



The Guardian

Annual Report 2011



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 2011. This is a summary of our activities and efforts that occurred throughout the last year. We believe this information will let you know what we are accomplishing. Of course, we can't put everything in this report because it would take volumes. It is, however, important to summarize the activities that we feel may mean the most to you.

It is our desire 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 their assistance in working toward our goal of making Forest Park a safer city. Our mission statement is a reflection of our philosophy, in that we consider ourselves to be an integral part of this community.

I encourage you to explore our website and learn more about our programs and 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.

L. Dwayne Hobbs
Chief of Police

OUR MISSION



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 & Certification



The Forest Park Police Department completed its assessment for national re-accreditation in December of 2010 and received its award in March of 2011.

The accreditation process is continual, and FPPD is constantly reevaluating our procedures to ensure we are utilizing recognized best practices for Law Enforcement. Accreditation recognizes professional excellence and Forest Park continues to meet all the necessary standards to achieve this prestigious award.

Forest Park also participates in the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police State Certification program and was recertified in November of 2011.



Assistant Chief Tommy Orr



Colonel G. T. "Tommy" Orr graduated from Forest Park High School in 1983 and began his career with Forest Park Police Department in 1986. Colonel Orr has served in many positions throughout the department, but most notably spent 13 years in Criminal Investigations including four years as Chief of Detectives before being promoted to his present rank. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute at The University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. Colonel Orr is also a POST certified general instructor.

Colonel Orr's current responsibilities include supervision and administration of the Record's Division, and he is also a Terminal Agency Coordinator for GCIC. Criminal Investigations, Property and Evidence, Training & Accreditation, and Community Oriented Policing Services all fall under his command. Colonel Orr is a regularly featured speaker for several citizen groups and community organizations, including Forest Park Neighborhood Watch, Citizen's Police Academy, Forest Park Business Coalition, and Kiwanis Club.

Colonel Orr is an active member of Glen Haven Baptist Church. He is married and has one son and two daughters.

Records & Court Services



Records and Court Services handles all citations issued by officers, receives payments of fines and assists during city court with paperwork. They are additionally responsible for filing and maintenance of police reports and are an integral part of the police operation.

Records has a staff of three clerks and a supervisor. The staff works tirelessly to keep the courtroom running smoothly and assists thousands of people each year in obtaining needed documents.

In 2011 Records and Court Services processed more than 39,659 citations, 1,918 reports and collected \$4,478,057.73 in fines and fees.

Major Chris Matson

Operations Division Commander



Major Chris Matson is currently the Operations Major at the Forest Park Police Department. Chris has been in law enforcement since 1987, and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He has served in numerous law enforcement positions including communications operator, street officer, motorcycle officer, traffic enforcement and accident investigator operating a pursuit mustang, detective, general, instructor, firearms and Taser instructor, recruiter, 911 Director, shift commander, and is currently in charge of the uniform patrol division of the department.

Major Matson hosts monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings, and is often called upon to speak at various civic, and community program meetings. He started the Triad program in Forest Park in 1998, which currently has 140 active members, and meets once a month to address topics of concern to the seniors. Major Matson also is a member of the National Triad Senior Advisory Committee.

Major Matson believes in enlisting strong community support and trust in each other. He emphasizes good customer service and communication skills to the uniformed officers to foster this essential partnership.

Operations Division



The operations Division is commanded by Major Chris Matson. Patrol is charged with the overall responsibility for field operations and the positive, proactive enforcement of State Laws and Local Ordinances within the boundaries of our jurisdiction.

Our goals are to protect life and property, to address neighborhood concerns, to be alert to any unusual activity involving Homeland Security, and to enhance the quality of life in our city, as well as our county.

We aggressively 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.

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

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

We are committed to professionalism, 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.

V.I.P.E.R. Team



The Variable Intensive Patrol and Enforcement Response Team is a supplement to regular patrol shifts providing valuable additional manpower in problem areas and during peak call volume hours. Made up of four patrol officers and a Patrol Lieutenant, this unit is also 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.



Lt. Cory Cloud



Sgt. Waltrip



MPO Freeman



Sgt. Yermack



Ofc. Simmons

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 2011



1. Conduct at least 75 map reviews with teams to familiarize patrol officers with crime problem areas.
2. Reduce the backlog of outstanding warrants by attempting to serve 150 warrants per Team in 2011.
3. Conduct directed patrols with marked units in high-crime areas as a deterrent to further criminal activity – goal of 120 per team in 2011.
4. Conduct under cover patrols in high crime areas to supplement marked unit patrols – goal of 25 per team for 2011.
5. Conduct alcohol licensing compliance checks in all businesses. Goal of 100 per team in 2011.
6. Facilitate the M.A.R.C. ID (Merchant Awareness Reduces Crime) program by assisting citizens with engraving property to make identification easier in the event it is stolen. Goal of 150 per team.
7. Attend 3 Apartment Managers Coalition Meetings in 2011.
8. Attend 3 TRIAD Meetings in 2011.
9. Attend 8 Neighborhood Watch Meetings in 2011.
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 2011.
12. Have all 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 P.R.I.D.E. contacts. Goal of 150 per team in 2011.
15. Ensure taxi operators are properly credentialed by conducting random Taxi Cab inspections. Goal of 30 per team in 2011.

Patrol Goals & Results 2011



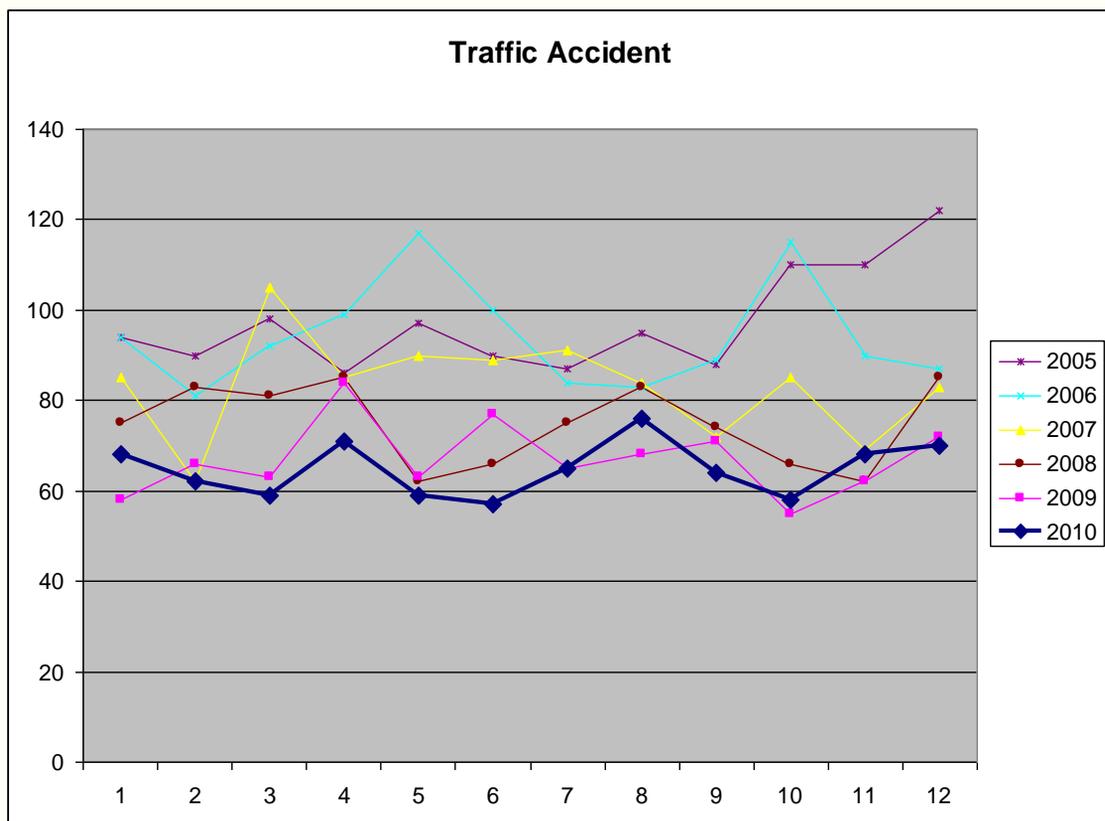
Forest Park Department of Police Services 2011 Uniform Division Goal Productivity Report

Teams	Team Year To Date Totals				Team
	A	B	C	D	Yearly Goal
Review Pin Map	11	3	90	84	300
Warrant Service	168	188	273	250	600
Marked Directed Patrols	349	580	487	372	480
Undercover Operations	20	4	5	30	100
Alcohol Checks	52	79	207	67	400
Field Interviews	123	123	112	117	300
Citizen Contacts	58	61	79	15	268
M.A.R.C. ID	126	104	46	21	600
Apt. Coalition Meetings	2	2	1	0	12
TRIAD Meetings	1	4	0	4	12
Neighborhood Watch Meetings	9	8	9	6	32
Accident Reduction Patrols	343	559	50	168	480
Safety Checkpoints	3	11	3	23	120
Defensive Driving Training	14	8	10	12	48
Forest Park Pride Contacts	140	140	283	177	600
Taxi Cab Inspections	14	54	73	20	120

Accident Reduction



Officers constantly strive to reduce the number of 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 6-year period accidents have shown a significant decrease within the city as a result of aggressive traffic enforcement.



Captain Robert Cotrell

Chief of Detectives



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 and 16 days of service he retired from the United States Army at the rank of First Sergeant.

Captain Cotrell joined the Forest Park Police in 1993. He was assigned to “Charlie Team” in the Uniform Patrol Division. In 1996 he applied for a position in the Detective Bureau and was accepted. He participated in the department’s education program and received an Associate Degree from Georgia Military College.

Captain Cotrell has completed POST Intermediate, Advanced, Supervision and Management Certification Programs. Over the course of his career he was promoted to rank of Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and on December 17, 2003 was promoted to his current rank of 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	2010	2011	% Difference
Murder	3	0	-100%
Rape	12	5	-58%
Robbery	94	56	-40%
Agg. Assault	42	41	-2%
Burglary	243	232	-5%
Theft	703	709	1%
Auto Theft	102	104	2%
Arson	7	8	14%
TOTAL	1206	1155	-4%
Part 1 Arrests			
Crimes	2010	2011	% Difference
Murder	2	0	-100%
Rape	4	1	-75%
Robbery	25	17	-32%
Agg. Assault	23	40	74%
Burglary	54	37	-31%
Theft	127	158	24%
Auto Theft	3	10	233%
Arson	4	2	-50%
TOTAL	242	265	5%

Criminal Investigations



CID Case Assignment/Activity 2010 & 2011

	2010	2011
Cases Assigned	1,282	1,450
Ex-Cleared	170	157
Cleared by Arrest	348	360
Unfounded	79	70
Total Cleared	634	587
Inactive	682	709

Internal Affairs



2011 Level I & II Investigations

Internal Affairs Investigations (Level I)	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
# Of cases Founded / Sustained	2	1	0	0	3
Not Sustained	0	0	0	0	0
# Of cases Unfounded	1	1	1	0	3
Exonerated / Cleared	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of IA	3	2	1	0	6

Citizen Complaints (Level II)	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
# Of cases Founded / Sustained	0	0	1	2	3
Not Sustained	0	1	0	1	2
# Of cases Unfounded	5	5	4	2	16
Exonerated / Cleared	0	1	0	0	1
Open Status	0	0	0	0	0
Total # of Citizen Complaints	5	7	5	5	22

Captain Jamie Reynolds

Administration & Communications



Captain Jamie Reynolds began his law enforcement career with the Forest Park Police Department in January 1995, shortly after turning 19. 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 the rank of Patrol Lieutenant in March 2001. While serving the department as a Patrol Lieutenant, Reynolds completed both 120 hr P.O.S.T Supervision and Management courses and obtained his Associate Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from Georgia Military College. In September 2002, he assumed the role of Captain on Adam Team when his immediate supervisor was transferred to the Administrative Division.

After achieving the rank of Captain, Reynolds 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 Captain Reynolds command include Communications, Community Outreach Programs (C.O.P.S), Emergency Preparedness, Accreditation & Training, Building 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 1 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 01/01/2011-12/31/2011

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 2011, the Forest Park Police Department hosted two neighborhood watch groups per month. The two meetings are for all the residents on the north side of Forest Park and the south side of Forest Park respectively. 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 increases the number of participants. At each meeting there is an average of 70 people in attendance.

Neighborhood Watch remains one of the most effective means of having close contact between police officers and members of specific neighborhoods. During these meetings C.O.P.S. Officers provided crime prevention information, information on specific crimes happening within the communities, and received feedback on citizens' perceptions of our 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 update citizens on recent crime trends during a Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Training



Training Topics in 2011 included:

- 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
- Bias Based Profiling

Ongoing professional, developmental, and in-service training is conducted at Forest Park on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition to certification training provided at regional and state police academies, the staff of instructors at Forest Park PD conducts training for both new personnel and seasoned officers.

There are 13 certified instructors at Forest Park PD and many hold both general instructor certifications and specialized certifications in areas such as TASER, Firearms, and Defensive Tactics. Having personnel with these credentials allows us to conduct a great deal of our needed training "in-house." Training needs are constantly evaluated and training programs are developed in coordination with shift commanders, supervisors, and Chief Hobbs.

In 2011 Forest Park Police Officers received over 9,000 hours of POST approved training.

Firearms Training



Firearms Requalification and Use of Deadly Force training was held on June 20-24, 2011. The awards earned are as follows:

Top Team- V.I.P.E.R.

with an average score of 252.5/300.

Top Gun- Captain Cotrell with a perfect 300.

Overall Department 1st Round Average- 237.6

Moorefield's Possible Awards- Captain Cotrell

Forest Park uses the POST mandated 30 round Standard Qualification Course. The maximum points for the course is 300. Officers must score a minimum of 80%, or 240 points, to pass. Firearms Instructors must score 90%, or 270 points, to instruct for the department. Awards are given for "Top Team" and "Top Gun". "Moorefield's Possible" awards are given to anyone that shoots a perfect score at any point during qualification.

Low Light and Use of Force Training

was conducted on October 31-
November 4, 2011