



# ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014



**Robert H. Torgerson**  
**Chief of Police**

# 2014

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Honorable Mayor William Simpson:

It is a privilege to submit the *2014 Annual Report* for your Aberdeen Police Department. As you view this information, it is important to recognize the work, skills and abilities of the men and women that work in the Aberdeen Police Department. 2014 was a very busy year for us and I submit this report with pride for the accomplishments of the Aberdeen Police Department.

In 2014 your Patrol officers responded to 24,724 calls from our citizens or about 2060 per month. Calls vary from very minor requests for assistance to very serious felony crimes. In 2014 2023 serious felony crimes were reported including one homicide. Serious felony crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson. Domestic violence crimes showed a slight increase with 223 reported in 2013 and 233 in 2014.

In 2014 patrol officers investigated 798 reported traffic collisions with 48 of them reported to have some type of injury. Patrol Officers also issued 2916 citations. Citations are issued using the Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Reporting or SECTOR. This reporting method has been utilized since 2012 and allows officers to issue citations and document traffic accidents using an electronic scanning (bar code reader system) that fills out the reports and citations for the officers. A collision investigation that took 30-45 minutes to complete can now be processed in 15 minutes and a citation which took about 10 minutes to handwrite can be completed in just a few minutes.

In 2014 the Investigations Section was assigned over 790 new felony cases. That is an average of about 66 new cases per month, up from 43.5 new cases per month in 2011, 55 in 2012 and 63 in 2013. On any given day an Aberdeen Detective manages 20 to 25+ active cases, so staying busy is never a problem for the officers assigned to this Section. What makes these statistics even more impressive is that the Investigations Section is staffed by only 5 Detectives. (1 Detective Captain, 1 Detective Sergeant, and 3 Detectives) The investigations Section wrote and served numerous search warrants related to crimes they were investigating which resulted in the recovery of stolen property and the arrests of many wanted felons. One case that sticks out in 2014 was a homicide that occurred in west Aberdeen. Homicide investigations take many, many hours to complete and require meticulous crime scene processing, evidence gathering, interviews and reports, and more often than not, a very gruesome crime scene. Detectives also continued to make many presentations to community businesses and other citizen groups trying to educate them on such topics as crime prevention and reporting and how not to be a victim of crime.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF (CONT)

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The Corrections Department booked 1,805 inmates in the Aberdeen City Jail in 2014. This averages out to about 5 persons booked every day of the year including holidays. Our 18 bed facility has been overcrowded on a daily basis for the past several years. In 2014 we made a concerted effort to keep our inmate population down to a manageable level. The Aberdeen Municipal Court has worked with us to find alternatives to incarceration for our arrest which has relieved some of the heavy workload that has been put on our Corrections Officers. Our Corrections Officers are tasked with the responsibility to process and care for our prisoners and this alone can be a daunting task. On a normal day they can expect to see highly intoxicated, belligerent, combative, mentally ill, infectious (STD's, scabies, open sore, contagious infections, etc.) individuals who don't really want to be in jail. Jails are recognized as one of the high liability areas for any community and we are fortunate to have a professional staff that understands the importance of their job.

As I have said before, the Aberdeen Police Records Section keeps our heart beating. Annually these 3 staff members will manage over 6,600 warrants, 200 protection orders, enter approximately 21,000 reports, prepare over 1,900 daily court dockets and still handle approximately 125+ phone calls a day from citizens requesting information. This section uses over 600 reams of paper making copies of all the documents and reports that come in daily from the Officers. Everything we do is documented somewhere and this Section keeps this information safe and filed as we are required to do by Washington State Law. The Records Section also responds to the Public Records Requests made to the police department. They are responsible for researching all written, recorded, as well as electronic records for the requested information. This can be a daunting and time consuming task. Requests can be as small a single piece of paper to thousands of pages of documents. This is an area of high liability for our city.

Animal Control answered 325 calls for animal related complaints from the citizens of Aberdeen in 2014 and removed from our community 271 stray or vicious animals, adopted out 34 animals, returned 5, redeemed 65, and released 112. Animal Control is staffed by 1 Animal Control Officer plus a half time Shelter Custodian.

Aberdeen continues to be patrolled by probably the most recognized and friendly officer in our department, Parking Enforcement Officer, George Welch. He can be seen daily walking our downtown parking district boundaries enforcing parking violation. But he is probably known best because he does his job with a ready smile and a friendly hello. George knows everyone on his beat and continues to epitomize Community Policing at its best. George also handles citizen parking complains throughout the community and assists Code Enforcement with impounds of abandoned and hulk vehicles.

# 2014

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF (CONT)

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In 2014 we said goodbye to our longtime (beloved) Administrative Assistant Myra Rockwell. After 38 years with the City of Aberdeen Myra decided it was time to leave our family and “start a new chapter” of her own. (Myra did not like to use the word “retire”) Myra’s kindness, dedication, and overall knowledge of the entire department will be missed by all of us.

We also said goodbye to 22 year veteran Patricia (Pat) Munyon. Pat spent almost her entire career as the Records Specialist for the Drug Task Force. Pat handled all the administrative duties for the Task Force from typing reports, assisting with writing search warrants, documenting evidence or anything she could do to support the mission of the DTF ‘team’.

In 2014 we lost long time Aberdeen Police Officer Bret Ellis after a lengthy, hard fought battle with cancer. Bret was a 19 year veteran of the Aberdeen Police Department who proudly served his community serving many roles in our department including: patrol officer, field training officer, detective, a CRU member and a patrol supervisor. Bret is survived by his wife Becky and two young children, Molly and Mason. To honor Bret Ellis I officially retired his personnel number, “2L5”. Bret will be deeply missed by all of us.

I hope this Annual Report will provide some awareness on the achievements, statistics and knowledge of the Aberdeen Police Departments accomplishments during 2014. I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of our community for their support of our Aberdeen Police Department. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Aberdeen in 2014.

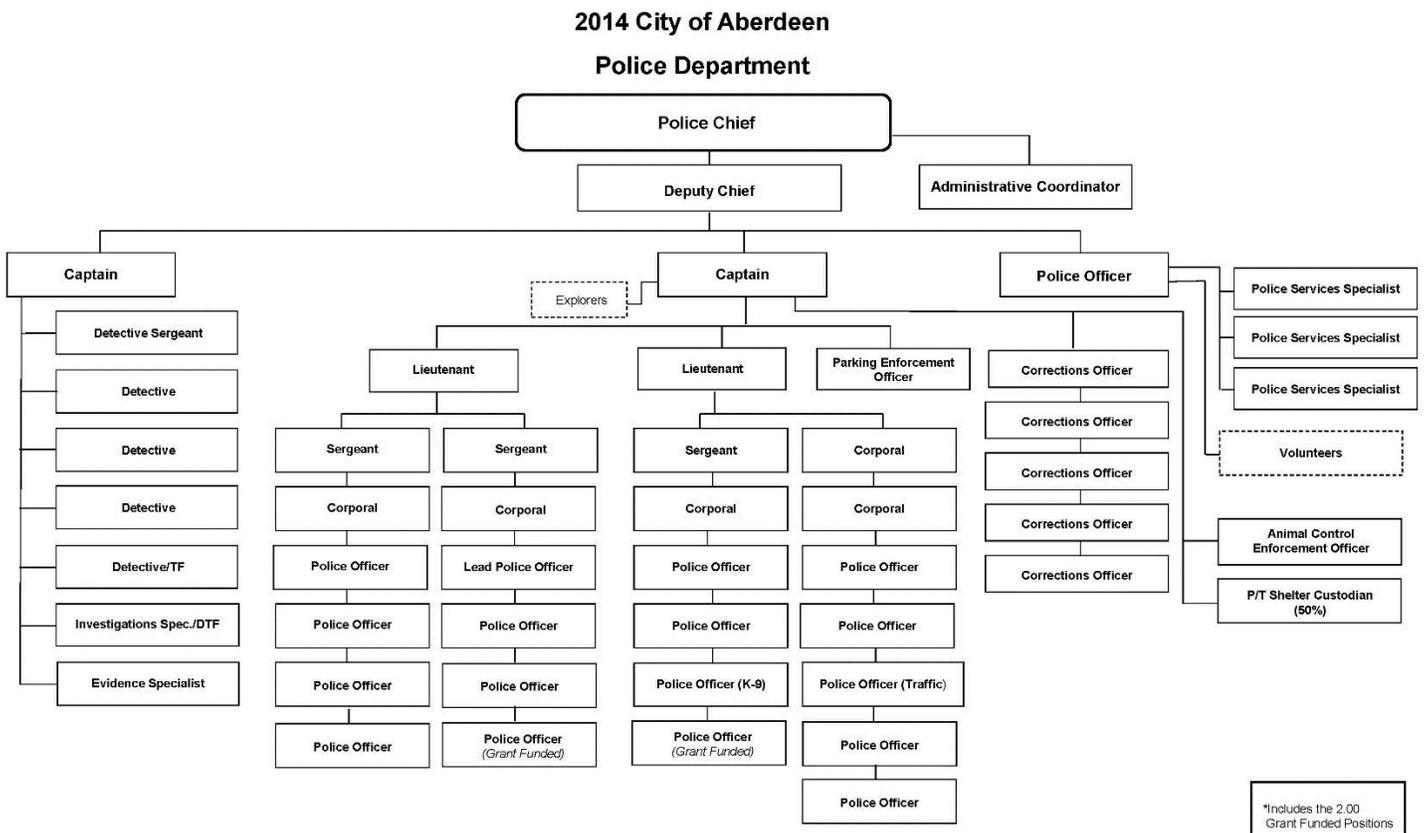
Sincerely,



Robert H. Torgerson  
Chief of Police

# 2014

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# 2014

## NIBRS OFFENSES

	2012	2013	2014
<b>Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter</b>	1	0	1
<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	46	52	51
Forcible Rape	13	11	10
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	33	41	41
<b>Robbery</b>	19	13	21
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	28	36	72
<b>Simple Assault</b>	222	177	235
<b>Intimidation</b>	35	31	39
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	4	1	2
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	4	1	2
<b>Kidnapping</b>	4	5	8
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	0	0	0
<b>Burglary/Breaking And Entering</b>	221	210	238
<b>Arson</b>	2	5	3
<b>Larceny</b>	624	645	658
Pocket-Picking	1	0	0
Purse-Snatching	10	8	13
Shoplifting	310	336	302
Theft From Building	26	41	72
Theft From Motor Vehicles	80	111	163
Theft From Motor Vehicles Parts/ Accessories	45	43	28
All Other Larceny	152	103	80
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	84	125	66
<b>Extortion/Blackmail</b>	0	0	0
<b>Counterfeiting/Forgery</b>	31	13	18
<b>Fraud</b>	24	26	58
<b>Embezzlement</b>	0	1	0
<b>Stolen Property Offenses</b>	29	34	28
<b>Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property</b>	118	138	141
<b>Drug/Narcotic Offenses</b>	358	280	278
Drug/Narcotic Violations	171	133	128
Drug Equipment Violations	187	147	150
<b>Pornography/Obscene Material</b>	3	3	2
<b>Gambling Offenses</b>	0	0	0
<b>Prostitution Offenses</b>	23	1	9
Prostitution	23	1	9
<b>Violation of No Contact Order</b>	106	110	106
<b>Weapon Law Violations</b>	40	31	48

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## PATROL

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The Patrol Section is part of the Operations Division. Patrol is the largest section within the Police Department, administered by Captain Dave Johnson. The Patrol Section is divided into two teams (Blue and Gold). From January until October, Lieutenant Kevin Darst oversaw the operations of both teams. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant C.J Chastain was promoted to Lieutenant, and he assumed leadership of the Blue Team. Each patrol team consist of 11 officers led by two senior officers and one junior officer. Officers provide around the clock police services for all areas of our community. In 2014 two new police officers, Loren Neil from Olympia and Tim Millard from Spokane, were hired and have begun their extensive training programs to become Aberdeen Police Officers.

Along with the primary responsibility to answer citizen generated calls for service and assistance, patrol officers provide the visible police presence that helps deter crime. In 2014, they responded to 24,724 police related service events. Patrol is responsible for bicycle patrol, traffic enforcement/collision investigation, and K-9 field operations. In 2014, 67 civilian riders joined officers in the field, participating in our ride-a-long program giving them the opportunity to see our community from a police officer's point of view. The dedicated officers of the Aberdeen Police Department Patrol Section work around the clock 365 days per year answering request for service and responding to calls which range from the simplest citizen concern to the most complex serious crimes. In late-April patrol officers responded to a homicide in the 1400 block of Cherry St. and immediately took custody of the female suspect, establishing scene security for a detailed Investigations Section investigation. In early-May Patrol and Investigations worked 3 separate scenes related to a drive-by shooting that started in the 600 block of W. Wishkah St. That investigation is still on-going.

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## TRAFFIC

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The Aberdeen Police Department Traffic Unit is an integral part of the Patrol Section. The Unit is currently staffed by Officer G. Kelley, whose primary duties are Patrol.

This unit is responsible for an increased Police presence related to traffic issues. He is also responsible for Community traffic and pedestrian services in the form of motor vehicle and pedestrian safety education, collision investigation, traffic law enforcement, enhanced emphasis patrols, and traffic and pedestrian monitoring.

In response to citizen complaints of speeding vehicles in residential neighborhoods, the Aberdeen Police Department was able to secure a traffic counter on a grant. It was used extensively throughout Aberdeen, and continues to be used, to determine traffic count data, as well as times of most traffic. This information is then utilized to determine best times for emphasis patrols in residential areas.

In 2014, Aberdeen Police responded to 798 reported collisions. These collisions ranged from minor bumper collisions in parking lots, to major collisions on city streets. This was an increase over the previous year of 667. Of that 798, approximately 48 were reported to have some type of injury, ranging from soreness to hospitalization. 144 of those collisions were reported as hit and run.

In 2014, there were over 2916 total tickets written. Of those, over 1548 were written for Title 46 violations. These included, but were not limited to the following;

Stats	2012	2013	2014
Speeding	527	193	98
Seatbelt	157	108	71
DUI	27	29	44
Cell phone/texting	185	113	29
DWLS	511	465	324
School zone	140	65	36
No insurance	751	697	492
Stop sign	65	54	50
Red light	67	53	47
Improper lane use	34	41	45
Following too close	45	40	44

Statistically it appears the emphasis on enforcement has had a positive effect in changing the behavior of drivers. Officers have noticed a compliance rate of over 95% for seatbelt use, and a marked decrease in the use of cell phones while driving.

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## K-9 APPREHENSION TEAM

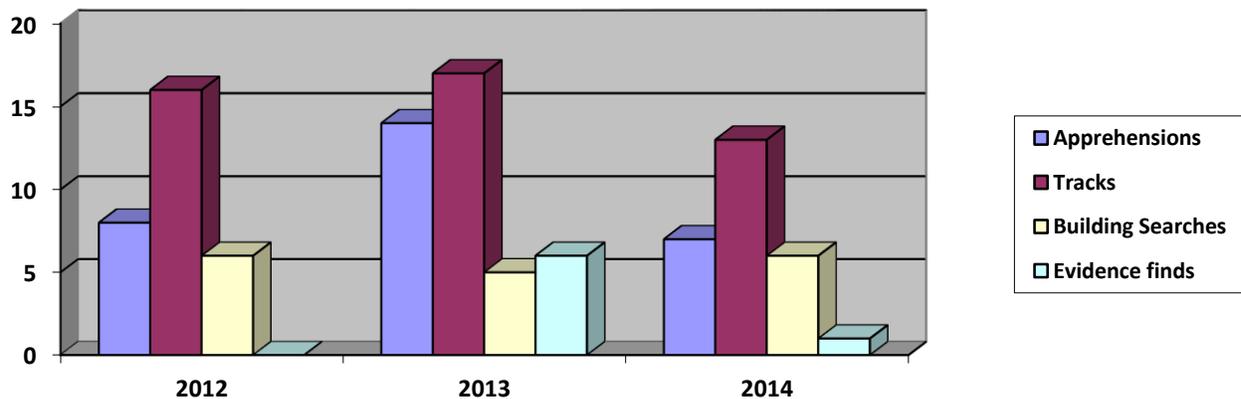
Police Dog Titus completed his first full year as the department's patrol dog. Police Dog Titus is a 3-year old German Shepard who completed his initial K9 training in 2013. Police Dog Titus is trained as a patrol dog in the areas of: tracking, building searches, area searches, evidence searches, and handler protection.

The K9 team is currently accredited by the Washington State Police Canine Association in addition to being a state certified K9 team with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

During 2014, Corporal Timmons and K9 Titus completed 115.5 hours of additional training in obedience, tracking, building searches, and area searches. The K9 teams total training hours to date is 648.25 hours. In May, the K9 team attended a three day advanced handler K9 Tactical Training at Fort Discovery, WA. In addition to training, the team conducted three K9 demonstrations at Beacon Elementary School, Elma Elementary School, and A.J. West School for elementary aged children. The team also assisted in training of other local law enforcement agencies in the area of K9 and containment.



During 2014, the K9 team was applied on 19-incidents with 7-successull applications.



Respectfully submitted,

Corporal Steve Timmons

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## CORRECTIONS

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The Aberdeen City Jail is an 18 bed facility with a maximum male / female capacity of 25 inmates. The jail is staffed by five full time Corrections Officers. All of the Corrections Officers are CPR, Taser, & Capstun certified. The Corrections Section's focus is to conduct bookings and releases, maintain close observation and supervision of the inmate population, ensure the safety and security of the inmates, staff and facility, and to ensure a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout the facility.

For 2014 there were 1,805 persons booked into the jail. The month of January had the highest number of bookings with 183. The continued application of a structured meal plan has helped keep inmate meal expenses at a minimum of about six dollars per day per inmate. Most of the daily housekeeping/custodial, laundry, and other services at the jail are performed through inmate labor.

During 2014 the City of Aberdeen hired two new Corrections Officers. Dave Tarrence SR. and Ed Friberg. Dave Tarrence came to APD with years of experience from the Dept. of Corrections and Ed Friberg is a new Officer starting a career in the Corrections field.

The Corrections Staff are responsible with the safety and security of inmates and the public alike during inmate transports. The Corrections Staff transport inmates to and from; medical appointments, counseling appointments, jails in neighboring jurisdictions, and court appearances.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Booked	2,102	2,282	2,180	1,805

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## ANIMAL CONTROL (CONT)

### Animal Control

The Animal Control is staffed by one full time Animal Control Officer and one part time Shelter Custodian. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen investigating animal complaints which include vicious animals, animal bites, lost and injured animals, ect. The Animal Control Officer patrols the city limits of Westport one day per week(per service contract).

### ABERDEEN STATS

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population 12/31/14	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Cats	Dogs
	January	28	20	10	2	1	1	8	6	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	4
February	33	22	5	3	1	1	10	8	0	7	0	0	9	3	2	0	4	4
March	29	12	11	2	1	0	6	0	4	11	0	0	4	4	4	0	1	0
April	20	31	6	3	1	1	8	6	10	19	0	0	3	3	4	0	4	1
May	109	19	4	1	0	0	7	9	26	6	0	0	89	2	1	2	4	2
June	28	17	10	4	1	0	3	4	9	4	0	0	10	8	1	0	4	2
July	19	39	7	1	0	2	5	10	6	11	0	0	5	13	2	0	10	0
August	28	32	5	4	0	0	5	9	14	21	0	0	4	4	1	0	7	0
September	33	15	3	0	1	0	2	3	11	7	0	0	3	3	1	0	5	1
October	22	32	0	8	0	0	4	2	23	13	0	0	4	9	2	1	5	5
November	11	19	0	2	0	0	5	1	10	5	0	0	0	5	1	1	3	6
December	15	13	0	4	0	0	0	7	7	5	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	1
<b>To</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs		ACO Calls	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
January	0	0	8	2	11	17	4	0	6	2	35	21
February	0	0	2	2	6	6	4	2	1	1	29	22
March	0	0	4	2	11	12	4	0	7	2	20	16
April	0	0	1	3	15	14	3	2	3	1	24	36
May	0	0	1	3	18	22	1	0	3	1	17	45
June	0	0	0	?	16	14	5	1	5	3	25	23
July	0	0	0	2	12	19	2	1	6	0	17	39
August	0	0	0	2	4	10	5	4	0	0	16	30
September	0	0	4	12	18	16	2	0	1	0	32	25
October	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	5	0	3	0	33
November	0	0	0	5	1	7	0	1	0	1	11	18
December	0	0	4	2	15	3	0	2	0	2	17	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>325</b>

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## ANIMAL CONTROL (CONT)

WESTPORT STATS																			
Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized at Shelter		Euthanized at Vet		Population As 12/31/14		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Cats	Dogs	
	January	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2R	0	0
June	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3R	0	0
July	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7R	5	0	0	0	0	1	3R	0	0
August	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	4	1R	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To	27	14	3	0	0	0	4	2	12	7	5	3	1	0	2	1			

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
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February	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To	0	0	0	5	2	3	4	0	0	0

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## PARKING ENFORCEMENT

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Aberdeen's Parking Enforcement Officer is George Welch. Officer Welch patrols the downtown corridor, usually on foot, checking for overtime and illegally parked vehicles and other violations, responding to citizen's complaints, working with owners of abandoned vehicles (having it moved or impounded when necessary), removing hulk vehicles, and testifying in court when needed. He attends the downtown parking committee meetings, usually held monthly.

Officer Welch helps keep our citizens safe, and maintains a good rapport with the citizens of Aberdeen.



George Welch

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Calls for service	194	203	233
Warnings	121	51	73
Citations	326	346	279
Impounds	31	12	22
Hulk forms	10	2	3

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## EXPLORERS POST 13

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The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. In 2014 our membership swelled up to 14 active post members.

The Explorers assisted our police department by providing security at the Splash Festival and the Downtown Trick or Treat. We also participated in the Founder's Day Parade and National Night. In December the Explorers assisted the City of Montesano with the annual Festival of Lights.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2014, logging over 600 training hours covering a wide variety of training topics, to include: subject contacts, traffic stops, domestic violence, building searches, report writing, and firearms to name a few.

In May the department suspended the ride along part of the program due to some policy changes and training requirements by the Boys Scouts of America that needed to be written into our policies and then implemented. By the end of the year the continued process of working through the policies and implementation was still being conducted.

In August eight Explorers from our post participated in the annual Oregon Law Enforcement Challenge in Warrenton, Oregon. Our post spent four days at the challenge, competing in a variety of scenarios based on calls to which an officer may respond, as well as a shooting competition. This year we brought home eight awards earned by four different Explorers, which included: Expert Shooter Team Second Place: Devin Kite, Kellen Church, Forrest Gonzalez and KC Gua; Unknown Risk Traffic Stop First Place: Devin Kite; Sharp Shooter Individual First Place: Devin Kite; Novice Shooter Individual Third Place: Kellen Church; and Physical Agility Second Place: Forrest Gonzalez. Each of our Explorers represented our agency and community well.

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post continues to serve our community not only in the services the post provides, but also in the services/experiences the members receive.

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## INVESTIGATIONS

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The Investigation Section is part of the Aberdeen Police Department Operations Division. The section is responsible for conducting primary and follow-up investigations that are usually of a felonious nature. The detectives are on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week to respond to serious crimes as needed within the city limits of Aberdeen. Detectives also provide assistance to outside agencies upon request.

The section is staffed by a Captain, Detective Sergeant, three Detectives and an Evidence Specialist. During 2014 over 790 cases were assigned for follow-up investigations by Aberdeen Detectives, which is a five percent increase over 2013. That is an average of 66 new cases per month. During 2013, Aberdeen Detectives carried an average of 20 to 25 active cases throughout the year.

The Evidence and Property room is staffed by one employee. She received and handled 2,782 pieces from Aberdeen Police Officers and 217 pieces from the Grays Harbor Drug Task Force for a total of 3,053 pieces. The Evidence and Property room also took in a total of 67 firearms during 2014.

The section wrote and executed numerous search warrants, many of which resulted in the recovery of stolen property, the arrest of numerous wanted felons, and the seizure of assets. The successful application of search warrants throughout the year was a result of ongoing teamwork between the Patrol and Investigations Sections.

As part of the Aberdeen Police Department goals for 2014, the Investigations Section participated in numerous public presentations to community and business groups. These presentations covered topics such as crime prevention and reporting, active shooter incidents, crime statistics, Investigations Section capabilities, and numerous other investigative topics.

During 2014, members of the section received continuing in-service training relevant to their investigative functions. This ongoing education is crucial to the development of the Detectives, the effective operation of the Section, and the Aberdeen Police Department as a whole.

As with other Aberdeen Police Officers, Aberdeen Detectives are assigned other specialized duties to include appointments to the department Force Training Unit, Collision Investigation Team, and the Domestic Violence Response Team.

An investigation of note during 2014 was the Harold Crabtree homicide case reported in April.

The Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Section is strong and looking forward to pursuing the department's mission and goals in 2015, as it successfully did during 2014. The section continues to strive and is dedicated to professional and effective police services to the citizens of the City of Aberdeen.

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## EVIDENCE ROOM

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During the year, approximately 3053 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 67 firearms received: 30 handguns, 37 long guns, and a number of related ammunition.

The above total includes 370 packages of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and miscellaneous pills.

The Aberdeen evidence room receives evidence generated by Drug Task Force cases within our city limits. The figures above include their 36 cases from 2014, which totaled 111 packages. We also stored \$62,912 seized cash from the DTF.

Hundreds of Aberdeen and Drug Task Force items were processed and packaged for the various state crime labs. The evidence section works closely with the APD Investigation section and prosecutor's office on these felony cases.

In 2014, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 54 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program.

Our ongoing purge process continued with our notifications from the Superior and Municipal Courts and the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Offices. In addition, past felony and misdemeanor cases were reviewed and items dispersed. Property that can be returned to the owners is returned. All hazardous and/or illegal items are destroyed.

In 2014, we continued our participation with the online Property Bureau for our auction items. This program streamlines the auction process for many police departments nationwide. This process is used to purge unclaimed property.

A Standard Operating Procedures Manual was started for the Evidence Room and will be completed in 2015.

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## EVIDENCE ROOM (CONT)

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Items that came into the property room during 2014:

- APD – 2782
- DTF – 271

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Total: 3053

2013: APD – 2642

DTF – 132

Total - 2774

2012: APD – 2528

DTF – 173

Total – 2701

Guns that came into the property room during 2014:

- APD – 63
  - DTF - 4
    - Handguns – 30
    - Long Guns – 37
- Total: 67

2013: APD – 28 Guns

DTF – 2 Guns

Total – 30 Guns

2012: APD – 95 Guns

DTF – 4 GUN

Total – 99 Guns

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## EVIDENCE ROOM (CONT)

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Bicycles donated to Bicycles from *'Heaven Program'* during 2014:

- 54
- 2013 – 16

2012 - 27

# 2014

## DRUG TASK FORCE

The Drug Task Force is a combined effort between the Aberdeen Police Department, Hoquiam Police Department and the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office. One Sergeant and three detectives representing each of the agencies staff the Drug Task Force. In addition, one Aberdeen Police Department Police Services Specialist is assigned as support staff. The opening created by Investigative Specialist Pat Munyon's retirement was filled by Police Services Specialist Mendi Stump.

### INVESTIGATIONS:

Total Cases Opened	89
Total Cases Closed	71
Search Warrants	28
Knock and Talks	1
Arrests	54
Meth Labs (Active, Boxed, Dumps)	0
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	67
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Dealers)	2
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Growers)	2
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	21
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	3
GANG TASK FORCE CASES	0



Mendi Stump

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cocaine	Grams	177	\$50	\$ 8,825
Marijuana	Plants	0	\$1,500	\$ -
Marijuana	Pounds	0.04	\$3,000	\$ 120
Heroin	Grams	4,161	\$40	\$ 166,456
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	2,466	\$80	\$ 197,296
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	12	\$20	\$ 240
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Grams	175	\$20	\$ 3,502
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Dosage Units	43,775	\$80	
<b>TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:</b>				<b>\$ 376,439</b>

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	# FORFEIT	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property				
Vessels				
Vehicles	13	\$74,500	12	\$23,274.00
Firearms	16	\$6,900	3	
Currency	41	\$88,841	31	\$98,638.00
Miscellaneous Property	32	\$13,200	16	\$391.00
DAG 71			1	\$11,717.90



# 2014

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

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For the calendar year of 2014, the Aberdeen Police Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 933.5 hours of training time. The CRU Sniper Team conducted 257.5 hours of training time.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> the CRU Tactical Response Team was activated to assist Aberdeen Police Officer and Detectives with the securing and searching of the residence of an armed shooting suspect.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the CRU Tactical Response Team and Sniper Team were activated to assist Hoquiam Police Officers with the searching and securing of a residence where an armed barricaded subject was believed to be inside. The suspect was subsequently arrested shortly after clearing of the residence at a neighbor's house.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> the entire CRU was activated to assist Aberdeen Police Officers with an armed barricaded subject who had displayed and fired a handgun in the roadway. Throughout the evening, the armed suspect refused to negotiate with Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) members and withstood deployments of chemical munitions. WSP SWAT took over the operation after twelve hours of deployment and the suspect eventually surrendered.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the CRU Tactical Response Team and Sniper Team were activated to assist Aberdeen Police Officers for an armed barricaded subject. The CRU TRT deployed the newly acquired MRAP. Shortly after it arrived on scene, HNT members utilized the PA system and the subject surrendered.



On September 16<sup>th</sup> the CRU Tactical Response Team was activated to assist GH County Drug Task Force members with the searching and clearing of a residence where known, armed felons were dealing narcotics. Eight subjects surrendered after the TRT surrounded and called out the occupants while one subject was located inside attempting to hide from operators.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> the CRU Tactical Response Team was activated to assist GH County Drug Task Force members with the searching and clearing of a residence where a known narcotics dealer was residing and there were numerous reports of firearms in the residence. The MRAP was utilized and operators cleared the residence and compound and located numerous firearms.



# 2014

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT (CONT)

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Aberdeen Police Officer Perkinson and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Deputies Rivas and Ramirez were selected to join the CRU TRT.

The Cosmopolis Police Department signed an MOU with the Aberdeen Police Department to join the CRU and CPD Officer Tarnowski was selected to join. All four new members will be attending the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission SWAT Basic Course in April of 2015. Hoquiam Police Officer McCartney resigned from HPD to join the Pierce County Sheriff's Office in July of 2014.

Sadly, Aberdeen Police Corporal and CRU Operator Bret Ellis lost his brave battle with cancer in September of 2014.



Corporal Bret Ellis

# 2014

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT – NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

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The Aberdeen Police Department Regional Crisis Response Unit Negotiations Team is dedicated to bringing a peaceful resolution to dynamic incidents often involving emotionally disturbed individuals, barricaded subjects, suicidal subjects and/or hostage takers. Our motto is, "When others are at their worst, we must be at our best".

The APD CRU Negotiations Team is currently composed of three Aberdeen Police Officers, one Hoquiam Officer, three Grays Harbor County Deputies, and one Montesano Officer per an interagency agreement. All team members have successfully graduated from the FBI Basic Hostage Negotiators Academy and have additional training at least quarterly. Negotiations skills acquired are often used by team members daily while performing primary police duties. Two hundred and eighty-three additional hours of training were logged for the team in 2014.

The team had one incident in Aberdeen in 2014 that ended peacefully.

The team had one incident in Grays Harbor County jurisdiction in 2014 that ended peacefully.

Team members are: Team Leader Corporal Darrin King (Aberdeen), Officer Gary Sexton (APD), Officer Monte Glaser (APD), Detective David Blundred (HPD), Sgt. Ed Patrick (GHSO), Sgt. Bob Wilson (GHSO), Deputy David Libby (GHSO), Officer Marcus O'Connor (Monte PD).

# 2014

## SNIPER UNIT

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The Aberdeen Crisis Response Unit Sniper/Marksman are composed of two Sniper/Observer teams. The two man teams are currently assigned to separate patrol groups and train monthly in two man elements. The Sniper team is designed to provide over watch and observational support for the C.R.U.

The teams trained a total of 257 hours in 2014 at an average of 64 hours per member. The Sniper/observer Teams provided over watch and support for 5 CRU call-outs in 2014. The Sniper-Marksman's utilize authorized 308 caliber rifles, while the Observers-Spotters utilize authorized 223 caliber M16 / AR15 rifles with MARS and or fixed sights.

The monthly training was conducted in all weather conditions and at various temperatures throughout the year. The teams trained in Cold Barrels, group shots, fundamental marksmanship, Stress Fire Skills, positional shooting at known and unknown distances, coordinating team shooting, supported and unsupported positions, off hand, Intermediate barricade ( glass, ballistic, fence ), moving targets, Gas Masks, Policy and Use of Force updates, Rules of Engagement, Command and Control, Observation and Reporting, and Range Safety. The training was conducted with 223 caliber and 308 caliber rifles at distances from 25 to over 300 yards, in daylight and low light conditions.

The Sniper-Marksman are Team Leader Ofc B. Watts and Sgt R. Lampky  
The Observers-Spotters are Ofc B. Green and Ofc G Kelley

# 2014

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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Myra Rockwell

2014 was a busy year with a lot of changes for the Special Assignment Section. Retirements, reassignments, building improvements, computer network upgrades and a move towards scanning documents - along with the normal duties expected of this Division has kept us very busy.

Two long-time employees, Myra Rockwell and Pat Munyon, retired during 2014. To fill their positions, Becca Anderson was reassigned from the Records Section to fill Myra's position. Mendi Stump, also from the Records Section, was reassigned to fill Pat's position with DTF. Natalie Streifel was hired to fill one of the openings created by the retirements; leaving one position open for a Police Services Specialist.



Pat Munvon

Natalie Streifel came to us from Grays Harbor Dispatch. Her experience there with Spillman, CAD and Radio communications helped her to quickly adapt to our Records Section. She is a welcome addition to the APD family.

Projects this year include the repainting of all interior walls, new carpet and converting a room once used for developing 35mm film and testing marijuana to a useful recording area. Painting was accomplished with the help of the Aberdeen Explorers under the direction of Detective Jeff Weiss. The roll-type carpeting in our facility, which in some areas was over 20 years old and showing its age, was replaced with carpet squares allowing for easy servicing or replacement of damaged areas.



Natalie Streifel



Old carpeting



New carpeting

# 2014

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (CONT)

The recording area will facilitate the making training or information videos that can be used throughout the City.

APD was forced to make a change in its computer network. This was due to a major component failure in one of APD's network servers and unreliable service offered by the Network Engineer that had maintained the network. Tier West, a local computer networking service, was hired to repair and reconfigure our network with emphasis on the preservation of files and current network security practices and requirements.



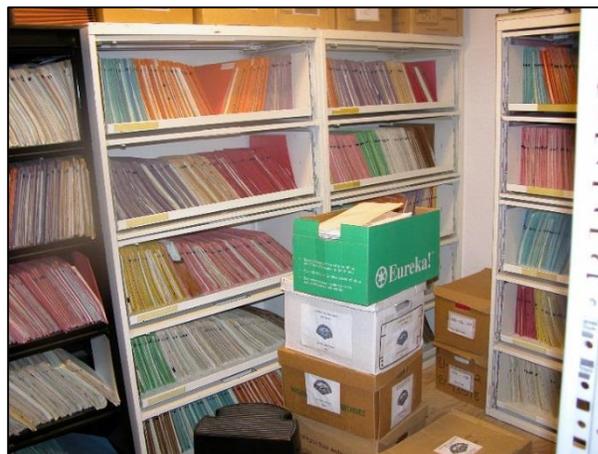
Recording area



Network switches

Due to the never-ending requirement for floor space for file cabinets, we have begun the process of scanning reports and documents to digital format to be stored on our network. New documents that are not currently created in a digital format are being scanned as they are created. Since there is no budget to accomplish scanning of older documents, they will be scanned document are scanned as time permits.

An unexpected side effect of open / transparent government is the burden placed on agencies to provide documents for public records request. The Aberdeen Police Department is no exception to this. Some request require weeks of part time work, resulting in thousands of pages of documents and email that must then be copied or scanned; then organized for delivery. Failure to fill these request as required by law can and does result in heavy fines leveled



No more room for files

against agencies. A conservative estimate of all involved in filling these request would be equal to one full time employee.

# 2014

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (CONT)

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<b>Statistics</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Concealed Pistol License	163	203	228	171
Protection / No Contact orders	N/A	N/A	367	343
Public Records Request	1,577	2,311	1,965	1,911
Reports prepared for distribution	1,474	1,760	1,800	3,648
Total Reports Processed	21,808	25,087	25,365	24,319

The Volunteers again played an important roll this year; assisting with extra patrols in problem areas, National Night Out and the copying and scanning records request.

