

# *City of Petersburg, Virginia 2020 Public Safety Annual Report*



# 2020 Public Safety Annual Report

## Table of Content

Message from the Chief of Police	3
Police	4
Community Corrections	28
Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control	35
Freedom Support Center	39

# *A Message from* **Chief Travis Christian**

The mission of the Petersburg Bureau of Police is committed to being a premier law enforcement agency, by engaging our community, building trust, and reducing the fear of crime. Our mission statement strikes at the core of who we are and what we value. Our partnership with the community is vital to maintaining a safe city and we continually look for better ways to engage citizens. We encourage all citizens to work with us to elevate public safety for everyone. Our department understands that without the continued support of our community, our public safety mission would indeed be very difficult. One of our major successes of the year was becoming an Accredited agency for the first time in our 210-year history through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC).



2020 was certainly a year for the record books. There was a steep learning curve as the COVID-19 pandemic quickly enveloped the country. The police department adapted to provide a high level of service to the community while trying to keep residents and employees safe from the virus. The 22 homicides that took place last year was a record number, however, 12 were solved with a 55% clearance rate. While the number of drug overdoses increased, we continue to put many resources towards combatting illegal drugs in our city as it continues to be the largest driver of crime. All the officers of the Bureau worked together and seized 402 weapons. The total number of calls for police service received were 41,339 with a population of around 32,000, which has remained steady over the past few years. The continued number of calls for service and the number of citizens in Petersburg presents both challenges and opportunities for our department, but despite the population and calls for service, our Property and Violent crime rates per 1,000 residents declined. The men and women of the PBP are well trained, focused, and dedicated to providing a high level of customer service and public safety.

We make a point to hire men and women who see themselves as public servants and give them the best professional training in the region. We work hard to ensure that our department is “the” desired destination in the region for those seeking a career in public service and public safety. I am very thankful of Mayor Parham and the members of the City Council for their continued strong support of public safety in our community. I am also thankful for the support of the citizens of Petersburg who strongly desire to keep our community a safe place to live, work, raise their families, and pursue their dreams. Looking ahead, we are confident in our mission, mindful of our challenges, and optimistic about our path continuing into 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Christian".

Colonel Travis Christian  
Chief of Police

# PETERSBURG BUREAU OF POLICE

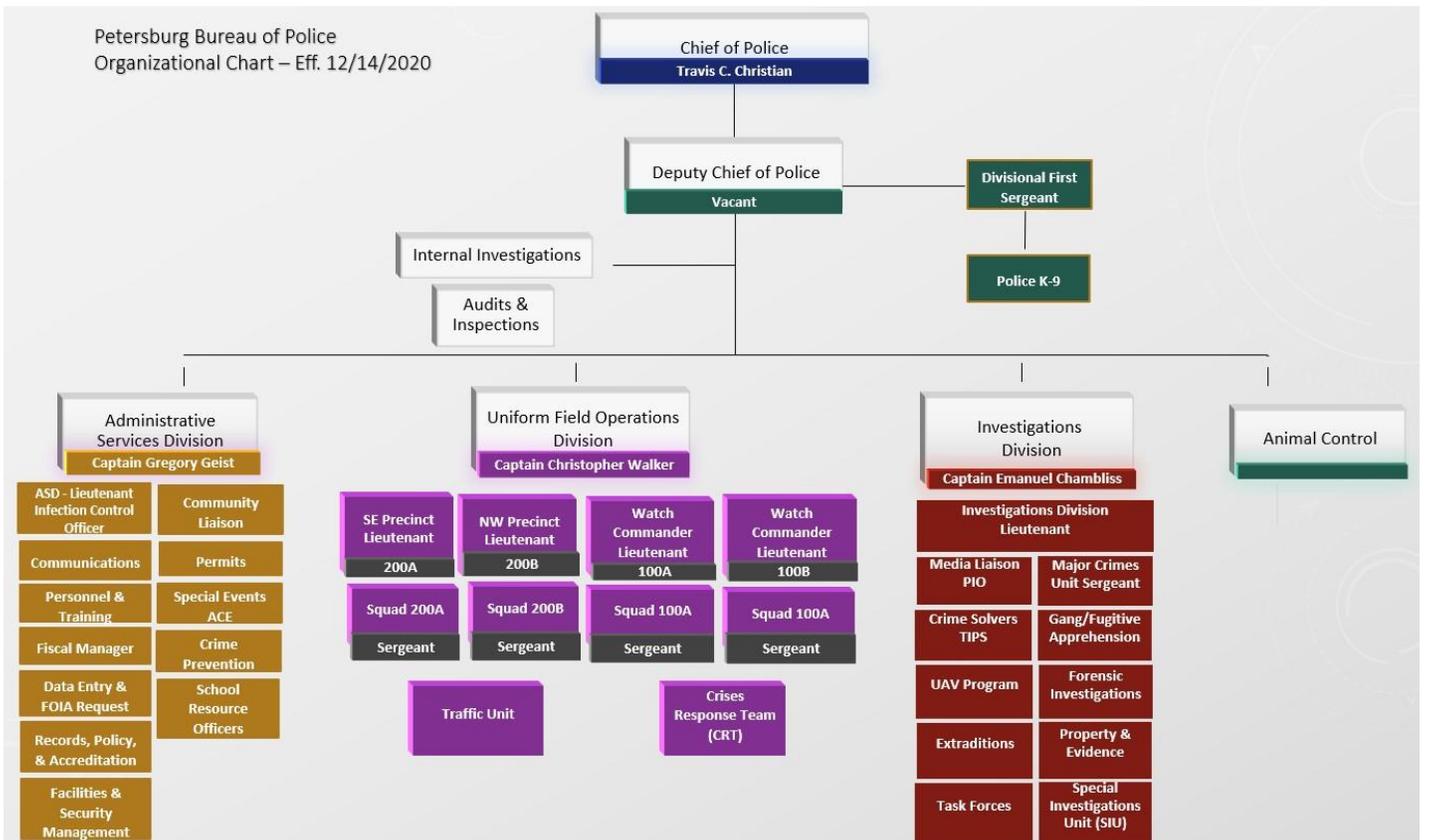
## 2020 Annual Report



### *Mission Statement*

*The Petersburg Bureau of Police, committed to being a premier law enforcement agency, by engaging our community, building trust, and reducing the fear of crime.*

# Organizational Chart



# COMMAND STAFF



**Chief of Police  
Travis Christian**



**Administration Commander  
Capt. Gregory Geist**



**Investigations Commander  
Capt. Emmanuel Chambliss**



**Operations Commander  
Capt. Chris Walker**



**Investigations LT.  
Christopher Buffkin**



**Administrative LT.  
Dustin Sloan**



**Watch Commander  
LT. James Frye**



**Accreditation  
LT. Sherrie Johnson**



**First Sergeant  
Thomas Carter**



**Command First  
Sergeant Floyd Hall**

# Petersburg Bureau of Police Strength Report

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

<b>Sworn Police Officers</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Authorized Positions</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31 (16 Deferred)</b>
<b>Animal Control Officers Sworn</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Authorized Positions</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Emergency Communications Staff</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Authorized Positions</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Civilian Staff</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Authorized Positions</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Part Time Staff</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Authorized Positions</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>

# DEPARTMENT FOCUS POINTS

**#1. Public Safety** - A results driven proactive philosophy utilizing the “Risk Terrain Modeling Approach to Policing”. Hot Spot enforcement with emphasis on intelligence led policing practices.



**#2. Well Trained and Equipped Personnel** - Delivering the highest standards of service to our citizens by training and equipping a diverse team to reflect state of the art practices of modern Law Enforcement.



**#3. Community Engagement** — Promoting partnerships and investing trust within our community to ensure a quality return.



## CIVILIAN SUPPORT TEAM



**Chief's Office  
Ardee Langford**



**Business Services  
Manager/Accreditation  
H. Randall Griffin**



**Budget and Finance  
Pam Sheets**

## Emergency Communications Supervision



**Shantel Cooper  
Communications Coordinator**



**Tawanda Abraham  
Asst. Communications  
Coordinator**



**Vonsheila Parker  
Shift Supervisor**



**Kim Tucker  
Shift Supervisor**



**Kristin Milton  
Shift Supervisor**

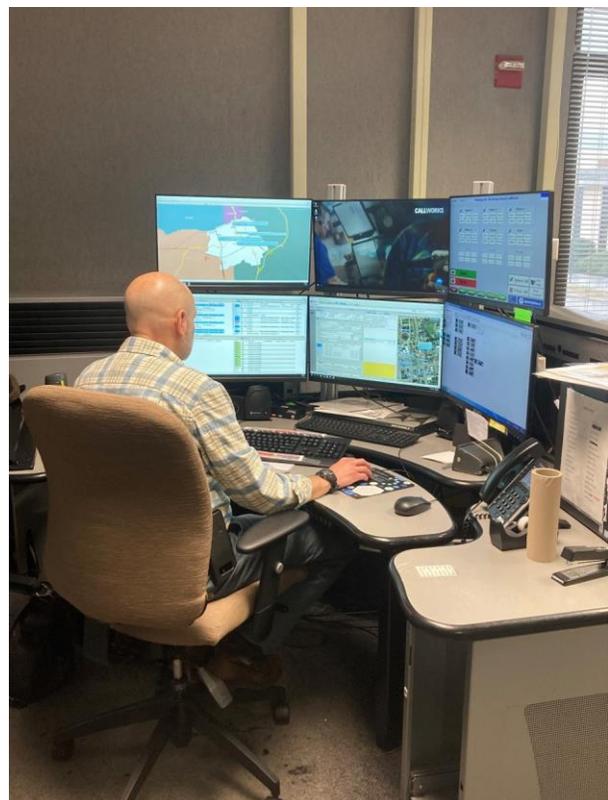
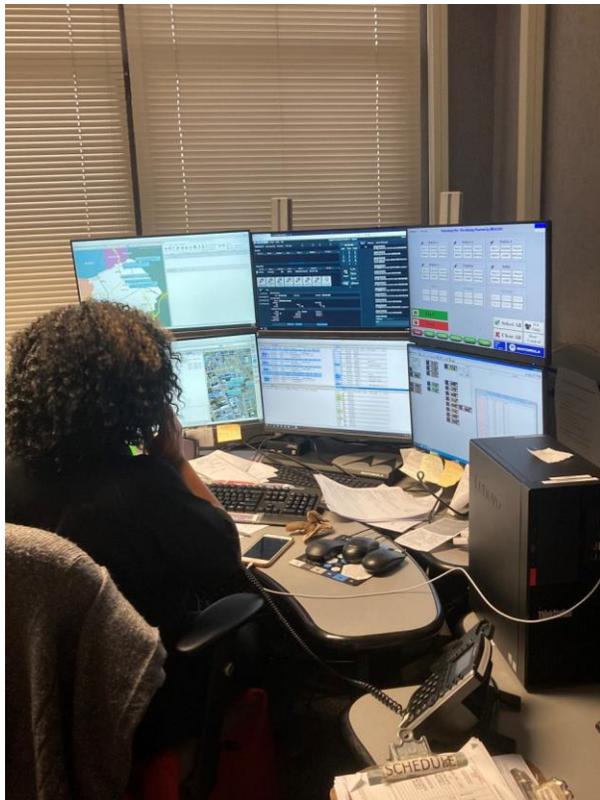


**Ladonna Bolden  
Shift Supervisor**

# COMMUNICATIONS

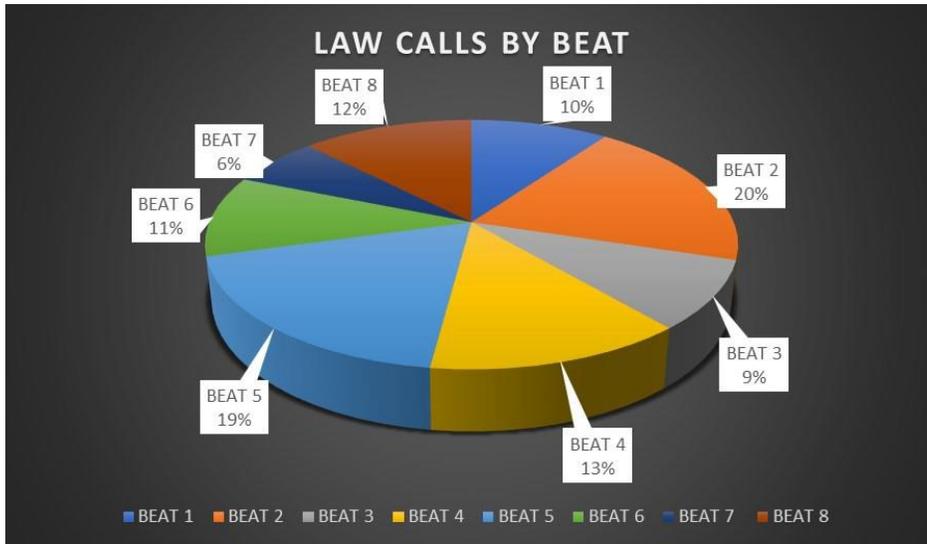
## Calls for Service (CFS) City-Wide

<b>Communications</b>	
<b>Police Calls</b>	<b>41,339</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Calls</b>	<b>11,311</b>
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>52,380</b>

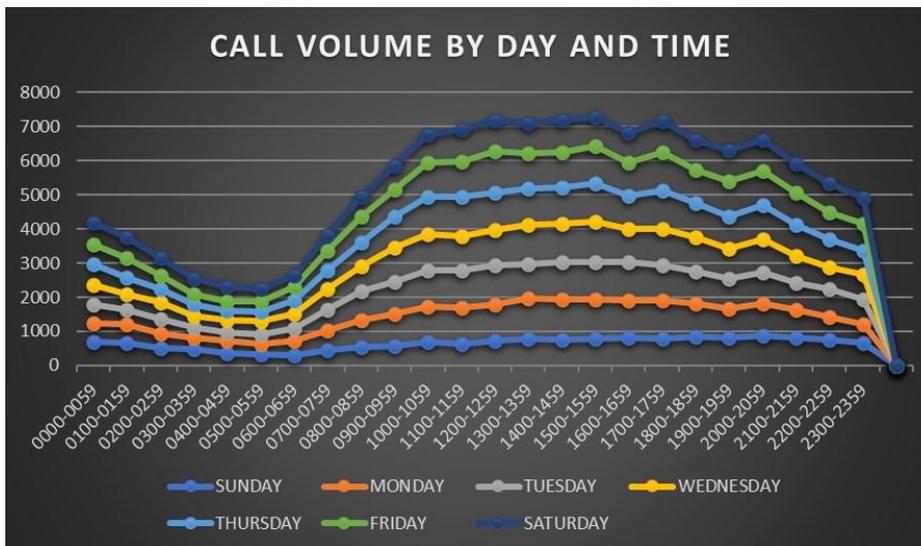


# COMMUNICATIONS

## Calls for Service by Beat



## Call Volume by Time of Day



The Communications Unit exists within the Bureau to facilitate around-the-clock communications services for all emergency services for the City of Petersburg. Handling volumes of information and service requests and then directing that information to appropriate service elements by utilizing Communications technology. The Emergency 911 center is staffed 24 hours a day, everyday, and stands ready to handle any emergency or critical incident that may occur. The Emergency 911 Center is the "lifeline" between the individual police officer, firefighter, EMS provider or person calling for assistance.

# TRAINING



Sergeant Daniel Felthoff  
Training and Recruitment



Through job performance analysis and command driven directives, the Training Unit is tasked with moving forward our agency's priorities, goals and objectives. The Office is currently staffed with one (1) Sergeant. In addition to "In-House" training, the training unit has oversight responsibilities as it relates to both Police Recruit Basic Academy Training, as well as In-Service Academy Training for our sworn Police Officers and civilian personnel. The Training Unit also spearheads our recruitment efforts.

# Public Relations Unit Public Safety



**The Petersburg Bureau of Police partners with local media stations and print to ensure a steady flow of information to the public. It is also necessary to monitor Social Media constantly, providing the public with real time information on matters of Public Safety.**

# CRIME PREVENTION



Command First Sergeant  
Floyd Hall



Corporal Jacqueline Hernandez

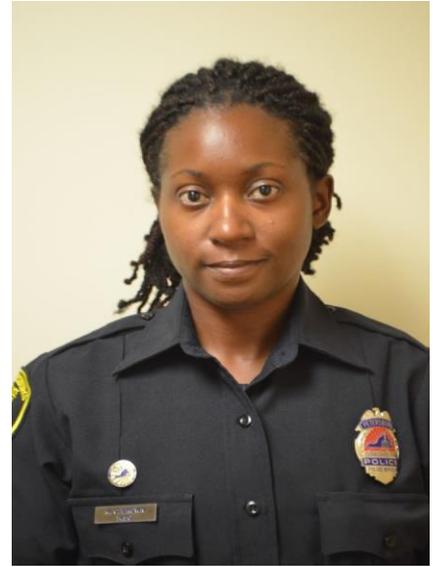


Crime Prevention Officers provide safety information, referrals, and training on various safety topics for individuals, community groups and businesses. Such topics include: neighborhood watch, identity theft, personal safety, workplace safety, and preventing elder abuse. Crime Prevention makes an effort attend civic meetings, events, Neighborhood Watch gatherings or any other opportunity to meet with citizens and speak to them on trends of crime and Law Enforcement strategies.

# School Resource Officers



**Petersburg High School  
Officer Eldon Dodd**



**Elementary Schools  
Officer Michelle Brown**

**Vernon Johns Junior HS  
Officer Joshua Cuba**

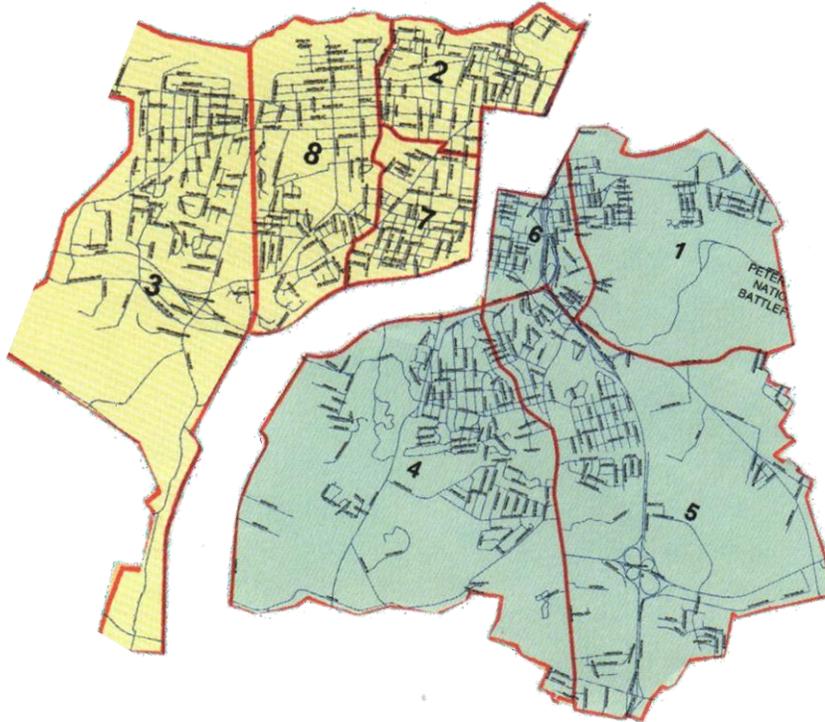


**TO PROTECT  
& EDUCATE:**  
**The School Resource Officer and the  
Prevention of Violence in Schools**

The goals of the Petersburg Bureau of Police SRO program include providing a safe learning environment in our city's schools, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so that they can reach their fullest potentials.

# FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

## Northwest Precinct



## Southeast Precinct

### Field Operations Division-

Comprised of Patrol Officers, K-9 Officers, Traffic Safety Officers and School Resource Officers. The Uniform Operations [Patrol] Division is the core of our Police Department. This Division provides the citizens' and visitors' of Petersburg with around-the-clock protection and service. The Patrol Division of the Petersburg Bureau of Police has the responsibility of preserving the peace, protecting life and property, and maintaining the balance between law and order and individual liberty. The officers of the Uniform Patrol Division, true to its name, accomplish this by vigilance and constant random patrols of the city's streets and "Hot Spots" by marked and unmarked cars, on foot and on bicycle in an effort to discourage and prevent criminal offenses from occurring.

# Violent Crimes

Uniform Field Operations uses proactive methods of policing to include capturing data to determine crime trends. In 2020, this division saw an overall decrease in violent crimes and property crimes as shown below.

<b>VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	Period 2019	Period 2020	Period Change	Period %Change
09A Homicide Total	21	22	+1	4.7%
100 Kidnapping/Abduction Total	7	4	-3	-42.8%
11A Rape Total	7	9	+2	28.5%
120 Robbery/Business Total	8	6	-2	-25%
120 Robbery/Individual Total	24	13	-11	-45.8%
13A Aggravated Assault Total	129	123	-6	-4.6%
18.2-5 Felonious Assault Total	0	0	0	0%
<b>Violent Crime Totals</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	Period 2019	Period 2020	Period Change	Period %Change
200 Arson Total	2	1	-1	-50%
220 Burglary Total	115	78	-37	-32.1%
23 Larceny Total	542	397	-145	-26.7%
240 Auto Theft Total	117	87	-30	-25.6%
290 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism Total	258	317	+59	+22.8
<b>Property Crime Totals</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>-154</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>
<b>Grand Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>-171</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>

# K-9 Unit

The Petersburg Bureau of Police K-9 Unit is comprised of three K-9 Teams specializing in narcotic detection, explosive detection, and tracking. This unit is under the supervision of Command 1st Sgt. F. Hall.

<b>Arrest</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Summons</b>	<b>370</b>
<b>Call Outs</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Training Hours</b>	<b>1,005</b>
<b>Firearms Seized</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>3,454</b>
<b>Utilizations</b>	<b>193</b>



# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	Enforcement
Crash Reports	775
Summons	4,774
DUI Arrests	66
INOP vehicles	785



**Traffic Enforcement is the responsibility of all Police Officers. The primary responsibility is the Investigation of Motor Vehicle Crashes and the Enforcement of Motor Vehicle Laws. Officers respond to traffic complaints and deploy personnel and equipment, such as the Stealth Stat.**

**Dedicated traffic officers duties include the management of Taxi Cabs and the Child Safety Seat program. The unit is frequently called out for serious accidents requiring more skills in crash reconstructions. The Traffic Unit takes the lead in initiatives such as Parades, Funeral Escorts and events requiring extensive traffic control. Special enforcement such as, DUI Enforcement, Click it or Ticket, Stationary/Saturation Checkpoints, License Plate Reader, and Highway Safety Patrol, are essential initiatives that preserve the safety of the motoring public.**

# FIELD OPERATIONS

## Arrest and Summons Report 2020

### Arrests:

In 2020 there were **1,771** persons arrests for various crimes.

### Summons:

In 2020 there were **4,774** Traffic Summons written by the Officers of Petersburg Bureau of Police.



## Major Crimes Unit



**Investigations Commander  
Captain Emmanuel Chambliss**



**Lieutenant Christopher Buffkin**

**The Petersburg Bureau of Police Investigations Division is comprised of three units:**

**Major Crimes** - investigates all serious crimes including Murder, Sexual Assaults, and Robberies.

**Special Investigations** - is tasked with investigating Crimes involving Drugs, Weapons, and other Vice Crimes.

**Crime Scene Unit, Property and Evidence** - collect evidence needed to prosecute criminal cases. These investigators also maintain a secure facility to ensure detailed accountability of all property and evidence that is in the Police Departments care.

Type of Case	Number of Cases	Cleared	Percent Solved	National Average
<b>Homicide</b>	22	12	55%	<b>62.3%</b>
<b>Death Investigations</b>	26	22	85%	
<b>Robberies</b>	14	8	57%	<b>30.4%</b>
<b>Aggravated Assaults</b>	64	37	58%	<b>52.5%</b>
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	30	21	70%	<b>33.4%</b>
<b>Burglaries</b>	14	1	7%	<b>13.9%</b>
<b>Missing Persons/Runaways</b>	27	24	89%	
<b>Frauds</b>	20	7	35%	<b>32.1%</b>
<b>Other</b>	34	22	65%	
<b>Overall Totals</b>	251	151	60%	

# Special Investigations Unit



The Special Investigations Unit is made up of 1 Sergeant and 4 Detectives. Their mission is to immerse themselves in the culture of Drug Dealing, Gangs, Firearms and other Vice Crimes. They take an unorthodox approach to identify persons that engage in behavior associated with Guns, Drugs and Violent Crime.

# CRIME SCENE FORENSIC UNIT



The Crime Scene Investigations Unit is responsible for the collection and analysis of evidence. The CSI Unit is staffed by two full time detectives with the help of a Sergeant trained in forensics. CSI responds to all major crime scenes and handles over 8,000 recovered items of evidence annually.

# Crisis Response Team



**The Crisis Response Team stands ready to support the community and officers of the Bureau in the event an advanced tactical approach is needed to resolve a situation.**

# ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL



Chief Warden  
Debbie Broughton



Animal Control Officer  
Jazmis Aponte



Animal Control Officer  
Zada Adams

# ANIMAL CONTROL

**Calls for Service—1,404**

**Returned to owners—182 animals**

**Transferred—168 animals**

**Adoption—173 animals**



Petersburg Animal Care and Control is the animal enforcement unit of the Petersburg Bureau of Police. They respond to calls for service in the city pertaining to any animal related matters. The team manages the city animal shelter where they clean, care for, and facilitate the adoption of animals to the public.

# Peer Support Program



The Petersburg Bureau of Police Peer Support Program is comprised of sworn and non-sworn members of the bureau who are trained to assist any bureau member who is experiencing a life altering event.

# Police Chaplain Program

The Petersburg Bureau of Police Chaplain Program is a multi-faith program comprised of clergy members. These clergy members volunteer their time to assist anyone in need of services following a life changing event. Police Chaplains are available to bureau members and citizens seeking additional assistance. Police Chaplains also attend community events and other functions throughout the city of Petersburg.



Rev. Pamela Graham



Rev. Pauline Trisvan



Rev. Travis Warren



Rev. Scott Utter



Rev. Charles Williams

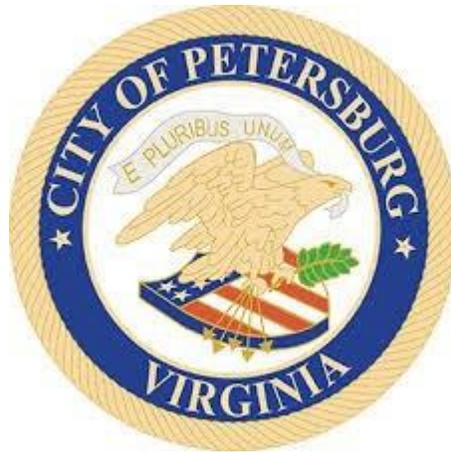


Rev. Leroy Cherry



Rev. Raven Stevenson

# Petersburg Community Corrections Pretrial and Probation Services



**Nicole Loving, CSAC  
Director**

# Petersburg Community Corrections

Petersburg Community Corrections (PCC) provides services and interventions from pretrial release through post adjudication supervision through an impartial administration of justice by providing a continuity of services throughout the judicial process. PCC is outcome oriented and strives to make our communities safer and to make a positive difference in the lives of the individuals we serve. We provide objective investigations with verified information and recommendations to assist the Court in making fair pretrial release and supervision decisions. We assess and manage risk utilizing locally validated assessment tools. We ensure individuals compliance with court-ordered conditions through community-based supervision and partnerships within the community.

PCC promotes the empowering of long-term positive changes in individuals through proactive interventions and promoting the fair and impartial, and just treatment of individuals throughout all phases of the system.

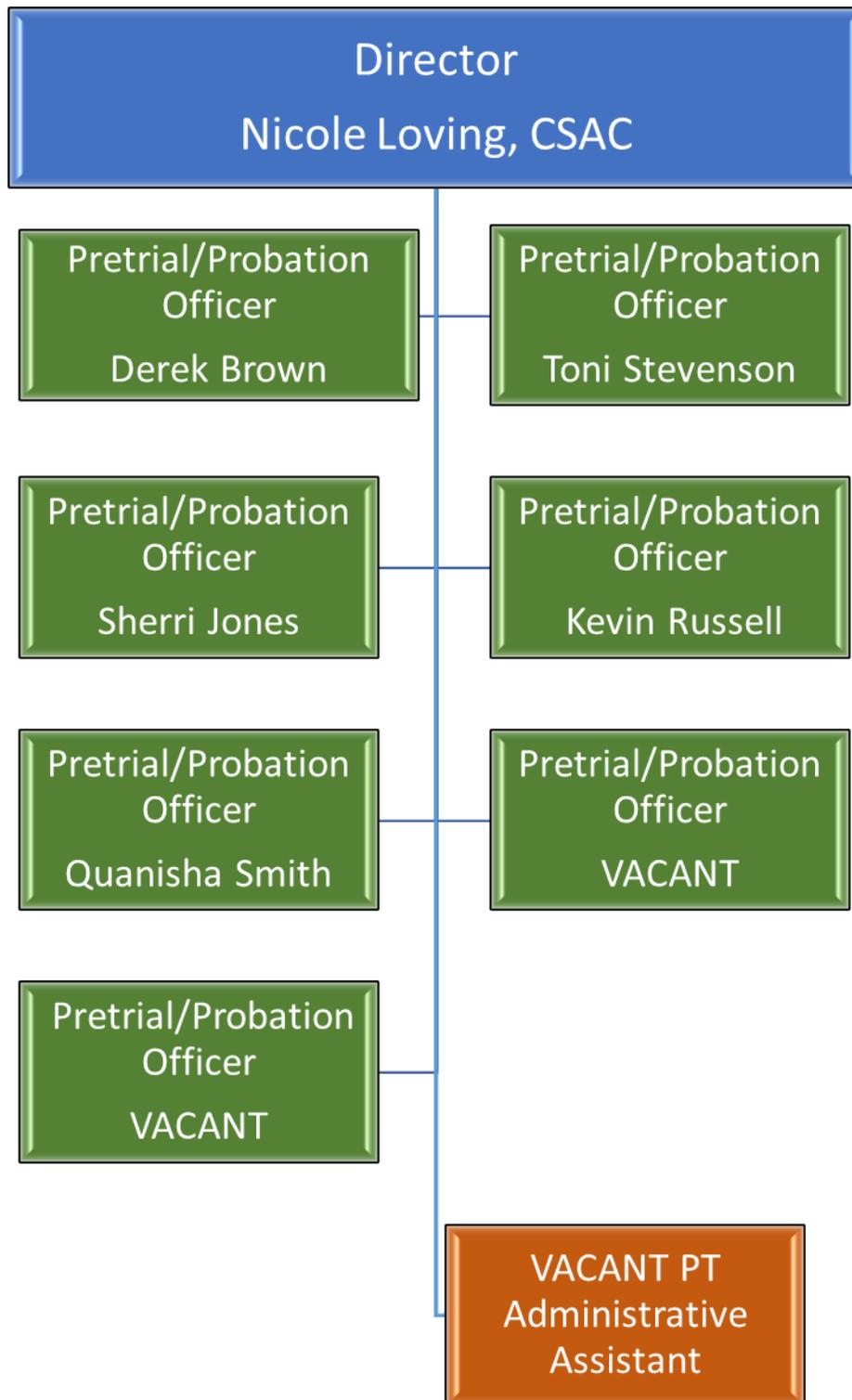
## **Pretrial Mission**

To promote pretrial justice with impartial bail investigations and make recommendations to the Court based on the risk of non-appearance and/or danger to the community using a validated risk assessment. To enhance public safety by implementing comprehensive supervision strategies and pro-social interventions, which decrease the likelihood of criminal behavior and ensure court appearance.

## **Probation Mission**

Petersburg Community Corrections is dedicated to enhancing public safety by providing alternatives to incarceration, facilitating viable treatment options, and delivering effective supervision, which reduce recidivism and improve the lives of the citizens in our communities.

# Petersburg Community Corrections



# Petersburg Community Corrections

## Major Components of PCC

### Agency Components:

#### **Pretrial Investigations:**

Interview defendants housed at Riverside Regional Jail, M, T, TH, F @ 6:15 am via the polycom system, investigate defendant information and prepare the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment (VPRAI) and court report with release recommendations based on Praxis results and assessing risk to public safety and risk of failure to appear. Present the VPRAI and court report at the arraignment hearing in the Petersburg General District Court daily at 8:30 am.

#### **Pretrial Supervision:**

Supervise all defendants released to PCC by the court, magistrate's office, or transferred to the agency from other localities. Monitor compliance with conditions of release, make appropriate referrals and collateral contacts, provide court reminders, verify curfew/HEM compliance, monitor court dates, and submit compliance or violation of bond reports to the court or respective local pretrial agencies as required.

#### **Probation Supervision:**

Provide supervision to individuals no younger than 18 years of age or considered an adult at the time of adjudication, who are sentenced to local-community based probation services by any of the six (6) courts between the City of Petersburg and Dinwiddie County, or as transferred to PCC from another local community corrections agency due to residency for eligible non-violent felony or misdemeanor offenses, for which the court imposes a total sentence of twelve (12) months or less, or for monitoring of cases that do not meet the definition of an eligible placement. Utilize the Risk/Need/Responsivity (RNR) model for supervision and specific evidence-based probation practices. Supervision includes an assessment to identify risk to reoffend and other needs, maintain monthly contacts at minimum, provide referrals for specialized assessments and monitoring of education or treatment services, which may include anger management and domestic violence, mental health, substance and/or co-occurring disorders, trauma informed care, sex offender treatment services, and other cognitive behavioral treatment interventions, drug testing, and monitoring of restitution and community service.

# Accomplishments

## Type of Cases:

Pretrial supervision caseload average 145

Probation supervision caseload 275

630 Pretrial defendants were screened, 595 were screened as eligible, and 35 were screened out

311 defendants were interviewed

A total of 288 defendants were not interviewed due to the following reasons:

11-Debilitated due to Medical Condition/Drugs/Alcohol

9-Behavior Not Conducive

18-Declined to be interviewed

105-Released on bond before interview

145-Other (PJDRCT, Circuit Court, COVID-19, Not Presented by RRJ)

Agency (Localities Served) Petersburg Community Corrections (City of Petersburg)

Investigations 408

Supervision Placements 253

Average Daily Caseload 134

Average Length of Supervision (Days) 193

Appearance Rates 90%

Public Safety Rates 89%

Compliance Rate 89%

(Per DCJS; Report on Pretrial Services FY20)

PCC monitored and reported curfew compliance for an average of 20 individuals per month on Pretrial supervision.

# Accomplishments

## 2020 Accomplishments

- Maintained compliance with DCJS minimum standards for Community Corrections and Pretrial Services Agencies
- In accordance with DCJS standards, have successfully managed the highest risk population (Petersburg) in Virginia according to the National Center for State Courts
- Continued to successfully interview via polycom for defendants housed at Riverside Regional Jail through the COVID-19 pandemic
- Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency staff have successfully continued to provide pretrial and probation supervision in the community, utilizing a combination of in person contacts, telephone contacts, and other cloud-based video platforms to communicate with individuals on supervision
- Staff communicated multiple changing court dates to clients on pretrial and probation supervision during the height of the pandemic and closure of the Courts
- Staff linked individuals and their families with appropriate COVID-19 information and resources for transportation, food pantry, medical, employment, housing, mental health, substance abuse, other treatment services, employment, and other ancillary services
- Secured funding for the implementation of Pretrial Services in Dinwiddie County
- Continue to provide pretrial services in Petersburg, currently, the only jurisdiction in the 11th Judicial District of Virginia
- Decreased jail populations at Riverside Regional since April 2014 through effective Pretrial practices and release recommendations
- Petersburg is one of the only localities with a “meaningful first appearance”, where the Pretrial Officer and court report, Commonwealth Attorney and Defense Attorney are present at the arraignment
- Maintained State Police VCIN compliance certification

# Accomplishments

## **2020 Accomplishments Continued**

- The number of individuals who presented in the office between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, there were no incidents within the office.
- PCC Officers facilitated 8 warrant services in cooperation with the Petersburg Bureau of Police
- Provided localities with over 6,000 hours of community service hours in 2020
- Provided in-house case management, PTCC, Court, and pretrial/probation supervision training to all staff
- All Staff received the Oath of Office and are VCIN certified
- Continue as a Pilot Site for ARM (Administrative Response Matrix)
- On-site facilitation was discontinued due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, after some time to regroup, Anger Management, and Domestic Violence/BIP (Healthy Relationships) groups continued in an online format in partnership with Commonwealth Catholic Charities

# Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program



**Margo A. Hardy, Program Manager**

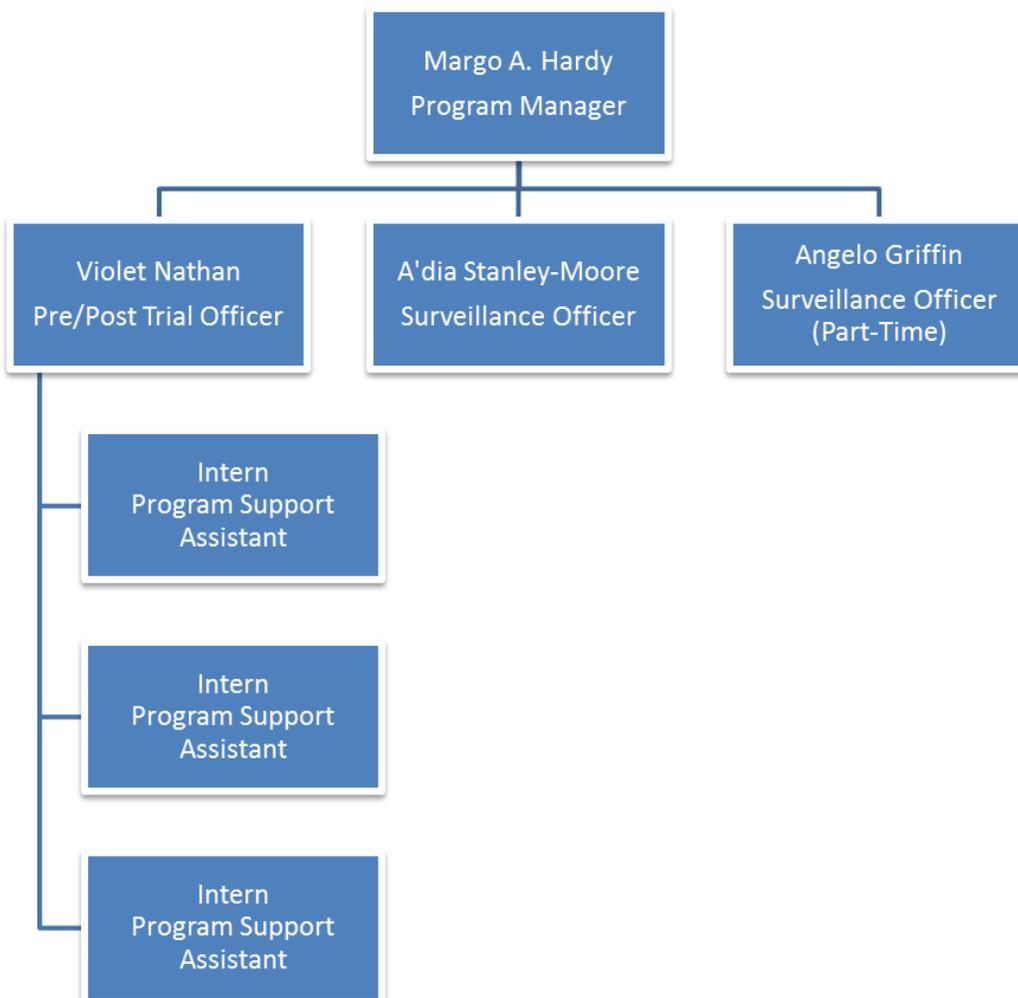
# Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program

## Vision

The Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program (PJCCCP) strives to provide youth and families in the City of Petersburg a safe, nurturing community that will provide for their needs, recognize their strengths, and support their success.

## Mission

To increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthens families and changes the lives of at-risk youth.



# Programs and Statistics

## Goals

Our goals are to reduce recidivism, improve social functioning, and eliminate the recurrence of self-defeating behaviors in the youth and families referred to PJCCCP. By incorporating the balanced approach components of community protection, accountability, and competency development, PJCCCP programs and services will be delivered by a well-trained and qualified workforce utilizing effective technology strategies and implementing systems capable of managing both current needs and anticipated growth.

## Programs and Services

PJCCCP provide this community-based system through the programs offered in the City of Petersburg for youth that are Court ordered into the program or diverted at Juvenile Intake.

Programs and services provided to youth and families for 2020: Outreach Detention, Electronic Monitoring, Surveillance Services, Life Skills, and Community Services. We offer the following evidence-based groups at the present time: Law Related Education, Pro-Social Skills, Too Good for Drugs, Thinking for a change, and Effective Communications.

### Program Stats for 2020:

Note: All of our program must meet a 75% successful completion rate for the fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. These figures are for calendar year 2020: (Number are much lower this year due to COVID-19 pandemic)

37 Juveniles enrolled in Electronics Monitoring Program – 90% successful completion rate  
10 Juveniles enrolled in Surveillance Program – 92% successful completion rate  
12 Juveniles enrolled in Community Service Program – 98% successful completion rate  
12 Juveniles enrolled in Law Related Education Program – 99% successful completion rate  
12 Juveniles in Case Management Program – 95% successful completion rate  
5 Juveniles in Life Skills Program – 100% successful completion rate

# Community Engagement

**Note: The Life Skills program started in July of 2020, with five (5) youth enrolled six-month period, which ends January 2021. Four youth has already successfully completed, and one youth has two more sessions to attend virtually.**

## **Other achievements for 2020:**

Collaborated with the Virginia League of Planned Parenthood to continue our annual five-week educational course on healthy relationships and teen pregnancy prevention.

PJCCCP youth complete 200 plus hours of community service work/volunteer work in the city of Petersburg.

Collaborated with Petersburg Public School to educate youth and parents on Truancy Matters

## **Program Staff, Interns and Volunteers**

The Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program currently consists of three (3) full time positions, one part time position. In Fall Semesters of 2019/2020, we had a total of 3 Interns and Volunteers from Virginia State University.

### **Those positions are as follows:**

In the FY18 Budget, The Petersburg Juvenile Community Crime Control Program consisted of three full time positions and one part time position. Those positions are as follows: One F/T Program Manager, One F/T Pre/Post Trial Officer (vacant), One F/T Surveillance Officer (vacant), One P/T Surveillance Officer and 1 Administrative Intern (Provisional).

## **Training/Conferences**

Virginia Juvenile Justice Association, Fall 2020 Virtual Conference  
Mental Health First Aid Training – Virtual  
Comprehensive Service Act Vendor Showcase – Virtual  
Satellite Tracking of People (Electronic Monitoring Service) Virtual  
ACE's Virtual Training  
Leadership Management Virtual Training (10 Hours)  
Veritracks Equipment Update Training

# Freedom Support Center



**Tara Anderson, Executive Director**

# Freedom Support Center



**Our Mission:**

*“To serve those who risked their lives for the protection of our freedom and love of their country.”*

<b>Direct Client Services</b>	<b>Total Number:</b>
Benefits	1,567
Housing	302
Job Placement	63
Transportation Passes	28
Financial Assistance	185
Mental Health Support	139
Readjustment Counseling	17
Education	11
Administrative	159
<hr/>	
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Total Number:</b>
Community Engagement	61
Special Events	55
<hr/>	
<b><u>Grand Total:</u></b>	
2,471	

*(Note: Due to COVID-19, direct client services and activities were conducted using various technological methods to include but not limited to phone, email, virtual conference, fax and mail.)*

# Community Engagement

## Top 3 Highlights

### *Community Engagement*

#### Military Appreciation Night Basketball Game



On Saturday, February 1, 2010 Freedom Support Center partnered with the local high school's Athletic Department to host a recognition sporting event. Student athletes from Varsity teams of the Crimson Waves of Petersburg High School, Eagles of Freedom High School, Cheerleaders and Veterans integrally participated with PHS' JROTC Cadets for a tribute to men and women of U.S. Armed Forces. A total of 55 Veterans attended the game with sponsored door prizes, raffles and food concessions.

# Community Engagement

## Incarcerated Veterans “Camp Day”



A two-day rotational experience with onsite workshops and on-on-one sessions for 28 low-level male offenders from the Federal Bureau of Prisons offered Veterans' direct client assistance to enhance progress and sustainability post release. A plethora of community partner agencies who participated including American Red Cross, Department of Veterans Services, Virginia Supportive Housing, Virginia Credit Union, Goodwill, Virginia Department of Corrections and Virginia State University Department of Health Psychology. Petersburg High School's JROTC program served as "battle buddies" to escort participants to their respective stations according to their schedules. This demonstrated volunteerism with respect to a collaborative community service-learning activity.

# Community Engagement

## #AFFIRMATIVE Program



In late November 2020 implementation of our youth alcohol prevention education commenced. *#AFFIRMATIVE* was designed to educate teenagers about the impacts of alcohol use and empower them to make responsible decisions. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority's grant made this program possible. A spectrum of priorities to address underage drinking and high-risk behaviors such as social hosting, health impacts, drug-use and premature mortality including alcohol related motor vehicle fatalities are encompassed in this 12-session series. This year's participants are Petersburg High School JROTC Cadets of the Alpha and Bravo command. Due to the pandemic in-person engagement has been modified to Zoom; to date 33 *students* have actively engaged. There are various presenters for topics for the purpose of initiating open dialogue to dispel myths and provide facts. Partnering facilitators include Officers from the Petersburg Bureau of Police, Virginia State University Health Educators, local attorneys, and judges to offer accurate depictions and personal encounters.



*As we continue the mission of Chief of Police Travis Christian, we are implementing innovative personnel training, advanced technology, and customer service to provide the citizens of Petersburg with an outstanding level of excellence in Public Safety. Gone are the days of questions and no answers. “2021 is the YEAR OF ENHANCEMENTS!” Enhancements will be through the community and the practical application of technologies! The Division of Public Safety is dedicated to the continuing enhancement of relationships with the citizens of the city of Petersburg.*



Petersburg Community

Corrections

