

ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

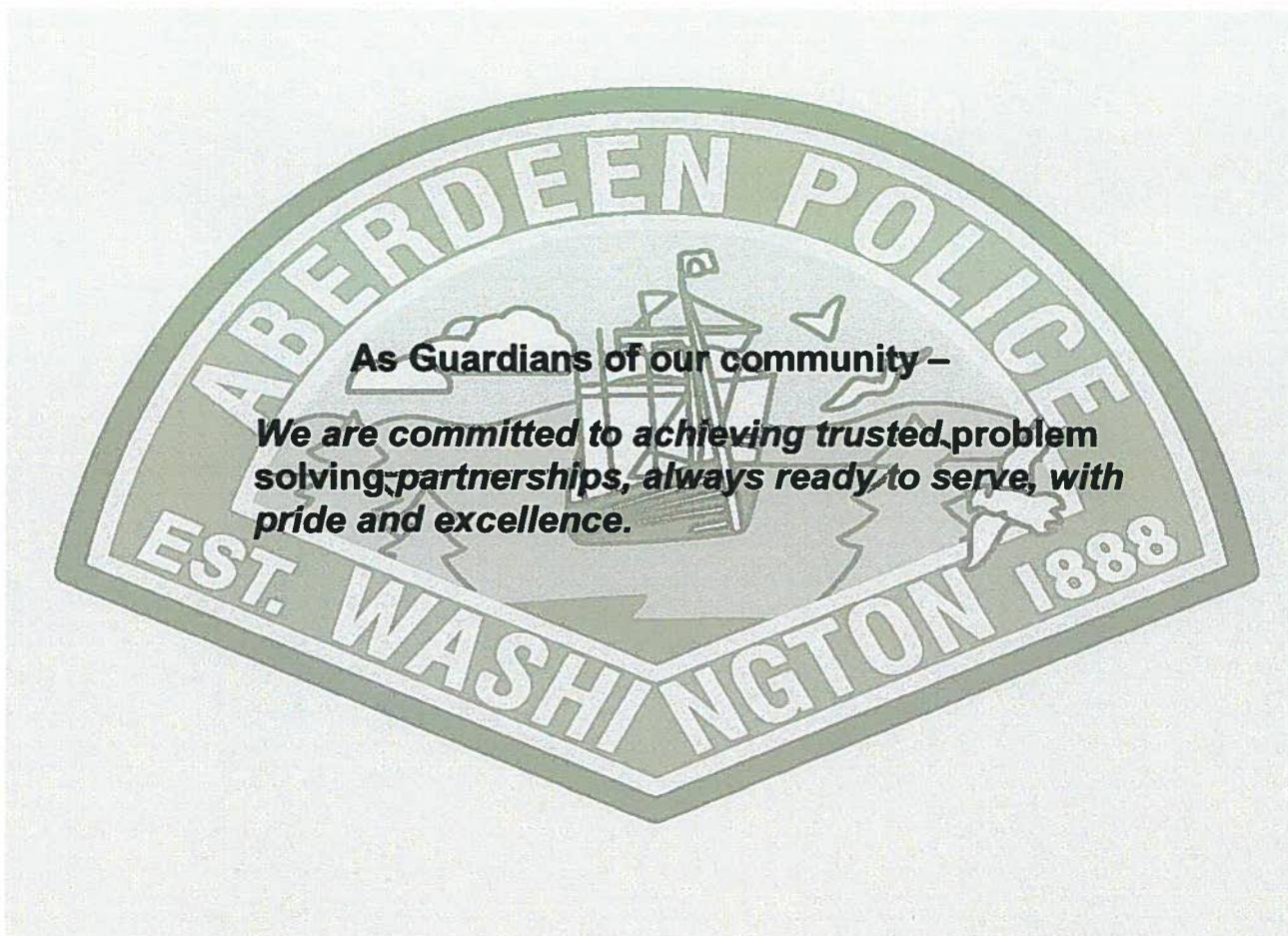
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2015 ANNUAL REPORT



ROBERT H. TORGERSON
CHIEF OF POLICE

Mission Statement



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Message from the Chief

Honorable Mayor Erik Larson:

It is a pleasure to submit the 2016 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Police Department. As you view this information, I think it is important that you recognize the extra effort, skills and abilities of the men and women that work in the Aberdeen Police Department. 2016 was a very busy year for your Police Department as we were faced with many challenges. But, as I have come to realize from the men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department, they looked at the challenges as "opportunities" to respond to and solve the concern for the citizens of our community.

In 2016 our Police Officers responded to 29,284 requests for police services, which is a 3,500 increase in calls from 2015. Officers also made 1,918 custodial arrests for criminal violations and issued over 2,500 traffic citations. Patrol Officers are the first responders to all calls for assistance from our citizens. Calls from citizens vary from relatively minor situations to life-threatening occurrences.

In 2016 the Aberdeen Police Department and area law enforcement agencies saw an increase in violent crimes associated to subjects claiming allegiance to various criminal street gangs. The Aberdeen Police Department Gang Unit joined with other police agencies in our county to create a Multi-Agency Gang Unit to share information and to help each other combat this increasing problem. The Multi Agency Gang Unit consists of Detectives, Officers, and Corrections personnel from The Aberdeen Police Department, Hoquiam Police Department, and Washington Department of Corrections and is led by Detective Perkinson from the Aberdeen Police Department's Investigations Section.

A new program to track pawn shops and second hand stores was implemented in 2016. The program is called 'Leads Online'. Leads Online is a technology service helping law enforcement catch criminals, while helping businesses reduce the hassles of reporting that is required by law. This program should assist the Aberdeen Police Department in deterring and prosecuting the purchase and selling of stolen property.

As your Chief of Police and a resident of Aberdeen, I feel that it is important that I set the example and be involved, as much as possible, within our community. Currently I belong to and participate in many community organizations/groups including: The Prevent Violence Coalition, the Focus Group for Emergency Planning, the DSHS quarterly Community Coordinator meeting, Coordinated Entry and Vulnerable populations committees, Grays Harbor County Housing Coalition, the juvenile justice steering committee, Crisis Partners Committee, the DTF Executive Board, the Stakeholder Group for Downtown Safety, the Cascadia Rising Planning Group, the Disaster Workshop, the Tsunami and Storm Ready Meetings, the Drug Court Steering Committee and the Therapeutic Court Steering Committee. I have also helped community members organize several Community Block Watch groups, and participate in National Night Out. I realize that it is more likely that as a member of these groups, we have the 'opportunity' to make a difference with the issues that our community faces.

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One of the bigger issues I wanted to mention and one I know you are very aware of in Aberdeen is a large number of persons with mental health issues. There is no question that law enforcement Officers are more often than not the ones responding to people with mental illnesses who are in crisis. With reduced state funding and housing, the responsibility for dealing with persons with mental health issues has fallen on the cities where these persons reside. Many of the persons with mental illness are also impacted by drug abuse, which compounds the problem. Many of the persons end up committing crimes. Our police Officers, in an attempt to protect people with severe mental illnesses, often have to book them into our jail to get them off of the streets. Not only are we protecting the community, we are protecting that person from being victimized themselves. Housing persons with mental issues also reduces our ability to make arrests. Many of these persons cannot be housed with other prisoners because of violent tendencies; therefore they take up a cell designed for two or more prisoners.

Our entire staff has attended CIT or Crisis Intervention Training to learn to interact with people with mental illness who are in crisis in a way that de-escalates, rather than inflames, a tense situation. This helps, but certainly is not a solution.

This report was put together with the support from the different divisions and the specialists within the Aberdeen Police Department. The Aberdeen Police Department hopes this Annual Report will provide some insight on the actual activities, statistics and information about our accomplishments during 2016. For more details please review the rest of this report.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of our community for their continued support of the Aberdeen Police Department, and especially for their endorsement of the 3/10's of 1% sales tax increase which will greatly benefit your police department

Sincerely,

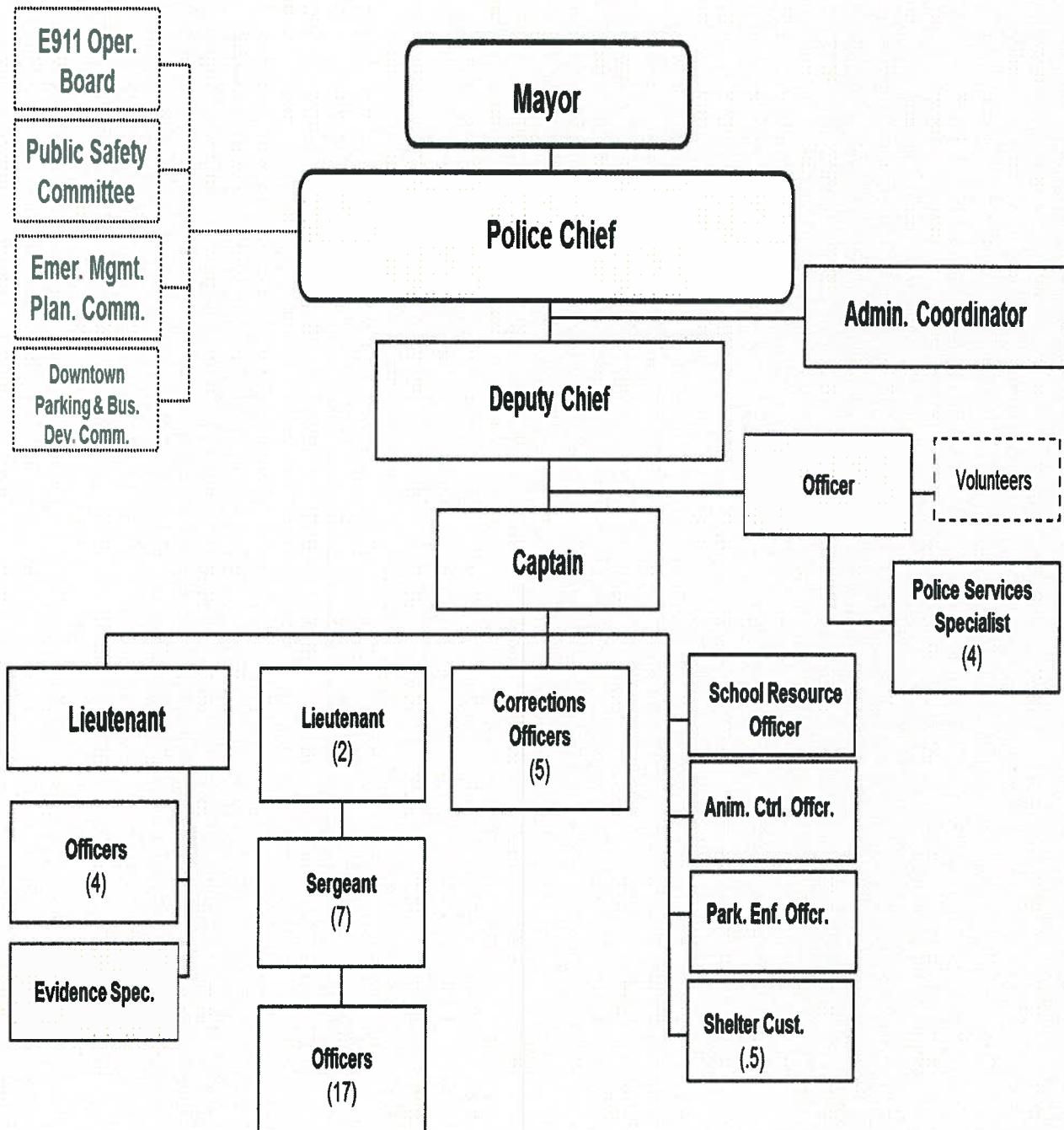


Robert H. Torgerson
Chief of Police

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Summary of Offenses

Aberdeen PD - Summary of Offense
For 01/01/2016 through 12/31/2016

NIBRS Offenses	Attempt	Complete	Total	Arrest	Exception	Total Clear	Percent Cleared
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	1	1	0	1	100.00 %
Forcible Sex Offenses	1	69	70	15	0	15	21.43%
Forcible Rape	1	7	8	3	0	3	37.50%
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Forcible Fondling	0	62	62	12	0	12	19.35%
Robbery	1	18	19	8	1	9	47.37%
Aggravated Assault	0	46	46	22	0	22	47.83%
Simple Assault	0	289	289	178	1	179	61.94%
Intimidation	0	37	37	17	0	17	45.95%
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Forcible Detention	0	4	4	3	0	3	75.00%
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Human Trafficking - Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Burglary/Breaking And Entering	5	130	135	27	0	27	20.00%
Arson	0	5	5	4	0	4	80.00%
Larceny	5	483	488	313	0	313	64.14%
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Purse-Snatching	0	5	5	0	0	0	0.00%
Shoplifting	0	320	320	278	0	278	86.88%
Theft From Building	1	36	37	11	0	11	29.73%
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Theft From Motor Vehicles	3	45	48	13	0	13	27.08%
Theft From Motor Vehicles	1	13	14	3	0	3	21.43%
Parts/ Accessories							
All Other Larceny	0	64	64	8	0	8	12.50%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	50	50	5	0	5	10.00%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	25	25	2	0	2	8.00%
Fraud	3	48	51	9	0	9	17.65%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	0	1	1	0	1	100%

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Credit Card/Auto Teller Machine Fraud	0	29	29	3	0	3	10.34%
Impersonation	2	17	19	5	0	5	26.32%
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Wire fraud	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.00%
Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Hacking/Computer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Invasion							
Embezzlement	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.00%
Stolen Property Offenses	0	19	19	13	0	13	68.42%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	130	130	75	0	75	57.69%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	0	247	247	235	0	235	95.14%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0	110	110	101	0	101	91.82%
Drug Equipment Violations	0	137	137	134	0	134	97.81%
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	2	2	1	0	1	50.00%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Assist or Promote	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Prostitution							
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Violation of No Contact Order	0	144	144	85	0	85	59.03%
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Weapon Law Violations	0	43	43	26	0	26	60.47%
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
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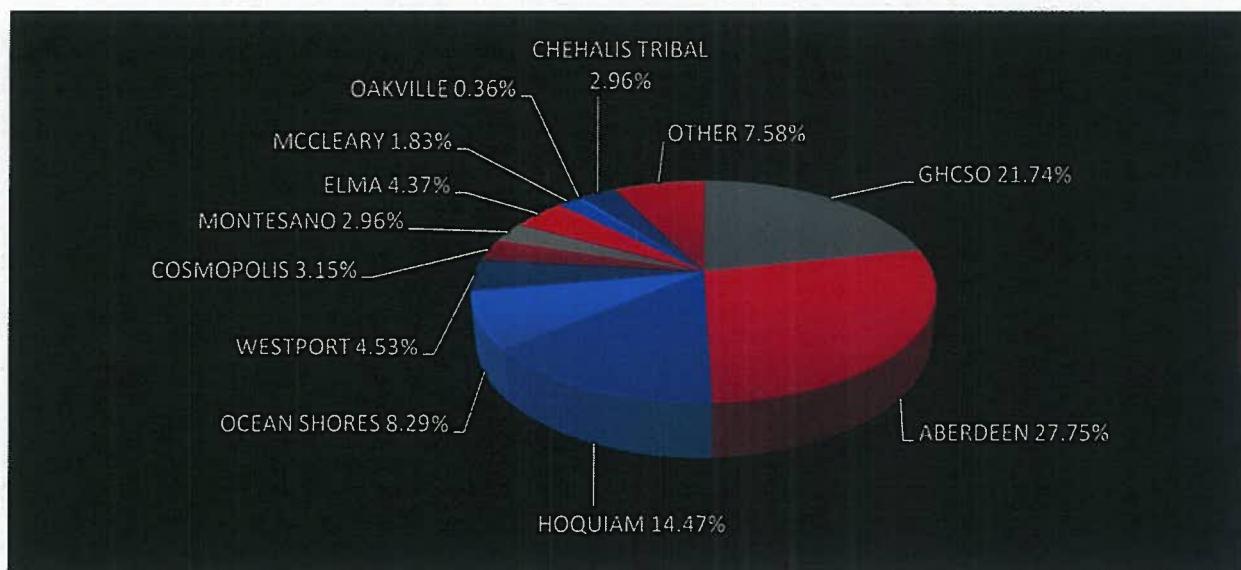
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Grays Harbor Communications Law Enforcement Activity Report

GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNICATIONS
2016 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER END OF MONTH

LAW	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
GHCSO	1,899	1,735	2,025	2,122	2,148	1,950	2,364	2,116	1,848	1,624	1,557	1,546	22,934
APD	2,170	2,200	2,315	2,328	2,524	2,508	2,605	2,741	2,613	2,438	2,534	2,308	29,284
HPD	1,127	1,237	1,294	1,254	1,309	1,245	1,358	1,278	1,423	1,268	1,135	1,338	15,266
OSPD	620	600	672	753	860	851	1,104	797	736	641	625	491	8,750
WPD	404	341	341	402	456	459	495	478	409	387	285	323	4,780
CPD	261	297	277	249	312	306	332	271	359	256	189	218	3,327
MPD	230	244	263	270	246	245	311	250	265	262	241	296	3,123
EPD	376	320	336	415	420	403	451	427	409	358	358	341	4,614
MCPD	163	180	190	172	232	221	185	139	117	115	107	105	1,926
OPD	31	22	26	35	33	17	23	39	53	42	38	23	382
CTPD	226	246	267	215	249	208	253	299	231	266	354	311	3,125
OTHER	629	565	740	647	647	672	771	675	671	687	649	649	8,002
TOTALS	8,136	7,987	8,746	8,862	9,436	9,085	10,252	9,510	9,134	8,344	8,072	7,949	105,513



Patrol

The Aberdeen Police Patrol Section is the largest section within the Aberdeen Police Department. The Patrol Section is commanded by Captain Dave Johnson. Patrol is then divided into two teams; Blue and Gold. Lieutenant C.J. Chastain leads the Blue Team and Lieutenant Dale Green leads the Gold Team. The patrol teams work a four day on/four day off schedule, and their work days are 11 hour shifts. Each patrol team is supervised by patrol sergeants; three Blue Team sergeants and four Gold Team sergeants, who also work in the field handling calls for service. The remainders of the patrol teams are comprised of police officers for a total of 23 uniformed patrol officers assigned to provide around the clock police protection. 2016 was an all-time low for patrol staffing. An attempt to fill vacant positions was difficult. Several applicants that looked promising could not pass our rigorous background check. We will never hire someone to "just fill a position".

Patrol officers are the first responders to all calls for assistance from our citizens. Calls from citizens vary from relatively minor situations to life-threatening occurrences. Officers days are filled with many types of calls for assistance including investigating all misdemeanor and felony crimes, working traffic enforcement, providing protection of persons and property, serving felony and misdemeanor warrants, serving subpoenas and restraining orders, preparing and filing cases for prosecution, appearing in Municipal, District, Juvenile and Superior courts, helping maintain our jail, providing public education, animal control, parking enforcement, and many other services to our citizens.

The uniformed patrol officers responded to 29,284 calls for service in 2016, for an average of 80 calls per day. The average day has between 8 and 11 patrol officers working their staggered 11 hour shifts. The patrol section is responsible for bicycle patrol, traffic enforcement, collision investigation, and the apprehension and processing of criminals. The Aberdeen Police Department issued 2,579 traffic infractions and criminal citations during 2016. 54 civilian riders joined officers in the field by participating in the Aberdeen Police Department Ride-A-Long Program.

In 2016 the citizens and guests of Aberdeen observed a visible change in the Aberdeen Police Patrol Section when we transitioned our patrol fleet from dark blue Dodge Chargers with gold and blue striping to more visible black and white Ford SUV's with black and gray accents. Citizens have expressed seeing the patrol vehicles in their neighborhoods more with the return of the more traditional color and marking scheme.

In early May, Sergeant Ross Lampky and Officers Monte Glaser and George Kelley were honored with being awarded the 2015 Aberdeen Daily World Police Officers of the Year for their courage and efforts to save Gayle Christner when her Bala Way home collapsed and was swept away in a river of flowing water on January 5, 2015. Officer Jason Capps was also selected as the 2016 Grays Harbor Masonic Lodge Aberdeen Police Officer of the Year.

Thanks to our citizens who passed the 3/10 of 1% sales tax increase the Patrol Section will grow with additional new police officer hires in 2017. In November 2016, Aberdeen resident Jared Berken was hired as a police officer, and Officer Ron Morella retired. Officer Berken has been in the Police Academy (in Burien, WA) since October 17th, and he is scheduled to graduate March, 2017.

The Patrol Division is often called the “backbone” of the Police Department, and in 2016 the Patrol Division provided superb service to the citizens of our community.



2016 Shop with a Cop 2016



National Night Out 2016

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K9 PATROL TEAM

Police Dog Titus completed his third full year as the department's patrol dog. 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 2016, Sergeant Timmons and K9 Titus completed 79 hours of additional training in the areas of: obedience, tracking, building searches, and area searches. The K9 team has also participated in training with the Aberdeen Crisis Response Unit. The K9 teams total training hours to date is 846.25 hours in the 3-1/2 years of service.

In addition to training, the team conducted two K9 presentations for the Aberdeen High School, a presentation for Montesano Simpson school 4th grade class, and the 4th grade class at Cosmopolis Elementary School.

In November of 2016, the Police Department purchased a fully outfitted Chevy Tahoe set up for K9 from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

The Aberdeen Police K9 Team continued to receive financial support from the Tamaki Foundation out of Seattle, WA. The K9 team was applied on 14 incidents in 2016, but was a preventive presence in many others.



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Corrections

Currently the Aberdeen City Jail has the maximum capacity for both Male/Female inmates of 25 with 18 beds. The jail is currently staffed with five fulltime Corrections Officers who are state certified through the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission. Each Corrections Officer is trained and certified in First Aid, CPR, defensive tactics, and the use of OC spray, X-26 Taser and EVOC driving. However, no matter what the jail population, the jail must be staffed 24/7. During the 2016 year there were 1,918 inmate's booked and released from the Aberdeen City Jail.

The Corrections Officers main job is to care for persons incarcerated in our jail. Duties include conducting the bookings and releases of the persons arrested, preparing meals following a structured meal plan, which costs the department about six dollars a day per inmate. The meals are purchased from the Washington State Department of Corrections. The Corrections staff is also responsible for inmate transports to the court, doctor's appointments, and other law enforcement agencies for transfers.

We have worked hard to resolve our jail staffing and, thanks to the support of the Mayor and City Council, we were able to get a pay increase for the Corrections Officer position that made us salary competitive with other jails of our size. Hopefully we will be successful with future applicants. The Corrections Officers job is a very difficult job and finding qualified applicants has been a challenge.

One of the issues that will continue to be a problem for the city will be "felony medical cost". Until 2015, the County paid for felony medical care from county taxes paid by all tax payers of the county. Now those costs are passed on to the cities. There is no way that we control or can determine the future medical needs of felony suspects. Unfortunately, most of these people do not request medical attention until they are in jail.

A big challenge in 2016 was the high number of arrested persons with mental health and drug related issues. Often they are victims of both tragic illnesses. Many of them require a single cell for their safety as well as the safety of other prisoners. They also require much more attention than the "normal" prisoner. This has been a huge issue in 2016 and will probably continue in 2017 unless the State of Washington decides to put more funding in Mental Health treatment.

Another big issue faced in 2016 was medical cost for persons arrested by our officers. Most if not all persons we arrest have no medical insurance or coverage and a good majority have health issues. State law requires that the arresting agencies pay those expenses. In 2016 we began working with SeaMar to get uninsured persons we arrest registered for medical insurance. We are not sure of the impact that will have on our medical cost, but we are hoping this makes a difference in out of pocket dollars.

In 2016 the department replaced our jail van with a newer used van from state surplus and had it retro fitted by local companies. They designed and built the interior seats and screens. We had them design the inside of the van so we could transport both male and female inmates at the same time to save multiple trips, which we had to make with the old van. This helped save both time and money when we have to go to the same destination.

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In 2016 the City of Aberdeen jail was reviewed by a nationally recognized expert. As a result we made some changes to our facility to reduce the opportunity for inmates to harm themselves while in our facility. We also updated some jail policies.

<u>Stats</u>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Booked	2,102	2,282	2,180	1,805	2,064	1,918
Medical Calls	22	17	41	34	22	94



School Resource Officer

On 11/07/16 Officer Bob Green took over the responsibilities of the School Resource Officer when Officer Ron Morella retired.

His primary responsibility was to establish a working relationship with the school district and the police department while maintaining and keeping a safe and healthy environment.

Since November, 7 he has visited and established contacts at the 7 different schools in the Aberdeen City limits. He is primarily located at the Aberdeen High School unless situations arise at other schools.

Officer Green has had over 30 student initiated contacts requesting information on various subjects including family and friend problems and other concerns to include harassment and domestic issues not reported.

He has submitted reports for prosecutorial review, including 1 drug possession charge and a sex offense. He also assisted in 4 agency assists, to include out of jurisdiction runaways and assisted the Aberdeen Fire Department on calls at the High School.

The School Resource Officer also assisted with 3 required drills at the Aberdeen High School. In one scenario APD Officers assisted in a lock down drill on 11-14-16 with a plain clothed Detective acting as a stranger in the building, Aberdeen Patrol Officers responded to clear the building. AHS staff and students performed well on the drill. The other 2 drills were in conjunction with the Aberdeen Fire Department evacuation drills.

The Aberdeen School District have expressed that they are very happy with the performance of Officer Green and especially appreciate his interaction with the students which has certainly influenced many students to have a more positive impression of police officers.



Officer Bob Green

Animal Control

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population 12/31/16	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	Cats	Dogs
January	19	10	1	1	0	0	6	5	11	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
February	11	23	0	1	0	0	6	9	1	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3
March	14	10	3	2	0	0	7	5	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
April	12	24	0	1	0	0	3	6	4	6	0	0	2	3	0	1	4	6
May	20	19	3	2	0	0	7	5	4	8	0	0	5	0	0	5	4	4
June	35	17	1	1	0	1	7	6	22	6	0	0	6	4	2	0	5	1
July	15	34	3	3	0	0	4	7	3	10	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	14
August	30	18	7	2	0	0	7	5	6	17	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	1
September	7	31	0	2	0	0	2	5	12	32	0	0	1	0	2	0	11	3
October	16	37	0	3	0	0	4	3	6	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	26	5
November	18	24	2	10	0	1	4	9	6	31	0	0	1	4	1	0	2	1
December	10	17	3	3	0	0	5	5	3	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
Total	207	264	23	31	0	2	62	70	84	145	0	0	27	14	6	9		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016						
January	0	0	0	0	8	7						
February	0	0	0	6	8	6						
March	0	0	4	1	8	10						
April	0	0	6	3	16	14						
May	2	0	3	2	5	9						
June	0	0	0	0	12	11						
July	0	1	3	1	17	5						
August	0	0	2	8	11	9						
September	0	0	1	6	14	6						
October	0	0	0	1	12	6						
November	0	2	6	3	3	5						
December	0	0	0	0	6	5						
Total	2	3	25	31	120	93						

Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
2015	2016	2015	2016
0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0
1	2	2	0
0	1	0	0
1	2	2	0
0	0	1	1
1	0	2	3
5	1	2	1
0	2	0	0
0	3	0	0
2	7	0	3
2	1	1	2
12	13	11	10

ACO Calls	
2015	2016
8	12
14	13
20	15
19	24
16	19
14	18
16	9
24	9
24	15
17	11
16	10
7	9
195	164

Shelter Phone Calls	
2015	2016
90	80
110	92
103	134
130	110
165	102
199	121
171	150
190	144
133	156
141	183
119	247
103	161
1654	1680

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 found animals, injured animals, etc. The Animal Control Officer patrols the city limits of Westport one day per week (per service contract). The Aberdeen Animal Shelter released 145 animals to other shelters in 2016.

Parking

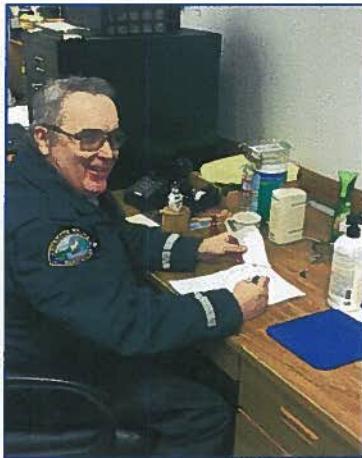
The Parking Enforcement Officer for Aberdeen is George Welch. George is known to all businesses downtown. The Parking Enforcement Officer patrols the downtown corridor looking for overtime parking violations, hazards, etc. He also travels throughout the city responding to parking complaints on city streets and works with owners of abandoned vehicles to get the vehicles removed from the city streets or private property. He also works with the Aberdeen's Code Enforcement Officer when requested to remove abandoned or junk vehicles.

The Parking Enforcement Officer also participates at the monthly Downtown Parking and Improvement District meetings helping him maintain an awareness of parking related issues that may be troublesome to our business community as well as maintaining a positive relationship.

His very positive attitude and desire to serve our community makes him one of our city's best Ambassadors'.

In 2016

Calls for service:	411
Warnings Citations:	375
Parking Citations:	273
Vehicle Impounds:	25
Vehicle Hulk Permits:	8
Parking Service Request:	375



Explorers

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. In 2016 our membership had 12 active post members which include 3 new recruits.

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' and Aberdeen Police Departments participation with 'Shop with a Cop'.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2016, logging in 130 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.

Additional hours volunteered:

Ride Alongs: 209.5 hrs.

Special Events: 49 hrs.

Call Out's to assist patrol: 6.5 hrs.

In July 2016, 7 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.



Officer
Gary Sexton
Explorer Advisor



Officer
Jeff Weiss
Explorer Advisor



Practicing for the 2016
Explorer Challenge

Investigations

The Investigation Section is part of the Aberdeen Police Department Operations Division. The section is responsible for conducting the follow-up investigations for felony crimes after the patrol division has completed a primary investigation. 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. The detectives are also assigned to other specialized units within the department and are responsible for employment background investigations, Varda Alarms, and other specialized assignments.

In 2016 there were several changes implemented. Lieutenant Kevin Darst took over in January as the Investigations Commander. The Investigations Sergeant position was eliminated and those duties were taken over by Lieutenant Darst. Detective Perkins started in January as the new detective assisting Detective Cox and Detective Weiss. Detective Steve Gonzalez is assigned to the Drug Task Force. Evidence Specialist Elaine Mortimeyer oversees all details of the evidence section.

In January, a new tracking procedure was implemented by Lt. Darst which utilized our Spillman Records system to track all cases assigned to the investigations section. In 2016, 694 cases were assigned to investigations of which: 261 cases were submitted to the Grays Harbor Prosecutor's Office for felony charges to be filed, 28 other cases were forwarded to other courts for prosecution, 15 cases were unfounded, 92 cases were closed by exceptional means, 209 cases were inactivated due to lack of evidence, and 77 cases are still active.

In 2016 the Aberdeen Police Department and area law enforcement agencies saw an increase in violent crimes associated to subjects claiming allegiance to various criminal street gangs. A new Gang Unit was started to combat this problem. The Gang Unit is responsible for assisting patrol officers and community needs in combating gang issues. The members of the unit receive a higher level of training and experience in identifying and dealing with potential gang members and their criminal organizations. The Aberdeen Police Department Gang Unit joined with other police agencies in our county to create a Multi-Agency Gang Unit to share information and to help each other combat this increasing problem. The Multi Agency Gang Unit consists of detectives, officers, and corrections personnel from The Aberdeen Police Department, Hoquiam Police Department, and Washington Department of Corrections and is led by Detective Perkins from the Aberdeen Police Department's Investigations Section. The Gang Unit is utilized to identify crimes that are committed in promotion of a criminal organization and to investigate and assist in successful prosecutions of suspected gang members and their related crimes.

A new program to track pawn shops and second hand stores was implemented in 2016. The program is called 'Leads on Line'. Leads Online is a technology service helping law enforcement catch criminals, while helping businesses reduce the hassles of reporting required by law. Leads operate and maintain an electronic reporting and criminal investigation system for receiving Data for the use of Law Enforcement Officials in their official duties. Leads acts in the capacity of an agent for such Law Enforcement Agencies for the purposes of collecting, maintaining and disseminating Data. This program should assist the Aberdeen Police Department in deterring and prosecuting the purchase and selling of stolen property.

2016 saw many positive changes and successes for the Investigations Section.

Evidence

In 2016, 2374 property and evidence items were received and processed, including 124 firearms and all related ammunition, 282 packages of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and miscellaneous pills.

The Aberdeen evidence room processes evidence created by Drug Task Force cases within our city limits. In 2016, 18 **Drug Task Force** cases generated 111 packages of evidence including \$34,877.20 seized cash.

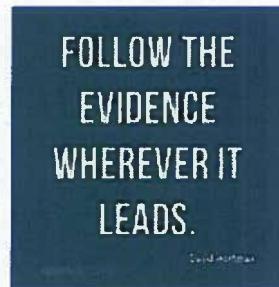
Hundreds of Aberdeen and Drug Task Force items were processed and packaged for the various state crime labs. The evidence section works with the APD Investigation section and prosecutor's office on these felony cases making sure that the evidence is handled within the rules established for evidence processing.

In 2016, we continued to participate with the "Bicycles from Heaven" program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 34 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program. The Aberdeen Police Department is proud to participate in this program that brings so much joy to the children receiving the restored bikes.

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 2016, we joined other Law Enforcement agencies for disposing of our unclaimed and forfeited property sent to auction at Johnny's Auction in Chehalis. This streamlined the auction process for many police departments statewide.

In 2015, a Standard Operating Procedures Manual was started for the Evidence Room. In 2016, a Manifest Manual was started. A Manifest Manual is a document that provides instructions and guidance on how an evidence room is legally operated. Both manuals are expected to be completed by February 28, 2017.



Drug Task Force

INVESTIGATIONS: 2016

Total Cases Opened	60
Total Cases Closed	59
Search Warrants	26
Knock and Talks	2
Arrests	35
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	25
DTO Cases (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	2
OCDETF Cases Adopted	1
Gang Task Force Cases	1

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER	TOTAL VALUE
			UNIT	
Cocaine	Grams	41.70	\$50	\$ 2,085.00
Heroin	Grams	1919.49	\$40	\$ 76,779.60
Methamphetamine	Grams	2981.43	\$80	\$ 238,514.40
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates/Oxy)	Dose/Unit	332.00	\$40	\$ 13,280.00
TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:				\$ 330,659.00

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF	FORFEITURES	VALUE OF
		SEIZURES		FORFEITURES
Vehicles	11	\$ 16,740.00	9	\$ 15,695.00
Firearms (no values are given to firearms)	12		6	
Currency	24	\$ 40,001.00	16	\$ 93,315.50
Miscellaneous Property	4	\$ 50.00	4	\$ 553.00
TOTALS:	51	\$ 56,791.00	35	\$ 109,563.50

Crisis Response Unit

For the calendar year of 2016, the Aberdeen Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 1,236 hours of training. The CRU Sniper/Observer teams conducted 368 hours of training. The CRU Negotiations team trained for a total of 82.5 hours in 2016.

The Aberdeen Regional CRU TRT is comprised of Officers from Aberdeen PD, Hoquiam PD, Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office, Cosmopolis PD and Montesano PD and the team trains monthly.

The CRU Sniper/Observer team is comprised of Aberdeen Officers and trains monthly.

The CRU Negotiations team is comprised of three Aberdeen Officers, one HPD Officer, three Grays Harbor County Deputies and one Montesano Officer. All Officers have graduated from the FBI Basic Hostage Negotiator Academy and train quarterly.

On 05/24/2016 the CRU TRT, the Negotiators and CRU Sniper teams were called out reference an intoxicated armed barricaded male at a residence in the 2700 block of Simpson, Hoquiam. The male subject had fired a shotgun into a neighbor's car several times and had refused to surrender to responding HPD units. Negotiators were able to contact the male who refused to surrender to them for several hours. At approximately 1400 hours, the subject attempted to re-barricade the door the CRU had breached. The subject still refused to comply with verbal commands, and started back into the house where the weapon was eventually found. The suspect was taken into custody using less lethal options, resulting in minor injuries, treated at GH Community Hospital and booked into the HPD Jail on felony charges.

On 08/12/2016 during the early morning hours, APD CRU Sniper/Observers and TRT assisted GHSO in apprehending an armed convicted felon in an investigation. GHSO Detectives had requested the CRU assist in apprehending the suspect when it was determined that the convicted felon was armed and had threatened members of the government and law enforcement. During the early morning hours of the 12th, CRU Snipers/Observers were in position observing the residence. CRU TRT arrived on scene shortly after and began to "hail" the suspect using the APD CRU MRAP loudspeaker. The suspect opened the door and upon seeing the CRU element immediately surrendered and was taken into custody peacefully. The suspect was booked into the GHSO County Jail on Felony charges.

On 09/21/2016 the TRT, Sniper Team and Negotiations team was called out to assist an armed barricaded suspect in a sex offense investigation in Grays Harbor County. Officers and Deputies had attempted to make entry to the house with a search warrant but backed out of the house after finding numerous firearms and a large amount of ammunition. After several hours, during the delivery of a "throw phone" for the negotiators, the TRT team made contact with the suspect and successfully took him into custody peacefully ending the standoff.

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On 11/21/2016, the CRU Tactical Response Team, the Negotiations Team and CRU Sniper Team were called out reference an armed barricaded assault suspect. When the CRU team arrived it was advised that the victim was deceased and the barricaded suspect was now a homicide suspect. Negotiations were attempted without success. After approximately a four hour standoff, CRU TRT Members entered the residence and made verbal contact with the suspect who was armed with a knife. The CRU TRT took the female safely into custody and ended the standoff peacefully. Thurston County SWAT assisted in searching the residence for additional subjects with a robot.



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Special Assignment

The Special Assignment Section is managed by Officer Wayne Schmidt. This Section is responsible for records keeping, report dissemination, entering and clearing warrants, wanted and missing persons, stolen property, concealed weapons license applications, answering incoming calls, manning the front window, IT management, and building maintenance.

There are 3 full-time Records Specialist, and one position shared with DTF.

Our three Records Specialists continue to do an amazing job day in and day out. They complete volumes of data entry including filing all reports submitted by our officers, court orders and warrants submitted by the courts and handling the numerous requests for public disclosure information, concealed pistol permits, firearms dealer permits, pistol transfers, and numerous other requests from citizens. Taking in to consideration that the records staff also talks to over 200 people per day at the counter or on the phone, you can see this 3 person staff is exceedingly busy

This year a new fiber network connection was established between the Aberdeen Police Department and the Grays Harbor Communication Center. This connection is vital for communication to 911 which include entering and clearing warrants, stolen property and missing persons.

The old connection was made through an Internet connection using "free ware" to establish a secure connection - which is required by CJIS. This has been a troublesome connection since being established several years ago. Our new connection is more secure and does not rely on the Internet or third party software.

This new network also played an important role in updating our MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) connection to our patrol cars; enabling them to take advantage of the recent upgrades at 911. With this new connection our patrol car MDTs are now in full CJIS compliance.

(CJIS – Criminal Justice Information Services, a Division of the U.S Department of Justice, governs network requirement for access to criminal history information)

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Concealed Pistol License	228	171	234	317
Public Records Request	1965	1911	2270	2285

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