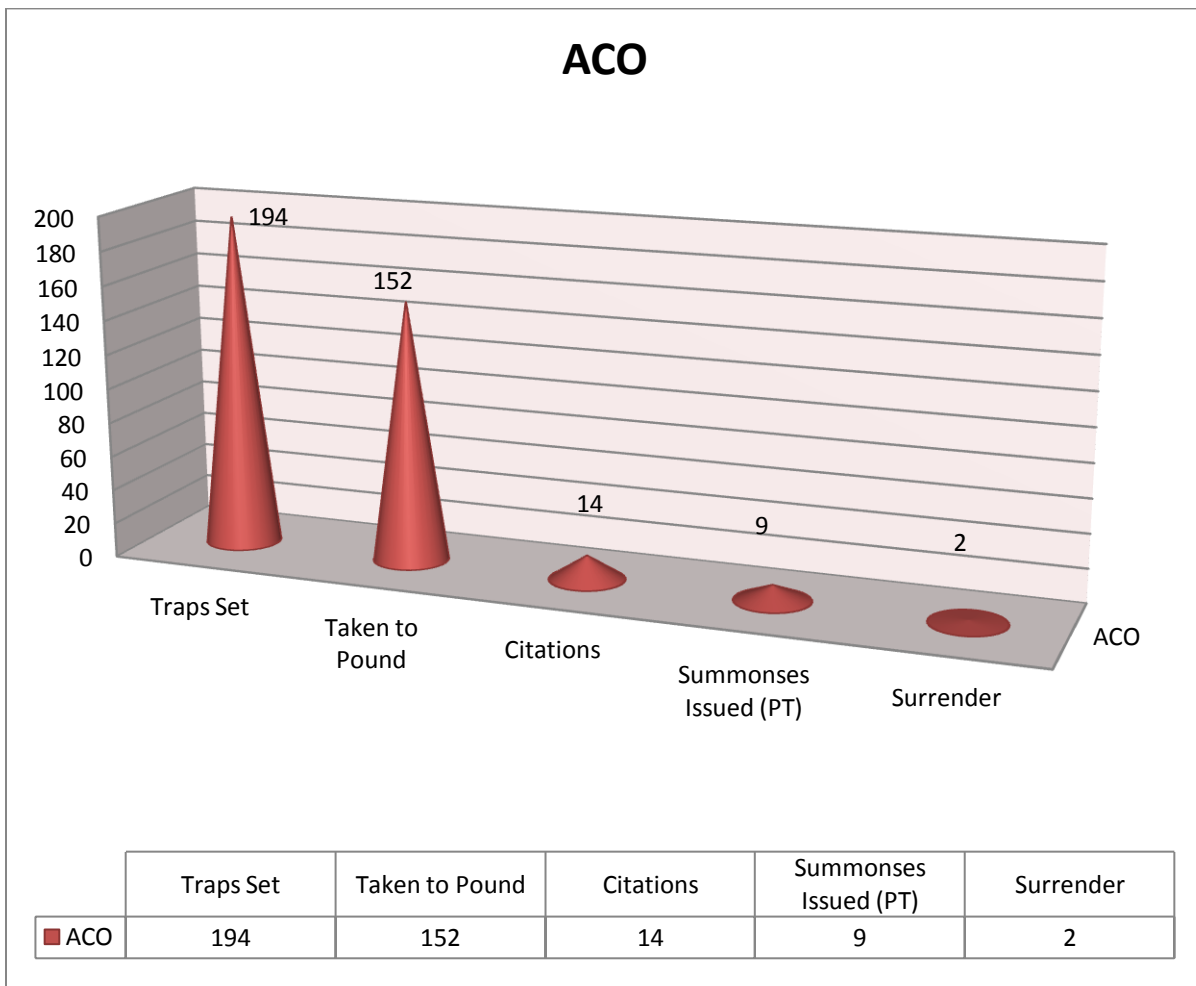
# Animal Control



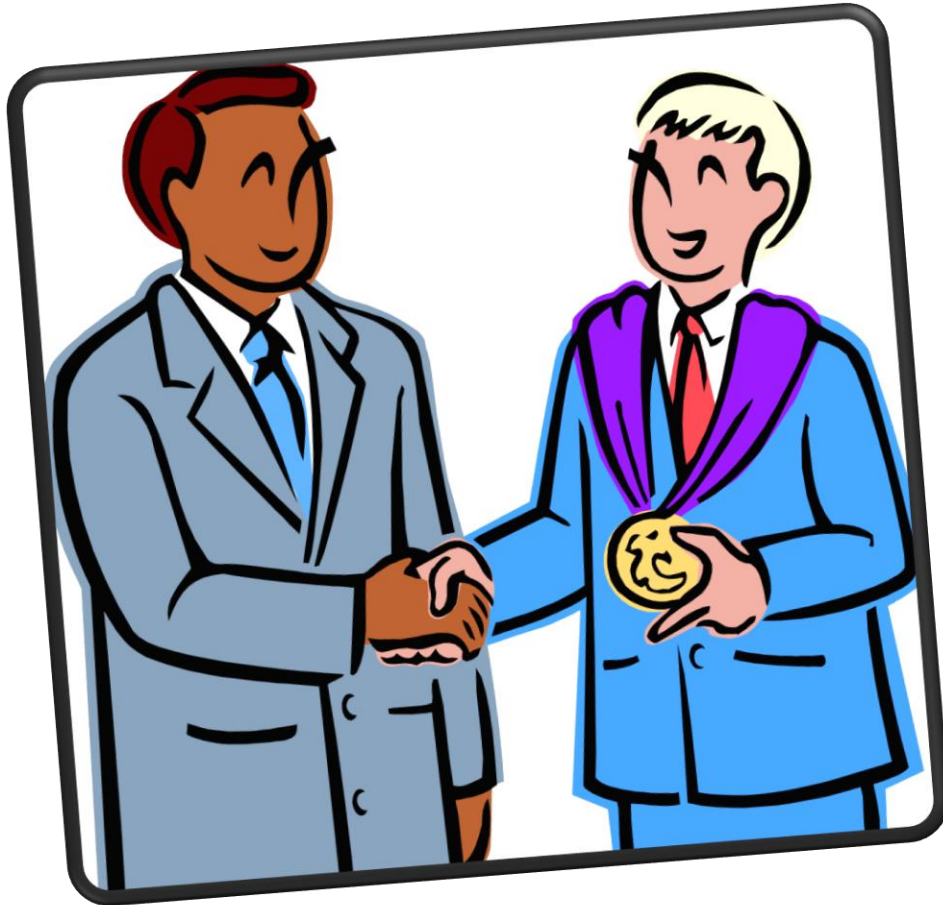
# Animal Control

The basic responsibility of the Animal Control Officer (ACO) is to enforce all animal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Animal Control Ordinances of the Town of South Boston, which relate to domestic animals. The Animal Control Officer responds to complaints concerning domestic stray and feral animals, contains and transports them to the Halifax County Animal Shelter.

In 2013, ACO handled 738 calls for service to include follow-ups, 152 animals were taken to the pound, 9 summonses (Parking Tickets) issued for animal complaints, 14 Citations issued for animals calls, 194 traps were set for animal complaints and 2 owners surrendered their pets.

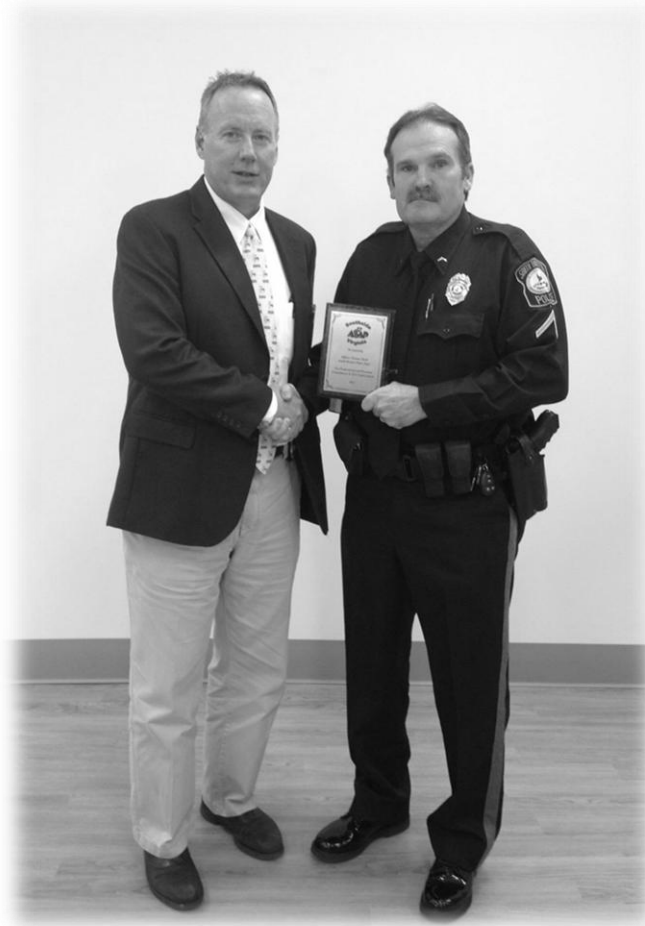


## *Awards Training and Recognition*



MADD chapter of Virginia sponsored or co-sponsored 10 award ceremonies recognizing law enforcement officers from across Virginia for their outstanding work on DUI enforcement, training, education and related prevention initiatives.

Officer Bush has won the MADD law enforcement recognition award for the third consecutive year. The Award ceremony was held this year at Washington Coleman Community Center on October 29, 2013.



Chief James Binner and Officer T. Wayne Bush



## Training

- Officers with the Department attended approximately 3,718 hours in training during the calendar year 2013, approximately 1,040 of those hours were from one officer attending basic training leaving approximately and that same officer went through another 480 hours of field training with the Department.
- Approximately 2,198 hours of training were for various other courses. Officers attended training on a wide range of topics to include active shooter, radar instructor, general instructor, CPR recertification, First Line Supervisor, Child First (detailed training into investigating crimes against children), Intoxilyzer certification, Virginia Victim Assistance Academy, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Background Investigator, Responding to Crimes against Gay and Lesbian Victims, Field Training Officer, Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (assisting veterans with disabilities), and Understanding Spanish.
- The Department also became the first agency in the area to have officer's complete Critical Incident Training (CIT) which is a specialized 40 hour course that teaches officers special skills in dealing with the mentally ill. The agency sent three officers through this training for a total of 120 hours and had one of those officers become an instructor in the course which was an additional 24 hours of training.
- The Department began an in-house training program. At the start of 2013 the agency had approximately 8 officers that were certified instructors through the Department of Criminal Justice Services and these officers had various certifications to instruct in different fields to include firearms, defensive driving, defensive tactics, gangs, and Taser® use.
- During 2013 the Department had three more officers attend general instructor training and had one officer become a certified instructor in standardized field sobriety testing and one officer become a certified instructor in the area of radar use and speed enforcement. All of these areas that officers are certified in have given the Department greater access to training without having to send officers to training at various locations throughout the state which saves in training costs and manpower hours.
- The Department of Criminal Justice Services mandates training to be done in many of these areas on an annual basis.
- During 2013 the Department conducted in-house training in various areas to include two courses from VML on driver safety, a course on handling active shooter situations, two courses were given on gangs, one course was given by the Fire Department on CPR certification, and multiple courses were given in the areas of firearms and Taser® use.
- In addition to instructing courses at the Department the officers who are certified instructors also teach at the academy and when requested, at other agencies.

- During 2013 officers spent approximately 412 hours instructing various courses mainly for the academy and in-house. Areas that officers instructed in include firearms, gangs, community policing, crime scene processing, defensive driving, radar use, drug enforcement, and officer survival.

## **Taser Training**



# National Night Out

National Night Out held at Tuck Dillard Stadium on August 5, 2013.



National Night Out Committee



Chief Binner, Chief Lands, scholarship recipient Jessica Talley, Mrs. Talley and Sheriff Fred S. Clark



# SOUTH BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Grants





# GRANTS 2013 REPORT

## SOUTH BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS JULY 2012 – JUNE 2013 REPORT

The Total grant funds for 2013, \$21,393.74

- **DMV Grant-** \$12,837.74 funds used primarily for overtime to enforce traffic laws; two officers attended the DUI conference utilizing a portion of this grant.
- **Equipment Grant-** \$7,422.00 funds used to purchase security windows software, desktop computers, laptop computer, CPR masks for each police vehicle and Hazmat kits for personal protection from body fluids.
- **BVP Grant-** \$1134.00 funds used to purchase bulletproof vests.

