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### Memorandum

TO: Town Council

FROM: Robert E. Forker  
Chief of Police

RE: Police Department Monthly Report  
Town Council Meeting April 3, 2012

During the month of February 2012, there were a total of 426 calls for service in the Town of Dumfries and 369 (87%) of them were handled by the Dumfries Police Department. In addition, Dumfries officers made a total of 212 traffic stops resulting in 114 traffic citations, and 13 criminal arrests. There were 60 parking citations issued.

The Police Department participated in this year's "Read Across America" on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Dumfries Elementary School. All police department employees who participated in this year's event enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the children and we look forward to next year's event.

Just as the Police Department reached full strength, Officer David Richardson announced his resignation to accept a position as a police officer in a small town in Oklahoma. Officer Richardson was a valued employee whose expertise in law enforcement and positive attitude will be sorely missed. We have advertised the vacant officer's position and have received several applications from qualified individuals. We have begun the process of filling this vacancy.

We have assigned officers to serve as liaisons to the various residential communities and town businesses here in Dumfries. You have already received copies of the assignments and an explanation as to how we plan to interact with the citizens. We feel this personal touch will assist citizens by ensuring their concerns are thoroughly addressed.

We are working closely with Ms. Cydney Neville in putting together another "Self Defense for Women" class. Last year's class was well received by the community and we felt it was important to conduct another one. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. We are working to get the word out the public.

The Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Jose Vazquez to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Vazquez has seven years of law enforcement supervisory experience. He has

supervised a squad of up to nine law enforcement officers in the capacity of a patrol squad leader and supervised twenty-five detectives when assigned in criminal investigations. Additionally, his supervisory experience includes oversight of such areas as field training, hiring and backgrounds investigations, warrants, evidence, and special investigations. Officer Vazquez has attended many courses in law enforcement supervision and leadership. He is a highly qualified supervisor with a proven history of exceptional performance and will be a professional addition to our supervisory staff.

In last month's report the Police Department identified three goals and objectives we felt were important to the citizens of our community. I wanted to provide you with an update.

1. Identifying priorities for the upcoming FY13 budget.

We are continuing to work on the up-coming FY13 budget and are working closely with Mr. Taber. It is our objective to create a document that allows the Police Department to provide maximum services while meeting our fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of the Town.

2. Establishing a department schedule that allots staffing to meet the needs of the community.

After months of planning and discussion, the Police Department has gone to 7 day a week coverage effective March 11, 2012. Town officers are staffing the hours between 7:00 AM and 3:00 AM. We will continue to evaluate the new schedule to determine if it is meeting the goals of the Police Department and the needs of the citizens. Some of the criteria the Police Department will use in evaluating the successfulness of the schedule will include:

- Maximizing the percentage of calls for service the Department is handling verses what the County Police Department is responding to.
- Ensuring any overtime monies spent to maintain such coverage is within our budgeted amounts.
- The needs of the citizens are being met.
- The needs of the Police Department.

To clarify the needs of the Police Department, there will be special events that require all of the officers to attend. The Holiday Parade, Christmas in Dumfries, the "Ride to the Wall" and the Children's Police Academy are examples of where we will need maximum coverage to handle these events; taking coverage away from the street.

3. Re-evaluate staff training to increase personnel development.

Recently the Police Department has trained all or some of its staff in CPR and a less lethal weapon. We have also selected an officer to attend Crime Scene Technician School (CST) the first of April. This extensive training will allow this officer to respond to a crime scene and professionally and properly process evidence for use in investigation and Court. We currently rely on the County Police for this service. CST training is a natural step in our progression of being a professional and responsive Police Department.

There were no juvenile arrests during the month of February.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments: As indicated

cc: Town Manager

## CALLS FOR SERVICE FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2012

*February, 2012*

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE FEBRUARY, 2012	TOTAL CALLS HANDLED BY DPD	TOTAL CALLS HANDLED BY PWC	% OF CALLS HANDLED BY DPD
426	369	57	87%

TOTAL VEHICLE STOPS FEBRUARY, 2012	TOTAL VEHICLE STOPS YTD	TOTAL CITATIONS FEBRUARY, 2012	TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED YTD	TOTAL ARRESTS FEBRUARY, 2012	TOTAL ARRESTS YTD
212	357	114	174	13	16