

Quarterly Report Police

Department

Town Council Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Third Quarter FY2025: January, February, March



Please accept this as the quarterly report for the **Police** department

Department introduction:

The Warrenton Police Department is a state accredited, full-service law enforcement agency. We provide patrol, investigative, parking and community engagement services. The department is authorized 28 sworn officers, 1 sworn, part-time parking enforcement officer, and three civilian employees. Each of our employees, both sworn and civilian, is well-trained. Our personnel use up-to-date equipment to better serve our citizens.

Commendable Achievements:

- On October 5, 2024, a missing and endangered juvenile female from Warrenton was located in New York City after a weeklong investigation into her disappearance by Corporal Richard Kniatt. Corporal Kniatt collaborated with local and state officials as well as law enforcement and governmental authorities in Washington, D.C. and from four different New York State agencies. As a result of his diligent work and the partnerships created with others during the investigation, Corporal Kniatt was able to track the juvenile from Warrenton to Washington, D.C. to New York City (population of over 8.2 million people stretched over 300 square miles) where she was located and returned safe and sound to her family.
- On October 19, 2024, the Warrenton Police Department participated in the 2024 Battle of the Badges charity softball tournament along with Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, Fauquier County Fire and Rescue, and the Virginia State Police. This free event, open to the public, was held at Fauquier High School and was well attended by town and county residents. The event raised money for the Bridge Community Church Canteen Unit, which supports emergency service workers countywide with adequate personal hydration and nutritional needs as well as creature comforts during prolonged emergency incidents.
- On October 10, 2024, the Warrenton Police Department held its annual awards banquet at the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company. Many awards were presented, including the Officer of the Year award (Corporal Jason Asplundh) and the Civilian Staff Member of the Year award (Senior Administrative Assistant Jennifer Bush).
- During the quarter, officers of the Warrenton Police Department participated in

community engagement and special events such as Brumfield Elementary School Trunk-or-Treat, Town of Warrenton Halloween Parade, Town of Warrenton Trunk-or-Treat, Town of Warrenton Flashlight Candy Hunt, the Clothesline Project, Highland School Homecoming Dance, American Legion Post 72 Flags-In and Flags-Out projects, Coffee with a Cop (Starbucks), Coffee with a Cop (Goodness & Grace), Senator Tim Kaine visit, Turkey Trot 5K, Shop with a Cop (Teen), Shop with a Cop (Children), Warrenton Christmas Parade, and Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony, to name a few.

- On November 21, 2024, Corporal Jason Asplundh was awarded the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award by the Warrenton Ruritan Club.
- On December 12, 2024, Senior Administrative Assistant Jennifer Bush was named Employee of the Year at the Town of Warrenton annual holiday luncheon and awards banquet.
- On December 16, 2024, Detective Matthew Eggers was promoted to Sergeant after an internal competitive promotional process. Sergeant Eggers is assigned to C Squad (night shift).

Project Progress:

- The Police Department's internal policy review committee continues its good work since its creation in December 2024. This committee, made up of police department employees, reviews the department's policies and procedures and makes recommendations for any improvements. This committee works in collaboration with the department's Community Action Team, a nine-member group of citizens whose mission is to bring the local police department into the 21st century through adopting best policing practices, addressing neighborhood concerns, recognizing issues to protect citizens and community members in a non-biased way, reviewing incidents with sensitive, respect, and objectivity, applying logic and truth to all commentary regarding incidents, and building community trust through transparency and accountability. During the quarter the internal policy review committee and the Community Action Team helped to review and make changes to 12 policies.
- The Police Department continues to aggressively recruit applicants for our vacant sworn officer positions. Currently we have vacancies at the ranks of Sergeant (1), Corporal (1), and Officer (4) in the patrol division. The impact of this number of vacancies is
 1. Increased use of overtime to cover shifts when officers are on leave or in training, when additional responsibilities require upstaffing (special events, special assignments, mental health emergency custody details, etc.), or to handle duties normally handled by a position that is currently vacant

Charts and information:

See included statistical reports for the months of January through March 2025.

Data:

See appended reports.