



Astoria Police Department

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Committed to Community

2015 Annual Report

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What a quick year this was. It is hard to imagine that it has been a year since we published last.

We continue to struggle to keep up with the demand for our services. At the same time we are being asked to provide more services that are not traditional policing problems. We are also struggling with service gaps in the mental health system that require a significant portion of our time, increases in training needs, an increase in traffic volumes and the resultant concerns about traffic safety.

As a Department, we know we are not in this alone. We need to work with other departments within the City, other law enforcement agencies, community partners who provide services, and our citizens. Without the help and consent of all those groups, it is difficult, if not impossible for us to accomplish our mission.

This year saw the start of a new program called Coffee with a Cop, which you will see featured in these pages. It was a **great opportunity to meet people that we don't normally have conversations with over a cup of coffee.** If you haven't been to one of these events we hope you will make a point of attending one soon. One of the fantastic things with this program is that we surprise people. Not everyone who we talk to planned on coming to the event. They just happened to be at the coffee shop and we took advantage of the opportunity. This gives us exposure to a portion of the community that we would not normally hear from.

We were also able to revitalize our citizen's police academy. What a great program and a great group of graduates. With the exception of our dispatchers, we manage to get every member of the Department involved in some way. Building connections, talking about the work we do, having that longer, focused opportunity to dialogue about the business is a priceless opportunity.

Finally, thank you! I cannot imagine a community that supports its police more. We feel it and know that the feeling we get from our community is not true everywhere. Thanks.—Chief Brad Johnston

Have you liked us on Facebook? We have a vibrant community on our Facebook page that we update several times a week (sometimes several times an hour). You can find there: traffic alerts, quick tips, press releases, questionnaires, weather warnings, and appeals for information. If you want to stay up to date, like, follow and subscribe at: www.facebook.com/AstoriaPolice. You can also follow Chief Johnston at www.facebook.com/ChiefJohnston. Astoria Police are also on twitter AstoriaPD and YouTube user name AstoriaPolice



Why an Annual Report ?

We understand, if we want support it starts with a transparent Police Department. We want you to know what we do so that you can make a determination on our delivery of service. It is all focused on a service to our community. We can't imagine you being able to evaluate the level of service we provide with no knowledge of what we do. This report is a tool to keep you informed about us.



Comings and Goings

These are the people that came, went and moved around during 2015

Joining:

- Communications Officer Candace Pozdolksi
- Communications Officer Vanessa Ahl

Promoted/Appointed:

- Sgt Eric Halverson promoted to Deputy Chief
- Officer Thomas Litwin appointed to Detective
- Officer Chris McNeary promoted to Sergeant



Pictured left: Deputy Chief Eric Halverson participating in HazMat training with the Regional Hazardous Materials Team.

Leaving:

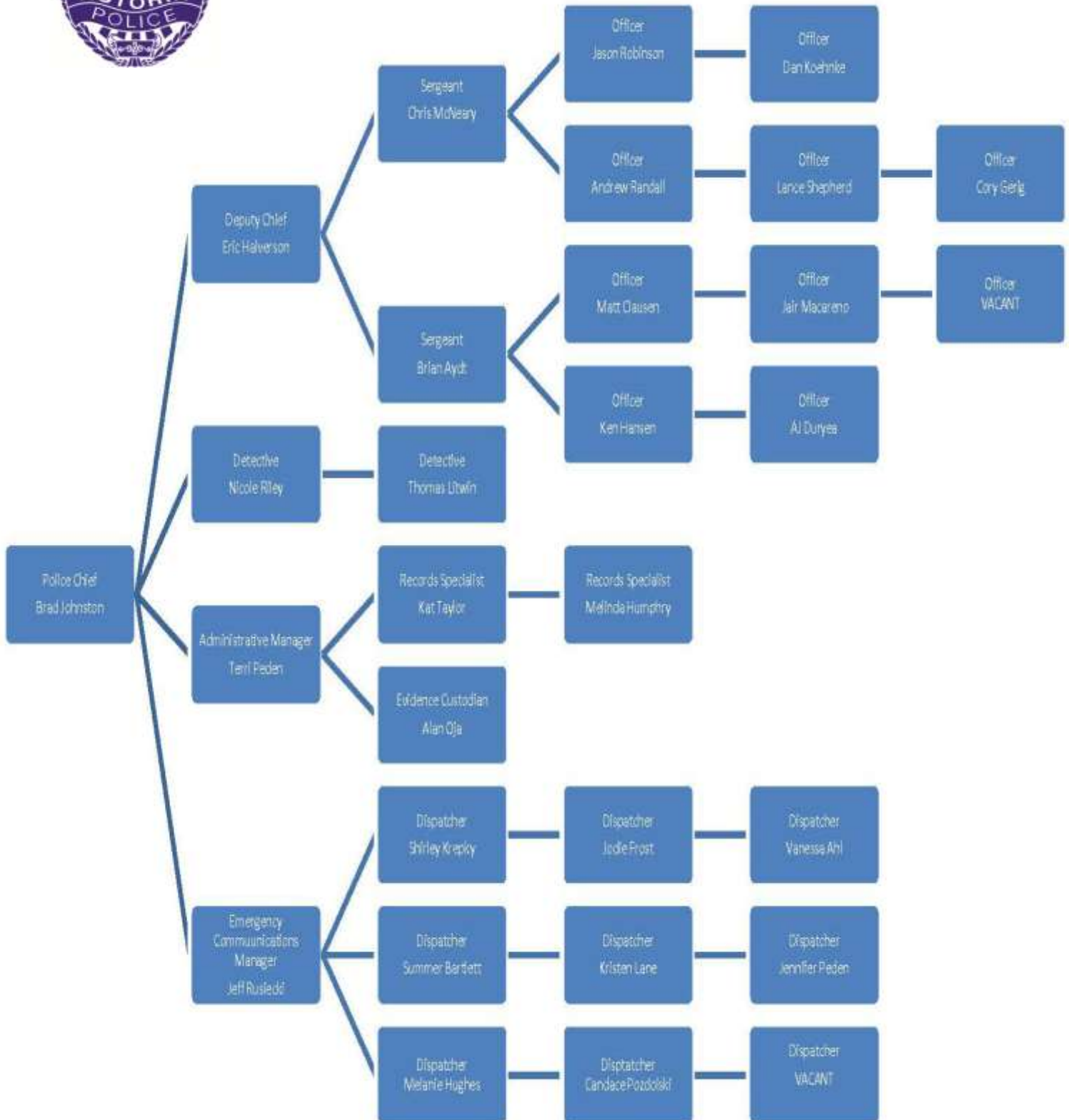
- Communications Officer Donna Galich
- Communications Officer Lani Williamson
- Reserve Officer Jim Pierce
- Reserve Officer Mike Stanton
- Reserve Officer John Hord



Pictured above: Sergeant McNeary and Chief Johnston waiting to take the oath of their new offices at an Astoria City Council Meeting.



Astoria Police Department Organizational Chart



Records Division

The Records Division consists of the Administrative Services Manager, one full-time Records Specialist and one part-time Records Specialist. The Records Division personnel have many duties in addition to processing cases. Some of these include data entry of traffic citations, completing attorney discoveries, serving and tracking subpoenas, fulfilling records requests and issuing taxi driver's licenses.



Pictured above are Records Specialists Kat Taylor and Melinda Humphrey.

Records has seen a substantial increase this year as compared to previous years. With an increase of over 700 cases (2014 had a total of 4297 and 2015 will end the year with nearly 5100) the trend is certainly upward. Since 2011 we will have seen over 1200 additional cases

to process. The Records Division also fulfills requests for copies of records. The Division sees an average of 35 requests a week for copies of records. An increase from 20 last year. These requests can be time consuming since each report must be reviewed to determine if there is information in reports that must be redacted. If redaction is required each case could take several hours to comply with each request.

Also part of the support services function is our Evidence Room (pictured right). Part of our 2012 remodel was a move away from stray shelves, gym baskets, lockers, and cabinets to a high density system that allowed us to consolidate the evidence room into a smaller footprint improving the organization of evidence.

The Department contracts with GovDeals.com to aid in the disposal of found and/or unclaimed property from the evidence room. This online auction website has clients from around the Nation auctioning surplus. If you are interested in picking up vehicles, bicycles, tools, jewelry, knives and electronics this is a site you should be checking out. Anyone is eligible to sign up as a bidder. You can check-out our current offerings at www.govdeals.com/astoriapd



Patrol

The Astoria Police Department Patrol Division, when it is fully staffed, is made up of 11 officers including two patrol sergeants who maintain a 24 hour a day, 365 day a year schedule. This year saw several staffing challenges due to both on the job and off the job illnesses and injuries which took several officers off the street for prolonged and overlapping periods of time. At one point there were only 7 sworn staff members in the **agency to cover Patrol's two person minimum** staffing schedule. This situation was identified as one of our most dire staffing challenges in the past 25 years. Despite these staffing challenges, we were able to maintain our minimum staffing with dedication and sacrifice on the part of all sworn members of the Police Department. Fortunately the majority of our Patrol Division is back to work.



Our Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department's operations for first response to calls for service. This year is on track to be one of the busiest years in our history for calls for service.

Case Highlight

Serial Burglar

burglaries were not what police typically see. Pitts would break into or enter dwellings to steal food and hygiene items. He was believed to even have stayed in the basement of a residence while the homeowners carried on their normal activities, unbeknownst of the man in the basement. Several more of these burglaries with similar modus operandi occurred covering over 40 blocks of Astoria neighborhoods. At one point Pitts came face to face with an owner finding him in her basement. In another a 17 year old resident confronted him at the residence food pantry. Some victims initially did not report missing or moved items, thinking their memories had played tricks. Officer Clausen went door to door talking to neighbors within a couple block radius of a burglary to try and develop leads. A neighbor pointed out a vacation house. Officer Clausen did a perimeter check and found an unlocked slider door. He contacted the owners who were out of the area. They gave permission to search the house. During a search of the house it was apparent someone had recently been there. While searching the home, officers noticed insulation hanging below an attic door. Pitts was found hiding inside. A few weeks later Pitts was released and several similar burglaries occurred. Pitts, who was living in the urban forest was again located by officers and interviewed. During the interview Sergeant McNeary was able to obtain information linking Pitts to numerous burglaries.

Astoria Police investigated 18 burglary cases in 2015 that involved a single suspect, 33 year old Jesse Pitts. Officers first narrowed in on Pitts after **locating an apology letter dubbing himself "The desperate squatter" at the scene of a burglary.** The

Astoria Police Department Gets Cellebrite

It is no surprise to anyone that more and more people are using mobile devices, tablets and phones as part of their day to day lives, the same is true of the criminal element. Until recently local law enforcement agencies had to travel to the Northwest Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (NWRFCFL) to process any mobile devices that were seized as evidence to process phones. This meant that there were long waits to process the evidence and that it was only done in limited cases. Many phones require the better part of a day to process this way and in some cases several devices were seized requiring multiple day trips to obtain the evidence.

These mini computers can divulge a wealth of information to investigators. After all, many people take pictures, access bank records and social media, text, instant message and email using this portable computer that they carry with them everywhere they go. Astoria Police only process these devices under consent or a valid search warrant.



The Astoria Police Department budgeted for the item and obtained it this year. After the purchase grant funds were located that may reimburse for the purchase and allows for the use of the software by all agencies in the county. Detective Thomas Litwin attended a Certified Logical Operator and Physical Analyst Course that allows him to do in depth evaluations of the phones. Less in depth data can be obtained by other users.

Prior to obtaining this software and allowing us to use it locally, mobile devices were only processed in the most serious of cases. Now, mobile devices are much more likely to be processed in the search for additional evidence. In a single month local agencies including the **Astoria Police Department, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, the Seaside Police Department and Warrenton Police Department**, have processed 24 devices in cases ranging from drug charges to child sex abuse, sexual assault cases and death investigations.

Investigations

The Investigations Division at the Department currently has two detectives assigned. There was only a single detective assigned to the office until October 2014 when it was decided to deploy a second detective. The decision was made because the high volume of cases experienced over several years had become too much for a single detective. In 2015 our detectives handled over 200 investigations. Over the past year there has been high-profile investigations in Astoria that include the kidnapping of a 15 year old girl from California by a 48 year old male, two home invasion robberies, and two heroin overdose deaths.

Cases investigated by the detectives may include serious assaults, robberies, sexual assaults, missing persons, child abuse investigations, death investigations, fire investigations, and financial crimes. **The Detective's Office will see the case through prosecution and works closely with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office from the beginning of the case through resolution.**

Patrol Officers will generally conduct the initial case interviews and forward the case to the detectives for further investigation and follow-up. A detective can be called out during the night or on weekends in a case where there is significant injury, an active threat of harm, or the case that has the potential to become a long term investigation.

The Investigations Division is currently part of the Clatsop County Major Crime Team and the Clatsop County Multi Disciplinary Child Abuse Team.

Featured Case

Home Invasion Robbery

In April 2015 Police responded to a residence in Astoria that was first reported as having two victims with gunshot wounds to the head. As officers were responding to the scene, other information was received that two armed males wearing bandanas over their faces entered the residence and assaulted the victims by deploying chemical spray and striking them with a baton and handgun. Officers were able to determine there were no gunshots fired during the incident, but victims did receive substantial injuries when they were struck with weapons.



Gun recovered in robbery suspect vehicle.

A suspect vehicle description was provided by witnesses, and the vehicle was observed shortly after by the Warrenton Police traveling on Highway 101 southbound but officers were not able to catch up to it. A Seaside Police Detective who was coming to Astoria to assist in the robbery investigation, observed the vehicle in the parking lot at a café in Warrenton. Three suspects were detained and interviewed at that time, but a fourth suspect had fled the area on foot prior to police arrival. At the time, investigators were still putting pieces of the puzzle together at the scene, and the three suspects that were contacted at the café were released. The suspect vehicle was impounded and transported to a secured garage where investigators served further search warrants for evidence.

Over the next several months, investigators were able to identify the suspects in the case and what

Investigations

Featured Case (Continued)



Expandable baton located in the suspect vehicle.

their roles in the crimes were. Three suspects cooperated with investigators and investigators were able to corroborate their stories with information already known. Kevin Morse, Tasha Van Dolah, and Amanda Preston all pled guilty to Robbery III and were sentenced to supervised probation with prison time if they do not complete their probation. Leticia Westfall was sentenced after she pled guilty to Hindering Prosecution and she received supervised probation. Joseph Armstrong admitted to being the masked intruder holding the handgun. Armstrong pled guilty and was sentenced to 70 months in prison. Anthony Lane was identified as one of the masked intruders who entered the residence. In December he was the final suspect to enter a plea. Lane pled guilty to two counts of Robbery II and received 70 months in prison.

This case is a great example of teamwork and how important it is to maintain working relationships with other agencies. We were assisted in the investigation by the Clatsop County Major Crime Team, Clatsop County District Attorney's Office, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, and the US Marshals. DNA collected at the scene and on key pieces of evidence was processed by the Oregon State Police Forensics Laboratory in Portland, Oregon. This investigation took over 8 months, involved 16 written reports, 6 search warrants, 4 cellular devices downloaded and hundreds of hours reviewing case information and conducting follow-up interviews.



Coffee with a Cop

In 2015 the Astoria Police Department discovered a successful program for putting citizens together with police officers in a positive environment. There are no speeches and there is no agenda other than having an arena to meet over a cup of coffee.

Coffee with A Cop started in Hawthorne, California. The idea was to interact in a more positive light with the community. With new technology, the ways to interact with the public have further detached the police from the public they serve. Coffee with a Cop is a low tech solution to an ever increasing high tech problem.



Officer Nicole Riley talking to citizens at 3 Cups Coffee House at the first Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop (continued)



Not all the conversation is serious. Sergeant McNeary, Deputy Chief Halverson, Chaplain Gaidos, and Norma Hernandez pictured.

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Hawthorne Police Department constructed a simple recipe to cook up some sweet interactions between cops and citizens. This gave birth to Coffee with a Cop.

In a little over three years, over 2000 communities are using this model in some form to build better relationships in their communities. The framework has even gone global, being used in Canada, Europe, Australia, and Africa. The prime element of Coffee with a Cop is the fact that the police and the public get to meet when they are not experiencing a crisis. There are no motives, other than providing a chance to meet in a neutral space.



The City of Astoria Police Department rolled out this program with its first Coffee with a Cop venture in July of 2015 at 3 Cups Coffee House. The program is spearheaded by Sergeant Chris McNeary who schedules and advertises the events then arranges for the officers to be there. The first event was enjoyed by both the officers and the citizens that attended.



Officer Dan Koehnke answering questions from a group of citizens at the December event at Coffee Girl

The second event took place in the beginning of December 2015 at Coffee Girl and was also well received. Astoria Police plan to continue this outreach in 2016, aiming for quarterly events. We have already begun looking at the next location, date, and time. We hope to vary the time, date and location enough that we provide additional opportunities for the public to meet their police officers, especially those who were not able to attend the first two events.

Citizen's Police Academy



In June and July of 2015 Astoria Police Department put on a Citizen's Police Academy. This year had 11 students participate in the academy. The academy met for 3 hours on Wednesdays for 5 weeks.

Students were given a wide variety of information regarding the operations of the Police Department and training that is given to all Astoria Police Officers. Students were taught by Astoria Police Department staff and only one officer was unable to be involved in the teaching of courses.

Students were given a tour of the Astoria Police Department, including dispatch and the Emergency Operations Center. They were shown how records are kept and the process for entry and storage of evidence. Students were also taken through the process from applying as a police officer, through mental and physical testing, background investigations, and the initial training process. **They were given an updated account of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's basic police academy from the Department's newest officer.**

With the large amount of media coverage regarding law enforcement's use of force, we covered this topic in many different forums. On one day students were able to spend one and a half hours learning about the firearms and ammunition that we use. They learned how to safely handle various guns and were allowed to shoot numerous firearms, if they wished. On this same day, students were given some instruction on the defensive tactics used by officers. Students were shown officer safety tactics and the reason why officers address situations in a certain way. Students were then given a presentation about the science behind human capabilities as it pertains to police officers use of force.

After these discussions, students were then given the opportunity to use a use of force simulator called MILO. Students were equipped with a duty belt that carried a special firearm, Taser, pepper spray, and flashlight. A video scenario was then played on a large screen that would react to the **student's verbal commands and to their decisions to use, or not use, a force option.** After each scenario the class had a discussion on the situation and on the decision to use or not to use force.

Students were then given a presentation by District Attorney Josh Marquis. He presented the class with some history of him and his office as well as how the legal process works for suspects, victims, law enforcement, and attorneys. They were then given a full tour of the Clatsop County Jail and the process an inmate goes through, from booking to being released.

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The 2015 citizen police academy students were extremely involved. During every topic covered all students were very engaged. One question would lead to 4 or 5 more. The students wanted to be engaged in their learning and most topics steered away from a PowerPoint Presentation towards a discussion forum. It seemed that the students enjoyed this more and I know that presenters enjoy an engaged audience. Given the response from this year, we will be conducting **another Citizen's Police Academy in 2016 with an expanded agenda to allow for even more discussion.**



One of the best things that come from this class is the relationship built between every member of the Department and the students in the class. Everyone walks away with an understanding of what the other is seeing as they look at the work we do day in and day out.

Training

To help ensure that the officers that serve the City are well trained, officers are required to attend four quarterly trainings a year that are put on by the Department. During training the officers focus on a variety of skills and topics. Additionally officers train on firearms and use of force on a monthly basis.

When selecting the topics or skills that officers train on, we often choose the skills that they use on a day to day basis that will help keep both themselves and the public safe.

This year's training focused officers on a variety of topics, including emergency vehicle operations, which focuses on both normal and emergency driving situations. Most people don't think about this but driving is one of the skills that an officer will use every day and is an area where many officers are injured or killed each year.

Other skills focused on this year include: death investigations, child abuse investigations, officer safety topics, leadership, crisis intervention, communications, first aid/CPR, proper use of Stop Sticks (a tire deflation devices designed to slow/stop a fleeing vehicle), D.U.I.I. detection and updates on case law.

Throughout the year officers also attend classes that are taught away from the Department. Officers attended training in mobile device processing, defensive tactics, background investigations, child abuse investigations, interviewing, a detective academy, and one officer attended a training that has allowed him to become an instructor to teach standardized field sobriety testing.

Each officer is required to keep current on continuing education and the Astoria Police Department exceeds this requirement with every officer.



CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a part of the Citizen Corps program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The program trains citizens to be prepared to take care of themselves, families, friends, neighbors and others in the event of a disaster until professional responders arrive. The CERT program contributes to the emergency response capabilities in a community when needed.

Training for CERT involves light search and rescue, fire safety and team organization. The team also learns ways to secure a home or workplace in a time of disaster.

Astoria CERT is a joint venture with Astoria Police and Fire Departments. All team members have been through a basic CERT academy. They are trained to support the missions of the Astoria Police and Fire Departments. The team leader is Officer Ken Hansen. Astoria CERT has 20 members. Members include retired community members, a registered nurse, a veterinarian, radio station manager, veterans advocate and several others.

Most team members are HAM radio operators, certified flaggers and are trained in CPR and first aid. The team

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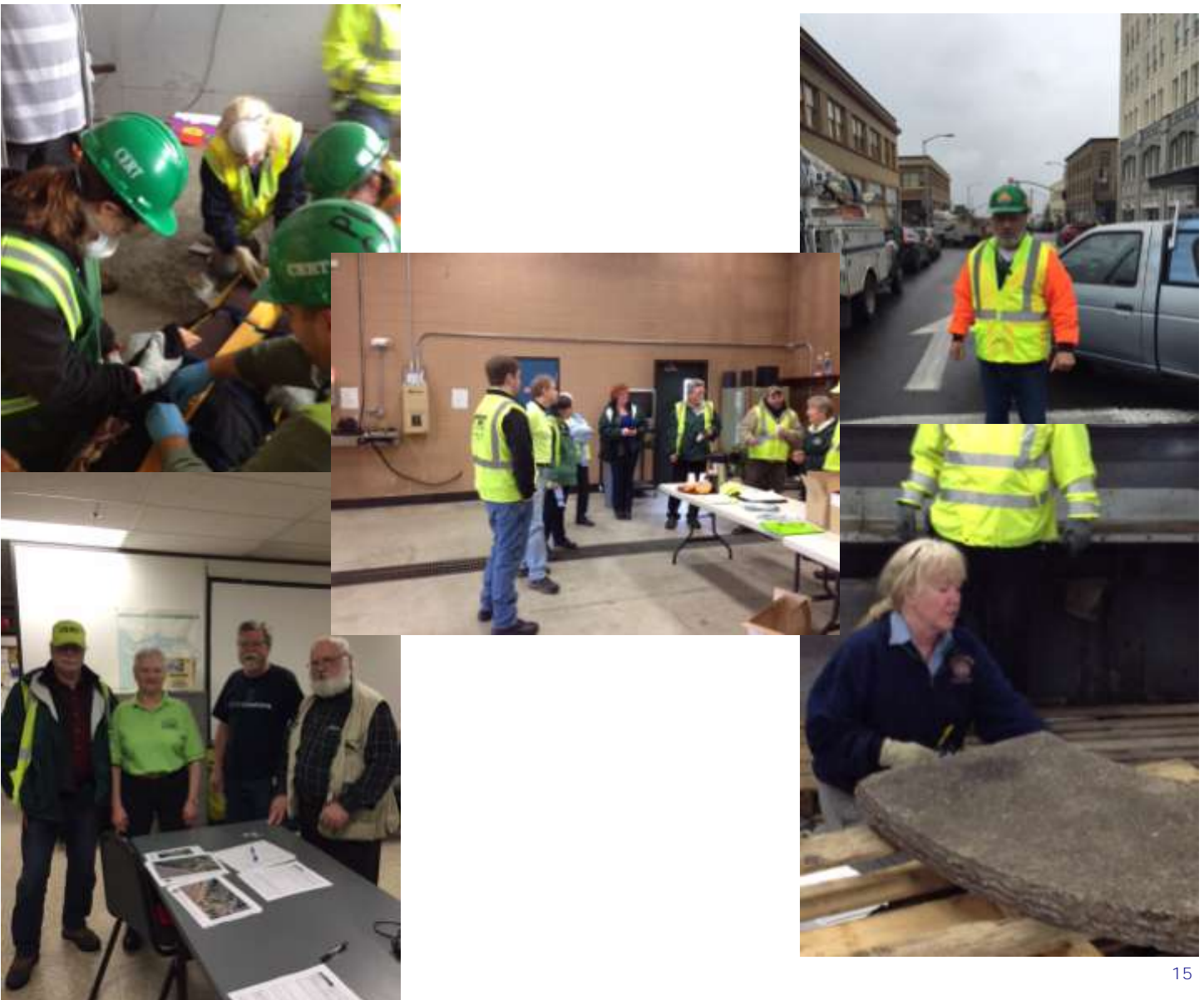
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logged 601.5 volunteer hours this year, which included both training and missions. The team provided traffic control for the Crab Festival, the Goonies 30th Anniversary event, the Astoria Regatta parade and **the fire in the basement of Gimre's shoes.**

Astoria CERT participated in the instruction of 2 CERT academies. Some members also participated in a joint class with Clatsop County Search and Rescue regarding ground searches. Members participated in an event with Astoria Kiwanis that was designed to let community members know what organizations exist in the community and what they have to offer. The team also participated in the City of Astoria Service Fair and assisted the Police Department putting on an event called Safety City. Safety City is a program that promotes traffic and pedestrian safety to children.

In December 2015 Astoria CERT was activated along with Clatsop County Search and Rescue (SAR) to search for a missing Astoria resident. This was the first time that CERT and SAR deployed together.

In the coming year CERT is planning to administer the MAP TOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM. CERT will also be preparing to present to groups on the topic of emergency preparedness and will be doing joint training with other agencies.



Dispatch

The City of Astoria provides dispatch services for 15 separate public safety agencies.

- Clatsop County Sheriff's Office
 - Astoria Police Department
 - Warrenton Police Department
 - Port of Astoria Security
 - Westport Fire and Rescue
 - Knappa, Svensen, Burnside RFPD*
 - John Day-Fernhill RFPD*
 - Astoria Fire and Rescue
 - Olney Walluski Fire and Rescue
 - Lewis and Clark RFPD*
 - Warrenton Fire
 - Warrenton RFPD*
 - USCG Airstation Fire
 - Elsie Vinemaple RFPD*
 - Oregon State Forestry
- *RFPD is a Rural Fire Protection District

The Astoria 9-1-1 Center had another busy year. On average we are seeing an annual increase County wide in calls for service these past several years. A call for service may begin as a 9-1-1 call though there are many other means by which we receive these requests. A vast majority of calls for service are Officer initiated, such as a Traffic Stop. Some calls may begin with a citizen coming in to the Police Department and others can be generated by Tele Type or radio. We keep very meticulous records relating to how calls are generated as well as types of calls. This information is then used for staffing and planning purposes.



Dispatch (Continued)

Personnel

No amount of technology or training can replace our highly skilled and caring Dispatchers. I would like to personally recognize and thank them all individually. They are truly amazing individuals:

Shirley – 25 years of service

Jodie – 14 years of service

Summer – 7 years of service

Kristen – 5 years of service

Jennifer – 4 years of service

Melanie – 3 years of service

Candace – 2 years of service

Vanessa – 1 year of service

Our newest Dispatchers Candace and Vanessa bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from large dispatch centers in California. Candace comes to us from San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Office and Vanessa from Kern County Sheriffs Office.



Dispatcher Jennifer Peden was presented with a notice of achievement by Chief Brad Johnston for her hard work and initiative. She is one of several dispatchers presented with awards in 2014



Technology

Improvements

All 9-1-1 Centers use technology to enhance and assist the Dispatchers with critical decision making. Astoria 9-1-1 is no different, in some respects we are ahead of many with our technological improvements. Working with our technology partners we now have an operational display for Dispatchers. In the above example the calls for service show as Icons or small pictures on the map (barking dog is an animal complaint) which have different meanings, and the available Officers

show as black badges. If an Officer is assigned to a call for service, his badge color changes to blue. With this information displayed the Dispatchers are able to quickly assess the current operations, including call load and the location of all Police and Deputies. In the police vehicles a similar display is available for the Officers to use, which allows them access to more information about a call, driving directions as well as showing them the location of all units in service.

Dispatch (Continued)

COMMUNICATIONS

With the need to communicate with our First Responders throughout the county we have a diverse and robust communications infrastructure. To accomplish this Dispatchers use eight different communication sites spread between Oregon and Washington.

Some sites are on mountain tops which offer great coverage for certain geographic areas and others are at ground level. Each site has been specifically designed to offer maximum coverage in often challenging mountainous environments **which we live. Some sites called "Voting Sites"** listen constantly for transmissions from people in the field. These sites are smart enough to then pass on the best quality transmission to the Dispatcher. We spend a fair amount of time and money maintaining these critical sites.



Commercial communications site at Tillamook Head south of Seaside. This site contains public safety communications gear as well as commercial providers.



TRAINING

In May Dispatch participated in a multi-agency training exercise which simulated a dangerous anhydrous ammonia leak from a tanker truck. This scenario is not an unexpected possibility given the number of commercial vehicles using our local roads and highways. An incident of this type, even during training, requires an enormous amount of logistical support from the Dispatch Center.

Astoria 9-1-1 also co-sponsored the 2015 Oregon Criminal Justice Information Security Workshop. This

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conference was held at the Seaside Convention Center and drew Public Safety Officials from Law Enforcement agencies, Dispatch Centers, Corrections, and others involved in support functions for criminal justice from Oregon and Washington.

We also hosted Public Safety Training Consultants, out of Red Wood City California to train local Dispatchers on methods of handling High-Risk calls as well as Customer Service for 9-1-1 Professionals. Both classes were well received by the 46 students in attendance from 15 different agencies.

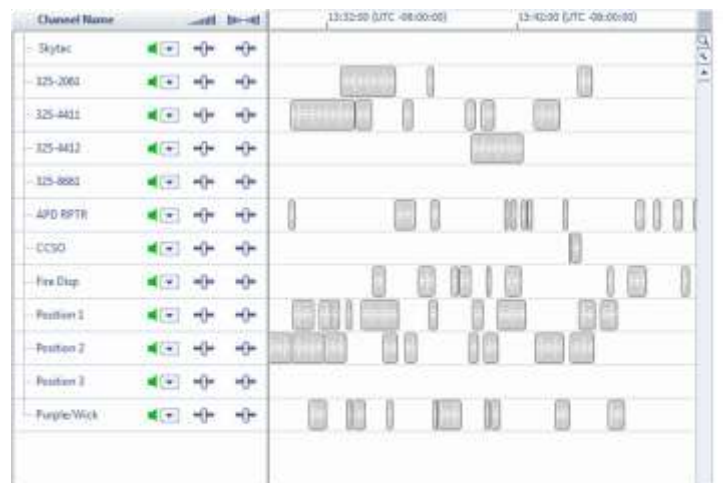
Between the thin red line and the thin blue line lies the thinnest gold line. This gold line represents those who rarely are seen but mostly heard. The calm voice in the dark night:

The golden glue that hold it all together. Dispatchers.

WHAT DOES A DISPATCHER DO?

To answer this we picked a day to look at. December 7th 2015, as another winter storm begins to come ashore. The picture below is a 10 minute snap-shot of activity during that afternoon. This picture is a screen shot of the digital logging recorder, which records all telephone and radio traffic to and from the Dispatch Center. In this example we have two Dispatchers (Position 1 & 2) taking 9-1-1 as well as non-emergency phone calls (6-911 lines and 5 non-emergency) and talking to Fire and Law Enforcement units on 5 different radio channels.

During this storm we had numerous trees and power lines blown down closing or obstructing numerous highways and streets. There were also several motor vehicle crashes related to the weather. The Dispatchers were dispatching various Police and Fire Departments, notifying Utility companies, County and City Public Works, ordering Tows for disabled vehicles, notifying ODOT of any highway closure or obstruction, and posting weather and road closure information on our website which also feeds the Astoria Police Facebook page. December the 7th resulted in 180 calls for service and over 220 9-1-1 and non-emergency phone calls answered in a 24 hour period.



Dispatch Statistics

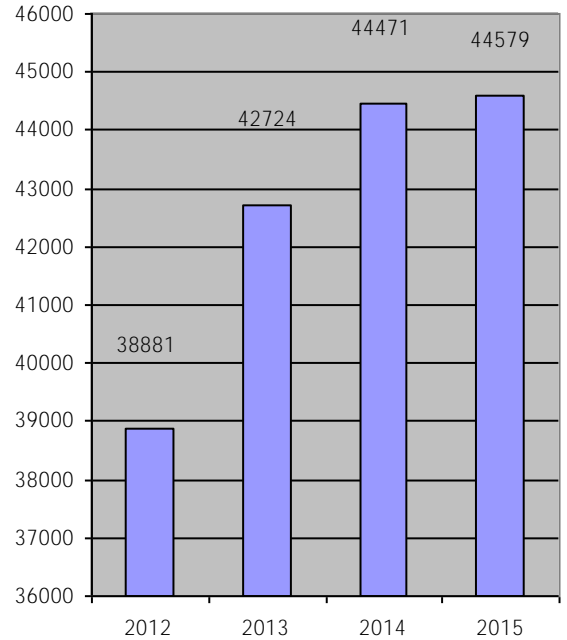
Calls for service

The Astoria Police Department provides dispatch services for several agencies. The metric for work volume is calls for service. A call for service is created every time a resource is dispatched or a person calls requesting information, response, or advice. It also is created by officers discovering things (self initiating).

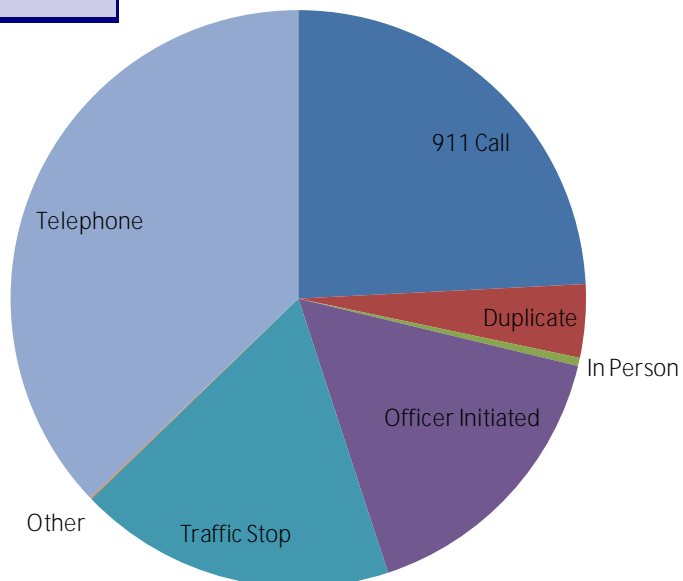
Calls for service is our best metric for determining the volume of work in the dispatch center. Others which include percentage of busy time on the phone lines and radio frequencies are more difficult to track. While the amount of self initiated activity is declining, (likely as a result of declines in discretionary time), the total call volume is increasing quickly.

Source	2012	2013	2014	2015
911 Call	9962	11329	11691	10782
Duplicate	1096	1522	1671	1833
In Person	54	104	135	205
Officer Initiated	4998	5548	6456	7220
Other	13	9	17	37
Radio	15	2	2	12
Telephone	13213	13823	15292	16563
Traffic Stop	9530	10387	9206	7927
Wire/TTY			1	
Grand Total	38881	42724	44471	44579

Calls for Service



2015 Calls for Service by Origin



Statistics

Astoria PD Calls for Service

While the previous page details why we use calls for service and shows the activity for all agencies dispatched by the Astoria Dispatch Center, this page details the calls for service requesting or initiated by members of the Astoria Police Department.

Source	2012	2013	2014	2015
911 Call	2527	2939	3122	2990
Duplicate	317	411	442	1639
In Person	47	76	98	166
Officer Initiated	1650	1811	1893	2264
Other	3	2	1	11
Radio	2	1		7
Telephone	5616	5673	6103	5973
Traffic Stop	3957	4351	3655	2369
Wire/TTY	6			
Grand Total	14119	15264	15316	15249

Call Type	2012	2013	2014	2015
Traffic Stop	2799	2845	2540	1787
OTHER ALL	1284	1115	1126	1498
HANGUP 911	963	1360	1451	1216
DISTURBANCE	985	1022	1052	1129
SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES	977	823	839	807
INTERVIEW, FIELD	611	667	612	736
PROPERTY CRIMES	659	641	554	690
TRAFFIC CITE	1005	1327	931	546
PHONE CONTACT	120	322	451	512
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	344	449	504	503
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	290	358	371	472
FOLLOW UP ENTRIES	135	205	336	468
DOG/ ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	262	289	359	402
TRAFFIC ROADS	455	395	322	359
PROPERTY FOUND	195	213	253	328
MOTOR VEH ACCIDENT	284	267	305	309
INFORMATION	505	354	444	285
MISCELLANEOUS	65	197	323	272
WARRANT ARREST	188	209	212	267
WELFARE CHECK	170	189	214	258
WARRANT INFORMATION	107	126	95	207
ABANDON/JUNK	142	156	150	207
DHS REFERRAL	135	149	148	201
TRESPASS	45	76	171	195
ALARM FALSE	181	162	174	186
FORGERY/FRAUD	58	111	144	163
MVA, HIT & RUN	97	97	119	132
SICK PERSON CARED FOR	52	44	89	115
PROPERTY LOST	96	110	109	114
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	62	68	68	96
ASSIST RENDERED	79	115	104	80
UNAUTH ENTRY MV	64	51	42	78
MISSING PERSON	86	69	72	75
TRUCK INSPECTION	181	220	214	65
Assorted Other	438	463	418	491

ASTORIA PD CALL TYPES

When calls for service come in, Dispatchers categorize them in broad categories. These may change after the officer arrives and after further investigation, the call may become something completely different from its initial classification. The table at left includes information as categorized by the dispatcher. As an example of how this classification works, a call of a bar fight could start as a disturbance, upon investigation the officer could learn that a victim was assaulted. This would result in the investigation being classified as an assault, even though the initial call was a disturbance.

Some notable changes in 2015: Over the four years in this table the number of identified mental health issues officers have responded to (Sick Person Cared for) have doubled. Traffic stops and citations are down from previous years. This was expected since the officers directed time is increasing, self initiated activity is decreasing. Warrant entries and trespass complaints are also greatly increased. Finally, truck inspections have dropped along with the loss of federal pass through dollars that funded this focused enforcement effort.

Statistics

Astoria PD Calls for Service

While the previous page details why we use calls for service and shows the activity for all agencies dispatched by the Astoria Dispatch Center, this page details the calls for service requesting or initiated by members of the Astoria Police Department.

Source	2012	2013	2014	2015
911 Call	2527	2939	3122	2990
Duplicate	317	411	442	1639
In Person	47	76	98	166
Officer Initiated	1650	1811	1893	2264
Other	3	2	1	11
Radio	2	1		7
Telephone	5616	5673	6103	5973
Traffic Stop	3957	4351	3655	2369
Wire/TTY	6			
Grand Total	14119	15264	15316	15249

Citations

Nationwide, when surveyed, traffic violations are one of the most important police issues on the minds of most communities .

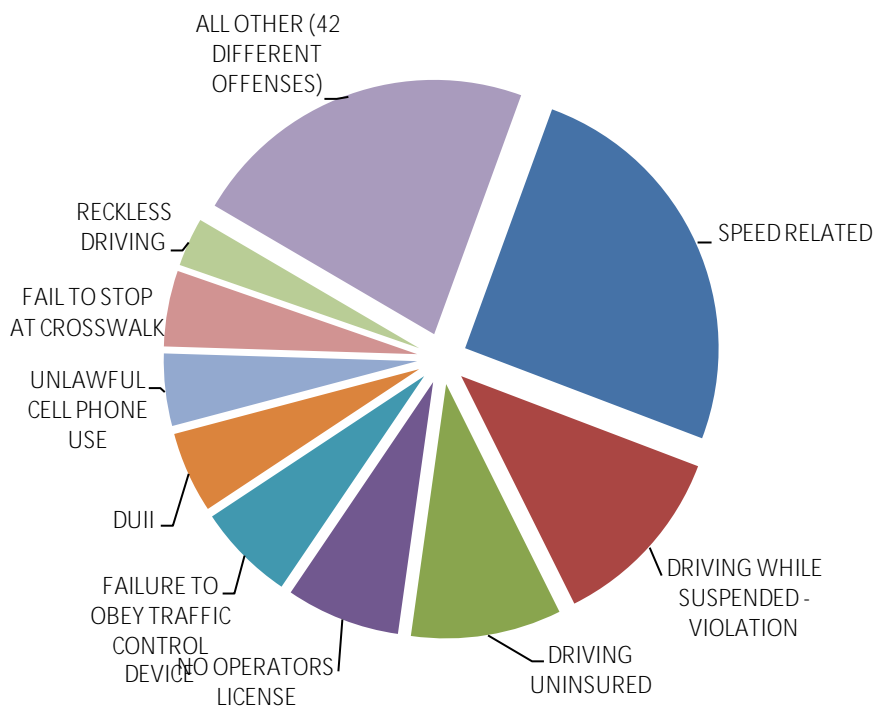
While the Astoria Police Department firmly believes that education and engineering are important to improving traffic safety, we also believe in enforcement.

Astoria Police do not have a dedicated traffic unit but instead ask officers to carry on traffic enforcement and education on a daily basis in conjunction with their other duties. This does two things. It empowers the officer who is handling other calls in the residential neighborhoods to deal with the issues in that neighborhood while he is there. It also means that all of our officers are contributing to the solution. Not

just one "traffic cop."

Citations are down as our dispatched incidents require more time to deal with and officers have less discretionary time.

In addition to being busier, we had several injuries and illnesses this year that caused vacancies. All totaled, we lost a full time position from Patrol this year to illness and injuries.

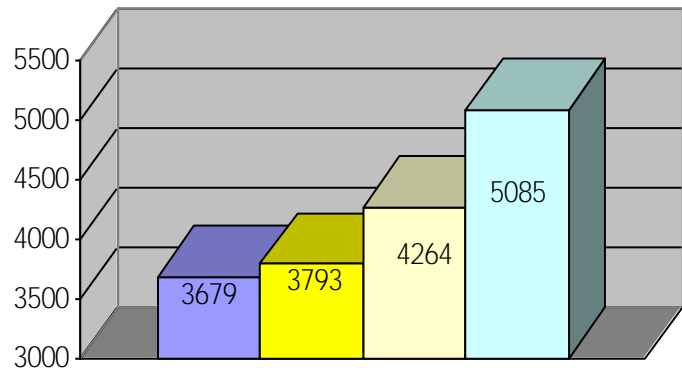


Total Citations		
2013	2014	2015
1294	1383	867

Statistics (Continued)

Calls for service frequently require no action on the part of the officer and no requirement to document what occurred, outside of the call. However, when something requires additional documentation the officer will write a case. As the cases table indicates, while the number of calls remained stable last year, things requiring more documentation increased significantly.

Astoria PD Cases



Police Officer Staffing

Staffing with Police Officers is a challenge for the Astoria Police Department. Our staffing rates have remained stable for many years, changing by one here and there as grants could be located. No matter how we slice it, we could use more bodies. In general, we have a two person staffing for Patrol. Our best staffing scenario increases to three on occasion but not regularly.

The number of "sworn" personnel per thousand is one measure of staffing levels. Astoria enjoys a 1.6 ratio here. Other similar or near agencies are indicated in the table at right.

Another indication for staffing would be calls per officer. Since we have dispatch data for all Clatsop County law enforcement agencies we know that data as well.

Looking at the Calls for service per officer it is apparent how this staffing level translates for the Astoria Police Officer. This year was also exacerbated by the fact that we have been unable to fill a position because of recruitment issues which are being noticed nationally as well. In addition to this position we have not been able to fill, we have lost another full time employee equivalent due to illness and injuries. Major medical injuries caused by an off duty car crash, an on duty shoulder injury requiring surgery, and a serious medical diagnosis totaled well **over a year's wages paid for minimal return in labor. Those two positions** are included in the 16 officers authorized.

Agency	Authorized Staffing	Population	Staffing/ 1,000 population
Cannon Beach	7	1695	4.1
Lincoln City	26	7930	3.3
Seaside	19	6476	2.9
Tillamook	13	5001	2.6
Warrenton	12	5135	2.3
Newport	21	9968	2.1
Gearhart	3	1467	2.0
Cottage Grove	17	8910	1.9
Florence	15	8507	1.8
Astoria	16	9516	1.6
Coos Bay	24	15650	1.5
National Avg		<10,000	2.3
National Avg		10,000— 24999	2

	Calls / Officer	Officers
APD	957.2	16
SPD	865.3	19
WPD	771.8	11
CCSO	661.2	22.5
CBPD	460.4	7
GPD	331.3	3

Statistics (Continued)

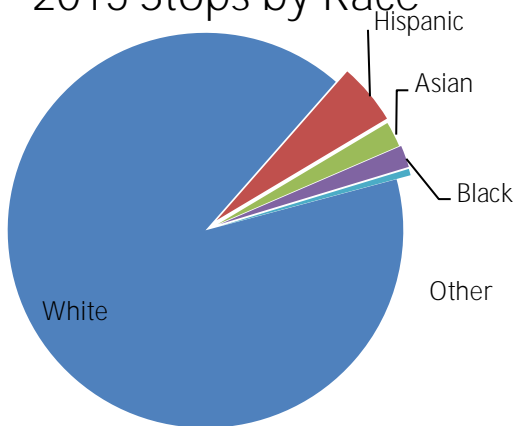
Racial Profiling Data

In 2009 the Astoria Police Department began collecting data related to racial profiling. We did not, and still do not, believe we have an issue related to racial profiling but knew that if we did not capture data we would never be able to have a factual discussion.

In addition to the perceived race of the driver, officers capture the reason for the stop (Traffic, BOLO, Etc), whether someone was searched, and what the result of the stop was. Data includes all stops initiated by police officers.

<i>Stops by Perceived Race</i>					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
White	3747	4161	3421	2222	15093
Hispanic	221	230	189	122	878
Asian	47	70	56	51	230
Black	29	44	49	44	163
Middle Eastern/ East Indian	10	17	15	10	10
Native American/ Indian Alaskan	5	7	0	3	16

2015 Stops by Race



In other jurisdictions not only who gets stopped but what enforcement action they received has been questioned. Below is the enforcement action taken after the stop by perceived race over the last five calendar years. Other races are tracked but have contact numbers so low they were not included in the data.

Actions after Stop

Enforcement Action	Race						
	W	H	A	B	M	I	N
Warning	10994	624	192	134	40	4	9
Citation Issued	2783	212	38	33	3	1	1
Speed Warning	2750	135	49	20	9	3	2
Speed Citation	1458	85	32	17	16	1	1
Field Interview	946	62	2	21	4	0	2
Commercial Vehicle Inspection	534	4	0	1	0	0	0
DL Violation Cite	480	74	5	9	2	0	2
Safety Belt Warning	234	4	4	2	0	0	0
Safety Belt Citation	197	8	2	1	0	0	0
All Other	255	9	2	2	0	0	1