

Prince William County Police

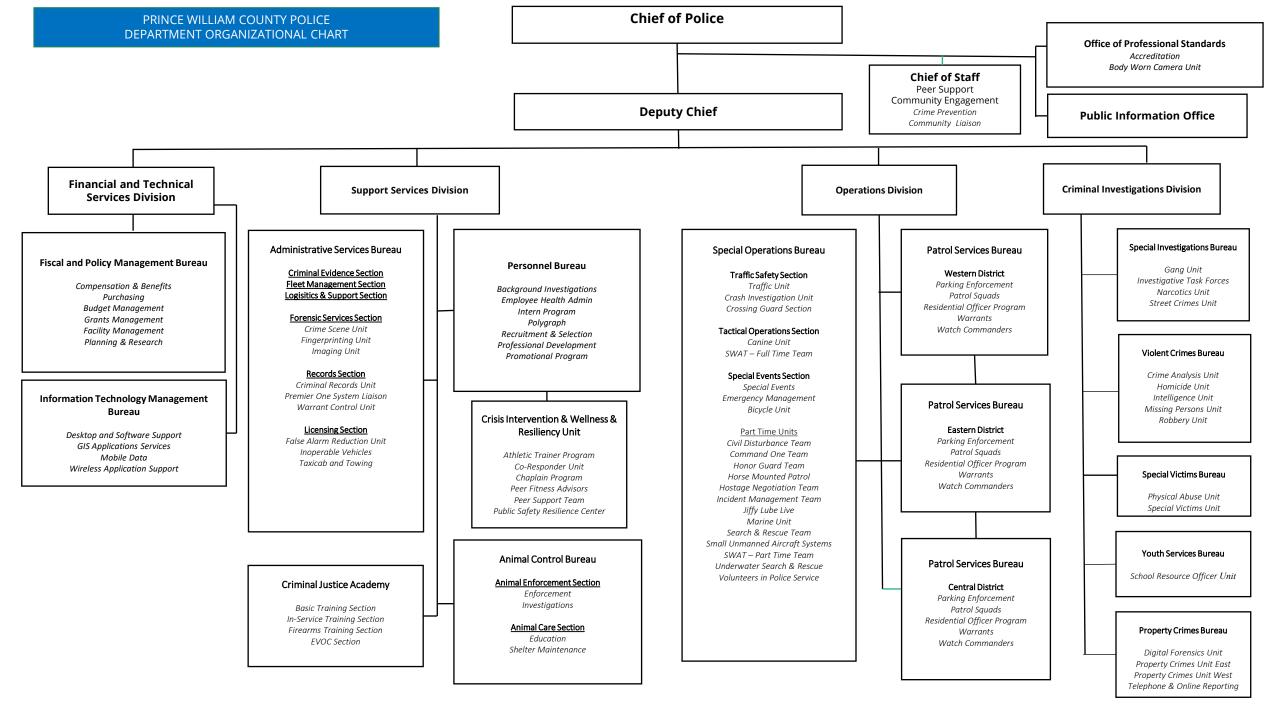
Presentation to the Racial and Social Justice Commission

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Overview of the following:

- Organizational Structure
- Recruitment and Hiring
- Workforce Demographics
- Bias and Diversity Training
- Use of Force Policies
- De-escalation Training
- Data Release Policies





Recruitment

Recruiting efforts centered around attracting highly qualified applicants from diverse backgrounds.

- Recruiters attend a wide variety of community events, university and military career fairs.
 - NAACP Open House
 - Todos Multicultural Fair
 - Congressional Black Caucus Diversity Career Fair
 - African American Heritage Festival

- Diversity Employment Day Career Fair
- Norfolk State University Career Fair
- Virginia Union University Career Fair
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
- Utilizes a variety of advertising, marketing, and networking opportunities.
 - Saludos and Cause Magazine
 - The Black Perspective
 - Women in Business and Industry
 - Hispanic Today
- Strong online and social media presence.

- iHeartMedia
- ZipRecruiter
- Veterans Enterprise
- PWNAACP Freedom funds Booklet



Hiring

- Average 125-175 applications received per month for police officer positions.
- Application process:
 - Initial application submitted digitally through NeoGov
 - All who meet basic qualifications sent Personal History Statement (PHS)
 - U.S. citizen
 - 21 years of age upon completion of the Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy
 - High school graduate or equivalent
 - Complete the physical fitness requirements
 - Vision must be 20/200 uncorrected and correctable to 20/40 in the worst eye and 20/20 in the best eye
 - Hearing must comply with medical standards
 - Valid driver's license at the time of appointment; applicants with six demerits or more are ineligible
 - Must not have been convicted of any felony or serious misdemeanor
 - No tobacco usage agreement
 - Once PHS returned then proceed to:
 - Polygraph
 - Physical fitness test
 - Psychological evaluation
 - Background investigation
 - Medical/drug screen
 - Ride-along



Application Data for FY2020

• Total applications received 2,182

Total PHS received

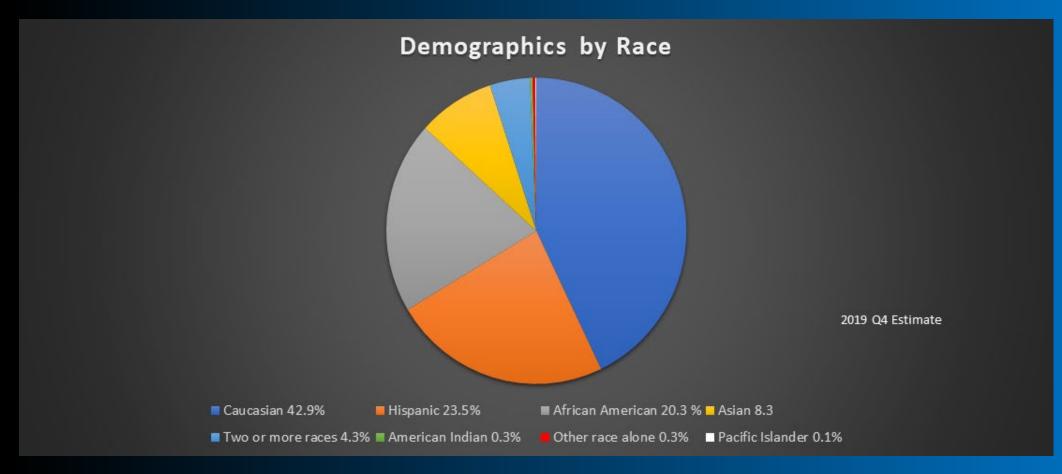
Percent of applicants who turn in a PHS 39%

Percent hired (from PHS)
 10%

- Response Percentage of applicants who applied and submitted a PHS, by race and ethnicity:
 - White, Non-Hispanics = 42%
 - African American, Non-Hispanic = 29%
 - Hispanic = 43%
 - Other = 39%



County Demographics





Workforce Demographics (Sworn)

Rank	Sworn Members	Male	Female	Caucasian	African- American	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Other
Officer	512	438	74	368	50	65	19	3	7
		85.55%	14.45%	71.88%	9.77%	12.70%	3.71%	0.59%	1.37%
Sergeant	59	55	4	52	3	4			
		93.22%	6.78%	88.14%	5.08%	6.78%	0.00%		
First Sergeant	43	35	8	38	О	3	1		1
		81.40%	18.60%	88.37%	0.00%	6.98%	2.33%		2.33%
Lieutenant	34	30	4	28	3	3			
		88.24%	11.76%	82.35%	8.82%	8.82%			
Captain	10	8	2	8	2				
		80.00%	20.00%	80.00%	20.00%				
Major	3	1	2	3					
		33.33%	66.67%	100.00%					
Total	663	85.71%	14.44%	75.34%	8.72%	11.28%	3.01%	0.45%	1.35%



Workforce Demographics (Professional Staff)

	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Other
133	91	42	93	18	11	7	1	3
	68%	32%	70%	14%	8%	5%	.7%	2%

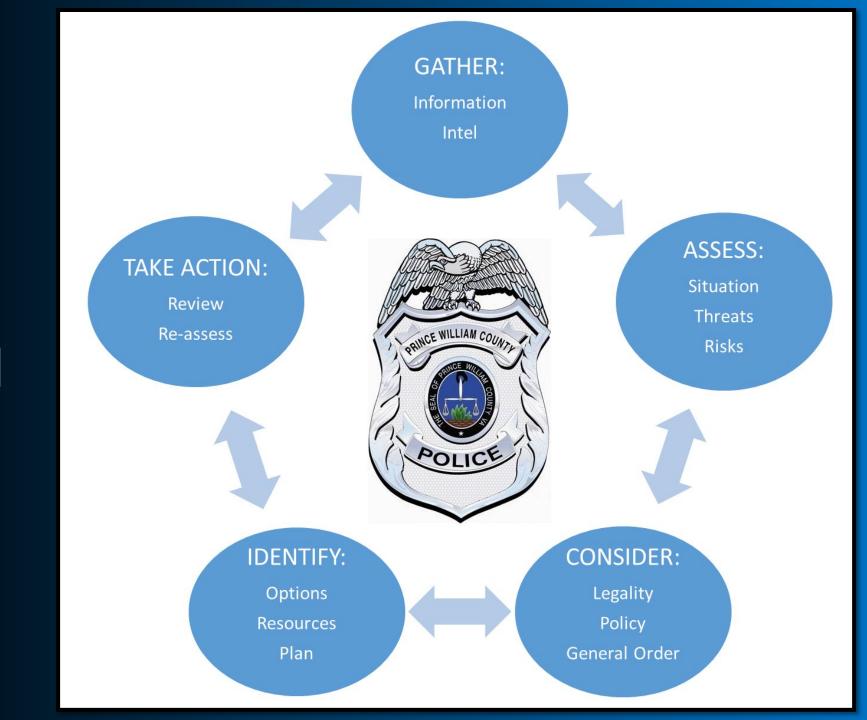
Does not include Crossing Guards



Bias and Diversity Training

- Interpersonal Communications
- Ethics
- EEO and Diversity
- Sexual Harassment
- Fair and Impartial/ Unbiased Policing
- Keeping Blue True
- Crisis Intervention Training (including Autism)
- Basic Spanish
- Emotionally Disturbed Persons
- Response to the Elderly
- Hate Crimes

Decision Making Model





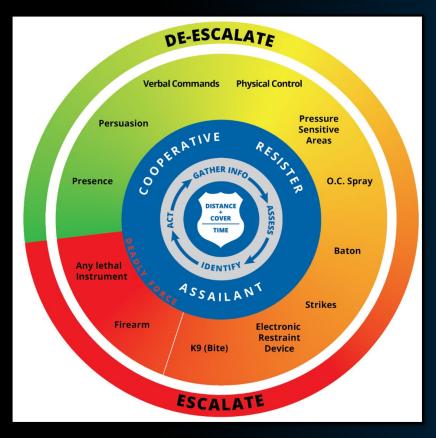
Force Policies

- General Orders stresses
 - Sanctity of human life,
 - Requires a duty to intervene
 - Exceeds the test of proportionality.
- Choke Holds have been prohibited for over 25 years, unless in the defense of life
- No Knock Search Warrants stopped this practice approximately 20 years ago; prohibited by law



Force Policies and Training

"Control tactics begins with control of oneself."



Policies

- Use of Force Model (UOF) strongly incorporates de-escalation.
- All UOF are immediately reported to a supervisor for investigation.
 UOF data is reviewed and evaluated.

Training Supports Policy

- Door Drills
- 45-Second Drill
- Multiple Assailants
- OC Scenarios

- Use of Force Documentation
- Patrol Day
- Decision Making Week "Super Bowl"
- MILO



De-escalation

De-escalation is incorporated into all control tactics training in basic and in-service programs. Preservation of life is engrained through classroom lecture and control tactics training. Decision making is tested through written exams, physical demonstrations and practical scenarios that realistically simulate calls for service.

Examples:

- CIT training (including Autism)
- Emotionally Disturbed Persons
- Elderly
- Domestic Violence and LAP Assessment
- Excited delirium
- Firearms

- Resister Control
- Ground Control
- Assailant Control
- Weapon Control
- Escalation/De-escalation Drills (door drills)
- Use of Force Documentation Scenarios
- Use of Force Decision Making Scenarios



Information Release

1. Daily Incident Report

• Any significant arrest or information of public concern. Accessible through website and social media.

2. Weekly Arrest Report

https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/police/Documents/Arrested%20Persons%20by%20Date%20031121.pdf

3. Annual report

 Departmental organization, awards, history, crimes stats, crime rate and trends. Released digitally and accessible on website.

4. Crime Mapping

Map displays majority of crimes in County. (ex. Sexual assaults not permitted due to protection of victim identity)
 Updated daily and located on website.

https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/police/Pages/crimemapping.aspx

5. Everbridge Alert

Alert system for major incidents such as an active shooter.
 https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/fr/oem/pages/stay-informed.aspx

6. Social Media

Realtime community messaging. Examples are major cases, community events, road closures. Platforms are Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Next Door.

7. Freedom of Information Act

Information releases governed by law.