

# ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

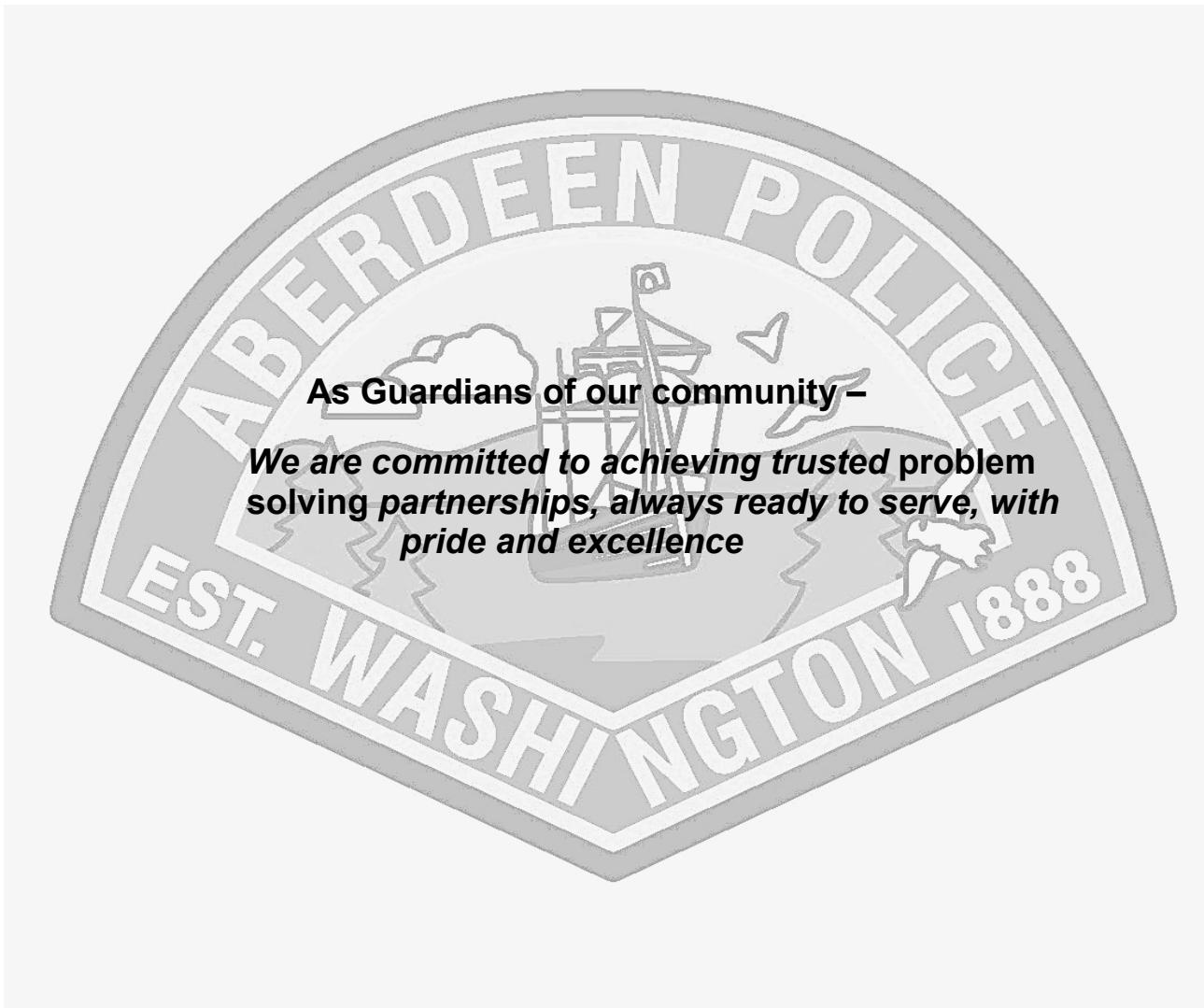
## ANNUAL REPORT

2019



**STEVE SHUMATE**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

## Mission Statement



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## Message from the Chief

Honorable Mayor Pete Schave:

It is my pleasure to submit the 2019 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 department 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 feel fortunate to serve alongside them.

Just like we saw in 2018, there were many positive changes that occurred in 2019. The year started off with our first ever West County Citizens Academy co-hosted by the Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis Police Departments. This program lasted 12 weeks with 27 citizen attendees graduating on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A number of those attendees are now part of our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program.

Speaking of our VIPS, this program was sponsored by two local businesses. Rich Hartman's 5Star dealerships donated the use of a very nice sport utility vehicle. And Masco Petroleum donated the fuel for the vehicle. A total of 7 VIPS received a great deal of training during the year prior to officially starting various duties in September. We have added to this group in 2020. We feel blessed to have these dedicated citizens to help us.

In January (2019), the department added another member to the patrol division. K9 Ronin was brought to us through an animal shelter from Tacoma before being assigned to Officer Chad Pearsall. The two started their extensive training on January 10, 2019. They successfully completed their required training and became a certified team in April. This addition was made possible thanks to a generous donation of \$10,000 by Our Community Credit Union (OCCU); \$3000 from Setina Police Products; and \$1000 by our local Lion's Club.

In March we saw the retirements of two members of our department who dedicated their lives to our chosen profession. Deputy Chief Dave Timmons retired from the department on March 15<sup>th</sup> after serving 45 years. And then on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Captain Dave Johnson retired from the agency after serving 35 years.

During the year, we also experienced the retirements of two additional police officers. After 31 years of service, Officer Bruce Watts retired in September. And the following month, Detective Kristi Lougheed retired after serving 25 years in this profession.

## **Message from the Chief (continued)**

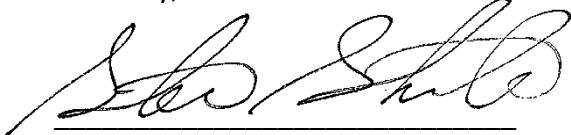
However, we also saw the addition of six new department members. Department Chaplain Sean Jamieson honored us with his service starting in March; Police Officer Noah Ewing and Police Services Officer Stephen Ayres were hired in March; Deputy Chief Jay Staten was hired in May; Police Services Officer Hannah Dale in September; and Police Officer TJ Millard came back to our agency in December.

While there were many great changes that occurred in 2019, the department also dealt with a variety of challenges. The year was met with an unprecedented number of Officer Involved Shootings and high level cases. One such case was the homicide investigation in January that occurred at the Guesthouse Inn. I believe the department handled the various challenges well.

As we enter 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly added to the challenges of the police department. I am confident we will overcome the challenges upon us and be stronger for it. 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 while addressing our challenges.

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 continues to be a privilege to serve the citizens of Aberdeen.

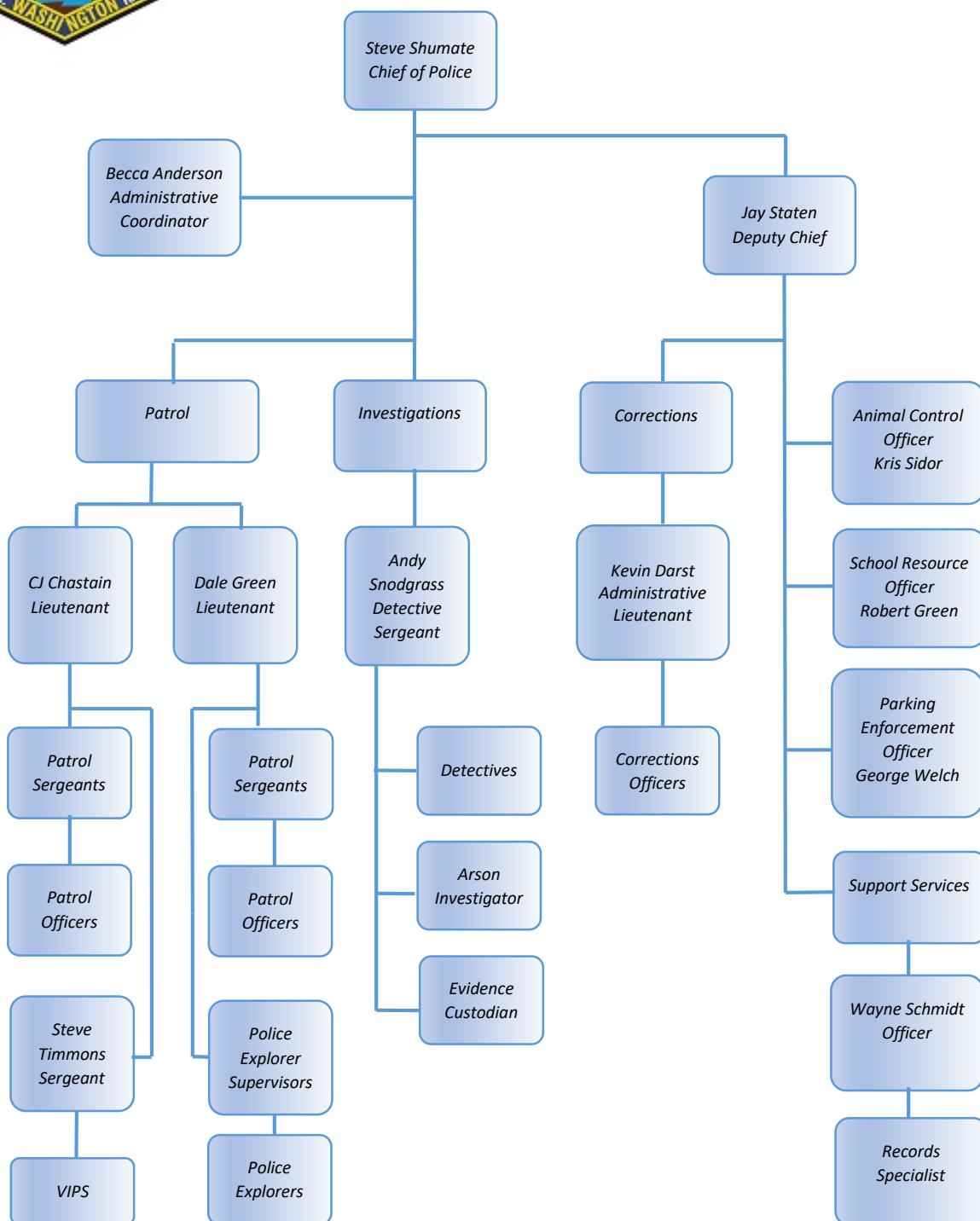
Sincerely,



Steven J. Shumate  
Chief of Police



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



Steve Shumate, Chief of Police: December 2019

## Summary of Offenses

**1/01/2019 through 12/31/2020 (12/31/2019)** corrected 4/15/2021 WOS

Offense Description	Attempt	Complete	Arrest	Exception	Percent Cleared
Murder Non Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	1	0	100
Justifiable Homicide	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	0	24	7	0	29.17
Sodomy	0	1	0	0	0
Fondling	2	31	14	0	42.42
Robbery	1	13	7	0	50
Aggravated Assault	0	35	24	0	68.57
Simple Assault	0	316	195	0	61.71
Intimidation	0	42	22	0	52.38
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	6	4	0	57.14
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2	127	33	0	25.58
Arson	1	5	2	0	33.33
Purse Snatching	0	10	5	0	50
Shoplifting	3	364	327	0	89.1
Theft From Building	0	35	8	0	22.86
Theft From Coin Operated Machine O	0	1	0	0	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	5	34	12	0	30.77
Theft Of Motor Vehicle Parts Or Acces	3	9	4	0	33.33
All Other Larceny	0	63	15	0	23.81
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	40	3	0	7.5
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	29	5	0	17.24
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence C	4	13	1	0	5.88
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machin	0	16	0	0	0
Impersonation	2	6	4	0	50
Wire Fraud	0	1	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	20	15	0	71.43
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism Of Pr	0	137	69	0	50.36
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	160	150	2	94.41
Drug Equipment Violations	0	179	177	0	98.88
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	7	1	0	14.29
Violation NoContact/ProtectionOrders	0	129	87	0	67.44
Weapon Law Violations	0	29	21	0	72.41

## STATS (continued)

AGENCY	2019 (JAN 1-31)	2019 (FEB 1-28)	2019 (MAR 1-31)	2019 (APR 1-30)	2019 (MAY 1-31)	2019 (JUN 1-30)	2019 (JUL 1-31)	2019 (AUG 1-31)	2019 (SEP 1-30)	2019 (OCT 1-31)	2019 (NOV 1-30)	2019 (DEC 1-31)	2019 TOTALS (1/1/19 - 11/30/19)
APD	2294	2094	2266	2284	2500	2459	2828	2935	2548	2421	2341	2437	29407
CPD	195	166	224	204	255	260	220	225	191	153	145	104	2342
CTPD	4	2	1	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	4	21
EPD	339	273	403	396	418	405	391	428	296	287	266	210	4112
GHCSD (OPD)	1718	1219	1649	1631	1846	1858	2367	2140	1958	1610	1781	1670	21447
HPD	1133	1076	1176	1142	1173	1196	1386	1267	1176	1126	1005	927	13783
MCPD	453	368	439	381	378	360	430	378	302	306	346	262	4403
MPD	228	175	249	255	282	283	289	387	257	263	170	203	3041
OSPD	764	488	729	643	887	885	1078	937	899	713	594	565	9182
QNPD	2	2	2	159	233	200	167	129	202	215	202	215	1728
WPD	369	260	296	316	371	441	489	467	365	321	261	271	4227
ghc agencies	15	5	6	0	2	7	4	5	9	7	3	12	75
<b>LAW TOTALS</b>	<b>7514</b>	<b>6128</b>	<b>7440</b>	<b>7411</b>	<b>8347</b>	<b>8355</b>	<b>9650</b>	<b>9301</b>	<b>8205</b>	<b>7422</b>	<b>7115</b>	<b>6880</b>	<b>93768</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 and Blue Teams each had 2 sergeants to supervise their police officers. There were a total of 24 patrol officers assigned to provide around the clock police coverage. There were between 8 to 10 officers working any given day of a 24-hour period, depending on assignment. The Aberdeen Police Department responded to 33,849 calls for service in 2019, a slight increase from 2018.

The patrol section is responsible for bicycle patrol, traffic enforcement, collision investigation and apprehension K9. Aberdeen Police Officers issued 2,603 citations and infractions in 2019, an increase of 8% from 2018. Aberdeen Police Officers arrested 2,239 people in 2019, an increase of 4% from 2018. A total of 94 civilian riders joined officers in the field by participating in the Ride-Along Program.

In January of 2019, Aberdeen Police Officer Chad Pearsall was selected to become the next apprehension K9 handler. Officer Pearsall attended over 400 hours of training with Police Dog Ronin and graduated in the spring of 2019 and now serves our community tracking persons who flee as well as evidence items.

In April of 2019, the Aberdeen Police Department implemented digital report writing, eliminating paper reports. The increased efficiency for reports that start with police officers and go to our records specialists, investigations, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and the public.

In July of 2019, Aberdeen Police Officer Jared Berken received a lifesaving medal for assisting the Hoquiam Police Department on a rescue of a female from the Chehalis River. Disregarding his own safety, Officer Berken entered the river during the evening to rescue a distraught female who had gone into the river and was clinging to a piling and yelling for help. Officer Berken removed his police equipment and swam to the female and was able to swim her back to the shore to safety.

In the summer of 2019, longtime Aberdeen Police Officers Kristi Lougheed and Bruce Watts retired. Officer Noah Ewing was an entry level hire and graduated from the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy in November of 2019. Officer T.J. Millard returned as a lateral officer in December of 2019 after spending nearly two years in King County.

## PATROL (continued)

In September of 2019, Aberdeen Police Officers were involved in an Officer Involved Shooting of a wanted felon who had fled on foot armed with a handgun. The subject pointed a handgun at another officer at the conclusion of the foot pursuit and a responding officer shot the subject. The subject subsequently died from his injuries.

In October of 2019, Aberdeen Police Officers were investigating a hit and run when they located the suspect on foot in the area. The subject was armed with a knife and charged at officers and an officer discharged his firearm, disabling the suspect.

Aberdeen Police Officers responded to numerous reports of citizens overdosing on opioid narcotics in 2019. Aberdeen Police Officers administered Naloxone 14 times to those experiencing overdose symptoms.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lieutenant CJ Chastain  
Lieutenant Dale Green



## K9

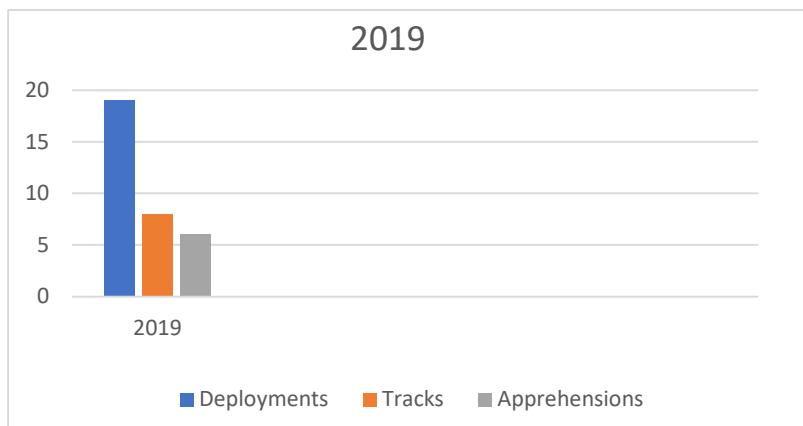
On January 8th, 2019 K9 Ronin was obtained as Aberdeen Police Department's new apprehension K9. Ronin was found on the streets of Tacoma WA when he was roughly a year old and taken to the Humane Society. He was adopted out and spent the next 8 months in an abusive and neglected home. Ronin was left in a crate all day and was given food to get him to stop barking. He was eventually returned to the Humane Society weighing over 100 pounds and his nails were crossing over each other. He was located by a local German Shepard club and rescued from the humane society. The club started to work with Ronin and noticed his capabilities. The club got into contact with Master Trainer Sergeant Kevin Miller of Port Angeles. Sergeant Miller then contacted APD and the agency was able to obtain Ronin as an apprehension K9.



K9 Ronin and Officer Pearsall began training on January 10, 2019. Ronin was trained in tracking, building searches, area searches, evidence searches, and handler protection. Ronin and Officer Pearsall completed 400 hours of training to become a state certified K9 team with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. Ronin completed his training in April and started working alongside Officer Pearsall.

During the remainder of 2019 Officer Pearsall and K9 Ronin completed 85 hours of additional training in obedience, tracking, building searches, and area searches. The K9 team total training hours to date is 485 hours. In October, the K9 team attended a 3-day seminar in Kitsap County where they trained with multiple dog teams from all over the state.

During 2019 the K9 team was deployed 18 times with 6 successful applications.



Respectfully submitted,

Officer Chad Pearsall

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

This year's report is a little different from 2018, I have only compiled the data for the 2019 school year Aug-Dec.

There were a total of 161 calls to service with all schools in district. I still believe with having a School Resource Officer in the district a lot of issues usually that have been handled by the school and parents are getting some Law Enforcement involvement for a mediation element.

Aberdeen High School still has the most calls for service with 74 with McDermoth Elementary having the least with 7. The Elementary calls were for mostly Juvenile Problems that I assisted with calming the situation down and speaking to parents.

### **ABERDEEN HIGH SCHOOL.**

74 calls for service, to include 5 assaults, 3 harassments, 2 sex offenses, 2 threats, and 2 VUCSA(Possession of Marijuana).

There were also numerous incidents that I assisted with that did not require an SR number. These were handled by the school and parents.

### **HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL.**

10 calls for service, to include 2 Juvenile Problems, 1 warrant arrest, 1 civil complaint.

### **MILLER JR HIGH SCHOOL.**

47 calls for service, to include 7 assaults, 2 VUCSA (Possession of Marijuana), 1 threats and 1 sex offense. Most others were juvenile problems resulting in 3 cases forwarded to the Juvenile Prosecutor for review of Disrupting School.

### **AJ WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

9 calls for service.

### **ROBERT GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

15 calls for service.

### **STEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

9 calls for service.

### **McDERMOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

7 calls for service.

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

I still try to visit all of the grade schools at lunch times and recesses. With the addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Miller Jr. High visiting all of the schools has been a challenge. I believe with the addition of over 200 students to the Miller campus, even with the addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade portable classrooms, it has been a great challenge for the school. This in turn has the school calling for more assistance from the school resource officer. In turn this makes it difficult in spending time at the grade schools.

I am still involved with the criminal justice class at the high school, unfortunately with the closure of the school, plans of field trips and setting up crime scenes were not able to be done.

### **School Drills:**

In 2018 I assisted in the implantation of the A.L.I.C.E. model of response to active shooter/dangerous person drills in the district. This year all of the schools have been doing various drills implementing this. We came up with age appropriate drills for the grade school level through high school level. I attended all of the drills and the students did extremely well. Some of the adults needed some constructive help in changing the "status quo" on changing the mindset of getting out of the building if this is an option.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Officer Bob Green  
School Resource Officer



## 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 Police Services Officers (PSO) who are state certified through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. Each of the PSO's is trained and certified in First Aid, CPR, Defensive Tactics, the X-26P Taser, the use of OC spray, EVO driving and now receive the same handgun firearms training as the patrol division. We are fully staffed at seven PSO's which was achieved in 2019 for a short time.

The Core function of the PSO's 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 served as the Jail Supervisor during 2019 and reports to Deputy Chief Staten who came on board in May of 2019. Deputy Chief Staten oversees all operations of the Corrections Division. The PSO implementation was almost complete at the end of 2019 and will be finished early in 2020. The PSO's are now armed with the same handgun as the patrol division which was a primary goal of Chief Shumate to have all of the PSO's armed for the safety of the officers. A 4/4 schedule was implemented in March of 2019. The schedule mirrors the patrol schedule to create continuity between the two divisions. The PSO's are working 12 hour shifts. The Corrections Division continues to move forward in a positive direction. We are working at streamlining the paperwork processes and moving towards a completely digital system.



In 2019, we welcomed two new Corrections Officers, Stephen Ayers and Hannah Dale. Both of them completed the academy in 2019. PSO Dale will be finished with her Field Training at the beginning of 2020.

## CORRECTIONS (continued)

PA Paulsen continues to be a huge asset for the Corrections Division as the in-house Medical Staff through the Grays Harbor Community Hospital. He is a great team player and continues to prove to be invaluable for the huge need of medical services in the Aberdeen City Jail.

### **2019 Corrections Statistics**

Number of arrests: 2239

Number of admissions/bookings:

    All inmates 1524

    Females 456

    Males 1068

Average Daily Population:

    All inmates 16.61

    Females 4.34

    Males 12.27

Average Length of Stay:

    All inmates 5.08

    Females 5.68

Respectfully Submitted by,

Lieutenant Kevin Darst



## ANIMAL CONTROL

The Aberdeen Animal Control Shelter is staffed with one full time Animal Control Officer and one part time Shelter Assistant. 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 and more. The Aberdeen animal shelter has released 158 animals to rescues for rehoming.

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized		Euthanized		Population	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	Cats	Dogs
January	19	25	3	0	0	0	5	9	5	11	0	0	3	9	0	1	4	6
February	7	30	3	1	1	0	1	8	5	15	0	0	1	8	4	0	3	1
March	7	22	0	0	0	0	2	7	6	9	0	0	1	4	0	3	1	2
April	9	45	1	0	1	0	2	13	5	20	0	0	0	11	0	0	2	2
May	16	52	1	0	0	0	5	22	4	27	0	0	1	12	0	2	1	1
June	16	33	0	0	0	0	7	5	8	10	0	1	2	4	1	0	7	7
July	18	47	0	0	0	0	8	22	4	22	2 STOL	0	1	1	0	2	2	7
August	19	36	0	0	0	0	9	13	6	13	0	0	1	10	2	2	2	0
September	27	42	0	0	0	0	6	7	19	16	0	0	0	8	2	2	6	4
October	37	34	0	0	0	0	15	20	8	5	0	0	3	6	0	1	5,1CH	4
November	23	28	0	0	0	0	9	2	6	13	0	0	9	10	1	1	6	2
December	33	20	1	0	0	0	4	1	5	11	1CH	0	16	3	1	0	6	4
Total	231	414	9	1	2	0	73	129	81	172	3	1	38	86	11	14		

	Criminal				Notice of				Written				Adopted		Adopted		ACO		Shelter Phone	
	Citation		Infraction		Warning				Cats		Dogs						Calls		Calls	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
January	0	0	0	2	4	23			1	0	2	0					11	43	161	135
February	0	0	1	0	2	22			0	1	3	0					7	35	144	111
March	0	0	0	2	13	13			0	0	0	0					10	24	97	133
April	0	0	2	0	7	34			0	0	1	0					9	39	103	195
May	0	0	0	1	3	13			0	0	1	0					9	64	168	245
June	0	0	0	1	5	13			0	0	0	0					0	19	154	199
July	0	0	1	0	14	38			0	0	0	0					39	75	156	253
August	0	0	1	4	26	34			0	0	0	0					63	104	212	245
September	1	0	2	1	23	11			0	0	0	0					36	53	158	233
October	1	0	3	0	19	17			0	0	0	0					40	30	174	229
November	0	0	2	1	15	13			0	0	0	0					51	43	120	180
December	0	0	0	1	12	21			0	0	1	0					33	34	128	169
Total	2	0	12	13	143	252			1	1	8	0					308	563	1775	2327

Respectfully Submitted by,  
 Officer Kris Sidor  
 Animal Control Officer

## PARKING

The Parking Enforcement Officer for Aberdeen is George Welch. Officer Welch mainly 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, Officer Welch testifies in court. He also responds to citizen's vehicle complaints. Officer Welch 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.

Statistics	2016	2017	2018	2019
Calls for service:	411	485	563	517
Warnings Citations:	375	208	228	264
Parking Citations:	273	316	283	301
Vehicle Impounds:	25	58	60	58
Vehicle Hulk Permits:	8	2	10	3



Respectfully Submitted by,  
Officer George Welch  
Parking Enforcement Officer

## VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)

In 2019, the Aberdeen Police Department re-instated the Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) program. The VIPS program received assistance from Rich Hartman's Five Star Dealership, MASCO Petroleum and the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. Rich Hartman donated a citizen's patrol vehicle for the VIPS while MASCO donated the fuel. A grant was also received through the Grays Harbor Community Foundation assisting with the start-up costs for items such as uniforms, vehicle decals and equipment, and office equipment.

The volunteers provide a valuable service to the Aberdeen Police Department along with the citizens of Aberdeen. The VIPS conduct vacation and business checks (31 total vacation checks), assist with traffic control and security at local events, provide administrative tasks and special projects for the department as needed, and patrol the City streets acting as an extra set of eyes and reporting suspicious or criminal behavior.

The program kicked off in September of 2019 with seven volunteers: Doug Zimmer, Jennifer Durney, Ray Winter, Carol Winter, Tawni Andrews, Patty Thomas, and Carol Tuhkanen. From September through the end of 2019, the volunteers contributed 382.5 volunteer hours. These hours are categorized in the form of administrative hours and citizen patrol hours.

The VIPS received training in Emergency Vehicle Operations, policies and procedures, youth protection training, and radio use and procedures.

In addition to citizen patrol and administrative duties, the VIPS volunteered at the Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks, the Volunteer Fair at the Hoquiam Elks, the Festival of Lights in Montesano, and Shop with a Cop.

The VIPS program received several more applications in December with the second group starting in February 2020.





The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. We ended 2019 with 15 active members.

The Explorers assisted our police department by providing security at the Splash Festival. The Explorers also participated in other community events, which included: National Night Out, Relay for Life (Cancer Walk), Bicycle Rodeos, Shop with a Cop, the Montesano Festival of Lights, and Coffee With a Cop.

This year Officer Dillon Mitchell joined the post as an Advisor. Officer Mitchell officially joined the post in November. Officer Tarrence and Detective Weiss will continue to serve with Officer Mitchell.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2019, logging in over 1300 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: 184 hours

Special Events: 236 hours

This year our post assisted with the Aberdeen Police Officer's Guild Golf Tournament. We raised \$500 for our post. The post also received a \$2000 award from the Project A Game Grant from 7-11.

In August, three 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 third place in the Critical Incident Challenge. 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,

*Ofc. D. Tarrence*

Officer D. Tarrence  
Explorer Post Advisor

*Det. J. Weiss*  
Detective J. Weiss  
Explorer Post Advisor

*Ofc. D. Mitchell*  
Officer D. Mitchell  
Explorer Post Advisor

## INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigation Section is part of the Aberdeen Police Department Operations Division. This 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 2019, Detective Sgt. Snodgrass was assigned as the Investigations Supervisor. Detective Weiss, Detective Perkinson and Detective Lougheed were assigned to the Investigations section until Det. Lougheed's retirement. Congratulations Kristi! Officer David Cox was transferred in as a temporary Detective due to his years of experience as an investigator for APD and HPD and is currently still assigned to the Investigations Section. Evidence Specialist Elaine Mortimeyer oversaw all details of the evidence section. Investigations has a part time Investigations Secretary who works 16 hours per week. Additionally, Aberdeen Police has one Sergeant assigned to the GH County Drug Task Force.

The Aberdeen Police Department was busy in 2019. This is reflected in the Investigations Division as well. The Investigations Unit was called out a total of 23 times for serious crimes and or assists. The unit as a whole submitted 471 Felony cases for charging to the Grays Harbor County Prosecutors Office. This number does not reflect the cases that were investigated without charges, found to be false, agency assists and or submitted to other courts such as Aberdeen Municipal Court on lesser offenses.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sgt. J.A. Snodgrass



## EVIDENCE

During the 2019 year, approximately 2370 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 58 firearms received and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 2370 includes 415 packages of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and miscellaneous pills.

The Aberdeen Police Department Evidence Room receives evidence generated by Drug Task Force cases within our city limits. The figures above include their 21 cases from 2019, which totaled 77 packages. The Evidence Room also stored \$10,186.00 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.

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 2019, 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 was completed. The Standard Operating Procedures Manual is in the final stages of being approved and should be implemented in the near future.

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January 3, 2020

## DRUG TASK FORCE (DTF)



### 2019 GH DRUG TASK FORCE CASE SUMMARY

<b>INVESTIGATIONS:</b>				
Total Cases Opened	89			
Total Cases Closed	69			
Search Warrants	35			
Arrests	70			
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	18			
Marijuana Indoor Grow Sites	2			
OCDETF Cases Adopted	6			
<b>DRUGS SEIZED</b>		UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT
Cocaine	Grams	52.20	\$50	\$ 2,610.00
Marijuana	Plants	525.00	\$1,500	\$ 787,500.00
Marijuana	Pounds	15.30	\$3,000	\$ 45,900.00
Heroin	Grams	5163.02	\$40	\$ 206,520.80
Methamphetamine	Grams	11165.86	\$80	\$ 893,268.80
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	137.00	\$20	\$ 2,740.00
	Dose/Unit	24.50	\$20	\$ 490.00
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates)	Dose/Unit	1358.50	\$30	\$ 40,755.00
Other Prescription Drugs	Dose/Unit	625.00	\$	-
<b>TOTAL STREET VALUE OF SEIZED DRUGS TAKEN OFF THE STREETS:</b>				<b>\$ 1,979,784.60</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property			4	\$ 337,833.48
Vessels			\$	-
Vehicles	25		19	\$ 48,280.90
Firearms (NO VALUE GIVEN TO FIREARMS)	39		28	\$ -
Currency	28	\$ 80,454.92	21	\$ 705,749.72
Miscellaneous Property	8			\$ 5,993.64
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 80,454.92</b>		<b>\$ 1,097,857.74</b>

Respectfully Submitted by,  
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## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

For the calendar year of 2019, the Aberdeen Regional Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Tactical Response Team (TRT) conducted 1,427 hours of training. The CRU Sniper/Observer teams conducted 336 hours of training. The CRU Negotiations team trained for a total of 232 hours in 2019 in addition to their 40-hour Basic Negotiations Academy.

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. In February 2019 the TRT trained at Camp Rilea for three days as well. The team trained on building clearance, suspect contact, downed officer drills and vehicle take downs.

The CRU Sniper/Observer team is comprised of three Aberdeen Officers and trains monthly on both team and individual skills. APD is currently testing to replace a recently retired member of this team.

The CRU Negotiations team is comprised of three Aberdeen Officers, one HPD Officer, three Grays Harbor County Deputies 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 11 events in 2019. Five were within the city limits of Aberdeen, three were in Hoquiam, two were in the county and one was in Montesano.

The following events are a summary of a few incidents Members of the CRU Team responded to during 2019.

On 02-25-2019 at approximately 1000 hours, the CRU conducted an operation at 3910 Aberdeen Lake Road in reference to assisting APD Detectives with a Search Warrant. The warrant was reference an ongoing investigation into a burglary and subsequently trafficking stolen firearms including both hi powered and semi-automatic weapons, APD Case number 19-A04866. 3910 Aberdeen Lake Road was described to APD Detectives as having numerous buildings and vehicles that people lived in and that illegal activity to include drug, stolen property and firearms trafficking was occurring and had been investigated in the past and the property in question was under the care of a three time convicted felon. In addition to the above information, access to the property was limited by terrain and the terrain did not allow for surveillance leaving Officers to pull into the property blind and almost immediately be surrounded upon entering and parking on the property. The property was impossible to surround due to the size however members broke into three assigned teams and called subjects to us. Five subjects came to us, three had to be contacted and removed from a

## **CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT (continued)**

travel trailer using another surround and call out tactic on the travel trailer. Out of the 8 subjects, 6 were taken into custody. There was no use of forces and no property was damaged by the CRU team. No injuries to any CRU members occurred. In addition to CRU entry team, two marksman members were utilized at the scene for pre-warrant surveillance and two negotiators were on scene in the event the subjects barricaded themselves.

On 03/21/2019 at 1319 hours APD Officers were dispatched to a report of an unknown problem (19-A06851). While responding the call was updated that someone with a gun was holding people against their will. Various APD units responded as well as CRU members on duty. The situation became barricaded and while using patrol Officers as containment an on duty CRU element used an electronic robot to initially gain intel in the house. Two subjects were contacted and eventually removed from the residence. The CRU members formed a team and searched the residence finding that the call was unfounded.

On 03/21/2019 at approximately 1606 hours, APD Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence assault in progress. While conducting their investigation the suspect armed himself with a large knife and became barricaded in the residence on a ladder to the attic. One APD Officer found himself trapped on the opposite side of the ladder. APD units requested HNT members and two responded. After hours of negotiations the CRU team was activated to take the suspect into custody. As the team was assembling the subject surrendered.

On 04/16/2019 Montesano PD requested the CRU Team reference an armed, barricaded, suicidal, assault suspect. The suspect had charged at and attempted to strike a Montesano PD Officer with a sword. The suspect then barricaded himself, pointed lasers at containment Officers and displayed what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail. After negotiating for several hours with the subject, CRU members attempted to insert a robot into the residence to gain intelligence and to locate the subject in the house. The suspect exited the residence and attacked Officers with a sword, which resulted in CRU members using both Lethal and Less lethal force. Despite the CRU Team's attempt at life-saving measures, the subject later died of his injuries the following day.

On 06/21/2019 GHSO requested assistance in serving warrants for several locations around the county. The CRU was able to assist with training members and successfully executed several search warrants at various locations to include Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County and Ocean Shores. Stolen property, to include a firearm, was recovered and several arrests were made.

On 10/30/2019 GHSO requested the CRU reference a male that had shot at his parents and after they fled, made threats to kill Law Enforcement if they came to his property. GHSO advised the male had night vision capabilities, body armor and high powered weapons. The residence in question was approximately 60 acres with numerous hiding spots and a long, dangerous driveway or approach. The CRU assembled and successfully assisted in extracting several neighbors out of the area. The CRU used an MRAP to approach the residence, using drones from the Department of Corrections to attempt to locate the suspect. WSP assisted with their plane using FLIR capabilities. Noise Flash Diversion Devices were

## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT (continued)

deployed outside of the residence by the team and eventually contact was made with the suspect in his residence. CRU TRT members ended up negotiating with the suspect as phone calls to negotiators were unsuccessful. The TRT negotiated with the individual for over two hours. The suspect exited his residence, took off his body armor and surrendered without incident to the team. After the surrender the team searched the residence and turned the scene over to GHC Detectives.

On 12/06/2019 Aberdeen PD requested assistance in apprehending a subject wanted for a felony sex offense. CRU members assisted in serving the warrant. A CRU TRT member was able to speak with the suspect, convincing him to exit his trailer peacefully at which time he was taken into custody.

Respectfully,

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## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

The Special Assignment Section of the Aberdeen Police Department is responsible for the Records Section, IT (Information Technology), building maintenance and general support for police functions. This Section is made up of one supervisor, three full time records specialist and one position shared with the Grays Harbor Drug Task Force.

The Records staff are the first point of contact when someone walks into or calls the Aberdeen Police Department. They answer many of the questions citizens have which enables officers to handle more demanding request for service. They enter warrants, court orders, stolen property and missing persons into State and National data bases, process police reports, traffic infractions and citations, submit monthly NIBRS reports (The FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System), process concealed pistol license, and assist with fingerprinting. They are also called on to assist at major crime scenes with real-time data gathering and entry.

This year the VIPS (Volunteers In Police Services) program under the direction of Sergeant Steve Timmons began assisting the Records Section's "Scan and Toss" program. Scanning applicable documents to our network for easier access and to relieve over crowded storage areas has been an on-going goal. Due to the heavy workload of our Records Staff, finding time to do this has been very difficult. Our VIPS have stepped up and began assisting with the very large task. In just a few months of part-time work they have already scanned thousands of documents.

This year the City of Aberdeen recognized the need to upgrade office computers to the newer Windows 10 operating system. This was necessary due to Microsoft ending support of their Windows 7 operating system in January of 2019. The Aberdeen Police Department is replacing or upgrading all of their computers and should have this task finished in early 2020. Other IT related accomplishments this year include addition of surveillance video cameras at the Animal Control building and replacing the "white-board" used to keep the front office apprised of the jail population with an electronic display linked directly to the jail. This eliminated the need for a Corrections Officer to manually update the white-board with dry-erase markers.

Building maintenance continues to be very challenging as our building ages. Several years ago, settling of our foundation caused one of our sink drains to separate. This year in that same area a toilet drain also separated. Both of these issues have been repaired, but the settling continues. We were also able to repair extensive water damage to one of our out-buildings used to store seized vehicles. This repair included raising the floor to prevent future water seepage into the building.

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT (continued)

Statistics	2016	2017	2018	2019
Concealed Pistol License	317	249	351	317
Public Records Request	2285	2143	1514	1569
Pistol Transfers	N/A	307	379	511



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