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As we conclude another year and look forward to 2012, it's a time for reflection on the past and anticipation for the New Year. The Winchester Police Department broke an all time record in call volume over the last year. We responded to 19,483 calls for service in 2011. To put in perspective that is 53 police calls on average every day, but that is just reactive response to calls for service. When you include the proactive work being done, that we will discuss in this newsletter, the amount of work is unbelievable.

Every officer in the department has completed at least 80 hours of training in the calendar year and working toward the Master Program in the Department. Chris Layne for example completed over 200 hours of Forensic Training in Computer Science and is now certified to forensically examine all computers. In between classes he has been able to apprehend multiple Child Pornography offenders. Other training examples include criminal investigations, Advance Patrol Techniques, Homicide Investigations, Criminal and Drug Interdiction, Leadership and Management, etc.

Every patrol officer attended 40 hour block training on Domestic Violence put on by Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. As a result of the training a Domestic Violence Task Force has been created with three officers, Cpl. Stacy Shrum, Ptl. Ryan Marlin, and Ptl. Justin Smith heading up the internal task force. Last year alone we responded to 216 Domestic Violence calls. Domestic Violence is the number one cause of crimes against persons in our community.

Sergeant Mantooth and criminal investigations have arrested 120 individuals on Methamphetamine Promotion charges and other drug related charges. Over the last two years we have had four large roundups of individuals on the promotion to Manufacture Methamphetamine, including the largest Meth Lab bust for 2011. No other agency I know of has had this much success in the prevention of Meth Labs in the region. To my knowledge, we were the first agency in the state to take advantage of the new State Law on the promotion to manufacture and actually have trained other agencies in this endeavor. The idea is to apprehend Meth cookers before they cook, to prevent the destruction of property from these labs, damages to the environment, and prevent the costly cleanup of these labs.



The Tennessee Meth Task Force that has assisted local law enforcement in the cleanup of labs for several years even though grant funds have seen a drastic decrease in Federal funding. With the decrease in funding, we have gone to a regional Pod System, where we had to be trained in the dismantling of the labs and the safe transportation of the labs to these Pod Areas. This new system was mirrored from the Pod System in the Midwest and drastically reduces the cost of cleanup and disposal of the hazardous waste. Without the great leadership of TBI Agent Tommy Farmer, Director of the Tennessee Meth Task Force, this would not have been possible. Tommy is a great partner and friend.



We saw this year a rapid increase in the use of Synthetic Drugs in our community and were hampered by these chemists reproducing these products to circumvent Tennessee State Laws. A proactive solution was developed and proposed to the Winchester City Council in the passage of a City Ordinance forbidding all these products from being sold and distributed in the City of Winchester and especially section 2(b) that states “any product that mimics” illegal drugs stopped the loop hole. With the leadership of Winchester we were able to go to every municipality in the county and get this ordinance passed countywide. This ordinance is now being utilized throughout the state, from Kingsport to Jackson and hopefully the next session of congress we will get this catch all phrase added to the Tennessee State Law.

We are very proud to be a partner with the Franklin County Drug Prevention Coalition. The Coalition has been very supportive and a catalyst for change in the community. The Coalition participated in the passage of the Synthetic Drug Ordinance by showing support at all the city council meetings in the county, and Director Tabatha Curtis was instrumental in communicating statewide about City Ordinance #936 in Winchester and sent copies of the ordinance to 63 Coalitions across this state.

The Coalition continues building partnerships and proudly added The University of the South this year in a new effort to curb underage drinking on Campus. A grant was secured for the University of the South and they have added personnel to work out of the Dean of Students office in this endeavor. The University assisted local law enforcement by furnishing underage students to participate in the last beer sting operation. A special thanks to the Deans office, Chief Robert White, and the students of the University of the South. We look forward to this new partnership going forward.

As a result of this beer sting, where we found violators in four separate beer board jurisdiction, the Coalition was able to convene a meeting with representation of all the Beer Boards in the County. The purpose of the meeting was to try and come to a consensus on enforcement of fines and penalties imposed by the Beer Boards. There was a staggering difference county-wide, with fines ranging from \$150 to \$1,500. I am proud to report that after years of trying, the Coalition has been successful in this also. Now all Beer Boards in the county are on the

same page and aggressively attacking the sale of alcohol to minors. The Coalition now has staff in place to train employees of all establishments selling beer under the new Responsible Vendor Act. We already have retail outlets taking advantage of this training.

The Coalition for the first time in history participated in the Franklin County Teacher In-Service training at the Franklin County High School on drug awareness. I was fortunate to participate in this training and was very impressed with the response from the teachers. Every Citizen should be proud of the dedication of our teachers, I know I am.

During the spring of 2011, we experienced a lot of severe weather causing extensive power outages. These power outages put the Police Department in a bad situation during our most needed times. The City Council remedied the problem during the budget cycle and we were able to purchase and install a 25,000 Watt Generator with the help of Sonny Elliott. Now we have the ability to keep emergency power available for the Police Department during these trying times for our citizens and staff.



We seem to always get the call for special projects and events. A special thanks to Mr. Gerry Gass, Kelly's father, throughout the year. Mr. Gass has been a big help in the remodeling of office space, wiring for the new ICAC Unit office, assisting in the installation of our new generator, or helping us build new cabinets for the Red Roof Pavilion. The staffing demands for special events such as Dogwood Festival, High on the Hog, Carnivals, County Fair, STMC 26 Mile Marathon, etc. becomes cumbersome at times on staffing and budget, but it is nice to have a change of pace sometimes.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Court, another partner, received some great news in the last quarter on grant funding. Centerstone Mental Health and Drug Court partnered on a large rehabilitation and treatment grant for our region. This will allow Drug Court to expand drastically in providing treatment to those



seeking help in their battles of addiction. A special thanks to Judge Buddy Perry, Dr. Ken Stewart, and Chairman Steven Blount for all their work and effort to make a difference. I was truly blessed to be a part of this program since inception; even though I am no longer on staff, we will continue to be a full partner and supporter of this program.



Over the last four months, we have had two of our motor officers, Sgt Lamar Howard and Cpl Troy Clark injured in traffic accidents on their motors. Both individuals received serious injuries but are recovering. I am proud to report that just today I received word Cpl Troy Clark has been released to return work after three months and Sgt Howard has been release to return to light duty and starting rehab on his shoulder.

Over the next quarter we will be evaluating all employees training and progress on the Masters Program and planning the training for 2012 as we continue improving our staff through education and tenure. We are starting to reap the benefits in our staff development and retention practices. This year we celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> year continued employment of Cpl Jeff Miller, Ptl Ryan Marlin, and Sgt Jody Westbrook and 10<sup>th</sup> year employment of Asst Chief Raymond Dyer, Inv Don Hall, Sgt Archie Custer and 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nikki Richardson. This retention of staff makes us very proud and helps us develop our team to be better public servants.



*We also welcomed back Capt Randy Wilkinson from his tour of duty in Iraq.*

*We want to thank all our veterans for their service to our country.*

Over the next quarter, we willing be planning and searching for new innovative ways to improve the Winchester Police Department. We thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

God Bless,  
*Chief Dennis Young*



The Winchester Police department has implemented a new Domestic Violence Task Force to their office. The D.V.T.F. consists of three officers: Cpl. Stacy Shrum, Ptl. Ryan Marlin, and Ptl. Justin Smith. The goal of the task force is to ensure the victims of domestic violence are better protected from their abusers.

Between the years of 2002 and 2010 there were a total of 1,257 Domestic Violence victims in the City of Winchester that were reported to police. That is a small number compared to the Domestic Violence cases that go unreported. In the year 2011, there were 216 Domestic Violence victims reported in Winchester.

The officers working the Domestic Violence Task Force will be doing follow up visits with all victims of domestic violence crimes. Anyone can be a victim of domestic Violence.

Should you find yourself or someone you know in a domestic violence situation, you are encouraged to contact the Winchester Police Department at 967-3840 or the dispatch center at 967-2331.





What does a photographer, a student, a painter, and a CEO have in common? Well, if this were a question in another article that might be a little more challenging, but since it is in this section of the news letter the answer is pretty obvious.

Yes, they all downloaded, processed, and / or shared child pornography, and at least one produced his own images.

2011 was definitely an eventful year. The Winchester ICAC Unit established their digital forensics section and immediately went to work.

- ◆ Paul Ellis Smith of Winchester, Tennessee, took a plea of 21 years because of photographic evidence he had been sexually assaulting his grandchildren. Smith will be indicted for the production of child pornography through the federal system in 2012.
- ◆ Denver Curtis Cole of Tullahoma, Tennessee, who was a 2010 state court arrest, was revisited by law enforcement with a federal arrest warrant, and charged with 25 counts of receipt of child pornography.
- ◆ Shawn Patrick Ferrick of Estill Springs, Tennessee, was indicted in July and charged with the offense of sexual exploitation of a minor, and the offense of aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor. In November, Ferrick was delivered “across the mountain” to Chattanooga, Tennessee by Corporal Stacy Shrum to be arraigned on federal charges of 58 counts of receipt of child pornography.
- ◆ Buddy Quinton Cutshaw of Estill Springs, Tennessee, was indicted in November and charged with the offense of sexual exploitation of a minor, and the offense of aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor. Cutshaw’s case is still pending in state court.

In total, the Winchester ICAC Unit made 7 arrests and assisted 4 agencies in 6 cases.



The Winchester Police Department Investigative Division works almost daily with the Department of Children Services on suspected Child Abuse Cases. These cases derive from anything from Child Rape, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Child Neglect. Last year the local Department of Children Service (DCS), investigated 489 cases in Franklin County. Of these cases, 196 Child Abuse investigations was worked in the City of Winchester in conjunction with the Winchester Police Department. We commend all the staff of DCS for their hard work. Child Abuse investigations is one of the most troubling cases for an Investigator to work. I know personally that mentally, this is the hardest case on investigators to deal with on a daily basis. I commend everyone involved in these investigations and ask for everyone to keep these child victims in their prayers.

**To report abuse or neglect:**

**1-877-237-0004**

Franklin County DCS: 962-1156



The Department of Children's Services responds to over 37,000 reports of child abuse and neglect a year. Every day, more than 100 children are reported abused or neglected in Tennessee. The Child Protective Services division strives to protect children whose lives or health are seriously jeopardized because of abusive acts or negligence. This division also supports the preservation of families.

The department practices risk-oriented case management in order to help protect children. These are some of the caseworker's major areas of responsibility:

- ◆ Investigating referrals of child abuse or neglect
- ◆ Identifying the risks that contributed to the abuse or neglect
- ◆ Delivering appropriate services to reduce risks
- ◆ Evaluating the success of the intervention
- ◆ Continuing services, if necessary
- ◆ Closing the case or reuniting the child/children and family

At our Christmas party on December 9th, we were honored to have two of our retired officers, John Stewart and Mike Doty, join us.

Recently, Mike Doty has had health problems, including a stroke. We ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers.



Winchester Police Department would like to thank Estill Springs Police Chief Allen Rhodes. For the past several years, he has donated his own time to come and cook, first for the Chief's meeting and then later on that day for our Christmas Party. We are very appreciative and enjoy our former member of the department coming back and spending time during the holidays with us.

Winchester Police Department will soon be losing a member of our department. Patrolman Tony Fulmer will be moving with his family to Georgia.

Officer Fulmer has been a wonderful asset to this department and will be missed. We wish nothing but the best for him and his family.

