

METRO NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2003 Annual Report



Police

Serving Our
Community with
Pride and
Professionalism



MISSION **STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is to provide community-based police products to the public so they can experience a safe and peaceful Nashville.

Values

In carrying out our mission, members of the department will continue to value:

- *organizational excellence & professionalism*
- *the impartial enforcement of the law*
- *the people we serve and each other*
- *problem-solving partnerships*
- *open communication*
- *ethics and integrity*

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Chief Turner Retiring

On March 11th, 2003, Chief Emmett Turner announced that he was retiring from the Metropolitan Police Department effective at the end of the month.

Turner, 60, a 34-year-veteran of the police department and Chief of Police for the past seven years, accepted an offer from the State of Tennessee to become Assistant Commissioner for Fire Prevention in the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Turner is the fifth Police Chief in Metropolitan Government history. He was appointed Chief on January 15, 1996.

"I am truly proud of the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department and the tremendous progress we have made during the past seven years in terms of reducing crime and bringing state-of-the-art technology to the fingertips of officers in the field," Turner said.

"I also want to thank the Nashville community for its strong support of the police department and its leadership. We have worked very hard to form partnerships at the grassroots level throughout Davidson County. The support of the citizens we serve has been very important to me over the past seven years... I will be leaving a department that I can proudly say is rooted in professionalism and committed to law enforcement excellence," Turner said.

Some accomplishments of Emmett Turner's tenure as Chief:

- ❖ Chief Turner oversaw the site selection, construction and opening of the new Hermitage Precinct. Construction on the North Precinct also began under Chief Turner's administration.
- ❖ During Chief Turner's tenure, the police department expanded crime-fighting partnerships throughout the city. There are now more than 130 organized Neighborhood Watch Groups in the city.
- ❖ Chief Turner was successful in persuading the United States Treasury Department to place IBIS system (Integrated Ballistics Identification System) with the Metropolitan Police Department. The system uses a powerful microscope and computer technology to link spent bullets and shell casings with particular crimes.
- ❖ Chief Turner oversaw the reform of the department's internal affairs component. Now called the Office of Professional Accountability, the component is overseen by an attorney who is committed to making the office more responsive to the community.
- ❖ Chief Turner maintained strong working relationships with various federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, ATF, Secret Service, DEA and IRS. The police department frequently participates in joint investigations with those federal entities.

Thank you, Chief Turner, for the years of dedicated service to the city of Nashville and MNPd.

Deputy Chief Faulkner Named Interim Chief of Police

On March 13, 2003, Mayor Bill Purcell named Deputy Chief Deborah Faulkner to serve as Acting Chief of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department effective April 1. Faulkner, previously the senior deputy chief in the department with responsibility for Field Operations, served in her new post



while Metro conducted a search for a replacement to outgoing Chief Emmett Turner. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for more than 29 years, coming up through the department's ranks beginning in the patrol division.

Purcell said he was confident that Faulkner would maintain the attention to public safety and improving the Police department that resulted in a nearly 9 percent drop in crime for Nashville in 2002. "Chief Faulkner is committed

to implementing the police audit which is putting more police officers on our streets right now," Purcell said. "This will be important as we undertake the task of selecting a new Chief to lead Nashville's police department for years to come." Purcell said he would ask the Civil Service Commission to work with Metro's Human Resources Department to devise a model selection process that would include community involvement and reviewing benchmark criteria for candidates. He said he would ask the department to consult with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in conducting the selection.

"The selection of a new Police Chief will be one of the most important decisions I will make as Mayor. We will look across the country and here at home to make sure we have the right person to fit Nashville's needs," Purcell said.

Faulkner became Deputy Police Chief in 2001. She started the Police Department's popular Citizen's Police Academy and BOLO program.





Major Tom Dozier's Retirement

A reception commemorating Major Tom Dozier's 50 years of service to the Metropolitan Police Department and the citizens of Nashville was held on December 29th, 2003. Dozier, who was hired as a patrolman on the City of Nashville police force on November 15, 1953, will retire January 1 as the longest serving member of the police department.

Dozier is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, but has worked in a variety of police department components. He was an instructor and then supervisor at the Training Academy for 28 years. He was the department's Director of Training from 1990-1998.



Major Tom Dozier receives congratulations and best wishes from Mayor Bill Purcell. Pictured (l-r) are Assistant Chief Joseph Bishop, Former Chief Joe Casey, Major Dozier, Mayor Purcell and Deputy Chief Steve Anderson.

Tribute In Headquarters Lobby

A tribute to the 27 Metro police officers serving our country in the National Guard and Reserves was set up on April 4, 2003, in the lobby of police headquarters. The tribute contains the photographs and names of each of the 27 officers.



Names of each of the 27 officers (from left to right):

Row 1:

Greg Bisch
Stanley Black
Greg Blair
Jerry Bottom
Floyd Brown
Grant Carroll

Row 2:

Larry Carter
Richard Chmielewski
Marty Crowder
John Fisher
Raymond Hartbarger
John Henry

Row 3:

James Hickman
Lynette Frazier
Charles Hoosier
Robert Johnson
Richard King
Chris Lake

Row 4:

Greg Lee
David Malone
Brian Murphy
Roy Roberts
Ada Thaxter
Jeff Thomas

Row 5:

Brian Tomblin
Jason Smith
Tim Weaver

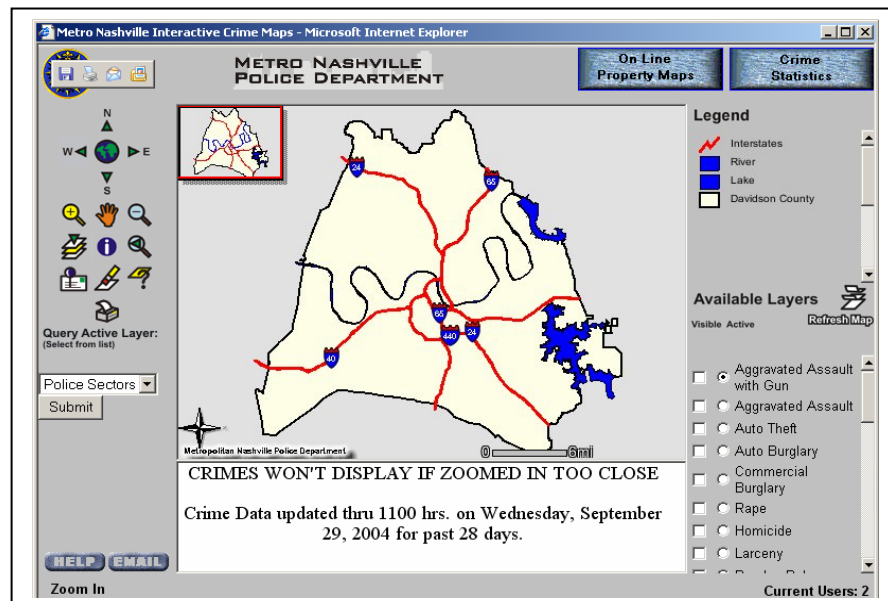
Interactive Crime Maps

On January 13, 2003, Chief Emmett Turner announced that the Metropolitan Police Department had added a new, comprehensive crime-mapping feature to its Internet site (<http://www.police.nashville.org>), enabling citizens to see first hand what crimes are being committed where in Davidson County.

The mapping program is being updated each weekday with crime information contained on incident reports filed by police officers*. The program also contains parolee release information, which, based on data provided by the State of Tennessee, allows citizens to see the approximate locations where parolees are living and the offenses that led to their prison sentences. Data displayed on the maps covers a 28-day period. "Persons frequently call the police department asking for information on what types of criminal activity are taking place in the areas surrounding their homes and businesses," Turner said. "This computer program empowers citizens to view crime information at any hour of the day or night simply by logging onto the Internet. I am very pleased that the police department can now offer this service, and I expect that it will be a very popular addition to our already popular web site," Turner said. Turner said the mapping program has been in the development stages for many months, and credited the department's Information Services and Crime Analysis components with creating an easy way for citizens to check crime information at their leisure.

While the mapping program allows persons to view crime information down to the community and neighborhood levels, it does not reveal specific addresses or locations in order to protect victims.

*Reported crimes documented on incident reports often require follow-up investigations and may be determined to be unfounded based on those investigations. "Shots fired" data comes not from incident reports, but from the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Thus "shots fired" on the mapping program represents a citizen's report of a loud noise resembling a gunshot, not necessarily caused by a firearm (i.e., fireworks, auto backfire, etc.).



Program For Child Witnesses of Violence

In an effort to provide strong emotional support to children who have witnessed violence in their homes or communities, the Metropolitan Police Department, in collaboration with concerned outreach groups, sponsors a therapeutic arts program to help the youngsters become more empowered to express themselves.

The Therapeutic Arts Program is offered one Saturday morning each month to up to 50 youngsters between the ages of 8 and 13. Through theatrical dramatizations and poetry readings, the children are encouraged to more freely express their feelings and thoughts. The sessions provide an additional outlet to express the fear and anger that often accompanies the trauma of violence.

The children attending the Saturday sessions attend an intense five-day camp that incorporates mental health counseling and group activities designed to improve coping skills. Those sessions are usually conducted during spring break and the summer and are called RISE (Reaching Inward for Self Empowerment) camps. The RISE camps are a part of the Fortitude Foundation Inc., which was established several years ago by the Nashville Metropolitan Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. The members of Delta Sigma Theta saw a true need to promote family life, youth development and provide opportunities for educational achievement in Davidson County. RISE camps receive funding through the Victims of Crime Assistance Program administered by the State of Tennessee.



Recovered Property Search

On June 4, 2003, the Department launched a new addition to its Internet site enabling citizens to check a computer database to determine whether their lost or stolen property or vehicles have been recovered.

To conduct a search, a citizen must enter an item's serial number or special identification number (one that has been etched into a product by the citizen).

For an automobile, the license plate number or vehicle identification number (VIN) must be known.

Identifying numbers from recovered merchandise and vehicles are entered into the database on a 24-hour basis by the Police Department's Property & Evidence and Vehicle Impound components.

Persons wanting to conduct a search must first log-in by giving their name, telephone number and address. If the property or vehicle entered has been recovered, the citizen will receive an immediate response with a telephone number to call for further information.

The Recovered Property Search can be located under the "Online Services" heading on the police department's homepage, <http://www.police.nashville.org>. It is the latest addition to a website full of information about the Metropolitan Police Department.

Video Conferencing Aids Domestic Violence Victims

In a continuing effort to make the criminal justice system more user friendly for victims of domestic violence, a special closed circuit television link has now been established between the police department's Domestic Violence Division and Night Court allowing victims to obtain arrest warrants without having to travel to the Metropolitan Justice Center downtown.

Victims can now testify before a judicial commissioner from a private room at the Domestic Violence Division via a unique video conferencing hookup with Night Court being run through the police department's computer network. "This new system is part of our commitment to see that domestic violence victims feel at ease in working with our detectives, counselors and ultimately the courts," Acting Chief Deborah Faulkner said. "Video conferencing will speed the process for victims and help minimize further emotional distress. That is very important as we encourage victims to leave violent relationships and come to us for help," Faulkner said. The system will be particularly beneficial to victims who must bring their children with them when meeting with a detective. The one-stop process means children will stay in a special "child friendly" area of the Domestic Violence building while the parent completes the warrant and/or order of protection process without ever leaving the building.

The new arrangement, which has been on the drawing board for many months, is the result of a collaboration between the Metropolitan Police Department, General Sessions Court and the District Attorney General's Office. It uses state-of-the-art technology to interactively transmit video and audio between the Domestic Violence Division and Night Court. During the process, the victim and judicial commissioner seemingly converse through 32-inch color televisions. If the commissioner decides that a warrant or order of protection should be issued, he or she watches the monitor as the victim signs the warrant affidavit. The signed affidavit is then faxed directly to the commissioner, who then signs the document, making it official.

The video conferencing equipment, including the televisions, cost \$15,000.

During 2002, the division investigated 12,844 reports of domestic violence.

Metro Nashville Police Graduates

The Nashville police force increased by 35 on July 28, 2003, as the city's newest police officers graduated from 21 weeks of training, received their badges and took the oath of office. Both Acting Chief Faulkner and Mayor Purcell spoke at the graduation ceremony.

The graduation ceremony was held in the War Memorial Auditorium.

After graduation, the officers spent the next six months with field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.



Police Department Destroys 1750 Guns

On September 23, 2003, the Metropolitan Police Department destroyed 1,750 guns of various types, shapes and sizes that have been confiscated by officers over the past several months. The weapons were no longer needed as evidence and were destroyed by court order.

"The majority of these guns were once in the hands of law breakers," Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner said. "This is a striking representation of the types of guns officers encounter on a daily basis. I am very pleased to say that after today, these weapons will not fire another bullet and will not be used to threaten, rob or harm anyone." The guns were chopped into pieces of scrap metal by a local salvage yard.

Over the past five years (1998-2002), Metro police officers have seized 11,744 guns, the vast majority of which were being carried illegally or were used in some type of crime. January through July of this year, 1,370 guns were confiscated. Officers assigned to the Central Precinct, or the inner city, have seized the most guns over the past 5 ½ years at 4,102.

"Our police officers, in cooperation with the District Attorney's Office and federal authorities, are placing a top priority on gun violence and illegal gun possession," Faulkner said. " All arrests involving firearms are being reviewed by our Intelligence Division and an assistant district attorney. Whenever possible, the defendants are being prosecuted in federal court, where sentences are longer and there is no possibility of parole."

The partnership between the police department, District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and U.S. Attorney's Office is known as HEAT or Help Eliminate Armed Thugs. HEAT is Middle Tennessee's version of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program launched at the direction of the Bush administration in cities and towns throughout the United States. Numerous suspects have already been charged with federal gun law violations as a result of the HEAT initiative.



Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner and District Attorney General Torry Johnson told reporters that illegal weapon possession and other firearm violations are a priority for law enforcement and prosecutors.



This is a sample of the 1750 guns destroyed by the Metropolitan Police Department.

Acting Chief Faulkner Assists The Membership Of The West End Synagogue

On April 16, 2003, Acting Chief of Police Deborah Faulkner and Rabbi Ronald Roth of the West End Synagogue met on a matter important to the Jewish community and underprivileged children.

Chief Faulkner helped the Jewish community of Nashville celebrate the holiday of Passover by purchasing leavened products, known as "chametz," during the eight days of Passover. Jews are prohibited from owning leavened products such as bread, cereals, and even beer, during the holiday. In many instances, Jewish families place canned or packaged leavened foods in a closet or cupboard that will stay closed for the duration of the eight days. A Rabbi is given the power of attorney to sell all of the products to a non-Jew until Passover has ended.

After the holiday ended, Rabbi Roth bought back the leavened products from Chief Faulkner. The West End Synagogue made a donation to the Police Athletic League, which sponsors a variety of enrichment programs and sporting activities for primarily underprivileged, inner-city youth, in honor of Chief Faulkner's help to the Jewish community.



Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner told Rabbi Ronald Roth that she was honored to be of assistance to the membership of the West End Synagogue and expressed gratitude for the Synagogue's donation to the Police Athletic League.

Special Olympics Torch Run

On April 16, 2003, volunteer Metro police officers and other members of the local law enforcement community took part in a Special Olympics Torch Run from the front of police headquarters to Pearl Cohn High School for the start of the Nashville area Special Olympics spring games. Several Special Olympians were on hand at headquarters and ran a short distance with their law enforcement friends. The Metropolitan Police Department has a long-standing commitment to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics, the nation's largest provider of athletic events and sporting activities for mentally challenged children and young adults.

On April 23, 2003, Metro police officers teamed up with Red Lobster for a "Cops & Lobsters" fund-raiser to benefit Tennessee Special Olympics. Officers volunteered to work off-duty, in uniform, at the Rivergate Red Lobster restaurant during both lunch and dinner. Officers assumed the duties of waiting tables and allocating all tips received to Special Olympics.

On June 2, 2003, Metro Police Sergeant Billy Smith traveled to Athens, Greece, to represent Tennessee law enforcement in the "Flame of Hope" Torch Run to the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland. Smith, 41, a father of two, and a 16-year Metro Police Department veteran, was one of 110 runners from around the world that participated in the final leg of the Torch Run, which was held on June 4. Smith is a supervisor of a bicycle patrol unit working out of the police department's Central Sector. His on-the-job bicycling has allowed him to stay in top shape to participate in the international run. Smith has volunteered his time to the Nashville area Special Olympics program for the past seven years. "Sergeant Smith is a true 'Guardian of the Flame' and exemplifies the support and dedication that thousands of law enforcement officers around the world offer to the Special Olympics movement," said Timothy Shriver, President and CEO of Special Olympics.

On June 5, 2003, the 5th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Golf Tournament, sponsored by Tennessee Special Olympics, was held at Pine Creek Golf Course in Mt. Juliet. So far this year, the volunteer efforts of Metro police officers have raised \$30,500 for Special Olympics.

And on June 18, 2003, as part of its long-standing commitment to Tennessee Special Olympics, the Metropolitan Police Department sponsored "An Evening with Wycheck," which featured Tennessee Titans tight end Frank Wycheck, at Rippy's Ribs. The event afforded an opportunity for citizens to meet, speak and get autographs from Wycheck as well as bid on silent auction items. "An Evening with Wycheck" included complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. The auction featured sports memorabilia, home décor, autographed photos of celebrities and many more items.



Metro Police Officer Steve Turner (center) works closely with Special Olympic athletes throughout the year.



Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner passes the torch to Officer Steve Turner to start the law enforcement run.



Special Olympians and their law enforcement friends who participated in or escorted the torch run posed for a picture before heading to Pearl Cohn High School.



Sergeant Billy Smith



Auto Theft Prevention Events

Nashvillians looking for innovative ways to protect their vehicles from theft were invited to visit the parking lots of two local malls on May 16th & 17th and took part in events sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department's Crime Prevention & Auto Theft Units and the Tennessee Department of Safety.

Help Eliminate Auto Theft displays were set up in the parking lot of 100 Oaks Mall on May 16 and in the parking lot of Opry Mills on May 17.



Citizens had the opportunity to sign up for the "Watch Your Car" program, in which a car, truck or van owner places a special decal in the back window signifying that the vehicle is not normally used in the early morning hours. The sticker authorizes police to stop the car for investigation if it is on the streets between the hours of 1 a.m.-5 a.m. The standardized decals and nationwide implementation of the "Watch Your Car" program means officers across the country are involved in proactively investigating potential early morning auto thefts.



The displays also offered VIN etching, which involved the owner voluntarily having the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) acid-etched onto every window. Thieves operating "chop shops," operations involving the dismantling and selling of vehicle parts, cannot remove or alter the acid-etched VIN without damaging the windows.



Christmas Basket Toy Parade

Motorcycle enthusiasts from across Nashville were invited to take part in Boswell's Eighth annual Toy Parade which benefits the Metropolitan Police Department's Christmas Basket Program. The event is the largest single fundraiser for the police-sponsored charity that has been helping Nashville's needy for 42 years.

Motorcycle riders lined up at Boswell's Harley-Davidson, 401 Fesslers Lane, on November 8, 2003, for a fun ride to Coaches Sports Bar on Rivergate Parkway in Goodlettsville, where music, fun and food awaited.

Participating riders were asked to bring a new toy and make a cash donation. The money and toys were used to support the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program, through which police officers deliver food and toys to needy Nashvillians on Christmas Eve morning.

All riders and brands of motorcycles are welcome to take part in the Toy Parade. The event always takes place rain or shine. Last year's Toy Parade raised more than \$10,000 for the Christmas Basket Program.





Christmas Basket Program Enters 42nd Year

The Christmas Basket Program began in 1961. When Christmas arrived that year, Sgt. Joe Casey recommended to his fellow officers in patrol, that they collect money that might normally be spent on exchanging Christmas cards. That money would be used to purchase food for a needy family in the city. Although, the average officer made only about \$262 per month, enough was collected for two families to receive one basket of food apiece. In 1963, Joy Pike and Carolyn Edwards, both civilian employees, using their own money and donations from others, began collecting toys to be delivered with the baskets. Three families received toys; one being to a family whose child's only request was to have a Slinky. Peggy Williams later joined the "toy team" to add to its' tradition. As each year went by the program grew as the need for assistance in the community became more apparent. The baskets were delivered with a U-Haul truck and it took all Christmas Eve to complete the deliveries. From the generosity and kindness of employees today, the program has swelled. In 1998, 800 baskets of food were delivered to 150 families.



This Christmas Eve, hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 210 needy Nashville families received food and toys from Metro police officers as the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program entered its 42nd year.

Families are chosen at the recommendation of police officers who come into contact with them during the year. This Christmas, more than 460 needy children received toys from the Christmas Basket Program. More than 40 needy elderly citizens were also served. Contributions from hundreds of police department personnel, both sworn and civilian, and from the Nashville community fund the program. Assistant Chief Judy Bawcum is the police department's volunteer coordinator of the Christmas Basket Program.

Cold Case Website Created

On October 2, 2003, District Attorney Torry Johnson and Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner announced the creation of a new Internet site dedicated to the murder cases under investigation and review by the Cold Case Unit. The new site, which can be accessed from the home pages of the District Attorney's Office (<http://www.nashville.gov/da>) and the police department (<http://www.police.nashville.org>), features victim photographs and details about cases which investigators feel could be greatly advanced by information from citizens.

"The fact that the Cold Case Unit has cleared nine older homicide cases since December of 2001 underscores the effectiveness of this investigative group," Johnson said. "It is my hope that the details provided on the new website will serve as a tool to solve additional cases as the result of information from citizens."

The Cold Case Unit consists of three veteran detectives with years of experience in homicide investigations. They are Terry McElroy, Grady Eleam and Bill Pridemore. They are joined by District Attorney's Office Investigator Al Gray. Murder Squad Sergeant Pat Postiglione and Deputy District Attorney Tom Thurman consult with the unit at its weekly case review meetings.

The conviction of Richard F. D'Antonio for the 1989 murder of Kevin Hughes on Music Row is representative of the Cold Case Unit's success. D'Antonio was arrested in Las Vegas on July 24, 2002 as a direct result of a renewed investigation by the Cold Case team.

"The Cold Case webpage serves as a reminder to our citizens that older murder cases are not forgotten, but continue to be worked behind the scenes by both the police department and the District Attorney's Office," Faulkner said. "The motto 'Don't Ever Give Up' truly reflects the mindset of the investigators assigned to the Cold Case Unit."

The Cold Case website was created by Jamie Johns of Metro Information Technology Services with direction from members of the Cold Case Unit and staff of the District Attorney's Office.

Explorer Larry Reed Receives National Academy Slot

Larry Reed, a senior member of police department-sponsored Explorer Scout Post 911, was accepted to attend the 2003 National Law Enforcement Explorer Leadership Academy in Washington.

Reed, 20, of South Nashville, was selected from among Explorer applicants across the United States to attend the weeklong academy, which is sponsored by the FBI, DEA, Secret Service and U.S. Army Military Police Corps.

Reed, who has been a part of Explorer Post 911 for six years, graduated with honors from Nashville State Technical Institute with a degree in police science. He plans to enroll at MTSU and become a Metropolitan police officer at the conclusion of his studies.

Young persons between the ages of 14 and 21 are invited to consider joining Explorer Post 911. Applicants must participate in an oral interview, pass a background check and maintain at least a "C" average in school.



Larry Reed

Hazardous Devices Unit Receives Award

Members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Hazardous Devices Unit proudly display an award given them on April 11, 2003, by the United States Attorney praising their work in firebombing cases on Nashville's Joy Circle in late April and early May of 2001.

The joint Metro Police-ATF investigation led the arrests of Rufus A. Thompson, III and Gregory Potter. The defendants were tried in United States District Court in March, 2002. Both were convicted on all counts and were sentenced to five consecutive life prison terms. In issuing the sentences, U.S. District Judge Robert Echols said, "the crimes committed were serious, life-threatening and in callous disregard of the lives and families of the victims. The court has heard the trauma that has resulted in the victims and the families of the victims. Both have been required to move. Others in the neighborhood moved. It was a dastardly deed. Fortunately, no one was injured physically, but the mental scars will remain forever."



Pictured (l-r) are Hazardous Devices Unit members Sgt. Chip Hooper, Officer Todd Mask and Officer Rick Pace.

Dan Whitehurst Named Investigator of the Year for 2002

On April 3, 2003, Robbery detective Dan Whitehurst was named the Metropolitan Police Department's Investigator of the Year for 2002. Whitehurst, 40, a 17-year police department veteran, received the honor for his investigation into a series of armed robberies and sexual assaults at businesses in South Nashville. One day alone, the suspect, Antonio D. Copeland, hit five different locations in a span of about two hours.

The car Copeland used to commit the crimes was located in a South Nashville parking lot. A fingerprint on a soft drink can found in the backseat of the car gave Detective Whitehurst a clue as to the suspect's identity, but he did not have enough evidence for an arrest warrant. Determined to stop Copeland's crime spree, Detective Whitehurst tracked him to his grandmother's home on Shelby Avenue. While arresting the suspect on unrelated charges, Detective Whitehurst found evidence from the robberies in the grandmother's home. Copeland eventually confessed to the robbery spree. He was convicted in Criminal Court last September of rape and robbery.

"Detective Whitehurst displayed outstanding police work and determination in locating this serial robber-sex offender and getting him off the streets of Nashville," Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner said. "I am proud of Detective Whitehurst's dedication to Nashville's citizens, a quality possessed throughout the Criminal Investigations Division and this police department," Faulkner said.

Whitehurst was selected for the award by a committee representing the various detective components of the department's Investigative Services Bureau.



Detective Dan Whitehurst was named the Metropolitan Police Department's Investigator of the Year for 2002.

Pictured (l-r) are Assistant Chief Mickey Miller, Assistant Chief Judy Bawcum, Assistant Chief Joseph Bishop, Acting Chief of Police Deborah Faulkner, Whitehurst, Deputy Chief Steve Anderson, Assistant Chief Valerie Meece and Assistant Chief Richard Briggance.

Investigator Of The Month

Below are pictures of the "Investigator of the Month" for 2003. Pictures of Vice investigators have been concealed due to the nature of their assignment.



Clarence Thompson



Mike Bennett



Justin Pinkleton



Phillip Williams



Wil Nesbitt



Charles Blackwood



William Stewart



Troy Smith



Joe Towers



Chad Gish

January –

Greg Jones, Vice

February –

Clarence Thompson,

Domestic Violence

March –

Mike Bennett & Justin

Pinkleton, Dom. Violence

April –

Phillip Williams,

Domestic Violence

May –

Wil Nesbitt, Robbery Unit

June –

Anita Prather, Vice

July –

Charles Blackwood,

Identification Field Office

August –

William D. Stewart,

Robbery Unit

September –

Jesse Burchwell &

Gene Donegan, Vice

October –

Troy Smith,

Domestic Violence

November –

Joe Towers,

Domestic Violence

December -

Chad Gish,

Robbery Unit

Eight East Sector Patrol Officers Honored

On March 13, 2003, the Dickerson Road Merchants' Association honored eight East Sector patrol officers for their work in ridding the area of auto burglars, thieves and other criminals. The officers are part of a directed patrol unit formed in January which concentrates on enhancing the safety of residents in the East Nashville area. The officers received plaques of appreciation at a luncheon held at Charlie Bob's Restaurant on Dickerson Road.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Jeannine Hale, Officer Terrence Bradley, Captain Danny Baker, Officer Michelle Steidl, Officer Gary Clements, Officer Billy Gross, Michael Douglas (President of the Dickerson Road Merchants' Association and owner of Charlie Bob's), and Officer Ben Ward.

Four Officers Honored by Downtown Optimist Club

On June 25, 2003, the Downtown Optimist Club honored four Metro police officers for outstanding acts as part of the organization's annual Respect for Law Week luncheon. The officers who received plaques at the luncheon were:

Officer Fred Bogle, a school crossing guard supervisor, who stopped a car for speeding in the Hermitage area in April. Moments before the stop, the speeder robbed a fast food restaurant. The suspect pulled away from Bogle as he was checking the man's identity, but because of Bogle's immediate report over the police radio, the robber was taken into custody within minutes.

Officer Gerry Hutcheson, a South Sector officer, who, while on routine patrol in May, saw three suspects in the act of driving a vehicle through the front door of a convenience market in an effort to steal an automated teller machine. Hutcheson's quick actions foiled the burglary and led to the arrest of the suspects.

Officer Billy Gross, an East Sector officer, who works closely with the Dickerson Road Merchants' Association to address crime issues in the neighborhood. Officer Gross is a tireless officer who has a proven track record of arrests as well as drug and gun seizures.

Detective Wil Nesbitt, a Robbery Unit investigator, who was instrumental in the arrest of eight young persons responsible for a series of fast food restaurant robberies in West Nashville. Detective Nesbitt worked hundreds of hours on the investigation, many of which were spent conducting surveillance.

The four officers were selected to receive the Optimist Club honor by the police department's command staff. "These four officers performed outstanding acts which, in the long run, helped to make Nashville safer for us all," Acting Chief Deborah Faulkner said. "I congratulate them for making outstanding cases and thank them for their dedication and hard work."

Odd Fellow Awards

The alert police work of Officer Ethan Page that led to the arrest of a speeding burglar and electronics thief earned Page the John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the second half of 2001. Page received a \$500 cash award in a ceremony on April 8, 2003. On August 29, 2001, Page stopped a car on I-40 at Donelson Pike for speeding. The driver jumped out and tried to flee on the side of the interstate. Page gave chase and took the man into custody following a struggle. A search of the suspect's car revealed two loaded pistols and more than \$9,000 worth of stolen electronic equipment. The suspect was subsequently tied to six burglaries in which more than \$49,000 worth of merchandise was stolen. He was charged with a variety of criminal offenses, and was given a ticket for driving 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. Officer Page's fine police work put a menacing thief behind bars and led to the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen goods.

Last year's routine investigation of an SUV blocking traffic that led to the arrest of a violent armed robber earned Patrol Officers Mike Robinson and Joseph Haywood the John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the first half of 2002. The officers split a \$500 cash award presented to them during a ceremony on July 1, 2003. On January 10, 2002, Robinson and Haywood encountered a Ford Explorer stopped in the middle of University Court. Upon seeing the officers, the driver pulled to the curb and parked. About ten minutes later, the officers came upon the Explorer again. This time it was stopped in the middle of Charles E. Davis Boulevard. The officers cited him for obstructing traffic. A computer check of the three persons in the Explorer showed that the front seat passenger, David James Moore, was wanted for failure to be booked on two driver's license charges. During a search of the Explorer as part of Moore's arrest, the officers found a green duffel bag which contained a .38 caliber revolver, a Scream Halloween mask and several pairs of rubber gloves. During a subsequent interview, Moore admitted to being the gunman who shot a Blockbuster Video manager during an attempted robbery of the chain's White Bridge Road store on November 25, 2001. The fine police work of Officers Robinson and Haywood took a dangerous criminal off the streets and solved a two-month-old robbery case.

Alert police work by Officer Justin Fox that resulted in last December's seizure of two pounds of marijuana from a car that had just run a stop sign earned Fox the Judge John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the second half of 2002. Fox received a \$500 cash award during a ceremony on December 2, 2003. On December 3, 2002, Fox was on patrol on N. Dupont Avenue when he saw a Ford LTD run a stop sign. Before Fox could get close enough to the car to initiate a traffic stop, the driver pulled into an apartment complex and parked. Fox approached the driver, Tondrick Chandler, and detected the odor of marijuana coming from both Chandler and the vehicle. Fox noticed a small amount of plant material on the driver's seat and then realized that Chandler was talking as if he had something in his mouth. Chandler was attempting to destroy evidence by eating marijuana. A subsequent search of the car revealed two pounds of marijuana and a set of electronic scales. Chandler was given a traffic ticket for running the stop sign and was arrested on charges of marijuana possession for resale, evidence tampering and possession of drug paraphernalia. The fine police work of Officer Fox took a drug suspect and two pounds of marijuana off our streets.

The Odd Fellow Award is given twice a year to an officer below the rank of lieutenant who makes an arrest of a person already wanted, or who makes a criminal case based on the original citing of a traffic law violator.



Officer Ethan Page (center) receives congratulations from Acting Police Chief Deborah Faulkner and Odd Fellows representative George Huffman.



Officers Mike Robinson and Joseph Haywood were honored as recipients of the John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the first half of 2002. Pictured (l-r) are Pat Wells of the Nashville Odd Fellows, Robinson, Haywood and Acting Chief of Police Deborah Faulkner.



All of these officers were nominated to receive the Odd Fellow Award for the first half of 2002. They are pictured with the police department's command staff (at the top of the stairs).



Pictured (l-r) are Acting Chief of Police Deborah Faulkner, Officer Justin Fox, and Pat Wells of the Nashville Odd Fellows.

Youth Services Detective Joe Cooper Receives Theodore Roosevelt Award

On June 9, 2003, Youth Services Detective Joe Cooper became the sixth ever member of the Metropolitan Police Department to receive the Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award. The honor was bestowed during a midday ceremony at the Cabin by the Spring at The Hermitage (home of President Andrew Jackson). The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to a police officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness or injury.

On April 28, 2000, Detective Cooper stopped a 15-year-old boy on Marina Street to determine why he wasn't in school. When he had gotten the teen's name and other information, Detective Cooper told him to have a seat on nearby concrete steps. He radioed the teen's information to headquarters and was waiting for a response when he noticed the youngster acting suspiciously. As Detective Cooper approached the boy to search him, the 15-year-old suddenly rose up from the steps armed with a pistol and shot Detective Cooper in the mouth at close range. The bullet broke his jawbone in five places and knocked out two teeth. Despite the injuries and the shock of being shot, Detective Cooper ran after the teen. He soon realized that he might pass out from the gunshot wound and returned to his police car to wait for responding officers. Detective Cooper remained conscious on the scene and wrote down the name and description of his assailant. Only then did he allow himself to be taken away in an ambulance. Surgeons at Vanderbilt University Medical Center wired Detective Cooper's jaw back together and fixed a plate for the missing teeth. Doctors reported that if the angle of the gunshot had been an inch higher, the bullet could have entered Detective Cooper's brain. One inch lower, and it might have severed his trachea or carotid artery. Although he doesn't remember much about his first five days in the hospital, Detective Cooper does remember that he had a recurrent dream. "In it, I was getting up and going to work," he said. Following several months of rehabilitation, that's exactly what he did. Detective Cooper, 50, a 15-year police department veteran, remains on assignment with the Youth Services Division.

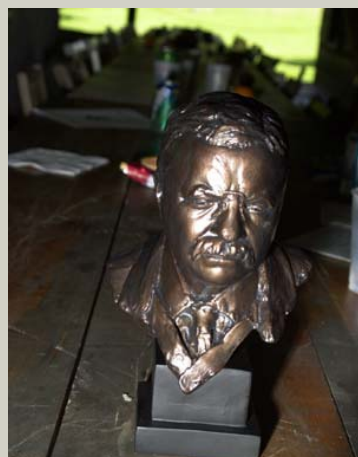
The Theodore Roosevelt Association established this awards program in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police. Nashville is one of only a handful of cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Other cities include New York City, Buffalo and upstate New York, Boston, Long Island, Dallas and Philadelphia. The generous support of the National Bank of Commerce and other donors made this year's award possible. Through their generosity, and that of the Tennessee Chapter of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Detective Cooper received a \$1,000 cash award, a medal and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a likeness of Roosevelt, and which is currently on display in the lobby of police headquarters, now includes the inscription of Detective Cooper's name. The Hermitage was chosen as the site for the award ceremony due to Theodore Roosevelt's visit there as President of the United States on October 22, 1907.

Past Metro police recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Award were Sgt. Phillip Sage (1998), Detective Clifford Mann (1999), Detective Frank Pierce (2000), Sergeant James (Jimbo) Allen (2001) and Officer William Richardson (2002).

Information about the activities of the Theodore Roosevelt Association is available on the Internet, <http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org>.



Pictured (l-r) are Bruce Holley & DeeGee Lester, Trustees of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Detective Cooper and James Summerville, Theodore Roosevelt Association Trustee.



In Memoriam – Lieutenant Oscar Stone

Oscar Stone was a great American. A graduate of East High. A Marine. A member of the “Greatest Generation”. A member of Metro’s Finest for 48 years. He epitomized the word “service”.

Born December 8, 1924, the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor came on the day before his 17th birthday. Oscar, seventh son, and number 8 out of 10 children, took the direct route. He, and several classmates from East High, dropped out of school and joined the Armed Forces, to do their part in the war. He was 17 years, 8 months, and 14 days of age. During the next 3 years, 4 months, and 21 days, he became a man.

Corporal Oscar R. Stone, Jr., 433589, U.S. Marine Corps. Light Machinegun Crewman was his primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). He was also an Automatic Rifleman, and then a Guard Patrolman. He saw combat in the Pacific Islands, including the Saipan and Tinian Campaigns. He served 1 year, 6 months, and 6 days foreign duty, including Occupation Duty in Japan. He received his Honorable Discharge on January 11, 1946, at Camp LeJeune, NC. Not one to leave unfinished business, Oscar and a few of his buddies went back to East High and finished school after the war.

He served as a Nashville Policeman from November 5, 1951, to January 1, 2000. He saw humanity at its best, and at its worst. Oscar did not waver. He was there. Stern, but fair. Lending a helping hand when needed. Enforcing the law when needed. Serving his community, for nearly a half a century. When not on duty, he was active in the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp, on Post 82 of the American Legion, the 40 & 8, the Marine Corps League, Big Brothers, the Nashville-Davidson County Veterans Day Parades, Memorial Day Services, Turkey Shoots, and hospital visits.

Lieutenant Oscar R. Stone, Jr., Metropolitan Nashville Police Department-Retired, was, and continues to be, eulogized by superiors, contemporaries, subordinates, and friends. He will be remembered for his integrity, his willingness to help others, his attention to detail, and his marksmanship ability. The world is a better place because of him.



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- Lt. Oscar Stone -

Family Peace Gallery Dedicated

On October 30, 2003, in observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Mayor Bill Purcell, Acting Chief Deborah Faulkner and local artists dedicated the Family Peace Gallery, a permanent collection of 70 works of art valued at more than \$68,000 that now hang in the offices of the Domestic Violence Division on Peabody Street. "The purpose of the Family Peace Gallery is to create a moment of joy, peace and healing for the thousands of victims who come to us for help each year," said Lt. Rita Baker, acting commander of the Domestic Violence Division. The Family Peace Gallery was the idea of police department supervisory counselor Dr. Carol Gipson and Brenda Brown, an art broker and volunteer domestic violence activist.

"Though art is used to aid healing in hundreds of hospitals nationwide, we may be the first police department to house an art gallery in a domestic violence setting," Gipson said. Artist donors are demonstrating that the Nashville artistic community cares and wants to lend a helping hand to domestic violence victims as they rebuild their lives. "The artists hope that the gallery will continue to be a comfort and temporary distraction from pain and stress to victims and the dedicated staff of the Domestic Violence Division," Brown said. Assistant Police Chief Valerie Meece, who worked to get the Family Peace Gallery off the ground when she commanded the Division, believes that art plays a role in healing. "These beautiful works of art emphasize that the Domestic Violence Division is a safe place that recognizes the need for survivors to reestablish control in their lives," Meece said. The Domestic Violence Division is staffed with sworn officers and civilian counselors, one of whom is fluent in Spanish and works closely with Hispanic victims of domestic violence. Through August, the men and women of the Domestic Violence Division worked 7,632 cases. They have achieved a 97% clearance rate.

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About The Art Collection

Many colors, textures and mediums are represented including graphite, ink, pastel, silk painting, oil monoprint, acrylic, watercolor, oil, mixed media, repousse, digital imaging, stonecast sculpture and textiles. Much of the varied collection has universal appeal and includes subjects which cover abstracts, landscapes, people, a woman screaming, water lilies, angels, a building, the sun, father and son, multiple floral bouquets, a dancer, a Japanese garden, a field of blackbirds, a butterfly, sunflowers, day lilies, pansies, poppies and clematis on a trellis. The collection includes ten African Americans of 49 contributing artists including Josephine Blakemore, Paul Bryant, Ted Jones, Orlando Mathers, Alex Norris, Mary Paul, Crystal Ridley, Greg Ridley, Jamaal Sheats and Carlton Wilkinson. Art broker and organizer, Brenda Brown, tried to include art that would appeal to African American and Hispanic women including a digital gicle'e by Carlton Wilkinson entitled "Sisters," a lace collage by 80-year-old Josephine Blakemore entitled "Kaleidoscope," a watercolor of a baby frog on a lily pad for the unit's nursery entitled "Mommy Help," by Orlando Mathers and a portrait collage, "April," of a Hispanic woman that is made of torn bits of magazines by Reba Wauford. Carlton Wilkinson said he thought women experiencing trauma should be surrounded by beauty.



Trees Planted in Honor of Fallen Officers

On December 8, 2003, East Sector patrol officers marked the second anniversary of the death of Officer Candace Ripp by planting Crepe Myrtle trees in memory of the four officers from the East Station who have been killed in the line of duty.

The trees were planted in front of the East Station and honor:

Officer Robert Williams, who was killed in a car crash on May 2, 1968 while responding to a call;

Officer William Bolin, who was fatally wounded on August 4, 1982 while responding to a domestic disturbance call;

Officer Paul Scurry, who was fatally wounded on May 17, 1996 while attempting to serve outstanding warrants on a criminal suspect;

and **Officer Candace Ripp**, who was struck and killed by an SUV on December 8, 2001 while working a car crash on Ellington Parkway.

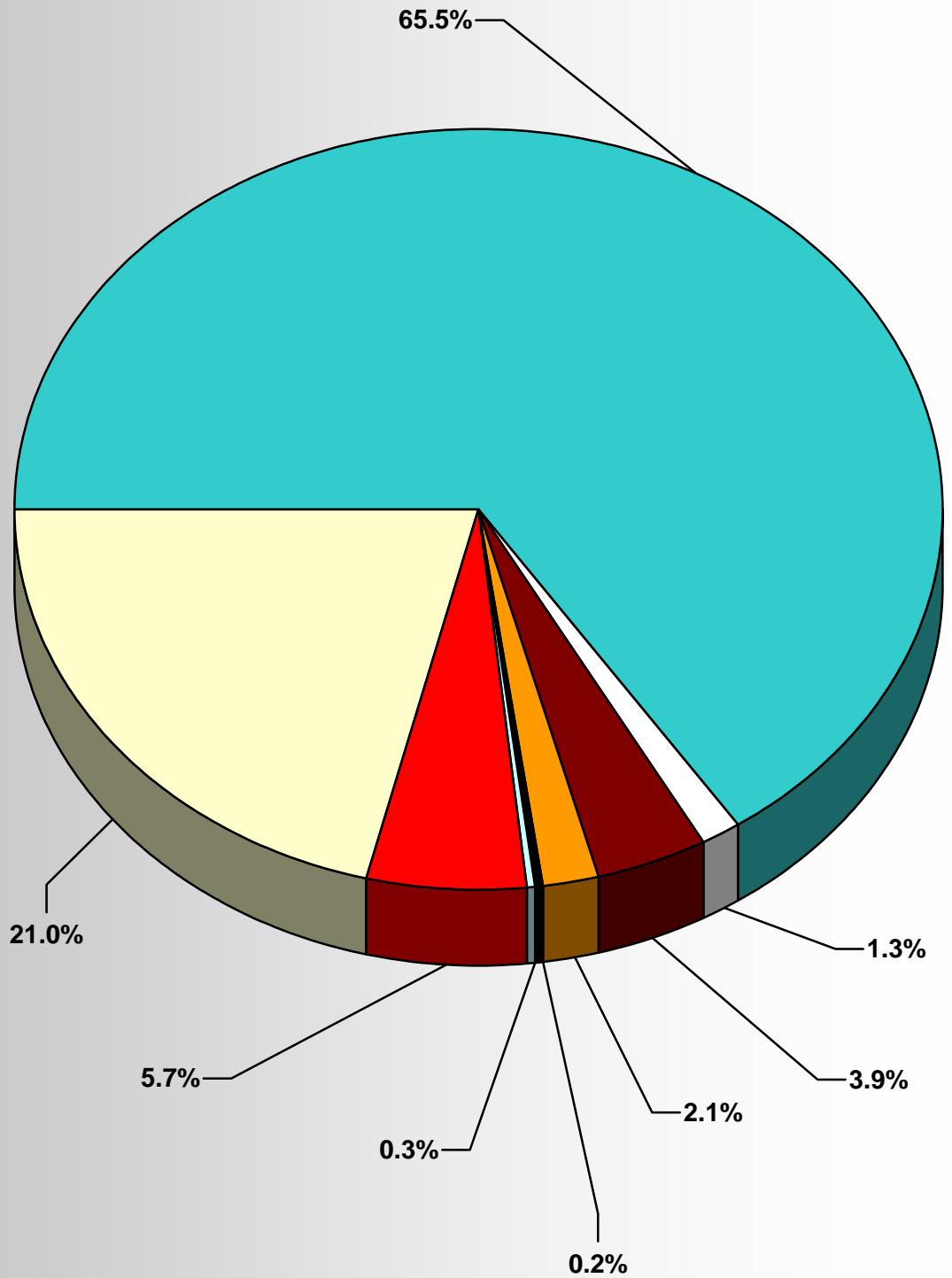


Melanie Scurry West, daughter of Officer Francis Paul Scurry, assists (l-r) Officers John Donnelly, Mike Dioguardi and Greg Pemberton in planting a tree in memory and honor of her father.

FY 2003 BUDGET TOTAL:

\$162,988,493

- Local Salaries and Benefits
\$106,766,829
- Radio Shop Charge
\$2,161,300
- All Other (Local)
\$6,316,421
- Fleet Operations
\$3,365,578
- Uniforms
\$319,300
- Telecommunications
\$543,400
- Grants & Other Funds
\$9,224,819
- Capital Projects
\$34,290,846



HOMICIDES – 31 Year Low

On January 2, 2003, Chief Emmett Turner announced that homicides in Nashville dropped to a 31-year low in 2002. Sixty-five persons were murdered in Nashville last year. The total is the lowest since 1970, when 63 persons were victims of homicide, and is down dramatically from 1997's record high of 112 murders. The 2001 homicide total was 66.

Chief Turner also announced that deaths from motor vehicle crashes dropped to an 11-year low in 2002. Seventy persons were killed in 67 fatal crashes last year. The total is the lowest since 1991, when 63 persons died in Nashville traffic accidents.

"I strongly believe that the hard work and dedication of police officers throughout the city, coupled with the commitment Mayor Purcell and I share to keep police staffing levels high, are having a significant impact in enhancing the safety of our citizens," Turner said.

Turner noted that through working closely with the Purcell administration over the past three years, 241 men and women from six recruit classes have graduated from the department's Training Academy. With the graduation of the last class on December 17, Nashville had more police officers than ever before (1302). Chief Turner said that along with the staffing commitment, he and the mayor are working to ensure that officers continue to have available state-of-the-art technology to help do their jobs more effectively.

An analysis of 2002's 65 homicide cases shows that 39 victims were black and 26 victims were white. There were 14 domestic-related murders, compared with 2001's domestic total of 15. The oldest murder victim last year was 58. The youngest was 5. Six of last year's 65 cases remain under active investigation. The rest have either been cleared by arrest, have arrest warrants on file, are awaiting grand jury action or were cleared by exception (suspect deceased). Firearms killed 45 of last year's 65 murder victims. The men and women of the police department continue to seize a large number of firearms each year. During 2002, 2,506 guns were taken off the streets.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTABILITY

2003 CASE SUMMARY

Complaints and Investigation Brought Over From 2002 29
Complaints and Investigations Initiated In 2003 88
Total Investigations In 2003 117
Total Investigations Completed In 2003 86
Investigations Carried Over Into 2004 31

Of the 86 completed cases, the alleged violations were resolved as follows:

Charges Sustained 77
Charges Unfounded 21
Charges Not Sustained 30
Matter of Information Only 33
Total Charges Resolved 161

“Sustained” means that the allegation(s) is supported by sufficient evidence and further action is recommended.

“Unfounded” means that allegation(s) is not valid or is untrue.

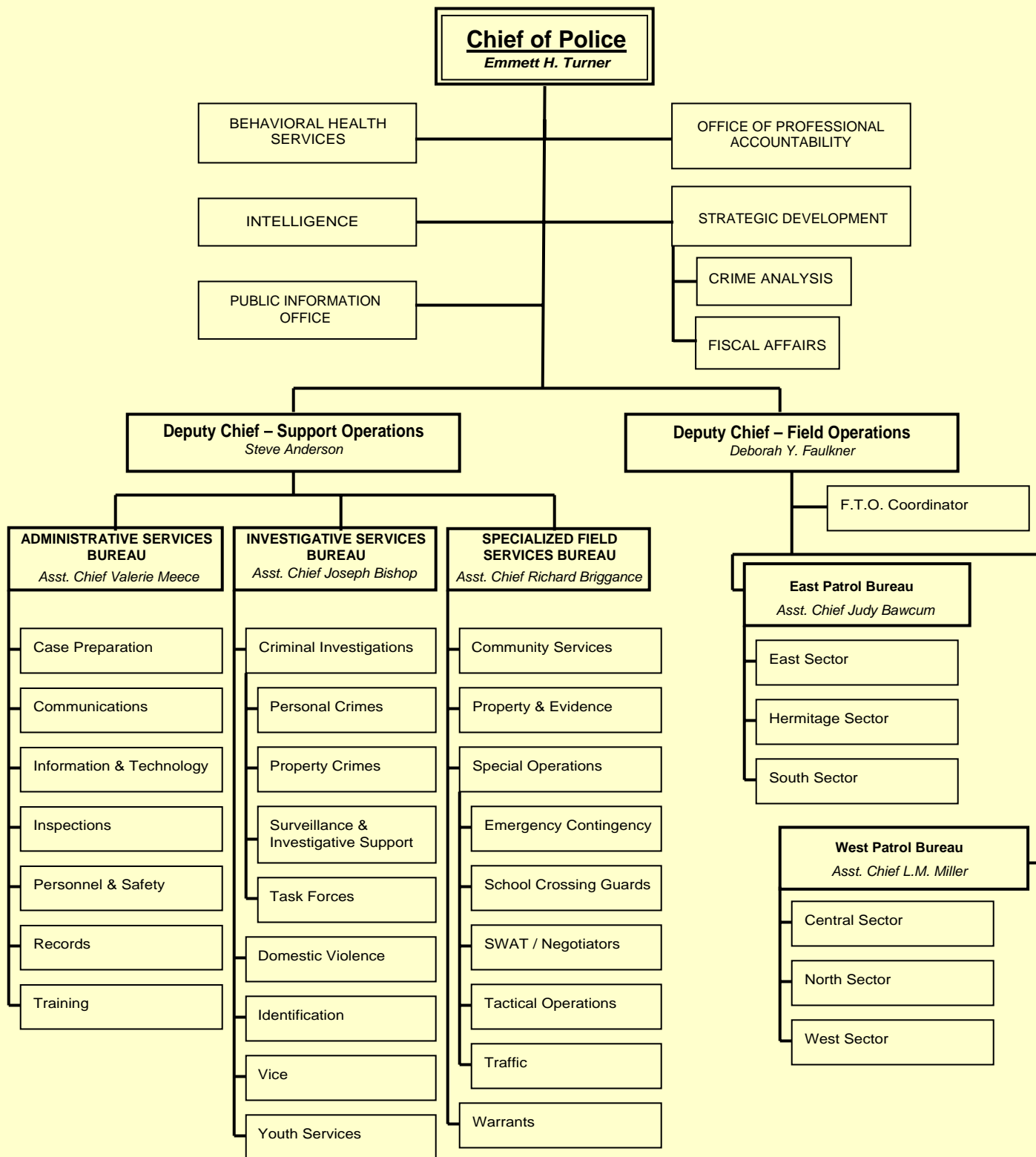
“Not Sustained” means that there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation(s).

Total Disciplinary Actions:

Termination 2
Resignation Prior to Hearing 10
Oral Reprimand 29
Written Reprimand 134
Suspension 114

Organizational Chart

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
CALEA 11.1.2



Qualifications

May apply at age 20, but must be 21 at time of appointment.

Possess a minimum of 60 semester hours from an accredited academic institution.

Transcript of grades must show at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 system, or High School Diploma or GED, documentation of two(2) years military experience (Military Service Discharge: Long form DD-214). Military duty should have been completed within three(3) years of application date.

Eyesight must be no worse than 20/100 uncorrected, 20/20 in better eye, 20/30 in other eye.

Be in excellent physical and mental health with no restrictions that could restrict or impair police work.

Benefits

- Competitive Pay
- 20 Vacation Days
- 3 Personal Days
- 10 Holidays
- 1 Sick Day/Month (May Build to 120)
- Generous Health/Dental Benefits
- Excellent Retirement Benefits



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