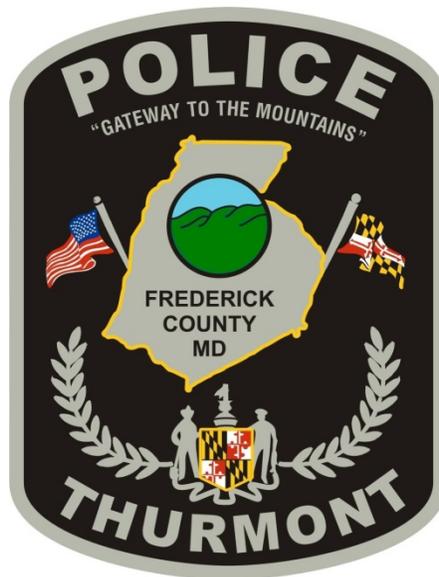


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2016 Annual Report
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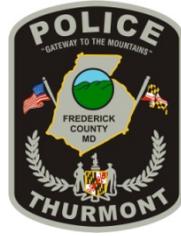
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Thurmont Police Department is dedicated to serving the residents within the corporate limits of the Town of Thurmont. Pursuant to the protections afforded by the Constitution of the United States, we will strive to protect life and property of our citizens, and will enforce all laws of this state and local ordinances in a fair and impartial manner. In partnership with our citizens through Community Policing, we will strive to detect and prevent crime and provide the best quality of life for the citizens of Thurmont. We will promote professionalism of our employees by holding ourselves to the highest possible standard of integrity, ethics, and morals.

VISION STATEMENT

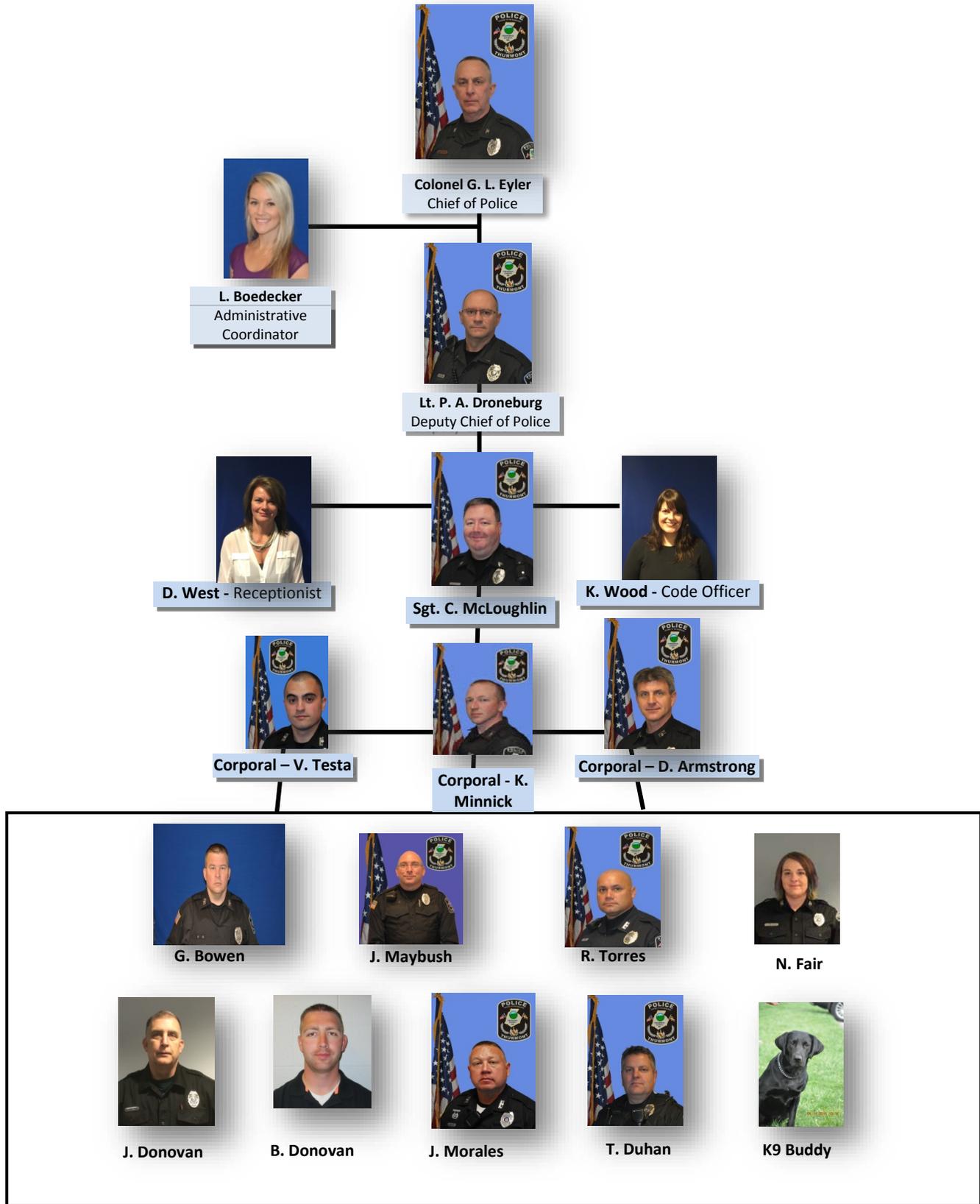
The Thurmont Police Department is committed to providing services that are fair, impartial, and effective while holding employees to the highest standards of efficiency, morality, and professionalism. We maintain the highest standards of law enforcement ethics and personal integrity. The Thurmont Police Department is committed to the philosophy of community policing and problem solving with those that we serve. We are responsible and accountable to each other as well as the public we serve. We believe in the concept of continuous improvement in all our endeavors, always striving to be the best we can be.

We're pleased to publicize that Thurmont was ranked the 9th safest city in Maryland!

SafeWise ranked the city of Thurmont as the 9th safest city in Maryland due to its commitment to the safety and security of its residents.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFFING:

The Thurmont Police Department is authorized thirteen (13) sworn positions, which include the Chief of Police (Colonel), and Deputy Chief of Police (Lieutenant); as well as one (1) full-time Administrative Coordinator, one (1) full-time civilian Receptionist, and one (1) Part-time Code Enforcer.

The Thurmont Police Department hired one (1) new officer in 2016: Nicole Fair.

Position	Authorized	Actual
Chief of Police (Colonel)	1	1
Deputy Chief of Police (Lieutenant)	1	1
Sergeant	1	1
Corporal	3	3
Patrol Officers	7	7
Total Officers	13	13
Civilian		
Administrative Coordinator	1	1
Receptionist	1	1
Code Officer (<i>Part-Time</i>)	1	1
Total Civilian	3	3
Total Number of Employees	16	16

TPD VEHICLE FLEET:

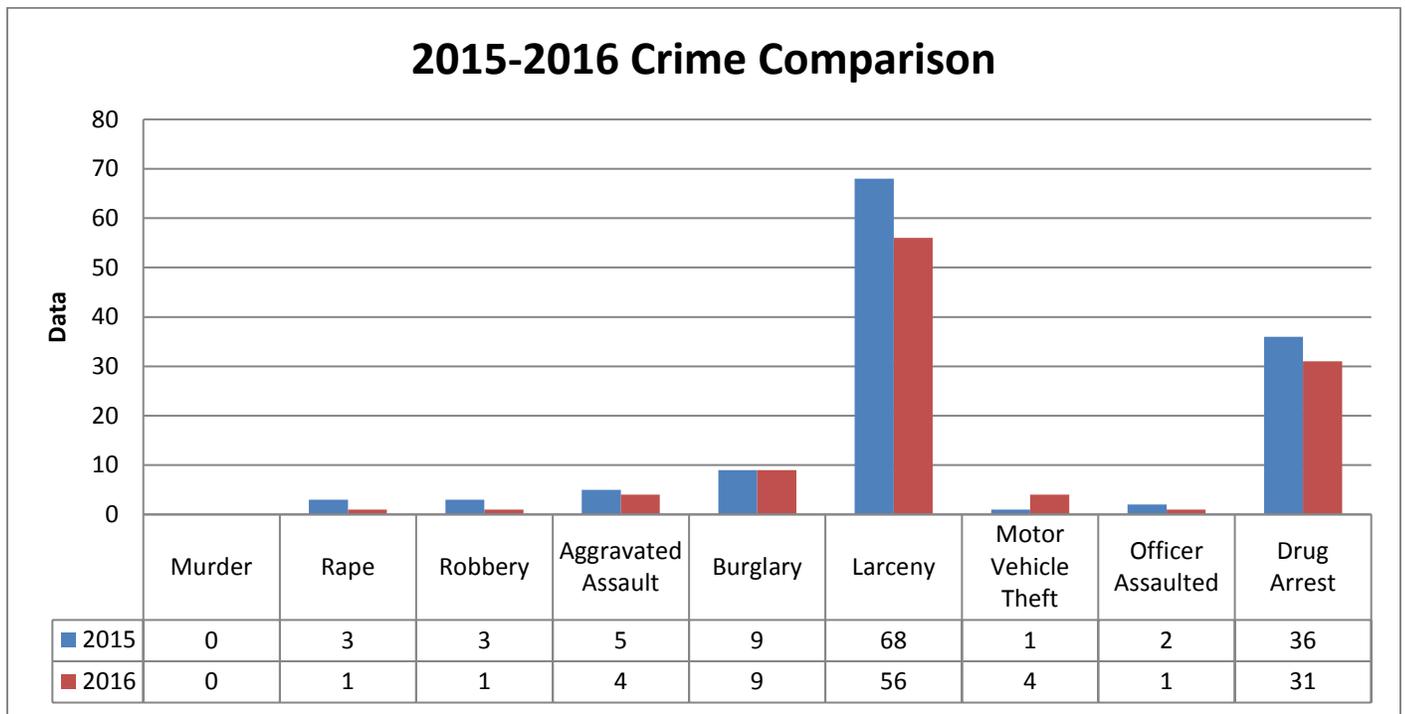


MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL:

The Thurmont Police Department’s Mountain Bike Unit maintains two Trek Mountain Bikes with full police packages. Both bikes are equipped with red and blue emergency lights, sirens, and a cargo bag. The lights and siren are powered by a rechargeable power pack shaped like a drink bottle; that fit into a standard mounted bicycle bottle holder.

PATROL DIVISION:

The Thurmont Police Patrol Division consists of thirteen (13) sworn Officers, including the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, one Sergeant and two Corporals. The patrol officers rotate in their schedule to provide twenty four (24) hour coverage seven days a week working three different shifts. The officers are the first to respond to all types of calls for service while providing an average response time of two minutes. Other than taking prompt action, the Officers are excellent in resolving conflicts while exemplifying community policing. While handling more involved or serious incidents, the patrol Officer may handle the initial call for service and then refer the case to the Department’s Criminal Investigator for further investigation.



SIGNIFICANT CASES:



The Thurmont Police Department has one Officer assigned as the Criminal Investigator. This position allows timely resolutions to involved cases. The Criminal Investigator conducts a follow-up investigation which is an extension of the initial investigation in order to obtain additional evidence/information for the identification and possible apprehension of a suspect(s). Once the investigation is completed, and a suspect is identified and charged, the investigator is responsible for preparing the case for court. The investigator also serves as the agency's liaison with the States Attorney Office and other allied agencies.

The following significant cases of 2016 were disclosed to the citizens of Thurmont and distributed to media outlets to document police investigations that had occurred within the town limits of Thurmont.

January 5, 2016

On January 4, 2016 at approximately 6:30pm, the Thurmont Police responded to a service station in the 200 blk of N. Church Street for a Welfare Check. The responding officer found a male subject sitting in his vehicle consuming beer and smoking suspected Marijuana. The officer placed the subject under arrest and conducted a search. In addition to locating a small amount of Marijuana, the officer recovered a loaded .357 handgun from the center console. The male subject produced a Concealed Weapon Permit but was clearly in violation of the permit restrictions. The subject was identified as: Tavis Caine Harvard, age 44, of Frederick. Mr. Harvard was charged with: Transporting a Handgun; Transporting a Handgun while under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs; Possession of Marijuana, Driving while Under the Influence of Alcohol; Driving while Impaired by Alcohol; Driving while Impaired by a Controlled Dangerous Substance; Attempting to Drive while Impaired by Drugs and Alcohol. Mr. Harvard was released after posting a \$20,000 bond.

January 27, 2016

On January 27, 2016 at approximately 2:40am, the Thurmont Police responded to the area of West Moser Road for a suspicious person seen entering unlocked vehicles. Upon his arrival, the Thurmont Police Officer located a male subject walking down the street from an opened vehicle. The officer detained the suspect and learned that the suspect had in his possession numerous items that had been stolen from two different vehicles. The items were small electronic devices, a knife, and jewelry. The suspect was identified as: Patrick Martin, age 23, from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Martin was transported to Central Booking and charged with: 7 cts of Theft: less than \$100; and Making a False Statement to a Police Officer concerning his identity.

June 9, 2016

On May 18, 2016, Thurmont Police Officers were alerted to subject under the influence of Controlled Dangerous Substances and threatening to harm himself. The subject was subsequently located and found to be in possession of various amounts of CDS and CDS Paraphernalia, and currency. The subject was identified as: Robert Ryan Springer, age 23, of Thurmont. On May 27, 2016, a Frederick County Grand Jury indicted Mr. Springer on the following charges: Possession of CDS with the Intent to Distribute; 3 cts of Possession of CDS; and Possession of CDS Paraphernalia. On June 6, 2016, Thurmont Police Officers took Mr. Springer into custody and served him with the Grand Jury Indictment. Mr. Springer was taken before the Circuit Court of Frederick County and released on Personal Recognizance.

August 6, 2016

On August 3, 2016, approximately 12:30 a.m., an explosive device was placed and detonated on the hood of a marked Thurmont Police Department vehicle, which was parked outside of the officer's residence.

The explosion caused significant damage to the front end and windshield of the vehicle and sent fragments into the officer's occupied residence. There was no injuries associated with the explosion.

Due to the nature of the incident, the Thurmont Police Department, Frederick County Fire Marshall, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and the Frederick Police Department conducted a joint investigation.

Located at the scene, lying next to the vehicle was what appeared to be a "Pipe Bomb" or Improvised Explosive Device. The pipe was covered with a burnt residue consistent with a Black Powder type material. Duct taped to the exterior of the pipe were 2 ½ inch finishing metal nails. Also, found was a partial end cap that had blown off, which had a small diameter hole drilled through it, which is common for inserting a fuse as an ignition device. Items were collected and were sent to the ATF laboratory to be analyzed.

While at the scene, investigators were informed that on Sunday, July 31, 2016, a discarded bag of trash from Burger King was located next to the vehicle. The bag contained a receipt from Burger King. The bag was collected as well.

During the course of the investigation, it was found that the suspect, later identified as Kyle Rutger Mueller, Moser Road, Thurmont, MD., DOB – 12/20/1993 was responsible for manufacturing and detonating the bomb.

Identification was made as a result of witness accounts describing a possible vehicle fleeing the scene (Toyota Highlander), investigators linking receipts from a debit card used by Mueller to purchase food from Burger King, and Black Powder from a gun shop in Waynesboro, PA. Additionally, video footage from Lowes in Waynesboro, PA showing Mueller purchasing a 12 and 1 ¼ inch pipe and two end caps, which match the pipe at the scene.

August 5, 2016, approximately 7:54 p.m., investigators observed Mueller driving a Toyota Highlander at the Burger King Drive Through. Mueller was subsequently stopped and placed under arrest. After interviewing Mueller, he was transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center, charged with the following:

- CR4-503(a)(1) Destructive Device Manufacturing
- CR4-503(a)(1) Destructive Device Possession
- CR4-503(a)(1) Destructive Device User
- CR4-503(a)(1) Destructive Device Storage
- CR3-204(a)(1) Reckless Endangerment
- CR6-301 Malicious Destruction of Property +\$1,000
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Investigators executed a Search and Seizure warrant at Mueller's residence and located items linking him to the bombing.

Investigation is continuing.

September 1, 2016

On August 29, 2016, at approximately 12:40 am, Thurmont Police Officers were notified of an alarm sounding at the MD Vapor Inc. business in the 200 blk of N. Church St. While responding to the business, a Thurmont Police Officer located three (3) young males walking from the area. The males were detained and then transported to the Thurmont Police Station after a burglary at the business was confirmed. Further investigation and interviews revealed that the following individuals were responsible for breaking into the business and stealing merchandise: Francis Geppi, age 19, of Thurmont; Joshua Ray Bare, age 19, of Thurmont; and a Juvenile male, age 16, of Thurmont; were arrested and charged with: 2nd Degree Burglary, 4th Degree Burglary, 2 counts of Destruction of Property, and 2 counts of Theft > \$1,000. Mr. Geppi is being held on a \$5,000 bond. Another Juvenile male, age 17, has been charged with: Conspiracy to Commit 4th Degree Burglary, 2 cts. Conspiracy to Commit Destruction of Property, Conspiracy to Commit Theft > \$1,000, and Conspiracy to Commit 4th Burglary- Permit Tool Use.

September 22, 2016

The Thurmont Police Department had received a complaint of Burger King employees dealing Controlled Dangerous Substances from the parking lot of the business. The Thurmont Police Department had a police officer gain employment at the Burger King in a covert capacity. While employed, the police officer made several successful purchases of Controlled Dangerous Substances from two employees. On September 16, 2016, the two employees were indicted by a Frederick County Grand Jury. On September 21, 2016 the employees were arrested and served with the Indictments. The employees are identified as: Tommy Lee Miller, age 23, of Thurmont, and charged with: Possession of CDS, (2) cts of Possession of CDS with intent to Distribute, (2) cts of

Distribution of CDS. Jonathan Brook Moser, age 28, of Emmitsburg, was charged with: (2) cts Possession of CDS, (2) cts of Possession of CDS with intent to Distribute, (2) cts of Distribution of CDS.

October 27, 2016

On October 25, 2016 at approximately 11:45pm, Thurmont Police responded to the Sheetz Store in the 400 blk of N. Church St. to investigate a complaint of drug paraphernalia being dumped in the Store's trash containers by subjects staying at the Rambler Motel. The officers began to investigate and contacted a male and female staying in one of the Motel rooms. The officers were informed by a Frederick County Deputy that a wanted subject may be associated with the tenants and may be hiding in the room. The officers were given consent to enter the motel room to check for the wanted subject with negative results. However, in plain view was CDS paraphernalia and suspected CDS. The male and female were arrested and further investigation continued. A Search & Seizure warrant was obtained. The search of the motel room revealed numerous types of CDS paraphernalia, Controlled Dangerous Substances, and two weapons; a 45 caliber revolver and a sawed-off shotgun, and ammunition for both. The suspects were identified as: Dwayne E. Elliott, age 48, of Baltimore, and Kimberly L. Diggs, age 41, of Baltimore. Research by the Thurmont Officers determined that Mr. Elliott was a convicted felon and was prohibited from possessing weapons and ammunition. Mr. Elliott was charged with: 17 counts of Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances to include: Cocaine, Heroin, Oxycontin, and Alprazolam, Possession with the intent to Distribute CDS, Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, and Conspiracy to Possess and Distribute CDS; and 6 counts of Weapon violations. Mr. Elliott is currently being held at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center without Bond. Ms. Diggs was charged with: 16 counts of Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances to include: Cocaine, Heroin, Oxycontin, and Alprazolam, Possession with the intent to Distribute CDS, Possession of CDS Paraphernalia, and Conspiracy to Possess and Distribute CDS. Ms. Diggs is currently being held at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on a \$15,000 Bond.

December 9, 2016

On December 9, 2016 at approximately 5:30am, members of the Thurmont Police Department and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office served a Search & Seizure Warrant in the 100 block of W. Main St. in Thurmont. The purpose was to serve arrest warrants on two subjects and search for evidence of a serious assault and robbery that occurred on November 19, 2016. Two subjects were arrested and identified as: David Alan Plaza, age 53; and Dylan James Plaza, age 19, both of Thurmont. An investigation revealed that on November 19, 2016, a male victim, age 18, from Falling Waters, West Virginia, was seriously assaulted by the Plaza subjects, threatened with a shotgun and knife, and robbed of money and clothing. David A. Plaza was charged with: Robbery; First Degree Assault; Second Degree Assault; Theft: less \$1,000 value. Dylan J. Plaza was charge with: Robbery; Second Degree Assault; Theft: less \$1,000 value.

Both subjects were taken to Central Booking awaiting an Initial Appearance with a District Court Commissioner.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

The Thurmont Police Department uses several methods of informing the residents of information of interest.

 **everbridge:** A communication platform that empowers individuals and organizations to take timely action to support emergency notifications, primarily focused on delivering communications to very large groups (100,000+) of people at the same time to keep them informed before, during and after emergencies.

Nixle  : To sign up for Nixle go to: **WWW.NIXLE.COM** to create an account, once you have created an account you will begin to receive information sent out by the Police Department via e-mail as well as on your smart phone.

Community Alert System (CAS): This is an e-mail based system, to join this system and to receive e-mail notices, which are the same as those on Nixle, send your e-mail address to: Thurmontpolice@frederickcountymd.gov.

Sign Board at Police Station: The Thurmont Police Department had a sign board donated by a resident so the Department may place notices or messages of upcoming events.



Bicycle Registration: The department offers, free of charge, to anyone who wishes to have their bicycle registered. Once your bicycle is registered it is entered into a county-wide database; if your bicycle is ever lost or stolen and it is found by a member of any law enforcement agency, it can be returned to you.



SafetyPup: SafetyPup is part of the National Child Safety Council, who has been sent to the Town of Thurmont to promote a positive approach for children to learn safety techniques for daily life. SafetyPup is a special friend to all children who makes learning about safety issues fun, entertaining, and non-threatening. You may see SafetyPup at events with the Thurmont Police Officers or greeting children after school with a special message.



National Night Out: Every year the Department participates in the National Night Out, which is sponsored by the Department and the Thurmont Police Commission. It is held in the rear parking lot of the police station where the Department as well as allied agencies display their equipment and host a picnic for the community.



Shred Event: On April 30, 2016, the Thurmont Police Department held their first Shred Event. With the help of the Thurmont Police Commission members, the event was a success. The morning was steady with residents dropping off boxes of documents for shredding. 8,773 pounds of paper was collected and shredded. Many residents were pleased with the free shredding event and requested more events in the future. Generous contributions from the residents yielded a pickup truck load of non-perishable food items for the Thurmont Food Bank.



Meet the Chief Night:

- ❖ In April, 2016, Colonel Eyler was a guest speaker on Drug Awareness at the Kawanis Club.
- ❖ Colonel Eyler hosted a Meet the Chief Night on June 29, 2016 to resource basic information for the public regarding Active Assailant(s).
- ❖ In October, 2016, Colonel Eyler accepted the donations made from blue bulbs purchased at ACE Hardware in Thurmont, showing the community's support for the Thurmont Police Department.

Drug/Medication Disposal: In the lobby of the Thurmont Police Department, residents of Thurmont are able to safely dispose of their medication(s). Below is a list of what is acceptable and what is unacceptable.



Acceptable items include but are not limited to: Over the counter medication(s), medical samples, pet medications, medicated ointments and lotions, and prescription medication(s).

Items that are not accepted include: thermometers, IV bags, infectious waste, business medical waste, liquid medication(s), syringes (no sharps), oxygen tanks, and blood products.

Shop-With-A-Cop: In December 2016, the Thurmont Police Department participated in the “Shop with a Cop” program. Our agency joined other Law Enforcement Agencies in partnering an officer with selected children and assisting them with Christmas shopping for themselves and their family.



Fish-With-A-Cop: In May 2016, the Thurmont Police Department participated in the “Fish with a Cop” program, sponsored by the Optimist Club. An officer who volunteers for this event is teamed with a selected child and provides the child with fun day of fishing. Officer Duhan and Cpl. Minnick offered not only their time but also their reflective role model performance.

Practice Parallel Space: The Chief of Police was approached by a resident regarding a safe location student drivers could practice parallel parking without fear of traffic. Colonel Eyler found a location on the rear parking lot of the police station and had it marked off so student drivers could safely practice their parallel parking.



BUSINESS CHECK PROGRAM:

As part of the Department’s continuing Community Policing effort the Department offers, free of charge to all businesses, the option to register their business with the Department, giving us their business name; their address, the owners name and phone numbers of persons to contact in case of an emergency.

RESIDENTIAL CHECK PROGRAM:

Our Residential Check Program is available to all residents of the Town of Thurmont as part of our Community Policing effort. When a resident is going away for an extended period of time they can have their home placed on the Residential House Check; an officer will make checks of their home while they are away to assure their home is safe awaiting their return.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS: The Town of Thurmont employs two full-time; Faye Grimes and James Hughes, and one part-time, Eugene “Sonny” Grimes, School Crossing Guards, who handle crossing details at the following intersections:



- Summit Ave. at E. Main St.;
- Hammaker St. at E, Main St.;
- Rocky Ridge Rd. (Rt. 77) at the Primary School; and
- E. Main St. at Apples Church Rd.

The remaining school crossing guards throughout the county are funded by the County.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY EDUCATION:

On January 21, 2016, the Thurmont Police Department assisted the Thurmont Elementary School in the coordination of an evacuation plan that becomes in effect should the precautions deem necessary. The Thurmont Police Department will host a safe and secured area for students during a drill or actual evacuation. The goal of this drill was to ensure that the proper precautions were taken for their safety during an evacuation during school hours.



CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION:



The Code Enforcement Section was created in 2008 and is staffed by a Part-time employee. The Code Officer patrols the Town looking for possible code violations as well as answering calls and e-mails of possible Code violations. There is a continued effort of reviewing and revising the Codes of the Town of Thurmont. The Code Officer does not have jurisdiction over zoning matters and does not handle cases involving wild animals. Any questions regarding zoning matters, the

safety of a building, and the condition of the streets and or sidewalks are handled by the Zoning Inspector at the Town Office.

The total amount of code enforcement cases handled for 2016 are 280, 34 of those cases had more than one complaint.

The following is a breakdown of the type of violations reported:

Complaint Type	Number	Complaint Type	Number
Tall Grass	83	Outdoor Storage of Lumber, Furniture, Other Items	37
Removal of Yard Sales/Other Signs	27	Rubbish, Trash, Waste, Litter	24
Snow on Sidewalk	19	Overgrown shrubs, bushes, trees by Utility Boxes	17
Stored Vehicle Untagged/Uncovered	14	Trees, shrubs, Bushes Overhang Sidewalk, Streets, Yard	13
Dumping Trash, Yard Debris	12	Tall Grass on Curb	12
Bags of Grass on Curb	7	Dog Feces	5
Overgrown Bushes, Shrubs, Weeds	5	Tree Limbs, Shrubs, Blocking Street View	4
Premise ID	3	Trash Can at Curb	3
Contaminated Pool Water	2	Grass in Street	2
Noise Complaint	2	Poison Oak, Poison Tree	2
Sidewalk Cellar Door Broken	2	Vehicle Parked in Yard	2
Vermin, Bed Bugs Infestation	2	Boat on Street	1
Damaged Sidewalk	1	Dead Trees in Woods	1
Oil Pan in Yard	1	Overgrown Bush Blocking Fire Hydrant	1
Plastic Water Cap Removed	1	Property Violation Check	1
Railroad Ties in Ditch	1	Roaming Dog	1
Sidewalk Inquiry	1	Sign Inquiry	1
Snakes in Yard	1	Soliciting No Permit	1
Storage Container	1	Woodpile Against Fence	1
		Total	314

The following is a breakdown of the source of the complaint:

Source of Complaint	Number
Code Officer	171
Resident	66
Town Employee	30
Commissioner	7
Police Officer	4
Mayor	1
Owner	1
TOTAL	280

TRAINING UNIT:



The Thurmont Police Department now has five Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission (MPCTC) certified instructors, which includes two (2) firearms instructors. As of 2013, the Thurmont Police Department conducts their own complete in-service training classes, including firearms training.

Throughout the year of 2016, every sworn officer attended the Crisis Intervention Team training in Montgomery County.

TECHNOLOGY:

E-TIX: The Department is always trying to up-date its technology, as its budget permits. Each police vehicle has an E-Tix device. E-Tix allows the officer to see how many times a person has been stopped by any participating agency. With E-Tix the officer can issue a traffic citation, warning or a safety equipment repair order in a short amount of time.



In-Car Video: Some patrol vehicles are equipped with an In-Car Video which will record an event as it occurs, which can be used in court as evidence. As well as recording what is occurring in front of the vehicle, it has the capability of recording the behavior of a prisoner seated in the rear of the cruiser. The purpose of the In-Car Video is twofold; officer safety as well as protecting suspects.





Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's): Each patrol vehicle is equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) which allows the officer to stay in contact with the Frederick County Emergency Communication Center (Dispatch). It also provides them with an active map of the entire County which would allow them to use it as a GPS if necessary. The officer can receive calls from Dispatch via the MDT as well as complete their paperwork from their vehicle, such as an accident report.

License Plate Reader (LPR): Enhances law enforcement's ability to spot vehicles tied to investigations and other infractions. In return, helps solves cases and deter crime.



Automatic External Defibrillator (AED): The Thurmont Police Department received a donation of five AED units from a private source for use by the officers in the cruisers while on patrol. Since there are not enough units for each patrol vehicle; a unit is signed out at the beginning of the officer's shift and returned at the end. Every employee of the Department has received training in the proper use of the AED.



Preliminary Breath Test (PBT):



The Department utilizes Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) units as a tool to assist officers in determining if a suspected driver is in fact driving under the influence of alcohol. They also use Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST), where a suspect is put through a series of standardized field tests to assist the officer in making his decision whether to place the suspected intoxicated driver under arrest.

Narcan:

Thurmont Police Department personnel have received training provided by the Frederick County Health Department to administer Naloxone through the Overdose Response Program. Naloxone is a fast-acting opiate antagonist used in emergency medicine to rapidly reverse opiate-related sedation and respiratory depression. Naloxone is marketed under various trademarks including “Narcan,” “Nalone,” and “Narcanti.” Narcan is a scheduled drug, but has no euphoric properties and minimal side effects. If it is administered to a person who is not suffering an opiate overdose, it will do no harm. During an opiate overdose, a patient may suffer a disruption in normal breathing. In some cases breathing may stop altogether, quickly leading to death. Law Enforcement often arrives on scene of overdoses before EMS personnel. The administration of Narcan by trained Law Enforcement officers will help save lives.



The 53rd Catoctin Colorfest: The 53rd annual Colorfest was held the weekend of October 8th and 9th. The Thurmont Police staffed this event, as it has in the past with officers working modified shifts, which resulted in a limited amount of overtime being spent to staff this event. With a reported crowd for the two day event of over 100,000 visitors, there were no major events, which resulted in an enjoyable event for vendors and visitors alike.

2016 Guardian Hose Fireman’s Parade and Carnival:



Every year the Guardian Hose Fire Company hold a parade and carnival. The parade is led by vehicles from the Department through town, which begins on East Main Street, past the judging stand at Memorial Park, ending on Boundary Avenue at the Carnival Grounds. Throughout the week of the carnival the Department provides extra officers to patrol the carnival grounds and surrounding area.

AWARDS:

On October 25, 2016, Chief Eyler presented Ms. Taylor Cannon and Mr. Brad Condon with great honor, a "Citizens Certificate of Appreciation" for their assistance with the Explosive Device Investigation, which occurred on August 3, 2016.



Life Saving Award: 

Cpl. Kyle Minnick, Off. B. Donovan:

The Life Saving Award is given to Officers of The Thurmont Police who, during the course of their duty, comes to the aid of a citizen and saves their life. On December 27, 2015, OFC Brian Donovan responded to a Cardiac Arrest. After assessing the patient, OFC Donovan used his Department AED and performed CPR until a Medic Unit arrived and saved the life of the patient.

On December 13, 2015, Cpl. Minnick was dispatched to a Cardiac Arrest. Upon his arrival, Cpl. Minnick recognized that the patient had overdosed on Heroin and was unconscious. Cpl. Minnick used his Department issued Narcan and was able to revive the patient.

For their actions to preserve each person's individual life, these Officers received the Thurmont Police Department's Life-Saving Award.

Officer of the Year:  Every year both the Thurmont Lions Club and Shumaker's Roofing seek nominations for Officer of The Year from the Command Staff from which the Selection Committee select only one Officer to be honored as Officer of the Year. This year the nomination for Officer of the Year was: *Officer First Class Timothy Duhan.*



Officer First Class Timothy Duhan:

OFC Timothy Duhan was selected as the Officer of the Year for 2016. He was recognized for his experience and contribution to the Thurmont Police Department. OFC Timothy Duhan began his career with the Thurmont Police Department in September 2012. Since his first day of employment, OFC Duhan used his experience and began working on all drug tips and drug investigations

OFC Duhan was instrumental in developing a Canine Position for the agency. He facilitated the purchase of the agency's first canine. Due to his previous experience, OFC Duhan was selected as the agency's first Canine Officer and currently serves as the handler of "Buddy" a black Labrador narcotics detection canine.