

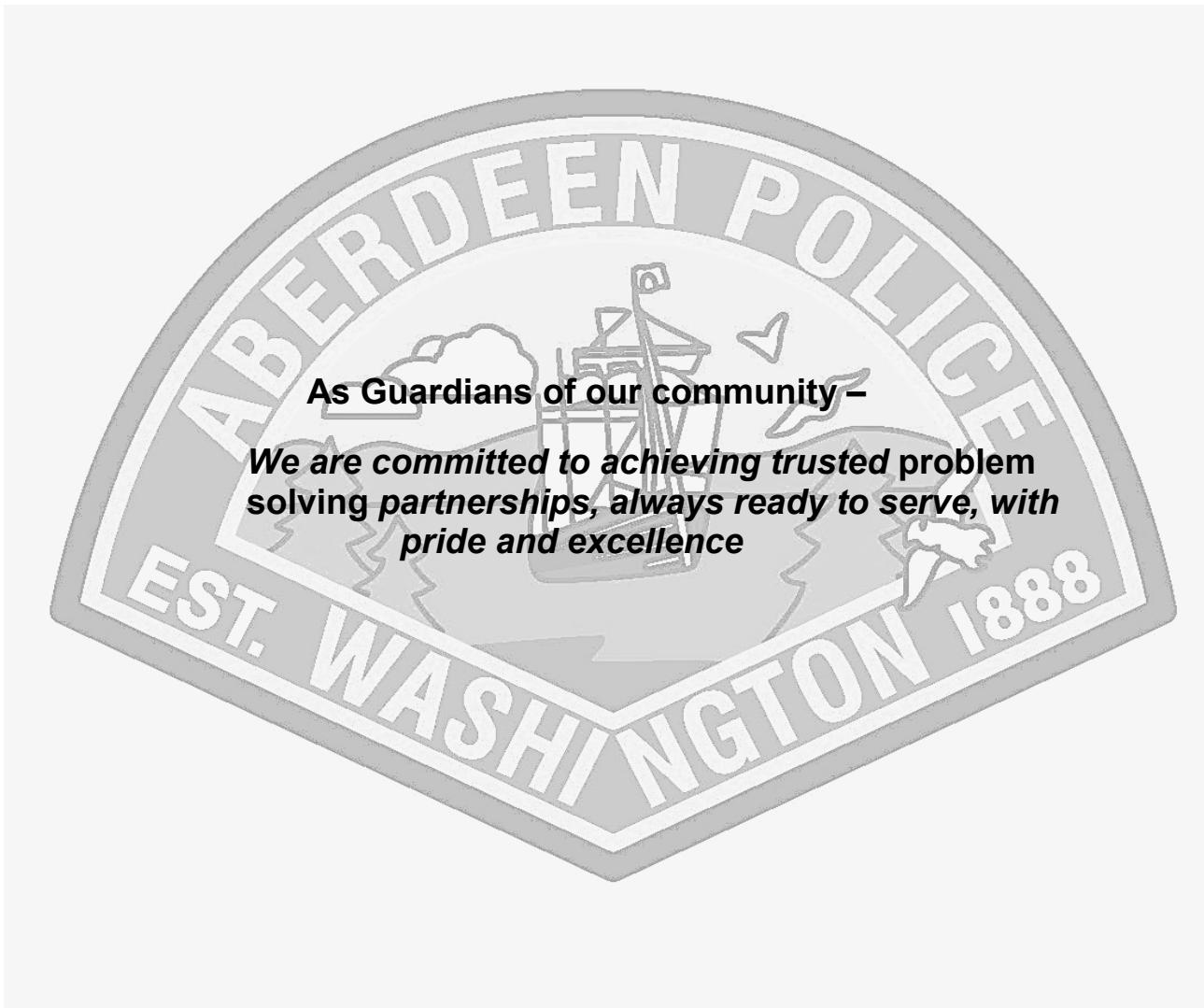
# 2018

## **ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT** **Annual Report**

**Steve Shumate**  
**Chief of Police**

**POLICE**  
**CITY OF ABERDEEN**

## Mission Statement



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## Message from the Chief

Honorable Mayor Erik Larson:

It is my pleasure to submit the 2018 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Police Department. In this report, we will provide a number of year-end statistics, details regarding services provided by our organization, and information highlighting the great work of our team members working in partnership with the community. Our organization is made up of highly skilled, committed professionals who take pride in serving the public. We truly appreciate the strong support we receive from our community, elected officials, and fellow city employees. I am proud of the men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department and I feel fortunate to serve alongside them.

2018 was truly a transitional year for us. We saw the retirements or departures of several department members. Those members included TJ Millard, Jon Hudson, Casey Wagonblast, Ryan Spencer, Forrest Gonzalez, and Monte Glaser. We also experienced the untimely passing of our Animal Control Officer Mike Roble. His passing was unexpected and difficult for our APD family.

However, we also saw the additions of Officers Dillion Mitchell, Nathan Nussbaum, Jesus Martinez, Jackie Mitchell, Nathan Raffelson, Natalie Zieber, and Shawn Lock. And of course, it was truly a pleasure for me to have been hired in July to serve as the new Police Chief. A total of 7 departures but 8 new hires had occurred in 2018.

Many changes occurred in the last half of the year. Deputy Chief Dave Timmons was instrumental in helping organize the first ever West County Citizen's Academy that started in January of 2019. Captain Dave Johnson was instrumental in overseeing the implementation of our new department wide evaluation system. We saw the change of the Corrections Officer positions to the Public Services Officer (PSO) positions. Not only will our PSO's be better trained and equipped, they will also be able to provide more assistance to Patrol when this model is up and functioning. Additionally, we changed our Animal Control Officer (ACO) position to include limited code enforcement responsibilities. This position will also be armed once the training has occurred with our new ACO Kris Sidor.

Other changes that occurred included: Lieutenant Kevin Darst was reassigned to oversee jail operations. He will be working to develop a new operations manual as well as a new training program for the jail. Lieutenant's CJ Chastain and Dale Green both took on the Public Information Officer duties and did a great job at improving our community engagement. We also added the Detective Sergeant position effective 10/01/2018. Sgt. Andy Snodgrass was selected to fill that role and has done an exceptional job.

In September, we started the exhaustive process of updating our records management system for the department to better track criminal investigations. Special Services Supervisor Wayne Schmidt and Sgt. Ross Lampky were instrumental in helping develop those changes. This system should be completed by mid-2019. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

In October, we had several law enforcement officials from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) conduct an assessment of the department. The program known as the Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP) conducted a review of our agency and submitted a report with over 100 recommendations for the department. We have been working hard on a number of those recommendations and will continue to do so into 2019. Ultimately, we plan on being an accredited law enforcement agency once again.

The various changes during 2018 have been very challenging to several members of the department however I believe we have met these challenges with enthusiasm. I am very proud of how hard our department members have worked to make our agency more responsive to the needs of the citizens we serve.

Many great things continue to happen in 2019. We co-hosted the first ever West County Citizen's Academy with a collaborative effort by Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis Police Departments. Following the citizen's academy, we will restart our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program which will include Citizens Patrol. Additionally, I have had the pleasure of speaking to many citizens who have a desire to start/restart their Neighborhood Block Watch programs that will be affiliated with the police department. Community Engagement is of paramount importance as we work in partnership with the citizens and business owners of our community. I appreciate those department members who already expressed a desire to help with this very important endeavor.

Many changes occurred in 2018 and more will follow in 2019. I truly appreciate the dedicated men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department and look forward to working alongside them as we move forward to accomplish our many goals.

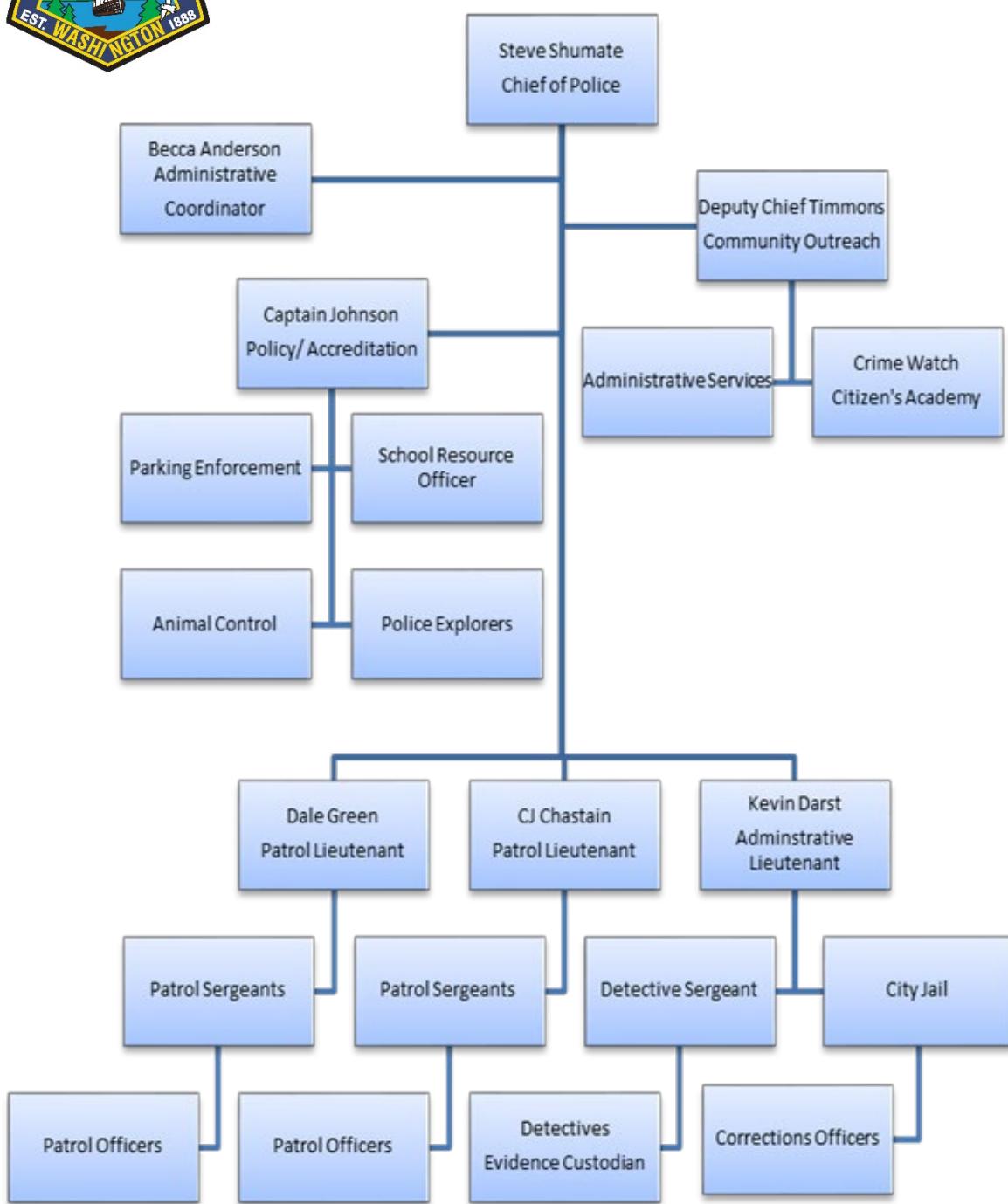
I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of our community for their continued support of the Aberdeen Police Department. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Aberdeen.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Shumate  
Chief of Police

## **ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Chain of Command Chart***



*Steve Shumate, Chief of Police: September 2018*

**Aberdeen PD - Summary of Offense**

For 01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018

<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	45	46	11	0	11	23.91 %
Forcible Rape	0	15	15	4	0	4	26.67 %
Forcible Sodomy	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Forcible Fondling	1	29	30	7	0	7	23.33 %
<b>Robbery</b>	1	15	16	4	0	4	25.00 %
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	55	55	29	0	29	52.73 %
<b>Simple Assault</b>	0	305	305	172	0	172	56.39 %
<b>Intimidation</b>	0	39	39	21	0	21	53.85 %
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Statutory Rape	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Kidnapping</b>	1	2	3	1	0	1	33.33 %
<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>	1	159	160	39	0	39	24.38 %
<b>Arson</b>	0	3	3	2	0	2	66.67 %
<b>Larceny</b>	4	615	619	381	0	381	61.55 %
Pocket-Picking	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
Purse-Snatching	0	13	13	1	0	1	7.69 %
Shoplifting	0	425	425	342	0	342	80.47 %
Theft From Building	0	38	38	4	0	4	10.53 %
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.00 %
Theft From Motor Vehicles	3	46	49	15	0	15	30.61 %
Theft From Motor Vehicles Parts/ Accessories	1	22	23	2	0	2	8.70 %
All Other Larceny	0	68	68	17	0	17	25.00 %
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	62	62	4	0	4	6.45 %
<b>Extortion/Blackmail</b>	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Counterfeiting/Forgery</b>	0	23	23	4	0	4	17.39 %
<b>Fraud</b>	0	31	31	4	0	4	12.90 %
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0	7	7	1	0	1	14.29 %
Credit Card/Auto Teller Machine Fraud	0	18	18	2	0	2	11.11 %
Impersonation	0	4	4	1	0	1	25.00 %
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Wire fraud	0	1	1	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>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Stolen Property Offenses</b>	0	22	22	17	0	17	77.27 %
<b>Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property</b>	0	112	112	68	0	68	60.71 %
<b>Drug/Narcotic Offenses</b>	0	263	263	237	0	237	90.11 %
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0	117	117	98	0	98	83.76 %
Drug Equipment Violations	0	146	146	139	0	139	95.21 %
<b>Pornography/Obscene Material</b>	0	2	2	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Gambling Offenses</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Prostitution Offenses</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
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>	0	125	125	79	0	79	63.20 %
<b>Bribery</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Weapon Law Violations</b>	0	24	24	17	0	17	70.83 %
<b>Animal Cruelty</b>	0	3	3	1	0	1	33.33 %
Animal Cruelty	0	3	3	1	0	1	33.33 %

## STATS (continued)

### GRAYS HARBOR COMMUNICATIONS YEARLY STATISTICS

Information is current as of 1/31/2019

POLICE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aberdeen PD	27,912	24,030	27,425	27,620	26,390	27,791	29,284	27,570	28,451	2,288
Cosmopolis PD	1,555	2,080	2,044	1,804	2,228	2,644	3,327	2,374	2,154	193
Chehalis Tribe PD	1,962	2,257	2,638	2,285	2,536	2,626	3,125	3,351	3,210	4
Elma PD	4,518	4,530	3,881	3,893	4,268	4,535	4,614	4,054	3,751	338
GHC Sheriff	22,449	20,382	19,597	19,613	19,271	24,107	22,954	19,353	19,161	1,710
Hoquiam PD	16,903	16,966	15,425	14,871	14,441	14,079	15,266	13,271	12,995	1,127
McCleary PD	2,051	1,796	2,297	2,267	1,677	1,826	1,926	1,824	3,872	452
Montesano PD	4,002	4,569	3,885	3,745	3,196	3,431	3,123	2,721	2,701	228
Oakville PD (covered by GHSO)	446	385	452	447	434	394	382	0	0	0
Ocean Shores PD	8,436	9,936	9,369	9,013	7,901	8,044	8,750	9,076	9,880	760
OTHER (WSP, etc.)	8,348	8,354	8,628	8,558	8,218	8,185	8,002	3,624	3,098	208
Quinalt Nation PD (4/1/19)										2
Westport PD	2,881	2,428	2,648	2,538	3,493	4,886	4,780	4,114	3,904	367
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>101,463</b>	<b>97,713</b>	<b>98,289</b>	<b>96,654</b>	<b>94,053</b>	<b>102,548</b>	<b>105,513</b>	<b>91,332</b>	<b>93,177</b>	<b>7,677</b>

Stats courtesy of Gray Harbor 911 Communications



## PATROL

The Aberdeen Police Patrol Section is the largest section within the Aberdeen Police Department, and falls within the Criminal Division. The Patrol Section is divided into two patrol teams; Gold and Blue. Lieutenant Dale Green leads the Gold Team and Lieutenant C.J. Chastain leads the Blue Team.

The patrol teams work a four day on, four day off schedule with 11 hour shifts. The Gold Team has two patrol sergeants and the Blue Team has 3 patrol sergeants to supervise patrol officers. There are a total of 24 patrol officers assigned to provide around the clock police coverage. The Aberdeen Police Department responded to 33,073 calls for service in 2018. 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. Aberdeen Police Officers issued 2,421 citations and infractions in 2018. 86 civilian riders joined officers in the field by participating in the Aberdeen Police Department's Ride-Along Program.

In January, numerous officers attended the funeral for Pierce County Deputy Daniel McCartney, who was murdered in the line of duty. Deputy McCartney worked previously at the Hoquiam Police Department for six years, and was an operator with the Aberdeen Regional Crisis Response Unit until he moved to Pierce County.

Also in January, Sergeant Steve Timmons retired his apprehension K9, Police Dog "Titus". Sergeant Timmons had been the apprehension dog handler for the previous 13 years. Officer Chad Pearsall was selected to replace Sergeant Timmons as apprehension K9 officer in January 2019. Officer Pearsall and Police Dog "Ronin" will be certified in the spring of 2019.

In April 2018, Aberdeen Police Officers were issued and trained on the use of nasal NARCAN to combat opioid overdoses. Officers have used NARCAN seven times in 2018 on subjects who were in respiratory distress from drug overdose.



In November, officers were involved in the arrest of a suspect who allegedly just murdered his mother. The armed subject came out of the residence at officers, who shot at the subject along with utilizing multiple Tasers. It was the first officer involved shooting of a subject since April 1980.

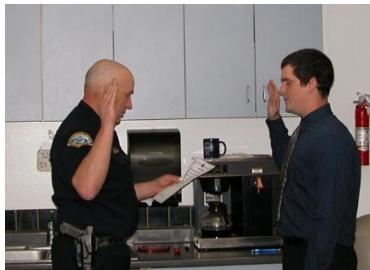
In February (2019) Detective Jason Perkinson was selected by the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission as the "Top Performer" for Region 2 for the 2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Campaign.

Sergeant Casey Wagonblast and Officers Jon Hudson and Monte Glaser retired in 2018. They had nearly 90 years of combined service to the city of Aberdeen. In June, new police officers Dillon

## PATROL (continued)

Mitchell and Nathan Nussbaum were hired and graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on November 1. In August, new police officers Jackie Mitchell and Jesus Martinez were hired. Officer J. Mitchell was a lateral from the Cosmopolis Police Department, and Ofc. Martinez graduated from the Basic Academy in January 2019. In December, police officer Shawn Lock was hired and started the Basic Academy soon after.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lieutenant CJ Chastain  
Lieutenant Dale Green



## CORECTIONS

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.

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; transporting individuals to the court, doctor's appointments, mental health appointments, or other law enforcement agencies; issuance of medications to inmates while they are incarcerated in the jail; etc.

Lieutenant Darst was assigned as the Jail Supervisor on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 by Chief Shumate. He also received approval to move forward with the Police Services Officer program. This will replace our Corrections Officer model with the Police Services Officer (PSO). Our PSO's will be armed and have limited commission powers to supplement police duties. We have started the process and are currently working to implement the program in 2019. We will be working towards a 4/4 schedule to assign the Police Services Officers to work the same days as the patrol teams to create a better team environment with Patrol and Corrections. This is a very exciting time for the Corrections Division and 2019 looks to be a great year.

In 2018, we hired two new Corrections Officers, Nathan Raffelson and Natalie Zieber. Raffelson graduated from the Corrections Officer Basic Academy in December and Zieber is scheduled to attend the academy in January of 2019. We are conducting a background to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> Corrections Officer Position and will be finished with that in the beginning of 2019.



A major concern that we see in the jail is the rising number of people that require medical attention while incarcerated. In 2018 we began contracting for in-house Medical Staffing with Grays Harbor Community Hospital. PA Patrick Paulsen started in January of 2018 and is available 7 days a week to provide the medical services needed in the jail. We have seen a large reduction in transporting inmates to the ER due to the work of PA Paulsen. He is a huge asset for the Jail.

## CORECTIONS (continued)

We are currently looking at an Electronic Medical Records system that the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office will be purchasing and allowing Aberdeen and Hoquiam Jails to utilize. This will decrease our paperwork for medical records and bring us up to date with the current medical world. Funding has been approved and implementation should be in early 2019.

Stats	2016	2017	2018
Booked / Arrested	1,918	2,034	2151
Medical Calls	94	69	64

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lieutenant Kevin Darst



## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

There has been an increase with calls for service involving the various schools within the city limits of Aberdeen. This year the Aberdeen High School had the most calls for service with 147. Harbor High School had the fewest with only 3.

I believe the increase in calls for service correlated to students/faculty feeling more comfortable calling a SRO to assist them with student/parent issues that were not criminal in nature but required some type of mediation to resolve certain issues.

451 calls to service with all schools in the district within the city limits of Aberdeen. This includes some Aberdeen Fire Department responses.

**ABERDEEN HIGH SCHOOL.**

147 calls for service

There were also numerous incidents that I assisted with that did not require a Service Request number, thus would not have been included in the totals. These were handled by the school and parents.

### **SERVICE REQUESTS PER SCHOOL**

**HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL - 3 calls for service**

**MILLER JR HIGH SCHOOL - 100 calls for service**

**AJ WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 39 calls for service**

**ROBERT GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 52 calls for service**

**STEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 32 calls for service**

**McDERMOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 42 calls for service**

I still visit the grade schools during lunches and recess time and have made new friends. I find the interaction with students at any level is great at rapport building with law enforcement. I strive to be very approachable and friendly with all students and staff.

I also finished up another season as the Aberdeen High School Football team's defensive line coach. This was a very good experience and a great rapport building with the High School and Jr. High aged kids. I now have students calling me coach even though they did not play football. This experience for me was very satisfying and I will see if I am able to do this again next year since the head coach is retiring and a new staff will be hired.

I am still involved with the criminal justice class at the high school. There has been a field trip to Superior Court and I assisted with a tour of the Aberdeen Police Department to include the MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle used by our Crisis Response Unit (CRU).

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (continued)**

### **School Drills:**

In August 2018, the Aberdeen School District sponsored an A.L.I.C.E. instructor class that took place at the Aberdeen High School. I am now assisting the school district in implementing the A.L.I.C.E. model of response to the various schools in the district. We have started training staff at the schools and will be conducting drills at all of the schools in the district.

I also assisted with numerous required drills with the Aberdeen School District. Most of these were done at the High School.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Officer Bob Green  
School Resource Office



## ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen investigating animal complaints which include lost and found animals, injured animals, vicious animals and animal bites.

The Aberdeen Animal Shelter released 81 animals to other shelters and rescues in 2018.

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Cats	Dogs
January	22	19	1	3	0	0	8	5	8	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	8
February	7	7	1	3	1	1	3	1	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	5
March	18	7	2	0	0	0	8	2	6	6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
April	8	9	0	1	0	1	8	2	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
May	9	16	0	1	1	0	3	5	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	1
June	23	16	1	0	1	0	11	7	7	8	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1
July	30	18	1	0	0	0	4	8	6	4	0	2 <i>stole</i>	1	1	0	0	1-1ch	2
August	24	19	3	0	0	0	3	9	33	6	0	0	2	1	0	2	4	2
September	31	27	3	0	1	0	6	6	9	19	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	2
October	17	37	4	0	0	0	15	15	5	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	15	1
November	20	23	2	0	0	0	3	9	17	6	0	0	3	9	0	1	12	2
December	14	33	6	1	2	0	2	4	17	5	0	1CH	4	16	0	1	15	5
Total	223	231	24	9	6	2	74	73	117	81	3	3	16	38	0	11		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	0	0	1	0	4	4
January	0	0	5	1	5	2
February	0	0	2	0	6	13
March	0	0	0	2	4	7
April	0	0	4	0	14	3
May	0	0	1	0	10	5
June	1	0	2	1	8	14
July	0	0	10	1	16	26
August	0	0	9	2	9	23
September	3	1	11	3	11	19
October	0	1	6	2	4	15
November	1	0	3	0	9	12
Total	5	2	54	12	100	143

Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
2017	2018	2017	2018
0	1	1	2
0	0	1	3
0	0	2	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0
2	0	1	0
1	0	2	0
0	0	4	0
0	0	2	0
4	0	2	1
7	1	17	8

ACO Calls	
2017	2018
9	11
8	7
16	10
24	9
23	9
23	0
17	39
33	63
25	36
15	40
19	51
6	33
218	308
2232	1775

Respectfully Submitted by,  
 Officer Kris Sidor  
 Animal Control Officer

## PARKING

The Parking Enforcement Officer for Aberdeen is George Welch. Officer Welch mostly patrols the downtown corridor on foot checking for overtime parked vehicles, illegally parked vehicles, and other vehicle violations. He works with the owners of abandoned vehicles as well as providing Junk Vehicle Affidavit forms if needed to remove from private property. When necessary, testifies in court. He also responds to citizen's vehicle complaints. Officer Welch also attends the monthly "Downtown Parking Business Improvement District" 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 maintains a good rapport with the citizens of Aberdeen.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Calls for service:	411	485	563
Warnings Citations:	375	208	228
Parking Citations:	273	316	283
Vehicle Impounds:	25	58	60
Vehicle Hulk Permits:	8	2	10

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Officer George Welch  
Parking Enforcement Officer



The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. We ended 2018 with 12 active members.

The Explorers assisted our police department by providing security at the Splash Festival and the Founder's Day Parade. The Explorers also participated in other community events, which included: National Night Out, Relay for Life (Cancer Walk), AJ West Bicycle Rodeo, Shop with a Cop, Mental Health Awareness Fair, and the Montesano Festival of Lights.

This year Officer Sexton announced his intent to resign his Advisor Role after 16 years. Officer Sexton's term will officially end in February 2019. In preparation Officer Tarrence was selected as the new Co-Advisor and began serving in October. Detective Weiss will continue to serve with Officer Tarrence.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2018, logging in 141 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-A-Longs: 72.5 hours

Special Events: 30 hours

This year our post hosted the third annual golf tournament. We raised over \$4000 for our post.

In August, five 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 place for the Crime in Progress, second place for the High Risk Vehicle Stop (four-person), and second place for Active Shooter. We were especially proud of the Active Shooter event, as we have never before placed in that event. 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.

Respectfully Submitted by,

*Ofc. G. Sexton*

Officer G. Sexton  
Explorer Post Advisor

*Det. J. Weiss*

Detective J. Weiss  
Explorer Post Advisor

*Ofc. D. Tarrence*

Officer D. Tarrence  
Explorer Post Advisor

## INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

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 such as CRU, FTU, FTO and Explorer Advisor. Detectives are responsible for employment background investigations, Varda Alarms, Sex Crimes, Arsons, Pawns and other specialized assignments to include Sex Crimes, Gang Investigations, Financial Crimes and Major Crimes.

In 2018, Lieutenant Kevin Darst continued as the Investigations Commander. Detective Weiss, Detective Perkinson and Detective Lougheed 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. Additionally, Aberdeen Police has one Detective assigned to the GH County Drug Task Force. In October of 2018 Sgt. Snodgrass was selected as the Detective Sgt and is now assigned to Investigations as such.

Investigations utilize Spillman Records system to track all cases assigned to the investigations section. The following is a comparison of 2017 and 2018.

Category	2017	2018
Total Felony Cases	739	749
Submitted to GH Prosecutors Office	337	358
Closed Exceptional Means	100	112
Submitted to AMC Court	16	220
Unfounded Cases	19	153
Inactivated Cases	225	194
Active cases carried over	30	33

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sergeant J.A. Snodgrass  
Detective Sergeant

## EVIDENCE

During the 2018 year, approximately 2167 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 76 firearms received and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 2167 includes 301 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 8 cases from 2018, which totaled 29 packages.

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 2018, 8 bicycles were donated to the Bicycles from Heaven program. New procedures were implemented and bicycles are now routed directly from the officer to the Lions Club (unless special circumstances apply) instead of the Evidence Section, saving time, space, and resources.

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 purged. This includes hazardous and illegal items destroyed.

In 2018, we continued to collaborate with other police agencies purging auction items, using Johnny's Auction and CTM 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 has been drafted and is awaiting approval.

The Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP) conducted an audit in each section of the Aberdeen Police Department. Recommendations were made for the Evidence Section and are currently being implemented.

## **EVIDENCE (continued)**

### **Items that came into the property room during 2018:**

- APD – 2067
- DTF – 100

Total: 2167

**2017:** APD – 2281

DTF – 92

Total - 2373

### **Guns that came into the property room during 2018:**

- APD – 71
- DTF - 5

Total: 76

**2017:** APD – 85

DTF – 2

Total – 87

### **Drugs that came into the property room during 2018:**

- APD – 272
- DTF – 29

Total: 301

**2017:** APD – 263

DTF – 39

Total: 302

## **EVIDENCE (continued)**

### **CONVERTED TO:**

**Aberdeen Police Department** - HP Monitor (18-A09370)

- Per Officer Wayne Schmidt – for department use

**Street Crimes Unit** - iPhone 4 & Charger (16-A17262)  
iPhone (15-A04893)

- Per Sgt. Darrin King – for Street Crimes Unit use

**Evidence Room** - Misc packaging (13-A09297)  
- Per Sgt. Ross Lampky – for use in the Evidence Room

**Community Use (501(c)(3))** - Hygiene Products (15-A13568)  
- Per Det. Kristi Lougheed – for Harbor City Church - Back To School Marketplace

Paperwork for above items is on file in the evidence room.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Laney Mortimeyer  
Evidence Technician

## DRUG TASK FORCE



### 2018 GH DRUG TASK FORCE CASE SUMMARY

<b>INVESTIGATIONS:</b>				
Total Cases Opened		94		
Total Cases Closed		58		
Search Warrants		25		
Arrests		52		
Meth Cases Other Than Labs		22		
Marijuana Indoor Grow Sites		8		
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED		3		
<b>DRUGS SEIZED</b>				
		UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT
Cocaine	Grams	327.50	\$50	\$ 16,375.00
Marijuana	Plants	1587.00	\$1,500	\$ 2,380,500.00
Heroin	Grams	3237.80	\$40	\$ 129,512.00
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	7997.50	\$80	\$ 639,800.00
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates)	Dose/Unit	36.00	\$40	\$ 1,440.00
<b>TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:</b>				<b>\$ 3,167,627.00</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
		SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property	2		17	\$ 1,373,851.37
Vessels				\$ -
Vehicles	6		19	\$ 82,483.72
Firearms (NO VALUE GIVEN TO FIREARMS)	20			\$ -
Currency	44	\$ 4,839,221.18	73	\$ 295,111.77
Miscellaneous Property				\$ 991.13
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 4,839,221.18</b>		<b>\$ 1,752,437.99</b>

Respectfully Submitted by,  
 Mendi Stump  
 Records Specialist

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

For the calendar year of 2018, the Aberdeen Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 1,646.5 hours of training. The CRU Sniper/Observer teams conducted 336 hours of training. The CRU Negotiations team trained for a total of 228 hours in 2018.

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 on individual and team skills. The team conducts internal training and attempts to obtain outside training from either classes attended or by bringing in outside instructors to ensure the team's skills and experience continue to grow.

The CRU Sniper/Observer team is comprised of four Aberdeen Officers and trains monthly on both team and individual skills.

The CRU Negotiations team is comprised of three Aberdeen Officers, two HPD Officers, one Grays Harbor County Deputy and two Montesano Officers. All Officers have graduated from the FBI Basic Hostage Negotiator Academy and train additionally throughout the year. The motto of the Negotiations Team is "When others are at their worst we must be at our best". Negotiations skills acquired are also used daily by the team members during their primary Patrol or Investigative duties as well. The Negotiations team assisted in five events in 2018. Four were within the city limits of Aberdeen and one was in East County.

On 01/31/2018 the CRU TRT, the Negotiators and CRU Sniper teams were activated to serve a high-risk warrant for the DTF in the 600 block of Bel Aire, Aberdeen. Information indicated that subjects with criminal history were in the residence and that there were firearms inside the residence and some of the occupants of the residence were armed. The unit was activated and successfully served the warrant without incident. This is an example of the goal of the CRU Teams. To serve dangerous warrants while limiting the danger to members of the public, the LE agencies and the suspects inside the residence.

On 02/12/2018 during the early morning hours, APD CRU, Sniper/Observers and TRT were activated to capture an armed burglary suspect in the 300 block of Broadway in Aberdeen. APD Patrol Officers had responded to the scene and found a suspect inside the building. While searching for the suspect, APD Officers located him and were attempting to take him into custody when he attempted to assault one of the arresting APD Officers with a knife. APD Officers backed out, secured the scene and requested the CRU. The unit quickly assembled and when lead elements arrived on scene to start the operation, the suspect surrendered without incident.

On 09/14/2018 the CRU Team, Sniper Team and Negotiations team were called to assist APD Officers with two wanted, barricaded subjects possibly armed. Team members attempted negotiations with the suspects to no avail. Thurston County assisted the team in deploying a robot to assist in checking the residence. After the robot was deployed the TRT entered the residence and were unable to locate the suspects. It was believed that the wanted subjects were hiding in the attic. After several attempts to contact the suspects, a NFDD was deployed following by

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT (continued)

Chemical Munitions. The suspects quickly surrendered and were provided first aid and then booked into jail with minimal injuries.

On 12/06/2018 Members of the TRT portion of the CRU assisted the DEA/DTF and other agencies in serving 2 warrants out of county during a multiple location operation.

Members of the team also assisted in other operations to assist agencies in two and three Officer teams that did not include an entire team call out. These include assists on warrants and other law enforcement operations.

The CRU had three members retire out of the team and respective departments in 2018. Sgt. Wagonblast and Ofc. Glaser both of APD retired as did LT J. Staten of MPD. Their experience and expertise will be missed.

Tragically, former Team Member Daniel McCartney lost his life in the line of duty in Pierce County as a Pierce County Deputy.

The CRU Team continues to train to be ready to assist the citizens of Grays Harbor County and hopes to begin to replace the retirements in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sgt. J. A. Snodgrass  
APD CRU Team Leader



## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SECTION

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



Special Services Supervisor  
Office Wayne Schmidt

This year, along with his primary duties, Officer Schmidt has also been acting as the City IT Coordinator and assisting with repair and user support for the City Network and Phone system. This places more demands on Officer Schmidt's already very busy schedule.



Records Specialist  
Theresa Oleachea



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Mendi Stump



Records Specialist  
Natalie Daniels



Records Specialist  
Kathi Schlesser

Our Records Specialists provide support services to all sections of APD necessary for the day to day operations. 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). On-going training is mandatory as security requirements and entry standards for State and FBI record keeping is everchanging. All APD Records Specialists meet current standards and 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, researching background checks for Concealed Pistol Licenses and assisting the general public, both in person and by phone.

APD staffs one part time DTF Specialist who works 4 days at the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office and one day at APD. The one day at APD is pretty much taken up with TAC and NIBRS responsibilities. Our TAC (Terminal Agency Coordinator) Officer is responsible for making sure that everyone with access to FBI data, which is anyone entering our facility unescorted, has the appropriate clearance and training. She also ensures that proper standards are followed for entering data into State and

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SECTION (CONTINUED)

FBI databases. (NIBRS - National Incident Based Reporting System is the reporting system used to report crime statistics to the FBI).

Along with their day to day duties, our Records Specialists are also expected to assist in any unexpected situations that may arise; including manning radio equipment and entering real-time information at a major crime scene from APD's Mobile Command Van or manning our Emergency Communication Center.

This year a major mile stone was met in re-organizing our archived records. Per Washington's Secretary of State retention guidelines, old arrest reports were destroyed. This project began in 2014 and was completed in November of 2018. Each report had to be manually checked to ensure that it was no longer active and met retention / destruction requirements; over 40 shred bins were filled with old reports and destroyed to complete this project.



APD continues work towards using less paper and has begun saving many of its documents in shared network folders instead of paper files. This saves floor space for filing cabinets and allows viewing of documents without printing. APD purchased approximately 600 reams of copy-paper in 2018. According to the 2008 Annual Report this is the same quantity of paper purchased in 2008, however, 2018 saw an increase of over 8,500 calls for police service from 2008 – most of which require a paper report; so we are managing to save some paper.

Building maintenance is still a major concern. Ongoing roof leaks, cracking stucco, a sinking parking lot and plumbing problems continue to plague the Police Department. We also continue to struggle with our HVAC system. The upgrade to the HVAC system in 2011 did not address issues with undersized and poorly designed ducting. As such, we have not been able to make all areas of APD / Jail as comfortable as it should be. We will continue to work with the City to find a workable solution for these issues.

Statistics	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Concealed Pistol License	317	249	351
Public Records Request	2285	2143	1514
Pistol Transfers	N/A	307	379

Respectfully submitted by,  
Officer Wayne Schmidt  
Special Services Supervisor