

City of Lake Forest Park

Police Department Annual Report



2013

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Chief of Police

Message from your Police Chief...



Chief C. Stephen Sutton

Dear Lake Forest Park Residents,

I am pleased to present you with the 2013 Lake Forest Park Police Department Annual Report. The report tracks crime data, service efforts & accomplishments, crime trends and budget information.

There are 22 full time employees assigned to the Lake Forest Park Police Department. A majority of the officers are in the patrol division; additionally we have a traffic unit, criminal investigation detectives, canine unit, professional support staff, sergeants, a captain and police chief.

In 2013, the average response time to calls for service for Lake Forest Park Police was 2:17 minutes; the national standard is over five minutes. Our officers know how important it is to be responsive, arrive safely and handle the emergency call in a professional manner. The Lake Forest Park Police Department partners with the King County Sheriff's Office and the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA) for specialized services, homicide/robbery investigations, SWAT, K9, air support, bomb technicians, other services, and training.

In this report you will notice burglaries decreased from 91 to 80, thefts from vehicles remained the same, and vehicle prowls were down. DUI's were up 36% from the previous year. In 2014, the Lake Forest Park Police Department will focus efforts on reducing burglary and other property crimes; our mission is to prevent crime and create an environment where people feel safe.

The police department will be making several changes to focus on crime prevention, and identifying and apprehending high impact offenders. Five areas the police will set clear direction and goals are:

- Reduce Crime and Collision Loss in our Community
- Provide Quality Services and Innovative Police Strategies Delivered Through Excellent Customer Service
- Provide appropriate resources to employees that foster a safe, ethical, innovative, knowledgeable, and diverse workforce
- Provide Emergency Management Oversight for City Infrastructure and the Community

To learn more about the services that the Lake Forest Park Police Department provides, please visit our web-page at www.cityofflp.com or follow us on Twitter ([@lfppd@twitter.com](https://twitter.com/lfppd)).

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email me at ssutton@cityofflp.com or call directly 206-364-8216. I'm proud of the men and women of the Lake Forest Park Police Department who are committed to keeping you and your family safe. It's an honor to serve as your police chief.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Stephen Sutton
Police Chief,
City of Lake Forest Park

About the Annual Report

The Annual Police Report contains information on the service efforts and accomplishments of the Lake Forest Park Police Department to support its vision, mission, and goals.

The goal of the report is to keep the City of Lake Forest Park residents, staff, administrators and elected officials informed of the activities of the police department and crime activity in the city. It highlights the good work of the men and women of the department, while emphasizing the value they bring to the citizens on a daily basis.

The report has three sections; Operations, Support Services, and Employees.

The report is produced by the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department. Questions about the report can be directed to the Lake Forest Park Chief of Police.

Lake Forest Park Police Department Mission, Goals, & Core Values

Vision

Our vision is to ensure the City of Lake Forest Park is one of the safest cities in the Puget Sound Region achieved through the delivery of quality law enforcement services.

Mission

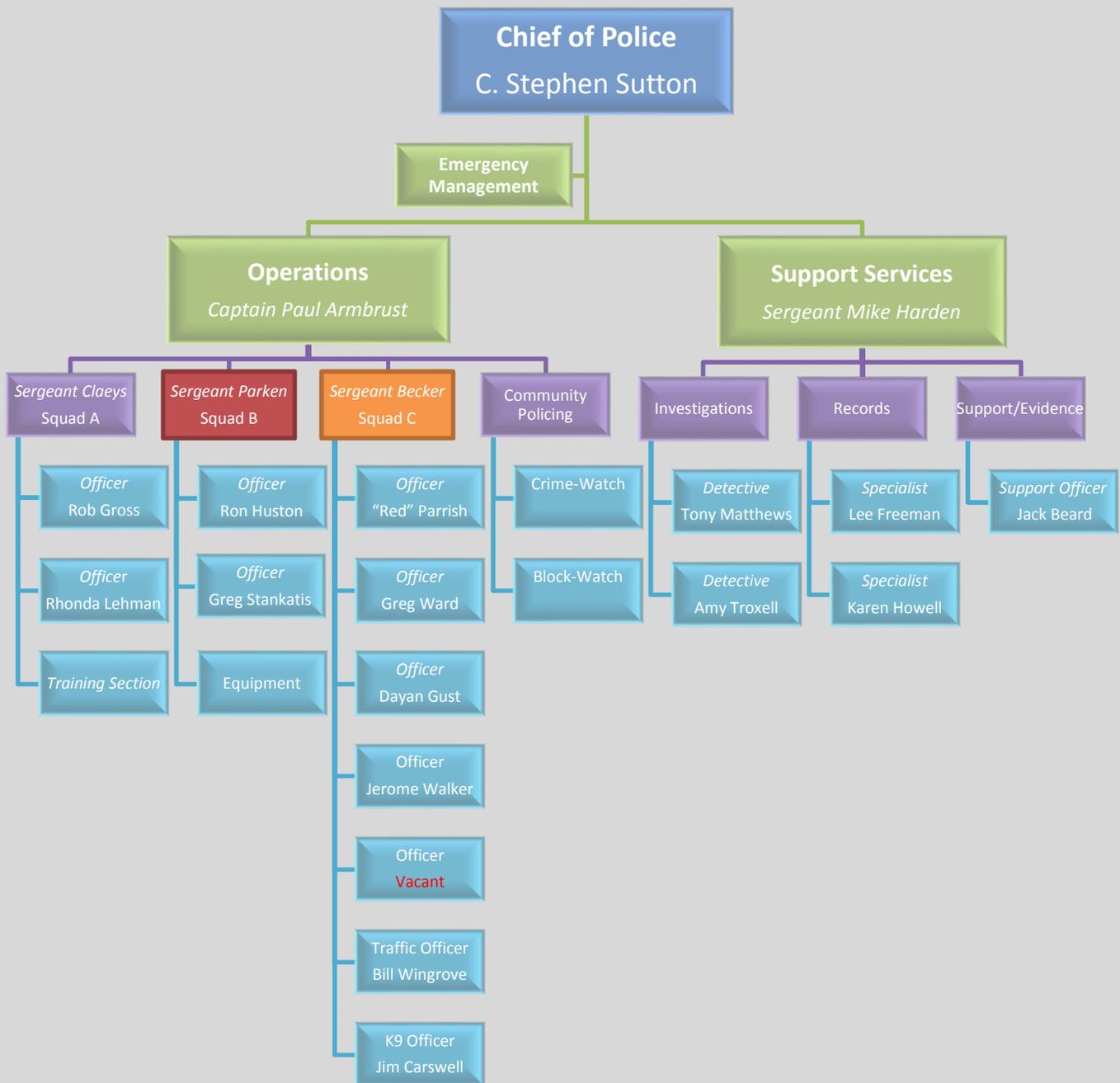
Our mission is to develop and support a team of professionals who consistently seek and find innovative policing strategies to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver those quality services which enhance the security and safety in our community. To support this mission, we will work in strong partnership with the community.

Goals

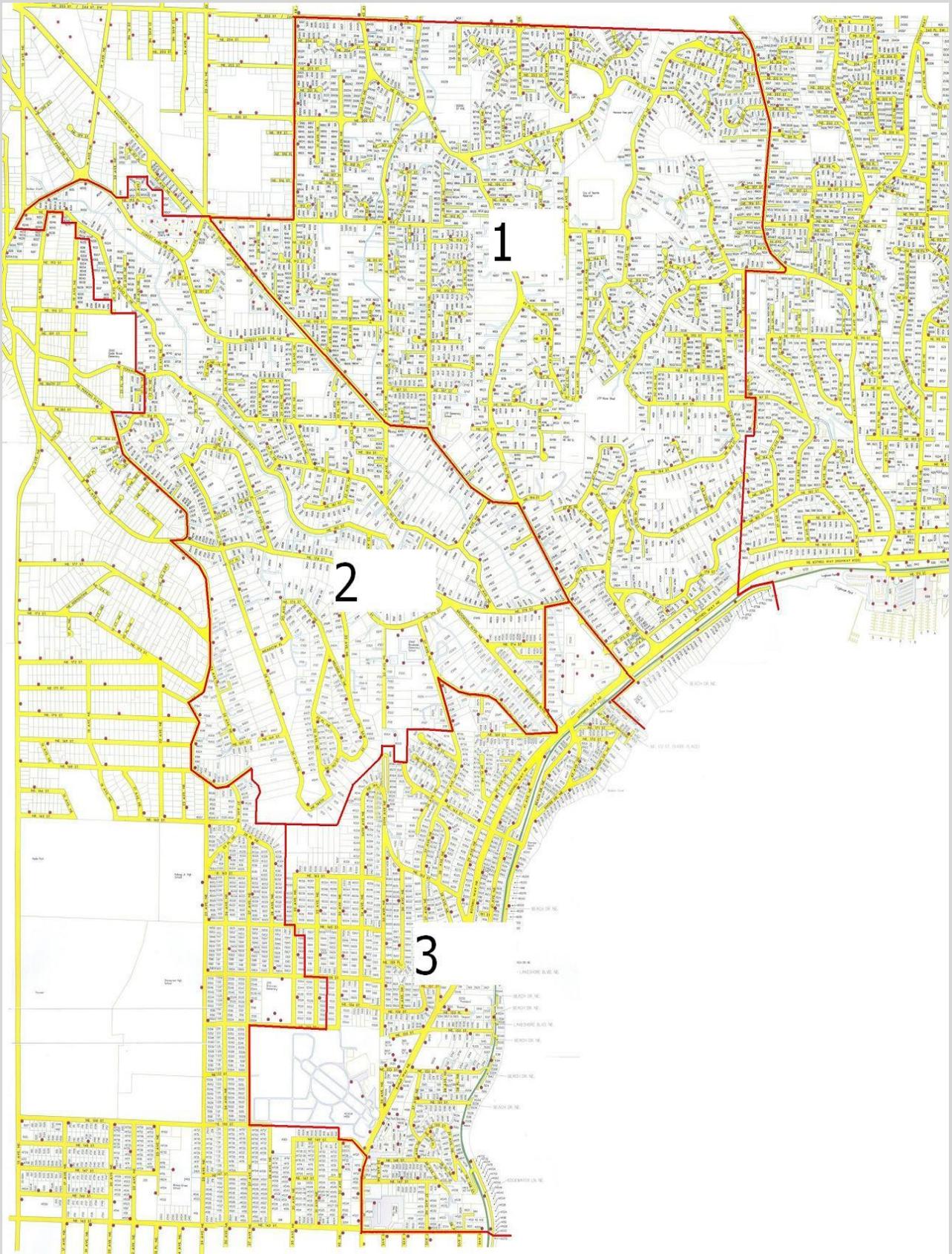
In order to realize this mission, the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department has adopted the following goals and objectives:

1. Reduce crime and collision loss in our community
2. Provide quality services and innovative policing strategies delivered through excellent customer service
3. Provide appropriate resources to employees that foster a safe, ethical, innovative, knowledgeable, and diverse workforce
4. Provide emergency management oversight for City infrastructure and our community

Organizational Chart



City of Lake Forest Park Patrol Districts



Operations Division



Captain Paul Armbrust

The Operations Division provides professional police services to the citizens of Lake Forest Park 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Division consists of three squads in the Patrol Section, the K9 Unit, the Traffic Unit, Crime Watch, and Block Watch. Other functions include: Narcotics enforcement, Training, SWAT, and Gang/Graffiti investigations. Captain Paul Armbrust oversees the operations division and can be reached at parmbrust@ci.lake-forest-park.wa.us or 206-364-8216.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Lake Forest Park continues to be one of the safest communities in the Puget Sound Region. This is in no small part due to the dedication and responsiveness of our police officers, detectives and support staff.

2013 brought about a reorganization of the police department that has allowed us to reinstitute our Traffic Officer position. Officer Wingrove was selected for the position and has completed the vast majority of the required training. We look forward to having our motor officer on the road when weather permits.

We continue to work with the Shoreline School District in making our schools a safe and secure learning environment for our children. Through a continued commitment by the Lake Forest Park Police Department, the school district, the North Shore Fire Department and other emergency service agencies we developed a training tabletop exercise which brought all of us together. This exercise was an overwhelming success. Planning for a full scale exercise continues into 2014.

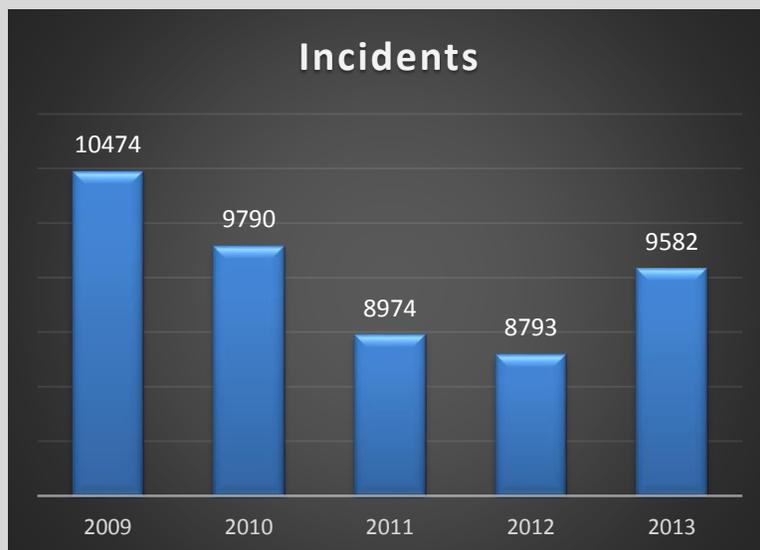
The Lake Forest Park Police continue to actively participate in the community through our crime watch/block watch program, National Night Out and fundraising activities. More than 20 National Night out events occurred in Lake Forest Park in 2013 and all were attended by Police Department personnel.

The Police Employees Guild and the Police Department held our first annual Salmon Barbeque in September at the farmers market. This extraordinary volunteer effort by officers and staff raised more than \$4,000.00 for Special Olympics Washington.

We are committed to our community partnerships and look forward to serving our community in the coming years.

Police Response

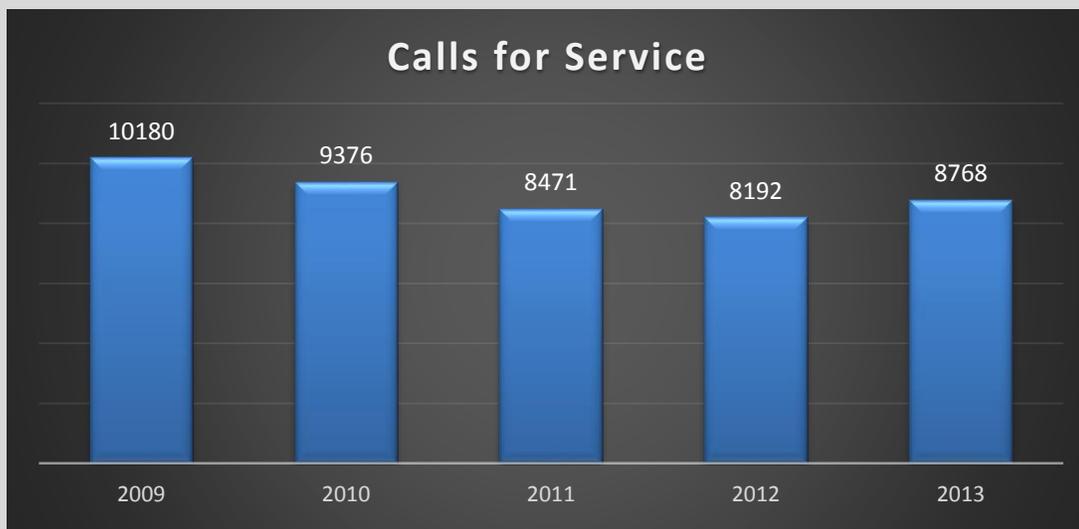
Incidents	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<i>January</i>	1012	942	894	599	814
<i>February</i>	940	776	803	558	737
<i>March</i>	930	770	905	619	823
<i>April</i>	727	772	787	615	792
<i>May</i>	834	951	829	985	909
<i>June</i>	901	985	712	846	849
<i>July</i>	909	939	800	902	707
<i>August</i>	976	731	722	888	746
<i>September</i>	915	864	614	778	788
<i>October</i>	864	799	667	739	825
<i>November</i>	733	607	572	698	750
<i>December</i>	733	654	669	566	842
TOTAL	10474	9790	8974	8793	9582



**Incidents include officer initiated police service

Calls for Service

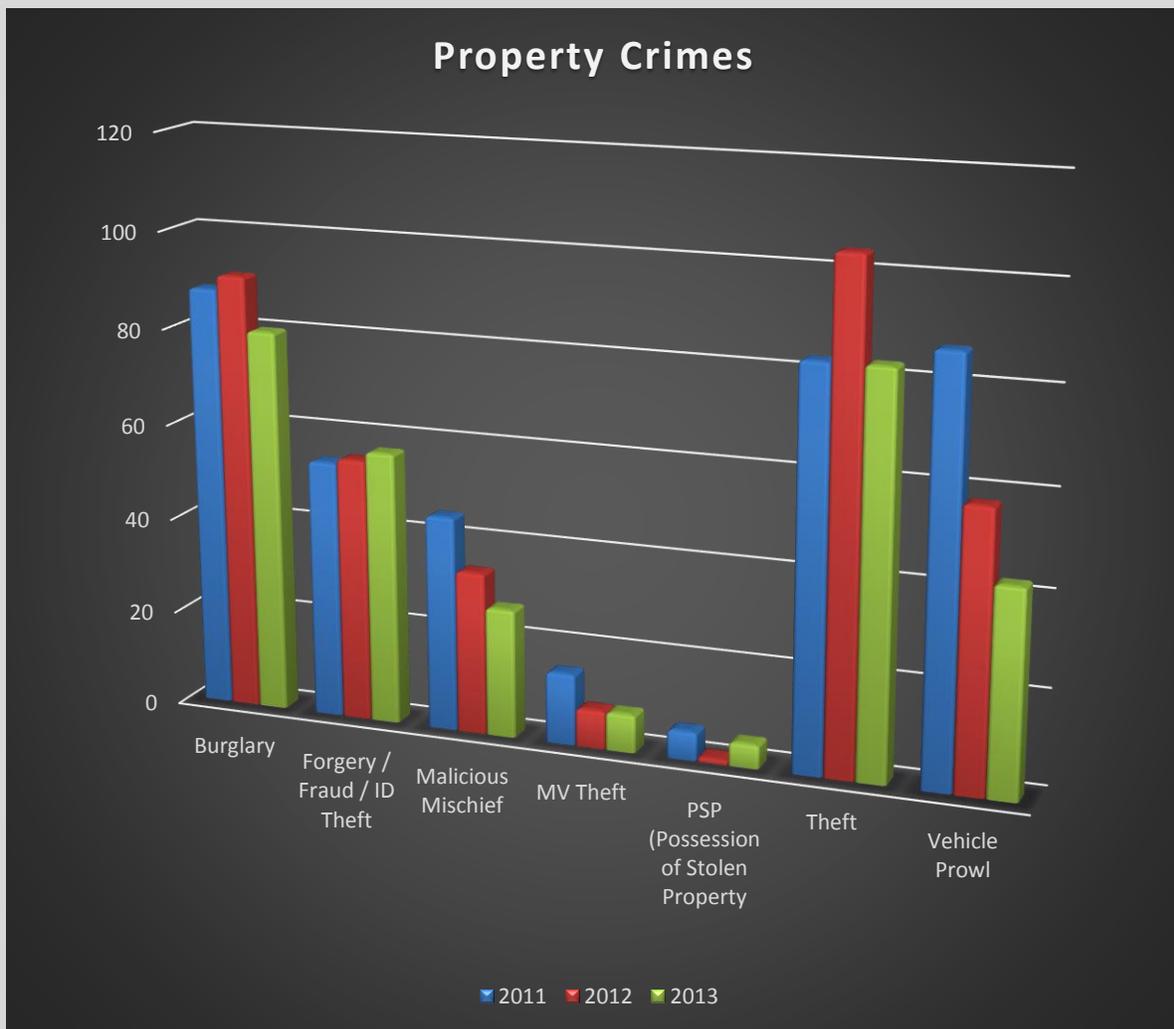
Type of Call	2011	2012	2013
<i>Alarms</i>	328	285	310
<i>Assault / Fights / Harassment</i>	66	38	52
<i>Burglary / Theft</i>	467	420	414
<i>Disturbance / Noise</i>	144	144	143
<i>Domestic</i>	55	54	60
<i>Information / 911 Hang-up</i>	1059	1014	814
<i>Investigations</i>	1148	1156	1127
<i>Juvenile Problem</i>	30	33	38
<i>Liquor / Narcotics</i>	62	74	80
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	935	1145	1180
<i>Parking</i>	214	252	228
<i>Public Service</i>	1181	1507	1936
<i>Robbery</i>	5	3	3
<i>Traffic</i>	2738	2040	2347
<i>Trespass</i>	39	27	36



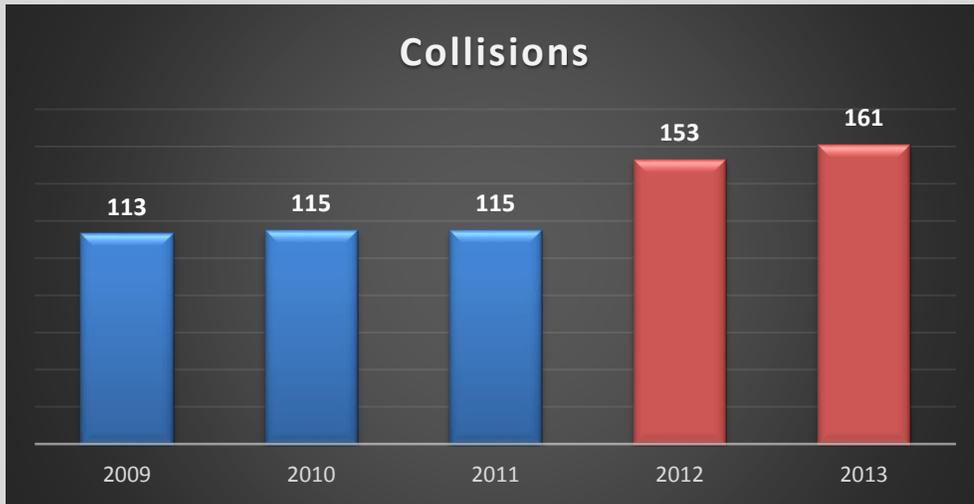
**Calls for Service are generated by a call into dispatch services.

Property Crimes

Property Crimes	2011	2012	2013
<i>Burglary</i>	88	91	80
<i>Forgery / Fraud / ID Theft</i>	54	55	57
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	45	34	27
<i>MV Theft</i>	15	8	8
<i>PSP (Possession of Stolen Property)</i>	6	1	5
<i>Theft</i>	83	104	83
<i>Vehicle Prowl</i>	87	58	43



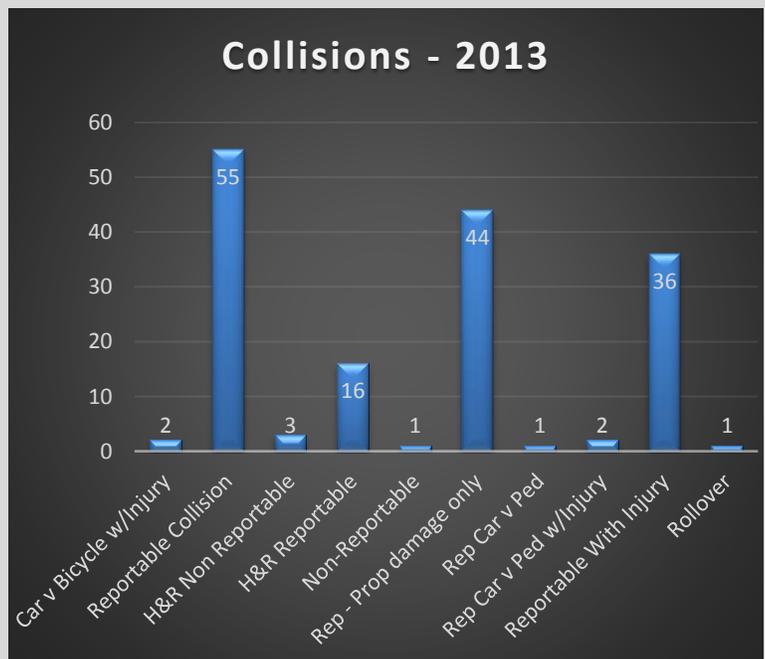
Collisions



**Highway 520 tolling

(Dec 2011)

Types of Collisions	2013
Car v Bicycle w/Injury Reportable Collision	2
H&R Non Reportable	55
H&R Reportable	3
Non-Reportable	16
Rep - Prop damage only	1
Rep Car v Ped	44
Rep Car v Ped w/Injury Reportable With Injury	1
Rollover	2
Fatalities	36
Total	161



Top 3 locations in **2013** for Collisions reported:

1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. 16800 BOTHELL WAY NE
3. BOTHELL WAY NE 47TH AVE NE

Top 3 locations for Collisions in the last **5 years**:

1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. BOTHELL WAY NE BALLINGER WAY NE
3. 17171 BOTHELL WAY NE

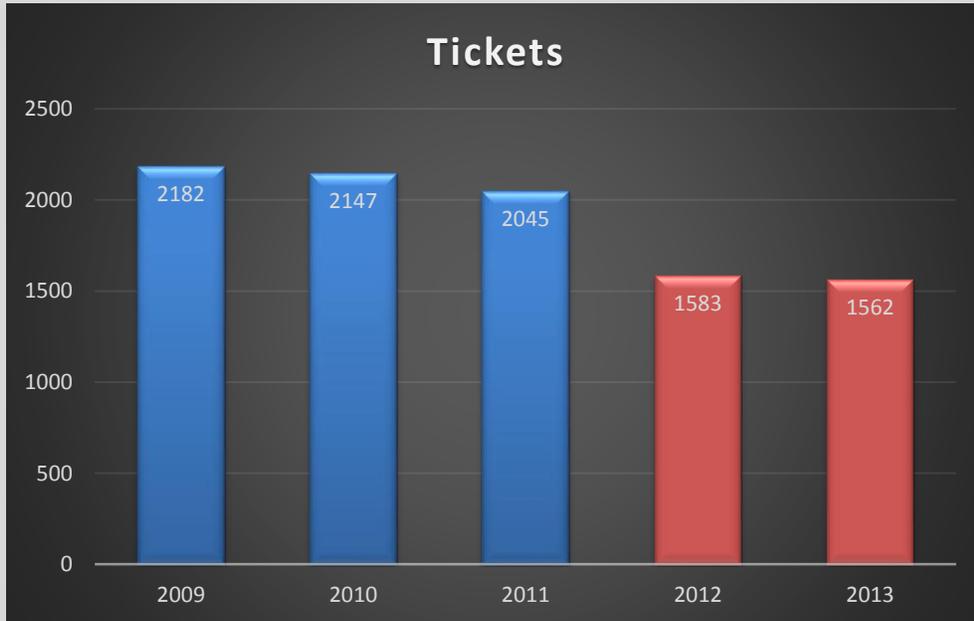
Criminal Activity

Cases	2012	2013	+/-	
<i>Assaults</i>	31	32	3%	↑
<i>Burglary</i>	91	80	-12%	↓
<i>Theft</i>	104	83	-20%	↓
<i>Vehicle Prowls</i>	58	43	-26%	↓
<i>Vehicle Thefts</i>	8	8	0%	---
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	34	27	-21%	↓
<i>DUI</i>	33	45	36%	↑
<i>Arrests</i>	348	282	-19%	↓
<i>Criminal Traffic</i>	221	251	14%	↑
<i>Traffic Infractions</i>	1120	1162	4%	↑
<i>CFS</i>	8192	8768	7%	↑
<i>Case Reports</i>	846	804	-5%	↓
<i>Traffic Stops</i>	1388	1593	15%	↑

PART I CRIMES are also referred to as “Index Crimes.”

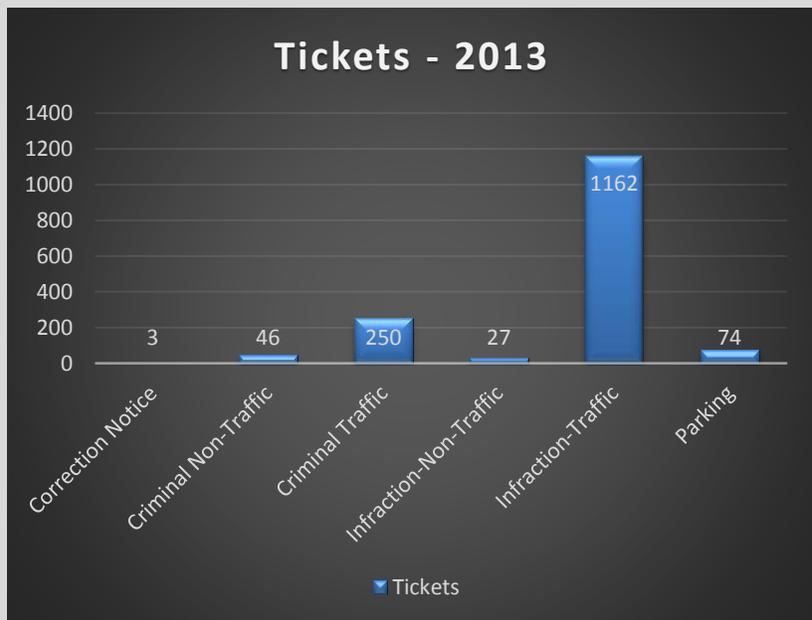
Part I Crimes	2012	2013	+/-	
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	0%	---
<i>Rape</i>	2	0	-100%	↓
<i>Robbery</i>	2	2	0%	---
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	31	32	0%	---
<i>Burglary</i>	91	80	-12%	↓
<i>Larceny/Theft</i>	104	83	-20%	↓
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	8	8	0%	---
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0%	---

Tickets Issued



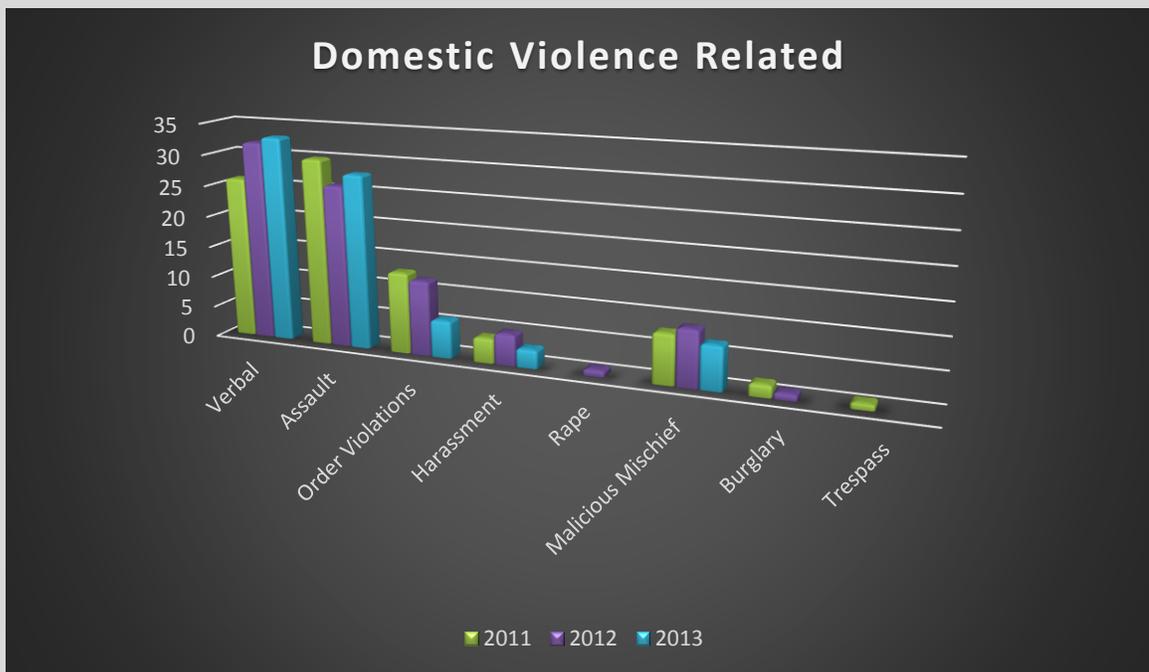
**Mid 2012 through 2013 - Traffic and K9 reassigned to general patrol due to staffing.

Type of Tickets	
<i>Correction Notice</i>	3
<i>Criminal Non-Traffic</i>	46
<i>Criminal Traffic</i>	250
<i>Infraction-Non-Traffic</i>	27
<i>Infraction-Traffic</i>	1162
<i>Parking</i>	74
Total	1562



Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<i>Verbal</i>	46	33	26	32	33
<i>Assault</i>	33	22	30	26	28
<i>Order Violations</i>	16	9	13	12	6
<i>Harassment</i>	7	5	4	5	3
<i>Rape</i>	2	2	0	1	0
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	13	8	8	9	7
<i>Burglary</i>	4	1	2	1	0
<i>Trespass</i>	2	2	1	0	0



Verbal Domestic - Arguments between persons with no physical contact.

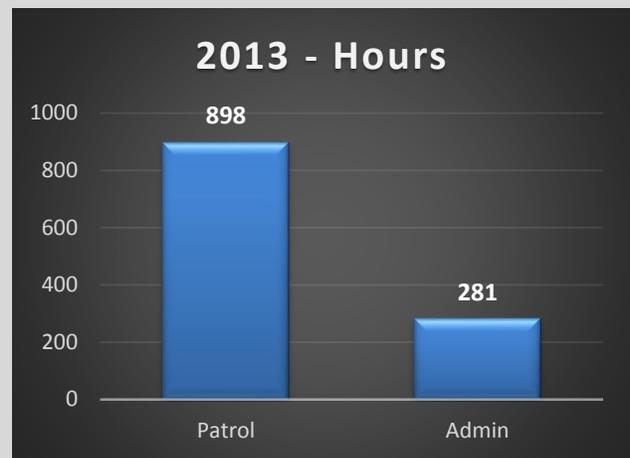
Assaults - Arguments between persons who get physical with each other (i.e. pushing, shoving, slapping, hitting with hands/feet, etc.)

Court Order Violation - Protection orders, harassment orders, no contact and restraining orders. These orders are issued by Courts for the protection of domestic violence victims or for subjects being harassed by known subjects.

Community Policing

In 2013, 26 volunteers were actively participating in the program. During the year of 2013, 262 houses, 3 parks, and 2 schools were visually checked for suspicious activity. Throughout the year, 243 patrol days were logged for a total of 898 volunteer hours on patrol days. Additionally, 281 hours were logged by the coordinator, included are other non-crime watch activities.

Checks 2013	
<i>House Checks</i>	262
<i>Parks</i>	3
<i>Schools</i>	2



Support Services Division



Sergeant Mike Harden

The Support Services Division assists in the daily operation of police support services. The division strives for quality customer support through the delivery of services that enhance the overall mission of the Department. The Division consists of the Investigations Unit, the Records Unit, and the Evidence/Property Unit. Sgt. Mike Harden oversees the Support Services Division.

Support Services Officer

The police department employs a full-time specialty commissioned officer to maintain the Property/Evidence Unit, Prisoner Transport, and Court Security services. The Support Services Officer also assists with building security and employee training, including emergency preparedness and first aid. He also is one of the firearms training instructors for the department.

Records Unit

Annually, the Records Unit personnel enter more than 4,000 police reports into the Law Records Management System. The Records Unit is responsible for a wide variety of tasks that include:

- Accurately processing, maintaining and disseminating police records that include confidential and sensitive data.
- Completing case referrals to the City of Lake Forest Park Prosecutor's Office and the King County District Attorney's Office for consideration of filing criminal complaints.
- Background checks, concealed pistol permits, entertainer licensing, among other services.
- Maintains the drug take-back program, which enables citizens to destroy unwanted and leftover drugs.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit consists of two full-time detectives. Each detective is trained on a wide variety of criminal activity and work an average of 60 cases a month. Generally, felony and juvenile cases are forwarded to detectives for further follow-up and filing.

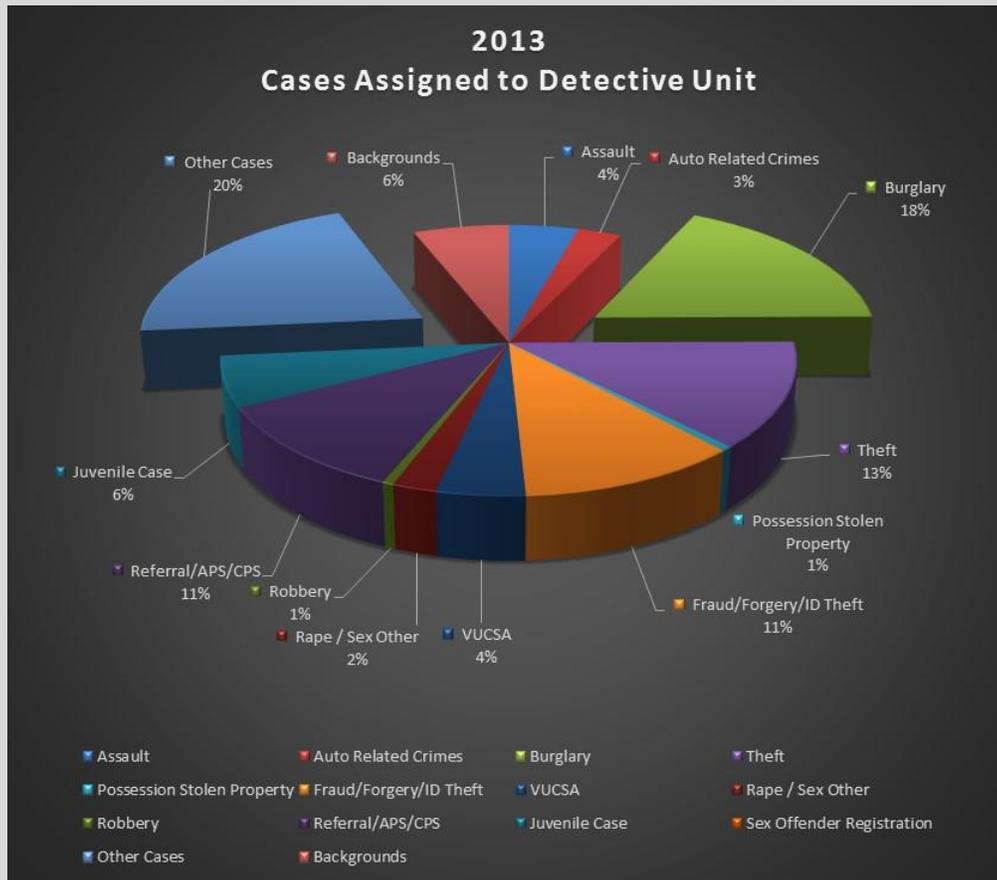
Highlights and Accomplishments

On August 1st 2010, Detective Matthews started a website called "CanyouID.me." The website was created as a location for all Washington State police investigators to post photographs of people captured on video they could not identify. In 2013, the website had over 60 agencies and over 200 detectives using the website. This service has resulted in over 100 identifications of suspects or persons of interest, leading to many arrests and case closures.

In 2013, Det. Troxell investigated an identity theft case in which the suspect used two identities to obtain a Washington State driver's license and Social Security Benefits. With the combined efforts of Det. Troxell and an investigator from the Social Security Administration the case was submitted to the United States Attorney's Office. The suspect was ultimately convicted, sentenced to 5 years of probation and required to pay \$140,770.13 of restitution.

During 2013, Detective Matthews investigated an embezzling case with the Lake Forest Park Water district where the suspect embezzled more than \$350,000 from the district in 2004-2011. The suspect was ultimately sentenced to 27 months in jail and ordered to pay 404,000 in restitution.

Investigations



<i>Investigations</i>	2011	2012	2013
<i>Assault</i>	12	11	8
<i>Auto Related Crimes</i>	6	9	5
<i>Burglary</i>	46	55	32
<i>Theft</i>	14	32	23
<i>PSP</i>	1	3	1
<i>Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft</i>	30	23	20
<i>VUCSA</i>	3	5	8
<i>Rape / Sex Other</i>	8	6	4
<i>Robbery</i>	4	2	1
<i>Referral/APS/CPS</i>	27	19	20
<i>Juvenile Case</i>	7	10	11
<i>Sex Offender</i>	1	2	0
<i>Other Cases</i>	24	87	37
<i>Backgrounds</i>	0	0	11
Total	183	264	181



Training



The top four training topics in 2013:

1. Active Shooter Training
2. SWAT
3. Various Criminal Investigation Classes
4. Leadership Type Classes

2013 Department Awards

Employee of the Year
Detective Tony Matthews

Unit Citation
Officer Bill Wingrove

Special Recognition
Sergeant David Claeys

Chiefs Award
Officer "Red" Parrish

Community Policing Award
Sergeant Jason Becker

Community Appreciation Award
LFP Rotary

Commendation Award
Officer Jim Carswell

Top-Gun Award
Officer Greg Stankatis

Community Appreciation Award
LFP Civic Club