BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT/Q2 FY2018/Sheriff’s Office

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BACKGROUND: The Sheriff’s Office compiles a variety of reports to ensure information dissemination to senior staff and affected personnel of significant incidents, crime analysis and traffic issues. Because many of these reports contain sensitive and confidential information, they are not released outside of the department. Additionally, State law governs the dissemination of records, criminal history and other law enforcement information and provides penalties for improper release. To inform the public, a brief activity summary that complies with applicable law is prepared daily by the Sheriff’s Office Media Relations and Communications Section and disseminated to the media, the Board of Supervisors and other interested parties.

The statistics that are summarized in the Sheriff’s Significant Incident Report and submitted to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis are Significant Incidents, Continuing Trends, Part 1 Crimes and Agency Highlights.

ATTACHMENT:

Sheriff’s Office Significant Incident Report: January 1– December 31, 2017 Statistics
Mission Statement:
The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office will strive to continuously improve safety and law enforcement services to all members of our community through the Step Up Strategy of improved service, technology, efficiency and professionalism.

We will work interactively with federal, state, and other local law enforcement authorities to vigorously and fairly enforce criminal laws by sharing capabilities, strategies and assets. We will partner with community services groups and human services agencies to implement strategies that improve the quality of life for County residents, businesses and visitors. Finally, we will engage our community through courteous and proactive outreach and communication, and work diligently to constantly improve our professionalism.
The charts below contain uncertified crime statistics for Loudoun County from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 compared to the same time period in 2015 and 2016. (Statistics are subject to change due to recent transition to upgraded database) Crime statistics in Loudoun County are tracked in accordance with the national standards administrated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Loudoun saw a 2.72% decrease in overall violent crime between 2016 and 2017. Property crimes rose by 6% last year. Reported burglaries declined by 29.6% between 2016 and 2017.
Two Deputies Recovering After Domestic-Related Shooting

Two Loudoun County Sheriff’s Deputies continue to recover after they were shot during a domestic-related incident outside of a Sterling, Va. residence on Christmas Eve. The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office responded to the call in the 46000 block of Hollow Mountain Place shortly before 4 p.m. An adult male was reportedly involved in a physical altercation with a family member. Deputies began conversing with the subject and working to establish a rapport with him to deescalate and resolve the situation before the shooting occurred. The suspect was taken into custody at the scene and charged with two counts of attempted capital murder.

Behavioral Healthcare Center Employee Charged in Teens Death

After an investigation into the November 19, 2017 death of a 15-year-old patient at North Spring Behavioral Healthcare Facility an employee was charged with involuntary manslaughter. The death was determined to be caused by positional asphyxiation while the victim was being restrained by an employee. The victim is a resident of Norfolk, Virginia.

Two Drivers Charged with Involuntary Manslaughter in Alcohol-Related Crashes

A Herndon man was charged with involuntary manslaughter in a December 2 single-vehicle crash where his passenger died after the vehicle they were riding in struck a townhouse on Colonial Avenue. The driver was driving under the influence.

A Manassas man was charged with involuntary manslaughter December 31 in a fatal pedestrian crash on Loudoun County Parkway near Dulles West Boulevard. The driver was determined to be driving under the influence.

LCSO Makes Arrest in Second Homicide of 2017

A Chantilly man was charged in October with the death of his wife at their home on Gayfeather Drive in the Dawson’s Corner community.

The Loudoun Sheriff’s Office investigated two homicides in 2017, with two reported in 2016. The two murder cases in 2017 resulted in arrest and were domestic in nature.
LCSO Exceeds Goal, 100% of Patrol Trained in CIT

In December, the LCSO reached 100% of all uniformed patrol deputies with two or more years on patrol trained in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The program requires two or more years of experience to participate in the training. Ninety-eight percent of all dispatchers and call takers in the Emergency Communications Center are also trained in CIT.

The CIT training helps prepare law enforcement officers, on patrol and in the Adult Detention Center (ADC), as well as emergency dispatchers to calmly and effectively communicate with citizens experiencing a behavioral crisis.

LCSO Recruits Take Top Honors, Hold Leadership Roles in Latest Session

The LCSO welcomed 16 new deputies at the 137th session of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA). Deputies took many of the top awards during the session, included the Directors Award for the Combined Basic Deputy Sheriff School, Firearms Proficiency, and the Physical Fitness Award. Deputies also took the leadership role, holding the positions of class president and vice-president.

(s)UAS Locates Overdue Hunter Safe & Sound

The LCSO Search and Rescue Team made the agency’s first successful use of the Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) to locate an overdue hunter in Shenandoah County. The man was reported missing on December 17 and was located by the drone approximately 30 minutes after being launched. (Photo: A view from the drone of the 92-year-old hunter)
The LCSO held their second annual Santa Ride in coordination with Cole’s Closet, a nonprofit organization, to help collect donated toys to fill “closets” with toys for children while they are at the hospital during the holidays. This year, the community donated over 1,300 new toys as well as stuffed animals to the LCSO for the event. For the second year in a row, the LCSO drive collected the most toys ever donated by a single organization to Cole's Closet in the organization’s 15-year history.

**LCSO Recognized by Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce**

The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) was recognized as the First Responder Agency of the Year on December 13 by the Official Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce at the Stars over Dulles event. The award stems from the national recognition and national attention the LCSO received in 2017 for the agency’s education, enforcement and outreach efforts. Some of the programs highlighted during the event included the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), its whole-of-government approach to combating the heroin epidemic, the 30th anniversary of the D.A.R.E. program and community awareness programs such as No-Shave November.

**LCSO Helps Loudoun ‘Make a Difference’**

Thirty-three staff members of the LCSO were acknowledged for their years of service. Master Deputy Kerry Brendel, Captain Chuck Wyant and Linda Murray were each recognized for their 30 years of service to Loudoun. Loudoun County Government recognized 172 county employees in December at the "You Make a Difference" Appreciation Ceremony for employees with 15 through 35 years of service.
Giving Back to the Community

Loudoun Sheriff’s Deputies put down their razors and let their beards grow for a good cause in November and helped raise over $13,700 for cancer research.

Over 175 LCSO deputies took part in the effort and joined law enforcement agencies from across the United States in participating in NoShaveNovember. By growing beards, deputies were able to raise funds for cancer research and treatment and helped educate residents about preventative measures.

This is the first time the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office has partnered with the non-profit organization No-Shave November and the LCSO was one of the top fundraisers among law enforcement agencies who participated in the campaign.

LCSO Deputies Continue Excellence in Education

In November, Crime Scene Investigator Matthew Devaney became the latest member of the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office to graduate from the Commonwealth of Virginia Forensic Science Academy. The Academy is an intense 9-week school of crime scene technology and has a waiting list of one to three years.

Also in November, two LCSO detectives graduated from the Virginia School of Polygraph and Lt. David Wozniak graduated from the Professional Executive Leadership School.

19th Annual Cops & Kids Program

The LCSO participated in the annual Dulles-Loudoun Fraternal Order of Police Cops and Kids Program which brought the holidays to over 100 kids.
LCSO Sees Decrease in Heroin Overdoses as DC Area Numbers Rise

LCSO sent a warning to residents in December as the deadly synthetic opioid Carfentanil was found present in two non-fatal overdose cases. As many in the region saw an increase in opioid related overdoses, the LCSO saw a decrease in heroin overdoses and fatalities. In 2017 there were 37 Heroin-related overdoses and 14 Fatalities. That’s a 16% decrease in non-fatal overdoses and 18% decrease in Heroin Fatalities.

Loudoun County was the only jurisdiction in the entire Baltimore-Washington region to see such a decline. The remainder of the region saw increases in opioid overdoses and deaths averaging well over 50%.

There was no change in Opioid fatalities (2 in 2016 and 2 in 2017) and an 8% decrease in Opioid non-fatal Overdoses.

Deputies saved five lives in 2017 by utilizing Naloxone to reverse the effects of someone experiencing an Opioid related overdose. Deputies have successfully saved 15 lives since the program was introduced in 2015.

Take-Back Nets over 800 Pounds of Prescription Medication

LCSO collected 876 pounds of prescription medications during the DEA National Take-Back Day in November. Since the introduction of the program in Loudoun County in 2010, nearly 10,000 pounds in prescription medications have been collected.

LCSO Rebrands Narcotics Tip-Line

In October, as part of the regional heroin initiative called the Heroin Operations Team (HOT), the LCSO expanded the agency’s Narcotics tip-line as a ‘HOT’line for suspected drug activity and drug usage in the county. Loudoun residents were encouraged to call 1-833-HOT-TIPS (1-833-468-8477) with any information regarding narcotics activity.
Eastern Loudoun Station
Est. population: 81,899 CALLS FOR SERVICE: 43,864

Significant Incidents:

October-November 2017– Garage Door Opener Burglary Spree
A Virginia man was arrested in connection with a series of burglaries in Eastern Loudoun County that spanned two months. The suspect was arrested on November 20 on 26 charges. In most of the cases he was utilizing garage door openers from unlocked cars to gain entry into the homes.

November 3, 2017– Indecent Liberties
A Loudoun County Public School Teacher at Potomac Falls High School was arrested in November on charges connected to having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

November 20, 2017– Attempted Robbery & Robbery
A Fairfax County man was arrested in connection with an attempted robbery and robbery at two Sterling pharmacies in November. A Loudoun resident received the Alert Loudoun message and forwarded it to his brother, an officer with the Fairfax Police Department. Later that same day, the officer conducted a traffic stop in Fairfax on a subject. Using some of the information provided in the alert and bulletin, he was able to identify the driver as a suspect in the robberies.
Significant Incidents:

November 18, 2017– Fatal Pedestrian Crash

In November, a Virginia man was killed after he was struck by a driver on Sycolin Road near the Town of Leesburg line. The driver remained on scene and no charges were filed in the case.

November, 2017– Vandalism Series

An adult and three juveniles were charged in a series of vandalism cases in the Ashburn area in November. The investigation saw 21 incidents where vehicle windows were damaged, as well as a door to a business and a window to a home. The damage was caused by discharged bb pellets or marbles from a slingshot.
**Significant Incidents:**

**September 11, 2017– Larceny Series**
In October, three adults and a juvenile were charged in connected with auto theft and larceny cases in the Grange in the Willowsford Community in the Dulles South area. The suspects were linked to additional larcenies and gunfire cases in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

**October 6, 2017– Suspicious Persons**
The LCSO received several reports in the Brambleton area of suspicious persons in October. In one case, an unknown female approached a mother and her children and asked if she needed a nanny. At one point the subject attempted to reach out towards one of the children. The LCSO developed a composite sketch of the woman and a man who was possibly with her. After numerous interviews, canvassing and directed patrols no persons were identified and there was no indication of any criminal activity.

**October 19, 2017– Fatal Crash**
LCSO investigated a fatal crash on Pebble Run Place and Overland Drive where a Jeep Wrangler overturned for unknown reasons and rolled several times. The driver lost his life at the scene.
Western Loudoun Station

Est. Population: 52,430  CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18,376

Significant Incidents:

November 14, 2017– Fatal Crash
A two vehicle crash on November 14 took the life of a Gainesville Woman on Route 9 near the Town of Hillsboro. For unknown reasons, the victim driver left the roadway before over-correcting into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

October 2017– Burglary Series
A Round Hill man was arrested October 31, 2017, in connection with the burglary of four separate residences in the Airmont, Round Hill, and Purcellville areas of Western Loudoun.

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