



RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT



"No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer; but having chosen it, everyone who has is obligated to perform its duties and live up to the high standards of its requirements."

~ President Calvin Coolidge

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

A Message from Police Chief Gary W. Adams...



Mission Statement

Our mission is to strive to provide fair and impartial service, while working with the community to improve the quality of life for all. We pledge to do the right thing, for the right reason, in every situation.

Another year has flown by. Goodbye 2017 and Hello 2018! As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of the past one. As always, the men and women of the Richmond Police Department were kept busy throughout 2017 with normal calls for service, as well as a 500 year flood. The Brazos River rose to a record high of 55 feet; however, since this was our third flood in the last three years, we were prepared. City employees and residents alike knew what to do and carried out an almost seamless effort in preparing for the worst. Again, just as before, many homes were flooded and families were displaced. FEMA did respond and worked with the community to get through many issues we all faced. I was extremely proud of the officers and civilian staff of the Richmond Police Department who camped out at the Richmond Police building for days in order to be on hand around the clock. This year we even “adopted” a few DPS Troopers and one officer from Luling, Texas, who came to volunteer his assistance.

Our crime rates remained about the same as they have the past few years, and those updates can be found in this report. At the completion of another year, I must say I am extremely proud of the work of the men and women of the police department, especially because most know the residents they serve and work within neighborhoods to solve problems and improve relationships and safety. I am especially proud of our residents who continue to work together with us to make Richmond a safe place to live, work and play.

Gary W. Adams
Chief of Police

COMMAND STAFF



Assistant Chief *Dixie Brzozowski*

The Assistant Chief provides assistance to the Chief in the daily operations of the department. Not only does she sit in for the Chief when he's away, she prepares the annual budget for approval by the chief and the city; she oversees the department's agreement with the Texas Police Chiefs Association to ensure the department's policies and procedures remain current with law and the adopted best practices of the Texas Police Chiefs Association' Recognition Program; and she works closely with remaining command staff and other City departments on many day to day issues and projects.



Lieutenant *Jesse Martin* - Operations Division

Lt. Martin oversees the Department's Operations Division. Operations is made up of the men and women of the department who wear the uniform and answer calls for service. Operations consist of beat officers and each beat is assigned an officer who is responsible for making those vital contacts with members of each area in the city in an effort to work on problems together. Each month each officer is tasked with making three contacts with new residents in their beats in order to introduce themselves and answer any questions about the police department they may have.

Operations is considered the "Backbone" of any police agency. It is the men and women on the street who respond to calls for service and act as the eyes and ears for the agency.

Lieutenant Martin ensures each shift has sufficient manpower to provide services and conduct proactive patrols in order to cite or arrest law breakers and look for problems which need to be addressed at an early stage to prevent crime.



Lieutenant *Diana Butinski* - Criminal Investigation Division

Lieutenant Butinski oversees the day to day operations of the police department's criminal investigation division (detectives). There are three detectives under her command who investigate major and minor crimes. Lieutenant Butinski assigns cases for follow up, assists with investigations and works some cases herself. She also oversees the department's Crime Scene Unit, which consist of two highly trained civilian employees. During the calendar year 2017 Lt. Butinski was also tasked with developing a procedural manual for CID.

COMMAND STAFF



Lieutenant *Lowell Neinast* - Support Services Division

Lt. Neinast wears many hats for the Richmond Texas Police Department. He is tasked with recruiting and processing applicants for police officer positions, as well as telecommunicators (9-1-1 dispatchers). Lt. Neinast maintains all training files for all officers in compliance with the State regulatory commission, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He is best known as the department's Public Information Officer, the coordinator for the Citizens Police Academy, and acts as the City's official Easter Bunny each year. He carries out all of the above duties and many more.



Lieutenant *Donnie Kovar* - Communications and Records

Lt. Kovar oversees the department's communication division which consist of 8 telecommunicators. These men and women answer all 911 calls for police and fire, dispatched calls to officers in the field, provide information requested by officers in the field and man the department's front desk at the police station. Lt. Kovar is also tasked with assisting the city's Emergency Management director during situations such as severe weather or other emergency operations.



Flood waters from the Brazos rise to the bottom of the railroad bridge in Richmond.



New Officer, Iliana Fernandez being sworn in.

Allotted Personnel

SWORN Personnel		CIVILIAN Personnel	
Chief of Police	1	Administrative Asst.	1
Assistant Chief	1	Crime Scene Investigator	2
Lieutenant	4	Records Custodian	1
Sergeants	3	Tele-communicators	8
Police Officers	22		

Police Activity

	2015	2016	2017
Adult Arrest	385	418	423
Juvenile Arrest	63	34	70
Traffic Stops		2078	5598
Citations		1588	3162

CID and Crime Scene Investigators

Cases Assigned for Investigation	729	Crime Scene Unit Responses	44
Cases filed with D.A.	396	Evidence	397
Cases Cleared	392 - 54%	Court order destructions	654

Index Crimes

	2015	2016	2017
Murder	0	2	0
Rape	10	0	6
Robbery	7	10	13
Assault	142	146	125
Burglary	53	59	44
Larceny	226	194	157
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	15	9



Lt. Diana Butinski and Crime Scene Specialist, Elizabeth Neal try out our New Special Events Environmental Friendly Vehicle Purchased with money seized from drug dealers and awarded by the court to the police department.

Traffic Accidents

	2015	2016	2017
Traffic Accidents	207	253	252

Police Department Budget 2016-17

	ADOPTED	ACTUAL
Personnel Costs	\$3,387,197.00	\$2,881,778.00
Equipment, Supplies, Services	\$564,013.00	\$590,982.04
TOTAL Fiscal Budget	\$3,953,210.00	\$3,472,760.82

Additional funding for 2016-17

Drug Asset Forfeitures.....\$ 214,029.27

Federal and State Grants\$ 153,148.39

Purchased with Seized Funds

Saving City Funds

2018 Chevrolet Tahoe (replacement)..... \$32,325.00

2018 Alternative Power Vehicle \$11,500.00

Bar Coding for Inventorying Evidence..... \$11,950.00

Leadership Training for Command Staff \$12,000.00

Tyler Technologies CAD Sys. Upgrade..... \$89,220.00

Total Before Expenditures.....\$214,029.27

Total Expenditures.....\$156,995.00

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



There were 18 block parties the officers and city officials attended across the City which brought out many of our citizens the first Tuesday of October. The opportunities were limitless, as residents were able to visit one on one with the officers and others to discuss neighborhood issues.

National Night Out is a nationwide initiative held every year, generally on the same night across the country. The purpose is to bring the community and the officers of the police department together in support of programs such as Neighborhood Crime Watch. It provides an avenue for everyone to celebrate successes in reducing crime and the fear of crime in specific neighborhoods.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Our 24th Academy Class graduated the Citizens Police Academy in 2017. The CPA has been a huge success in Richmond and the alumni joined together to continue their support of the men and women of the police department. The alumni has raised money on numerous occasions in support of the Richmond Police Department. That money has been used to purchase needed equipment, i.e., new hat badges, firing range expenses, ballistic vest covers, Taser training equipment, and much more. This is equipment that may not have been available in the annual budget.



COFFEE WITH A COP



Richmond Officers, Mayor Moore and Residents Enjoyed Coffee with a Cop at the host restaurant, Whataburger.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Richmond neighborhoods. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know your officers. Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

We hope Richmond residents came out March 14th for Coffee With a Cop at Joseph's Coffee! Residents can expect Richmond Police Department to schedule another in May, August and November 2018. Look for updates on Richmond Police Department facebook page and the City's website www.richmondtx.gov/departments/police-department.



Officer James Williams being recognized at the Exchange Club's annual luncheon for his Life Saving Award.



Tele communicator David Evans gives a thumbs up after being recognized during National Tele communicator's week!