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Community Engagement

Community Walks

Broaden the department's goal to engage multiple neighborhoods citywide, and focus our efforts on crime reduction and safety. Chief Booth and his staff will divide into teams and go door to door as time and weather permit. These walks serve as a platform to build public trust and develop positive relationships between officers and community members.

[Community Engagement Will Work](#) | [DPD & Community Cookout](#) | [DPD Build Community Trust](#)

Youth Police Academy

[First Youth Police Academy in Danville](#)

Clergy Patrol

Clergy partner with police for an enhanced ride along. Clergy are community leaders who are connected, they're involved and we're looking for partnership and this is a continued aspect of that.

[DPD Launches New Initiative](#)

HEART – Heal and Engage After Recent Trauma

Heal and Engage After Recent Trauma (HEART) is a law enforcement driven program which partners with the Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services, Danville Commonwealth's Attorney, and SOVAH Health – Danville. HEART places value in engaging the community in the aftermath of traumatic incidents, strived to communicate available resource and information to the impacted neighborhoods and assists the community with recovery efforts.

The City of Danville Police Department is committed to providing continuous improvement to the community through partnerships with both citizens and businesses. As such, the establishment of a HEART team is essential to fulfilling the community's expectations. The HEART program's mission is to have identified members trained and prepared to gather and meet with residents of impacted neighborhoods within 24 to 72 hours after a traumatic event.

[DPD Heart Walk Healing Community](#)

Fashion Show

The Danville Police Department partnered with Belk's Department Store and the Danville Mall to host an Annual Back to School Fashion Show for youth.

[DPD Host Back to School Fashion Show](#)





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Crime Reduction

Stratified Policing

“The Stratified Model is an approach through which problem solving, analysis, and accountability processes are infused into the existing organizational structure and daily business of a police agency—with the goal of enhancing and increasing effectiveness and efficiency of crime reduction.” Radford University Center for Police Practice, Policy and Research. Dr. Rachel Santos and Dr. Roberto Santos [2019 Drop in violent crime Danville, VA](#)

Project Safe Neighborhoods

The Western District of Virginia has established a district-wide PSN Task Force, which is comprised of high-level representatives of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and Commonwealth Attorneys. [Project Safe Neighborhood](#)

Crime Statistics

Year to Date data updated monthly

[January – August 2020](#) | [DPD Lowest crime rates in nearly 5 years](#)

Transparency and Accountability

ICAT Training

Every member of the Danville Police Department has recently completed Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics training (ICAT). This training was developed by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in recent years specifically for front-line officer response to critical incidents involving persons unarmed, or armed with a weapon other than a firearm. This training was designed to “bridge a gap” between crisis communication training and tactics. PERF noted as part of their research that in 2015 nearly 30 percent (300 out of 990) of fatal officer-involved shootings did not involve subjects with firearms. With a high priority on the sanctity of human life, PERF noted that “In many of these non-firearms situations, officers have time and opportunity to consider other options [than deadly force]. Helping officers effectively and safely manage these types of encounters is the focus of this training.”

[DPD teaches community ICAT](#)

Body Camera

[DPD releases body camera footage](#)





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Opioid Response

The Danville Police Department recognized the need to initiate a comprehensive opioid response plan to address the spike in heroin and fentanyl-related overdoses the city experienced in late October 2019. This first meeting; held January 2020, intended to bring stakeholders together to begin the development of a crisis response plan, exchange data, analyze trends, and identify community-based resources.

Community Opioid Response and Engagement (C.O.R.E.) was developed and is the next step in addressing the growing opioid crisis. A plain clothes officer, a trained mental health professional and a trained peer counselor will follow-up with every overdose victim within the first 48 hours after the overdose to offer addiction services. [Agencies Discuss Opioid Crisis](#) | [DPD New Response Team](#) | [Danville Forms Opioid Response Team](#)

Technology

Drone

[DPD tests new Drone](#)

Milo Range System

The Danville Police Department has incorporated a training simulator that utilizes computer technology to enhance officer's decision-making capabilities in the field.

The Danville Police Department recently purchased a Milo Range simulator through grant funding. This scenario-based training subjects officers to realistic and stressful situations in a training environment. Each scenario offers the trainer an opportunity to analyze the officer's decisions creating teachable moments that ensure the officer's actions are aligned with the law and department policy.

The Milo Range is a "portable simulator for use of force, crisis management, de-escalation and tactical judgment training" according to the manufacturer. This software, "provides hundreds of complex dynamic video training scenarios, graphics-based firearms skill-builder drills."

This training tool complements the Department's de-escalation and less than lethal training each officer receives to include Crisis Intervention Team training and upcoming ICAT training. The "interactive judgment training" supports the Department's overall mission of providing quality service to our community through a process of continuous improvement.

[Video game connects DPD to training scenarios](#)

