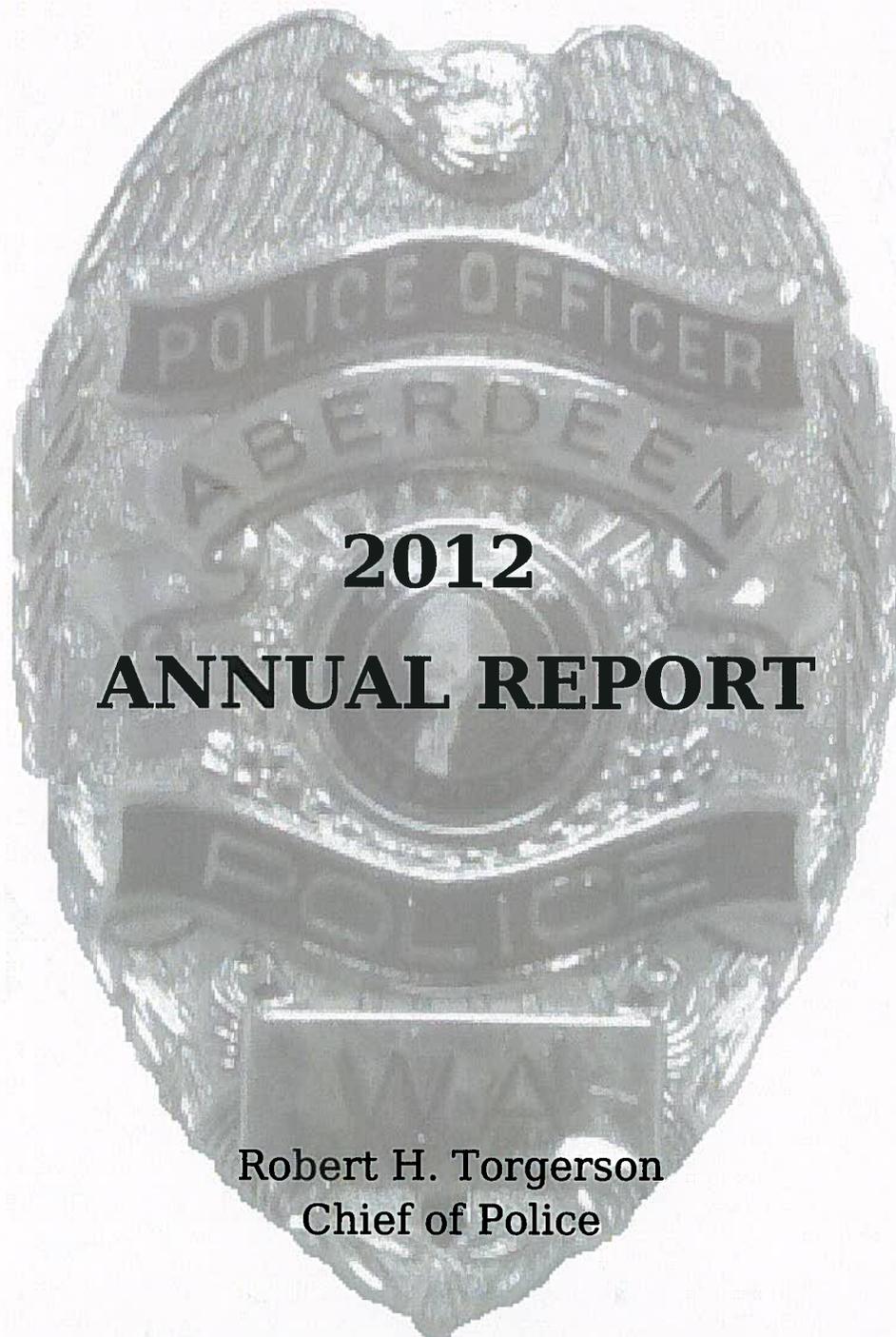


# **ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**2012  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Robert H. Torgerson  
Chief of Police**

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Honorable Mayor William Simpson:

It is my privilege to submit the 2012 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.

2012 was another very busy year for our department and I submit this report with pride for the accomplishments of the Aberdeen Police Department.

Each month of this year our officers responded to an average of 2102 calls from our citizens for some type of police assistance. This is 100 calls per month more than 2011. Calls from citizens vary from the very minor calls for assistance to the serious felony crimes. There was 1013 serious felony crimes reported, a decrease of 10 from 2011. Serious felony crimes include rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson. Reported domestic violence crimes decreased from 263 to 246, while crimes with children saw an increase from 25 to 37 reported incidents.

In 2011 our officers made 5307 traffic stops, almost 1000 more traffic stops than 2011 and issued 4501 citations, an increase of over 200 citations. 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.

In 2012 the Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Division were assigned over 671 new felony cases for follow-up investigation, an increase of 28% over 2011. That is an average of about 56 new cases per month, up from 43.5 new cases per month in 2011. 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. Cases that sticks out in 2012 is a homicide that occurred in the street next to Franklin Field, and a series of robberies in the west end of Aberdeen. Both suspects were identified by Detectives during their investigations, but were not immediately apprehended. The homicide suspect fled to Mexico and the robbery suspect fled to Arizona. (He was recently captured in California) Detectives also continued to make many presentations to community business groups trying to educate them on such topics as crime prevention and reporting and how not to be a victim of crime.

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 Corrections Department booked 2,282 inmates in the Aberdeen City Jail in 2012. That averages out to about 6 new persons booked every day of the year including holidays. Our 18 bed facility is overcrowded on a daily basis with an average daily population of 22-23 inmates. Our corrections officers are tasked the responsibility to process and care for our prisoners and this can be a daunting task. On a normal day they can expect to see 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.

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 responded to 333 calls for animal related complaints from the citizens of Aberdeen in 2012 and removed from our community 351 stray or vicious animals, adopted out 84 animals, returned 18, redeemed 98, and released 121. 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.

I hope this Annual Report will provide some insight on the actual activities, statistics and information about the Aberdeen Police Department accomplishments during 2012. I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council and the citizens of our community for their continued support of the Aberdeen Police Department. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Aberdeen in 2012.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Torgerson  
Chief of Police



**Aberdeen PD - Summary of Offense  
For 01/01/2012 through 12/31/2012**

<b>NIBRS Offenses</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1
Forcible Sex Offenses	46
Forcible Rape	13
Forcible Sodomy	0
Sexual Assault With Object	0
Forcible Fondling	33
Robbery	19
Aggravated Assault	28
Simple Assault	222
Intimidation	35
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	4
Incest	0
Statutory Rape	4
Kidnapping	4
Human Trafficking	0
Burglary/Breaking And Entering	221
Arson	2
Larceny	624
Pocket-Picking	1
Purse-Snatching	10
Shoplifting	310
Theft From Building	26
Theft From Motor Vehicles	80
Theft of Motor Veh Parts/Acc.	45
All Other Larceny	152
Motor Vehicle Theft	84
Extortion/Blackmail	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	31
Fraud	24
Embezzlement	0
Stolen Property Offenses	29
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	118
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	358
Drug/Narcotic Violations	171
Drug Equipment Violations	187
Pornography/Obscene Material	3
Gambling Offenses	0
Prostitution Offenses	23
Prostitution	23
Violation of No Contact Order	106
Weapon Law Violations	40

## PATROL

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any Police Department. These officers are the first responders w to our citizens calls for help.

Our Patrol Division is divided into two teams; the Blue and the Gold Teams. The 13 officer Blue Team is led by Lieutenant Kevin Darst, and the 12 officer Gold team is led by Lt. Slyter. Each team has a traffic officer assigned.

In 2012, we hired three new police officers. These officers brought a variety of experience which benefits the police department. These officers are Officer Michael Caranto, Officer Andrew Carlson and Officer David Tarrence. Officer Caranto and Officer Carlson attended the Basic Academy in 2012. Officer Tarrence will attend the academy in 2013.

The Patrol Division is responsible to initially respond to all calls for service. In 2012, they responded to 25,477 calls for service, issued 4501 citations, and had 73 civilian riders in their ride-along program.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Darst  
Patrol Lieutenant

## TRAFFIC

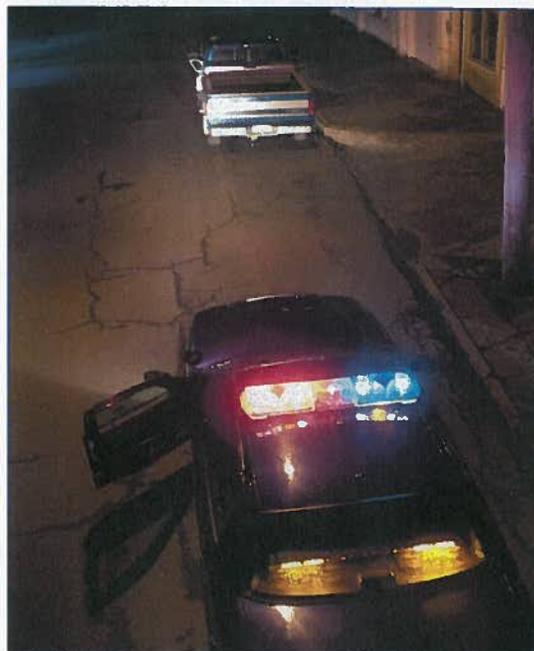
The Aberdeen Police Departments Traffic Unit is an integral part of the Patrol Division. The unit is staffed by two officers, Jeff Weiss and George Kelley. Between the two officers, they are responsible for community traffic and pedestrian safety services in the form of motor vehicle and pedestrian safety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

In 2012 there were over 815 collisions investigated by the Aberdeen Police Department. There were no fatality collisions; 33 of those collisions resulted in injuries ranging from soreness to hospitalization.

There were 5307 traffic stops made, with about 2127 resulting in enforcement action. Of the 2127 stops, there were 624 criminal citations, and 2124 infractions written. They included, but were not limited to;

Speeding	-	527
Seatbelt/child restraint	-	157
DUI	-	27
Cell phone use while driving	-	185
DWLS 1st, 2nd, 3rd	-	511
Speed in school zone	-	140
Text while drive	-	14
No insurance	-	751
Stop sign	-	65
Red light	-	67
Improper lane change	-	34
Follow too close	-	45

In addition, the Traffic Unit was able to secure a grant for rain gear through school zone funding from Washington State Traffic Safety Commission.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Darst  
Patrol Lieutenant

## K-9 APPREHENSION TEAM

Officer Steve Timmons and K9 Nitro completed their 8<sup>th</sup> and final year as an apprehension K9 team. Due to handler injury, the dog team only worked patrol for about 6-months during the year. K9 Nitro was retired on December 12<sup>th</sup> working as the Aberdeen Police K9 for 7 years and 8 months.

In 2012, the K9 team completed 77 hours of training, bringing their total training hours to 1,277-1/4. The team was applied on 28 incidents with 8 successful apprehensions. The K9 team also stayed busy through their routine patrol efforts by conducting 245 traffic stops, issuing 209 infractions/citations, and responding to 563 calls for service.

The K9 team conducted two safety talks and K9 demonstrations at the Raindrop pre-school in Aberdeen. The K9 team also attended a three-day Tactical K9 camp at Fort Discovery in Gardner, WA.

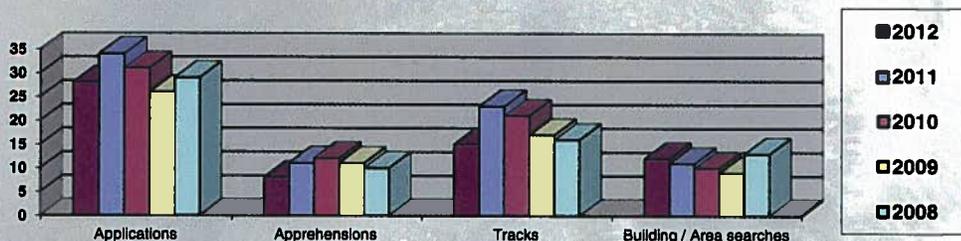
Below is a breakdown of the teams 2012 statistics:

Suspect apprehensions: 8

Tracks / Flight Apprehensions: 16

Building Searches: 6

Area searches / Evidence Recoveries: 6



On December 12, 2012, the Aberdeen Police Department selected its next K9 from Landheim Kennels in Dyer, Indiana. The new K9, Titus, is a 15-month German Shepard and will be receiving his training with Officer Timmons in the Port Angeles area with K9 Master Trainer, Kevin Miller.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Timmons  
K-9 Officer

## **CORRECTIONS**

The Corrections Division is staffed by 5 Corrections officers.

The corrections staff works 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. In 2012 we also had a Grays Harbor College student complete his internship with the corrections division.

In December 2012, Officer Dane Bonnell completed the Washington State Equivalency Test to become a certified corrections officer. We also hired Ray Henderson from Reno, Nevada. All the corrections staff are currently first aid certified, Taser and capstun trained.

In 2012, there were 2,282 inmates booked into the Aberdeen jail. That averages out to 6 persons booked each day of the year. Of the 2,282 bookings, a total of 1,649 males and 633 females. The month of March 2012 had the highest number of bookings at 237.

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. 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.

The alternate jail program was implemented a couple of times, with inmates picking up litter downtown and light maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Christensen  
Corrections Officer

## ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control is staffed by one full time Animal Control Officer and one part time Shelter Custodian. The ACO is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen investigating animal complaints which 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.

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population as of 12/31/12	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Cats	Dogs
	January	9	27	7	11	2	1	3	5	4	7	0	1	1	6	4	3	3
February	12	23	1	8	0	2	1	11	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	6	7
March	22	18	10	5	1	0	6	7	0	6	0	0	6	2	2	0	7	3
April	10	19	5	5	0	0	1	9	2	7	0	0	1	1	0	1	9	1
May	11	86	5	4	0	1	5	13	2	18	0	0	2	4	5	4	43	8
June	23	31	8	14	0	3	4	5	4	37	0	0	0	8	4	1	12	6
July	25	38	8	1	0	0	8	7	8	0	0	0	4	13	0	1	25	5
August	15	32	13	8	1	0	2	7	2	17	0	0	2	10	0	5	10	7
September	31	14	8	6	0	2	1	8	4	14	0	0	3	1	7	2	2	4
October	27	22	9	6	1	2	7	9	1	4	0	0	12	1	3	0	8	3
November	27	30	9	8	0	4	5	8	3	3	0	0	4	6	1	3	8	6
December	31	11	7	8	2	3	5	9	10	7	1	0	8	0	1	0	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
January	0	0	0	3	3	10
February	0	0	0	2	16	2
March	0	0	0	2	8	14
April	0	0	4	2	5	13
May	0	0	2	6	9	15
June	0	0	8	2	17	17
July	1	0	1	2	14	15
August	0	0	1	0	18	15
September	0	0	0	0	14	6
October	0	0	2	4	16	0
November	0	0	3	0	12	12
December	0	1	4	2	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>124</b>

Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
2011	2012	2011	2012
3	6	4	5
1	4	0	4
3	1	7	4
3	3	2	2
4	2	1	2
6	10	2	4
3	0	5	1
5	2	8	6
4	4	4	2
2	2	7	4
5	8	4	6
1	5	6	3
<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>

ACO Calls	
2011	2012
	29
	30
	30
	36
	27
	42
	20
	25
	13
23	26
20	33
<b>43</b>	<b>333</b>



## **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

George Welch is APD's Parking Enforcement Officer; George patrols the downtown corridor, often on foot, 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 2012, Officer Welch responded to 203 calls for service, issued 51 written warnings, 346 citations and impounded 12 vehicles. He is also called on to testify in court when parking citations are contested. In addition to these duties, Officer Welch attends downtown parking committee meeting once a month.



Respectfully Submitted,  
George Welch  
Parking Enforcement Officer

## **POLICE EXPLORERS POST**

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. In 2012 membership numbers were lower than normal, however the post accepted six new members in September, ending the year with eight members. The post logged 54 hours riding 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 July our Explorers assisted with security at the McCleary Bear Festival. In December the Explorers assisted the City of Montesano with the annual Festival of Lights.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2012, logging over 540 training hours covering a wide variety of training topics, to include: subject contacts, traffic stops, domestic violence, building searches, report writing, and firearms to name a few.

In August the Explorers participated in the annual Oregon Law Enforcement Challenge in Warrenton, Oregon. Our post spent four days at the challenge, competing in a variety of scenarios based on calls to which an officer may respond.

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post continues to serve our community not only in the services the post provides, but also in the services/experiences the members receive.

Respectfully,  
Officer Gary Sexton  
Explorer Post Advisor  
Officer Jeff Weiss  
Explorer Post Advisor

## INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



The Investigation 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 2012 over 671 cases were assigned for follow-up investigations by Aberdeen Detectives, which is a 28 percent increase over 2011. That is an average of 56 new cases per month. During 2012, Aberdeen Detectives carried an average of 20 to 25 active cases throughout the year.

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 teamwork between the Patrol and Investigations Sections.



As part of the Aberdeen Police Department goals for 2012, the Investigations Section participated in numerous public presentations to community and business groups. These presentations covered topics such as crime prevention and reporting, active shooter incidents, crime statistics, Investigations Section capabilities, and numerous other investigative topics.

During 2012, 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, Collision Investigation Team, and the Domestic Violence Response Team.

Some cases of note during 2012 that the section took the lead in was the Homicide near Franklin Park and series of robberies in the West end which cumulated with a bank robbery in Hoquiam.

The Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Section is strong and looking forward to pursuing the department's mission and goals in 2013, as it successfully did during 2012. The section continues to strive and is dedicated to professional and effective police services to the citizens of the City of Aberdeen.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Green  
Investigations Captain

## EVIDENCE SECTION

During the year, approximately 2701 property and evidence items were received and processed.

This amount includes 99 firearms received: 53 handguns, 46 long guns, and a number of related ammunition.

The above total of 2701 includes 360 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 17 cases from 2012, which totaled 173 packages. We also stored \$5839 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.

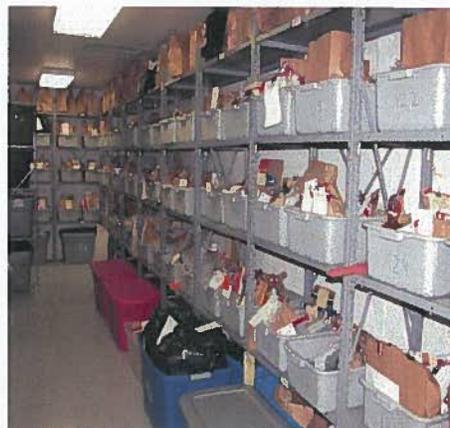
In 2012, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 27 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program.

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 2012, 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 2012, 0 unclaimed and forfeited firearms were traded to Law Enforcement Dist. Co. for department credit.

An inventory/self-audit of the evidence room was started in January 2012. Completion date is anticipated to be May 2013.



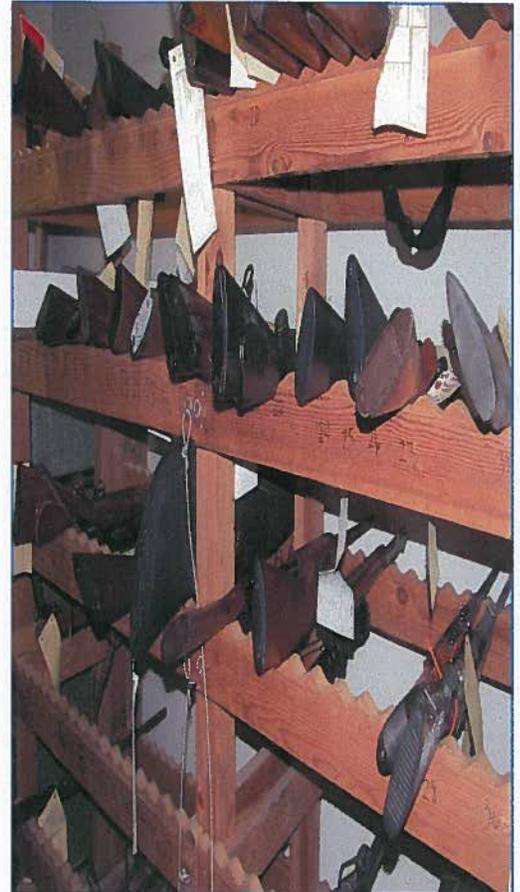
## EVIDENCE ROOM

### Items that came into the property room during 2012:

- APD – 2528
  - DTF – 173
- Total: 2701
- 2011: APD – 2298  
DTF – 208  
Total - 2506
- 2010: APD – 2550  
DTF – 133  
Total – 2683

### Guns that came into the property room during 2012:

- APD – 95
  - DTF - 4
    - Handguns – 53
    - Long Guns – 46
- Total: 99
- 2011: APD – 34 Guns  
Handguns – 17, Long Guns - 17  
DTF - 1 Long Gun  
Total – 35 Guns
- 2010: APD – 41 Guns  
Handguns – 18, Long Guns – 23  
DTF – 5 Weapons  
Handguns – 3, Long Guns - 2  
Total – 46 Guns



### Drugs that came into the property room during 2012:

- APD – 296
  - DTF – 64
- Total: 360 packages
- 2011: APD – 166  
DTF – 76  
Total: 242 packages
- 2010: APD - 203  
DTF – 116  
Total – 319 packages

### Bicycles donated to Bicycles from Heaven Program during 2012:

- 27
- 2011 – 45
- 2010 - 41

## **Converted property**

**Captain Dave Johnson**

**Handcuffs for patrol/corrections**

**Captain John Green**

**Emergency Road Reflectors for Collision Team**



**Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Mortimeyer  
Evidence Tech**

## 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 2012. In addition, one Aberdeen Police Department Investigative Specialist was assigned as support staff.

### INVESTIGATIONS:

Total Cases Opened	51	
Total Cases Closed	50	
Search Warrants	12	
Knock and Talks	1	
Arrests	37	
Meth Labs (Active, Boxed, Dumps)	0	
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	30	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Dealers)	3	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Growers)	7	3 Medical MJ
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	13	
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	8	
GANG TASK FORCE CASES	0	

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cocaine	Grams	0.00	\$ 50	\$ -
Marijuana	Plants	239.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 358,500
Marijuana	Pounds	0.31	\$ 3,000	\$ 919
Heroin	Grams	724.30	\$ 40	\$ 28,972
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	87586.80	\$ 80	\$ 7,006,944
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	0.00	\$ 20	\$ -
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Grams	11.06	\$ 20	\$ 221
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Dosage Units	2,765.00	\$ 80	\$ 221,200

**TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:** \$ 7,395,557

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF SEIZURES	FORFEITURES	VALUE OF FORFEITURES
Real Property	0	\$ -	1	\$ 8,698.00
Vessels	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vehicles	14	\$ 83,125.00	18	\$ 22,443.00
Firearms	17	\$ 7,075.00	9	\$ -
Currency	22	\$ 26,221.00	23	\$ 25,148.00
Miscellaneous Property	101	\$ 51,150.00	36	\$ 1,417.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>\$ 167,571.00</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$ 57,706.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sergeant Keith Fouts, GHSO  
 Pat Munyon, Investigations Specialist

## **S.W.A.T.**

For the calendar year of 2012, the APD SWAT Entry team conducted 905.5 hour of training time. The entry team was fortunate to have been allowed to attend the 2012 National Tactical Officers Association National Conference in Seattle in September.

In March of 2012, the Aberdeen Police SWAT Entry Team was activated to assist with the search for a suspect that shot a GHSO Deputy and assaulted a Superior Court Judge. The SWAT Team was asked to clear an outbuilding and a residence for patrol officers inside the City of Montesano. The SWAT Team deployed CS gas on the outbuilding and breached the door of the residence, the suspect was not inside.

In July of 2012 the APD SWAT Team Operations Manual was completed and implemented.

In August of 2012, the City of Montesano and the City of Hoquiam signed memorandums of understanding with the City of Aberdeen allowing for their officers to participate as members of the Aberdeen Police SWAT Team. Officer Shope, Lieutenant Staten of Montesano PD and Officer Blodgett of Hoquiam PD were welcomed to the team. In December of 2012 Hoquiam Police Sergeant Salstrom and Officer McCartney were selected to join the team after successfully completing the testing process. After attending basic training during the first quarter of 2013, the SWAT Entry Team will have expanded from 6 to 11 SWAT Operators in the course of a year. Hoquiam Police Officer Blundred was selected to join the APD SWAT Crisis Negotiations Team, increasing that team to 5 negotiators.

In November of 2012 the SWAT Entry Team was activated for a residential search in the city of Hoquiam. The apartment belonged to an armed robbery suspect. The team ported a bedroom window and breached the door and secured the residence for Aberdeen and Hoquiam Police Investigations to execute a search warrant.

Aberdeen Police SWAT Commander Captain Green attended the National Tactical Officers Commander Course in December of 2012.

In December of 2012, newly relocated Aberdeen business Reed Composites generously donated ten sets of rifle plates for the SWAT Entry team. This donation was made in conjunction with ten sets of Multi-cam carriers by Victory Tactical Gear and will provided much needed body armor protection for entry team members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CPL Dale Green  
APD SWAT Team Leader

## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT DIVISION**

The Special Assignment Division includes several areas vital to the success of the Aberdeen Police Department; including the Records Section, Information Technology, and Building Maintenance. This Division is supervised by Officer Wayne Schmidt.



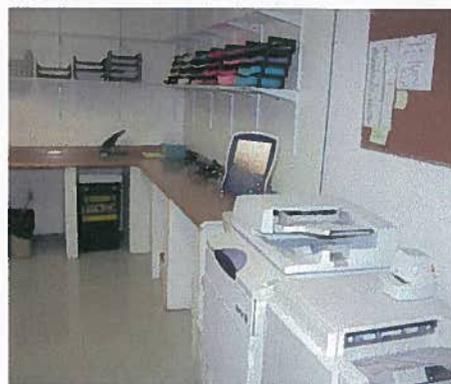
The Records Section is made up of three Records Specialist; Theresa Oleachea, Mendi Stump and Becca Anderson. Theresa Oleachea is APD's TAC Officer; responsible for managing the Aberdeen Police Department's involvement in the State and Nation ACCESS system, (A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System). Mendi Stump and Rebecca Anderson are responsible for responding to all Public Records Request. All Records Staff are all certified by the Washington State Patrol to ACCESS Level II. Together they provide support services to all

sections of the Police Department for day-to-day operations; including filing, distribution of all reports generated by the Patrol and Investigations Sections, compiling reports for the courts and entering data into the police department records management system. When citizens enter APD's lobby or call the station, the Records Staff are the first point of contact; answering questions, providing forms and other information, and directing to one of Aberdeen's Police Officers or other Staff if the needed.

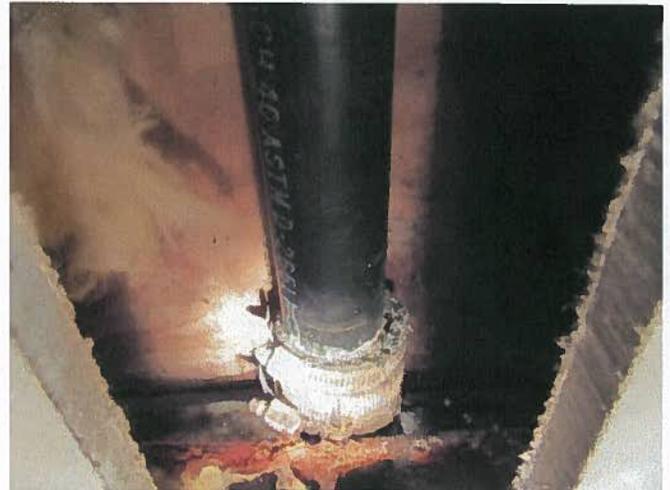
Processing Public Records Request continues to be a major task for APD's Records Section. Records request increased 68% during 2012. Each piece of information requested must be examined for content ensuring the documents do not contain information exempt by law or that would jeopardize an on-going investigation. Wayne Schmidt is APD's Public Records Officer.

The Information Technology Section manages over forty desktop / laptop workstations (includes 2 servers). Eight of these laptops are installed in patrol cars enabling Officers to communicate with the Grays Harbor Dispatch Center and take advantage of Washington States SECTOR system, (SECTOR is a computerized ticket and accident reporting system). This year 15 new desktop computers were purchased to replace aging computers; some as old as 12 years. Seven of APD's patrol cars are equipped with video recording systems that are also managed and maintained by this Section.

Even with the tight budget for 2012, APD' was able to make several improvements to its facility this year. The document copy center was moved to a new location within the station providing a larger, updated and more user friendly environment. The flooring in the Lobby, Patrol Office, one restroom and the Chief's Office were replaced. Two electronic briefing boards were added; one in APD's lobby for public announcements and another in the Patrol Office. All these improvements were done with the use of talent from within APD.



Ground settling on the north and east side of our building has been an issue for the last few years. During 2012, this settling caused soft spots in the parking lot that had to be repaired as well as causing a drainpipe inside the building to separate and leak.



### Records Statistics for 2010, 2011 and 2012

#### Concealed Pistol License Processed

2010 - 147  
 2011 - 163  
 2012 - 203

#### Total Reports Processed

2010 - 25,165  
 2011 - 21,808  
 2012 - 25,087

#### Public Disclosure Request

2010 - 1,521  
 2011 - 1,577  
 2012 - 2,311

#### Reports Prepared for Court

2010 - 1,777  
 2011 - 1,474  
 2012 - 1,760

## Volunteers

APD's Citizen Volunteers continued to provide vacation checks for the residents of Aberdeen. They also participated in the Volunteer Fair at the South Shore Mall and assisted in organizing the 2012 Nation Night Out. Seven separate National Night Out gatherings were attended by Citizens, Volunteers and Aberdeen Police Officers.



Respectfully Submitted  
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