



**RICHMOND**  
EST. **TEXAS** 1837



# RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT



*"Policing is one of the most noble professions"* - Dr. Stephen R. Covey

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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



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- \* Master's Degree Business Administration
  - \* 42 years law enforcement experience with 24 years of experience as a Texas Police Chief

The year 2016 has slipped away, and we are now beginning a new year. The men and women of the Richmond Police Department were kept busy throughout 2016 with the normal calls for service, as well as the City's 500 year flood. Through team work with other city departments and personnel, Fort Bend County, the State of Texas, and FEMA, our residents survived the flood without the loss of any lives. Unfortunately there was a lot of property damage but those suffering losses were provided some of the best services toward recovery through the efforts of all city employees. I am very proud of the dedication our officers and civilian staff exhibited, and the professional manner in which they took care of all aspects of the flooding.

Our crime rates remained about the same as they have the past few years. Sadly, we had two homicides; however, both have been solved. All of the crime reported in our city can be found further 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, and especially their efforts at knowing the residents they serve and working with neighborhoods to solve problems in order to create a partnership with those directly affected by crime and/ or the fear of crime.

Gary W. Adams  
*Chief of Police*

# COMMAND STAFF



*Assistant Chief*  
**Dixie Brzowski**

Dixie R. Brzowski began her law enforcement career, in June of 1992, with the City of Richmond Police Department as a Dispatcher in the Communications Division. Brzowski advanced to Patrol Officer in January of 1993. In this position she performed officer functions and provided assistance to the Criminal Investigations Division on an as needed basis until June of 1995, at which time she was promoted to a permanent assignment of Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division. In March of 1997, Brzowski became the Senior Detective and obtained the responsibility of assuming the Lieutenant's daily operations and activities in their absence. On June 1, 2011, Brzowski was promoted to Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigations Division. In this position her responsibilities included the supervisory duties of the detectives, scheduling, planning and implementation of investigations. On June 20, 2014, Brzowski was chosen by the city manager to be promoted to Assistant Police Chief with the knowledge she would become Interim Police Chief from August 2014 until April 2015 until a Chief could be selected. Brzowski now has 24 years law enforcement experience.



*Operations Commander*  
**Lt. Jesse Martin**

Lt. Martin is a twenty-two year veteran of law enforcement and began working with the Richmond Police Department in June 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant, serving in an exemplary manner in all ranks and assignments. He has served as leader of the Department's Emergency Response Team, directing and overseeing the execution of narcotic search warrants and the arrest of high risk felons. His current duties include overseeing the Uniform Division and all aspects of its operations. Lt. Martin not only serves as a firearms instructor and Taser instructor for the Department, he also trains officers from across the country in Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) for active shooter situations, as well as the Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE).

# COMMAND STAFF



*Support Services Commander*  
**Lt. Donald Kovar**

Lt. Kovar is a 24 year veteran of the department. He served as a patrol officer for about three years. In August of 1995, he was promoted to detective sergeant. After working as a detective for two years, he was promoted to Lieutenant in October 1997 and was assigned to lead the Criminal Investigative Division. During his time as the CID lieutenant, he also supervised the departments' Tactical Entry Team as well as the firing range. In February 2009 he was assigned to the Support Services Division Department. Lt. Kovar coordinated with Federal agencies in Operation Weed and Seed – to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity, and worked and coordinated with DEA's Mobile Enforcement Team narcotics operation. In addition, Lt. Kovar was instrumental in building the current police department firing range, as he worked to obtain funding for building that range. He also worked to obtain funding for the city wide radio system.



*Professional Development*  
**Lt. Lowell Neinast**

Lieutenant Neinast joined the Richmond Police Department in 2002 bringing with him 16 years of experience from the Houston Police Department and Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Neinast started in Patrol when he joined the Richmond Police Department where he was promoted to a supervisor. In 2005 Lieutenant Neinast became the Training Coordinator and Public Information Sergeant for the Department. He was promoted to his current rank in 2014 and now serves as the Lieutenant of Professional Development. Lieutenant Neinast is a 2012 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command where he served as Class President. During his 30 year career Lieutenant Neinast has been named Officer of the Year on 4 occasions, National Officer of the Year Finalist in 1993, and received the Presidential Award of Excellence from President Bill Clinton. He has also been awarded with the Medal of Valor from the Houston Police Department.



Lt. Diana Butinski

Newly appointed Lieutenant Diana Butinski has served with the Richmond Police Department for more than 21 years. Lt. Butinski holds an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and graduate level course work in Criminology. Prior to her recent promotion, Lt. Butinski served in various assignments with the police department, including the last fourteen years in the Criminal Investigation Division. Lt. Butinski currently supervises the Criminal Investigation Division.

## Mission Statement

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

## Annual Awards Banquet

*Sponsored by Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association honoring employees and citizens.*



Top Gun Division Winner - Sgt. Steven Rychlik, Top Gun Overall Champion - Officer Robert Oliver, **2016 OFFICER of the YEAR** - Sgt. Holly Horton, Top Gun Division Winner - Detective Ruben Robles.

Back Row - Top Gun Division Winner- Corporal Andy Runge, **2016 DETECTIVE of the YEAR** and Top Gun Division Winner - Detective David Childs, **2016 TELECOMMUNICATOR of the YEAR** - Taryn Smith, Business Sponsor of the Year - Scott Faust, Manager of Walgreens #1199, Co-Volunteer of the Year - Sally Looper, **2016 EMPLOYEE of the YEAR** - Telecommunicator Roy Bailey, 2016 Co-Volunteer of the Year - Fern Pickle and **2016 CITIZEN of the YEAR** - Vicky Seely.





## Facts about the Richmond Police Department In 2016

SWORN Personnel		CIVILIAN Personnel	
Chief	1	Administrative Asst.	1
Assistant Chief	1	Crime Scene Investigator	2
Lieutenant	5	Records Custodian	1
Sergeants	3	Tele-communicators	8
Police Officers	22		

## Police Department Budget 2016

	ADOPTED	ACTUAL
Personnel Costs	3,387,197.00	2,881,778.78
Equipment, Supplies, Services	564,013.00	590,982.04
<b>TOTAL Fiscal Budget</b>	<b>3,953,210.00</b>	<b>3,472,760.82</b>

### Other funding received

Grant for new cars	68,061.00
Grant for Body worn cameras	9,877.50
Grant for Radios	38,260.01

### TOTAL Other Funding

116,198.51

## Calls for Service

POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL 2016 - 16,594 <LESS 1060 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS> 15,534 TOTAL CALLS

Adult Arrests	392	Juvenile Arrests	32
Traffic Stops	2078	Citations	1588
Accidents	516	Evidence items destroyed by court order	595
Evidence Items Processed	487		

## Criminal Investigation Division

Investigates all major crimes, as well as most misdemeanor cases. Investigates crimes at the scene and afterwards. Two crime scene technicians are kept busy processing evidence and maintaining evidence under the guidelines of the Code of Criminal Procedure. All CID officers and employees also must attend court to testify in cases being tried.

## Reported Major Crimes for 2016

Murder	2	Assault	133	Theft	186
Rape	0	Burglary	55	Vehicle Thefts	14
Robbery	9				

### Part 1 Crimes:

*The Federal Bureau of Investigation's means of gathering crime stats from across the country, for these types of crimes chosen for seriousness and likelihood to be reported.*

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



2016 National Night Out brought out several of our residents across the city. There were 18 block parties which the officers and city officials attended. 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 always brings out hundreds of children. Below this child gets the opportunity to meet Officer Todd Ganey and his “handler” K-9 Jackie!



*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 23rd Academy Class graduated the Citizens Police Academy in 2016. 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 all necessary equipment that may not have been available in the annual budget.



# COFFEE WITH A COP



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.



The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community. Some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down those barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction. 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.

## MAJOR EVENT OF THE YEAR 500 YEAR FLOOD

