



TOWN OF WARRENTON

POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Warrenton has been named one of the 20 Safest Cities in Virginia for 2016, according to a report released by Safewise, a safety and security company that annually prepares reports identifying the safest cities across the country.

The latest ranking reflects the Town moving up 4 spaces to 15th, from its previous ranking of 19th.

According to Safewise, they use the most up-to-date FBI Crime data as the backbone of their reports. They rely on information that cities across the nation report through the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

Safewise also utilizes a population threshold. The number is based on the state's population as a whole and the number of cities to be included in the list. Once the field of eligible cities has been established, they evaluate each remaining city based on its corresponding data.

This raw data that is used to calculate each city's safety score is comprised of information on violent crimes (aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, robbery) as well as property crimes (arson, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft).

In an effort to standardize the data, and level the playing field for cities of varying populations, each city is analyzed and scored to reflect crimes per 1,000 residents.

Warrenton continues to be a safe place to live and work because of citizen and business involvement and the Town government's commitment to making public safety a priority.

To read the entire report, click on the link below:

<http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-virginia-2016/>

Louis Battle
Chief of Police



SafeWise is proud to present this award to the city of

WARRENTON

for their efforts in **community safety** and **crime prevention**.

Warrenton was ranked the 15th safest city in Virginia due to its commitment to the safety and security of its residents.

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Clair Jones, Press and Strategic Partnerships



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kinnear".

John Kinnear, President of SafeWise