

## Notable 2014 Achievements

**Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) was started-** NET is a proactive team of four police officers dedicated to a single community in which they engage in proactive, traditional and non-traditional police work to help stabilize and improve public safety. NET is now assigned to Eastport Terrace and Harbor House communities.

**Crime reduction in 2014-** There are 943 crimes reported in 2014 compared to 1047 in 2013 for a reduction of 10% year-to-date. This is a historic record in overall crime reduction since at least 1975.

**Closed circuit cameras-** APD spearheaded a city-wide CCTV camera program beginning in 2009, and as of this date we have 36 cameras deployed in the field. We have 9 additional covert cameras for quick portability. We also have access to other government and privately owned cameras around various apartment complexes.

**Social media expansion-** APD now has almost 17,000 followers on Facebook and Twitter combined and 1823 subscribers to our Daily Report.

**Criminal investigations; Heroin-** In response to unacceptable heroin proliferation, APD engaged in a nine month investigation with Calvert County, Maryland State Police and Anne Arundel police centering in Annapolis. In Spring 2014, we obtained and served nine criminal indictments, three juvenile arrest warrants, executed 5 search and seizure warrants and made controlled drug purchases of more than 100 grams of heroin. Our efforts were directed at eradicating two known heroin distribution rings operating inside and out of Annapolis. We significantly impacted these organizations.

**APD is expanding our Police Auxiliary and Police Explorers programs-** We currently have five Auxiliary officers and eight Explorers and continue to recruit and expand these valuable programs which are force multipliers for our Department.

**APD hosted National Night out in August-** We engaged multiple communities, organized neighborhood outreach and designed awards and recognition for children in our community. NNO are nationally recognized events that takes place every year. Communities partner together to show their solidarity opposing crime in the Community. Annapolis had a very successful event this year in large part due the actions, leadership and organization of Ms. Patty Norris currently assigned our CSAFE Unit.

**APD improved officer mobility-** We purchased two Segway 3-wheel vehicles as alternative transportation, for improved neighborhood visibility. Funds were from Homeland Security.

**“One Hundred Club” award nomination-** Officer First Class Shomar Johnson was nominated for the “one Hundred Club” of Anne Arundel County’s Unsung Hero award. He was nominated for his outstanding work in the community along with leadership traits

he exemplifies. Although OFC Johnson did not win the award his actions were recognized.

**Unit Citation award-** The Criminal Intelligence Unit was awarded a Unit citation early in 2014 for their clearance rates and successful criminal tracking and successful investigations spanning throughout 2013.

**Distinguished Service Commendation (DSC)-** Officer Alfred Thomas was awarded a DSC for his heroic action in trying to save the life of a domestic violence victim who was killed by her boyfriend in the officer's presence. Officer Thomas had to use deadly force in trying however unsuccessfully to protect the victim.

**APD member attended the FBI National Academy (NA)-** This year, Sergeant Timothy Lowe attended and successfully completed this 3 month training program. The NA is perhaps the best and nationally recognized leadership development program for law enforcement executives and managers.

**APD hosted a Maryland Chiefs of Police forum** dealing in the "Defining Moments of Ferguson, Missouri." Dozens of Police chiefs and Sheriffs met in Annapolis on September 23, 2014 to discuss significant issues that evolved in Ferguson, MO. We discussed and strategized on matters surrounding community trust, communication, and militarization of police departments in the United States.

**Annapolis Chief Michael Pristoop** ascended to the position of First Vice-President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA).

Michael Pristoop  
Chief of Police