

City of Lake Forest Park

Police Department Annual Report



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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 2015 Lake Forest Park Police Department Annual Report. The report summarizes crime data, service efforts, crime trends and accomplishments for 2015.

There are 23 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.

Once again this year, I am extremely proud of our response time to calls for service here in the City. The average response time to top priority calls for service for the Lake Forest Park Police was 1:37 minutes; which is substantially more responsive than the national average. 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 Bothell Police Department, the King County Sheriff's Office, the Washington State Patrol, and the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA) for specialized services, homicide/robbery investigations, SWAT, K9, air support, bomb technicians, collision investigation, and training.

In this report you will notice that property crimes have decreased across the board. We have worked extremely hard over the past couple of years educating our community about crime prevention, crime identification, and calling in suspicious activity to 911. This partnership with our community had great results in 2015.

The Vision of the Police Department *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.* Once again our City ranks in the top 20 of Washington States safest cities.

To learn more about the services that the Lake Forest Park Police Department provides, please visit our web-page at www.cityofflp.com and follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/LakeForestParkPD/) and Twitter (twitter.com/lfpd_police).

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.

C. Stephen Sutton
Chief of Police

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.

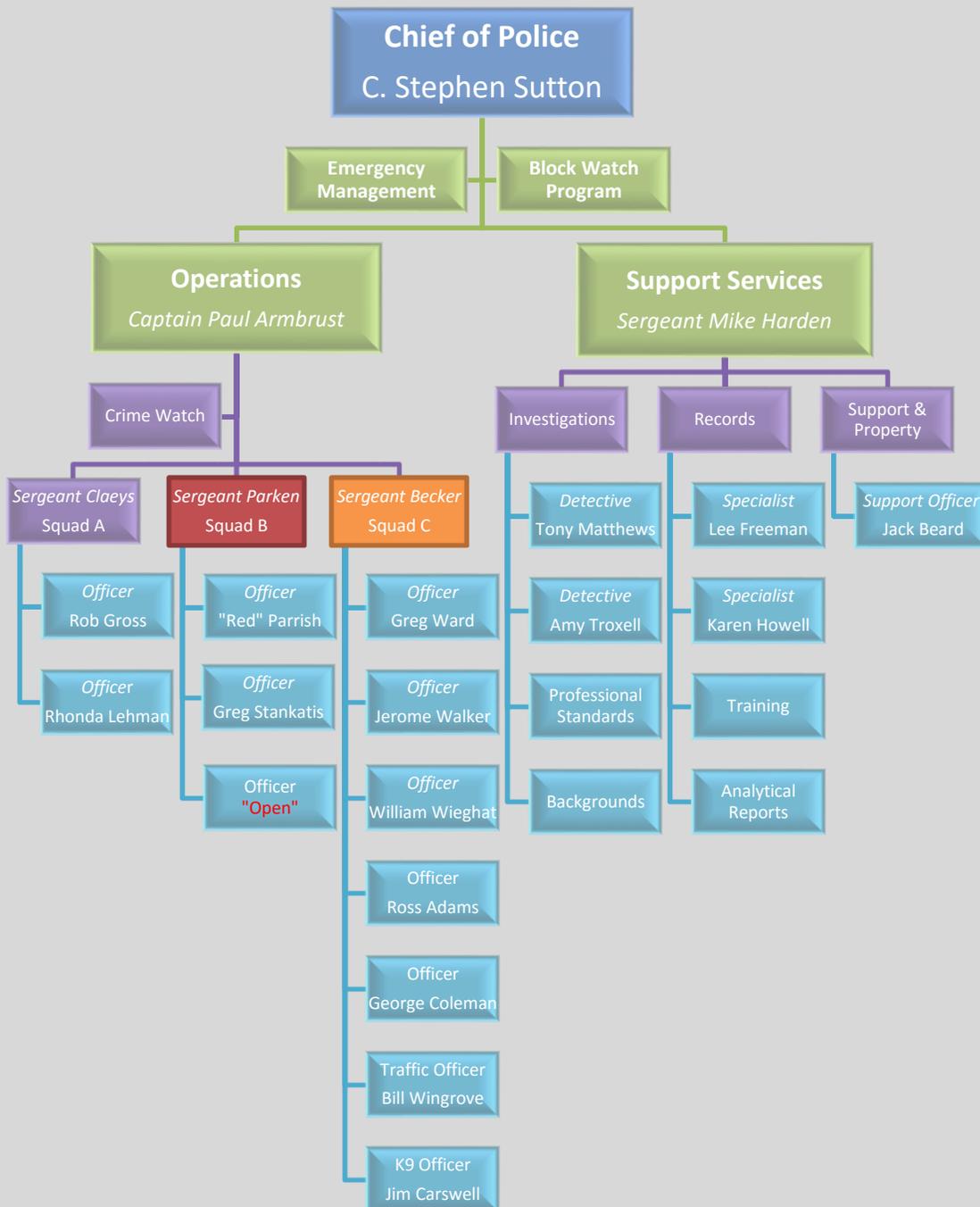
Goals

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

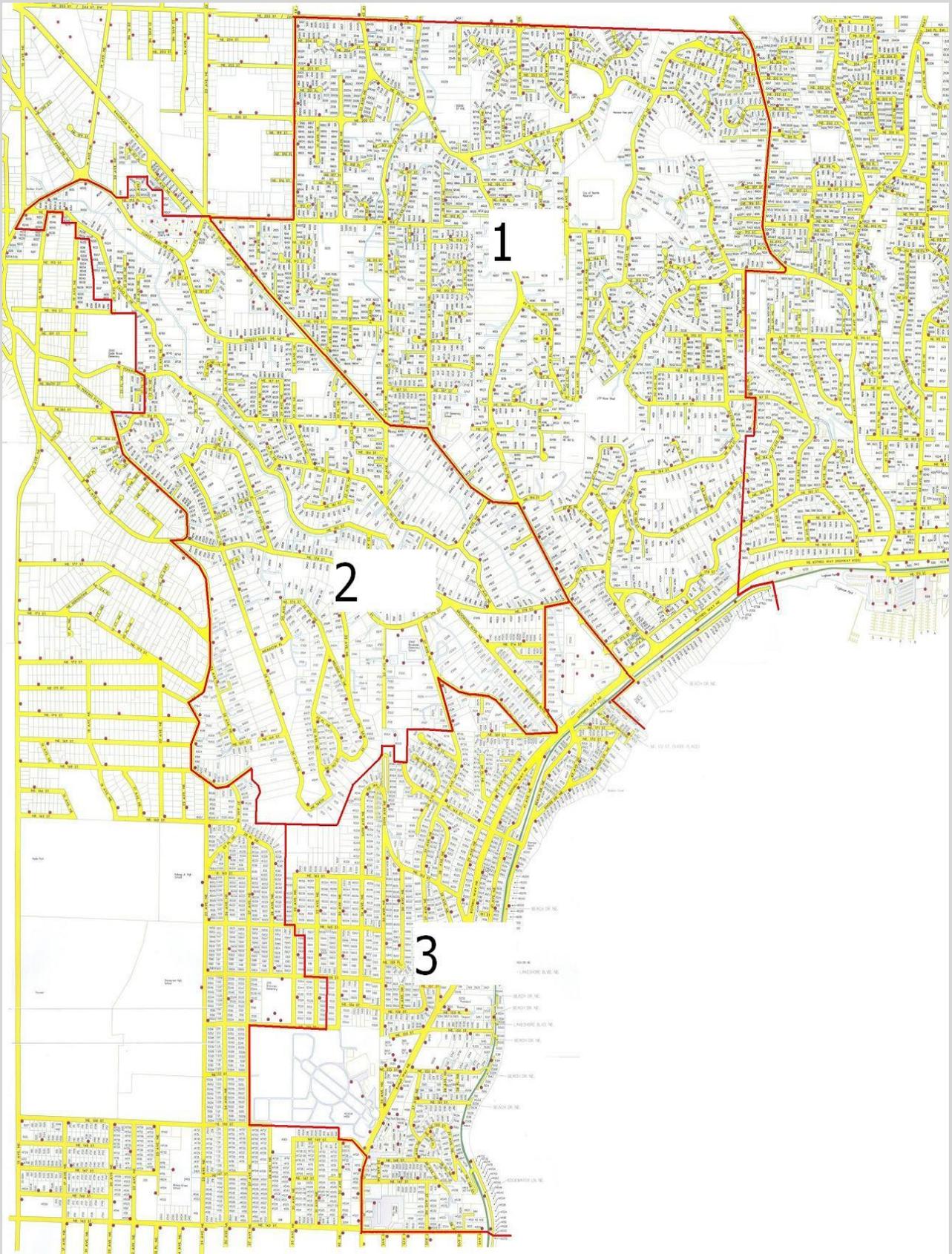


Patrol Additional Duties: Traffic, K9, Gangs, Graffiti, Equipment Maintenance and Purchase, Training, and Narcotics

Support Services Additional Duties: Public Disclosure, Policy Manual, Auditing, Background Checks, Concealed Carry Licensing, Fingerprinting, and Budgeting

***Vacant Position (approved by council for anticipated retirements)**

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

As many of you will remember we had, for whatever reason, an uptick in property crimes during 2014. This was not acceptable to us, so when we developed our 2015 operations plan, we set some lofty goals in response. I'm happy to report that the men and women of the police department met the challenge head on. One of our many goals was to reduce the impact residential burglaries had on our community and we did. In my almost 18 years of serving Lake Forest Park, I have never seen so many burglars arrested while in the act. This year, with the help of watchful citizens, patrol and detectives arrested 20 burglary suspects and 8 of those were caught in the act.

The Lake Forest Park Police continue to promote community outreach through our block watch and social media outlets. We now have more than 40 block watch groups and our Facebook and Twitter following has more than doubled in the last year. With very few key strokes we can now reach more than 3,100 citizens through our community partner's network and disseminate vital information and community news.

National Night Out against crime was an overwhelming success with more than 30 gatherings attended by uniformed officers. National Night Out is an extremely important program that links our community with crime prevention, emergency services and City emergency management coordination.

Lake Forest Park continues to play an active role in the Washington Traffic Safety Commission's Target Zero Program. With the grant funding secured by our city, officers spent more than 90 hours of extra patrol time enforcing DUI, seatbelt, and cellphone distracted driver laws. In a two week period last, April we wrote more than 100 cellphone/texting infractions during a state wide emphasis. Cellphone use while driving along with other forms of driver distractions continue to be a major contributor to collisions within the city, county, and state. We will continue to partner with the WTSC in 2016 in an effort to reduce collision related loss in our community.

We value our partnership with the community and recognize that our citizens are a vital component in making Lake Forest Park one of the safest communities in the Puget Sound Region.

Operations Division

Shop with a Cop, Holiday Hero's



We partnered with Shoreline Police, the Shoreline School District, and Lake Forest Rotary to and bring holiday cheer to some local families. Officers from both Lake Forest Park and Shoreline Police Departments went shopping for the holidays with local children. The children, from our local grade schools, were nominated by teachers and administrators. The event generated a lot of smiles and made a lasting impact many families.

Traffic Emphasis on NE 178th

We listened to our citizens along with analyzing speed data on NE 178th Street and conducted a focused enforcement campaign beginning in Mid-October. Prior to the enforcement action about 33% of the drivers were exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 10 MPH. During the subsequent month of enforcement, officers wrote more than 150 speeding tickets focusing on those speeding drivers. This emphasis brought the average speed down to just over 28 MPH. As we collect traffic data in the future, we plan on continuing this type of emphasis patrols throughout the city.

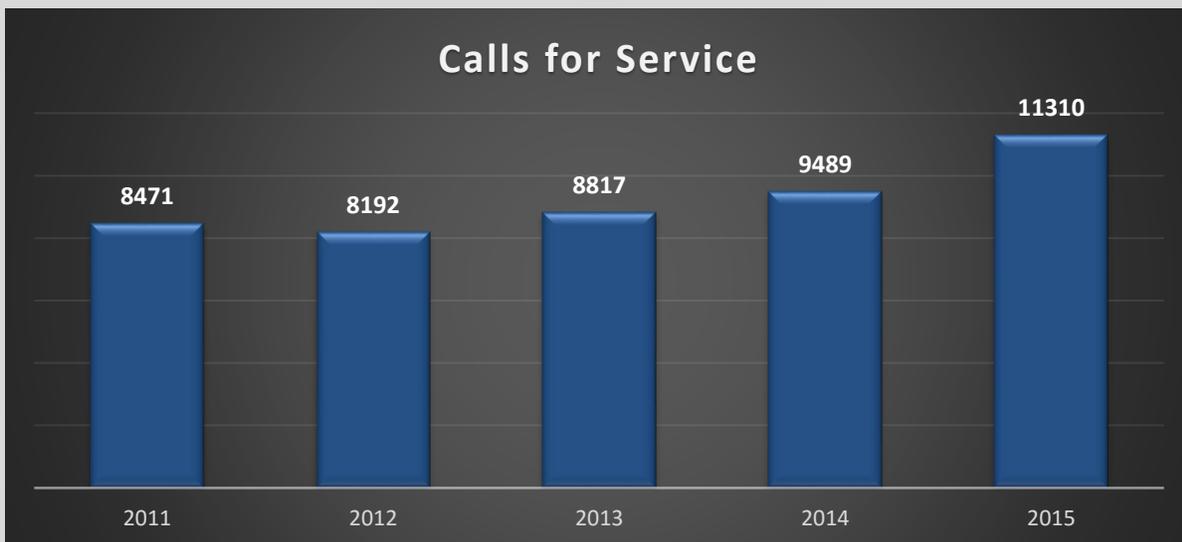


Challenge for 2016

2015 was both a very productive and challenging year. Calls for service increased and for the most part, however Part 1 crimes decreased, and all of this occurred as we continued to struggle with staffing levels due to injuries, retirements and voluntary attrition. As we move into 2016 we want to build on our success, however staffing challenges will continue to slow our progress. We are encouraged by the overwhelming community support and are confident we will meet the needs of our citizens while balancing the health and wellbeing of our dedicated staff.

Calls for Service

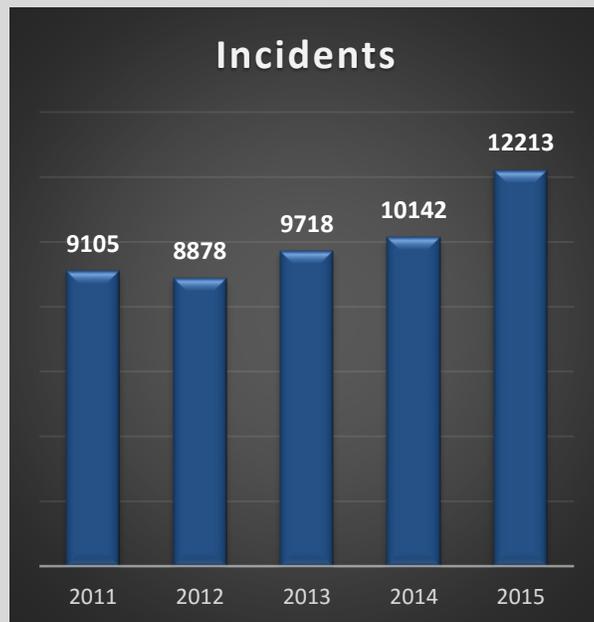
<i>Type of Call</i>	2013	2014	2015	+/-	
<i>Alarms</i>	310	366	371	1%	↑
<i>Assault / Fights / Harassment</i>	52	58	76	31%	↑
<i>Burglary / Theft</i>	370	462	425	-8%	↓
<i>Disturbance / Noise</i>	155	208	194	-7%	↓
<i>Domestic</i>	60	74	65	-12%	↓
<i>Information / 911 Hang-up</i>	281	350	318	-9%	↓
<i>Investigations</i>	1365	1387	1745	26%	↑
<i>Juvenile</i>	60	50	51	2%	↑
<i>Liquor / Narcotics</i>	80	76	77	1%	↑
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	1518	1606	1264	-21%	↓
<i>Parking</i>	240	253	346	37%	↑
<i>Public Service</i>	1900	1832	2481	35%	↑
<i>Robbery</i>	3	3	3	0%	---
<i>Traffic</i>	2365	2709	3735	38%	↑
<i>Trespass</i>	58	55	64	16%	↑



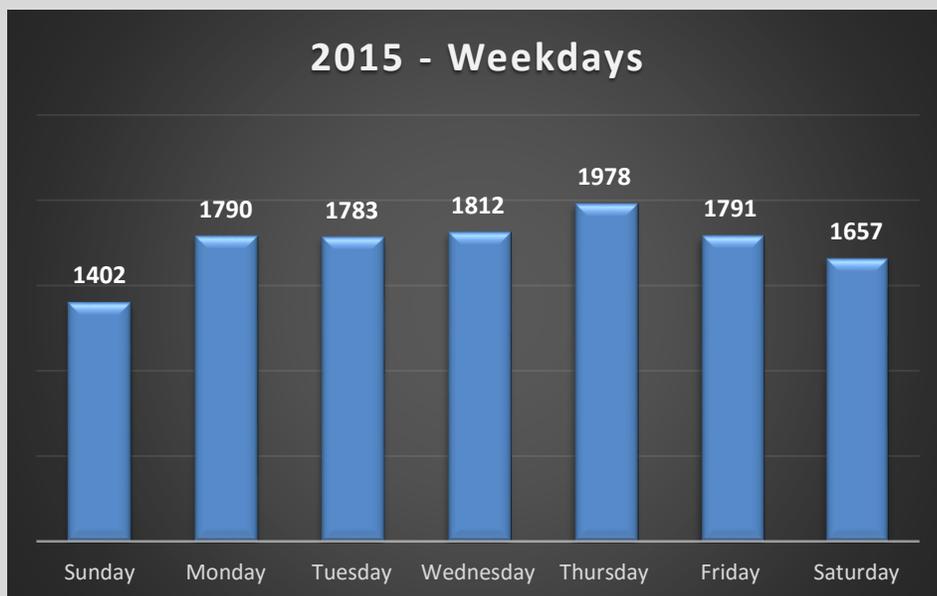
**Calls for Service are generated by a call into dispatch services.

Incidents

Incidents	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<i>January</i>	906	603	820	881	1031
<i>February</i>	813	564	745	703	881
<i>March</i>	919	627	842	989	1013
<i>April</i>	797	620	807	864	956
<i>May</i>	842	993	927	773	1089
<i>June</i>	726	856	857	681	1139
<i>July</i>	807	905	720	875	1026
<i>August</i>	736	897	759	968	1072
<i>September</i>	630	794	798	954	900
<i>October</i>	674	750	833	786	1162
<i>November</i>	580	702	761	797	1007
<i>December</i>	675	567	849	871	937
TOTAL	9105	8878	9718	10142	12213



**Incidents include officer initiated police service



Criminal Activity

	2014	2015	+/-
Calls for Service	9489	11310	19% ↑
Case Reports	849	834	-2% ↓
Arrests	242	239	-1% ↓
Traffic Stops	2512	3434	36% ↑
Traffic Infractions	1157	1638	42% ↑
Criminal Traffic	210	196	-7% ↓
Drug Arrests	31	40	29% ↑
Domestic Incidents	72	68	-6% ↓
DUI Arrests	43	31	-7% ↓
Fraud/Forgery/ID	69	78	13% ↑
Graffiti	24	10	-58% ↓
Malicious Mischief	119	131	10% ↑
Vehicle Prowls	46	57	24% ↑

PART I CRIMES are also referred to as “Index Crimes” (FBI – UCR)

Cases	2014	2015	+/-
Violent Crime			
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0% --
<i>Rape</i>	1	2	100% ↑
<i>Robbery</i>	3	3	0% --
<i>Assault</i>	46	39	-15% ↓
Property Crime			
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	100% --
<i>Burglary</i>	97	76	-22% ↓
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	41	8	-81% ↓
<i>Theft</i>	202	162	-20% ↓
<i>PSP</i> (Possession of Stolen Property)	23	24	4% ↑

Property Crimes

For a more detailed view of “Property Crimes” this graph shows a breakdown of the different types of property crimes reported to the police department.

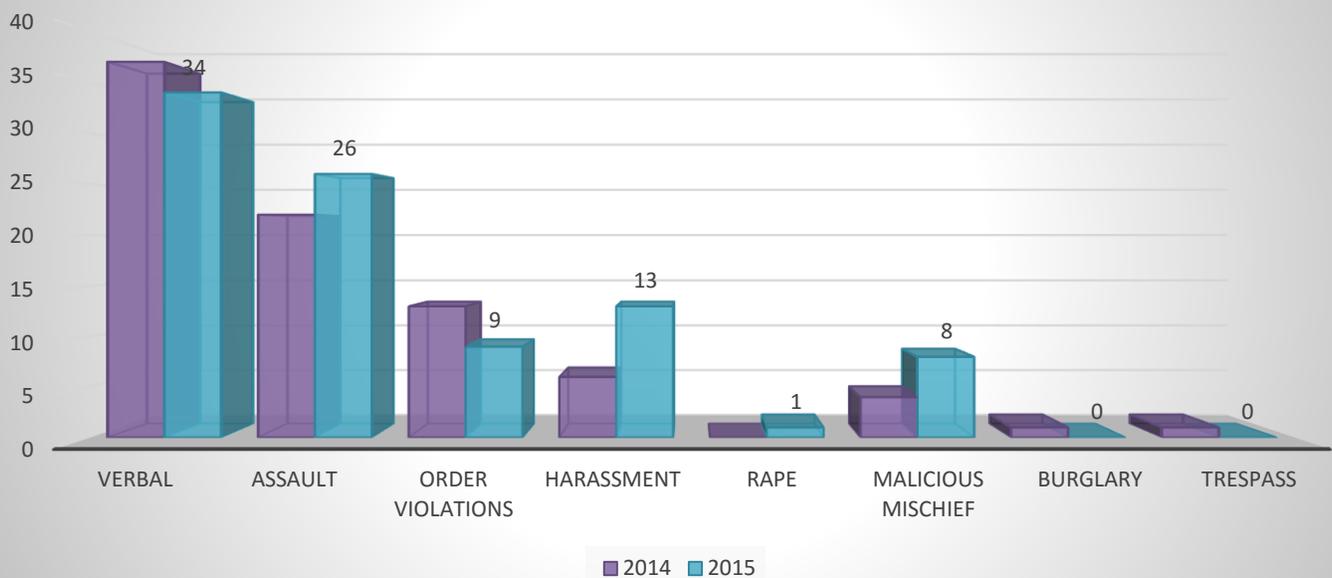
<i>Property Crimes</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>+/-</i>	
<i>Burglary – Commercial</i>	5	2	11	4	13	225%	↑
<i>Burglary – Residential</i>	80	88	71	93	63	-32%	↓
<i>Forgery and Fraud</i>	32	26	16	20	23	15%	↑
<i>ID Theft</i>	22	30	42	49	55	12%	↑
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	206	163	129	119	131	10%	↑
<i>MV Theft</i>	15	8	8	41	8	-80%	↓
<i>Possession of Stolen Property</i>	15	12	11	23	24	4%	↑
<i>Theft</i>	210	177	141	202	162	-20%	↓
<i>Vehicle Prowl</i>	89	54	35	46	57	24%	↑



Domestic Violence

<i>Domestic Violence</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Verbal – No Crime</i>	26	32	33	37	34
<i>Assault</i>	30	27	29	22	26
<i>Order Violations</i>	11	8	5	13	9
<i>Harassment</i>	4	4	3	6	13
<i>Rape</i>	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	9	8	7	4	8
<i>Burglary</i>	3	1	0	1	0
<i>Trespass</i>	1	1	0	1	0

Domestic Violence Related

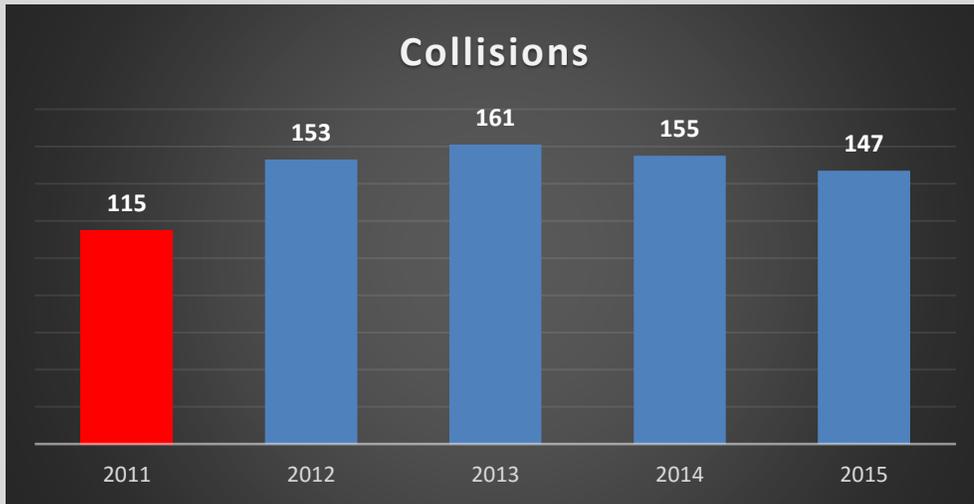


Verbal Domestic - Argument between persons with no physical contact.

Assaults - Argument 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.

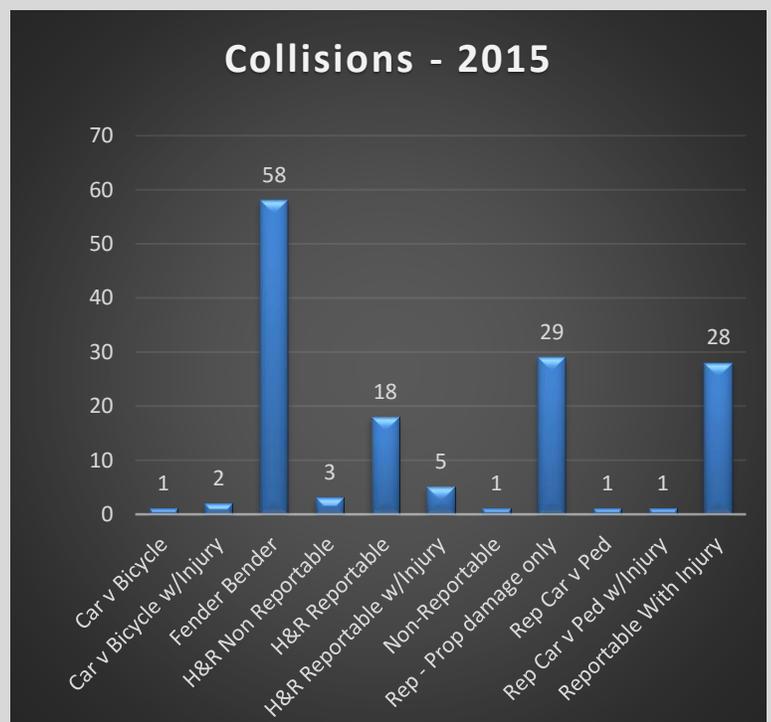
Collisions



**Highway 520 tolling in effect

(Dec 2011)

Types of Collisions	2015
Car v Bicycle	1
Car v Bicycle w/Injury	2
Fender Bender	58
H&R Non Reportable	3
H&R Reportable	18
H&R Reportable w/Injury	5
Non-Reportable	1
Rep - Prop damage only	29
Rep Car v Ped	1
Rep Car v Ped w/Injury	1
Reportable With Injury	28
Total	147



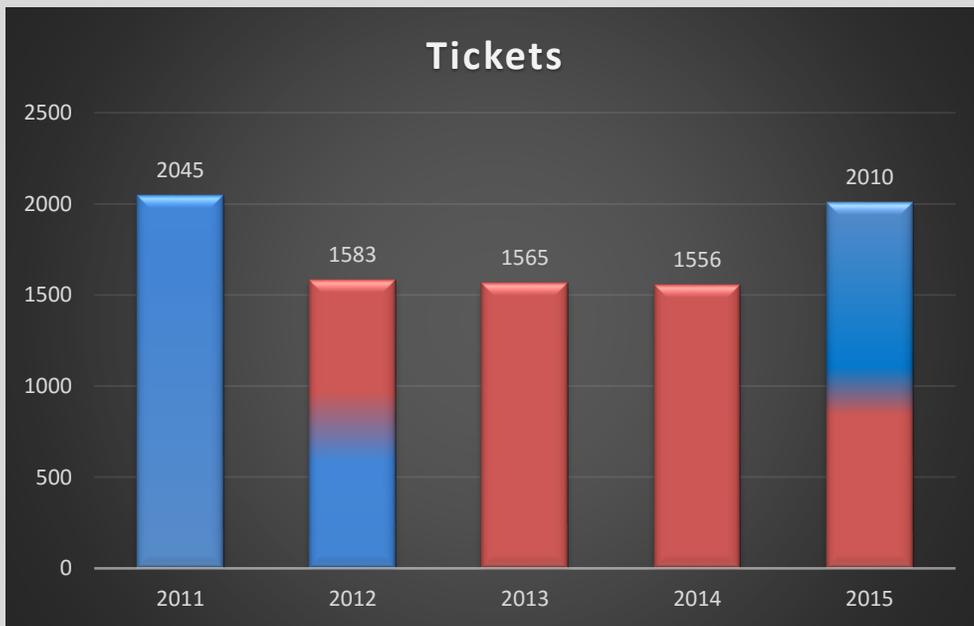
Top 3 locations in **2015** for reported collisions:

1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. 17100 BOTHELL WAY NE
3. BOTHELL WAY NE /165th ST

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

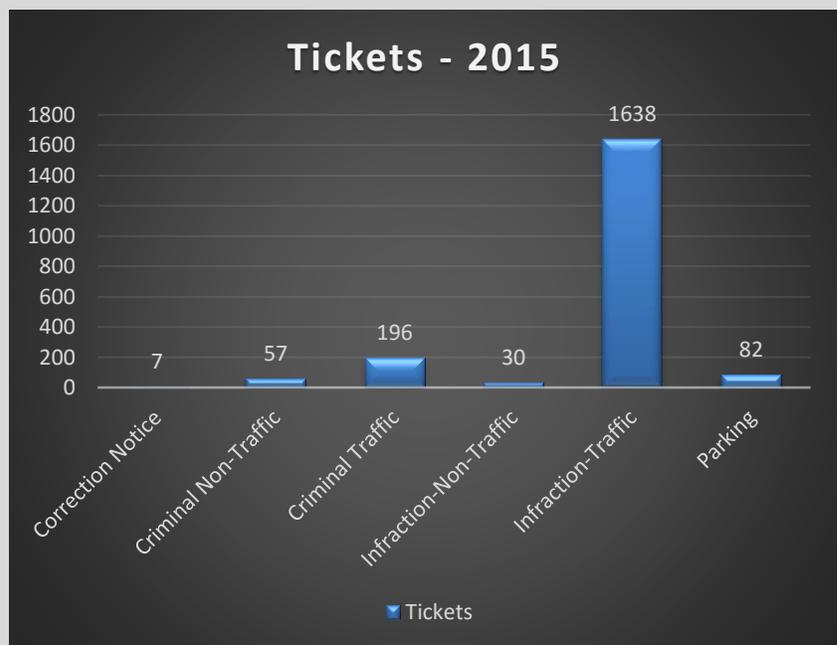
1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. 17400 BALLINGER WAY NE
3. 17100 BOTHELL WAY NE

Tickets Issued



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

Type of Tickets	
<i>Correction Notice</i>	7
<i>Criminal Non-Traffic</i>	57
<i>Criminal Traffic</i>	196
<i>Infraction-Non-Traffic</i>	30
<i>Infraction-Traffic</i>	1638
<i>Parking</i>	82
Total	2010



Traffic Safety Photo Enforcement

Traffic safety camera systems are a safety measure designed to reduce and prevent speeding and collisions, while at the same time providing a force-multiplier for the police department. The goal of our program, since beginning in 2009, has been pedestrian safety in our school zones, and collision reduction on SR 522 (Bothell Way).

In 2015, the city added an additional red light camera and another school zone camera at Brookside Elementary. The City currently operates two red-light camera locations on SR 522 at NE 165th St and NE 170th Street. Additionally, the City operates four school zone camera locations; LFP Elementary School (35th Ave NE), LFP Elementary School (40th PL NE), and Brookside Elementary School (NE 178th St and 37th Ave NE).

School Zone Camera Performance

Camera Location	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
LFP Elementary School (35 th Ave NE)	2,982	3,739	3,561	3,706	2501	↓
LFP Elementary School (40 th PL NE)	517	520	435	1,183	1856	↑
Brookside Elementary School (NE 178 th St)	1,464	2,200	1,826	2,433	930	↓
Brookside Elementary School (37 th Ave NE)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	442	---



Red Light Camera Performance

Bothell Way NE / NE 165 th St	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Collisions	4	4	2	10	7	↓
Infractions	819	1,029	913	4,544	2,144	↓

Bothell Way NE / NE 170 th St	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Collisions	8	16	17	20	6	↓
Infractions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94	---

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 assists with building security and employee training, including emergency preparedness and first aid. He is also one of the firearms training instructors for the department.

Records Unit

Annually, the Records Unit personnel enter thousands of police reports into the Law Enforcement 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 Prosecuting Attorney's Office for consideration of filing.
- 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

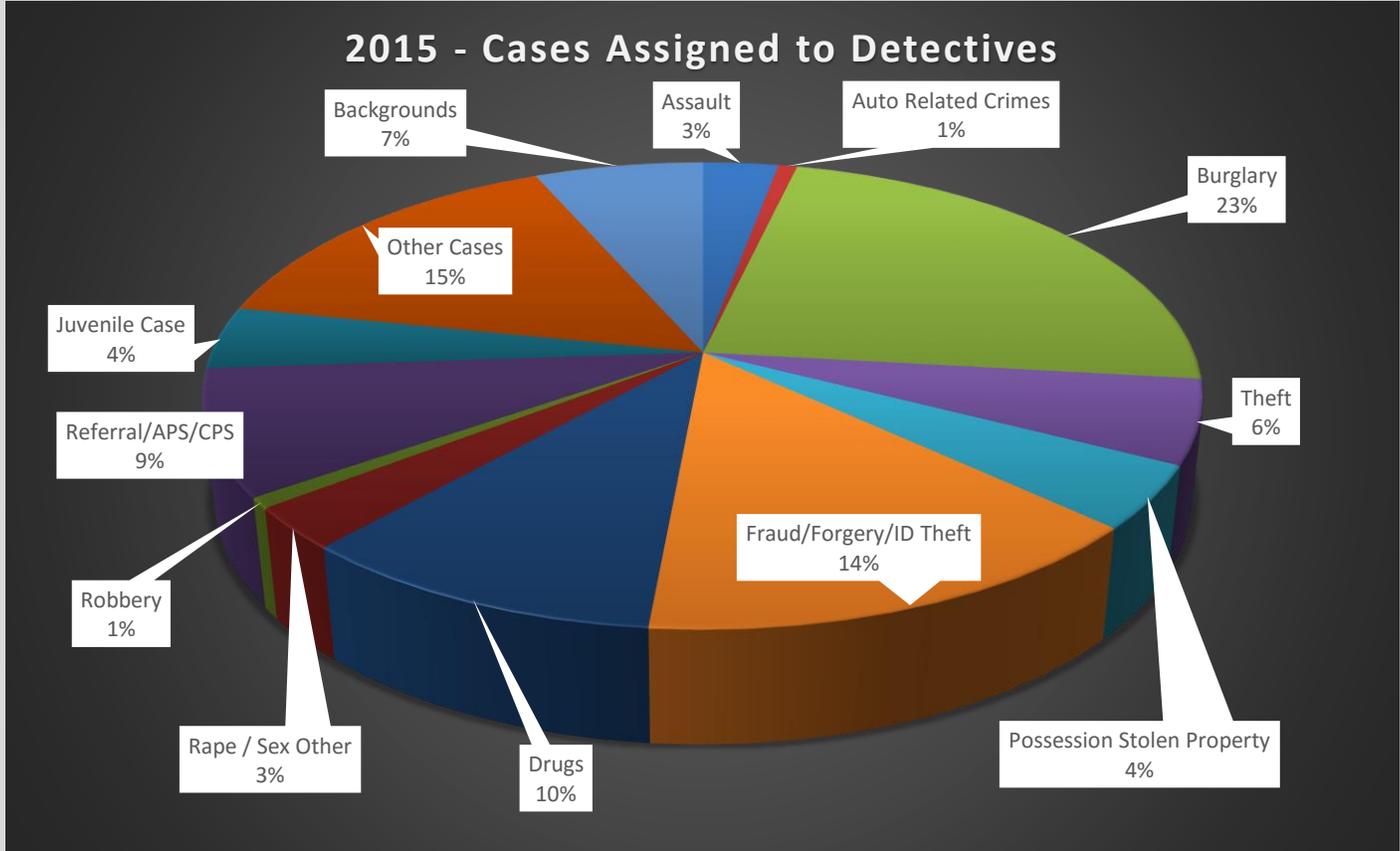
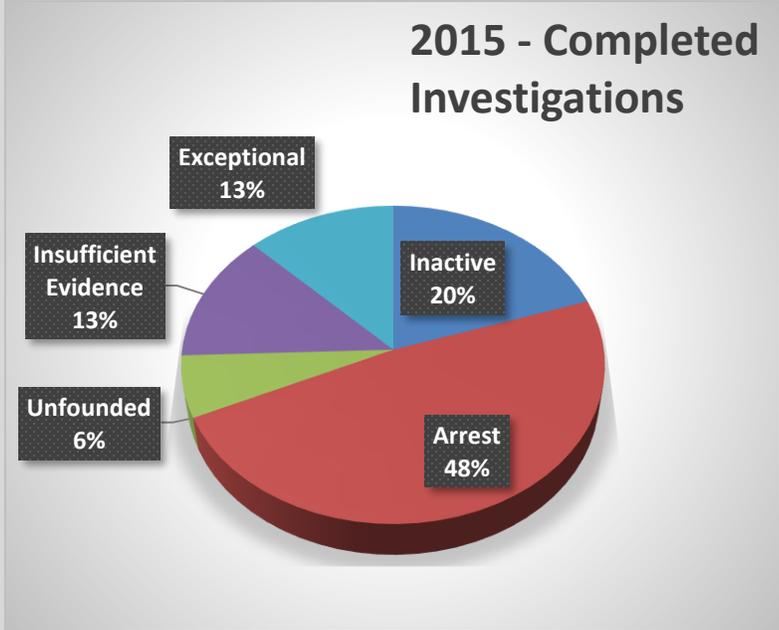
The Investigations Unit consists of two full-time detectives. Each detective is trained on a wide variety of criminal activity and works an average of 75 cases a month. Generally, felony and juvenile cases are forwarded to detectives for further follow-up and filing.

Detective Matthews developed a website called CanUID.me. This website has detectives from all over the state uploading photographs of subjects they are trying to identify. At the end of 2015, there were 235 subjects identified. This is an amazing resource for investigators locally, as well as regionally.

This leads to Facebook and Twitter. We began using Facebook and Twitter in early 2014. Currently, our Facebook has 4.4 stars with over 600 likes. We posted and tweeted over 150 times in 2015. Many of these tweets gave information out to the citizens that a crime occurred and many times looking for information on those crimes.

Investigations

Investigations	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault	11	8	6	4
Auto Related Crimes	9	5	8	1
Burglary	55	32	40	32
Theft	32	23	16	8
PSP	3	1	11	6
Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft	23	20	18	20
Drugs	5	8	12	14
Rape / Sex Other	6	4	4	4
Robbery	2	1	2	1
Referral/APS/CPS	19	20	15	12
Juvenile Case	10	11	9	6
Sex Offender	2	0	1	0
Other Cases	87	37	14	21
Backgrounds	0	11	7	9
Total	264	181	163	138



Investigations

2015 - Investigation Highlights

Residential Burglary

On May 22nd, 2013 unknown suspect(s) force entry to a residence and stole over \$2,400.00 of personal items from the owner's home. Investigating officers obtained possible latent fingerprints from inside the house and they were forwarded to King County AFIS. King County AFIS determined that the latent prints returned to a known subject. Criminal charges of Residential Burglary were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's office on July 9th, 2015 closing this older investigation.



Theft

On January 24, 2014 Officers responded to Planet Fitness regarding a theft from lockers. Officers determined that numerous lockers with contents inside had been entered and items had been stolen. Video was obtained and a suspect was identified. Detectives created photo montages containing the suspect and two witnesses identified the same suspect. Criminal charges for Theft 2nd Degree and Identity Theft were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's office on July 20th, 2015 closing this older investigation.

Residential Burglary

On February 14th, 2014 Officers responded to a 911 call of a residential alarm that had gone off. Upon their arrival, officers discovered that a rear window had been broken with blood on one of the pieces. Items from within the house had been stolen. Officers located a cell phone on the ground outside the house. The next day, Officers responded to an alarm at the same house and it was discovered that someone had forced entry into the house again. Forensics were conducted on the phone and a suspect was identified. DNA from the recovered blood confirmed the identity of the suspect. Criminal charges of Residential Burglary were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's office on February 5th, 2015 closing this investigation.



Residential Burglary

On February 10th, 2015 Officers responded to a suspicious circumstance and upon their arrival to the house, they discovered that the front door was forced and numerous items belonging to the victim had been stolen. Detectives put out a bulletin with a description of the suspect vehicle and received a response from a detective at the Lynnwood Police Department. This detective was also looking at that same vehicle and a suspect for one of their residential burglaries. On February 20th, 2016 detectives from the Lake Forest Park and Lynnwood Police Departments conducted surveillance of the suspect vehicle for over 4 hours until they observed the suspect force entry into a home in Seattle. After a short pursuit, the suspect drove off the road and fled on foot. Lynnwood PD K9 conducted a track and the suspect was taken into custody less than an hour later. All items in that burglary were recovered and the suspect was booked into the King County Jail, charged with three counts of residential burglary.

Investigations

Residential Burglary

On May 6th, 2015 a resident called 911 about a suspicious occupied vehicle. Officers responded and while contacting the occupant of that vehicle, a second subject was observed leaving the front yard of a residence. That subject was also contacted. A search of the house where the subject had just left from was determined to have a forced back door. A burglary was confirmed and items from that house were found on one of the suspects. A full confession was obtained and both suspects were booked into the King County Jail. Criminal charges of Residential Burglary were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's office.

Residential Burglary with Chase

On June 22nd, 2015 a resident called 911 to report that she had observed a car pull up in front of her neighbor's house and a subject get out of that car and run around the side of the house. Officers responded and were containing the house while waiting for additional assistance when one subject exited the front door. Officer's confronted the subject who ran off with officers in pursuit. The suspect made it to a van about 2 blocks away but was taken into custody. The second suspect exited the house and into the woods. K9 responded and tracked the suspect to where a deputy had him detained about 3 blocks away. That suspect was also identified by witnesses. Criminal charges of Residential Burglary were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's office on both suspects.



Felon in Possession of a Firearm

On July 9th, 2015 one of our officers was patrolling the parking lot of a local business when he observed an occupied vehicle. The officer walked up to the vehicle and observed a subject who was passed out and on the seat next to him was a handgun. Additional officers arrived and the suspect was taken out of the car without incident. A criminal history check was conducted on the subject and it was determined that the subject was a convicted felon with convictions for robbery, burglary and other felony offenses. The subject was arrested and booked into the King County Jail and was later charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Felon in Possession of a Firearm

On September 3rd, 2015 Officers responded to a residence on report of an assault that had taken place. The owner of the house had rented multiple rooms and one resident had punched another. The suspect was taken into custody. Another resident came forward and stated that the person arrested had a firearm in his room. A criminal check on the suspect determined that he was a convicted felon. A search warrant was obtained and served on the suspect's room where several firearms were located and seized. The subject was arrested and booked into the King County Jail and was later charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm and assault.



Investigations

Possession of a Stolen Vehicle

On November 7th, 2015 an officer observed a car parked at a market after hours. The officer made contact with the subject who was asleep. A check for wants determined that the subject had a warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody and transported for a meet with the Seattle Police. While the car was being prepared for impound, the officer noted that the vehicle identification number (VIN) was not the same as the registration. The officer ran the VIN and discovered that the car had been stolen out of Seattle. The victim was contacted and she informed the officer that since the car had been gone for so long, she had signed the title over to her insurance company, who was now the legal owner. The officer also found a receipt for an ignition and we believe that the suspect removed the old ignition and put in his own so he had a key.



The subject was charged through the prosecutor for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

On November 1st, 2015 Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call and upon their arrival, they noted a vehicle that was stuck in the front yard of a home. While officers were contacting the subject in the car, they noted a cloth bag on the back seat had a large amount of marijuana in it. While possession of marijuana under 40 grams is legal, the subject had well over that amount. The subject was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana over 40 grams. Evidence of packaging was present along with a scale. The total amount of marijuana was just under 103 ounces. The subject also had Xanax pills that were in a baggie. The subject was charged with Possession of Marijuana over 40 grams and Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription.



Eluding



On December 13th, 2016 an officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a moving violation. The vehicle fled and crashed into a ditch. The officer got a good look at the suspect but lost him. The car was impounded and a warrant served. The suspect's ID along with numerous stolen items were recovered including alcohol, electronics and firearms. The suspect was determined to be a felon and an arrest warrant was obtained. Multiple felony charges were filed against the suspect with the King County Prosecutor. Three residential burglaries were solved and as of date, the suspect has fled the state with the US Marshalls attempting to locate him and bring him back to Washington.

Training



The top four training topics in 2015:

1. Force on force training
2. Emergency Vehicle Operations
3. Investigation Classes
4. Leadership & Supervision



Community Policing / Outreach

2015 – Seahawk Day



2015 – National Night Out



2015 - Special Olympics Torch Run



2015 – Emergency Preparation Outreach



Social Media

In 2015, we increased our social media reach using both Facebook and Twitter. We also used Nextdoor.com to communicate with our different neighborhoods within the city. The police department postings have reached more than 2,500 citizens with almost 50,000 post views. During 2015, the department's volunteer intern, Irving Garcia, pushed out vital information to our citizens along with the weekly "Tip of the Week" postings.



<https://www.facebook.com/LakeForestParkPD>



https://twitter.com/lfpd_police



<https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/wa/lake-forest-park/lake-forest-park-police-department/>

Lake Forest Park Community Partners Emergency Notification System

When an event occurs within the City or in a neighboring jurisdictions that our community needs to know about, providing current and accurate information to the public is of great importance. The Police Department has created this system to notify residents, businesses, service providers, and other partners when an event occurs in the City that will be of interest to them. The system is web-based and utilizes cellular phone text notifications.

Community Policing / Outreach

Block-Watch

Our Block-Watch program encourages neighbors to get to know each other and work together to prevent crime; it involves citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, citizens and Police working together against crime, and citizens working with each other during emergencies. In 2015, the department worked with the community to increase the number of groups to over 50.

Crime Watch

In 2015, 19 volunteers were actively participating in the program. A total of 252 houses, all 3 parks, and both schools were visually checked for suspicious activity. Throughout the year, 268 patrol days were logged for a total of 886.5 volunteer hours. Additionally, 202.75 hours were logged by the coordinator, included are other non-crime watch activities.

	Checks 2015
House Checks	252
Parks	3
Schools	2

Nurturing Trust

We continue to Partner with the Shoreline Police Department in the Nurturing Trust program. During 2015 more than 65 parents attended one of the three (spring, summer and fall) five session workshops.



The workshops were: Positive Discipline, Domestic Violence/Child Abuse, Bullying, Drugs in our Communities, and Leadership. To grasp the reach of this program the 65 parents will use the skills they learned while raising their collective 129 children. The vast majority of the children are elementary and middle school-aged children. In 2015, Officer's Lehman and Beard taught the bullying presentation. At the conclusion of each workshop parents who successfully attended each of the five sessions received a certificate and completed an evaluation.

A few of the participants comments:

"I have become aware of the social problems that my children and the community may encounter, but most importantly I gained the tools to know what to do and gained trust in the police."

"I used to be fearful of the police. I feel safe and more confident in this community"

"Keep doing more and more classes like these because these workshops were "one of a kind"

In 2016 we will continue these workshops and welcome both the Lake Forest Park Youth Council and the Lake Forest Park Rotary as community partners in nurturing trust.



2015 Department Awards

Employee of the Year
Officer Jackson Beard

Chiefs Award
Sergeant Mike Harden

Top-Gun Award
Officer Ross Adams

Commendation Award
Sergeant Jason Becker

Commendation Award
Records Specialist Lee Freeman

Community Policing Award
Officer Rhonda Lehman

Community Appreciation Award
Lake Forest Park Rotary