

Aberdeen Police Department 2015



Robert H. Torgerson
Chief of Police

The logo is a shield-shaped emblem. The top half is a semi-circle with a yellow border containing the words "ABERDEEN POLICE" in blue capital letters. The bottom half is a trapezoid with a yellow border containing the words "WASHINGTON" in blue capital letters. In the center of the shield is a blue body of water with a brown sailing ship. To the left of the ship is a green evergreen tree, and to the right is a white seagull in flight. The text "EST. 1888" is written in white on the bottom right of the shield.

Mission Statement

As Guardians of our community –

*We are committed to achieving trusted problem solving partnerships,
always ready to serve, with pride and excellence.*

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Message from the Chief

Mayor Erik Larson
City of Aberdeen

Dear Mayor Larson,

It is my pleasure to submit the 2015 Aberdeen Police Department Annual Report. This report is a collection of the hard work, challenges and service provided by the men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department over the last year.

The Aberdeen Police Department faced many challenges in 2015, but none more overwhelming than our increased responses to calls for persons with mental health issues. A continued reduction in state funding has decreased the bed spaces available for persons with mental health problems. More often than not, those persons not treated land in our jail because they end up committing a crime. Over the last several years, jails and local hospitals were more relied upon as the primary mental health holding facility in our community. One person with mental health issues can take up one 'entire' two to three person cell, which has happened multiple times in this past year. If our court orders a mental health competency hearing on a person we have arrested, that hearing has to be done by Western State Hospital staff and the time frame to conduct the hearing is from 2 to 4 weeks, depending on their case load.

Overall, calls for service increased by 1,048 additional calls. This may not seem like a huge rise, but to put this into a little perspective the 1982 Annual Report indicated that officers responded to 16,430 calls for service with 27 patrol officers. In 2015, 25 patrol officers responded to 25,772 calls for service. When people say that we must do more with less, I can reply without hesitation, "We do every day."

Statistically we have seen a decrease in several key areas such as robberies, simple assaults, forcible rape, forgery, and narcotic violations. Unfortunately, on the other side of that coin, weapons violations have all increased with several incidents involving gang violence or those claiming to be associated with gangs. We have seen an uptick in larceny, primarily shoplifting, theft from vehicles (vehicle prowling) and motor vehicle thefts. Without a doubt these increases can be attributed to the drug problems in our community.

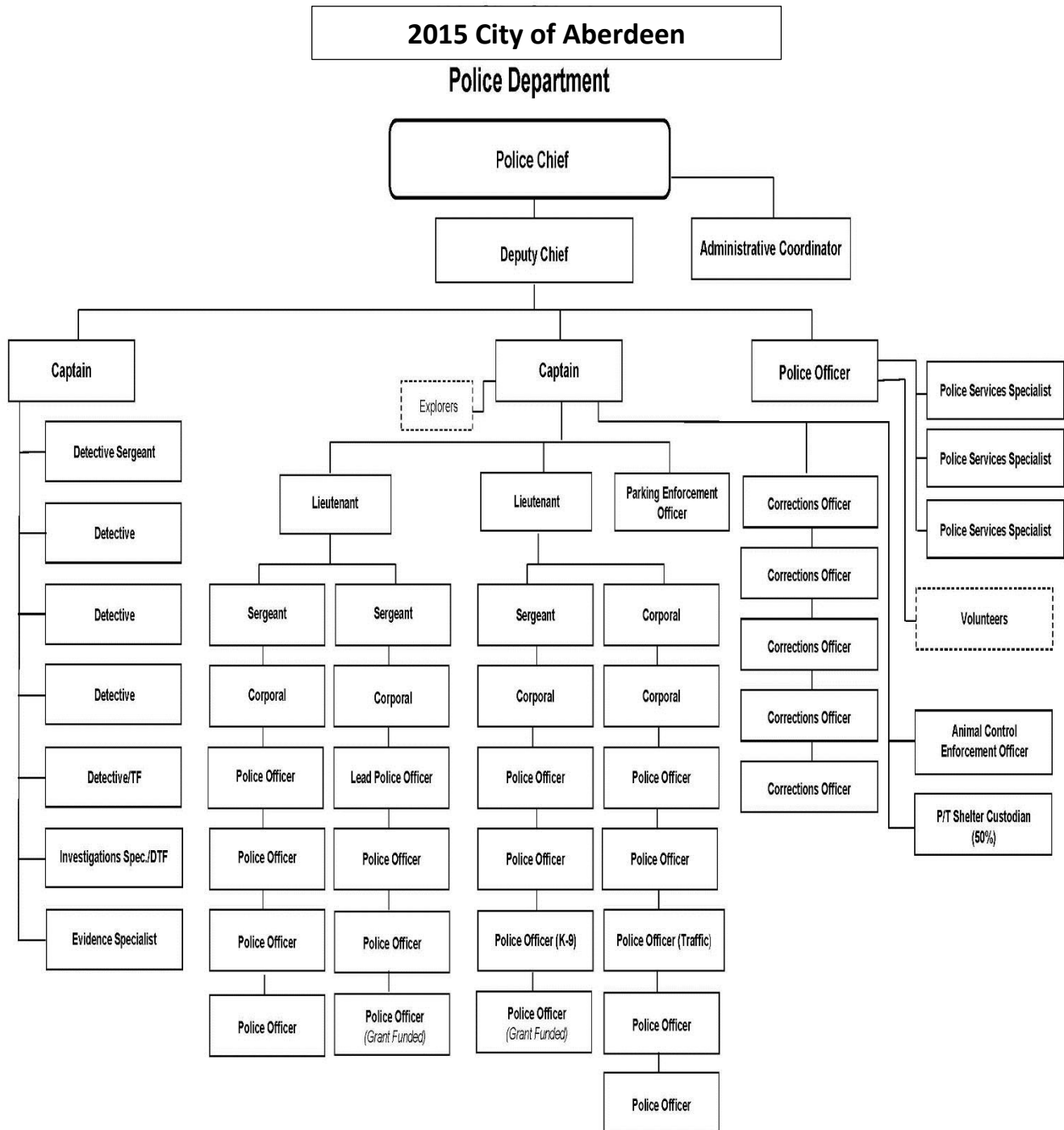
In 2015 we booked 2064 persons in the Aberdeen City jail and we could have arrested more. However, one problem impacted our capability to house more offenders, and that was the mental health prisoner issue I mentioned above. When the jail is full we often have to 'cite and release' persons we catch committing some minor crimes. This is not a great deterrent because we know that when those offenders are on the streets, the crimes they commit will continue.

In 2015 we were very active in participating in community meetings throughout our city. The opportunity to meet and discuss with our citizens what issues are important to them is helpful for all of us. We look forward to more of these opportunities in the future.

I appreciate the support and encouragement that we receive from our City Council and your office, it is essential to the job we carry out for our community.

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Organizational Chart



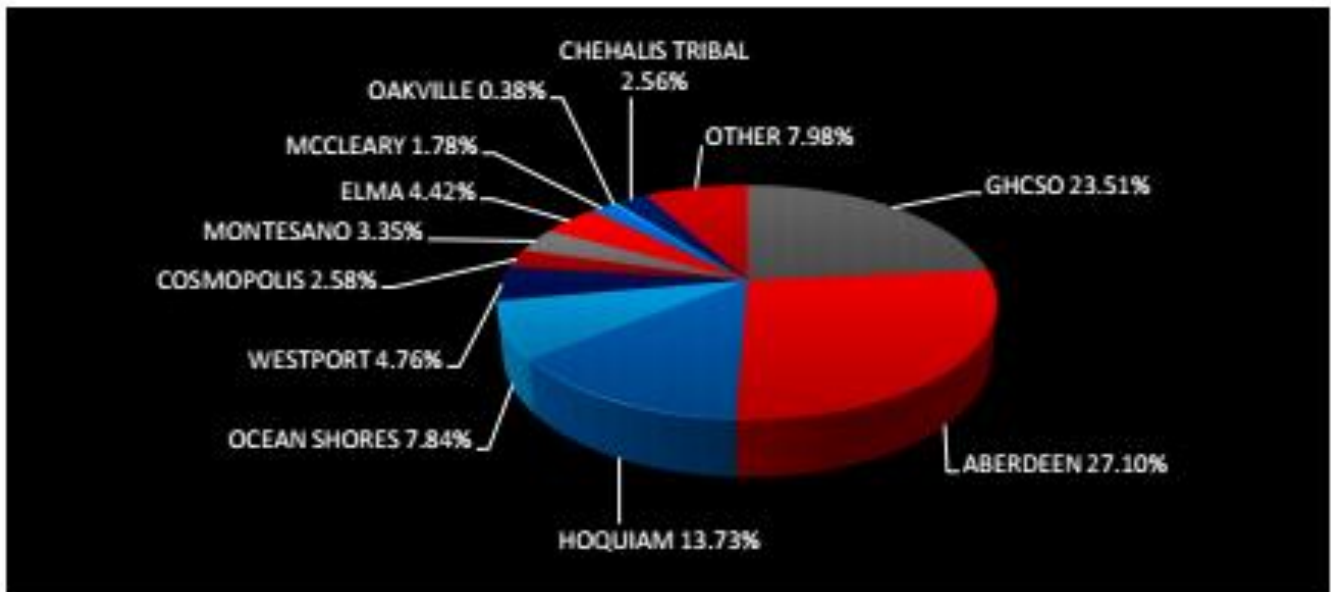
Summary of Offense

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	1
Forcible Sex Offenses	46	52	51	46
Forcible Rape	13	11	10	9
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	33	41	41	36
Robbery	19	13	21	12
Aggravated Assault	28	36	72	33
Simple Assault	222	177	235	172
Intimidation	35	31	39	9
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	4	1	2	0
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	4	1	2	0
Kidnapping	4	5	8	1
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking And Entering	221	210	238	232
Arson	2	5	3	2
Larceny	624	645	658	558
Pocket-Picking	1	0	0	1
Purse-Snatching	10	8	13	24
Shoplifting	310	336	302	316
Theft From Building	26	41	72	44
Theft From Motor Vehicles	80	111	163	75
Theft From Motor Vehicles Parts/ Accessories	45	43	28	24
All Other Larceny	152	103	80	72
Motor Vehicle Theft	84	125	66	63
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	31	13	18	12
Fraud	24	26	58	39
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	29	34	28	24
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	118	138	141	141
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	358	280	278	299
Drug/Narcotic Violations	171	133	128	127
Drug Equipment Violations	187	147	150	172
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	3	2	1
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0
Prostitution Offenses	23	1	9	5
Prostitution	23	1	9	5
Violation of No Contact Order	106	110	106	120
Weapon Law Violations	40	31	48	68

Grays Harbor Communications

Law Enforcement Activity Report

GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNICATIONS 2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER END OF MONTH													
LAW	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
GHCSO	1,546	1,609	2,142	2,069	2,166	2,128	2,687	2,424	1,868	1,807	1,780	1,881	24,107
APD	2,106	2,042	2,393	2,294	2,332	2,317	2,699	2,375	2,351	2,415	2,254	2,213	27,791
HPD	1,168	1,025	1,314	1,281	1,129	1,130	1,282	1,252	1,284	1,103	1,019	1,092	14,079
OSPD	537	572	619	617	725	721	1,141	921	615	597	496	483	8,044
WPD	361	295	408	350	395	444	564	541	432	365	391	340	4,886
CPD	150	118	166	183	273	272	327	311	220	210	219	195	2,644
MPD	251	251	283	373	387	299	347	249	276	265	223	227	3,431
EPD	355	284	342	355	378	418	471	510	428	404	284	306	4,535
MCPD	148	123	136	145	159	158	159	180	145	153	149	171	1,826
OPD	33	29	33	38	38	27	35	28	22	48	33	30	394
CTPD	261	221	251	219	241	190	199	206	220	211	215	192	2,626
OTHER	699	608	626	579	675	657	851	834	685	711	620	640	8,185
TOTALS	7,615	7,177	8,713	8,503	8,898	8,761	10,762	9,831	8,546	8,289	7,683	7,770	102,548

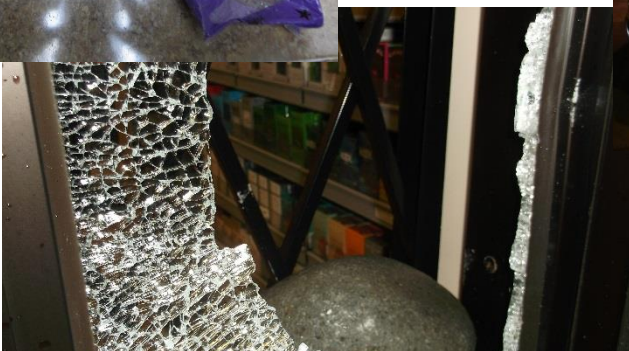
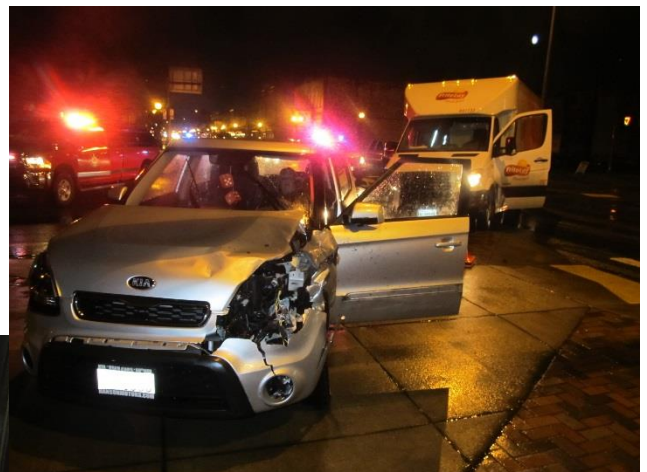


Patrol

The Patrol Section is the largest section within the Operations Division of the Aberdeen Police Department. Administered by Captain Dave Johnson, Patrol is divided into two patrol teams – Blue and Gold – working a 4 on/4 off rotation, with Lieutenant Kevin Darst managing the Gold Team and Lieutenant C.J. Chastain managing the Blue Team. Each patrol team is led by two senior supervisors – either a Sergeant or Corporal in rank (one assigned to days, the other to nights) – with the assistance of one Corporal assigned to each shift. There were 23 total uniformed staff (supervisors and officers) assigned to provide around the clock police services.

Three new police officers, Loren Neil, Tim Millard, and Chad Pearsall joined our police family in 2015. Neil and Millard completed their academy and field training and have advanced to solo patrol service. Entry level police officer Chad Pearsall will graduate in January 2016. In December, lateral police officer James Pfeiffer joined the department from the Kern County (California) Sheriff's Office, and he looks forward to attending the equivalency academy (in Burien) early in 2016. One Aberdeen officer left to join an agency in Thurston County.

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 2015, field units responded to 25,772 or around 70 calls per day for police related service. Patrol is responsible for bicycle patrol, traffic enforcement/collision investigation, and K-9 field operations. Forty six civilian riders joined officers in the field, participating in our ride-a-long program. The dedicated officers of the Aberdeen Police Department Patrol Section work every day responding to calls for service which can range from the simplest issues, to the most complex serious crimes.



K-9

Police Dog Titus completed his second full year as the department's patrol dog. Police Dog Titus is a 4-year old German Shepard whose initial K9 training was completed in Port Angeles 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.

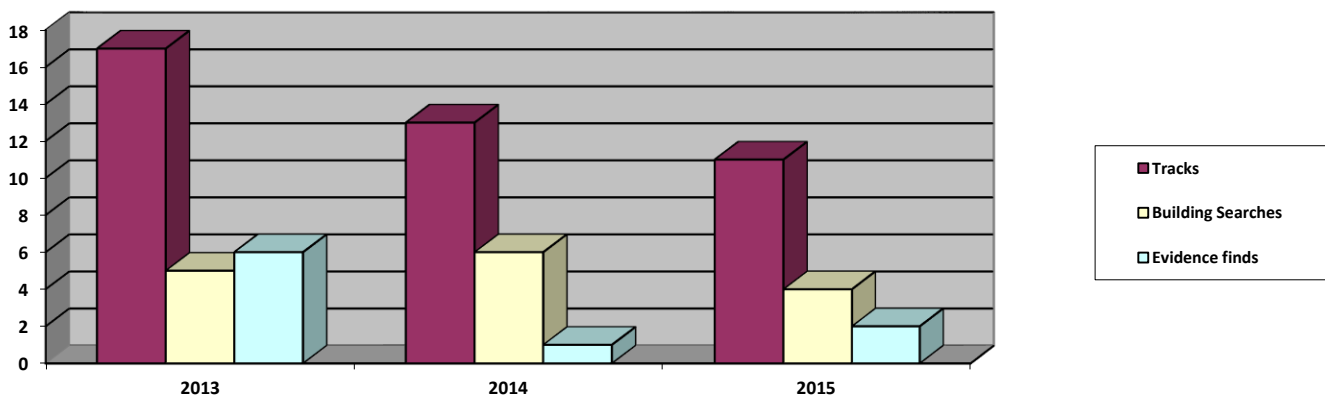
The K9 team is currently accredited by the Washington State Police Canine Association in addition to being a state certified K9 team with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

During 2015, Corporal Timmons and K9 Titus completed 119 hours of additional training in the areas of: obedience, tracking, building searches, and area searches. The K9 teams total training hours to date is 767.25 hours in the 2-1/2 years of service. In May of 2015, the K9 team attended and completed a three day advanced handler Tactical Training course at Fort Discovery, WA. In addition to training, the team conducted two K9 demonstrations at Robert Gray Elementary School and for the Aberdeen Cub Scout's.



The Aberdeen Police K9 Team is still sponsored by the Tamaki Foundation out of Seattle, WA.

The K9 team was applied on 17 incidents with 7 successful apprehensions.



Corrections

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 Divison'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 2015 there were 2064 persons booked into the jail. 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.

The Corrections Staff are responsible for 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.

Although we are authorized for 5 corrections officers, we had a very difficult time finding qualified candidates that could pass our strict background investigations. One of the most important decisions that the Chief of Police has to make is whom to hire; relaxing hiring standards can lead to future employee misconduct.

The jail was staffed during 2015 with 4 corrections officers; which mandates at least 40 hours of overtime per month just to staff the jail 24/7. In addition to working with only 4 CO's, we also had a corrections officer on modified duty or on L&I leave for 9 months. The CO was injured on the job trying to apprehend an escapee. He is expected to remain on modified duty for a majority of time in 2016. During his modified duty, he is unable to have physical contact with inmates; he can simply observe the jail cameras and intercom systems. While he is on duty, a police officer is required to do the actual jail work.

In July of 2015, we had a CO resign in order to take another position in the State Of Washington Department of Corrections. This left us with 2 full time healthy CO's to staff the jail. We were able to replace this CO in August. After local OTJ training, this CO attended the basic Corrections academy for 4 weeks. We were able to hire our fifth CO position in January of 2016.

We utilized police officers on overtime to staff the jail for several months, the patrol officers averaged working 96 hours of overtime for jail staffing, not to mention the overtime the CO's worked.

We also had police officers that were on modified duty work the jail. The Records section had to modify their work shift hours for several months to monitor the jail cameras and intercom system. During the time that Records clerks were observing the cameras, the Patrol division had to do the actual jail work, such as booking, releasing, medications, transports, transfers, and serving meals. This took a police officers off their beat to do hourly jail checks and details. We were able to keep the jail open by having police officers and records clerks assisting in staffing the jail while we were operating at less than 40% of our required staffing.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
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Booked 2,102 2,282 2,180 1,805 2064
 Medical calls 22 17 41 34 22

Animal Control

Aberdeen

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). The Aberdeen Animal Shelter released 62 animals to other shel

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population 12/31/15	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Cats	Dogs
January	20	19	2	1	1	0	6	6	3	11	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	1
February	22	11	3	0	1	0	8	6	7	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	3
March	12	14	2	3	0	0	0	7	11	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1
April	31	12	3	0	1	0	6	3	19	4	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	2
May	19	20	1	3	0	0	9	7	6	4	0	0	2	5	2	0	1	6
June	17	35	4	1	0	0	4	7	4	22	0	0	8	6	0	2	2	2
July	39	15	1	3	2	0	10	4	11	3	0	0	13	6	0	0	5	1
August	32	30	4	7	0	0	9	7	21	6	0	0	4	2	0	0	10	2
September	15	7	0	0	0	0	3	2	7	12	0	0	3	1	0	2	2	1
October	32	16	8	0	0	0	2	4	13	6	0	0	9	2	1	0	4	2
November	19	18	2	2	0	0	1	4	5	6	0	0	5	1	1	1	4	1
December	13	10	4	3	0	0	7	5	5	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Total	271	207	34	23	5	0	65	62	112	84	1	0	57	27	5	6		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs		ACO Calls	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
January	0	0	2	0	17	8	0	0	2	1	21	8
February	0	0	2	0	6	8	2	0	1	0	22	14
March	0	0	2	4	12	8	0	1	2	2	16	20
April	0	0	3	6	14	16	2	0	1	0	36	19
May	0	2	3	3	22	5	0	1	1	2	45	16
June	0	0	?	0	14	12	1	0	3	1	23	14
July	0	0	2	3	19	17	1	1	0	2	39	16
August	0	0	2	2	10	11	4	5	0	2	30	24
September	0	0	12	1	16	14	0	0	0	0	25	24
October	0	0	0	0	7	12	5	0	3	0	33	17
November	0	0	5	6	7	3	1	2	1	0	18	16
December	0	0	2	0	3	6	2	2	2	1	17	7
Total	0	2	35	25	147	120	18	12	16	11	325	195

Released

8/31/2015 1 Snake
 9/31/2015 1 Snake
 10/31/2015 1 Snake
 10/31/2015 1 Turtle

Parking

Aberdeen's Parking Enforcement Officer is George Welch. Officer Welch patrols the downtown corridor, usually on foot, checking for overtime and other parking violations, and also responds to a citizen's complaints, working with owners of abandoned vehicles or calling a tow to remove or (impound vehicle when necessary) hulk vehicles. He attends the Downtown Parking Meetings and works closely with Code Enforcement.

He alerts any hazardous condition to the correct department that they might not otherwise be aware of.

Officer Welch helps keeps our citizens safe, and maintains a good rapport with the citizens.



Explorers

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. In 2015 our membership grew to 15 active post members, maximizing the number of participants we can accommodate.

The Explorers assisted our police department by providing security at the Splash Festival and the Downtown Trick or Treat. The Explorers also participated in the National Night Out and assisted McGruff getting to the various block parties. In December the Explorers assisted the City of Montesano with the annual Festival of Lights.

In June our post helped to facilitate a bicycle rodeo at Walmart. Our Explorers helped children safely ride through the various stations that were set up to teach bicycle safety. Members of the post also assisted in a multi-agency Active Shooter training in Central Park.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2015, logging over 700 training hours covering a wide variety of training topics, to include: subject contacts, traffic stops, domestic violence, building searches, report writing, crime scene investigation and firearms to name a few.

Our new ride-a-long policy was implemented and accepted by the Learning for Life Organization, certifying our ride-a-long program. With the acceptance/certification our ride-a-long program Explorers were allowed again to ride with officers on patrol.

In August seven 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. Each of our Explorers proudly and professionally represented our agency and community.

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.

Investigations

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, however are available to assist patrol operations when needed. The detectives are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to respond to serious crimes within the city limits of Aberdeen and also provide assistance to outside agencies upon request.

In 2015 the section was staffed by a Captain John Green, Detective Sergeant Art Laur, and Detectives David Cox, Jon Hudson, Jeff Weiss and Evidence Specialist Elaine Mortimeyer. On September 2, 2015 Captain John Green retired from law Enforcement and Detective Sergeant Art Laur took over interim supervisory responsibilities of the Investigations Section.

The Investigations 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 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. Detectives also participate as leaders within the Aberdeen Police Explorer Program.

In May 2015, Aberdeen Detectives were instrumental in the investigation of the Burton Kearney homicide which is expected to go to trial later in 2016.



Evidence

During the year, approximately 3078 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 185 firearms received and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 3078 includes 230 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 29 cases from 2015, which totaled 93 packages. We also stored \$93,234 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 with the APD Investigation section and prosecutor's office on these felony cases.

In 2015, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 45 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. This includes hazardous and illegal items destroyed.

In 2015, we continued our participation with the online Property Bureau for our auction items. This program streamlines the auction process for many police departments nationwide.

Aberdeen Police Evidence Room Year 2015 Review

Items logged into the property room

2015:

APD – 2793

DTF – 285

Total: 3078

2014:

APD – 2782

DTF – 271

Total - 3053

2013:

APD – 2642

DTF – 132

Total - 2774

Guns logged into the property room during

2015:APD – 173

DTF –12

Total: 185

2014: APD – 63

DTF – 4

Total– 67

2013: APD – 28

DTF – 2

Total – 30

Drugs that came into the property room during

2015: APD – 137

DTF – 93

Total: 230 packages

2014: APD – 259

DTF – 111

Total: 370 packages

2013: APD - 255

DTF – 63

Total - 318 packages

Bicycles donated to “*Bicycles from Heaven Program*”

2015: - 45

2014 – 54

2013– 16

Converted and Traded Property – 2015

CONVERTED TO:

Explorer Program	- Motorola Portable Radio
Patrol	- Window Punch
Patrol	- Toshiba Laptop
Animal Control	- K9 Advantix, Frontline Plus
CRU	- Redline Binoculars

Drug Task Force

INVESTIGATIONS:

Total Cases Opened	80
Total Cases Closed	67
Search Warrants	46
Knock and Talks	4
Arrests	65
Meth Labs (Active, Boxed, Dumps)	0
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	51
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Dealers)	1
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Growers)	1
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	5
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	1
GANG TASK FORCE CASES	0

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cocaine	Grams	34.60	\$50	\$ 1,730.00
Marijuana	Plants	14.00	\$1,500	\$ 21,000.00
Marijuana	Pounds	2.62	\$3,000	\$ 7,860.00
Heroin	Grams	160.67	\$40	\$ 6,426.80
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	9807.40	\$80	\$ 784,592.00
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	0.00	\$20	\$ -
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Grams	51.89		
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.) 30 mg pills	Doseage Unit	1,729.67	\$40	\$ 69,186.80
TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:				\$821,608.80

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	FORFEITURES	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vessels	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vehicles	26	\$ 139,746.00	10	\$ 58,535.00
Firearms	18	\$ -	2	\$ -
Currency		\$ 104,541.00		\$ 53,028.00
Miscellaneous Property	26	\$ 2,410.00	11	\$ 185.05
TOTALS VALUE ASSETS:	70	\$246,697.00	23	\$111,748.05

Crisis Response Unit

For the calendar year of 2015, the Aberdeen Police Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 1,114 hours of training time. The CRU Sniper Team conducted 257.5 hours of training time.

On May 22nd, the CRU Tactical Response Team, the Negotiators and CRU Sharpshooter Team were called out reference a barricaded homicide suspect. APD Officers had found a man deceased from apparent gunshot wounds at an address on Oak Street. When APD Officers made contact with a female inside the residence, she advised she was armed and would not come out willingly. CRU elements attempted negotiations and chemical munitions deployment to no avail. After approximately an 8 hour standoff, APD CRU Entry team made entry into the residence and took the female safely into custody ending the standoff peacefully.

In June CRU Negotiators were called to assist Montesano PD for a suicidal suspect barricaded in his residence near the High School. Negotiators and Mental Health care professionals were able to successfully negotiate the man to surrender peacefully.

On September 30th, the entire CRU was activated to assist Grays Harbor DTF, DEA and other agency SWAT Teams in several warrant services across Grays Harbor County. THE CRU was assigned to separate target locations in Hoquiam. The CRU was forced to breach a door at one target location, successfully taking a suspect into custody safely. The Entry team made entry and took the subject into custody with no injuries to the suspect or his family members which were at the residence at the time of the warrant. While the entry team was conducting the warrant service, the Sharpshooter element secured the second warrant location. The Entry Team then moved to the second target location, cleared and secured the location for a DTF team to process and serve the warrant. Several of the APD CRU members were then assigned to assist DTF throughout the day in searching for suspects through Aberdeen and Hoquiam at residences as the investigation continued.

On December 9th the CRU Tactical Response Team and Sniper Team were activated to assist Grays Harbor DTF Detectives to serve a high risk search warrant at a local Motel. DTF Detectives requested the CRU due to the fact that the suspects in their investigation were dealing illegal narcotics with firearm in open view and or on their persons. DTF Detectives also had a large number of suspects at the target location, outnumbering the DTF element. The CRU element deployed and took control of the scene. The CRU quickly and safely took several subjects into custody for various charges to include VUCSA (Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act) arrests as well as numerous warrant arrests. Several subjects were booked into the Aberdeen and Hoquiam City jails as well as the Grays Harbor County Jail. In using the CRU, two warrants were able to be served nearly simultaneously, safely ending a dangerous warrant situation by taking numerous subjects into custody.

In 2016, the CRU looks forward to continuing to train to stay ready to serve the citizens of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor County. The CRU continues to be ready to serve when needed for a situation that is inherently dangerous or more than a patrol team can safely undertake using standard equipment and tactics.



Many CRU members still wear “WB” somewhere on their uniform in remembrance of Aberdeen Police Corporal and CRU Operator Bret Ellis who lost his brave battle with cancer in September of 2014. Gone but not forgotten.



Corporal W. B. Ellis

Regional CRU Negotiations Team

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, two 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. GHSO looks to have two more added for 2016 pending getting into the Basic class. Negotiations skills acquired are often used by team members daily while performing primary police duties. One hundred and fifty additional hours of training were logged for the team in 2015.

The CNT was utilized four times in 2015. The first incident was when Aberdeen officers were dispatched to an Oak Street address in May. Officers found a man had been murdered on the back porch. Negotiators attempted to get the female suspect to surrender but other means were eventually used to resolve the incident without further injury.

The second time CNT was called upon in 2015 was in June when Montesano requested our assistance for a suicidal suspect. Negotiators and Mental Health professionals were able to team up and get the man to surrender.

The third time CNT was utilized was in Sept 2015 when multiple locations were the subject of high-risk warrant services at the same time in Hoquiam.

The fourth time CNT was utilized in 2015 was in December to serve several high risk warrants at The Travelure Motel in Aberdeen during a sweep.

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

Special Assignment

The Special Assignment Section is made up of several areas vital to the success of the Aberdeen Police Department; including Records, Information Technology, Building Maintenance and the Citizen Volunteer Unit. This Section is supervised by Officer Wayne Schmidt.

The Records Section is made up of three full time Records Specialist; Theresa Oleachea, Natali Streifel and Kathi Schlessner - and one part time Records Specialist Mendi Stump who is shared with DTF.

Kathi Schlessner joined APD this year to replace Becca Anderson who is now the Administrative Assistant to the Chief.

Theresa Oleachea is APD's TAC Officer. She is responsible for managing the Aberdeen Police Department's involvement in the State and Nation ACCESS system, (A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System).

The Records Section provides support services to all sections of the Police Department for day-to-day operations; including filing, distribution of all reports generated by the patrol and investigations sections, compiling reports for the courts and entering data into the Police Department records management system. When citizens enter APD's lobby, they are the first point of contact; answering questions, providing forms and information.

This year the Aberdeen Police Department took advantage of the Grays Harbor Energy Efficiency Program. Most all of the lights at the Aberdeen Police Department and Aberdeen Municipal Court were retro-fitted with Energy efficient LEDs. Of the \$39,768.74 spent on this project, \$14,190 was paid by a PUD re-bate. As well as an estimated energy savings of over \$600 a month, there are no special handling requirement for the disposal of LED lights; safer for employees and our environment.

Statistics	2013	2014	2015
Concealed Pistol License	228	171	234
Public Records Request	1965	1911	2270



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