



2010 Accomplishments

- Achieved a 9% violent crime reduction and a 1% overall crime reduction
- Earned initial accreditation at the international level by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for the first time – for a term of three years, making RPD one of the top 10% of law enforcement agencies nation-wide
- Earned reaccreditation at the state-level by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) for the 3rd consecutive term – for a term of four years
- Became a 2010 National Night Out recipient – ranked #9 in Category 2 (100,000-299,000 population)
- Implementation of the patrol Taser program – successfully trained two classes (total of 50 officers) who are currently armed with the Taser (all candidates are acutely aware of the effects of the Taser use as the “five second ride” is mandatory prior to use)
- Implementation of the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) courses occurred every other month (6 in 2010) to train RPD officers as well as officers within the region
- Completed numerous command staff neighborhood walk-throughs
- Accomplished 26 RESETs – the RESET program was created to address victims and their surrounding areas after a crime has been committed
- Enlisted a consortium of faith leaders currently representing 40 to 50 local churches covering almost all denominations who meet regularly with command executives to address community concerns – a sampling of these leaders have joined the command staff walk-throughs in their area(s)
- Expanded the Young Adult Commissioners program – 3rd successful adaptation with a 100% college enrollment rate after graduation and implementation of the Sunday morning AM radio show
- Successfully trained outside organizations on the effective use social media techniques in law enforcement at the international and state-levels – the Public Affairs Unit was invited by several training organizations to speak on this topic (most recently to include the International Association of Chiefs of Police at the national conference)
- Published an article in the CALEA Update magazine entitled “Taking it to the Streets: Engaging the Community from the Top-Down” depicting the departmental command staff walk-throughs which was featured on the front cover and mailed to thousands of law enforcement agencies internationally
- Increased the number of participating block watches and civic associations to a total of 166
- Increased utilization of volunteer Neighborhood Assistance Officers (NAO) in lieu of sworn officers wherever possible to increase tactical/enforcement cost savings measures – NAOs were willing to work at a moment’s notice at any and all departmental events/functions where their services could be utilized