

# ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2013

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Chief of Police



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Mayor Bill Simpson  
City of Aberdeen

Dear Mayor Simpson,

It is my pleasure to submit the 2013 Annual Report for the Aberdeen Police Department. This report is a collection of the hard work and service provided by the men and women of the Aberdeen Police Department over the last year.

The Aberdeen Police Department faced many challenges in 2013 but none more challenging than our increased responses to calls for persons with mental health issues. A reduction in state funding has decreased the bed spaces available for persons with mental health issues. More often than not, those untreated persons end up in our jail because they have committed a crime. A recent news article related that jails and local hospitals have become the 'new' mental health holding facilities for our nation. We have found this to be very true. One person with mental health issues can take up one 'entire' two to three person cell. Multiple times in this past year we have had in custody more than one person with mental health issues, each requiring their own cell. If our court orders a mental health competency hearing on a person we have arrested, that hearing has to be done by Western State Hospital staff and the time frame to conduct the hearing is from 2 to 12 weeks, depending on their case load.

Overall, calls for service increased by 1% or, 305 additional calls. This may not seem like a huge rise, but to put this into a little perspective the 1982 Annual Report indicated that officers responded to 16,430 calls for service with 27 patrol officers. In 2013 25 patrol officers responded to 25,782 calls for service. When people say that we must do more with less, I can reply without reservation, "We have."

Statistically we have seen a decrease in several key areas. Robberies, simple assaults, forcible rape, forgery, narcotic violations and weapons violations have all decreased. Unfortunately, on the other side of that coin, larceny, primarily shoplifting, theft from vehicles (vehicle prowling) and motor vehicle theft have all increased. Without a doubt these increases can be attributed to the drug problems in our community.

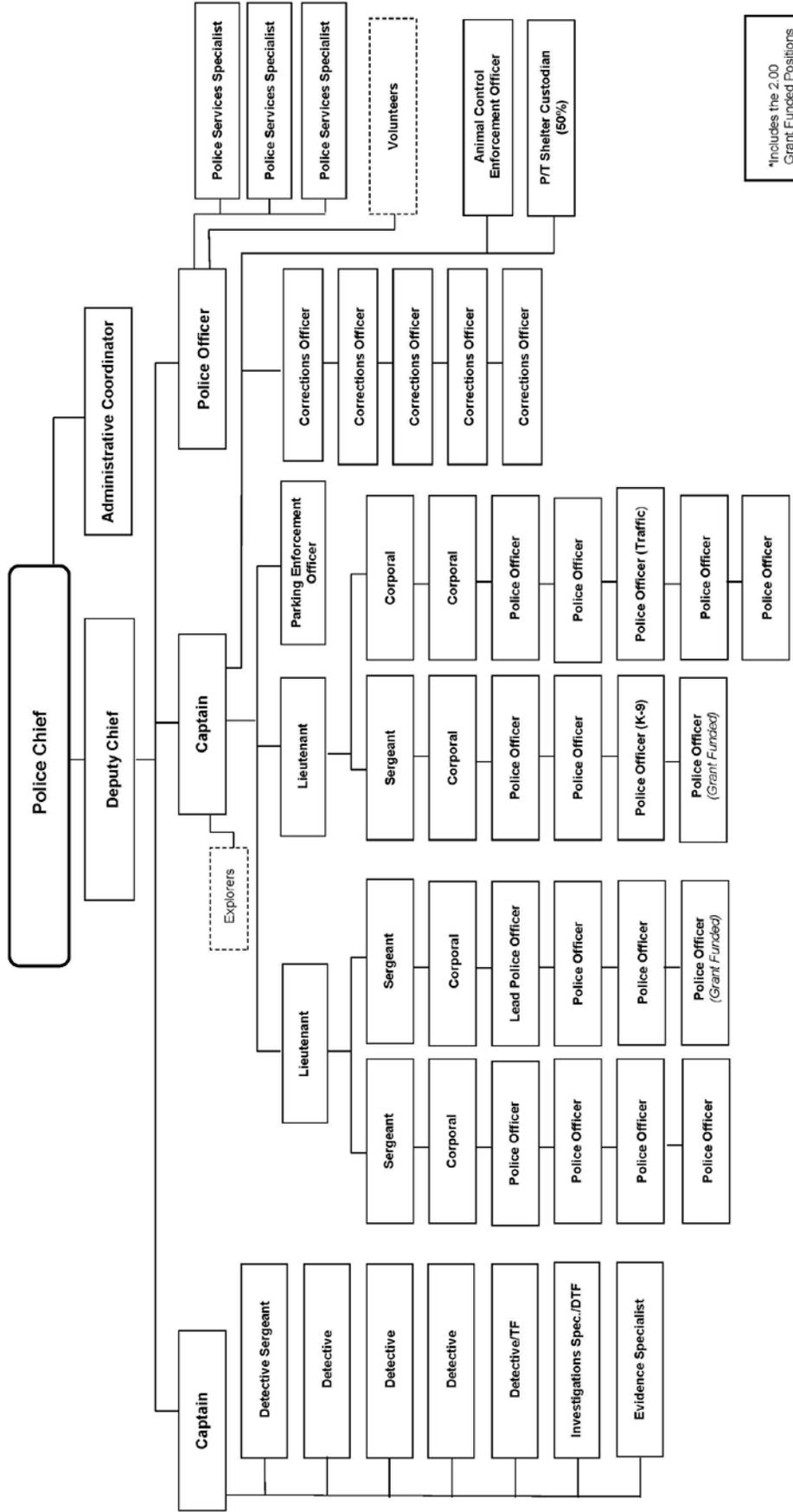
In 2013 we booked 2180 persons in the Aberdeen City jail and we could have arrested many more. However, one problem impacted our ability to house more offenders, and that was the mental health prisoner issue mentioned above. When the jail is full we often have to 'cite and release' persons we catch committing some minor crimes. This is not a great deterrent because we know that when those offenders are on the streets, the crimes they commit will continue.

In 2013 we participated in 4 community meetings throughout our city. The opportunity to meet and discuss with our citizens what issues are important to them was valuable for all of us. We look forward to more of these opportunities in the future.

I appreciate the strong support and encouragement that we received from your office, our city council, and our city staff. Your support is so vital to the job we are performing for our community.

Robert H. Torgerson  
Chief of Police

# 2013 City of Aberdeen Police Department



\*Includes the 2,000 Grant Funded Positions

Aberdeen Police Department  
Summary of Offense - 2012 v - 2013

NIBRS Offenses	2012	2013
<b>Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter</b>	1	0
<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	46	52
Forcible Rape	13	11
Forcible Sodomy	0	0
Sexual Assault With Object	0	0
Forcible Fondling	33	41
<b>Robbery</b>	19	13
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	28	36
<b>Simple Assault</b>	222	177
<b>Intimidation</b>	35	31
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	4	1
Incest	0	0
Statutory Rape	4	1
<b>Kidnapping</b>	4	5
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	0	0
<b>Burglary/Breaking And Entering</b>	221	210
<b>Arson</b>	2	5
<b>Larceny</b>	624	645
Pocket-Picking	1	0
Purse-Snatching	10	8
Shoplifting	310	336
Theft From Building	26	41
Theft From Motor Vehicles	80	111
Theft From Motor Vehicles Parts/ Accessories	45	43
All Other Larceny	152	103
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	84	125
<b>Extortion/Blackmail</b>	0	0
<b>Counterfeiting/Forgery</b>	31	13
<b>Fraud</b>	24	26
<b>Embezzlement</b>	0	1
<b>Stolen Property Offenses</b>	29	34
<b>Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property</b>	118	138
<b>Drug/Narcotic Offenses</b>	358	280
Drug/Narcotic Violations	171	133
Drug Equipment Violations	187	147
<b>Pornography/Obscene Material</b>	3	3
<b>Gambling Offenses</b>	0	0
<b>Prostitution Offenses</b>	23	1
Prostitution	23	1
<b>Violation of No Contact Order</b>	106	110
<b>Weapon Law Violations</b>	40	31

## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any Police Department. These officers are the first responders who respond to our citizens calls for help. The Patrol Division Commander is Captain Dave Johnson. The Patrol Division is divided into two teams, the blue and the gold. The Blue Team and the Gold Teams are led by Lieutenant Kevin Darst and a cadre of Officers in charge to include three sergeants and five corporals. A new patrol directive was established in January and included goals for the patrol division. A new Aberdeen Police Department Coin was developed by Cpl. King and Lt. Darst. Chief Torgerson funded and implemented the department coin reward program. Officer Ron Morella received training from the Homeland Security Department for Disaster Management to assist and train in this area. Lead Patrol Officer Robert Kegel retired on December 31, 2013 with 37 years of service and will be replaced with a promotion in 2014. Lieutenant Scott Slyter resigned in 2013 after almost 22 years of service and his position will be replaced by promotion in 2014. There was one promotion to corporal for Corporal Andy Snodgrass in July.

The patrol division is responsible to initially respond to all calls for service. In 2013, they responded to 25,782 calls for service. We had 52 civilian riders in our ride-a-long program during the year. The bike patrol program was reestablished in 2013 with a total of nine officers assigned that were previously trained. Officers Kelley, Rathbun, and R. Green were heavily involved in bike patrol and cleaning up the downtown corridor with great success. Cpl King assisted Chief Torgerson with a new trespass program for the downtown businesses that was a huge success with cleaning up the downtown. Patrol also is responsible for the traffic unit and K-9 unit with their statistics listed in the following pages. The patrol division is currently using Bratwear jumpsuits for uniforms, but changed to the Horace Small patrol uniform when the Bratwear uniform was discontinued temporarily. Currently, we are using both brands of patrol uniforms.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Calls for service	24,030	25,477	25,782
Citations	4,117	4,501	3,533
Civilian Riders	N/A	73	52

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Darst  
Lieutenant, Patrol Division

## TRAFFIC

The Aberdeen Police Department Traffic division is an integral part of the Patrol Division. The unit is usually staffed with two officers; however this year Officer Weiss transferred to the Investigations Division in May, and Officer Kelley's availability was reduced to part-time in the traffic division due to patrol staffing issues caused by illness and injuries.

This unit is responsible for an increased Police presence related to traffic issues. 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 response to citizen complaints of citizens failing to stop for stop signs, emphasis patrols were conducted around schools. These emphasis patrols resulted in numerous contacts, including multiple infractions for failing to stop for a stop sign, DWLS arrests, and several no insurance tickets. We observed an almost immediate change of behavior due to the increased patrols.

In 2013, Aberdeen Police responded to 667 reported collisions. Of that, only one was a fatality. Of the other 666, 28 were reported as injury collisions, ranging from soreness to hospitalization. Also of that 666, 140 were reported as hit and run.

There were over 3532 total tickets written for the year. Of those, over 2167 were written for RCW 46 violations. These included, but were not limited to the following;

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Speeding	498	527	193
Seatbelt / Child restraint	131	157	108
DUI	29	27	29
Cell phone / Texting while driving	297	185	113
DWLS	489	511	465
School zone	56	140	65
No insurance	793	751	697
Stop sign	96	65	54
Red light	80	67	53
Improper lane use	18	34	41
Following too close	26	45	40

In addition, the Traffic Division was able to secure a grant to replace two LIDAR speed measuring devices, and acquire three FST Preliminary Breath Test Instruments.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Kelley  
Traffic Officer

## **K9 APPREHENSION TEAM**

K9 Titus is the Aberdeen Police Department's new police dog after the retirement of police dog Nitro. Police Dog Titus is a 2-year old German Shepard who came from Landheim Kennels in Dyer, Indiana. K9 Titus is trained in tracking, building searches, evidence searches, handler protection, and area searches. Police Dog Titus and his handler, Officer Steve Timmons, attended a 12-week K9 training academy in Port Angeles, WA and trained under K9 master trainer, Cpl. Kevin Miller of the Port Angeles Police Department.

As part of the initial K9 training, Officer Timmons also co-instructed K9 classes in the areas of patrol K9 and containment to the Kitsap County cadets and the Washington State Patrol Port Angeles detachment. Officer Timmons also participated in safety talks and K9 demonstrations to school aged children.

At the completion of police dog Titus' initial training, the K9 team passed the required '*Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission*' standards and were certified 'generalist patrol team.' After completing the state standards, the K9 team passed the stringent standards set by the '*Washington State Police Canine Association*' becoming a WSPCA accredited team.



The team continued training after hitting the streets in April. In addition to the daily maintenance training, the team attended a three day advanced handler course at Fort Discover in Gardiner, WA that included tactical tracking, repelling, and tactical searches. The team also attended the Washington State Police Canine Association fall K9 seminar in Vancouver, WA.

Training hours for 2013 - 532 -3/4 hrs

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Suspect apprehensions	11	8	14
Tracks / Flight Apprehensions	21	16	17
Building Searches	4	6	5
Evidence finds	N/A	N/A	6

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Timmons  
K9 Officer

## CORRECTIONS

The Aberdeen City Jail is an 18 bed facility with a maximum male / female capacity of 25 inmates. The jail is staffed by five full time Corrections Officers. All of the Corrections Officers are CPR, Taser, & Capstun certified. The Corrections Divison's focus is to conduct bookings and releases, maintain close observation and supervision of the inmate population, ensure the safety and security of the inmates, staff and facility, and to ensure a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout the facility.

For 2013 there were 2,180 persons booked into the jail. The month of April had the highest number of bookings with 223. There were an average of about six new persons booked into the jail per day. The continued application of a structured meal plan has helped keep inmate meal expenses at a minimum of about six dollars per day per inmate. Most of the daily housekeeping/custodial, laundry, and other services at the jail are performed through inmate labor.

During 2013 the jail saw an increase of the mentally ill being housed in the Aberdeen City Jail. With budget cuts at the State level there are fewer beds at mental health facilities to house the mentally ill, therefore shifting the burden to local communities. With this shift we are seeing the mentally ill remain in the jail's custody longer. The Corrections Staff is responsible for the medical health of inmates held in the Aberdeen City Jail.

The Corrections Staff are responsible with the safety and security of inmates and the public alike during inmate transports. The Corrections Staff transport inmates to and from; medical appointments, counseling appointments, jails in neighboring jurisdictions, and court appearances.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Booked	2,102	2,282	2,180
Male Inmates	N/A	1,649	1,625
Female Inmates	N/A	633	555

Respectfully Submitted,

Dane D. Bonnell  
Corrections Officer



## ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control is staffed by one full time Animal Control Officer and one part time Shelter Custodian. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for patrolling the streets of Aberdeen investigating animal complaints which include vicious animals, animal bites, lost and injured animals, etc. The Animal Control Officer also patrols the city limits of Westport one day per week (per service contract).

### ABERDEEN STATS

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized Shelter		Euthanized Vet		Population 12/31/13	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	Cats	Dogs
	January	27	28	11	10	1	1	5	8	7	0	1	0	6	0	3	0	7
February	23	33	8	5	2	1	11	10	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	2	11	7
March	18	29	5	11	0	1	7	6	6	4	0	0	2	4	0	4	6	5
April	19	20	5	6	0	1	9	8	7	10	0	0	1	3	1	4	5	4
May	86	109	4	4	1	0	13	7	18	26	0	0	4	89	4	1	4	5
June	31	28	14	10	3	1	5	3	37	9	0	0	8	10	1	1	4	1
July	38	19	1	7	0	0	7	5	0	6	0	0	13	5	1	2	4	3
August	32	28	8	5	0	0	7	5	17	14	0	0	10	4	5	1	5	3
September	14	33	6	3	2	1	8	2	14	11	0	0	1	3	2	1	17	5
October	22	22	6	0	2	0	9	4	4	23	0	0	1	4	0	2	5	3
November	30	11	8	0	4	0	8	5	3	10	0	0	6	0	3	1	3	0
December	11	15	8	0	3	0	9	0	7	7	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	0	0	3	8	10	11
February	0	0	2	2	2	6
March	0	0	2	4	14	11
April	0	0	2	1	13	15
May	0	0	6	1	15	18
June	0	0	2	0	17	16
July	0	0	2	0	15	12
August	0	0	0	0	15	4
September	0	0	0	4	6	18
October	0	0	4	0	0	2
November	0	0	0	0	12	1
December	1	0	2	4	5	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>129</b>

	Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	6	4	5	6
February	4	4	4	1
March	1	4	4	7
April	3	3	2	3
May	2	1	2	3
June	10	5	4	5
July	0	2	1	6
August	2	5	6	0
September	4	2	2	1
October	2	0	4	0
November	8	0	6	0
December	5	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>

	ACO Calls	
	2012	2013
January	29	35
February	30	29
March	30	20
April	36	24
May	27	17
June	42	25
July	20	17
August	25	16
September	13	32
October	22	0
November	26	11
December	33	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>243</b>

## WESTPORT STATS

Animals	Impounds		Adoptions		Returned		Redeemed		Released		Escaped		Euthanized at Shelter		Euthanized at Vet		Population as 12/31/13	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	Cats	Dogs
January	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
June	7	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5R
July	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
September	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	27	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	12	0	5	2	1	0	2		

	Criminal Citation		Notice of Infraction		Written Warning	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	1
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	3	0
May	0	0	0	0	1	1
June	0	0	0	0	2	0
July	0	0	0	0	3	0
August	0	0	0	0	5	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	1	0	3	0
Total	0	0	1	0	17	2

Adopted Cats		Adopted Dogs	
2012	2013	2012	2013
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
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0	0	0	0
0	4	0	0

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Kris Sidor  
 Shelter Custodian

## **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Aberdeen's Parking Enforcement Officer is George Welch. Officer Welch patrols the downtown corridor, usually on foot, checking for overtime and illegally parked vehicles and other violations, responding to citizen's complaints, working with owners of abandoned vehicles (having it moved or impounded when necessary), removing hulk vehicles, and testifying in court when needed. He attends the downtown parking committee meetings, usually held monthly.

Officer Welch helps keep our citizens safe, and maintains a great rapport with the citizens of Aberdeen. With his friendly personality he is recognized as one of our cities best Ambassadors'.



<u><b>STATS</b></u>	<u><b>2011</b></u>	<u><b>2012</b></u>	<u><b>2013</b></u>
Calls for service	194	203	233
Warnings	121	51	73
Citations	326	346	279
Impounds	31	12	22
Hulk forms	10	2	3

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Welch  
Parking Enforcement Officer

## **POLICE EXPLORERS POST 13**

The Aberdeen Police Explorer Post #13 is comprised of young adults, 15 ½ to 20 years of age. In 2013 our membership increased to 13 active post members. The post logged 652 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. In June our post assisted with security for the Relay for Life in Hoquiam. In December the Explorers assisted the City of Montesano with the annual Festival of Lights. The post also participated in the National Night Out, ensuring McGruff the Crime Dog made it to the various block parties. A total of 233 hours were spent volunteering for various events.

Multiple times during the year members of our post assisted the Washington State Patrol by serving as actors for training scenarios at the academy in Shelton. This 304 hours spent helped train future Troopers in developing their skills needed to perform the daily duties of a Washington State Patrol Trooper. The experience was both educating and rewarding for our Explorers.

The post continued to meet weekly throughout 2013, logging over 660 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. Four members were awarded third place in the Sharpshooter category of the team shooting competition. Jordan Stullick was awarded second place in the Unknown Risk Traffic Stop scenario. As a team our post was awarded fourth place in the Active Shooter scenario.

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 submitted,  
Officer G. Sexton  
Officer J. 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 2013 over 754 cases were assigned for follow-up investigations by Aberdeen Detectives, which is a 12.4 percent increase over 2012. That is an average of 63 new cases per month. During 2013, 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 2013, 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 2013, 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.

An investigation of note during 2013 was the death investigation as a result of the fire at the Gray Apartments.

The Aberdeen Police Department Investigations Section is strong and looking forward to pursuing the department's mission and goals in 2014, as it successfully did during 2013. The section continues to strive and is dedicated to professional and effective police services to the citizens of the City of Aberdeen.

<u>STATS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
New cases total	522	671	754
New cases per month	43	56	63
Active cases per Detective (at any given time)	20	25	25

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green  
Captain, Investigations Section

## EVIDENCE ROOM

During the year, approximately 2774 property and evidence items were received and processed. This includes 30 firearms: 28 handguns, 2 long guns, and a number of related ammunition, and 318 packages of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and miscellaneous pills. The Aberdeen evidence room also receives evidence generated by Drug Task Force cases within our city limits. Drug Task Force processed evidence included 63 packages of narcotics and \$3244 that had been seized by the Drug Task Force.

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. One mistake in the 'chain of custody' of evidence possession can result in a criminal case being lost. Correct procedure is very important.

In 2013, we continued with the Bicycles from Heaven program with the Stafford Creek Corrections Center, donating 16 bikes through the Lion's Club for their refurbishing program.

Our ongoing purge evidence continues with our notifications from the Superior and Municipal Courts and the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Offices. In addition, past felony and misdemeanor cases are being reviewed and items no longer needed as evidence are returned or disposed of, and this includes hazardous and illegal items.

In 2013, we continued our participation with the online Property Bureau for our auction items. This program streamlines the auction process for many police departments nationwide and we have been successful selling much of the unclaimed property. In addition 56 unclaimed and forfeited firearms were traded to Law Enforcement Dist. Co. Those firearms can only be sold to a law enforcement officer. In return we get credit for the value of the firearm that can be used to buy needed equipment for our department such as ammunition and targets.

A inventory and self-audit of the evidence room was started in January 2012. This extensive process was completed in May, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Mortimeyer  
Evidence Room

## **EVIDENCE ROOM**

### **Items that came into the Property Room during 2013:**

- APD – 2642
- DTF – 132
- Total: 2774

### **Guns that came into the property room during 2013:**

- APD – 28
- DTF - 2
- Handguns – 28
- Long Guns – 2
- Total: 30

### **Drugs that came into the property room during 2013:**

- APD – 255
- DTF – 63
- Total: 318 packages

### **Bicycles donated to Bicycles from Heaven Program during 2013:**

- 16

### **Unclaimed/Forfeited Firearms traded to LEEDS in 2013:**

- 56

## **CONVERTED PROPERTY**

\*Converted property is donated, unclaimed or forfeited property that can be used for Aberdeen Police Department business:

These items were converted for use by the *'Crisis Response Unit'*

- DMPS AR-15 platform .223 semi-automatic rifle
- S/N: FH168134
- Carry Case
- 2 magazines

Paperwork for above items including SR number, serial numbers and person taking possession is on file in the evidence room.

Respectfully  
Lane 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 staff the Drug Task Force. In addition, one Aberdeen Police Department Investigative Specialist is assigned as support staff.

### 2013 STATS

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

Total Cases Opened	71	
Total Cases Closed	52	(4 From 2012)
Search Warrants	20	
Knock and Talks	3	
Arrests	23	
Meth Labs (Active, Boxed, Dumps)	0	
Meth Cases Other Than Labs	34	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Dealers)	4	
Marijuana ERAD Cases (Growers)	8	4 Medical)
DTO CASES (Identified, Disrupted, Dismantled)	6	
OCDETF CASES ADOPTED	3	
GANG TASK FORCE CASES	0	

DRUGS SEIZED	UNITS	# UNITS	VALUE	
			PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
Cocaine	Grams	15	\$ 50	\$ 750
Marijuana	Plants	81	\$ 1,500	\$ 121,500
Marijuana	Pounds	25	\$ 3,000	\$ 75,880
Heroin	Grams	24,512	\$ 40	\$ 980,480
Crystal Methamphetamine	Grams	1,131	\$ 80	\$ 90,480
Other Hallucinogens (Psilocybin, LSD)	Grams	3	\$ 20	\$ 60
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Grams	850	\$ 20	\$ 17,000
Prescription Drugs (Barbiturates.)	Dosage Units	212,500	\$ 80	
<b>TOTAL VALUE SEIZED DRUGS:</b>				<b>\$ 1,286,150</b>

ASSETS	SEIZED	VALUE OF		VALUE OF FORFEITURES
		SEIZURES	FORFEITURES	
Real Property	1	\$ 85,605.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Vessels	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Vehicles	3	\$ 12,000.00	8	\$ 10,711.00
Firearms	9	\$ 3,150.00	9	\$ -
Currency - Includes DAG \$6800	10	\$ 23,708.00	15	\$ 25,191.00
Miscellaneous Property	10	\$ 4,460.00	24	\$ 4,653.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$ 128,923.00</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$ 50,555.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Pat Munyon,  
 Investigation Specialist

## **CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT**

For the calendar year of 2013, the Aberdeen Police Regional Crisis Response Tactical Response team conducted 672 hrs of training time.

In January of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team was activated to assist the GHSO with an armed barricaded subject. The subject surrendered as CRU Operators were on containment.

In January of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team was activated to assist Aberdeen Police Detectives with the securing and searching of a residence on a high risk search warrant. Two suspects were arrested without incident.

In March of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team, Hostage Negotiations Team and Marksman/Observer team was activated for an armed barricaded subject who had shot Hoquiam Police Sergeant Salstrom. The subject remained barricaded through the day and evening. The suspect shot a Washington State Patrol reconnaissance robot. The suspect also shot at operators through the walls of the residence when gas was deployed. The WSP Tactical Team took over operations in the evening and the suspect remained barricaded overnight. The suspect was eventually shot by operators in the morning by the Thurston County SWAT Team.

In July of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team was activated to assist Grays Harbor County Drug Task Force with an execution of a high risk search warrant in Aberdeen. Two suspects were arrested without incident.

In August of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team was activated to assist Grays Harbor County Drug Task Force with an execution of a high risk search warrant in Aberdeen. Eight suspects were arrested without incident.

In November of 2013 the CRU Tactical Team was activated to assist Hoquiam Police Department Detectives to assist with the execution of a high risk search and arrest warrant for an armed robbery suspect. The suspect was arrested without incident.

In March of 2014 Grays Harbor County Deputies Gay and Ramirez are scheduled to attend the WA State Basic SWAT Academy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CPL Dale Green  
APD CRU Team Leader

## **SNIPER TEAM**

The Aberdeen Crisis Response Unit Sniper/Marksman is composed of two Sniper/Observer teams. The two man teams are currently assigned to separate patrol groups and train monthly in two man elements. The Sniper team is designed to watch over and provide observational support for the C.R.U.

The teams trained a total of 245 hours in 2013 at an average of 61 hours per member.

The Sniper-Marksman's utilize authorized 308 caliber rifles, while the Observers-Spotters utilize authorized 223 caliber M16 / AR15 rifles with Mags and or fixed sights.

The monthly training was conducted in all weather conditions and at various temperatures throughout the year. The teams trained in Cold Barrels and group shots, fundamental marksmanship, Stress Fire Skills, positional shooting at known and unknown distances, coordinating team shooting, supported and unsupported positions, off hand, Intermediate barricade ( glass, ballistic, fence ), moving targets, Gas Masks, Policy and Use of force updates, Rules of Engagement, Command and Control, Observation and Reporting, and Range Safety.

The training was conducted with 223 caliber and 308 caliber rifles at distances from 25 to over 300 yards, in daylight and low light conditions.

The Sniper-Marksman is Team Leaders are Officer Bruce Watts and Sergeant Ross Lampky.

The Observers-Spotters are Officer Bob Green and Officer George Kelley

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Watts  
Team Leader

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT DIVISION

The Special Assignment Division is made up of the Records Section, Information Technology, Building Maintenance and the Citizen Volunteer Unit.

### Records Section Staff



Officer Wayne Schmidt  
Special Services Supervisor  
Public Records Officer



Theresa Oleachea  
Police Services Specialist  
Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)



Mendi Stump  
Police Services Specialist



Becca Anderson  
Police Services Specialist

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Concealed Pistol License	163	203	228
Protection / No Contact orders	N/A	N/A	367
Public Records Request	1,577	2,311	1965
Reports prepared for Court	1,474	1,760	1800
Total Reports Processed	21,808	25,087	25,365

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Schmidt  
Special Assignment Supervisor

#### Records

The Records Staff continues to provide service in nearly all aspects of day to day operations at the Aberdeen Police Department. Along with the never-ending paperwork, they are relied on to handle everything from directing citizens to services, both inside and outside of the Aberdeen Police Department, to assisting Officers and Detectives with criminal investigations.

#### Information Technology

The Mobile Data Terminals in our patrol cars were updated this year from radio modem technology to cellular technology. Along with much faster connections speeds to CAD and Spillman (drivers checks, criminal history and records management information), Officers now have the ability to connect to the WSP SECTOR program (ticket writing software), check department e-mail, and access the Internet to assist in investigations; all without being tied to stationary internet connection.

#### Volunteers

John and Carol Walcott “retired” from the Volunteer Unit. They served the community in many ways including visiting elderly and shut-in citizens, home vacation checks, and assisting with National Night Out events.

#### Building Maintenance

During this year’s Security audit, it was noted that we should take steps to improve building access security. To this end, new electronic key pads have been installed on all external doors. This gives us the ability to assign individual PIN numbers and Card-keys for everyone requiring access to the police dept. Prior to this improvement, one PIN had been shared by everyone; making it almost impossible to restrict access to anyone no longer authorized to enter.