



# The Guardian

## Annual Report 2010



Preventing  
Crime

through



Community  
Partnerships

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# A message from the Chief...



It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Forest Park Police Department annual report for 2010. This is a summary of our activities and efforts that occurred throughout the last year. We believe we should provide this information in order to arm you with information and let you know what the department is doing. Of course, we can't put everything the department does in this report, it would be too cumbersome. It is, however, important to summarize the activities we feel are important.

Our intent is to provide you with effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement services. In doing so, the Forest Park Police Department strives to promote excellence in everything we do. We encourage open communication with our citizens and actively seek partnerships in working toward our goal of making Forest Park a safe city. Our mission statement is a reflection of our philosophy in that we consider the police to be an integral part of this community.

I encourage you to explore our website, attend any of our outreach programs and learn more about the departmental goals. It is my desire, that through this site, you will be better informed about upcoming community/police events, crime trends and the many services and opportunities our agency provides.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Dwayne Hobbs*

Chief of Police

# **L. Dwayne Hobbs**

## **Chief of Police**

Chief Dwayne Hobbs grew up in Forest Park and graduated from Forest Park High School and obtained his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Clayton State University.

He joined the Forest Park Police Department in 1973 as a patrol officer and worked his way through the ranks. In 1993 he was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Safety administering the police, fire and emergency management services. In 1996, after the retirement of the Director of Public Safety Joseph F. Picard, he was appointed Chief of Police.

Chief Hobbs attended the 163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the FBI Academy in 1990; graduated from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police 1<sup>st</sup> Command College; was a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Delegation of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange to Israel; holds basic, intermediate, supervisory, management and executive certifications from the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training council.

He obtained his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Public Administration from Columbus State University in 1998.

Chief Hobbs currently serves as Chairman of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency's All-Hazards Council for region seven (ten counties around metropolitan Atlanta); Chairman of Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Command College; and is an adjunct professor at Clayton State University in Law Enforcement Administration studies.

He has served the city for thirty-seven years in various capacities within the police department.

# **MISSION STATEMENT**



The city of Forest Park Police Department will deliver effective and responsive law enforcement services to all the citizens of the City of Forest Park in a fair and equitable manner.

As an integral part of the City of Forest Park community, we are committed to communicate with those we serve and to join with them in establishing priorities to enhance the quality of life for the entire community.

# Accreditation and Certification

The Forest Park Police Department completed its third assessment for International reaccreditation in December of this year and was recommended for re-accreditation in 2009.

The accreditation process is on-going and the Forest Park Police Department is constantly reevaluating policies and procedures to ensure the best practices for Law Enforcement are utilized.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) recognize professional excellence and superior performance, and the Forest Park Police meet all the necessary standards to achieve this prestigious award.

As an additional commitment to the community it serves, the Forest Park Police also participates in the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police State Certification program and was been recertified for the third time in July, 2008.



# Tommy Orr

## Assistant Chief



Colonel G.T. "Tommy" Orr graduated from Forest Park High School and began his career with the police department in 1986. Colonel Orr has served in many capacities throughout his tenure, most notably he spent thirteen years in Criminal Investigations, four of those years as the Chief of Detectives.

He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, and a Peace Officers Standards and Training Council certified instructor.

Colonel Orr's responsibilities include the administration of the Record's Bureau; Terminal Agency Coordinator for Georgia Crime Information Center; Criminal Investigations, Property and Evidence, Training and Accreditation, and Community Oriented Policing all fall under his direction.

Colonel Orr is a featured speaker for several citizen groups and community organizations, including Neighborhood Watch, Citizen's Police Academy, Forest Park Business Coalition, and the Kiwanis Club.

# Records and Court Services

The records and court services personnel, received and file volumes of police reports, process thousands of citations, log multiple payments of fines and administers the court docket and records dispositions for the municipal court. This team is an integral piece of the police operation.

Records has a staff of a Clerk of the Court/Records Supervisor and three clerks.

The staff manages a large caseload and keeps the courtroom running smoothly and meets the demands of thousands record requests each year.

In 2010 the Records Bureau and Court Services processed more than 25,800 citations, 1,800 reports and collected \$3,034,653 in fines and forfeitures.

**Criminal  
Record  
Check**



# Chris Matson

## Major



Major Chris Matson is the Field Operations Commander and manages the four uniform patrol teams. He has been in law enforcement since 1987 and holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University.

He has served in numerous capacities including in law enforcement; communications operator, traffic enforcement and accident investigator; detective, general instructor, firearms and taser instructor, and shift commander.

Major Matson presents at monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings, and is often called on to speak at various civic organizations and community meetings. He organized and supervised the Triad program for Forest Park in 1998, which currently has approximately 140 active members. Triad meets once a month and addresses topics of concern to the senior citizens.

# Field Operations Division

The field operations division is charged with the overall responsibility of responding to calls for service and the positive, proactive enforcement of state laws and local ordinances within the boundaries of our jurisdiction.

The goals are to protect life and property, address neighborhood concerns, be alert to unusual activity involving homeland security, and enhance the quality of life in our city, as well as the county.

We aggressively seek to identify and apprehend criminals and prevent the commission of crimes by reducing the opportunities for such crimes. It is our mission to provide the order necessary for the individual pursuit of freedom, safety, and privacy.

Police patrol is responsive to social, geographical, and economic changes within the community. Through weekly COMSTAT meetings, we evaluate our tactics and strategies to ensure we are responding to issues in the most effective manner.

We promote collaborative partnerships with our citizens, as well as our business community through daily interactions with citizens.

We are committed to professional, quality community policing concepts, increased safety and security of our citizens, and the highest professional law enforcement standards under the guidelines of International Accreditation and State Certification.



# VIPER Team

Lt. Cory Cloud

The Variable Intensive Patrol and Enforcement Response Team (VIPER) is a supplement to regular patrol shifts, providing valuable additional manpower in problem areas and peak call hours. Made up of four officers and a Lieutenant, this unit is instrumental in curbing gang and drug activity in the city. In 2010 the unit seized over \$30,000 worth of narcotics, \$152,691 in cash and 10 vehicles.



MPO  
Waltrip



Ofc.  
Simmons



MPO  
Freeman



Ofc.  
Yermack

# Patrol Team Commanders



**Capt. Alex Skwira**  
Adam Team



**Capt. Lilliana Stevens**  
Baker Team



**Capt. Daniel Podsiadly**  
Charlie Team



**Capt. Mark Harris**  
Delta Team

# Patrol Goals 2010

1. Reduce the backlog of outstanding warrants by serving 150 warrants per Team in 2010.
2. Conduct 75 crime map briefings with officers to examine hot spots..
3. Conduct directed patrols with marked units in high-crime areas as a deterrent to further decay – goal of 120 per team in 2010.
4. Conduct undercover operations in high crime areas to supplement routine patrols – goal of 25 per team for 2010.
5. Conduct alcohol compliance checks in all licensed businesses. Goal of 100 per team in 2010.
6. Facilitate the Merchant Awareness Reduces Crime (MARC-ID) program by assisting citizens with engraving their property to make identification easier in the event it is stolen. Goal of 150 per team.
7. Attend three Apartment Managers Coalition Meetings in 2010.
8. Attend three TRIAD Meetings in 2010.
9. Attend eight Neighborhood Watch Meetings in 2010.
10. Reduce the number of traffic collisions by conducting 120 accident reduction patrols.
11. Conduct Road Safety Checks in high crime areas to identify impaired, or illegal drivers, and increase patrol visibility. Goal of 30 per team in 2010.
12. Have patrol personnel complete the National Safety Council Defensive Driving course.
13. Utilize the Reverse 911 system to effectively deliver messages about crime, community meetings and emergency notifications. Goal of 12 per team.
14. Address quality of life issues through Forest Park PRIDE. contacts. Goal of 150 per team in 2010.
15. Ensure taxi operators are properly credentialed by conducting random Taxi Cab inspections. Goal of 30 per team in 2010.

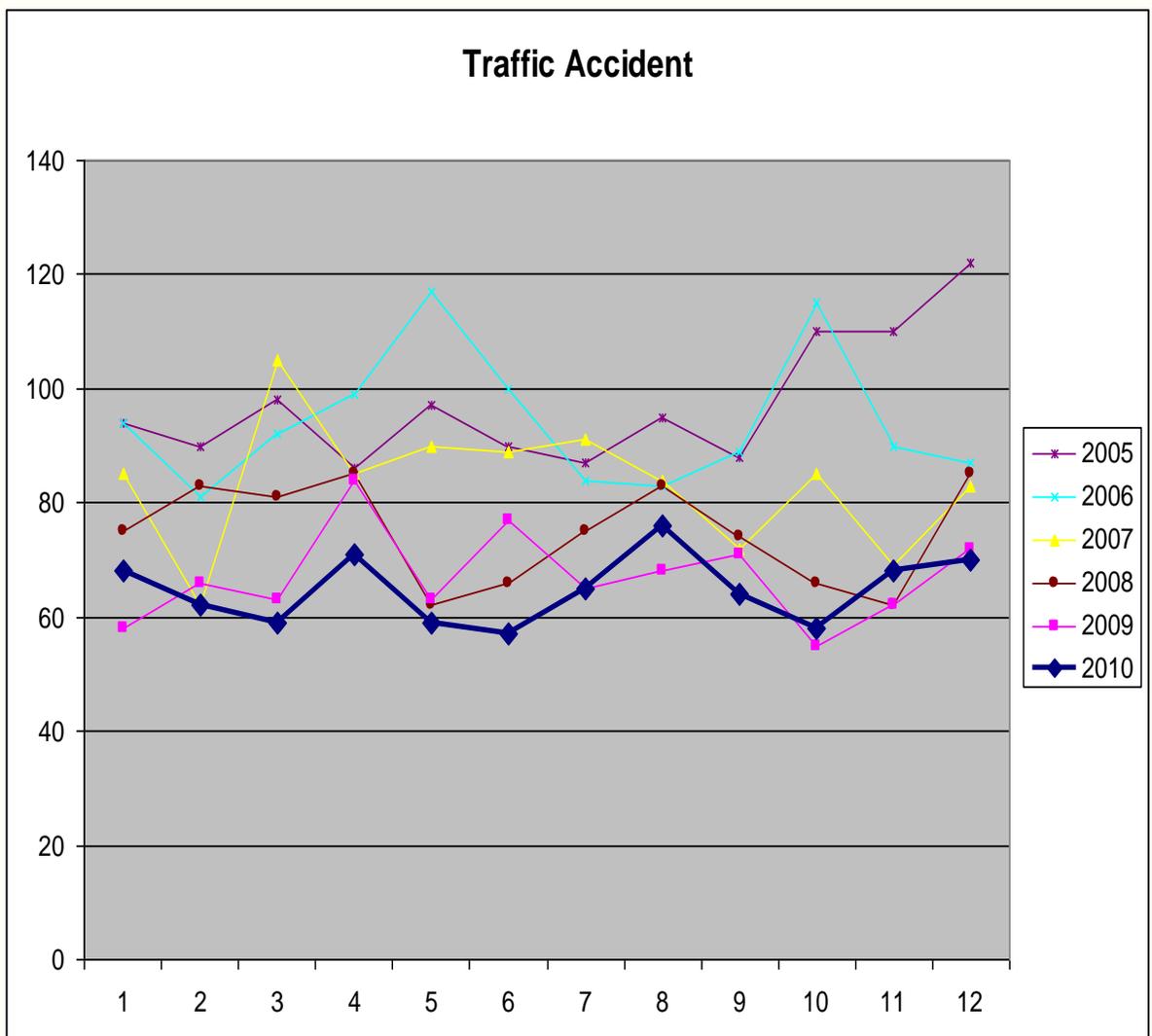
# Patrol Goals Results 2010

## Forest Park Department of Police Services 2010 Uniform Division Goal Productivity Report

Teams	Team Year To Date Totals				Team
	A	B	C	D	Yearly Goal
Review Pin Map	101	71	114	128	75
Warrant Service	236	218	213	239	150
Marked Directed Patrols	419	537	381	470	120
Undercover Operations	9	26	20	12	25
Alcohol Checks	100	70	202	239	100
Field Interviews	116	152	199	115	75
Citizen Contacts	89	118	82	29	68
M.A.R.C. ID	191	90	92	64	150
Apt. Coalition Meetings	1	1	1	0	3
TRIAD Meetings	2	2	1	4	3
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	12	12	12	11	8
Accident Reduction Patrols	350	509	63	168	120
Safety Checkpoints	26	27	20	37	30
Defensive Driving Training	14	11	15	9	12
Forest Park Pride Contacts	200	129	161	116	150
Taxi Cab Inspections	57	52	114	71	30

# Accident Reduction

Officers strive to reduce traffic collisions in the city. Accident reduction patrols and aggressive traffic enforcement serve not only to reduce collisions, but deter crime in the process. Over a six year period, accidents have decreased in the city as a result of the traffic enforcement initiatives.



# Robert Cotrell Captain



Captain R. W. Cotrell is a 1972 graduate of Forest Park High School. He entered the Navy in 1973; in 1977 he was granted an inter-service transfer from the Navy to the Army and became a cavalry scout. After 20 years service, he retired from the United States Army at the rank of First Sergeant.

He joined the Forest Park Police in 1993 and assigned to Charlie Team, Uniform Patrol Division. In 1996 he was promoted to Detective. He furthered his education and received an Associates Degree from Georgia Military College.

Captain Cotrell completed the Peace Officer's Standards and Training Councils Intermediate, Advanced, Supervision and Management Certification Programs. Over the course of his career, he was promoted to rank of Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and finally on December 17, 2003 was promoted to Detective Captain, Chief of Detectives.

In addition to leading the criminal investigations division, Capt. Cotrell is also responsible for Internal Affairs investigations.

# Part I Crimes

## Two-year crime/arrest comparison

### Part 1 Crimes Reported

Crimes	2009	2010	% Difference
Murder	0	3	300%
Rape	9	12	33%
Robbery	93	94	1%
Agg. Assault	46	42	-9%
Burglary	332	243	-27%
Theft	652	703	8%
Auto Theft	160	102	-36%
Arson	8	7	-13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>-7%</b>

### Part 1 Arrests

Crimes	2009	2010	% Difference
Murder	0	2	200%
Rape	3	4	33%
Robbery	30	25	-17%
Agg. Assault	40	23	-43%
Burglary	46	54	17%
Theft	189	127	-33%
Auto Theft	10	3	-70%
Arson	1	4	300%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>-24%</b>

# Criminal Investigations

CID Case Assignment/Activity 2009 & 2010

	2009	2010
Cases Assigned	1038	1282
Ex-Cleared	125	170
Cleared by Arrest	205	348
Unfounded	57	79
Total Cleared	387	634
Inactive	439	682

# Internal Affairs

## 2010 Level I & II Investigations

<b>Internal Affairs Investigations (Level I)</b>	<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>3rd Qtr</b>	<b>4th Qtr</b>	<b>YTD</b>
# Of cases Founded / Sustained	0	0	0	0	0
Not Sustained	0	0	0	0	0
# Of cases Unfounded	1	0	0	0	0
Exonerated / Cleared	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of IA	1	0	0	0	1

<b>Citizen Complaints (Level II)</b>	<b>1st Qtr</b>	<b>2nd Qtr</b>	<b>3rd Qtr</b>	<b>4th Qtr</b>	<b>YTD</b>
# Of cases Founded / Sustained	2	0	0	0	1
Not Sustained	0	0	0	5	12
# Of cases Unfounded	4	4	5	5	8
Exonerated / Cleared	0	0	0	0	0
Open Status	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total # of Citizen Complaints</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>

# Jamie Reynolds

## Captain of Administration & Communications



Captain Jamie Reynolds began his law enforcement career with the Forest Park Police Department in January 1995,. He spent the next four years as a uniform patrol officer before being transferred to the C.O.P.S division.

At age 23 Captain Reynolds was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant and remained in this position until he was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant in March 2001. During this time, he completed P.O.S.T Supervision and Management courses and obtained an Associates Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from Georgia Military College. In September 2002, he was promoted to Captain.

After achieving the rank of Captain, he continued his management training by attending Columbus State University's Professional Management Program and Law Enforcement Command College. Through the aid of these programs he was able to obtain his Bachelor Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice.

In February 2006, Captain Reynolds was transferred from the Uniform Division to Administration. Some of the responsibilities that currently fall under his command include Communications, Community Outreach Programs C.O.P.S, Emergency Preparedness, Accreditation and Training, facility maintenance, recruitment, alarm billing, grants, and mobile data terminals.

While assigned to the Administrative Division, Captain Reynolds has played an integral role in the revitalization of the Department's Neighborhood Watch Program, remodeling of the 911 Communications Center , rebanding of all 800 MHz frequencies held by the City, over one million dollars in grant funding, development of Forest Park's CRI plan, creation of Clorox's surveillance detection plan, implementation of OSSI, and all phases of the All Hazards Council Rapid ID pilot program.

Captain Reynolds currently is working on his Master Degree in Public Administration through Columbus State University and lives in McDonough, GA with his wife and three children.

# Police Response Time

## Response Time Report

From 01/01/2010-12/31/2010

Agency: FPPD    District: All    Day of Week: All

Time of day	Priority	# of Calls	Dispatch Delay (minutes)	Travel Time (minutes)	Response Time (minutes)	At Scene Time (minutes)	Service Time (minutes)
0700-1059	Avg.	11,672	0.29	0.94	1.23	18.68	19.62
1100-1459	Avg.	12,427	0.42	1.34	1.76	21.1	22.44
1500-1859	Avg.	10,941	0.64	1.55	2.19	21.28	22.83
1900-2259	Avg.	13,179	0.45	1.01	1.46	20.05	21.06
2300-0259	Avg.	11,375	0.27	0.68	0.95	17.37	18.05
0300-0659	Avg.	8,592	0.18	0.53	0.71	15.23	15.76
All	Avg.	68,186	0.38	1.03	1.41	19.15	20.18

# Community Oriented Policing Unit



MPO Turnage



MPO Whitehead



## Neighborhood Watch

During 2010, the police department hosted twenty-four neighborhood watch meetings. The two meetings each month are divided into north side and the south side meetings respectively, but citizens are encouraged to attend both. The south meeting is the first Tuesday of each month and north meeting is the third Thursday of the same month. By combining the neighborhood watch meetings this has increased the number of participants. At each meeting we average approximately 70 people in attendance. Neighborhood Watch remains one of the most effective means of having positive contact between police officers and citizens of Forest Park. During these meetings officers provide crime prevention material, information on specific crimes within the communities, and receive feedback from citizens' concerning police services.

## Crime Prevention Programs

- Apartment Managers Coalition
- Neighborhood Watch
- Citizen Police Academy
- Hispanic Citizen Police Academy
- THOR (target hardening opportunity reduction)
- MARC ID (merchant awareness reduces crime)
- Forest Park PRIDE
- LEEP (larceny education & enforcement program)
- TRIAD
- Operation ID



Major Matson and Colonel Orr provide crime updates at Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

# Training



## Training Topics in 2010:

- Basic Radar Certification
- Legal Updates
- Mobile Field Reporting
- Firearms Requalification
- Use of Force/Deadly Force
- Low-Light Firearms Training
- Dealing with Mentally Ill Persons
- Radar Recertification
- Defensive Driving
- Crime Scene Photography
- TASER
- O.C. Certification
- Expandable Baton
- Report Writing
- Business Writing
- Bias Based Profiling

Ongoing professional, developmental, and in-service training is conducted at FPPD on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition to POST certification training provided at regional and state academies, the staff instructors at FPPD conduct training for both new recruits and seasoned officers.

There are thirteen certified instructors on staff and many hold both multiple instructor certifications in areas such as; TASER, Firearms, and Defensive Tactics. Having personnel with these remarkable credentials allow us to conduct a intensive training “in-house.” Training costs are frequently evaluated and training programs developed in coordination with shift commanders, supervisors, and approved by the Chief. In 2010 officers received almost 10,000 hours of POST approved training.



# Firearms Training

**Firearms Requalification and Use of Deadly Force training was held on March 22-26.**

**The awards earned are as follows:**

- **Top Team-** Administration - score of 267.5
- **Top Gun** - Captain Cotrell - score of 300
- **Departmental Average** - score of 247.1

**Moorefield's Possible Awards-** Captain Cotrell  
and MPO Adams

Forest Park PD uses Peace Officer Standards and Training Council's mandated thirty-round Standard Qualification Course. The maximum points for the course is 300. Officers must score a minimum of 80%, (240) points, to qualify. Firearms Instructors must score 90%, (270) points, to qualify as instructor for the department. Special Awards are given for Top Team and Top Gun. "Moorefield's Possible" awards are given to officers who shoot a perfect score during qualification.