



# 2025 - ANNUAL REPORT



**SERVICE**

**LYNCHBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**WE PARTNER  
WITH OUR COMMUNITY  
AND PROTECT OUR CITIZENS,  
WHILE RESPECTING  
THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY  
OF ALL PERSONS.**



To the Lynchburg Community:

As we reflect on 2025, this past year marked a transformative chapter for the Lynchburg Police Department (LPD). On June 27, 2025, with the support of City Council and City leadership, we successfully transitioned into our new headquarters on Odd Fellows Road. This modern facility does more than just house our operations; it fosters greater collaboration among our personnel and provides a professional environment that emulates the excellence of their work.

Additionally, we designed a new department badge to honor our heritage, dating back to 1805, while symbolizing our proactive commitment to progress. While our location and insignia have evolved, our core identity remains unchanged: we are dedicated to continuing to partner with and protect our community.

### ***Excellence in Crisis Response***

In 2025, we proudly celebrated the 40th anniversary of the LPD Emergency Communications Center. Our communications officers are the unsung heroes of public safety, the first point of contact in a crisis, and the vital link between the community and our officers. Their composure and professionalism during critical moments are essential to the safety of our city, and we honor their four decades of life-saving service.

### ***Engagement and Data-Driven Safety***

We believe that safety is a shared responsibility, best achieved through presence and active engagement. This year, our officers stepped out of their patrol vehicles and into your neighborhoods for community walks, fostering direct dialogue and understanding.

### ***Strengthening Community Ties***

By utilizing our geo-policing model, we have strategically deployed resources based on real-time data and community feedback. These efforts, combined with your vigilance and support, have resulted in a tangible reduction in crime across the city.



Our success is amplified by the strength of our partnerships. Through our ongoing collaboration with Horizon, our Co-Response Program, and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), we continue to provide compassionate, specialized care for those experiencing mental health crises.

Furthermore, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Community Policing Advisory Group (CPAG) and the Lynchburg Police Foundation. Their support fuels the initiatives that bring us together. Over the past year we partnered with CPAG to host Faith & Blue and Coffee with the Community, and the Lynchburg Police Foundation supported and funded Cops and Bobbers, and Popsicles on Patrol.

### ***Looking Toward 2026***

The progress we have achieved is a testament to the men and women of the LPD. Their professionalism is the bedrock of our department. As we move into 2026, we are eager to build on this momentum through two key initiatives:

- Bicycle Patrol Unit: Enhancing our visibility and accessibility on city trails and at local events.
- Real-Time Crime Center: Implementing advanced technology to respond to incidents with greater precision and efficiency, while maintaining a strict commitment to community privacy.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are ensuring that Lynchburg remains a safe and welcoming place to call home.



**Chief Ken Edwards**

**30 Years of Service**





## A New Chapter for LPD

Honoring our past. Embracing our future.



With strong community support, we celebrated the opening of our new headquarters in June 2025.

LPD's oldest living retiree, Bill Arrington, had the honor of cutting the ribbon, a powerful reminder of the legacy that built the foundation we stand on today.

**This building represents more than a new space. It represents the future of service in Lynchburg.**



The Honor Garden now provides a dedicated space for reflection and remembrance. Fully funded by the Lynchburg Police Foundation and generous community donors, the project reflects the strong partnership between LPD and the citizens we serve.

Est. 1805 · Serving Lynchburg for Over 220 Years





# A New Badge

Unlike Any Other

**This badge represents the foundation of our call to serve: selflessness and justice.**

2025 marked 220 years of service for LPD. In honor of that, we introduced a badge unlike any other. At its center stand two of Lynchburg's most iconic landmarks: Monument Terrace and the Old City Courthouse.

These sites are more than just historic locations; they represent hundreds of officers sworn in, the justice we swear to protect, and honor the first officer to fall in the line of duty.

The LPD has worn many badges over the past two centuries, each representing a legacy of integrity and sacrifice. This new badge carries that legacy forward, reflecting modern professionalism while honoring our past as we continue to partner with and protect our city.





# ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

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**INSTAGRAM 217,309**

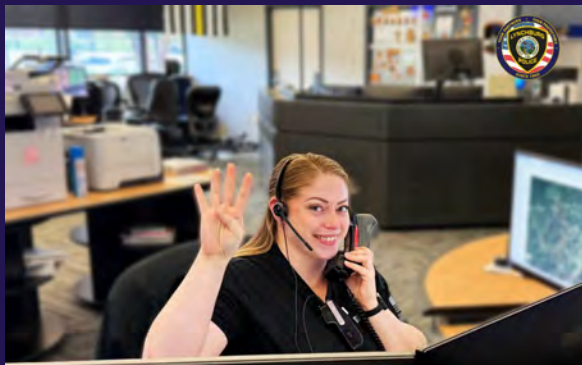
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**@LYNCHBURGPOLICE**









**CONNECT  
WITH LPD ON  
SOCIAL  
MEDIA**  
**@LYNCHBURGPOLICE**

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE (CITY OF / COUNTY OF)  
**Lynchburg**

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (TRAFFIC)  
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (CRIMINAL)  
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

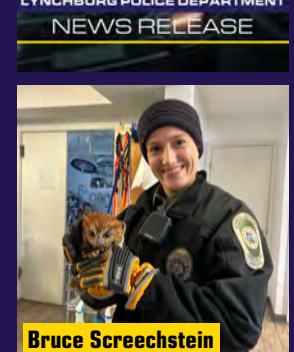
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OFFENSE CHARGE:  
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| EMERGENCY VEHICLE | YES | NO | VOC |
| EMERGENCY VEHICLE | YES | NO | VOC |
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| EMERGENCY VEHICLE | YES | NO | VOC |





# STATISTICS

## Use of Force

| Type of Force       | Pending | Within Policy | Under Review | Policy Violation |
|---------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Taser               | 11      | 6             | 0            | 0                |
| Diversionary Device | 7       | 31            | 0            | 0                |
| Physical            | 4       | 7             | 0            | 1                |
| K9 Bit Apprehension | 1       | 3             | 0            | 1                |
| Pain Compliance     | 0       | 1             | 0            | 0                |
| Firearm             | 1       | 0             | 0            | 0                |
| Exact Impact        | 2       | 0             | 0            | 0                |
| Chemical Munitions  | 2       | 7             | 0            | 0                |
| Chemical Spray      | 1       | 2             | 0            | 0                |
| Spike Strips        | 0       | 1             | 0            | 0                |

During 2025, the following types of force were not utilized and, as a result, were not reviewed: Baton, Vehicle, Other Weapons, Bola Wrap, K9 Non Bite Apprehension, and Kinetic Breaching Tool.

## What is a Use of Force?

The International Association of Chiefs of Police defines Use of Force as the amount of effort required to compel compliance by an unwilling subject.

## What initiates a Use of Force investigation?

- Outlined in Use of Force directive PD21-0602.
- Any of the Uses of Force listed as examples
- Visible injury or complaint of injury to either officer or arrestee
- Damage to non-department owned property resulting from use of physical force to apprehend, restrain or control a suspect

## What is physical force?

Bodily force exceeding the normal force required to take a person into custody, including any combination of strength, leverage, take-downs, control or come-along holds used to gain control of an uncooperative person; the use of hands, fist, feet, knees, etc. in striking a person.



# STATISTICS

## Complaints

### 14 Allegations of Misconduct

|                      |                    |                 |                       |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 5 Employee Initiated | 2 Pending          | 0 Under Review  | 3 Sustained           |
|                      | 0 Non-Sustained    | 0 Exonerated    | 0 Unfounded           |
|                      | 0 Policy Violation | 0 Policy Review | 0 Complaint Withdrawn |

|                     |                    |                 |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 9 Citizen Initiated | 4 Pending          | 0 Under Review  | 0 Sustained           |
|                     | 1 Non-Sustained    | 1 Exonerated    | 2 Unfounded           |
|                     | 0 Policy Violation | 0 Policy Review | 1 Complaint Withdrawn |

### 40 Demeanor Complaints

|                      |                    |                 |                       |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Employee Initiated | 1 Pending          | 0 Under Review  | 2 Sustained           |
|                      | 0 Non-Sustained    | 0 Exonerated    | 0 Unfounded           |
|                      | 0 Policy Violation | 0 Policy Review | 0 Complaint Withdrawn |

|                      |                    |                 |                       |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 37 Citizen Initiated | 8 Pending          | 0 Under Review  | 5 Sustained           |
|                      | 1 Non-Sustained    | 4 Exonerated    | 19 Unfounded          |
|                      | 0 Policy Violation | 0 Policy Review | 0 Complaint Withdrawn |

Complaint classifications follow LPD Professional Standards Directive PD18-1601. Complaints are categorized as either Allegations of Misconduct (e.g., corruption, use of force, civil rights or criminal violations, or serious policy breaches) or Demeanor (e.g., improper actions, vehicle operation issues, or lesser policy and conduct violations that do not rise to misconduct).



# STATISTICS

## TRAFFIC

|            | 2024 | 2025 | % Change<br>2024 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from<br>5 YR AVG |
|------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Fatalities | 8    | 8    | -11%             | 6        | 33%                       |
| Accidents  | 1147 | 1155 | 1%               | 1175     | -2%                       |
| Citations  | 6015 | 6551 | 9%               | 5157     | 27%                       |

**LPD continued focused traffic enforcement to support road safety.**

## VIOLENT CRIME

|                      | 2024 | 2025 | % Change<br>2024 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from<br>5 YR AVG |
|----------------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Homicides            | 9    | 8    | -11%             | 6.6      | 21%                       |
| Forcible Sex Offense | 89   | 70   | -21%             | 80       | -13%                      |
| Robbery              | 30   | 33   | 10%              | 44.2     | -25%                      |
| Aggravated Assault   | 176  | 159  | -8%              | 184.8    | -25%                      |
| Total                | 301  | 270  | -10%             | 316      | -14%                      |

## PROPERTY CRIME

|                   | 2024 | 2025 | % Change<br>2024 | 5 YR AVG | % Change from<br>5 YR AVG |
|-------------------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Burglary          | 169  | 147  | -13%             | 192      | -23%                      |
| Larceny           | 814  | 803  | -1%              | 930      | -14%                      |
| Larceny from Auto | 235  | 254  | 8%               | 290.6    | -13%                      |
| Auto Theft        | 208  | 163  | -22%             | 214.4    | -24%                      |
| Arson             | 4    | 6    | 50%              | 5.2      | -15%                      |
| Total             | 1430 | 1373 | -4%              | 1632     | -16%                      |

**Stratified Policing, Geo Policing, and the LPD Violent Crime Response Team have contributed to reductions in violent and property crime.**





# LIVE YOUR LEGACY

**JOIN LYNCHBURG PD**



**We partner with our  
community to forge  
relationships that last and  
make a difference**

**Competitive pay and  
excellent benefits**

**We are a family,  
committed to supporting  
you and yours**

**We offer a diverse range  
of opportunities, including  
Forensics, Intelligence,  
K-9, Crisis Negotiations,  
Drone Team, Peer  
Support, Traffic,  
Community Action Team,  
Honor Guard, and SWAT.**





# CALLS FOR SERVICE



## VEHICLE STOPS

8,875

## DIRECTED PATROLS

13,061

## WARRANT SERVICES

4,666

## PERSON CHECKS

3,760



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

610

**69,214 TOTAL IN 2025**



# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



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|  | <b>9-1-1 Calls</b><br><b>57,303</b> |
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|  | <b>Admin</b><br><b>74,764</b> |
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|  | <b>Text</b><br><b>174</b> |
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|  | <b>CPR Saves</b><br><b>8</b> |
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|  | <b>Births</b><br><b>1</b> |
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|  | <b>Total</b><br><b>171,391</b> |
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# LPD Co-Response & Mental Health Resources

# 988

SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE

Marcus Alerts

Horizon Emergency  
Services



Project Lifesaver  
Lynchburg  
Sheriff's Office

## What is Co-Response?

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This innovative program pairs a specially trained LPD officer with a Horizon Behavioral Health mental health professional to respond to calls for service. Together, they provide compassionate support, explore alternatives to traditional enforcement, and connect individuals and families with the resources they need during and after a crisis.

## Marcus Alerts

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If you or a loved one have a mental health condition, behavioral health diagnosis, intellectual/developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury, you can share your emergency contacts and needs.

[www.lynchburgvapolice.gov/marcus-alert-form](http://www.lynchburgvapolice.gov/marcus-alert-form)

Contact: [Co-Response@lynchburgva.gov](mailto:Co-Response@lynchburgva.gov)



# The City of Lynchburg

POPULATION:

**80,000** AND PROJECTED  
**TO GROW**



**HISTORY**

**ARTS**

**CULTURE**

**SPORTS**

**COMMUNITY**

Cost of living is

**9%**

**LOWER THAN US AVERAGE**



THE CITY OF  
**LYNCHBURG**

**221 YEARS PARTNERING WITH AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY**



**LPD has more than 240  
employees serving our  
community, with 182  
authorized sworn officer  
positions**

**NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED IN 2025**



# SUPPORTING OUR MISSION



LYNCHBURG POLICE  
**FOUNDATION**



The Lynchburg Police Foundation (Foundation) continues to be honored to support our brave men and women who give so much to protect and serve the citizens of Lynchburg. The Foundation is proud of the support we receive from our many supporters in the City of Lynchburg and those in the Central Virginia area. With this level of backing, the Foundation can fulfill the many projects we do on a yearly basis for our Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) family!

In 2025, we completed the Honor Garden, remembering and recognizing the past, present and future of Lynchburg's Law Enforcement. In 2026, the Foundation will focus on an extension of the garden to honor LPD K-9s who have given so much and effectively impacted LPD for more than 40 years.

The Foundation Board of Directors looks forward to another great year in 2026!

Eugene Wingfield, President

<https://lynchburgpolicefoundation.org/>



## COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY GROUP

The mission of the Community Policing Advisory Group is to create a forum of citizens and leaders from within the City of Lynchburg community to collaboratively address the immediate and future needs of the Lynchburg Police Department by researching, planning, reviewing assigned and selected cases or matters, providing advice on department policies, and recommending solutions that will integrate and prioritize the best-case practices.

In 2025, we provided feedback and citizen input on a number of important topics to include: high profile police incidents in our community, Stratified Policing, the new Geo Policing model, recruitment, retention, increasing diversity in the LPD, hiring practices, communication, community engagement, and much more.

The CPAG membership is looking forward to another great year in 2026!

Rebekah Melton, Chairperson

<https://www.lynchburgvapolice.gov/cpag/>