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- Chief Dale Miller

2016

ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

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DEDICATED *To*

Service

The mission of the Ellensburg Police Department is to maintain peace and order by protecting our community through action while serving with respect, integrity and innovation.

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CITY DATA

- The current population of the City of Ellensburg is 19,310
- The current population of the State of Washington is 7,183,700
- There are 67.35 miles of road in the City of Ellensburg
- The City of Ellensburg encompasses 6.88 square miles



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I would like to present the 2016 Ellensburg Police Department Annual Report to the Ellensburg City Council, residents and visitors.

The annual report is a way for us to openly communicate with those we serve. It allows citizens an unbiased look into the department's conduct and offers a chance to examine events of the past year while providing us an opportunity for transparency.

Our goal is to keep the community engaged and informed through timely, relevant and useful information. One of the biggest challenges we face is how to best do that while maintaining individual rights, due process and investigative integrity.

When misinformation is as harmful as no information at all, how do we deliver accurate details to the public?

Today we have a multitude of traditional choices as well as social media where the expectation for immediate information is constant. While we must be proactive in providing data we must also be mindful of all the legal and ethical constraints involved. But trying to balance duty with the public's need to know can sometimes lead to skepticism and mistrust.

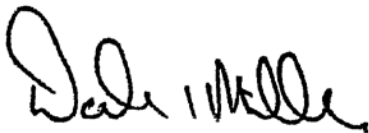
The foundation of trust for law enforcement is measured by its professionalism, integrity, respect, fairness and courage. But for any of that to matter we must be able to communicate those guiding principles through not only our actions but in how we communicate those actions to our community.

To emphasize the importance of communication and trust I would point to the writing of leadership and management icon Steven R. Covey who said, "Trust is the glue of life. It's the most essential ingredient in effective communication. It's the foundational principle that holds all relationships." (Covey, S., Merrill, A., Merrill, R., 1994)

So what are we doing to improve communication? We continue to use traditional avenues with an emphasis on social media. We've increased communication with minority communities and students by using different tools and methods. And one of the great things about living in Ellensburg is that the police department is located in the center of town and is always open. We are always just a phone call away. If you have a question, concern or just want to say hi and keep those lines of communication open, stop by or give us a call.

As in previous years it is my pleasure to lead the Ellensburg Police Department and this great group of dedicated professionals who come to work each and every day. The commitment these individuals have for our community and their profession is nothing short of inspiring especially considering the highs and lows our profession experienced over the past couple of years.

Respectfully,



Dale L. Miller
Chief of Police



Chief Dale L. Miller began his law enforcement career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army in 1983. After completing his military enlistment, he returned to his home town where he was hired as an Officer by the local police department in 1986. In September of 1987 Chief Miller was hired by the Chehalis Police Department where he worked for the next 19 years. During that time he worked as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Narcotics Detective, Major Crimes Detective, SWAT Officer, Team Leader and Detective Sergeant. In 2004 he was appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Chehalis where he served in that capacity from 2004 until 2006. In August of 2006 Miller was hired as the Chief of Police for the City of Ellensburg. Chief Miller holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Portland State University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of South Dakota. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 208th session, the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission Command College and has received executive level certification from the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission. He has held statewide positions on various boards and committees related to law enforcement leadership and accreditation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PROFESSIONAL *Integrity*

On November 16, 2016 the Ellensburg Police Department received reaccreditation by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) during the fall conference.

WASPC first created the statewide accreditation program in 1976 and updated its program in 2007. In order to attain reaccreditation an agency must demonstrate four years of policies and proof of practice in 134 standards. These standards are reviewed annually by WASPC leadership and consist of department management, professional standards, customer-focused services, training, use of force, records management, evidence handling, patrol operations and accountability.

The Ellensburg Police Department is one of only 60 agencies accredited in Washington State. Ellensburg has been accredited in 2000, 2007, 2012 and in 2016. It is through the hard work, quality services and high standards maintained by the department that allows it to meet the goal of accreditation.

DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

With the support of the City Manager and the City Council we have replaced the aging in-car video system. The City's IT Department has upgraded the internal computer hardware to keep the department current with technology and the department's evidence custodian purged about 2,800 pieces of evidence. This freed up both space and inventory control demands.

We also are gradually expanding into the vacant space formally used by Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue.

Some of the Patrol functions have moved including locker rooms and on-site vehicle storage. We are working with a contractor to do a light renovation of the building's north side to free up additional space for Detectives, Code Enforcement and training. The City has budgeted funds for the project and we look forward to its completion.

The department has changed its data collection methods. This system more accurately reflects activity outside of traffic stops which is now compiled separately. This has helped in the retrieval and analysis of the information.

REWARDING *Excellence*



JOSH INGRAHAM
OFFICER OF THE YEAR

For his outstanding self-initiated activity and dedication to professionalism while interacting with the community.



DANIEL ASHBY
CHIEF'S AWARD

For his hard work, dedication and willingness to assist with any job asked of him.



MOST DUI ARRESTS
RYAN POTTER



MOST STREET DRUG ARRESTS
KEVIN WILLETTE



SQUAD OF THE YEAR: 'A' SQUAD
BRETT ALMON, CPL. JASON BRUNK, JOSH INGRAHAM, CLAYTON SELF, SGT. SCOTT WILLIS

ACHIEVEMENTS

THE ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT *Respect • Integrity • Innovation*

USE OF FORCE

BEING *Accountable*

The Ellensburg Police Department is entrusted to uphold law and order while maintaining peace and safety for the citizens and officers of the City of Ellensburg.

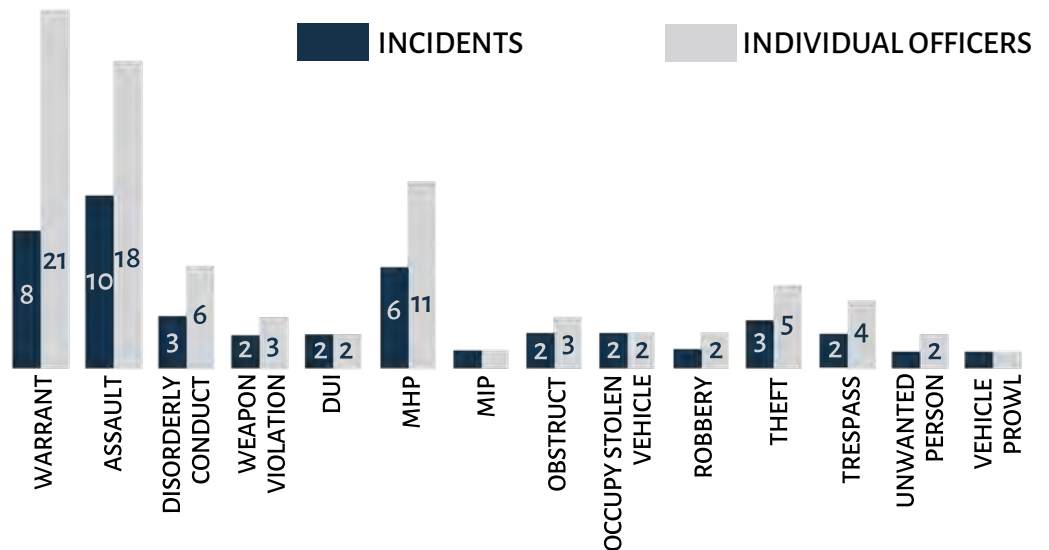
There are established policies and guidelines on responding to situations that may involve the use of force that can include hand-to-hand, less than lethal and lethal force.

Command staff evaluate and provide insight through an internal review process for every instance where force has been used. The review process not only assures the use of force was within department guidelines but is also used to identify areas of training that may be needed. Each officer receives annual training in different response scenarios and policy. Officers are required to complete a force response report any time they use force.

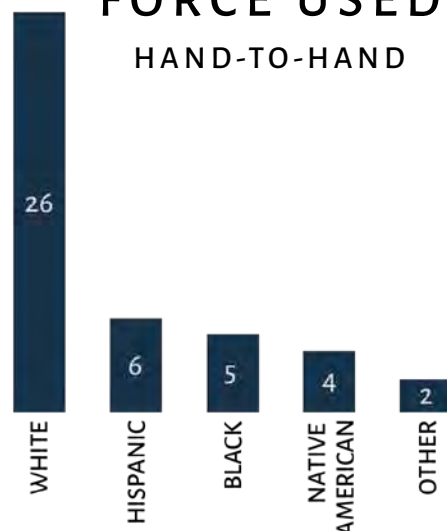
In 2016 the Ellensburg Police Department had 44 calls where officers used force or implied force to overcome resistance. Forty two of those calls resulted in two or more officers using or implying the use of force, bringing the total individual force response applications to 81. It is important to note that we record all incidents of force by individual officers though some incidents may have involved multiple suspects or required more than one officer to resolve. These reports are reviewed and analyzed on a continuous basis.

We recently expanded our reporting requirements and broadened some definitions within our force response reporting policy. These changes include reporting every instance a firearm or less lethal weapon was drawn (implied force) while interacting with a suspect.

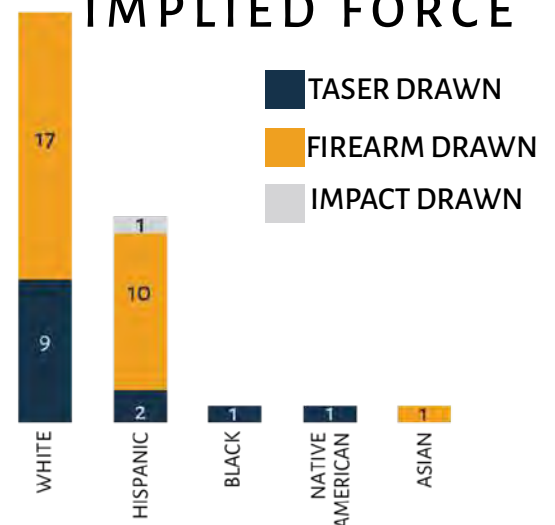
USE OF FORCE BY CALL TYPE



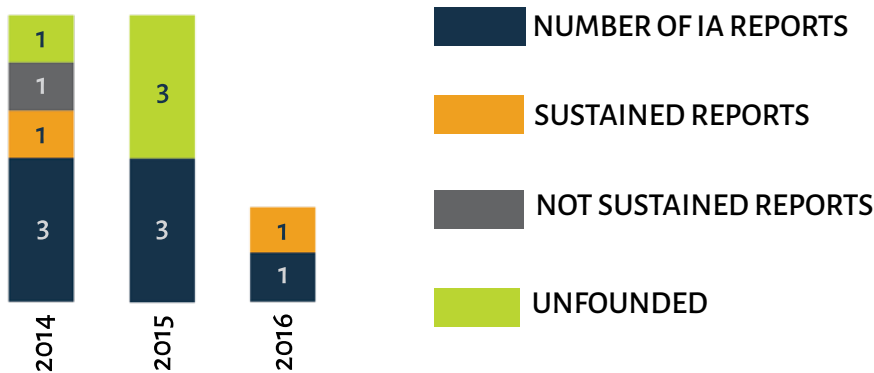
FORCE USED HAND-TO-HAND



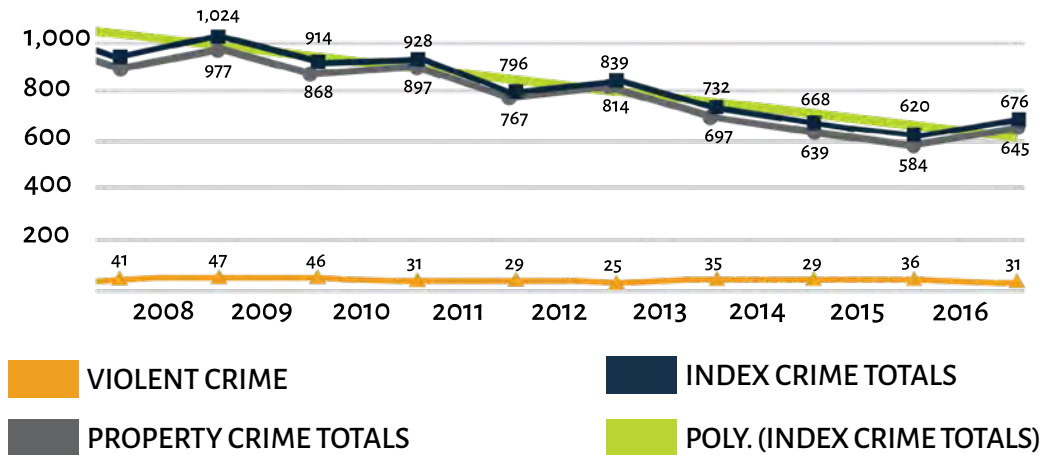
IMPLIED FORCE



INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS



ELLENSBURG CRIME RATE TREND



NGT

During the Cop on Top event this past fall a man walked up and asked, “Why do you have that?” in reference to the Ellensburg Police Department’s armored vehicle.

We have it for the same reason we have specialized groups within the department, less-lethal weapons, bullet-resistant shields and other tools. These things all allow officers to respond to dangerous calls, including those where a weapon is involved, where officer risk is high.

The Department’s NGT team is comprised of veteran officers who are trained in special tactics and are partnered with specific tools to bring resolution to high-risk events. These tools are not used to be more aggressive – on the contrary. These tools give officers more options aside from lethal force.

The NGT team has successfully resolved many high-risk incidents because they have access to these tools. It is important to note that officers with advanced skills and tools are the best and safest option for police and suspect and pose no threat to the community.

PATROL

TRAFFIC *Enforcement*

There are 20 commissioned officers assigned to the Ellensburg Police Department's Patrol Section making it the largest Section in the department.

Patrol has five squads with four officers on each. They are supervised by a sergeant. An Operations Captain oversees the Section and works closely with the Patrol Sergeants to achieve department goals.

Squads work 12-hour shifts ranging from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The middle shift was developed after analyzing calls for service. It was determined that heavier call volume happens between late afternoon and the early morning hours. By adding the new shift the department is able to have six officers scheduled to work between 3 p.m. and 3 a.m. While that is an ideal it is not always possible due to vacancies, vacation, training and sick leave.

Officers serve many functions including crime scene investigation, traffic control and community outreach. Officers spend a great deal of time patrolling neighborhoods, schools and businesses.

Being a Patrol Officer is a rewarding career that brings a certain amount of excitement and anticipation for each day as an Officer never knows what their 12-hour shift will bring their way. Their willingness to answer every call is because they have a sense of duty to the community they live and work in.

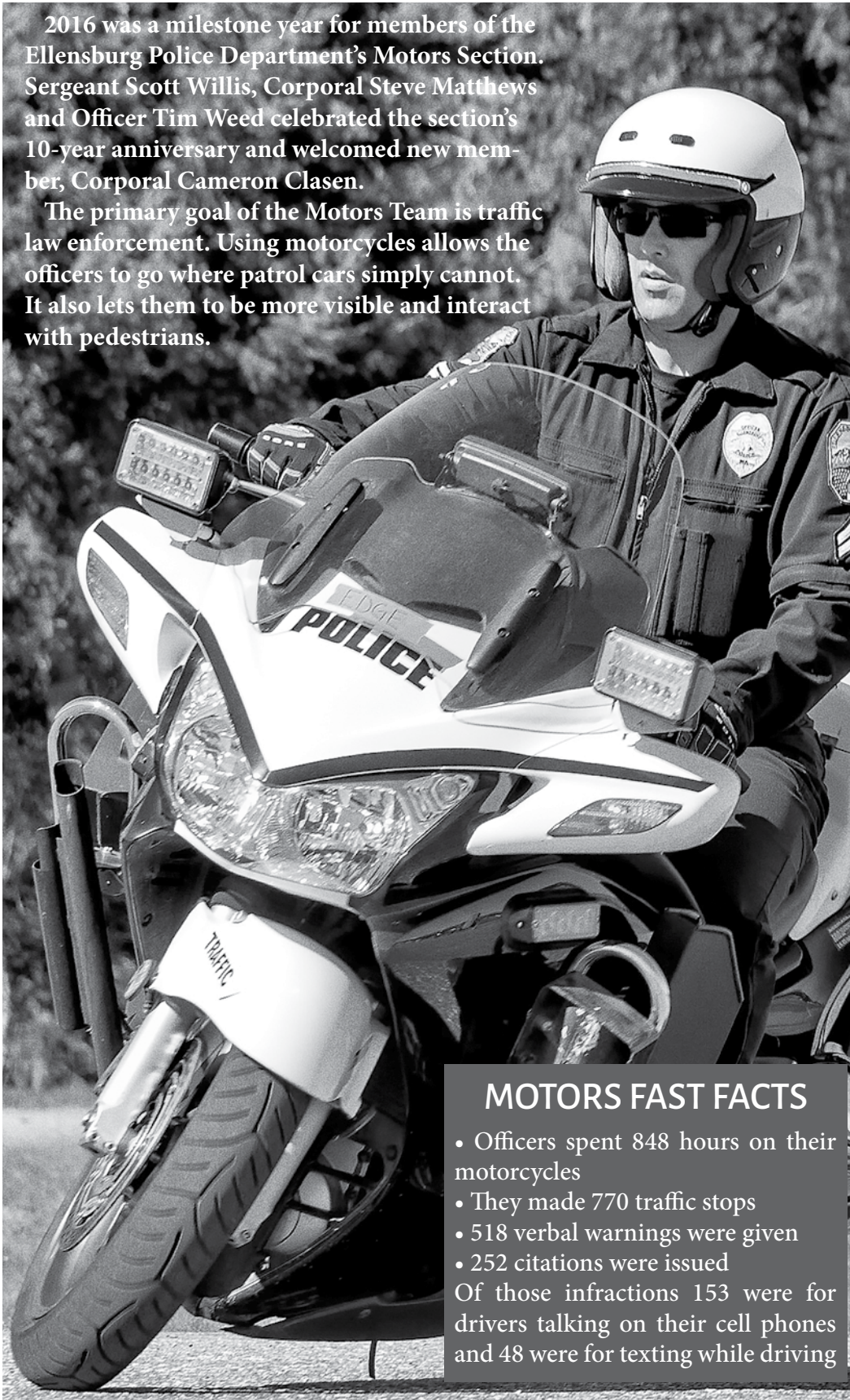
"The police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the intent of the community welfare."

— Sir Robert Peel

TRAFFIC *Enforcement*

2016 was a milestone year for members of the Ellensburg Police Department's Motors Section. Sergeant Scott Willis, Corporal Steve Matthews and Officer Tim Weed celebrated the section's 10-year anniversary and welcomed new member, Corporal Cameron Clasen.

The primary goal of the Motors Team is traffic law enforcement. Using motorcycles allows the officers to go where patrol cars simply cannot. It also lets them to be more visible and interact with pedestrians.



MOTORS FAST FACTS

- Officers spent 848 hours on their motorcycles
- They made 770 traffic stops
- 518 verbal warnings were given
- 252 citations were issued

Of those infractions 153 were for drivers talking on their cell phones and 48 were for texting while driving

MOTORS

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DETECTIVES

INVESTIGATION & *Prevention*

The Ellensburg Police Department Detective Section includes from left: Klifford Caillier, John Bean, Sgt. Jim Weed, Ryan Shull and Jennifer Margheim.

“Nothing ever happens in Ellensburg.”

Police officers and detectives often hear this from people. Maybe it’s a good thing this is a prevailing opinion. After all the idea behind what we do is preservation of the peace in the community.

But we are growing and are experiencing more incidents typical of larger cities.

One Sunday in March Kittcom was flooded with calls of shots having been fired near a north end apartment complex. A black passenger car was seen speeding from the area. For officers this kind of call is bad enough but when it occurs in a crowded area they assume the worst.

Within one minute of the call officers swarmed the area and found an apartment with multiple bullet holes in its exterior. Luckily no one was home at the time since several spent bullets were found inside.

An investigation found the person responsible. He was arrested without further incident and the weapon used was found. He pleaded guilty and currently is serving 30 months in prison.

In a different event a woman reported being scammed out of \$80,000 by what she



Officers enter the apartment involved in a drive by shooting. The building is in a north Ellensburg neighborhood.

thought was a legitimate program. Her money was never recovered and no one will ever be arrested for this crime. These types of cases are commonly known as Nigerian Scams. Detectives spent hours writing search warrants for IP addresses, email account holder information, addresses and phone numbers only to reach a dead end.

These are just two examples of the types of crimes two General Investigation Detectives were involved in last year. Together they handled about 200 cases ranging from felony assault, elderly exploitation and child abuse.

There are also two detectives assigned to an Anti Crimes Unit (ACU) who work to deter other crimes. Last year they arrested and booked 19 people in the delivery of a controlled substance (drugs) charges. A total of 54 cases were initiated by the two ACU Detectives. Many of those involved firearms and/or cash and spun off into other related cases or helped solve other crimes.

All four detectives work throughout the year to bring about the best possible outcome for the City of Ellensburg and its residents.

EVIDENCE

The Ellensburg Police Department maintains a property and evidence room for many purposes.

At its basic level it operates as a community lost and found. If you lose your keys or cell phone around town always check with the department to see if it has been turned in. Over the year the department receives many items including wallets and other items.

But on a higher level the department maintains evidence of crimes that have occurred in our community. These items are used to support convictions. Over the course of a week many items are logged into the computerized evidence control system, are shipped out to the crime lab, returned to their rightful owner or destroyed as contraband.

Primary responsibility for the property room is the duty of the assigned Detective Sergeant. In 2016 the evidence room was audited as part of the re-accreditation process and is audited as part of yearly internal controls.



DETECTIVES

RETIREMENT

SAYING *Goodbye*

Drew Houck has been wearing a badge for more than 30 years — first for his country then for his community.

Houck began his law enforcement career in 1984 as an MP in the United States Army. It was there he started working with dogs and trained as an explosives detection dog handler. While stationed in Germany he met the love of his life, Kathy, who also was an MP.

The pair left the military in 1992, married and moved to Ellensburg where Houck continued his law enforcement career with the Central Washington University Police Department. In 1995 Houck was hired by the Ellensburg Police Department.

While working as a Patrol Officer Houck attended CWU and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology with a Computer Science minor. Houck used his degree in many ways to assist the department including high tech investigations, data retrieval and assisted in adopting new technologies.

For the past 20 years Houck has worked as a Patrol Officer, Detective and K-9 Handler. He received a Meritorious Service Award — the second highest offered by the department — for his actions on October 12, 2013 for subduing a knife-wielding man after being cut on his face and neck. He also received a Lifesaving Award for helping to save an unconscious man's life on June 2, 2004.

While his work with the department comes to a close, Houck continues to serve the City of Ellensburg in its Information Technology Department.



Officer Drew Houck (center) with his wife, Kathy, pose for a photo with Chief Dale Miller during his retirement party. Houck spent 21 years with the Ellensburg Police Department.

PLEASE MEET OUR *Newest Members*



BRETT ALMON
POLICE OFFICER



LISA HENTGES
SECRETARY/RECORDS



CJ HUBBARD
SHELTER AIDE



TEGAN PEEK
CODE ENFORCEMENT



JOE TIREY
POLICE OFFICER



The 2016 Reserve Officers are from left: Thomas Holberg, Scott Botten, Michael Martone, Neil Musser and Trevor Rogers.

WHO WE ARE

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COMMUNITY

LEARNING *Experience*

People usually have little or no contact with police officers on a day-to-day basis and many will have no contact with law enforcement for years at a time. This is one reason why the Ellensburg Police Department holds its Citizen's Academy each fall.

The Citizen's Academy gives residents an inside look into the daily workings of the Police Department. Some of the highlights include driving patrol cars, shooting guns, being involved in force-on-force scenarios and watching demonstrations on the various less lethal tools at the officer's disposal.

In 2016 about 16 people regularly attended the academy from 23 accepted applicants. Participants provide feedback at the end of each year. This year Marissa Mason, a CWU student emailed and said, "Thanks for putting on such a great program."



Chief Dale Miller and Detective Sergeant Jim Weed give Citizen's Academy participant Marissa Mason her certificate of completion. If you would like to participate applications become available each August. Check out the department's Facebook and Twitter pages for more information.

Last year the Ellensburg Police Department held its fifth annual Cop On Top to raise awareness and support for Special Olympics.

Each year the Department partners with Fred Meyer employees to raise money for this worthy cause. To date nearly \$19,000 has been donated.

During the event an officer spends 24 hours on the roof of Fred Meyer as a pledge of support and the public is invited to tour police vehicles and talk with volunteers about Special Olympics. This year several local Special Olympic Athletes and their coaches were on hand to talk about their individual achievements.

Globally the funds raised for Special Olympics allow children and adults with intellectual disabilities opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



Captain Dan Hansberry climbs the fire department ladder to get to the roof of Fred Meyer where he stayed for 24 hours to raise money for Special Olympics.

COMMUNITY

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TRAINING

ALWAYS *Learning*

The Ellensburg Police Department provides Emergency Operators Vehicle Course training to ensure officer driving skills continually improve since the operation of a police vehicle comes with an extremely high amount of liability.

Training includes high-speed driving, quick lane changes, decision-making scenarios and quick or sudden stops to simulate someone or something entering the path of a vehicle while it is moving. This exposes officers to high-stress driving situations that can — and do — occur during emergency driving. Non-emergency driving training includes slow speed driving, backing and parking that occurs on a daily basis while on patrol. Safely backing a vehicle is a subject of focus because a large percentage of accidents happen during backing.

The Ellensburg Police Department Reserve Recruit Class of 2016 received eight hours of classroom training and about 12 hours of hands-on training. Each student spent time behind the wheel learning different techniques and maneuvers. At the end of the training each recruit had to complete a drive course two times without striking any cones and under a certain amount of time to pass.

Also in 2016, the Ellensburg Police Department put on its annual Citizen's Academy. As part of the Academy students learned the importance of continued emergency driving education and training and were given the chance to drive a patrol car through a similar course officers used.



Continued education and training are vital components to officers of the Ellensburg Police Department. Training received in 2016 was more than 5,200 hours or an average of 108 hours per employee.

The department continues to seek new and innovative training opportunities to help officers better serve their community. Officers received 864 hours of in-service training in defensive tactics, less lethal weapons, advanced investigations, gangs, apprehension techniques, wildland firefighting, health and fitness.

Specialized training included police and minority relations, crisis intervention, public information officer instruction, drug investigations, motor officer school, firearms and tactical, extremist groups, homicide and crime scene management, command college and crimes against women. These expert skilled training courses accounted for more than 1,620 hours in officer participation.

TRAINING

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TOOLS

OFFICER *Safety*

*No matter what the vehicle code says,
you're not exempt from the laws of physics.*



It's been more than 65 years since the annual line-of-duty
police deaths totaled less than 100.



Wear your belt.

Wear your vest.

Watch your speed.

WIN - What's Important Now?

Remember: Complacency kills!

BELOW 100

The Ellensburg Police Department adopted the Below 100 program in 2014. The department has since provided training of the program to its personnel. The program focuses on saving officer lives and reducing the line of duty deaths to below 100 which has not been seen since 1943. The program identified five core tenets that are in the officer's control and are responsible for a significant part of the line of duty deaths each year. The tenets include seatbelts, speed, body armor, complacency and what's important now. Last year alone 144 officers throughout the United States were killed in the line of duty.

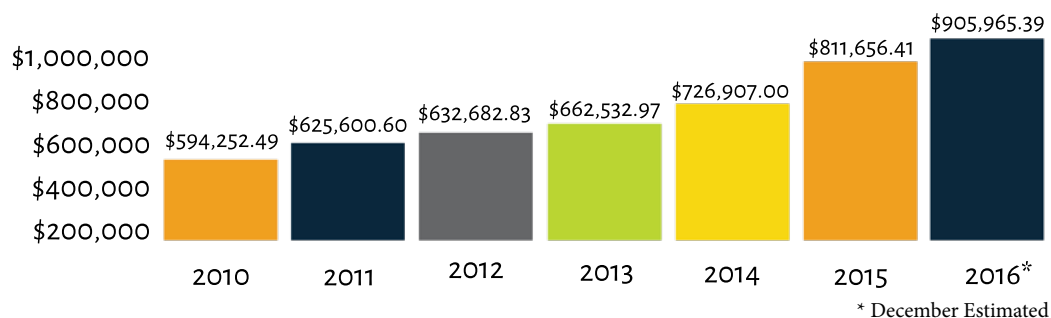
YOUR FRACTION IN ACTION

The City of Ellensburg and the Ellensburg Police Department are committed to our pledge regarding the 3/10ths of one percent criminal justice sales tax.

That commitment was to “put boots on the ground” to address crime in our community. That funding has supported six additional Police Officers, two part time and one half-time Animal Control Officer and one half-time Records Clerk since its passage in 2007.



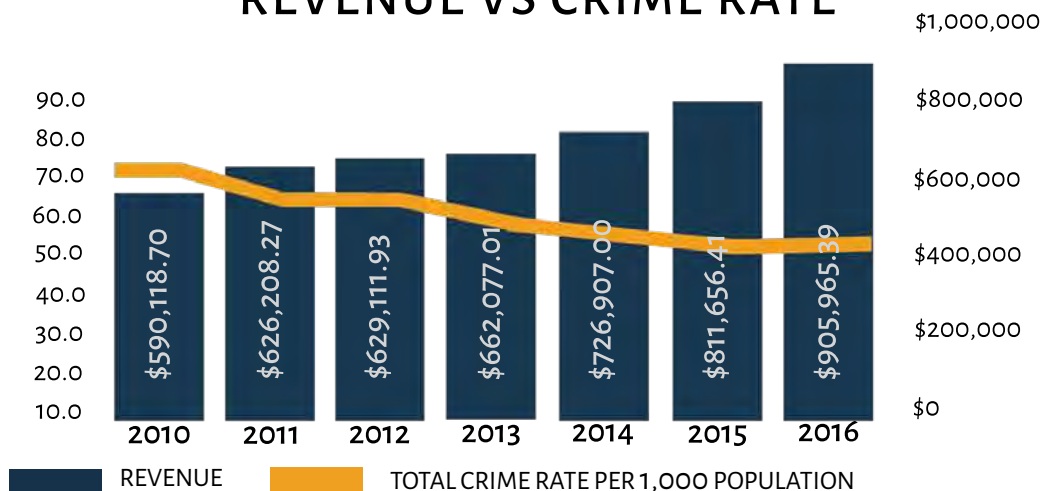
FUNDING RECEIVED FROM 2010 - 2016



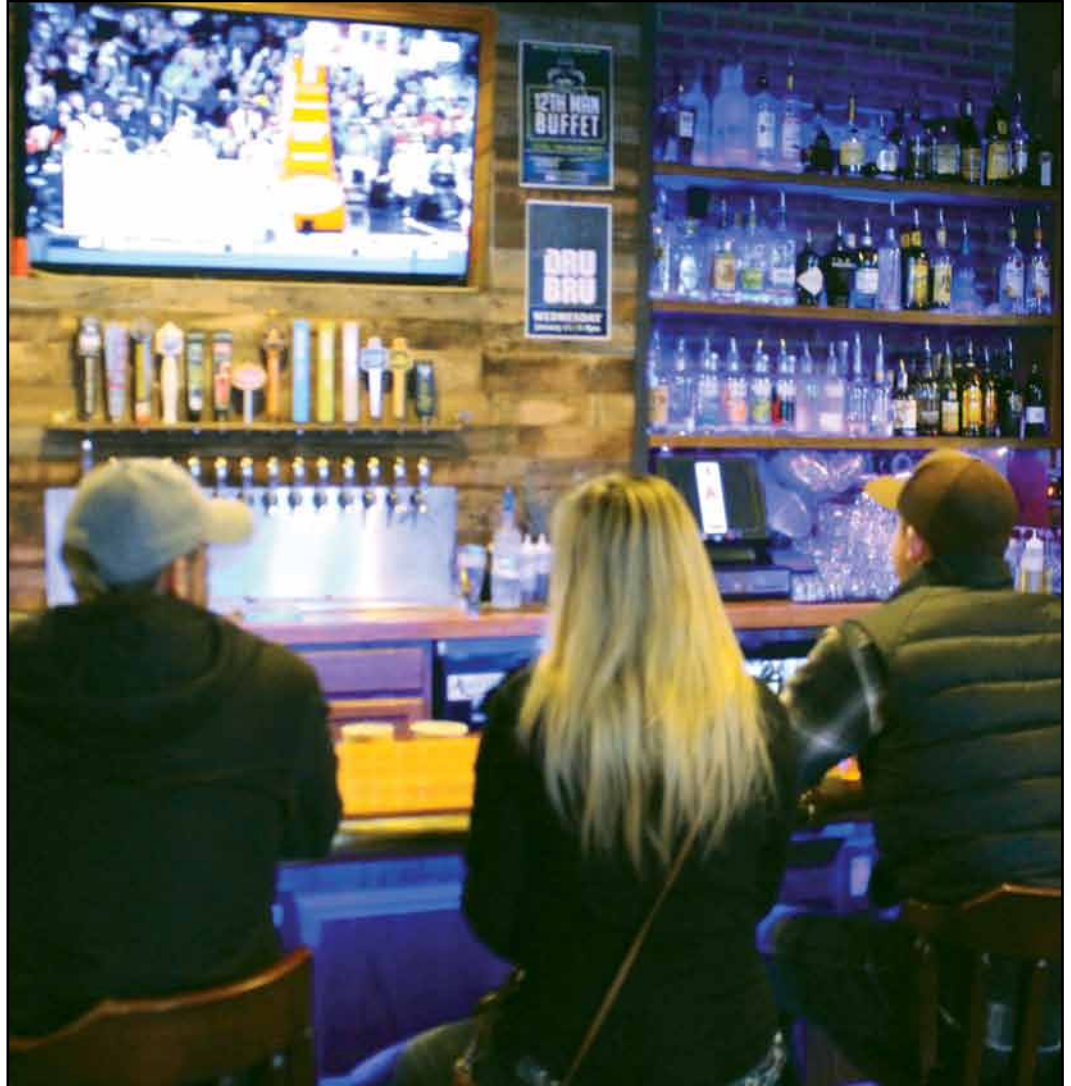
HOW FUNDS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SALARIES	\$432,659	\$384,055	\$439,491	\$469,931	\$488,883.45	\$505,012.37	\$540,293.86
BENEFITS	\$135,539	\$133,890	\$156,463	\$166,331	\$169,272.82	\$177,920.97	\$191,324.26
SUPPLIES	\$13,408	0	0	0	0	0	0
SERVICES	\$9,966	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REPAIRS/MAINT.	—	—	—	—	—	\$3,865.70	—
TOTALS	\$582,572	\$517,945	\$595,954	\$636,262	\$658,156.27	\$686,799.04	\$731,618.12

REVENUE VS CRIME RATE



COMMUNITY

HELPING *Each Other*

The Ellensburg Police Department's Serving the Standard program began in 2009 with the intent to take a proactive approach in finding and solving problems associated with drinking establishments. The program's goal is to help bar owners create a safer, more enjoyable environment for its patrons.

The program monitored 19 businesses in 2016. This forged stronger relationships between the department, business owners, managers and employees. By working together all were able to solve problems and create productive relationships.

Officer Kevin Willette acts as the department's liquor license compliance officer. He tracks calls and works in conjunction with establishment owners and the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

If a crime or infraction occurs the report is forwarded to Willette for review. He and the owner or manager will meet to discuss what has happened. If an infraction of Serving the Standard is found Officer Willette will work with the business to solve the problem before it becomes a reoccurring issue.

The majority of Serving the Standard reports are used to gather information and do not lead to violations.



Reserve Officers Neil Musser, left, and Michael Martone, right, assist School Resource Officer Robert Salinas, center, in Ellensburg schools.

The Ellensburg School Resource Program entered its eighth year of working with the Ellensburg School District and 2016 marked Officer Robert Salinas second year as School Resource Officer. Salinas is a member of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Salinas works inside local schools instead of the streets in an effort to provide a positive, community-oriented collaboration with one or more schools.

Salinas has learned being a successful School Resource Officer provides a valuable resource to school staff and fosters positive relationships with students. He helps to resolve problems and protects them so they can reach their full potential.

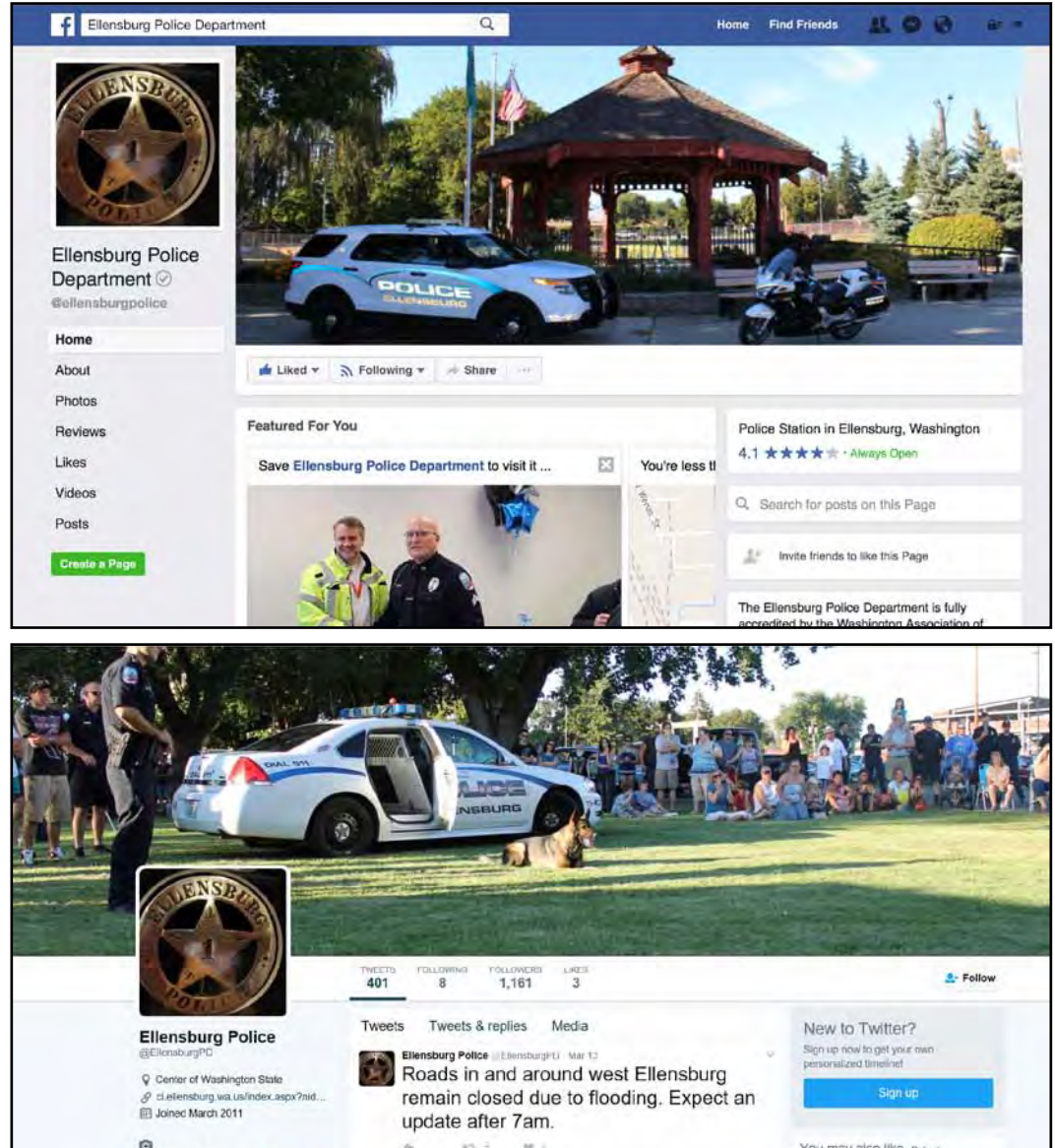
But that's only part of the job for Salinas. He spends much of his time getting involved with students and their activities that includes attending school functions and making himself available to the kids. By doing this he has become a trusted adult they can turn to with their problems.

Salinas prides himself in being approachable. The daily contact has made it possible to address problems students face and help to find solutions.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

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INTERACTION

STAYING *Connected*

Find the Ellensburg Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ellensburgpolice/ and on Twitter at twitter.com/ellensburgpd.

The Ellensburg Police Department utilizes social media platforms as a way to communicate and stay connected with the community. Through Facebook and Twitter the department is able to provide useful and timely information to the public regarding public safety and police activities. This information is meant to be educational, informative and establish a better understanding of the Ellensburg Police Department's Mission.

During 2016, the Ellensburg Police Department has used social media and community television to broadcast Public Service Announcements and community relations information with a focus on public safety and crime prevention education. The Ellensburg Police Department's Facebook and Twitter accounts help communicate timely updates to the community regarding road closures, police activity, major incidents, high profile investigations, public safety education and sharing community-oriented policing activities. In keeping with the Ellensburg Police Department's Mission and Values the Public Relations Liaison strives to share information and fortify a solid partnership with our community.

ANIMAL *Control*

Kim Henle, Heidi Monson and longtime Shelter Manager Paula Hake are dedicated to the safety and well-being of the animals they care for at the Ellensburg Animal Shelter.

Assisted by part-time aides CJ Hubbard and Dani Gamble along with volunteers, the staff is responsible for taking in stray, neglected or abandoned animals.

The Shelter is open to the public six days a week though the animals receive care every day. When not busy with the animals Shelter staff is responsible for collecting impounded animals, taking in owner-released pets, releasing animals to owners or Shelter approved rescue organizations, licensing of animals, working the front counter, answering phones, writing reports, overseeing Shelter volunteers and maintaining the Shelter's presence on social media.

Once an animal arrives at the Shelter it is held for a period of time dictated by City Code or court order. Some become property of the Shelter, some are returned to their owners and some are taken to other Shelters to help find them homes. One such organization – The NOAH Center – is an animal adoption and transfer program Shelter staff uses to pass along adoptable animals in search of a forever home.

Animal Control takes action on a variety of issues affecting quality of life and public safety. In 2016 officers investigated 898 complaints, issued 54 citations, declared two dogs potentially dangerous and investigated 38 animal bites.

To help out the staff is backed up by volunteers who contributed nearly 1,229 hours to help run the Shelter. Volunteers are an integral and essential part of Shelter operation. Their responsibilities include animal socialization, bathing animals, cleaning and setting up cages, grounds cleanup and laundry. Those who volunteer undergo a three-hour orientation and safety program prior to working at the Shelter.

The Ellensburg Animal Shelter benefits from the support of Friends of the Animal Shelter, a local organization that provides donations for medical treatments and specialized care over and above what is provided by the City. Last year Friends of the Animal Shelter contributed \$16,636.96 with \$12,494.00 of those funds used for veterinary care. The remaining funds were used for supplies and advertising.



Kim Henle, Heidi Monson and Paula Hake act as animal advocates while running the City of Ellensburg's Animal Shelter.

SHELTER

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COMMUNITY

NATIONAL *Night Out*

August 2, 2016, marked the Ellensburg Police Department's seventh annual National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign celebrated in thousands of communities across the nation. The campaign enhances the relationship between neighbors and police officers to help build a sense of trust and community.

Each year this event grows and this year was no exception. More than 700 free meals were served making 2016 one of the largest turnouts to date. The citizens of Ellensburg came out to "Eat with the Heat," but also learned what resources are available to them.

Held at the Public Safety Building, the entire 100 block of North Pearl Street was used to display police and fire vehicles that people could explore. Central Valley Rodders classic cars also were on display. Children were fingerprinted by officers so parents could keep their child's fingerprints and a DNA sample in a free Child ID kit.



Corporal Cameron Clasen, Sergeant Josh Bender and Reserve Officer Neil Musser prepare hamburgers for the public as part of National Night Out last year.



The Ellensburg Police Department's Code Enforcement Section consists of two limited-commission officers who divide their time between parking issues and nuisance code violations in the City of Ellensburg.

The primary focus of Code Enforcement is parking in the downtown and residential parking zones (RPZ). The goal of downtown parking enforcement is to provide ample parking for customers of local businesses. In the RPZ areas around Central Washington University where on-street parking is scarce, it is Code Enforcement's goal to make parking available for residents and their guests.

Nuisance enforcement includes derelict properties, tall grass, weeds, large amounts of dead vegetation and snow removal from sidewalks. Last year officers received 329 complaints, started investigations into another 419 violations and wrote 11 citations. By working with homeowners, landlords and tenants officers were able to resolve issues before resorting to citations.

Officers strive to make Ellensburg a safe and pleasant place to live through the use of warnings and citations as a way of educating and gaining compliance with violations that interfere with the health and safety of our community.

2016 CODE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

• RPZ Warnings	232	• Downtown Tickets	497
• RPZ Tickets	812	• Parking Complaints	465
• Downtown Warnings	823	• Code Complaints	329

CODE ENFORCEMENT

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VOLUNTEERS

RESERVE *Officers*

The 2016 Ellensburg Police Department Reserve Class is from left: Thomas Holberg, Trevor Rogers, Neil Musser, Scott Botten and Michael Martone.

The Ellensburg Police Department's Reserve Officer Program is made up of volunteers from the community who work alongside full time officers.

This past year the department hosted a Reserve Academy for five new officers. They completed more than 270 hours of state certified training that included instruction on diversity, criminal law and first aid. Upon graduation reserve officers have limited commissions granting them police powers in their duties.

Reserve officers in Washington State are required to complete 24 hours of in-service training each year. Ellensburg Police Department reserves receive this training during monthly meetings held by Reserve Coordinator Sgt. Brett Koss. In-service training includes de-escalation techniques, case law updates, less lethal weapons and winter driving techniques.

The main mission of the program is to support School Resource Officer Robert Salinas at Ellensburg schools. They also assist during Labor Day weekend and other events such as National Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Cop on Top. This is in addition to working with full time officers.

Last year reserves put in almost 1,000 hours of service. They include college students, retired community members, teachers, counselors, school administrators and military veterans.

MAKING A *Difference*

Every year the Ellensburg Police Department looks for people willing to give up five evenings and one full Saturday for the sole purpose of taking a look inside what a police officer does every day. Those who come forward are invited to attend the Citizen's Academy.

It was during one of these searches that a man named Mike Martone stepped up to the challenge. Martone, a well-known Morgan Middle School teacher, was invited to be a part of the 2014 Academy. The department enjoys interacting with those from the community, especially someone from local schools.

Academy instructors learned Martone not only works full time at Morgan he also is a lecturer for Central Washington University's Information Technology Department and volunteers at the School District after hours. On top of that he is a married father of two young children.

During the Academy it became clear Martone enjoyed the topics of discussion and at the completion of the Academy he stepped up to the next level of commitment and joined the Class of 2016 Reserve Officers.

Today Martone wears the uniform as a graduate of the Reserve Academy and has been welcomed into the brotherhood of police officers.



COMMITMENT

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WHO WE ARE

GETTING TO KNOW *Us***CORPORAL JASON BRUNK**

Corporal Jason Brunk grew up in Puyallup and moved to Ellensburg in 1996 to attend Central Washington University.

While working toward a degree in Law and Justice, Brunk played football for the Wildcats. During his junior year he discovered the Ellensburg Police Department's Reserve Officer Program and applied. He was hired in January, 1999.

Brunk served as a Reserve Officer for 10 months and was then hired as a full time Officer. He left school in his senior year to focus on his career. Brunk graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in 2000. After two years on the job he went back to school and finished his degree.

During the first eight years of his career Brunk was a Field Training Officer, the department's Taser Instructor and was named Officer of the Year for 2004. In 2008 he promoted to Detectives where he worked until 2011. Following a promotion to Corporal, Brunk was transferred to the Patrol Section.

Today he continues to train new officers, run the Taser program and was recently selected to be part of the newly formed Bicycle Patrol team.

**DETECTIVE JENNIFER MARGHEIM**

Detective Jennifer Margheim comes to the Ellensburg Police Department through Central Washington University's Law and Justice Program.

While attending CWU she joined the Reserve Officer Program in 2009.

Following graduation from Central, Margheim was hired as a Patrol Officer. She spent the first five years of her career on Patrol, and though she enjoyed the interaction with her fellow officers and community members, Margheim decided to advance her career by becoming a Detective in 2015.

When not on duty she enjoys hiking, going on vacation and spending time with her family and husband.



The Ellensburg Police Department Records Section are from left: Kristy Holcombe, Stephanie Sample, Lisa Hentges and Danielle Bertschi.

Comprised of a Records Supervisor, three full-time and one part time Secretary/Records Clerks, the Records Section is responsible for a variety of functions.

Records is often a person's first point of contact with the Ellensburg Police Department whether he or she is applying for a concealed pistol license, making a public disclosure request or seeking officer assistance.

Outside of the public's view Records is kept busy processing and maintaining every record, report, ticket and document issued by officers. While processing and maintaining records is the Section's primary role, Records has many other essential duties including transcription of recordings, data entry, dissemination of confidential information and gathering and reporting statistics.

The Records Section continues to submit to National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) database on a monthly basis that illustrates many more facets of crime as well as relationships and connections among victims and suspects.

In the following pages you will find the 2016 statistics for the Ellensburg Police Department. The statistics provided have been grouped into Crimes Against People and Crimes against Property. These were assembled by records clerks.

RECORDS

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STATISTICS

CRIME *Trends*

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	17,468	13,773	12,643
NUMBER OF REPORTS TAKEN	5,502	5,078	5,742
TOTAL ARRESTS *	1,505	1,411	1,645

CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE

	2014		2015		2016	
	ADULT	JUV	ADULT	JUV	ADULT	JUV
HOMICIDES						
TOTAL NUMBER REPORTED	0		0		0	
HOMICIDE ARRESTS:						
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0

SEX OFFENSES						
TOTAL NUMBER REPORTED*	56		63		38	
SEX OFFENSE ARRESTS:						
RAPE	4	0	8	0	1	1
ATTEMPTED RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHILD MOLESTATION	1	0	3	0	1	0
FORCIBLE FONDLING	0	1	2	0	0	1
COMMUNICATING WITH MINOR	1	0	3	0	0	1
INDECENT LIBERTIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
POSSES CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	1	0	2	0	2	2

* NUMBER OF SEX OFFENSES HAS BEEN ADJUSTED DUE TO CHANGES IN CODING.

ASSAULTS						
TOTAL NUMBER REPORTED	194		199		201	
ASSAULT ARRESTS:						
AGGRAVATED (FELONY)	2	1	0	0	9	1
SIMPLE	42	8	37	13	39	2
WITH A FIREARM	1	0	2	0	3	0
WITH OTHER WEAPON	4	0	2	0	5	0
OF AN OFFICER	11	0	9	1	3	3
VEHICULAR	0	0	0	0	0	0

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE						
TOTAL NUMBER REPORTED	379		366		346	
TOTAL DV ARRESTS	71		83		82	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	64	7	79	4	75	7

DV = DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

OTHER ARRESTS FOR CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE						
INDECENT EXPOSURE	2	0	5	0	2	0
KIDNAP/UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT	3	2	3	0	1	1
HARASSMENT	18	3	18	5	23	2
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	51	0	46	1	68	0
INTERFERE WITH DV REPORT	7	0	7	0	2	1

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

TYPES OF OFFENSES	2014		2015		2016	
	ADULT	JUV	ADULT	JUV	ADULT	JUV
ROBBERY						
TOTAL NUMBER ROBBERIES REPORTED	3		7		4	
ROBBERY ARRESTS	5	0	4	0	1	0
BURGLARY						
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL REPORTED	61		80		58	
TOTAL NONRESIDENTIAL REPORTED	29		18		28	
BURGLARY ARRESTS *						
RESIDENTIAL	7	0	9	0	10	0
NONRESIDENTIAL	0	0	2	0	4	0
THEFT/LARCENY						
TOTAL THEFTS REPORTED	576		564		604	
THEFT ARRESTS:						
SHOPLIFTING	55	17	46	7	60	15
THEFT OF BICYCLE	3	0	1	0	2	0
THEFT OF WALLET/PURSE	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT OF SERVICES	2	0	3	0	8	0
* THEFT OF PROPERTY	42	5	33	2	25	2
**THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1	0	3	0	5	1
TOTAL VEHICLE PROWL REPORTED	137		117		165	
*** VEHICLE PROWL ARRESTS	7	0	9	0	8	1
TOTAL VEHICLE THEFT REPORTED	25		32		31	
ARRESTS FOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	0	5	0	5	2
OTHER ARRESTS:						
STOLEN PROPERTY: BUY, POSSES, SELL	35	0	23	0	11	1
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	3	0	8	0	1	0
FRAUD						
CREDIT CARD/ATM	0	0	2	0	2	0
IDENTITY THEFT	1	0	5	0	4	0
CHECKS/PRESCRIPTIONS ALTERED	3	0	2	0	6	0
OTHER						
TRESPASSING	37	6	33	3	54	1
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	42	1	45	5	47	2
RECKLESS BURNING (ARSON)	4	0	1	0	2	0
NOISE	115	0	89	0	72	0
DISORDERLY	127	2	105	7	124	3
ALCOHOL INFRACTIONS	161	22	152	12	143	15
DRUGS						
SALE/MANUFACTURE	9	2	35	1	22	1
POSSESSION	52	5	72	6	88	13
♦ DUI	110	0	90	0	131	0
ALCOHOL RELATED	•	•	•	•	124	0
DRUG RELATED	•	•	•	•	7	0
OBSTRUCT/RESIST	34	3	25	2	34	6
RENDER CRIMINAL ASSISTANCE	1	0	0	0	1	0
❖ WARRANTS	263	0	197	0	237	0
WEAPONS OFFENSES	14	0	24	0	13	4
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	65	7	90	3	70	1
TOTAL	1413	92	1339	72	1555	90

STATISTICS

CRIME *Trends*

OTHER INCIDENTS

	2014	2015	2016
TYPES OF CALLS			
MISSING/RECOVERED PERSON	21	23	14
RUNAWAY JUVENILES	34	48	17
MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTS	180	177	209
NEGLECT/CHILD ABUSE (CPS)	41	50	81
CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	12	28	23
SUICIDES	2	2	4
ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	59	58	54
UNATTENDED DEATHS	19	21	19
HATE BIAS	0	0	0
STALKING	13	13	11
HARASSMENT	118	121	143
UNLAWFUL USE OF PHONE	46	38	29
KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT	7	3	2
INDECENT EXPOSURE	4	9	4
WEAPONS VIOLATION	26	26	25
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	83	90	105
WARRANTS	278	200	246
PROBATION VIOLATION	17	21	10
OBSTRUCT/RESIST ARREST	37	28	36
TRESPASSING	227	222	281
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	190	190	229
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	292	318	257
ARSON	4	3	2
AGENCY ASSIST	149	163	145
CIVIL PROBLEMS	125	121	122
LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	416	471	480
RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY	4	10	6
RECEIVE/POSSES STOLEN PROPERTY	33	18	13
ACCOUNT CLOSED/NSF CHECKS	9	8	1
COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY	9	9	17
FRAUD	69	54	117
VEHICLE IMPOUNDS	146	172	192
ANIMAL CALLS	87	102	224

OTHER STATISTICS

	2014	2015	2016
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TYPES OF RECORDS

COURT ORDERS ENTERED	127	135	155
COURT ORDERS SERVED	39	42	45
WARRANTS ENTERED	401	409	581
CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSES	82	109	130
FIREARMS DEALER'S LICENSE	2	2	3
PISTOL TRANSFERS	274	242	407
SOLICITOR LICENSE	6	4	2
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUESTS	885	1040	1123

TRAFFIC STOPS

CRIMINAL CITATIONS	297	285	284
INFRACTIONS	497	558	749

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS

TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	379	366	378
TOTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS	71	83	82
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS	176	154	186
VERBAL DOMESTIC CALLS	203	212	192

FOOTNOTES

* Some suspects are arrested for multiple burglaries. — See Page 31

* Theft of Property may include items taken during a burglary/robbery, items that were lost and then stolen, theft associated with fraud (credit cards) or possibly taken from a location a person has permission to be. — See Page 31

** Arrests for Theft from Motor Vehicle tend to be low as these suspects are usually arrested for Possession of Stolen Property rather than the actual theft (see Stolen Property under Other Arrests). — See Page 31

*** Vehicle Prowls can occur without there being theft from the vehicle so actual Vehicle Prowl numbers will be higher. — See Page 31

◆ Previous to 2016 Driving Under the Influence citations were not split between alcohol and drug related arrests. — See Page 31

❖ Previous to 2009 the warrant arrest totals only included warrants that Ellensburg Police Department entered and served. The total now includes a complete number of wanted people arrested by EPD regardless of who the entering agency was. — See Page 31

✕ Arrest totals will not match the reported total as more than one person may have been arrested in a single report, arrested for multiple crimes or the crime may not have resulted in an arrest

APPRECIATION

WORKING *Together*



"Thank you to whomever left them (the flowers) and it is appreciated by our officers. It's nice to know we have the support of this great community."



Corporal Jason Brunk "pulls over" this youngster and awards him with a coupon for a free treat. Brunk noticed the boy wearing a helmet and wanted to reward him for making good choices.



"Big thanks to Paxton Sterkel and his mom, Sydnee, for stopping by today to drop off a tray of cookies and a nice card." Paxton and Sydnee also brought cookies to the Fire Department and Washington State Patrol.



A thank you card from an appreciative youngster to the men and women of the Ellensburg Police Department.



Community members and officers meet and talk over coffee at Winegar's on March 30, 2016.

"Hey EPD, several times a day, I see you gentlemen/women patrolling around our streets keeping our town safe. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Please don't be discouraged by all the new evil in this world. God is on your side and much of this town has your six. You guys rock!"

— *Caleb Roskamp*

"Thank you for ALL the ways you serve our community. We really appreciate you and are grateful for your hard work and diligence."

— *Steve Luten*

"Always there when you need them, even sometimes when you wish they weren't."

— *Chelsea Delatorre*

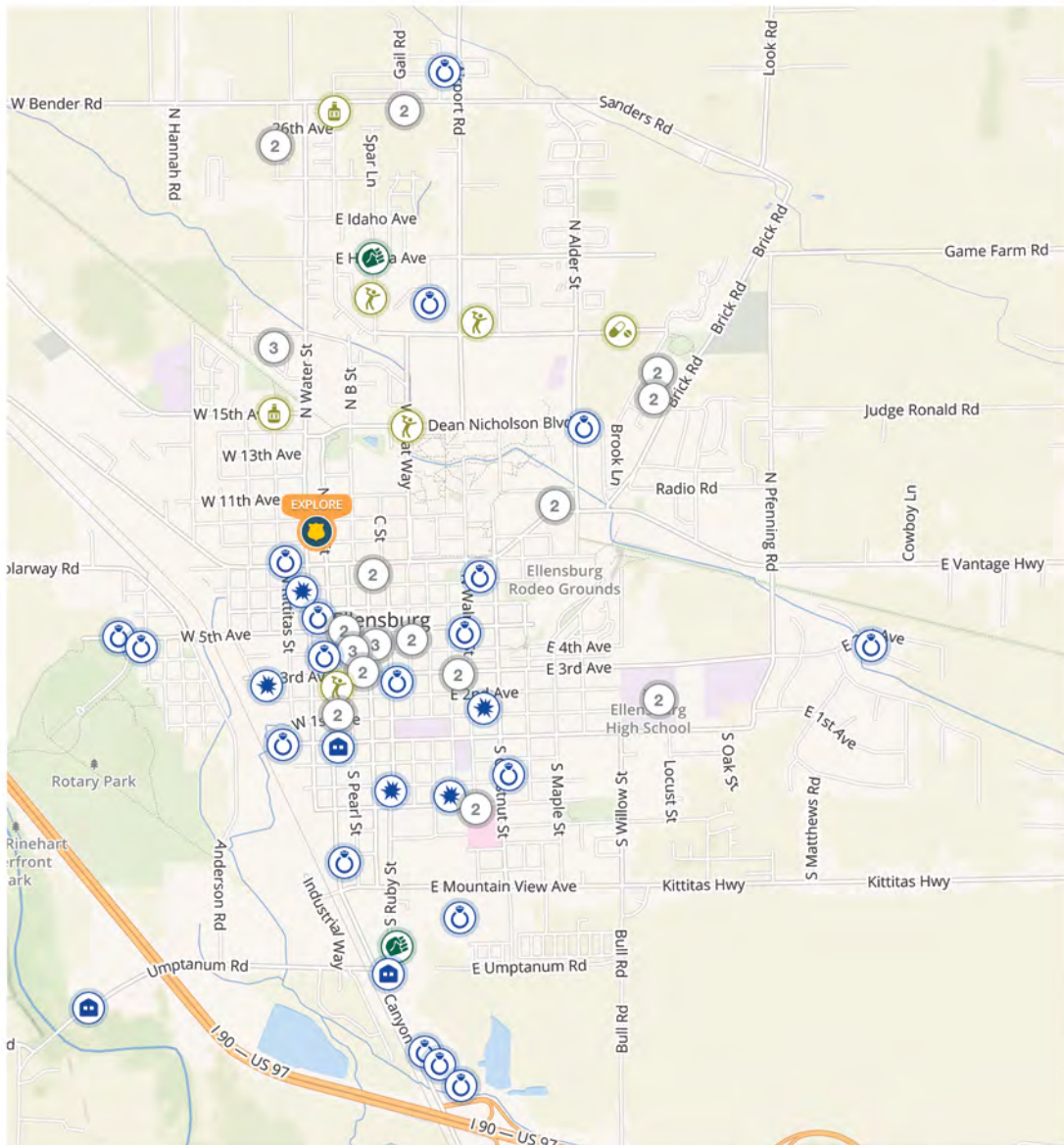


Boston Hinkle enjoys taking a seat on Corporal Cameron Clasen's motorcycle.

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