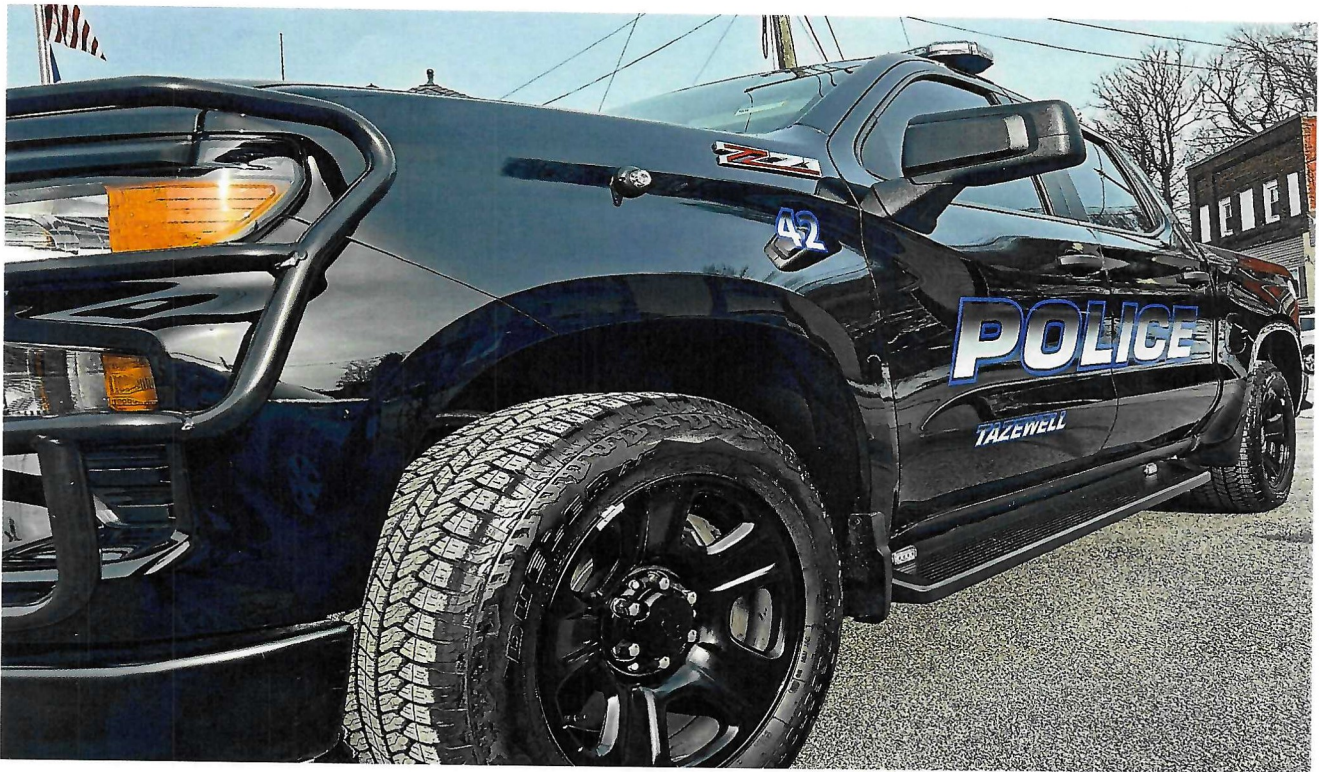




# Town of Tazewell Police Department 2023 Annual Report



Stanley Lampert

*Chief of Police*

<http://www.townoftazewell.org/police-2/>





## A Message from the Police Chief Stanley Lampert –

It is a magnificent honor to serve as your Chief of Police in the Town of Tazewell Virginia. I am committed to listening to the needs, concerns and ideas of the citizens. I strive to be open and honest with the community, as well as, the men and women with whom I serve. I believe in maintain a high level of professionalism and I am proud to be a leader of a state accredited agency. I endeavor to promote cooperative efforts between the exemplary men and women of the department and the citizens of this marvelous community. I was the boy at home dreaming of being in law enforcement from a very young age. Therefore, my personal message to all those who choose to dream, is dream big! Also, be willing to put forth the hard work that is essential to making that dream come true.



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### **2023 Annual Report**

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## Accreditation

The Tazewell Police Department is one of the smallest agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accreditation is an ongoing process to maintain the highest level of professionalism. The status proves that we are in compliance with all applicable standards and that we are a professional agency providing the best service possible to the citizens of the Town of Tazewell. As stated in the VLEPSC program manual “Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria, and have compliance with that criteria verified by an independent and authoritative body”. VLEPSC accreditation demonstrates the Tazewell Police Department’s commitment to utilizing the best operational practices and maintaining strict compliance with performance standards.





## 2023 Quick Fact Sheet

<b>Population for Town of Tazewell</b> .....	4,113
<b>Square Mileage</b> .....	6.5Sq. miles
<b>Town Budget</b> .....	\$ 9,987,075
<b>Police Budget</b> .....	\$ 1,743,774
<b>Sworn Officers</b> .....	17
<b>Non-Sworn</b> .....	2
<b>Total Calls for Service</b> .....	6,544

### Non-Violent Offenses

<b>Total</b> .....	475
Burglary.....	8
Larceny.....	18
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	7

### Violent Offenses

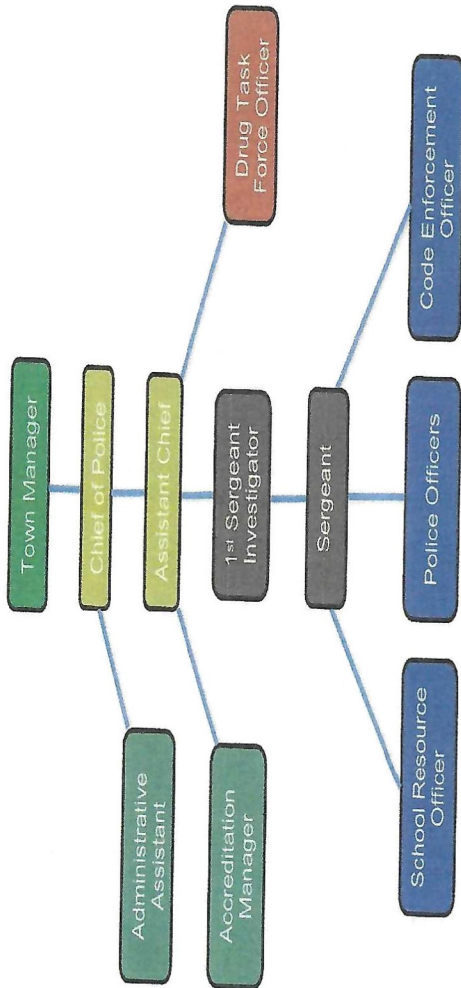
<b>Total</b> .....	52
Murder.....	0
Rape .....	3
Forcible Fondling.....	2
Aggravated Assault.....	6



# TAZEWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND

## IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**Tazewell Police Department Organizational Chart  
"CHAIN OF COMMAND"**



*Stanley B. B.*



## **Tazewell Police Department**



### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Tazewell Police Department is to protect the life; individual, liberty and property of all people within the town of Tazewell, Virginia.

### **Department Vision**

The vision of the Tazewell Police Department is to provide progressive, professional law enforcement services to the Town of Tazewell recognizing that public service begins with a strong bond with the community in which we serve.

### **Philosophies & Values**

The Tazewell Police Departments' philosophy and values reflect a modern, quality law enforcement concept involving every member of the police department. The Tazewell Police Departments' leadership at all levels reflects the agencies commitment to a strong work ethic, while valuing diversity, promoting effective learning, enhancing and maintaining flexibility. All members of the Tazewell Police Department will be courteous and professional in enforcing and abiding by the laws of the Town of Tazewell, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States.



# Administration Operations

## **Administration Overview**

The Town of Tazewell Police Department is a state accredited agency and a member of the Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. Our department consists of seventeen sworn police officers and two civilian workers, including the Chief of Police, First Sergeant, Investigators, Sergeants, Resource Officers, Accreditation/Office Manager, Information Technologist, Code Enforcement and six Patrol Officers. The department strives to provide the upmost protection to the citizens of the town and constantly undergo trainings and seminars on how to better relate to those in which we serve.

## **Personnel Training**

The Tazewell Police Department takes great pride in providing all personnel with the best training available. All sworn officers have received and passed the requirements for basic law enforcement training in Virginia. The department has officers trained in specialized areas of law enforcement including street survival, community policing, general instructor training and drug/alcohol prevention, just to name a few.

## **Range Training**

All officers are required to undergo annual qualifications with the weapons they carry on duty and during special operations, our department decides to go above and beyond by challenging our officers to complete this bi annually when ammunition is available in order to maintain above proficiency for the protection of the citizens. The department has three certified range masters who qualify our officers with their on-duty and off-duty weapons; all officers must achieve a proficient score set forth by the state in order to be able to carry their weapon. Our department maintains their own range which enables us to train 24 hours a day if necessary and allows our officers the ability to practice with their weapons whenever a range master is present. The officers are also required to stay up to date on policy changes and complete annual recertification on all "less than lethal" weaponry.





## Our Department

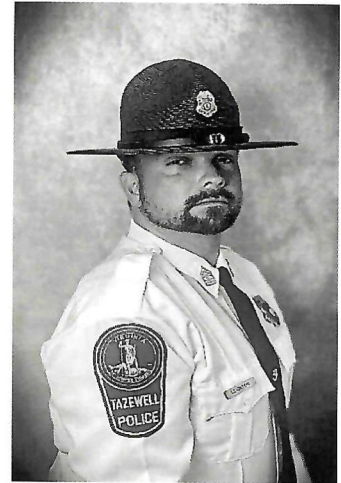
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- Accreditation/Office Manager Shawn Hurd
- Asst. Office Clerk Walter Barrett
- First Sergeant Ben Leighton
- DEA Officer
- Investigator Craig Menefee
- Sergeant Will Lowe
- Sergeant Kody Thomas
- Code Enforcement/Animal Control Missy Woodard
- School Resource Officer Joe Stevenson
- School Resource Officer Mathew Perry
- Officer Shannon Skeens
- Officer Dave McConnell
- Officer Paul Little
- Officer Russell Stowers
- Info Tech Sean Hagy



## Our Department



Chief Stanley Lampert



First Sergeant Ben Leighton



Sergeant Will Lowe



Sergeant Kody Thomas



## Our Department



Sergeant/Investigator  
Craig Menefee



Office/Accreditation Manager  
Shawn Hurd



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## Our Department



Officer Shannon Skeens



Officer Dave McConnell



Officer Tyler Ruble



Code Enforcement  
Melissa Woodard



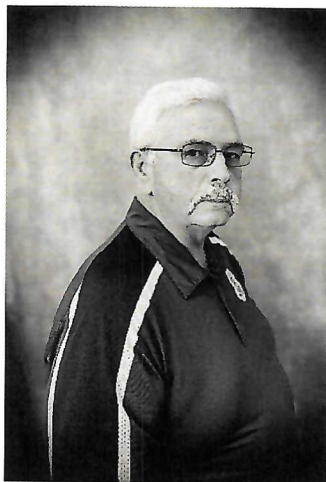
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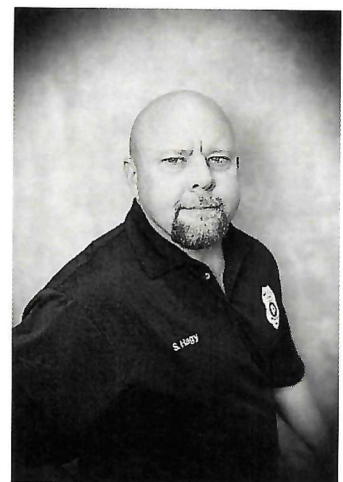
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Officer Russell Stowers



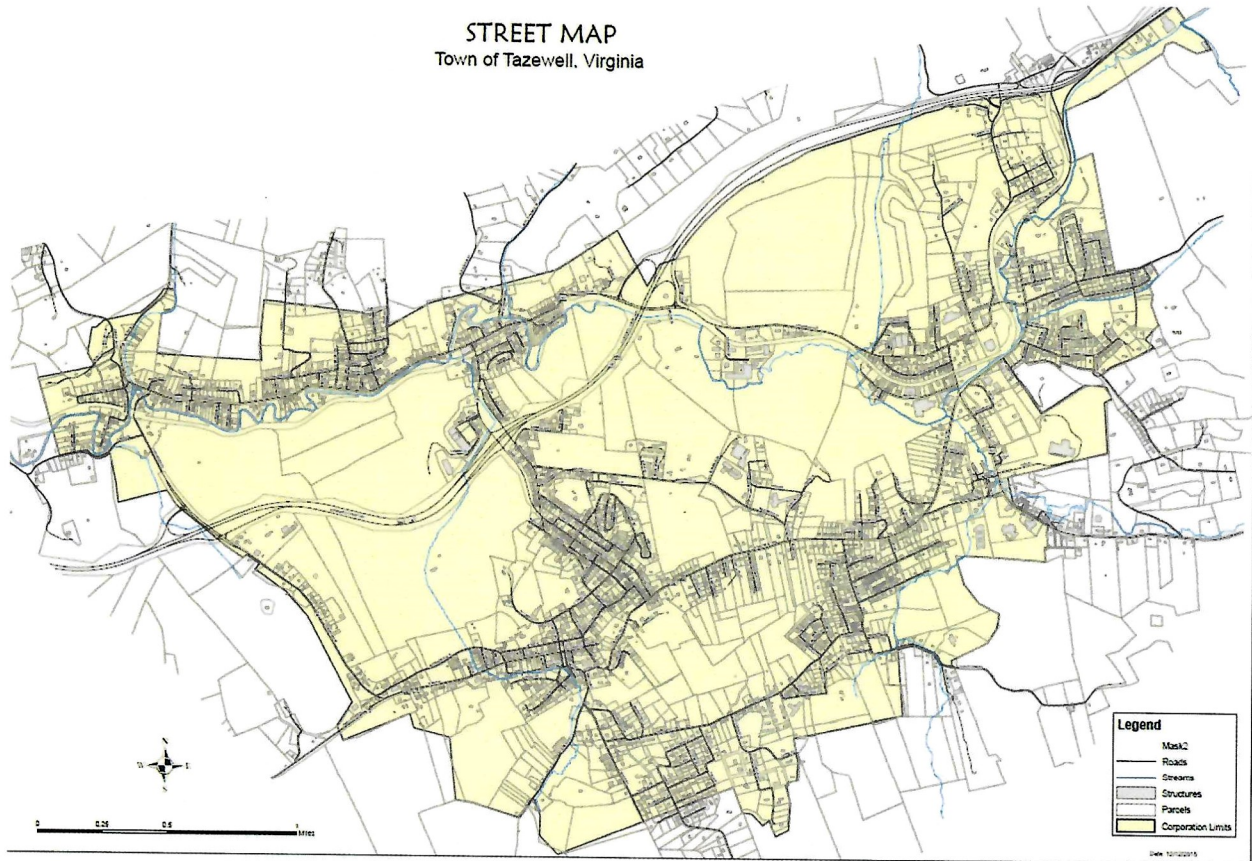
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Info Tech  
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# Town Boundaries



Town Square Mileage..... 6.5 Square Miles

- The Town of Tazewell Police Department covers all 6.5 square miles including both the areas of Tazewell and North Tazewell during normal patrol and calls of service, the above map includes all the new territory that has been annexed in town limits in recent years. Our officers offer the citizens 24 hour services during two shifts. During the shifts the officers check businesses and do normal patrol routines of the neighborhoods on top of answering emergency traffic and other calls for service.



# 5 Year Statistical Comparison Chart

Year	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Burglary	Homicide	Counterfeiting/ Forgery	Kidnapping/ Abduction	Larceny	Forcible Rape	Forcible Sodomy	Sexual Assault with an Object	Forcible Fondling	Incest	Statutory Rape	Total
2019	5	42	11	1	3	0	5	3	0	0	8	0	0	124
2020	3	108	28	1	4	2	38	1	0	2	3	0	0	190
2021	6	49	24	0	6	4	17	1	0	1	4	0	0	112
2022	2	40	16	0	3	1	16	1	2	1	4	0	0	86
2023	6	28	8	0	2	0	18	3	1	0	2	0	0	68

**Source:**

IBR – Statistical Comparison Chart:

Population: 2019 — 4,194  
 2020 — 4,141  
 2021 — 5,258  
 2022 — 5,548  
 2023 — 6,544



## Special Enforcement

Throughout 2023, the Special Enforcement Unit participated in various “Click it or Ticket” operations, conducted 15 road checks throughout town limits. Through these efforts 412 citations were issued during the year for various offenses including: 88 speeding, 16 reckless driving citations, 11 defective equipment and 19 driving revoked or non-licensed and 20 DUI’s. Our officers also handled 31 funeral escorts throughout town which all were led by a Patrol Vehicle, 67 traffic hazards were directed, assisted 62 stranded motorists or citizens on the streets of Tazewell Town and assisted motorists with 40 vehicle lockouts as well as participated in 4 parade escorts.

Several agencies in Southwest Virginia attended the “Click it or Ticket” kick-off event, emphasizing the nationwide mobilization to save lives by strongly enforcing occupant protection laws, to include both belt and child restraint violations. The Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign is a nationwide law enforcement and public awareness effort to promote seatbelt and occupant safety among the roadways which started in North Carolina in 1993 and was adapted by the state of Virginia in 2005. Throughout the year our officers have issued citations for 6 seatbelt violations and 0 child restraint citations.





## Trainings

To maintain DCJS certification, officers have to go through forty hours of recertification every two years centered on Cultural, Legal and Career. Also, officers must go through annual qualifications on firearms and less than lethal weapons as well as annual updates on policy, procedures and operations. Tazewell Police Department Officers are all CPR certified and maintain qualifications in basic first aid, should the need arise to aid the public. Our Department also attempts to go above and beyond to have training options available to all our officers to help further their knowledge and abilities in this job to pass on the best quality care to the citizens we serve.

Along with the annual departmental trainings our officers are required to go through, we have a few selected officers who attend specialized trainings at the Department of Criminal Justice and are trained in going back and training their department as well as going back to the basic academy and training the new recruits. These trainings range from firearms instructor, defensive driving and tactics, open field search and rescue as well as active shooter and hostage situations which are very helpful and geared towards school instances. With the trainings we make available to our officers, we feel that the more equipped they are to handle whatever they have thrown at them, and the safer and more secure our citizens can be as they go about their day-to-day activities in our peaceful neighborhoods.



## Our Promise

Even with the changes in our Department, from Town Manager to Chief of Police and other ranking structures. We at the Tazewell Police Department promise to provide the citizens of the Town of Tazewell with the most up to date, educated and quality service that will rival that of larger cities. We take pride in our small rural section of paradise and are proud to serve the citizens where we and our families live. Our approach of Community Policing is not just a saying, but a promise we want our citizens to utilize and reach out to us with your concerns and ideas on how we can improve the community. Thank each and every one of you for putting your trust in our department and allowing us to serve your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read "1st Sgt Ben Leighton".

First Sergeant Ben Leighton  
Tazewell Police Department