

No Forwarding Address: Crisis Management and Service Referral for Homeless Population





### Officer Bennie L Evans Jr.

Alexandria Police Department Alexandria, Virginia

- 25 years of service with the City
- 21 years of Patrol experience
- Crisis Intervention Team Instructor
- 11 years of homeless outreach experience
- USMC Veteran



## Michael E. Johnson

- Community Outreach
- Safe Place Coordinator for kids in Crisis
- 24 Years with the City of Alexandria
- 30 Years with at Risk Population



# A partnership between The City of Alexandria, Virginia Police Department and Other City Agencies

# The City of Alexandria, Virginia



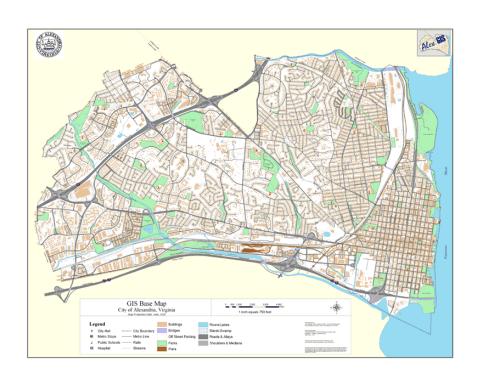
15.5 square miles

139,966 Residents

4,233.2 per square mile

68,082 housing units

Washington Post



# Carpenter's Shelter David's Place

- Serves more than 650 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults each year
- Provide a Hypothermia Shelter for Street homeless during the winter months
- Provide a point of contact for family members of Street homeless
- Provide a permanent fixed address for Street homeless.



# **Benefits of Collaboration**

- Promotes service excellence to the community
- Enhances communication and information sharing
- Build better relationships between City of Alexandria Agencies
- Coordinates interdepartmental services
- Cuts down the response time to someone in need of services.



# The Mission

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for City residents through community-based problem solving, neighborhood oriented services, and public/private cooperation. The Relationships utilizes proactive customer service practices to identify, address, and correct community issues.



# Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Alexandria Police Department developed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) through a partnership with the Alexandria Community Services Board, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, Alexandria Fire Department, Department of Code Administration, and Department of Emergency Communication. A Crisis Intervention Team is comprised of highly skilled and specially trained first responders who function as part of the regular work force.

# **Homeless Outreach**



### VA Helps Veterans ...

### Stay healthy

 Eligible Vereions can receive health care, including mental health care and treatment for substance use.

### Secure safe, stable housing

- Veterans at risk of becoming homeless can get assistance with expenses such as utilities and child care to help them stay in their homes.
- Qualified Veterans in temperary housing can get help finding a permanent home.
- VA can help Veterans having trouble making mortgage payments explore octions to avoid forecasure

### Find a job

- Vhorevides job maning or referration help eligible Veterant quin skills to propure them for employment.
- Work therapy programs can help Veterans who are homeless find temporary housing and a paying job.

### Get a degree

 When help eligible Veterans go back to school and assist with living expenses while they pursue their studies.

VA provides individualized care through a wide range of services for Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Veterans of all eras and branches may be eligible for VA services. Make the Call and take the first step to access help from VA.



