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Crofton Police Department Annual Report 2010

Welcome to the Crofton Police Department Annual Report for 2010. The Crofton Police Department is dedicated to Fairness, Integrity and Service to the citizens of Crofton. This report details some of the highlights of the Crofton Police Department's activities for the year 2010. Our Agency invites any questions or public comments, and they may be directed to me at our Police Station, located at Town Hall at 1576 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, Maryland 21114. I am proud of the accomplishments of our Officers and Agency this past year as we enter our 42nd year serving the citizens of Crofton and look forward to improving our service to the community in the future.

William H. Booth
Chief of Police

Staffing

Our agency has an authorized patrol staffing of 6 officers, including a Chief, Sergeant and four Corporals. All of our officers are Maryland Police Training Commission Certified and are required to maintain their certification through annual training. Our officers receive this training through the Anne Arundel County Police Academy and are held to the same high standards of training and conduct as that of the County Police Officers.

Calls For Service

During 2010, the Crofton Police Department responded to 2632 calls for service, which were dispatched to us through the Anne Arundel County Police Communications Section. Additionally, officers issued 263 Traffic Citations, 799 Written Warnings, 92

Parking Citations, and 67 Maryland Safety Equipment Repair Orders. We conducted 44 S.E.R.O. inspections of vehicles. Officers made 95 Arrests.

Crofton Police Officers wrote 259 Police Reports. A breakdown of our UCR part I crimes for the year 2010 are as follows:

Murder	0
Robbery	1
Arson	0
Burglary	21
Assault	9
Rape	0
Theft	62
Stolen Auto	7
Theft from Vehicle	19

Our Annual Crime Statistics are available of our web site, along with a month by month breakdown for the current year.

Initiatives

This year our Agency has attempted to improve our service to the community through several changes and improvements in the areas of technology and equipment. We have also been aggressive in seeking alternative sources of funding to improve our capabilities to provide the best service possible to the citizens of Crofton. Some of our improvements and initiatives include:

1) Bicycle Patrol

Through the generous donations of the Crofton Rotary Club, the Crofton Kiwanis' and Southern Management we have purchased 2 Police Mountain Bicycles and the associated uniforms and equipment and have begun patrolling the neighborhood on bicycles. We currently have 3 officers trained to use the bicycles. Bicycle patrol can be an effective tool in solving community complaints and an integral part of our community policing philosophy.

2) Pedestrian Enforcement Grant

The Crofton Police Department was awarded a \$1500.00 Highway Safety Grant to conduct Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Initiatives within Crofton. This grant provided

funding through October of 2010 to fund overtime for officers to conduct Pedestrian Enforcement near schools and crosswalks.

3) **E-Tix**

The Crofton Police Department received a \$10,500 grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the purchase of a new Mobile Data Terminal Laptop and the hardware to mount this unit in our third vehicle. We were also able to purchase 2 portable printers for use in the vehicle and are now participants in the Maryland State Police's E-Tix Program. All of our traffic citations and warnings are issued electronically. Officers are able to scan information from violator's driver's licenses and registrations, which are automatically entered into the system. The citations are printed in the vehicles and the data is automatically transmitted to the courts. This makes traffic stops shorter, reducing the time officers spend on the roadside, making their jobs safer.

Services

The Crofton Police Department provides additional services to its citizens and community, above and beyond the traditional law enforcement services expected of all agencies.

1) **Home Checks**

The Crofton Police Department conducts premise checks for residents who are away from their residences for extended periods. In 2010, our officers conducted these checks at 71 Residences.

2) **Fingerprinting**

The Crofton Police Department conducts fingerprinting for citizens Monday through Thursday from 3 Pm until 3:30 PM. The fees are \$7.00 for residents and \$9.00 for non-residents per card. Last year we provided this service to 93 people.

The Crofton Police Department strives to provide the highest quality of service to its citizens and continues to seek ways to improve our abilities to serve our community. If you have any questions or comments regarding our agency, please feel free to contact me at any time at 410-721-2301 or by e-mail at whbooth@comcast.net. I look forward to providing service to you in the upcoming year and beyond.

Chief William H. Booth