



# The Guardian

## Annual Report 2012



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 2012. This is merely a summary of activities and crime prevention efforts that occurred throughout the year.

We believe this information will demonstrate what we are accomplishing with the various enforcement initiatives and outreach programs in place. Of course, we can't provide everything in this report, as it would take volumes. It is, however, important to summarize the activities that we feel may give you some idea of what we are doing.

It is our sincere 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 businesses and citizens while actively seeking their assistance in 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 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 International re-accreditation December of 2010 and received the award in March of 2011.

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

Forest Park also voluntarily 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. He has served in many positions throughout the department, but most notably spent thirteen years in Criminal Investigations, four years as Chief of Detectives before being promoted to Assistant Chief. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute at The University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky and a POST certified instructor.

Colonel Orr's current responsibilities include supervision and administration of the entire department as second in command. He works especially close with policy and Procedure review, the Record's Division, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators Property and Evidence, Training and Accreditation, and Community Oriented Policing Services.

Colonel Orr is a featured speaker for several citizen groups and community organizations, like 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 reports and citations issued by officers, receives payments of fines and provides clerks for municipal court. They are also responsible for providing open record requests, filing and maintenance of police reports and are an integral part of the police operations.

Records has a staff of three office assistants and a supervisor. The staff works tirelessly to keep the courtroom running smoothly and meet thousands of record requests each year.

In 2012 the Records Bureau processed more than 24,079 citations; 7,505 incident reports; and collected \$2,947,123 in fines and forfeitures.

# Major Chris Matson

**Operations Division Commander**



Major Chris Matson is the Operations Major. He has been in law enforcement since 1987 and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University.

He has served in numerous positions as a communications operator, patrol officer, traffic enforcement, accident investigator, detective, general, Taser and firearms instructor, watch commander, and is currently in charge of the uniform patrol division.

Major Matson presents at monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings, and speaks at various civic and community outreach meetings. He coordinates the Triad program, which currently has 140 active members. Triad meets monthly to address topics of concern to the seniors. Major Matson also is a member of the National Triad Senior Advisory Committee.

Major Matson emphasizes the importance of good customer service and communication skills to help foster this essential partnership with the public.

# Operations Division



The Operations Division performs field operations and promotes 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, including Homeland Security, and to enhance the quality of life in our city, as well as our county.

We aggressively apprehend criminals and identify suspects, 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 community, geographical, and economic changes within our city. Through weekly COMSTAT meetings we constantly analyze our tactics and strategies to ensure we are responding to issues in the most effective manner.

We promote collaborative partnerships with our community, as well as our businesses, through daily interactions with those partners.

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.

# Patrol Team Commanders



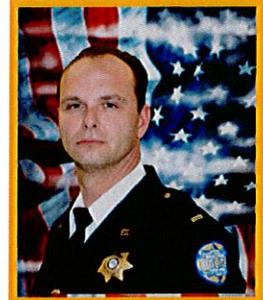
**Capt. Alex Skwira**  
Adam Team



**Acting Capt. Jason Armstrong**  
Baker Team



**Capt. Daniel Podsiadly**  
Charlie Team



**Capt. Mark Harris**  
Delta Team



# Patrol Goals 2012

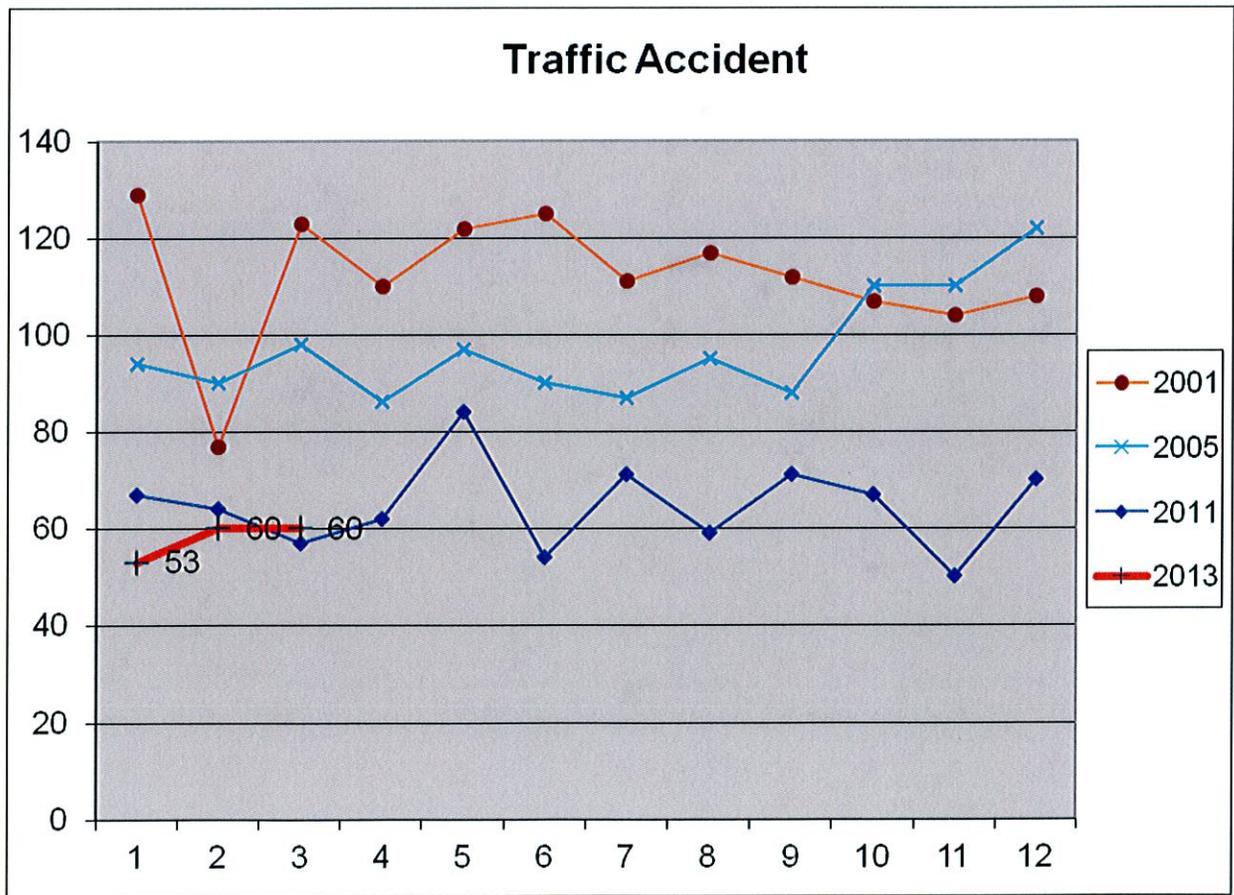


1. Conduct at least 75 map reviews to familiarize patrol officers with problem areas.
2. Reduce the backlog of outstanding warrants by attempting to serve 600 warrants in 2012.
3. Conduct directed patrols in high-crime areas as a deterrent to further criminal activity – goal of 480 in 2012.
4. Conduct under cover patrols in high crime areas to supplement marked unit patrols – goal of 100 for 2012.
5. Conduct alcohol licensing compliance checks in all businesses. Goal of 400 per team in 2012.
6. Facilitate the M.A.R.C. ID program by assisting citizens engrave property to make identification easier. Goal of 600
7. Attend 12 Apt Managers Coalition Meetings in 2012.
8. Attend 12 TRIAD Meetings in 2012.
9. Attend 24 Neighborhood Watch Meetings in 2012.
10. Reduce the traffic collisions with 680 accident reduction patrols.
11. Conduct Road Safety Checks in high crime areas to identify impaired or illegal drivers and increase patrol visibility. Goal of 120 in 2012.
12. Have all patrol personnel complete the National Safety Council Defensive Driving course.
13. Address quality of life issues through Forest Park P.R.I.D.E. contacts. Goal of 600 in 2012.
14. Ensure taxi operators are properly credentialed by conducting random Taxi Cab inspections. Goal of 120 per 2012.



# 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.



# V.I.P.E.R. Team



The Variable Intensive Patrol and Enforcement Response Team supplements regular patrol shifts and provides additional manpower in problem areas at peak volume hours.

This unit is instrumental in curbing gang and drug activity in the city.

In 2012 VIPER:

- Seized over \$748,764 worth of narcotics
- \$24,030 in cash
- Ten vehicles.



Lt. Cory Cloud



Sgt.  
Waltrip



MPO  
Freeman



Sgt.  
Yermack



Ofc.  
Simmons



Ofc.  
McClelland



Ofc.  
Clayton

# 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 and in 1977 he was granted an inter-service transfer from the Navy to the Army and became a Cavalry Scout. After twenty years of service, he retired from the United States Army with the rank of First Sergeant.

Captain Cotrell joined the FPPD in 1993 and assigned to Charlie Team in the Uniform Patrol Division.

In 1996 transferred to the Detective Bureau. During this time he participated in the department's education incentive program and achieved an Associates Degree from Georgia Military College.

Captain Cotrell holds POST Intermediate, Advanced, Supervision and Management Certifications. Over the course of his career went through the ranks of Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and 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	2012	2011	% Difference
Murder	2	0	200%
Rape	3	5	-40%
Robbery	57	56	2%
Agg. Assault	65	41	58%
Burglary	213	232	-8%
Theft	620	709	-13%
Auto Theft	99	104	-5%
Arson	4	8	-50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Part 1 Arrests			
Crimes	2012	2011	% Difference
Murder	7	0	700%
Rape	1	1	0%
Robbery	23	17	35%
Agg. Assault	30	40	-25%
Burglary	53	37	43%
Theft	111	158	30%
Auto Theft	6	10	-40%
Arson	2	2	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>-12%</b>

# Criminal Investigations



## CID Case Assignment/Activity 2012 & 2011

	2012	2011
Cases Assigned	1,414	1,450
Ex-Cleared	152	157
Cleared by Arrest	413	360
Unfounded	80	70
Total Cleared	645	587
Inactive	685	709

# Internal Affairs



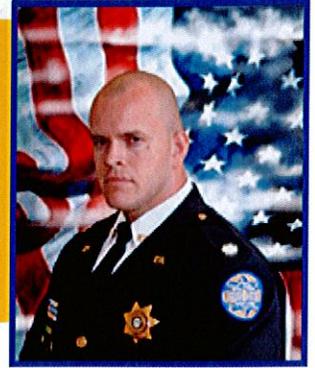
## 2012 Level I & II Investigations

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

Citizen Complaints (Level II)	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	YTD
# Of cases Founded / Sustained	4	5	2	1	12
Not Sustained	2	0	1	1	4
# Of cases Unfounded	19	10	5	7	41
Exonerated / Cleared	0	1	0	0	1
Open Status	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total # of Citizen Complaints</b>	23	16	8	9	56

# Major Jamie Reynolds

## Administration & Communications



Major 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 Community Oriented Policing unit.

He worked his way through the ranks until he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in March 2001. While serving as a Lieutenant, Reynolds completed Supervision and Management courses and obtained his Associate Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from Georgia Military College. In September 2002, he was promoted to 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, he was transferred from the Uniform Division to Administration. Some of the responsibilities that fall under Major 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, Major Reynolds has played an integral role in the revitalization of the Department's Neighborhood Watch Program, remodeling of the 911 Center , re-banding of 800 MHz frequencies held by the City, instrumental in helping the department acquire over a million dollars in grant funding, development of Forest Park's CRI plan, implementation of OSSI, and all phases of the All Hazards Council Rapid ID pilot program.

Major Reynolds is currently working on his Master Degree in Public Administration through Columbus State University.

# Police Response Time



## Response Time Report

From 01/01/2012-12/31/2012

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	P, 1, 2	1378	1:06	3:31	4:38	29:50	33:21
1100-1459	P, 1, 2	1838	1:24	3:40	5:04	29:27	33:08
1500-1859	P, 1, 2	1812	1:20	3:35	4:55	31:21	34:55
1900-2259	P, 1, 2	2042	1:22	3:06	4:28	31:56	35:02
2300-0259	P, 1, 2	1775	0:53	2:25	3:18	34:52	37:17
0300-0659	P, 1, 2	894	1:01	2:52	3:53	30:03	32:54
Average	P, 1, 2	1623	1:11	3:11	4:22	31:15	34:26

# Community Oriented Policing Unit



MPO Turnage



MPO Randall

## Neighborhood Watch

During 2012, the Department hosted two neighborhood watch groups per month. These 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. Combining the neighborhood watch meetings has increased the number of participants. On average, 70 people are in attendance. Neighborhood Watch remains one of the most effective means of developing close contact between police officers and the public. During these meetings C.O.P.S. Officers provided crime prevention information, data on specific and receive 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 crime trends.

# Training



## Training Topics in 2012 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. Re-certification
- Expandable Baton
- Report Writing
- Bias Based Profiling

Ongoing professional, development, and in-service training is provided at the Forest Park Police Department on a regular basis throughout the year. In addition to POST certification training provided at regional and state police academies, the staff of instructors at the Forest Park Police Department conduct training for both new and seasoned personnel.

There are eleven certified instructors with FPPD 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 needed training in-house. Training needs are constantly evaluated and programs developed in coordination with shift commanders, supervisors and Chief Hobbs.

In 2012 Forest Park Police Officers received 12,732 hours of POST approved training.

# Firearms Training



Firearms Requalification and Use of Deadly Force training was held on March 26-30, 2012.

The awards presented are as follows:

Top Team- Detectives Avg score of 259.6/300.

Top Gun- Captain Cotrell shot a perfect 300.

Overall Department 1<sup>st</sup> Round Average- 243.7

Moorefield's Possible Award- 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 November 12-16, 2012.