

CHIEF OF POLICE - ROBERT H. TORGERSON



MISSION STATEMENT

The Aberdeen Police Department

is
Dedicated to the Pursuit of Excellence
in
Providing Professional
and

Caring Law Enforcement Services.

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FROM THE CHIEF

February 3, 2009

Honorable William Simpson
Mayor, City of Aberdeen

Dear Mayor Simpson,



Police Chief Robert H. Torgerson

It is an honor to present the 2008 Annual Report of the Aberdeen Police Department.

The Aberdeen Police Department is organized in four Divisions: Patrol, Investigations, Special Assignments and Corrections. The Patrol Division in 2008 was led by Lieutenants Kevin Darst and Scott Slyter with the assistance of Deputy Chief Dave Timmons, the Investigation's Divisions was supervised by Captain Dave Johnson and the Special Assignments Division was under the direction of Sergeant Tom Schmidt. The Corrections Section operates under the umbrella of the Special Assignments Division.

The Patrol Division had a very demanding 2008 responding to over 24,000 calls for service. These officers also made over 5,600 traffic stops and wrote more than 3,300 citations. Patrol took a very aggressive stance with crime and their efforts resulted in 2,374 people being booked in the Aberdeen City jail for a variety of misdemeanor and felony charges. A higher jail capacity would have resulted in even more arrests.

The Investigations Division also had a busy year being assigned 828 felony cases that were divided among 5 detectives. In addition to their high case load our investigators made 115 arrests, obtained numerous suspect confessions and executed 42 search warrants. This was a busy and productive year for the Investigations Division of the Aberdeen Police Department.

The Aberdeen City 18 jail continues to be full on almost a daily basis. This year we had an average daily population of 19.77 inmates per day. Four full time corrections officers with the help of a few "casual" corrections officers and patrol officers who are working overtime operated our jail 24/7. Their days are very busy with bookings, court responsibilities and prisoners care.

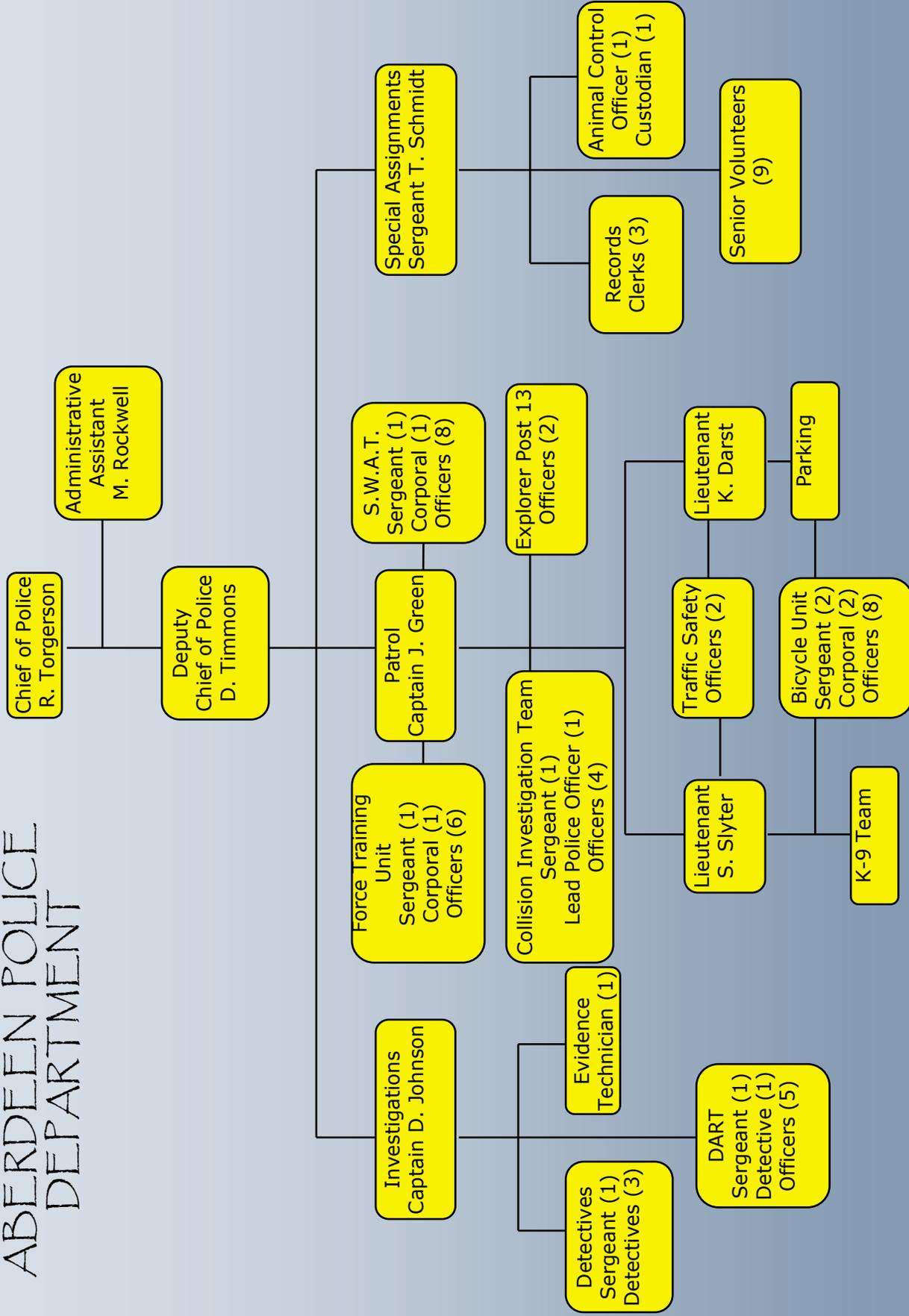
Operational support often goes unnoticed in most agencies as the employees working in these areas do the work doesn't generate the attention of patrol or investigations. But without the outstanding efforts of the Records Section, Animal Control, Senior Volunteers, and our Police Explorers, we would not be able to provide the excellence of service we do each and every day to the citizens of our community.

I am very proud of the men and women at the Aberdeen Police Department. In 2008 we met many challenges. 2009 will not be an easy year, but we remain committed to serving our community. Our officers do their job with pride and are great ambassadors for our city. Please accept our appreciation for your support and that of our City Council. Together we can and will make a difference to those we serve.

Robert H. Torgerson

Chief of Police

ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Felony Offense	2005	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	13	5	5	2
Robbery	20	11	13	12
Aggravated Assault	22	25	15	23
Burglary	219	160	220	239
Larceny	1406	759	752	618
Auto Theft	172	102	113	107
Arson	6	3	3	4
Domestic Violence				
Domestic Violence	2005	2006	2007	2008
Domestic Incidents	363	251	251	329
Domestic Assaults	131	119	123	124
Court Order Violations	213	166	158	54
Criminal Mischief	36	40	38	6
Total	743	576	570	670
Crimes Against Children				
Crimes Against Children	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child Abuse	127	41	37	36
Sex Offenses	16	26	30	85
Assaults	1	3	1	0
Total	144	70	68	121
Calls For Service				
Calls For Service	2005	2006	2007	2008
Dispatched	24,213	22,395	24,999	24,356
Traffic Stops	5,654	6,684	5,654	5,123
Citations/Infractions	4,454	5,906	4,905	3,303

PATROL DIVISION



Lt. Kevin Darst

In 2008 the Patrol Division worked under the direction of Lieutenant Kevin Darst and Lieutenant Scott Slyter with the assistance of Deputy Chief Dave Timmons. Our Patrol Officers were proud to continue the admirable tradition of exceptional police service to our citizens. The Aberdeen Police Department Mission Statement states, "Our purpose is to insure a safe and secure community environment that will be a source of pride for future generations." The members of the Patrol Division work 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in an effort to fulfill that mission.

The Aberdeen Police Department Patrol Division consists of 29 officers with a broad range of experience and abilities. The Patrol Division is comprised of 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 2 corporals, 2 lead officers, 2 traffic officers, 1 K-9 team, 1 school resource officer, 13 officers.

A few of the crucial specialty areas performed by Patrol Division members are: Firearm Instructors, Field Training Officers, Meth Clan Lab Team Members, Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructors, Vehicle Collision Investigators, S.W.A.T. Members, and Crisis Negotiators.



Lt. Scott Slyter

During the 2008 year the patrol division responded to 24,356 recorded service requests. The patrol division also collectively produced 1,443 criminal citations, 1,860 moving violations, 5,656 traffic stops and or traffic violations, and booked 2,374 arrests.

The Patrol Division performed very well during 2008 under some difficult circumstances. This year we recorded an unprecedented number of duty related injuries and during one stretch in 2008 we had 7 injured patrol officers off work at one time. The burden on the remainder of the Patrol Division was immense, but they did their job and they performed their work superbly.



Deputy Chief D. Timmons

TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE

It is widely accepted in law enforcement that a significant amount of crime involves a motor vehicle to some degree. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, based on 2003 data,

Traffic crashes were the number one killer of Teens – nearly one-third were alcohol-related.

Keeping this in mind, traffic safety should be at the forefront of every Officer's agenda, and every Police Department needs to promote a well-organized and unwavering traffic safety program.

The Aberdeen Police Department's Traffic Safety Office is an integral part of the Patrol Division. Traffic Officers provide community traffic and pedestrian safety services in the form of motor vehicle and

pedestrian safety education and monitoring, collision investigation, traffic law enforcement, and enhanced emphasis patrols.

Officer Ron Morella and Officer Tim Fellows were permanently assigned to the Traffic Safety Office during 2008, however, mid-March one officer was injured and placed on disability for the rest of the year.



Officer Ron Morella



Officer Tim Fellows

The Traffic Officer must have an insightful working knowledge of traffic laws and city ordinances to perform his duties, as well as be able to reliably identify problem traffic areas.

In addition to the Traffic Safety Office, Parking Enforcement Officer George Welch also provides community traffic safety services through the enforcement of state laws and city ordinances pertaining to parking and abandoned vehicles.

The Traffic Officers review and takes appropriate action on citizen traffic related concerns. Speeding vehicle complaints are tracked so that the departments newly acquired Speed Monitoring Trailer can be effectively deployed to trouble locations.

Traffic Officers use standard Patrol Vehicles, Police Motorcycles and Police Mountain Bicycles in the performance of their duties. Officers are required to become Police Motorcycle Operator certified by completing a grueling two-week, state sponsored Police Motorcycle Operator s course.

K-9 APPREHENSION TEAM

Officer Steve Timmons and K-9 Nitro completed their 4th year as the Aberdeen Police Department's apprehension K-9 team. In 2008 the team completed 122-1/4 hours of training in several areas to include: tracking, building searches, handler protection, man-work, and area searches. To date, the K-9 team has completed 835-3/4 hours of training. During the year the team was applied on 31 incidents with 11 successful apprehensions. The K-9 team was also very active in patrol conducting 561 traffic stops and issuing 312 infractions/citations.



Officer Steve Timmons

The team performed four public demonstrations in 2008; three at the Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds and one for the students at Steven's Elementary School. The team also participated in career day at Steven's Elementary School, and a K-9 seminar in Lynwood, WA. During the seminar, the K-9 team was introduced and participated in helicopter familiarization with the King County Sheriff's Office and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

The Aberdeen Police Department apprehension K-9 team is in good health and looks forward to providing another effective year for the citizens of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor law enforcement officers.

The following is a compilation of statistics provided by the K-9 team:

Suspect Apprehensions:	11
Tracks/Evidence tracks:	16
Building Searches:	10
Flight Apprehension:	2
Area Searches:	3



Nitro

PARKING ENFORCEMENT



George Welch

George Welch is the Parking Enforcement Officer for the City of Aberdeen. He continues to provide a much needed service to the downtown business district, and other areas of the city.

During 2008, George wrote 505 various parking citations, responded to 232 abandoned vehicle calls, and impounded 73 vehicles. George also assisted citizens and tow companies remove 11 vehicles from private property by contacting registered owners, performing inspections, checking VIN numbers, and providing the proper documentation for the vehicle to be removed.

George is known throughout the downtown business district for his strong work ethic and friendly manner. It has been said by more than one Mayor that George is one of Aberdeen's best ambassadors. It is hard to see him doing his job without a smile on his face, even when writing a parking citation.

POLICE EXPLORERS POST #13



Officer T. Fellows



Officer G. Sexton



Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13

In 2008 the Aberdeen Police Department Explorer Post #13 continued to progress in the training of young adults to be the law enforcement officers of tomorrow. Currently, the post is being led by Explorer Lt. A. Johnson and Explorer Sgt. K. Dale. The Explorers participated in a variety of community service events and training opportunities during the year.

Throughout the year the Explorers contributed approximately 328 community service hours:

- 267 hours riding with police officers
- 111 hours performing departmental and community services
- 900 hours of weekly meetings and training

We started the year with three active Explorers; this was due to some resigning for different personal reasons. Through active recruitment, which was our goal for the 2008 year, we raised our current total enrollment to seven active explorers. All of our new Explorers are excited to continue in their learning of law enforcement.

This year the post volunteered their time to assist with the following Grays Harbor community sponsored events: the Splash Festival, the Easter Extravaganza (egg hunt), the Downtown Trick or Treat. Additionally, the Explorers provided traffic control for a Marathon at the Elma Lake and assisted in locating a missing child. The Explorers take pride in community service, and look forward to building community involvements.

In closing, the Aberdeen Police Department Explorer Post is a very valuable part of the police department. The opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the law enforcement field, as provided by the Aberdeen Police Department, is truly valued by each member of the post.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division was responsible for conducting primary and follow-up investigations of felony crimes that occurred within the City of Aberdeen. Detectives were on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week to respond to and investigate all major incidents. Felony cases were evaluated against established solvability standards, and were either assigned to a detective for follow-up, or placed in an inactive status.



Captain Dave Johnson

Captain David Johnson was the Investigations Division Commander and Public Information Officer during 2008. His command included one Detective Sergeant, four Detectives, an Investigative Specialist, and an Evidence Technician.

Detective Jay Staten and Investigative Specialist Pat Munyon were assigned full-time to support the Grays Harbor County Drug Task Force (DTF).

Detective Sergeant C.J. Chastain was the Division supervisor and responsible for assigning caseload, and supervising three detectives. In addition to supervisory duties, he handled the majority of in-custody arrestees, vehicle thefts, and death investigations. As well, he was a utility detective, in that he investigated a variety of general felony matters when necessary.



Detective Sergeant C.J. Chastain



Detective Brett Ellis

Detective Bret Ellis (senior detective) investigated the majority of violent crimes, or crimes against persons (robberies, felony assaults, etc.), as well as burglaries and other felony crimes.

Detective Bob Green investigated the majority of our property crimes (fraud, forgery, burglary, etc.). He had the largest caseload within the Division.



Detective Bob Green



Detective George Kelley

Detective George Kelley investigated the majority of sexual assaults and crimes against children cases. He also managed the Registered Sex Offender (RSO) program, supervising RSO's living and/or working in the City of Aberdeen, and periodically publishing and distributing public notification bulletins. At years end, he was monitoring and tracking 77 RSO's (49 level 1, 20 level 2, and 8 level 3 offenders) in our community. Detective Kelley also coordinates VICE related operations, to curb prostitution related activities.

During 2008 the Division handled nearly 828 cases, averaging 207 per investigator. Throughout the year, detectives continued with the Divisions proactive goal oriented philosophy, that was adopted in 2005, and continued focusing efforts on accomplishing activity goals. By years-end the Division affected approximately 115 arrests, secured numerous suspect admissions/confessions, and wrote and/or executed 42 search warrants.

During this period the Division accumulated over 324 hours of specialized training, to include: DNA Collection, Ritual Crimes, Excited Delirium, Violent Crimes Investigators Conference, Adam Walsh Act, Explosives, Registered Sex Offender, ATF Seminar, Riot/Domestic Preparedness, Emotional Survival, Police Recruitment, Basic Sniper, and Public Information Officer.

Regular networking with investigators from other law enforcement agencies and area financial institutions, resulted in newfound sources of information and assistance. A continuing close working relationship with the Grays Harbor County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, helped to ensure that cases were successfully prosecuted.

The Investigations Division will undergo personnel changes, as Captain Johnson and Sergeant Chastain end their investigations duties and rotate to the Patrol Division. The past year has shown what a committed and cohesive work force can accomplish through dedication, camaraderie, and professional work ethic. Captain John Green and Sergeant Art Laur's assumption of the Investigations command will certainly continue the high caliber of service.

Few 2008 Cases to Note:

Early Jan. – During a short period of weeks at the end of 2007 and the beginning of 2008, there were a series of commercial burglaries at a pharmacy in the 1800 block of Sumner Ave. After the first burglary, Detective Ellis installed a VARDA alarm (police department owned burglary alarm system) in the business. Subsequently, the patrol division and detectives arrested two suspects in the act of or shortly after committing burglaries at the location.

July 2nd – Detective Sergeant Chastain conducted a First Degree Robbery investigation. A 35-year-old Elma man approached an elderly Pacific County man who had been visiting a friend at the Crystal Steam Bath Apartments, here in Aberdeen. The man bummed a cigarette from the victim and left, however, the man returned shortly afterwards and beat the victim. The suspect took money from the victim's pockets, and fled the building. He was apprehended a block away at the Pourhouse Tavern. The victim sustained a life-threatening head injury, and spent several weeks in Pacific and Thurston County hospitals. The suspect was convicted by a Superior Court Jury, and is serving a 78-months prison term.

Aug. 31st – Detectives responded to a reported Robbery a W. Market St. Tanning Salon. A male wearing a hoody and a bandana covering his face, threatened employees with a knife and demanded money. Employees told officers and detectives that they recognized the suspect - who fled with approximately \$200 - as a customer. Captain Johnson and detectives went to the address of the 39-year-old Aberdeen suspect, where he was located and clothing evidence was recovered. The suspect confessed to doing the crime to Detective Green and later pled guilty in Superior Court. He is serving a 31-month prison sentence for First Degree Robbery.

Sept. 6th – Detective Ellis conducted a First Degree Assault investigation where an altercation took place in a Thunderbird Motel room. During the altercation, one of the combatants armed himself with a knife, cutting one of the other combatants multiple times. The victim sustained cuts to the face and a stab wound to the forehead. In November the 26-year-old Aberdeen man was found guilty in Superior Court, and is currently serving a 30-month prison term (on appeal).

Sept. 8th – The Aberdeen School District Administration advised the Department of a potential improper involvement between one of their male educators and a number of current and past female students. Detective Kelley conducted a lengthy investigation into the allegations, and submitted the case to the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Office for review. In mid-November, charges were filed against the 31-year-old Central Park man for Sexual Misconduct with a Minor in the First Degree – School Employee. Trial is pending.

Like so many areas around the country, Aberdeen is experiencing increasing technology-based crimes. With the increasing number of cell phone cameras, with their capabilities for instantly sending and storing photos and video, Aberdeen is seeing an increase in youth sending erotic images of themselves and others. Detective Kelley is working with the Aberdeen School District to develop an educational presentation to inform students about the laws related to erotica.

Sept. 26th – A locally owned downtown jewelry store was burglarized. A Patrol Sergeant heard the alarm activate, however by the time he determined the location and arrived at the scene, the suspect(s) had fled. Several thousands of dollars worth of rings and watches were stolen. Detective Ellis has worked hundreds of hours chasing countless tips, and following up on every possible lead. One individual had been arrested and convicted for knowingly possessing (and wearing) one of the stolen Rolex watches from the burglary. The investigation continues into 2009, with additional arrests are expected.

Nov. 30th – During the early morning hours, detectives were called out for a stabbing in a 200 block N. "E" Street apartment. Patrol officers arrived to find the victim lying in the hallway, bleeding from a large abdominal laceration. The victim was transported to Community Hospital, where he was stabilized and transferred to Harborview Medical Center with critical/life threatening injuries. The victim had been drinking at the apartment with a few roommates following a wedding reception. At some point in the early morning hours there was a problem in the hallway and the suspect came back into the apartment and engaged the victim. The knife was pulled, and the victim was cut. A few days later, detectives learned that the 32-year-old suspect was hiding in a south Aberdeen apartment, where he then arrested. The suspect is awaiting a March 2009 trial, but the investigation continues to determine if other occupants of the apartment were involved in the assault.

DRUG TASK FORCE

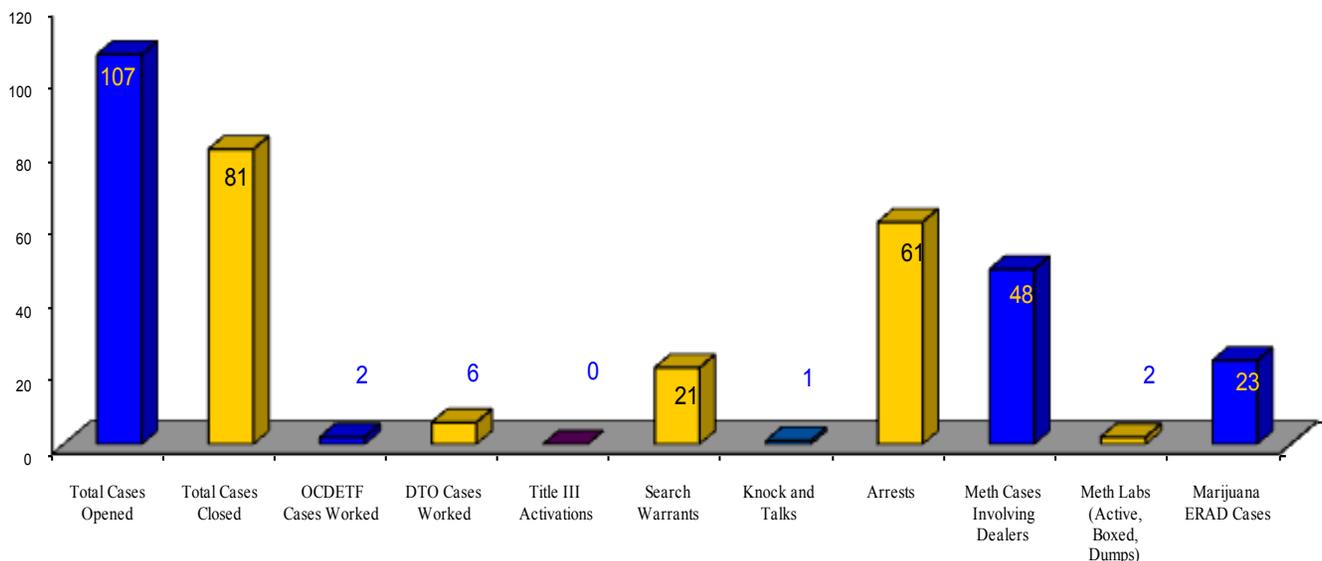
The Drug Task Force represents a combined effort between the Aberdeen Police Department, Hoquiam Police Department, and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office. One sergeant and three detectives, representing each of the agencies, staff the Drug Task Force in 2008. An Aberdeen Investigative Specialist is additionally assigned as support staff.

DTF CASE SUMMARY:

Drug Task Force Detectives (DTF) opened 107 new investigations during 2007. Eighty-one (81) cases were closed, some of which were initiated in 2007. The DTF initiated 21 Search Warrants and also conducted 1 Knock and Talk. Through the efforts of DTF investigators, 17 major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) working in and around Grays Harbor and the Olympic Peninsula region were identified, disrupted, and or/dismantled. The DTF also assisted the DEA with numerous investigations throughout Washington and Oregon.

During 2008, the DTF was involved in 2 Federal OCDETF investigations focused on identifying and disrupting/dismantling methamphetamine distribution organizations.

The predominate choice of drug on the Harbor continues to be crystal methamphetamine with marijuana being the second choice among drug users.



DRUGS SEIZED	Units	#Units	Value/Unit	Total Value
Cocaine	Grams	31.5	\$60	1,890.00
Marijuana	Plants	623	\$1,500	934,500.00
Marijuana	Pounds	41.29	\$3,500	144,498.46
Heroin	Grams	1628.4	\$100	162,840.00
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	1245.89	\$80	99,671.20
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	0	\$60	
Barbiturates (Oxycontin, etc.)	Grams	120	\$100	12,000.00
TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS				\$1,355,399.66

SEIZURES AND FORFEITURES	SEIZURES	ESTIMATED VALUE	FORFEITURES	TOTAL VALUE
Real Property	0	0	0	
Vehicles	35	217,350.00	26	40,342.00
Vessels	0	0	0	
Forearms	41	13,100.00	16	-0-
Currency (includes portion of Federal DAG)	48	188,039.00	14	80,275.00
Miscellaneous Property	256	94,747.00	15	865.00
Other Financial Instruments	0	0	0	
TOTAL VALUE FORFEITURES				121,482.00

EVIDENCE



Evidence Technician Leslie Green

Records Specialist Leslie Green was responsible for managing the evidence and property facilities, as well as the processing of evidence throughout various crime labs within Washington State. Her meticulous evidence control and accountability was vital to the successful prosecution of criminal cases through the Aberdeen Municipal, County District and Washington State Superior Courts.

During the year over 2870 property and evidence items were received and processed. This amount includes 40 weapons received: 25 handguns, 15 long guns and numerous related ammunition.

The above total of 2870 includes 375 packages of illegal drugs, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, marijuana and numerous miscellaneous pills. This year we also took in psilocybin mushrooms, an item not received in several years.

The Aberdeen evidence room received evidence generated by the Drug Task Force cases within the city limits. The figures above include 31 cases from 2008, which totaled 203 packages. In this amount are numerous packages of illegal drugs, various paraphernalia, miscellaneous indicia of residence, and \$13,572.30 cash seized by the Drug Task Force. They also brought in one firearm for storage, a marked decrease from past years in which they usually stores numerous firearms.

Hundreds of Aberdeen and Drug Task Force items were processed and packaged for processing at the various Washington State crime labs. The expanding field of DNA testing, allows for the processing of many varied items at the labs. The evidence section works closely with and under the supervision of the Departments Investigations section, and the prosecutor's office on felony cases.

In 2008 the Department continued contributing to the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center and donating 45 bikes through the Lions Club for their refurbishing program.

The departments on-going purge process continued with normal notifications from the Superior and Municipal Courts and the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Office. In addition, past felony and misdemeanor cases were reviewed and disbursed; this includes hazardous and illegal items destroyed through the customary procedures.

Several hundreds of packages of controlled substances from adjudicated cases were destroyed in March 2008.

Our continued participation with the on-line Property Bureau (for our auction items) resulted in 160 unclaimed and forfeited items being pick up from us and delivered to their site. These items brought in \$754.69 for the City of Aberdeen.

Records Specialist Greens attention to detail and flawless accountability resulted in the Evidence Section successfully passing a December 17, 2008 State Annual Audit.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)



2008 was a first-rate year for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). The seven member Entry Team participated in 560 hrs of training, as led and supported by SWAT Commander John Green. Our areas of focus consisted of firearms proficiency, tactical movement, hostage rescue drills, chemical munitions drills and “NFDD” (Noise Flash Diversion Device) training, which is the technical name for a “Flash-bang”.

APD SWAT was ready and on call in 2008 as the only active team in Grays Harbor. We were available to participate with the Drug Task Force during a high-risk warrant service, which resulted in the arrest of numerous suspects, the seizure of drugs and guns and the confiscation of property purchased with drug money. APD’s investment in training and tools protected evidence, made critical arrests and most importantly protected life. Our Entry Team lineup consisted of Sgt. Ross Lampky, Detective Jay Staten, Officers Steve Timmons, Andy Snodgrass, Dave Parkinson and Team Leaders Casey Wagonblast and Dale Green.

Our Marksman Team operated at full capacity. Training consisted of proficiency shooting at distances ranging from 50 to 300 yards, rapid target acquisition and conceptualization of “Sniper initiated entries”, whereby the Marksman will determine the exact moment of entry for the Entry Team. The Marksmen continued to conduct site surveys and to gather intelligence on potentially high casualty and vulnerability areas in Aberdeen. The Marksmen consisted of Chris Rathbun, Robert Green, George Kelley, and Lead Marksman Bruce Watts.

With the continued support of SWAT Commander John Green and Chief Robert Torgerson, SWAT will carry on its tradition of providing the Citizens of Aberdeen with the highest level of service available from a tactical team. We look forward to being there when you need us most.

SWAT MEMBERS



Captain J. Green



Corporal C. Wagonblast



Officer D. Green



Sergeant R. Lampky



Officer D. Parkinson



Officer A. Snodgrass



Officer C. Rathbun

No Photo Available
Detective J. Staten



Officer S. Timmons



Detective G. Kelley



Officer B. Watts



Detective B. Green

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS



The Aberdeen Police Department Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) consists of four Commissioned Police Officers including the team leader.



Lieutenant K. Darst



Detective B. Ellis



Officer G. Sexton



Corporal D. King

The HNT team falls under the chain of command of the SWAT Commander and the team leader is part of the leadership group for the incident. The team members responded to numerous situations throughout the year of 2008, where their skills as trained negotiators were utilized to help change the outcome of a dangerous situation. They responded to suicidal subjects with weapons in very dangerous situations. The team is an integral part of the SWAT team and serves a valuable role in these dangerous situations.

The team continues to work towards continued education in the field of HNT and has recently partnered with the Department of Corrections at Stafford Creek and other larger police departments in an effort to obtain further training to enhance their knowledge and skill levels.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS DIVISION



Sergeant Tom Schmidt

Police Administrative Sergeant Tom Schmidt manages the Special Assignments Division. Sergeant Schmidt is also the Public Records Officer, and the Information Technology Administrator.

The Special Assignments Division is Responsible for the,

- Corrections Staff—Jail
- Records Section
- Animal Control and Shelter
- Police Volunteer Unit
- In-Service Training
- Facility Maintenance
- Information Technology

CORRECTIONS

The City of Aberdeen Jail Facility is operated by the Aberdeen Police Department. It is designated by City Resolution as a thirty day (30) holding facility. The jail remains an 18-bed facility with a maximum capacity of 25 male and female inmates.

The jail is staffed by four full time Corrections Officers (CO), and is assisted as needed by Hoquiam Corrections, Stafford Creek Corrections, and Police employees.



CO Greg Swaney



CO Brian Bagley



CO Greg Larson



CO Gary Keeler

The continued application of a structured meal menu plan has helped to keep the overall meal expenses at a minimum.

In addition to the Aberdeen City Jail, the city houses inmates at the Forks City Jail to help with the demand for bed space for inmates sentenced longer than 30 days.

- There was a combined total of 8,182 prisoner days spent at the Aberdeen City Jail, and the Forks City Jail, during 2008.
- The 2008 daily average population at the City of Aberdeen Jail was 22.41 inmates.
- There were 806 prisoner days at Forks for an average daily population of 2.2.
- The year 2008 showed a 1.66 % decrease in the City of Aberdeen's jail population.
- There were 2,374 people booked into the jail for misdemeanor and felony offenses, compared to 2,417 in 2007.
- The average daily population of the Aberdeen Jail for 2008 was 20.20, compared to 17.88 in 2007.

RECORDS

Police Services Specialists provide support services to all sections of the Department, and other tasks necessary for the day-to-day operation of the Aberdeen Police Department.



Theresa Oleachea - Mendi Stump - Elaine Mortimeyer

The Records Section is staffed by three full-time Police Services Specialists; Theresa Oleachea, Mendi Stump, and Elaine Mortimeyer.

Records personnel are responsible for all data entry into the police department records management system, as well as entering certain records into the State ACCESS system, which is the Washington Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Centers combined. The Records Section is also responsible for the filing and distribution of all reports generated by the patrol and investigations sections, including compiling reports for the courts.

Some of the statistics from the Records Section during 2008 include:

- Managing over 5,800 Aberdeen Municipal Court warrants with a combined value of \$9.6 million dollars.
- Managing and entering into ACCESS over 200 Protection Orders.
- Entering and filing the contents of approximately 16,500 reports into our records management system.
- Preparing over 1,300 reports for daily court dockets.
- Entering and filing over 3,390 citations, including over 775 non-traffic criminal citations, and 505 parking citations.
- The Records Sections does background investigations on persons applying for Concealed Pistol Licenses, Gun Dealer Licenses, Taxi Cab Permits and Taxi Driver Permits.
- The police department uses an average 600 reams of paper per year making copies, printing original reports, documents stored on the records management system, monitoring messages from the ACCESS printer, answering requests for reports, public documents, and writing response letters.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Unit is staffed by one full time Animal Control Officer (ACO), Mike Roble and a part-time Shelter Custodian, Kris Sidor. ACO Roble responded to 470 calls for service in 2008, compared to 666 calls for 2007.



Mike Roble



Kris Sidor

Throughout the year \$9,164 was collected from a variety of fees to include, licensing, impoundments, and boarding fees. There was a total of \$664 in donation money collected during 2008, which was used to purchase stainless steel food bowls for use at the animal shelter.

- Notices of Infractions issued totaled 34 in 2008 compared to 99 in 2007.
- Seventeen Criminal Citations were issued, compared to 14 during 2007.
- Written warnings totaled 219 in 2008, compared to 226 during 2007.

On January 1, 2008, 12 animals were housed at the Animal Shelter. During 2008, 411 animals were impounded. We were able to adopt out 135, and 101 of the animals were redeemed by their owners. A total of 70 animals were either wild animals that were later released, adoptable animals that were turned over to rescue groups, or were animals that died while at the Shelter. Unfortunately, 134 animals had to be euthanized.

The Aberdeen Police Department was contracted by the City of Westport to provide limited animal control services. Officer Roble services amounted to,

- a total of 105 hours providing animal control services
- 98 animal complaint followed ups
- issuing 37 verbal warnings and 24 written warnings
- issuing 10 notices of infraction and impounding 42 animals.

POLICE VOLUNTEER UNIT

The Police Volunteer Unit consists of ten members, including the Department Chaplin, who continued providing a very valuable service to the Aberdeen Police Department and the citizens of the City of Aberdeen. They are a group of very dedicated citizens, volunteering their time to help with ease workload of the Aberdeen Police Department.

During 2008, the Police Volunteer Unit logged 2,967 hours of service with the Aberdeen Police Department, of which some involved:

- Performing vacation house checks,
- Patrolling designated Handicap Parking spaces,
- Crime prevention activities and informational mailings,
- Manning booths at job fairs, school and college functions, and at other informational settings,
- Monitoring speed radar in school zones,
- Cataloging recovered stolen and found bicycles,
- Conducting tours of the Police Department for young students,
- Transporting evidence to the State Crime Labs in Olympia and Tacoma,



Pastor Sean Holland

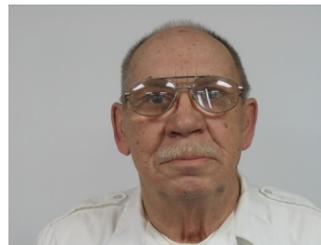
All of the Aberdeen Police Volunteers are to be commended for their dedication to the Volunteer program and the fine jobs they do.



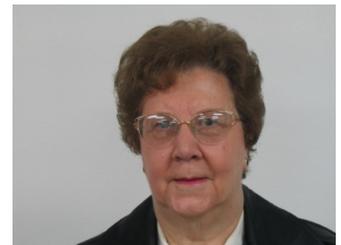
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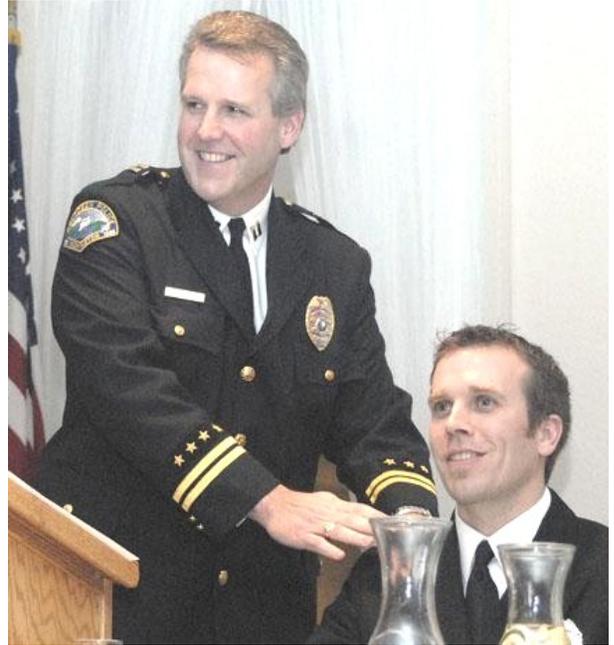
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Special Recognition



Captain John Green



2008 Daily World Police Officer of the Year

The Aberdeen Police Department was honored when Captain John Green was selected as the 2008 Aberdeen Daily World Police Officer of the Year. This honor was bestowed on Captain Green for his coordination and planning for the April 2007 military shipments from the Port of Grays Harbor to Iraq. Captain Green was charged with organizing the response for the Aberdeen Police Department, other participating law enforcement agencies, the military and the Port of Grays Harbor for the political demonstrations we knew were coming. Chief Torgerson said that it was Captain Green's ability on large-scale events that made him stand out. "John is a hard-charging, hard-working, ethical, strong leader in our agency."

No good deed goes unpunished, and as a result of Captain Green's superior performance in this event he was also tasked in 2008 with:

- Completing our "Event Planning Manual" which when adopted, will give guidance and a reference to those who respond to out-of-the-ordinary events such as this military deployment.
- Working on the Mobile Field Force.
- Completing the Respiratory Protection Plan.
- Coordinating the Police Departments response with FEMA to make sure that all of the Departments storm response assets were accounted for and eligible to be reimbursed by FEMA.
- Managing the Firearms Training Unit and overseeing the completion of the new range building.
- Overseeing the Aberdeen Police Department's move to the Lexipol accreditation model which included reviewing and rewriting the entire Aberdeen Police Department Policy manual.

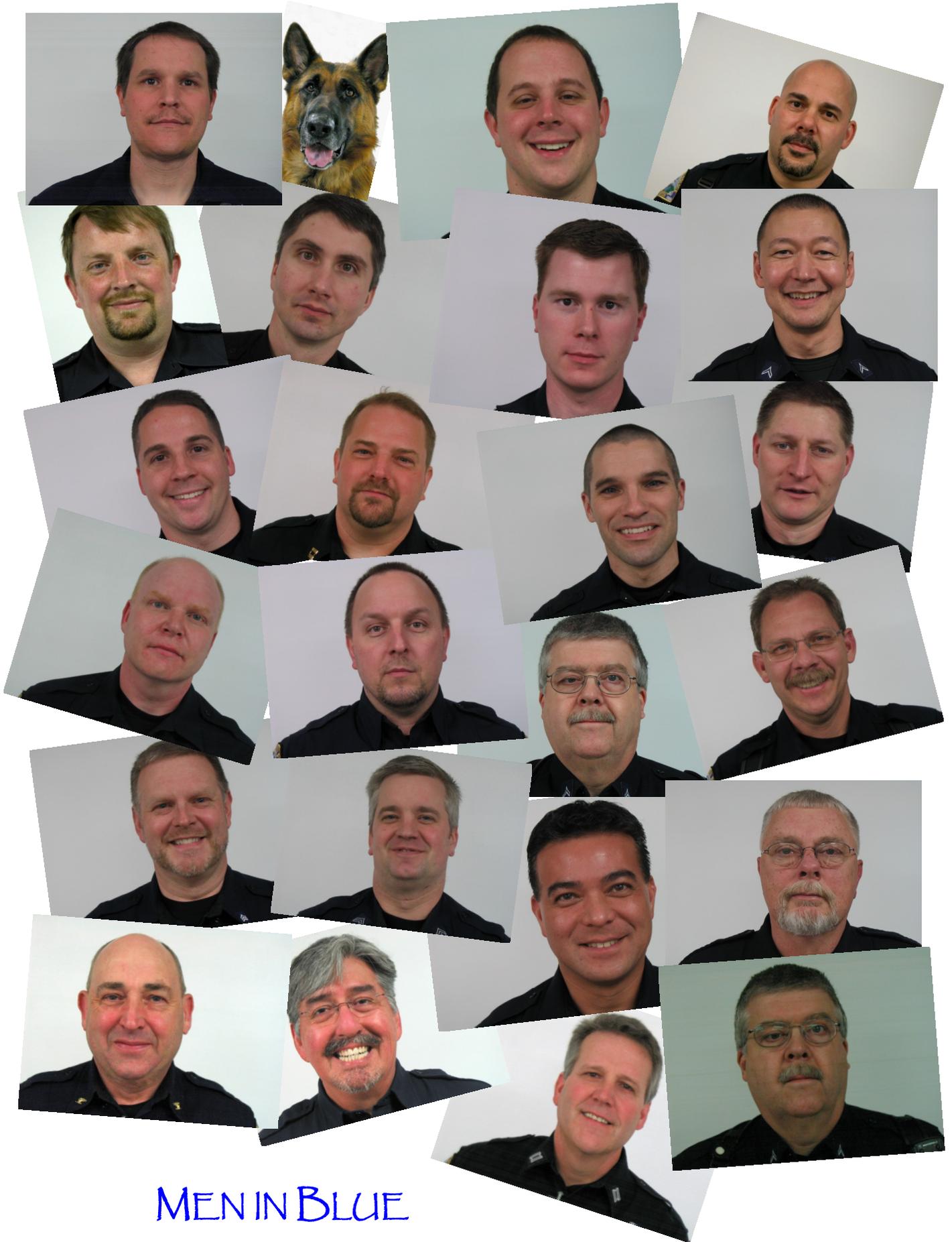
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