

# ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



DAVE TIMMONS  
DEPUTY CHIEF

# Mission Statement



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## Message from the Deputy Chief

Honorable Mayor Erik Larson:

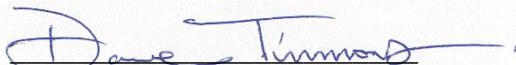
It is with pride that I submit to you and the Aberdeen City Council the 2017 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Police Department. When you view this information, it is important to recognize the extra effort, skills and abilities of the men and women that work in the Aberdeen Police Department.

As the Deputy Chief of Police and native citizen of Aberdeen, I feel that it is important that we set the example and be involved, as much as possible, within our community. My approach has been to try and build partnerships within the department and within the community at every opportunity, learning from officers and the residents what their priorities are, in order to define where resources should go. The key to solving problems to me is simple, the more you know who they, (the citizens including the homeless) are, and they know who we are, we will all respond to policing differently. Police Officers need to impact our community's lives in a positive way by being role models, and I see that from our officers on a daily basis. Whenever possible, we should look beyond the problem at hand and see if there is a root cause that we can give guidance to help solve the issue. We need to work hand in hand with the community as an integral part of the team. The Police cannot solve the community problems without the community's involvement and support.

This report was put together in collaboration 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 2017.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of our community for their continued support. I am grateful for the dedicated men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department. They are the people that work hard daily to provide a safe environment and improve the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors of Aberdeen.

Sincerely,



David F. Timmons  
Deputy Chief of Police

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## **Robert Torgerson**

### **Retired Chief of Police**

After serving 13 years as the Chief of Police for the Aberdeen Police Department, Robert Torgerson retired in June of 2017.

Chief Torgerson came to the Aberdeen Police Department as Chief of Police in 2004. He had 30 years of Law Enforcement experience in Iowa, giving him well over 40 years of combined Law Enforcement service at his retirement.

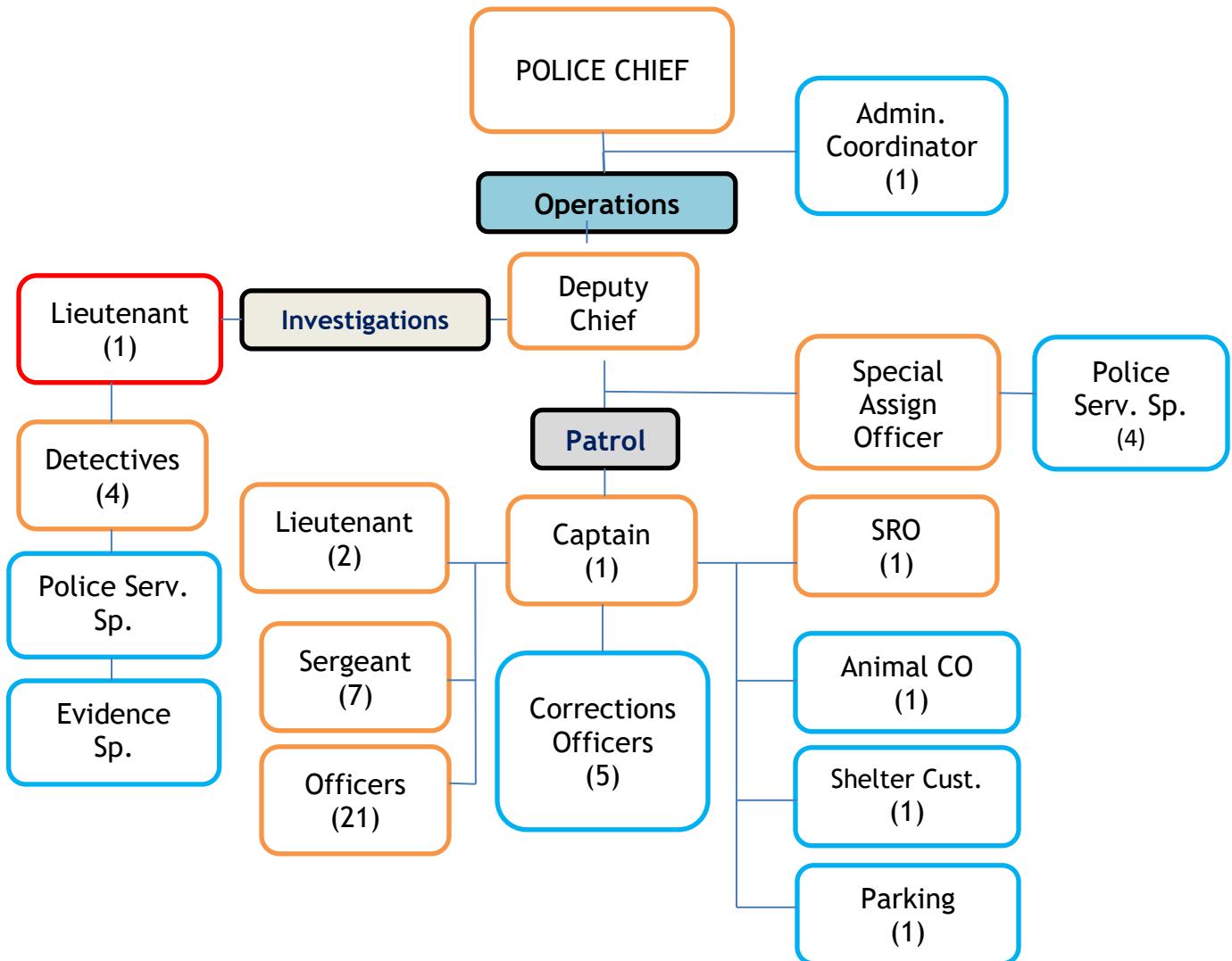
We wish Chief Torgerson good luck in his retirement; spending time between Washington's green forest and Arizona's warm sun with family and whatever new challenges await him.



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# Police Department - 2017



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**Aberdeen PD - Summary of Offense**

**For 1/01/2017 through 12/31/2017**

<b>NIBRS Offenses</b>	Attempt	Complete	Total	Arrest	Exception	Total Clear	Percent Cleared
<b>Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	1	58	59	14	0	14	23.73 %
Forcible Rape	0	12	12	4	0	4	33.33 %
Forcible Sodomy	0	3	3	2	0	2	66.67 %
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Forcible Fondling	1	43	44	8	0	8	18.18 %
<b>Robbery</b>	2	20	22	8	0	8	36.36 %
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	46	46	27	0	27	58.70 %
<b>Simple Assault</b>	0	286	286	172	0	172	60.14 %
<b>Intimidation</b>	0	59	59	25	0	25	42.37 %
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	1	3	4	0	0	0	0.00 %
Incest	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Statutory Rape	1	2	3	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Kidnapping</b>	0	1	1	1	0	1	100.00 %
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	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 %
<b>Burglary/Breaking And Entering</b>	4	121	125	30	0	30	24.00 %
<b>Arson</b>	0	6	6	2	0	2	33.33 %
<b>Larceny</b>	10	540	550	323	0	323	58.73 %
Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Purse-Snatching	0	6	6	2	0	2	33.33 %
Shoplifting	0	361	361	287	0	287	79.50 %
Theft From Building	0	38	38	5	0	5	13.16 %
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Theft From Motor Vehicles	8	57	65	8	0	8	12.31 %

Theft From Motor Vehicles Parts/Accessories	2	21	23	6	0	6	26.09 %
All Other Larceny	0	56	56	15	0	15	26.79 %
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6.45 %</b>
<b>Extortion/Blackmail</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Counterfeiting/Forgery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.69 %</b>
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.11 %</b>
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	6	6	1	0	1	16.67 %
Credit Card/Auto Teller Machine Fraud	0	19	19	1	0	1	5.26 %
Impersonation	0	9	9	1	0	1	11.11 %
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Wire fraud	1	1	2	0	0	0	0.00 %
Identity Theft	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Embezzlement</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Stolen Property Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>
<b>Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61.67 %</b>
<b>Drug/Narcotic Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>95.53 %</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0	119	119	111	0	111	93.28 %
Drug Equipment Violations	0	127	127	124	0	124	97.64 %
<b>Pornography/Obscene Material</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Gambling Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Prostitution Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Assist or Promote Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Violation of No Contact Order</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>55.28 %</b>
<b>Bribery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Weapon Law Violations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>76.19 %</b>
<b>Animal Cruelty</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50.00 %</b>

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## Patrol

The Aberdeen Police Patrol Section is the largest section within the Aberdeen Police Department. The Patrol Section is commanded by Captain Dave Johnson. The Patrol Section is then divided into two patrol teams; Blue and Gold. Lieutenant C.J. Chastain leads the Blue Team and Lieutenant Dale Green leads the Gold Team. In early March, both patrol lieutenants graduated from the Northwest Command College down in Vancouver. In May, Lieutenant Green completed his Middle Management Certification through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

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 rest of the patrol teams are comprised of police officers, for a total of 25 uniformed patrol officers assigned to provide around the clock police coverage.

In January Forrest Gonzalez was hired as a police officer. By December 28<sup>th</sup>, he had completed his academy and field training, and advanced to solo patrol duties. Officer Forrest Gonzalez is a second generation patrol officer assigned to the Gold Team, while his father, Officer Steve Gonzalez, is assigned to the Blue Team. In early July, Brandi Zieber and Tyler Wright were also hired as police officers with the increased 3/10's sales tax. At year end, both officers were wrapping up their formal education at the Washington State Criminal Justice Police Academy (in Burien, WA) and they graduated in early January 2018. They will be completing field training into April 2018 before advancing to solo patrol duties. An additional police officer will be hired in early 2018 (with the 3/10's funding) as the department moves toward implementation of the Street Crimes Unit in May. In the interim, police officers have been working overtime proactive enforcement details; targeting problematic areas of the community.

Throughout 2017, the uniformed patrol officers responded to approximately 38,550 calls for service. Due to a change from PRC to Spillman CAD at the Harbor Communications Center, the actual number of calls is very difficult to specifically define. The department generated Service Requests (SR's) for 30,752 calls for service, for an average of 84 calls per day. The average day had between 8 and 10 patrol officers working their staggered 11 hour shifts. The patrol section is also responsible for bicycle patrol, traffic enforcement, collision investigation and apprehension K9. The Aberdeen Police Department issued 2,332 traffic infractions and criminal citations during 2017. 54 civilian riders joined officers in the field by participating in the Aberdeen Police Department Ride-A-Long Program.

In February Officer Loren Neil was selected as the 2017 Grays Harbor #52 (F & AM) Masonic Lodge Aberdeen Police Officer of the Year. In April, Sergeant Darrin King was nominated for the 2016 Aberdeen Daily World Police Officer of the Year.

In June, the Patrol Section was able to upgrade our portable radio equipment when we acquired nearly 50 brand new Bendix King radios through surplus. Many officers have continued to utilize their existing equipment until end of life, enabling the department to bank the available resource. As equipment fails, the new radios will be issued for replacement.

In early September, a committee of officers (various different ranks and from different labor unions) began actively working to update the department's policy and procedures manual. The plan is to have the update manual completed in early 2018 so the department accreditation manager can move forward with updating our accreditation files and submit application through WASPC (Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs) for full reaccreditation.



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National Night Out 2017

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## K9 Patrol Team

Police Dog Titus completed his fifth and final 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 2017, Sergeant Timmons and K9 Titus completed 96 hours of additional training in the areas of: obedience, tracking, building searches and area searches. The K9 team also participated in training with the Aberdeen Regional Crisis Response Unit. The K9 teams total training hours to date is 942.25 hours. In addition to training, the team assisted in providing a K9 class for WSP and frequently interacted with the citizens within the City of Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Police K9 team continued to receive financial support from the Tamaki Foundation out of Seattle, WA.

The K9 team was applied on 18 incidents in 2017, but was a preventive measure in many other incidents where suspects complied because of Titus' presence.



## Traffic

The Aberdeen Police Department Traffic Unit is an integral part of the Patrol Section. It is currently staffed by Ofc. George Kelley, whose primary duties are patrol. Officer Kelley is also a certified Police Motorcycle Operator and is frequently seen operating the Aberdeen Police motorcycle around Aberdeen.

This unit is responsible for an increased Police presence related to traffic issues. These issues may include 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, the Aberdeen Police utilizes a JAMAR radar traffic counter. The JAMAR radar traffic counter is utilized extensively throughout Aberdeen to assist the Police Department with determining traffic count data, such as average speeds of vehicles, volume of traffic and best times for enforcement. With this data, Ofc. Kelley is able to plan for increased officer presence and enforcement of speeding violations to increase the safety of the roadways.

In 2017 the Aberdeen Police Department responded to approximately 880 reported collisions. These included minor bumper collisions in parking lots, hit and run reports to major collisions on the city streets. Of the 880 reported collisions, 138 involved injuries. There were also three collisions with fatalities.

In 2017 there were over 1014 tickets written for RCW 46 violations. This includes speeding, no insurance, cell phone use while driving, stop sign/stop light violations, driving while under the influence of intoxicants and driving while license suspended.

In total, there were 19 persons arrested for Driving while under the influence of intoxicants, and 257 citations issued for driving while license suspended.

The Aberdeen Police Department also participates in the frequent traffic emphasis patrols conducted countywide in Grays Harbor. This includes seat belt, speeds, DUI, and using personal electronic device while driving.

The Aberdeen Police Department continues its mission of improving safety for the motoring public with its proactive approach to traffic violation enforcement.



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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 six full time Corrections Officers who are state certified through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. Each of the corrections Officers is trained and certified in First Aid, CPR, Defensive Tactics, the X-26P Taser, the use of OC spray, and EVOC driving. During the 2017 year there were (2034) inmate's booked and released from the Aberdeen City Jail.

The Core function of the corrections officers in the jail is the care and custody of the incarcerated persons. The duties include conducting the booking and releases of the subjects arrested, preparing the meals, transports to the court, doctor's appointments, Mental Health appointments, other law enforcement agencies for transfers and the issuing of medications to the inmates while they are incarcerated in the jail.

In January we hired Zack Williams as part of the correctional staff in the jail.

In March we also hired Dillion Mitchell as a Correctional Officer who was a longtime member of the Aberdeen Police Department Explorer program. We also had C/O Stueffen graduate from the Corrections Officer Basic Academy in Burien. The corrections staff also began Relias training online for corrections.

Then in May of 2017 we were contacted by the Washington State Department of Corrections correctional industries who supplies the food for the jail and were informed that the water supply that DOC used for preparing the meals was contaminated in Airway Heights. We had to throw away (645) meals which included breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals. All the meals that were disposed of by the department were reimbursed by the Department of Correction. While we were waiting for the meal program to restart we purchased TV dinners from local grocery stores and served those to the inmates.

A major concern that we see in the jail is the rising number of people that require medical attention while in the jail. In 2018 we began contracting for in-house Medical Staffing with Grays Harbor Community Hospital.

Also in 2017 the jail has been working with Aberdeen court and other agencies in the county to help the subjects with mental health problems that are brought into the jail get the help they need to keep them out of the local jails and better themselves.

In December a water leak in the area above the laundry room caused damage to the ceiling that has yet to be repaired.

We also purchased a new finger print machine. The old machine failed and was not able to be repaired due to its age.

Stats	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Booked	2,180	1,805	2,064	1,918	2,034
Medical Calls	41	34	22	94	69

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## School Resource Office

The primary goal of a School Resource Officer (SRO) is to foster a positive image of police officers among young people. A School Resource Officer's daily contacts are powerful – the SRO is not only a protector and provider of safety, but a role model for many kids who sometimes have no other positive role models in their lives. I work hard to be a very positive role model for kids in our school district.

One program I started was to visit different grade schools during their lunch recesses to help build rapport with the younger kids. This began as an idea to build relationships with a boy that was having behavior problems at his school. I was able to build a successful relationship with this young man and his behavior improved dramatically. Another benefit was this boy made new friends at school because other kids wanted to meet Officer Green too and this boy was the conduit. I realized this was popular among the students and have since been visiting all of the Grade Schools in the Aberdeen area, building similar relationships with students.

School Resource Officers are contacted by students, not only because of their convenience, but also because of the relationship they have built based on respect and trust. During these contacts, I can be told of any number of impending issues faced by these students.

### **SUMMARY OF CALL TYPES RESPONDED TO IN 2017**

#### **Aberdeen High School:**

13 calls for service, with 4 forwarded to the Prosecutors Office.

- 1 sex offense.
- 1 abuse complaint.
- 1 possession of marijuana.
- 1 assault complaint.

There were numerous juvenile problems and disorderly complaints that I assisted with at the school. These problems were dealt with through the school. There were also 2 trespass complaints reference transients on the property, with one of these let into the building by a student.

#### **Harbor High School:**

2 calls for service.

- 1 sex offense (happened in Oregon).
- 1 warrant information.

#### **AJ West Elementary:**

3 calls for service.

- All calls were to assist staff with disorderly students.

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## **Miller Jr. High**

5 calls for service.

- 1 Liquor violation.
- 1 possession of marijuana.
- 2 disorderly juvenile complaints.
- 1 trespassing complaint. This was 2 tents on the property by Pioneer Park.

## **Stevens Elementary**

1 call for service

- 1 suspicious person complaint. This was a transient seen on camera at night.

As a footnote I finished up with the High School football team's 2017 season as the Defensive Line Coach. This was a very good experience and a great rapport building with the High School and Jr. High aged kids. This experience for me was very satisfying and I am planning on doing this again next year. With me being a football coach, I believe it makes me more approachable for other students. With this being said, I have been approached by numerous students both male and female for questions about family issues, which has led to me helping counsel different situations. I have even sat in on discussions with students about world problems or perceptions between the police and public in general. This has led to more contact with students who find out that I am very approachable and am willing to talk about a variety of subject matter. I am now getting involved with the criminal justice class at the high school. I am starting to go in and sit in on different class discussions, and am going to assist them in putting together field trips to the 911 dispatch center and to the Aberdeen Police Department.

## **School Drills:**

In March 2017 I assisted with Multi-Agency Active Shooter training at the Aberdeen High School. We presented information on A.L.I.C.E. We conducted presentations for faculty and students at the same time. The students were brought into the auditorium for their presentation and the faculty and staff were given their presentation in the cafeteria commons and also assisted with numerous required drills with the Aberdeen School District; most of these were done at the High School.



**Robert Green - School Resource Officer**

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## Animal Control

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen and 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 117 animals to other shelters and rescues in 2017.

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized		Euthanized		Population	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	Cats	Dogs
January	10	22	1	1	0	0	5	8	2	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
February	23	7	1	1	0	1	9	3	9	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
March	10	18	2	2	0	0	5	8	5	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1
April	24	8	1	0	0	0	6	8	6	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
May	19	9	2	0	0	1	5	3	8	3	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	3
June	17	23	1	1	0	1	7	11	6	7	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	1
July	34	30	3	1	0	0	6	4	10	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	3
August	18	24	2	3	0	0	5	3	17	33	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4
September	31	31	2	3	0	1	5	6	32	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2
October	37	17	3	4	0	0	3	15	9	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	1
November	24	20	10	2	0	0	9	3	31	17	0	0	4	3	0	0	1,2 CK	7,1 DK
December	17	14	3	6	0	2	5	2	10	17	0	0	0	4	0	0	6	1
Total	264	223	31	24	0	6	70	74	145	117	0	3	14	16	9	0		

	Criminal		Notice of		Written		Adopted		Adopted		ACO		Shelter		Phone	
	Citation		Infraction		Warning		Cats		Dogs		Calls		Calls		Calls	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
January	0	0	0	1	7	4	1	0	1	1	12	9	80	150		
February	0	0	6	5	6	5	1	0	0	1	13	8	92	154		
March	0	0	1	2	10	6	2	0	0	2	15	16	134	172		
April	0	0	3	0	14	4	1	0	0	0	24	24	110	165		
May	0	0	2	4	9	14	2	0	0	0	19	23	102	158		
June	0	1	0	1	11	10	0	0	1	1	18	23	121	247		
July	1	0	1	2	5	8	0	0	3	1	9	17	150	215		
August	0	0	8	10	9	16	1	2	1	1	9	33	144	230		
September	0	3	6	9	6	9	2	1	0	2	15	25	156	218		
October	0	0	1	11	6	11	3	0	0	4	11	15	183	181		
November	2	1	3	6	5	4	7	0	3	2	10	19	247	170		
December	0	0	0	3	5	9	1	4	2	2	9	6	161	172		
Total	3	5	31	54	93	100	21	7	11	17	164	218	1680	2232		

## Parking

The Parking Enforcement Officer for Aberdeen is George Welch. Officer Welch spends most of his day on foot patrolling the downtown corridor checking for overtime vehicles, illegally parked vehicles and other vehicle violations. He works with owners of abandoned vehicles, as well as having hulk vehicles removed from private property. When necessary, he testifies in court. In addition, he responds to citizen's vehicle complaints. Officer Welch also attends the monthly downtown meetings.

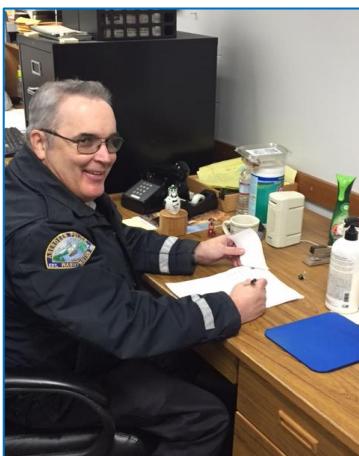
Officer Welch keeps the citizens of Aberdeen informed of parking ordinances and parking safety.

When hazardous conditions occur, he alerts the correct departments.

Officer Welch helps keep our citizens safe while maintaining a great rapport with the citizens of Aberdeen. With his friendly personality, he is recognized to be one of our cities best Ambassadors.

### 2016 2017

Calls for service:	411	485
Warnings Citations:	375	208
Parking Citations:	273	316
Vehicle Impounds:	25	58
Vehicle Hulk Permits:	8	2



## Explorers

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults 15 ½ to 20 years of age. We ended 2017 with seven active members.

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.

This year we were honored to have our Post Lieutenant Brendan King selected to attend the National Explorer Leadership Academy. Lt. King was one of 150 Explorers selected nationwide to attend one of the five academy training sites. Lt. King was sent to the US Border Patrol Academy in New Mexico, where he spent a week learning/developing his leadership skills. This was a great honor for Lt. King, our post and our department.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2017, logging in 179 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: 107 hours

Special Events: 24 hours

This year our post hosted the second annual golf tournament. We raised over \$5000 for our post. With some of the funds raised we were able to purchase new waterproof coats marked with reflective Explorer markings.

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. Our post won first and third place in the domestic violence scenario, third place in the four-person high risk traffic stop scenario and third place in the marksman shooting team category. 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

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## 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 all serious crimes within the city limits of Aberdeen, and 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, Sex Crimes, Arsons, Pawns and other specialized assignments.

In 2017, Lieutenant Kevin Darst continues as the Investigations Commander. Detective Cox, Detective Weiss and Detective Perkinson are the three detectives assigned to the Investigations Section. Evidence Specialist Elaine Mortimeyer oversaw all details of the evidence section. We still have a part time Investigations Secretary who works 16 hours per week.

Investigations are still utilizing the new tracking procedure that was implemented by Lt. Darst in 2016 which utilized our Spillman Records system to track all cases assigned to the investigations section. The following is a comparison of 2016 and 2017.

Category	2017	2016
Total Felony Cases	739	694
Submitted to GH Prosecutors Office	337	261
Closed Exceptional Means	100	92
Submitted to AMC Court	16	28
Unfounded Cases	19	15
Inactivated Cases	225	219
Active cases carried over	30	77
Misc	12	2

In 2017 the Aberdeen Police Department continues to participate in the Multy-Agency Gang Unit that was established in 2016. 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 has 10 members and 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 and is overseen by 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. In 2017, the Gang Unit identified 45 incidents that involved gang members and/or gang activity. These incidents involved drug related crimes, fights, property damage, assaults and other violent crimes to include robberies and assaults with deadly weapons.

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A new program to track pawn shops and second hand stores was implemented in 2016 and is continuing to be utilized in 2018. 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 operates and maintains 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.

The Aberdeen Police Department joined with the Hoquiam Police Department and the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office to purchase a state of the art FARO Scanner. This equipment will allow digital photograph and scans of any type of crime scene to create a 3D visualization of the scene. This will give better visual evidence for all of our major crimes. Training was conducted in December of 2017 and two officers from each agency were trained on the use of the equipment.

## Evidence

During the year, approximately 2373 property and evidence items were received and processed. This amount includes 87 firearms received and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 2373 includes 302 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 16 cases from 2017, which totaled 39 packages. The Evidence Room also stored \$8,702.00 seized cash from the DTF.

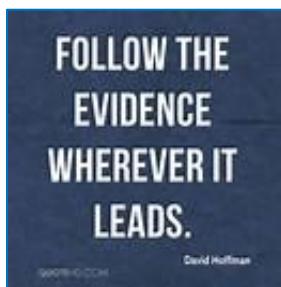
Hundreds of Aberdeen and Drug Task Force items were processed and packaged for the various state crime labs. The evidence section works with the APD Investigation section and prosecutor's office on these felony cases.

In 2017, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 31 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program.

Our ongoing purging process continued with 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 2017, we continued to collaborate with other police agencies purging auction items, using Johnny's Auction and Chehalis Livestock Auction. These auction houses streamline the auction process for many police departments statewide.

On February 28, 2017, a Standard Operating Procedures Manual and Manifest for the Evidence Room were completed. They are currently awaiting approval.



# Drug Task Force

## 2017 DTF CASE SUMMARY

### INVESTIGATIONS:

Total Cases Opened	112
Total Cases Closed	101
Search Warrants	86
Knock and Talks	10
Arrests	89
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	19
Marijuana Indoor Grow Sites	64
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	2
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	2

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER		TOTAL VALUE
			UNIT	UNIT	
Cocaine	Grams	278.40	\$50	\$	13,920.00
Marijuana	Plants	39758.00	\$1,500	\$	59,637,000.00
**PROCESSED MARIJUANA TOTAL NOT FIGURED YET	Pounds	0.00	\$3,000	\$	-
Heroin	Grams	155.35	\$40	\$	6,214.00
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	1653.50	\$80	\$	132,280.00
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates)	Dose/Unit	834.00	\$40	\$	33,360.00
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates)	Grams				
<b>TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:</b>					<b>\$ 59,822,774.00</b>

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF		VALUE OF
		SEIZURES	FORFEITURES	
Real Property	40	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vessels	2	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vehicles	55		16	\$ 22,728.60
Firearms (NO VALUE GIVEN TO FIREARMS)	20	\$ -	2	\$ -
Currency	*	\$ 655,983.87		\$ 95,450.45
Miscellaneous Property	*	\$ -	10	\$ 373.25
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>\$ 546,650.97</b>		<b>\$ 118,552.30</b>

\*Due to the amount of civil seizures done during the recent large illegal marijuana grow operation, the total amount of miscellaneous property is not totalled yet and the total currency amount is approximate.

## Crisis Response Unit

For the calendar year of 2017, the Aberdeen Police Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 1235.5 hours of training time. The CRU Sniper Team conducted 320 hours of training time. The Crisis Negotiators conducted 165 hours of training time.

The CRU TRT is comprised of Officers from APD, HPD, Cosmopolis PD, Monte PD and GHSO. The TRT trains in all weather conditions at various hours once a month for 8 hours. When able the entire team trains together however due to work schedules, the training is usually split into two days. The team places an emphasis on shooting and qualifies four times a year in various qualification courses with duty weapons, to include; pistols, rifles and less lethal options. In 2017 the team participated in two scenarios for training days. One in Grayland at Washington State Parks property and one at Stafford Creek in cooperation with the Washington State Correction SW Regional Team. The team also conducted two training days with a DEA Rifle Instructor. The class was provided at no cost to the team and focused on primarily rifle instruction with an emphasis on non-conventional shooting positions.

The Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) usually responds with the Tactical Teams to callouts; as a peaceful resolution is always the CRU Team's ultimate goal. The CNT however, does not train as often as the tactical teams. Having the gear in proper working order and practicing proven negotiations skills is what most of the training entails. Our Negotiators' motto is, "When others are at their worst, we must be at our best."

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 an Elma area bank was robbed. The suspect was eventually taken into custody. On 07/21/2017 four members of the CRU TRT responded to the Elma area and conducted an evidence track near where the suspect was taken into custody. The members found evidence pertinent to the case and turned it over to investigators.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the CRU Tactical Response Team, the Crisis Negotiations Team and Sharpshooter Team were called out reference a suicidal female barricaded in a vehicle on a beach in Grayland. Deputies and Officers on scene, to include CRU Negotiators, heard a shot possibly coming from the vehicle and did not feel it was safe to approach. Due to the location of the vehicle parked near the surf, CRU was not able to utilize the MRAP Armored vehicle. CRU members approached on foot and when able confirmed the subject was deceased keeping the Deputies and Officers from going into harms way.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 CRU was called out to conduct an area search for a shooting suspect after a vehicle pursuit initiated by APD patrol. The suspect was last seen running toward/into the area near the river camp. CRU cleared the area safely while patrol officers contained the area. CRU units were able to determine that the wanted subject was not in the area. Investigations later determined that the shooting suspect was not involved in the pursuit and the suspects were identified.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 CRU was called out reference a barricaded subject involved in an officer involved shooting in Ocean Shores. The CRU assembled at APD and were in route when the subject was taken into custody, resulting in minor but non-life-threatening injuries. Two CRU members were directly involved in taking the suspect into custody while waiting for the team to arrive.

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On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 GHSO requested Negotiators to assist with an incident in their jurisdiction between the city limits of Aberdeen and Westport involving an intoxicated male who barricaded himself inside his ex-girlfriend's residence, arming himself with a gun and threatening to shoot at officers. Negotiators were able to peacefully resolve the issue and the male was taken into custody without incident on numerous charges.

CRU members were also involved in serving various warrants with local and out of the area Officers for Operation Green Jade during the months of November and December 2017.



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## Special Assignment

Officer Wayne Schmidt manages the Special Assignment Section. He supervises 4 Records Specialists and is also the Public Records Officer, Information Technology Administrator and is responsible for facility maintenance.

This year Office Schmidt was very involved in the City-wide phone and computer network upgrade. This upgrade allowed for the City's aging phone system to be replaced with a state of the art VoIP system and will eventually allow for all City computers to be interconnected into one network. The new network will facilitate sharing of information between city departments, dependable Internet connection, the ability to enforce network security and safer storage of vital data.

Police Services provide support services to all sections of the Department as well as many other tasks necessary for the day to day operations of the Aberdeen Police Department. The Records Specialists do an amazing job of managing the endless request for their time and talents. They are responsible for the data entry of warrants, stolen property, missing persons, Court orders and more into Spillman (our Records Management System), NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and WACIC (Washington Crime Information Center). This is done through the State ACCESS system. Entering data into ACCESS requires specialized on-going training and Certification – All APD Records Specialists meet these requirements.

As well as managing electronic data through the above systems, our Records Specialists are also responsible for managing the thousands of pages of paper documents that come through the Aberdeen Police Department.

Statistics	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Concealed Pistol License	228	171	234	317	249
Public Records Request	1965	1911	2270	2285	2143

Building maintenance is becoming more and more of an issue as our building ages. We are experiencing water pipe leaks; one leak in our Records Archive room that leaked directly over our archived reports. Roof leaks in our evidence room that have been repaired several times still continue to leak. Plumbing issues including toilets overflowing causing flooding to carpeted areas, and the continued sinking of our Patrol car parking area. These and other similar problems are only expected to increase as this building gets older.



Evidence room – still leaking after several repairs



Laundry room – waiting to dry before repairing ceiling



Wet reports from leak in Records Archive room