2011

ANNUAL REPORT

Aberdeen Police Department

Chief of Police

Robert H. Torgerson

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CHIEF'S LETTER

Honorable Mayor William Simpson:

It is my privilege to submit the 2011 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Police Department.

As you view this information, I think it is important to recognize the extra effort, skills and abilities of the men and women that work in the Aberdeen Police Department. Each month of this year our officers responded to an average of 2002 calls from our citizens for some type of police assistance. The type of calls varies from the very minor calls for assistance to the serious felony crimes. There was 1023 serious felony crimes reported, a decrease of 179 from 2010. The primary cause of the decrease is the reduction in Larceny. Larceny (theft) crimes were down from 898 to 703, a 21% decrease. Serious felony crimes include rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson. Reported domestic violence crimes increased from 413 to 477, an increase 15%, while crimes with children saw a slight decrease from 29 to 25 reported incidents.

In 2011 our officers made 4628 traffic stops and issued 4101 citations. This was down from a record traffic year in 2010 primarily due to one of our traffic officer on disability injury for several months because of back surgery. Citations are issued using the Washington State Electronic system called SECTOR (Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Reporting). This system allows officers to issue citations and investigate traffic accidents using an electronic scanning (bar code reader) tool that fills out the reports and citations for the officers, which is much faster than using a pen. A collision that took 30–45 minutes to investigate can now be completed in approximately 15 minutes and a citation which took about 10 minutes to write can be completed in just a few minutes.

The Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Division was assigned over 522 new felony cases for follow-up investigation during 2011. That is an average of about 43.5 new cases per month. On any given day an Aberdeen Detective manages 15 to 20 active cases, so staying busy is never a problem for the officers assigned to this Division. The investigations Division wrote and served numerous search warrants related to crimes they were investigating which resulted in the recovery of a lot of stolen property and the arrest of numerous wanted felons. A few cases of note in 2011 involved the shooting at Macs Tavern which resulted in two suspects being convicted for 1st Degree Assault. Detective David Cox was the lead investigator on this case and his tenacious investigation of this very difficult case earned him the first ever Distinguished Service Award given by the Aberdeen Police Department. Investigations also had the sad responsibility for the homicide investigation of Rebeca Dietz. She was murdered at the front door of her apartment in front of her daughter. The investigation resulted in the guilty plea of her former boyfriend, Charles Jefferson, for Murder in the 1st Degree. Detectives also made many presentations to community business groups trying to educate them on such topics as crime prevention and reporting. What makes these statistics even more impressive is that the Investigations Division is staffed by only 5 Detectives. (1 Detective Captain, 1 Detective Sergeant, and 3 Detectives)

The Aberdeen City Jail average daily population was over 18 persons in custody per day in 2011 which is 6,570 prisoner days. Our 18 bed facility is overcrowded on a daily basis. Our 6 corrections officers are tasked the responsibility to process and care for our prisoners 24 hours per day, seven days a week and

this can be a daunting task. On a normal day they can expect to process highly intoxicated, belligerent, combative, mentally ill, infectious (STD's, scabies, open sore, contagious infections, etc) individuals who don't really want to be in jail. Jails are recognized as one of the highest liability areas for any community and we are fortunate to have a professional staff that understands in importance of their job. Unless you walk in their shoes it is hard to comprehend the complexity and importance of their duties

In December 2010 we were notified by 'The Office of Community Orientated Policing' that we received a grant for the next 3 years to replace the 2 police officer positions that were loss through attritions. This grant is in the amount of $583,000 for 3 years and requires that we maintain the staffing level for the 4th year. In 2011 we hired two grant funded officers, Jason Perkinson, an officer from Lake Havusu, Arizona and Jason Capps, an officer from South Bend, Washington. Both officers bring a lot of police experience with them that will benefit the citizens of Aberdeen for many years to come

As I have said before, the Aberdeen Police Records Section keeps our heart beating. Annually these 3 staff members will manage over 6,600 warrants, 200 protection orders, enter approximately 21,000 reports, prepare over 1900 daily court dockets and still handle more than 125+ phone call request from citizens requesting information and use over 600 reams of paper making copies of all the documents and reports. Everything we do is documented somewhere and this Division keeps this information safe and filed as we are required to do by Washington State Law.

Animal Control received 497 calls for animal related complaints from the citizens of Aberdeen in 2011 and removed from our community 243 stray or vicious animals. Animal Control is staffed by 1 Animal Control Officer plus a half time Shelter Custodian.

Aberdeen continues to be patrolled by probably the most recognized and friendly officer on our department, Parking Enforcement Officer George Welch. He can be seen daily walking our downtown parking district boundaries enforcing parking violation. But he is probably known best because he does his job with a ready smile and a friendly hello. George knows everyone on his beat and continues to epitomize Community Policing at its best. George also handles citizen parking complains throughout the community and impounds abandoned and hulk vehicles.

The Aberdeen Police Department hopes this Annual Report will provide some insight on the actual activities, statistics and information about the Aberdeen Police Department accomplishments during 2011. 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.

Sincerely,

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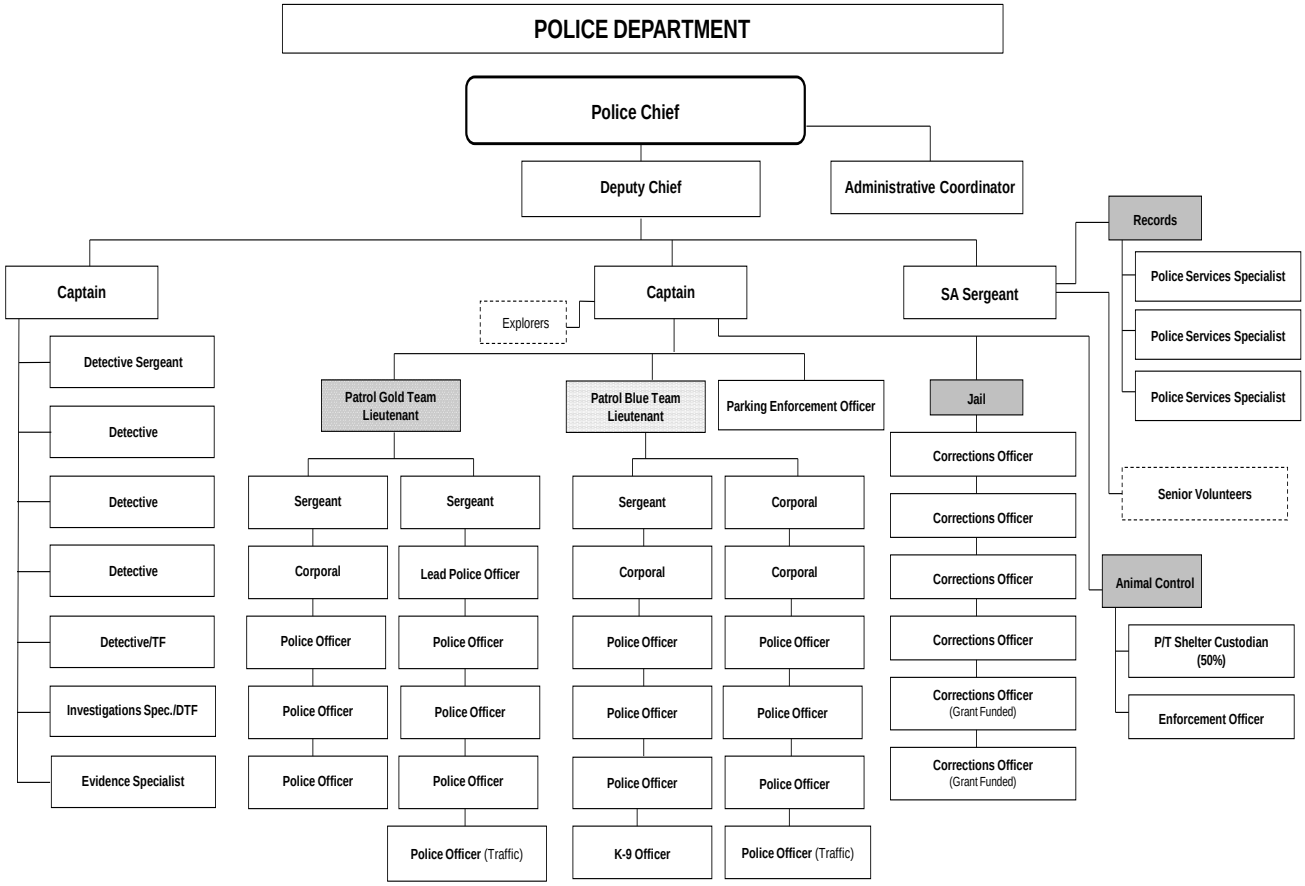
Robert H. Torgerson
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATON CHART



STATISTICAL INFORMATION/REPORTED CRIMES

FELONY OFFENSE	2009	2010	2011
Rape	6	6	11
Robbery	28	15	16
Aggravated Assault	34	31	33
Burglary	198	185	190
Larceny	734	898	703
Auto Theft	78	60	69
Arson	5	7	1
Total	1083	1202	1023

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2009	2010	2011
Domestic Incidents	281	213	260
Domestic Assaults	123	111	113
Court Order Violations	239	86	73
Criminal Mischief	38	3	31
Total	681	413	477

CRIMES W/CHILDREN	2009	2010	2011
Child Abuse	35	29	25
Total	35	29	25

Patrol

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any Police Department. These officers are the first responders who respond to our citizens calls for help. Our Patrol Division is divided into two teams, the blue and the gold. The 12 officer Blue Team is led by Lieutenant Kevin Darst, and the 11 officer Gold team is led by Lt. Slyter. Each team has a traffic officer assigned. In 2011, we hired Jason Perkinson from Lake Havusu AZ, and Jason Capps from the South Bend WA police department. Both officers brought a variety of police experience which benefits the police department. Officer Perkinson had to attend the State of WA police equivalency academy which was an intense on line course. The patrol division is responsible to initially respond to all calls for service. In 2011, they responded to 24,030 calls for service. Patrol also is responsible for traffic enforcement, in 2011 they issued 4117 citations. At the end of 2011, the patrol division went from the Crown Victoria police vehicle to Dodge Chargers as the Crown Victoria police cars are no longer being produced. Department wide, new Glock .40 cal pistols were issued, replacing our old .40 cal Glocks. We also switched to Bratwear uniforms, which are handmade in Fife,WA.

Traffic Units

The Aberdeen Police Departments Traffic Unit is an integral part of the Patrol Division. The unit is staffed by two officers, Jeff Weiss and George Kelley. Between the two officers, they are responsible for community traffic and pedestrian safety services in the form of motor vehicle and pedestrian safety education, collision investigation, traffic law enforcement, enhanced emphasis patrols, and traffic and pedestrian monitoring.

The traffic officers review and take appropriate action on citizen traffic related concerns, and monitor speeding vehicle complaints which are tracked so that the departments speed monitoring trailer can be effectively deployed to trouble locations.

The traffic unit with the help of uniformed patrol officers made 3383 traffic stops in 2011.

The traffic officers issued:

- Warnings Issued: 695
- Infractions Issued: 2113
- Criminal Citations Issued: 575

The Traffic Unit with the help of uniformed patrol officers investigated 599 collisions.

K-9 Apprehension Team

Officer Steve Timmons and K9 Nitro completed their 7th year as the Aberdeen Police Department's K9 apprehension team.

In 2011, the K9 team completed 136 hours of training, bringing their total training hours to 1,200.25. The team was applied on 34 occasions with 11 successful apprehensions. The K9 team also stayed busy through their routine patrol efforts by conducting 377 traffic stops, issuing 260 infractions/citations, and responding to 556 calls for service.

The K9 team conducted three safety talks and K9 demonstrations at A.J. West Elementary School and the Raindrop pre-school. The K9 team attended the spring K9 seminar in Kirkland, WA and attended a 3-day Tactical K9 camp at Fort Discovery.

In November of 2011, Officer Timmons and K9 Nitro passed the standards set by the Washington State Police Canine Association to become re-accredited and achieved master handler status.

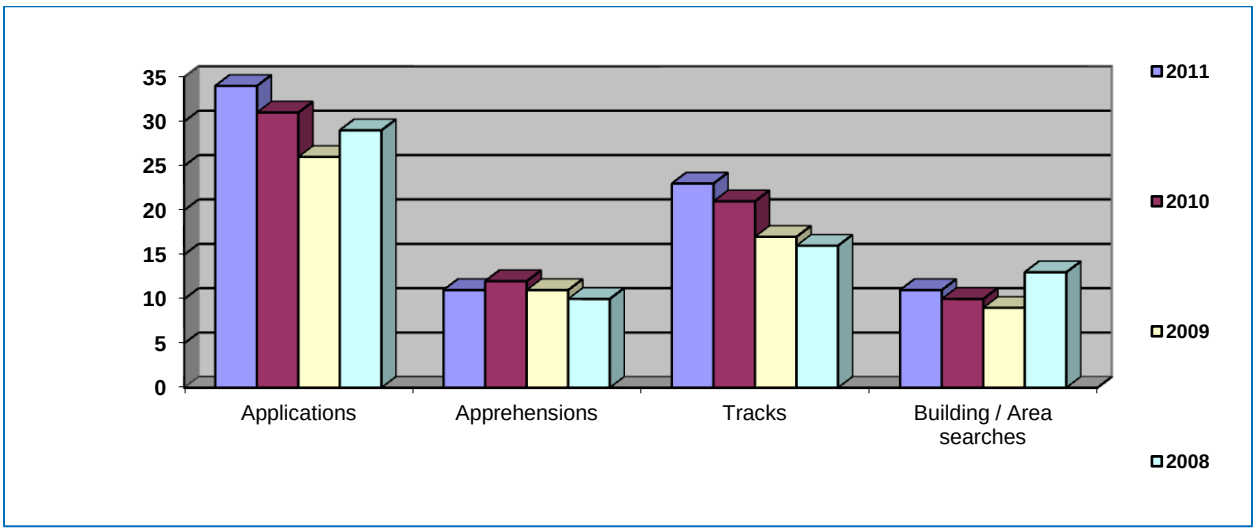
Below is a breakdown of the teams 2011 statistics:

Suspect apprehensions: 11

Tracks / Flight Apprehensions: 21

Building Searches: 4

Area searches / Evidence Recoveries: 9



Corrections

The Corrections Division is staffed by 6 Corrections officers. Two of the positions were grant funded, unfortunately this grant ended in 2011. This grant has helped reduce overtime as it is impossible to run a 24/7 facility with less than 5 officers without monthly overtime. The alternate jail program was implemented a couple of times, with inmates picking up litter downtown and light maintenance. Due to staffing issues we were not able to start the program full time. In 2011, Officer Auturo Sanchez and Dave Tarrence both attended the mandatory WA State corrections academy and were certified as corrections officers. The corrections staff work 8 hr shifts, with overlaps for manpower on Mondays and Thursdays which are heavy court load days. The city jail is an 18 bed facility for both men and women with a maximum capacity of 25. The inmates receive 3 meals per day, the frozen meals are prepared by the Airway Heights Correctional Industries, the meals are cooked in large convection ovens by the corrections staff. We are noticing an increase of housing for mentally ill offenders. With State budget cuts there are fewer beds in mental health facilities to house the mentally ill and the burden has been shifted to local communities The mentally ill offenders usually stay in custody longer because most require mental health evaluations. On the average, it takes three weeks for these inmates to be seen by a mental health professional. We have had several meetings with mental health professionals (BHR) whom share our same frustrations. We are also responsible for the medical health of inmates, we often transport sick or injured inmates to the hospital for treatment, the medical and mental health of inmates is labor intensive on our staff. All the corrections staff are currently first aid certified. In 2011, there were 2102 inmates booked into the city of Aberdeen jail, or about 6 persons booked each day of the year.

Animal Control

The Animal Control is staffed by a full time Animal Control Officer whom is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen investigating animal complaints. He also responds to calls for service to include vicious animals, biting, lost animals, injured animals, etc. The ACO also patrols the city limits of Westport one day per week, per a services contract.

ABERDEEN ANIMAL SHELTER

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized at Shelter		Euthanized at Vet		Population as of 12/31/11	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Cats	Dogs
January	15	9	7	7	2	2	4	3	1	4	0	0	4	1	3	4	8	3
February	23	12	1	1	0	0	5	1	8	3	1	0	2	0	2	1	9	5
March	33	22	3	10	0	1	10	6	10	0	0	0	0	6	2	2	8	7
April	19	10	4	5	3	0	7	1	7	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	9	8
May	31	11	9	5	2	0	11	5	7	2	0	0	2	2	1	5	5	5
June	44	23	10	8	2	0	6	4	8	4	0	0	16	0	10	4	6	6
July	17	25	6	8	0	0	4	8	2	8	0	0	6	4	3	0	6	4
August	24	15	3	13	0	1	4	2	9	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	8	6
September	31	31	8	8	0	0	6	1	6	4	0	0	3	3	1	7	9	11
October	24	27	9	9	0	1	6	7	0	1	0	0	1	12	2	3	5	8
November	19	27	9	9	0	0	8	5	18	3	0	0	0	4	1	1	10	7
December	20	31	10	7	0	2	4	5	2	10	0	1	5	8	4	1	6	10
Total	300	243	79	90	9	3	75	48	78	43	1	1	42	43	32	28		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs		ACO CALLS	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012
January	0	0	0	0	7	3	3	3	4	4		
February	0	0	0	0	8	16	1	1	0	0		
March	0	0	0	0	7	8	5	3	5	7		
April	0	0	0	4	12	5	2	3	2	2		
May	0	0	4	2	18	9	3	4	6	1		
June	0	0	6	8	12	17	5	6	4	2		
July	1	0	4	1	20	14	3	3	3	5		
August	0	0	0	1	16	18	3	5	0	8		
September	0	0	0	0	20	14	5	4	3	4		
October	0	0	3	2	20	16	9	2	0	7		
November	0	0	2	3	17	12	7	5	2	4	23	
December	0	0	0	4	3	7	9	1	1	6	20	
Total	0	0	19	25	160	139	55	40	30	50	43	

WESTPORT ANIMAL SHELTER

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized at Shelter		Euthanized at Vet		Population as of #######	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Cats	Dogs
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
April	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
October	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
November	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	7	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	1		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning		Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
January	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	6	2	4	4	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
May	5	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
June	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
July	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Total	21	0	22	6	11	11	0	0	1	0

Parking Enforcement

George Welch is our Parking Enforcement Officer; George patrols the downtown corridor looking for overtime parking violations, hazards, etc. Officer Welch also travels throughout the city responding to parking complaints on city streets and works with owners of abandoned vehicles to get the vehicles moved or impound them. In 2011, Officer Welch responded to 194 calls for service, issued 121 warnings, 326 citations and testified in Municipal Court approximately ten times. In addition to these duties, Officer Welch attends downtown parking committee meeting once a month.

ABERDEEN POLICE EXPLORERS

Learn...Ride...Live

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 continued strong throughout 2011. During the year our post averaged six Explorers ranging in age from 15 ½ to 20 years of age. Members logged over one hundred ride hours with officers on patrol. The Explorers assisted our police department by providing security at the Splash Festival and the Downtown Trick or Treat. During the month of December the Explorers assisted the City of Montesano with the annual Festival of Lights.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2011, logging over 102 meeting hours covering a wide variety of training tropics. During the course of the year our Explorers saw an increase in the opportunity to assist the Aberdeen Police Department S.W.A.T. Team during training exercises.

Perhaps the biggest change to our post in 2011 was replacing the vacant advisor position with Officer J. Weiss.

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post serves our community not only in the services the post provides, but also in the services/experiences the members receive. The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post is a positive demonstration of the Aberdeen Police Department extending our hand to our community.

Respectfully,

Officer G. Sexton
Explorer Post Advisor

Officer J. Weiss
Explorer Post Advisor

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Investigations Division

The Investigations Section is a subdivision of the Aberdeen Police Department Operations Division. The section is responsible for conducting primary and follow-up investigations that are usually of a felonious nature. The detectives are on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week to respond to serious crimes as needed within the city limits of Aberdeen. Detectives also provide assistance to outside agencies upon request.

The section is staffed by a Captain, Detective Sergeant, three Detectives, and an Evidence Specialist. During 2011, over 522 cases were assigned for follow up investigation by Aberdeen Detectives. That is an average of 43 new cases per month. During 2011, Aberdeen Detectives carried an average of 15 to 20 active cases throughout the year.

At the end of 2011 the section saw the retirement of Ms. Leslie Green as the Property Room Technician. She was replaced by Ms. Elaine Mortimeyer who will be conducting a complete audit of the property room during 2012.

The section also experienced the rotation of Detective Robert Green back to patrol after six years in the section. Officer Andy Snodgrass was selected to assume Officer Greens responsibilities as the sex crimes/child abuse investigator for the Aberdeen Police Department.

A few of the cases of note during 2011 involved the shooting in front of Macs Tavern which resulted in the two suspects being convicted of Assault in the First degree. One of the suspects received a third strike on his criminal record resulting in a life sentence. Detective Cox was the lead detective on this case and received the Distinguished Service Award from Chief Torgerson for his efforts on this investigation and prosecution.

Another case involved the homicide investigation of Rebeca Dietz. She was murdered by Charles Jefferson who had been in a relationship with her in the past. This was a very sad case and resulted in a guilty plea by Jefferson to Murder in the First Degree.

The last investigation I will mention was the shooting of an escaping prisoner by a Grays Harbor Sherriff's Office Corrections Sergeant. The case was of great importance to all those involved along with the agencies they represent. Detectives spent hundreds of hours on this case. From processing multiple crime scenes, conducting numerous interviews and completing reports. The final document was a complete and comprehensive investigation into a very serious event.

The property room received and processed approximately 2506 property and evidence items in 2011. Included in this were 34 firearms and 242 packages of controlled substances. During this same year, the Aberdeen Police Department continued its cooperative efforts with Stafford Creek Prison by donating 45 bicycles to their refurbishing program through the Lion's Club.

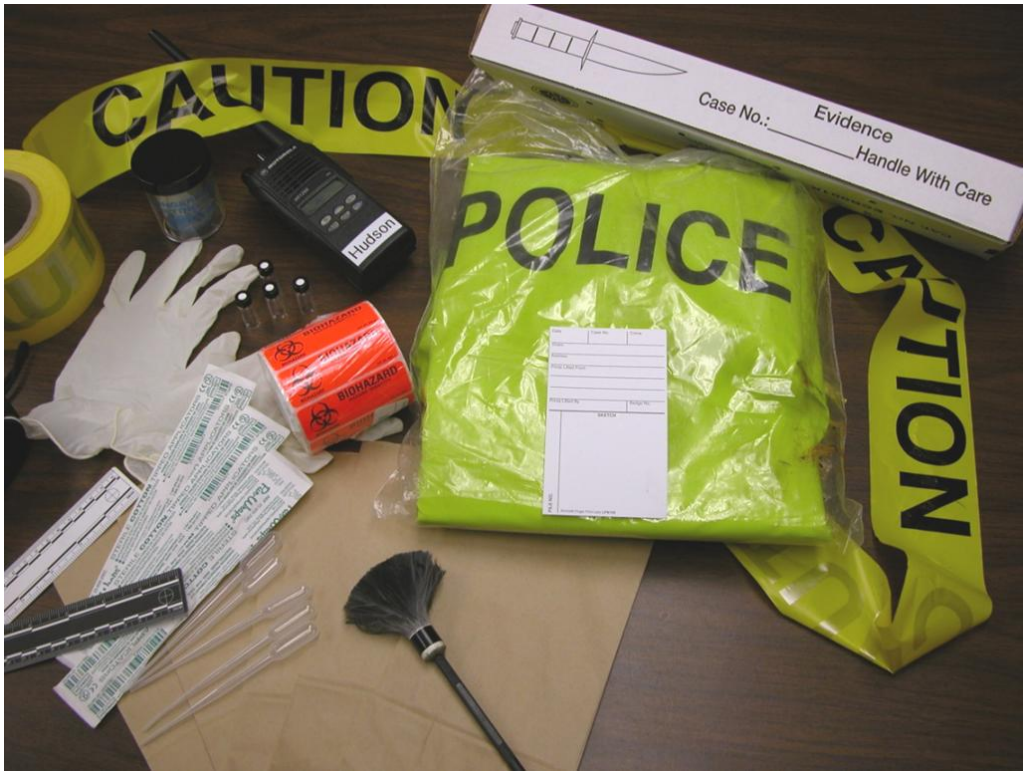
The section wrote and executed numerous search warrants many of which resulted in the recovery of stolen property, the arrest of numerous wanted felons, and the seizure of assets. The successful application of search warrants throughout the year was a result of ongoing team work between the Patrol and Investigations Sections.

As part of the Aberdeen Police Department goals for 2011, the Investigations Section participated in numerous public presentations to community and business groups. These presentations covered topics such as crime prevention and reporting, crime statistics, Investigations Section capabilities, and numerous other investigative topics.

During 2011, members of the section received continuing in-service training relevant to their investigative functions. This ongoing education is crucial to the development of the Detectives, the effective operation of the Section, and the Aberdeen Police Department as a whole.

As with other Aberdeen Police Officers, Aberdeen Detectives are assigned other specialized duties to include appointments to the department SWAT team, Force Training Unit, and the Domestic Violence Response Team.

The Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Section is strong and looking forward to pursuing the department's mission and goals in 2012, as it successfully did during 2011. The section continues to strive and is dedicated to professional and effective police services to the citizens of the City of Aberdeen.



Evidence Section

During the year, approximately 2506 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 34 weapons received: 17 handguns, 17 long guns, and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 2506 includes 242 packages of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and miscellaneous pills.

The Aberdeen evidence room receives evidence generated by Drug Task Force cases within our city limits. The figures above include their 19 cases from 2011, which totaled 208 packages. We also stored $9862 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 closely with the APD Investigation section and prosecutor's office on these felony cases.

In 2011, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 45 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program.

Our ongoing purge process continued with our notifications from the Superior and Municipal Courts and the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Offices. In addition, past felony and misdemeanor cases were reviewed and items dispersed. This includes hazardous and illegal items destroyed.

In 2011, we continued our participation with the online Property Bureau for our auction items. This program streamlines the auction process for many police departments nationwide.

In February, 136 unclaimed and forfeited firearms were traded to Law Enforcement Dist. Co. for department credit.

Drug Task Force

The Drug Task force is a combined effort between the Aberdeen Police Department, Hoquiam Police Department and the Grays Harbor Sheriff's office. One sergeant and three detectives representing each of the agencies staffed the drug task force in 2011. In addition, one Aberdeen Police Department Investigative Specialist was assigned as support staff.

INVESTIGATIONS:		
Total Cases Opened	63	
Total Cases Closed	80	
Search Warrants	36	
Knock and Talks	2	
Arrests	55	
Meth Labs (Active, Boxed, Dumps)	1	
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	33	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Dealers)	11	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Growers)	12	5 Medical MJ
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	12	
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	2	
GANG TASK FORCE CASES	1	

DRUGS SEIZED:	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cocaine	Grams	3.4	$50	$170
Marijuana	Plants	612	$1,500	$918,000
Marijuana	Pounds	11.15	$3,000	$33,450
Heroin	Grams	19101	$40	$764,040
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	1662.3	$80	$132,984
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	23894.72	$20	$477,894
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Grams	1773	$20	$35,460
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Approx. # of Pills	443.25	$80	$35,460
TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:				$2,397,458

ASSETS:	SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	FORFEITURES	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property	0			
Vessels	0			
Vehicles	12	$63,500.00	16	$15,450.00
Firearms	9	$1,985.00	8	
Currency	32	$42,816.00	37	$121,153.00
Miscellaneous Property	41	$13,785.00	28	$2,012.00
TOTALS:	**94**	**$122,086.00**	**89**	**$138,615.00**

S.W.A.T.

- ENTRY TEAM 2011 TRAINING SUMMARY-

At the beginning of 2011 The Aberdeen Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Entry Team continued our training deployment plan from 2010. Our plan consisted of focused monthly training on team and individual skills that culminated in reality based training events. We had 22 team and individual skills to be covered during the course of the year followed by quarterly training events.

Our S.W.A.T. entry team is spread between the 2 patrol teams. We completed 17 of the 22 team and individual skills and 4 training events. The 5 skills we did not cover were Evacuations, Active Shooter, Close Quarters Battle, Self Defense/Suspect Control and Weapon Retention.
The entry team had 381 total training hours for 2011. Below is a breakdown of each officer's individual training hours. The additional pages of this summary are the 2011 training deployment plan complete with the dates the skills were covered followed by a list of the training events.

Montesano Police Lt. Staten, Montesano Police Officer Shoppe and Hoquiam Police Officer Blodgett trained with our team in November and December of 2011 in the hopes of expanding our team in the near future.

2011 Entry Team Training Hours: 381 total hours

2011 Training Events:

February 8th	Armed suspects in vehicle and building
March 3rd	Armed suspects in warehouse/building
April 27th	Armed barricaded bank robbers with officer hostage
December 15th	Armed burglary suspect with hostage

2011 SWAT ACTIVATIONS

The SWAT team participated in two activations during 2011. A three-strike felon shot two subjects in downtown Aberdeen in February. The suspect fled and the following day he was in a hotel in Ocean Shores and the SWAT Team was activated to respond to arrest the subject. As the SWAT team arrived, the subject left the hotel and was taken into custody. SWAT Members cleared his hotel room and transported the subject to the APD Jail.

In October, a suicidal subject pointed a handgun at Hoquiam Police Officers responding to assist him. Hoquiam Police requested APD SWAT and the entry team and sniper team responded. The subject refused to leave the residence and SWAT Operators deployed a barricade-penetrating round through a window in the residence preparing to deploy gas munitions. The subject immediately surrendered to APD SWAT Members.

Special Assignment Division

The Records Section is staffed by three Records Specialist; Theresa Oleachea, Rebecca Anderson, Mendi Stump. Wayne Schmidt replaced Thomas Schmidt as the supervisor of this division. Sgt T. Schmidt retired at the end of the year after 23 years of service with the Aberdeen Police Department. W. Schmidt is responsible for the Records Section as well as Facilities Maintenance (which includes the Police Department, Jail, and Aberdeen Municipal Court), Information Technology, and the Citizen Volunteer Unit.

The Records Staff provides support services to all sections of the Police Department for day-to-day operations. This includes filing, distribution of all reports generated by the patrol and investigations sections and compiling reports for the courts. They also serve as a first point of contact for citizens entering the Police Department. The Records Staff is responsible for all data entry into the Police Department records management system, as well as entering records into Washington Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center. This is "A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System" known as ACCESS. All Records Staff are certified by the Washington State Patrol to ACCESS level II. Theresa Oleachea is the TAC Officer; responsible for managing the Aberdeen Police Department's involvement in this system.

Processing Public Disclosure Request is an important function of the Records Section. Requests for these records continued to increase through 2011. Each piece of information requested must be examined for content ensuring the documents do not contain information exempt by law or jeopardize an on-going investigation.

The Information Technology Section manages over forty computer / laptop workstations and two servers. Eight of these laptops are installed in patrol cars enabling Officers to communicate with the Grays Harbor Dispatch Center. Seven of the patrol cars are equipped with video recording systems which are also managed and maintained by this Section.

The HVAC system for the Police Department, Jail, and Court facilities was upgraded this year. Several ventilation problems were addressed and fixed during this project making the facilities more comfortable for employees and inmates of the Jail. This project was managed by McKinstry. Subcontractors included Sunset Air, Star Electronics, Rognlin's and John Lupo. The cost of this project was $584,201.

Records Statistics for 2010 vs. 2011

Public Disclosure Request

2010 - 1,521

2011 - 1,577

Reports prepared for court

2010 - 1,777

2011 - 1,474

Total reports processed

2010 - 25,165

2011 - 21,808

Concealed Pistol License processed

2010 - 147

2011 - 163

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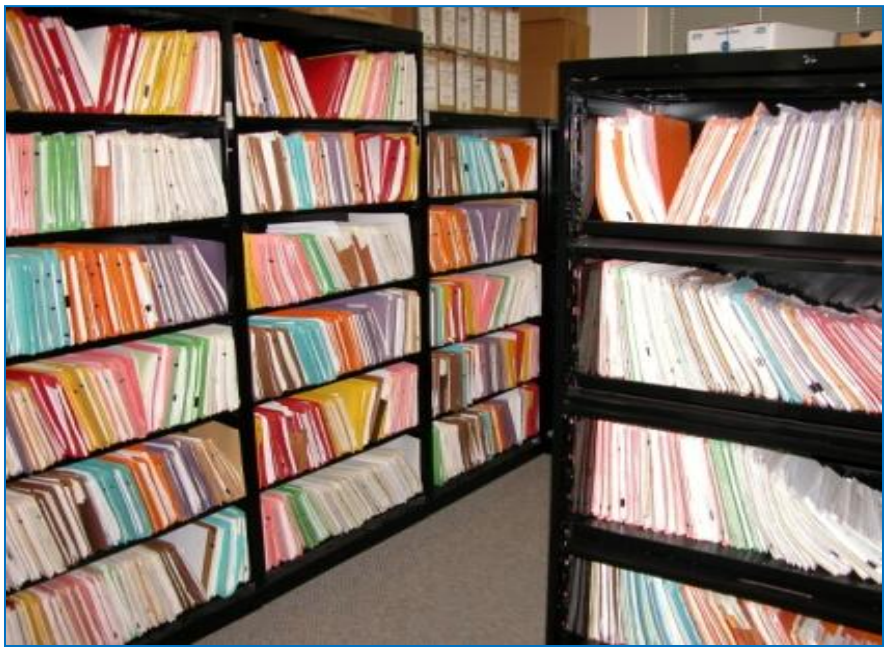

Volunteer Unit

The Citizen Volunteer Unit continues be an active part of the Aberdeen Police Department. They are responsible for residential vacation checks, checking on elderly and shut in's and assisting with celebrations such as the Splash Festival and parades.