

# MEMORANDUM

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## Bellevue Police Department

To: Investigations Section Supervisors  
From: Major Turi  
Date: May 12, 2000  
  
Subj: Operations Division 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report

Attached is a copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Operations Division Report for your review. Crime stats look pretty good through March and detective overtime is on target.

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# Police Operations Division

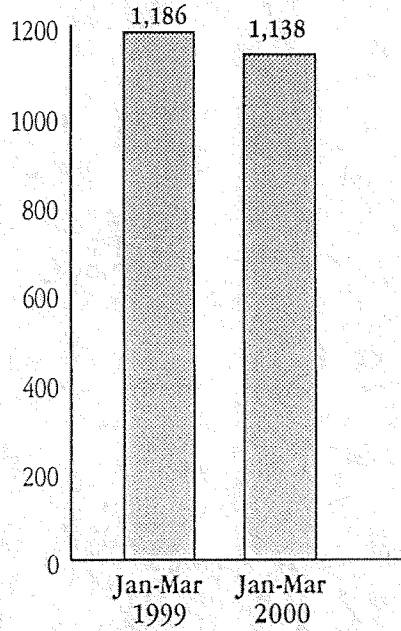
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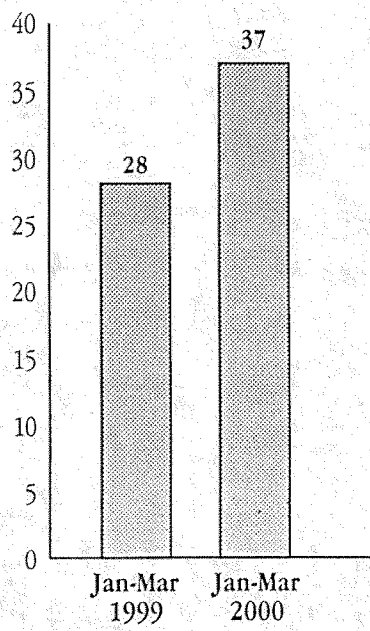
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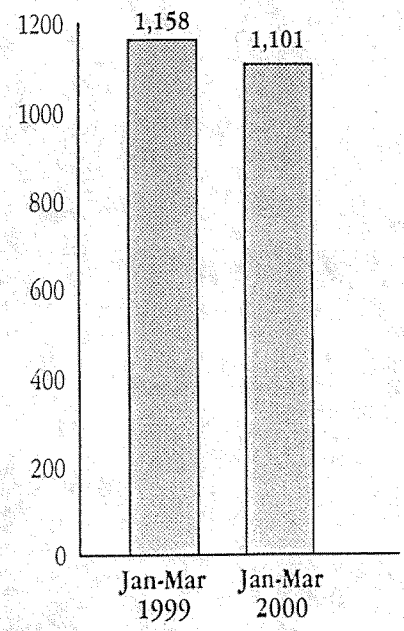
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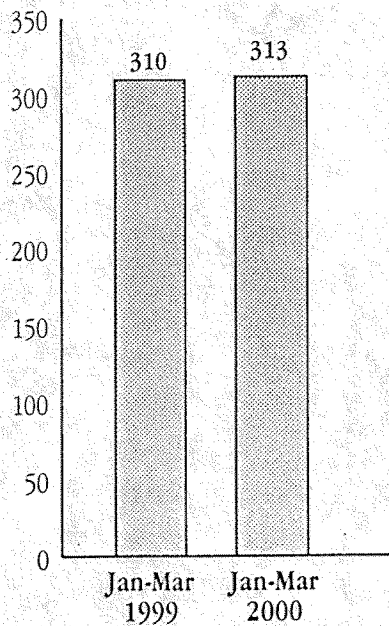
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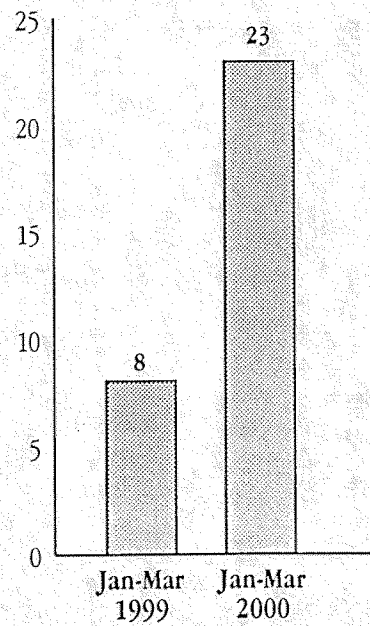
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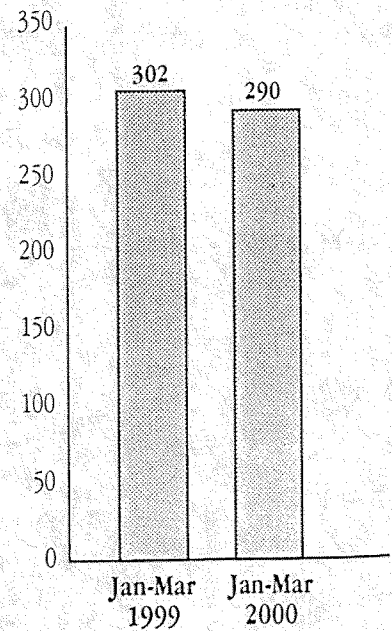
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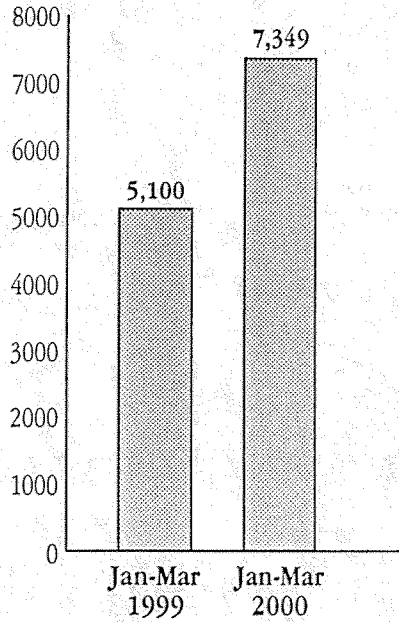




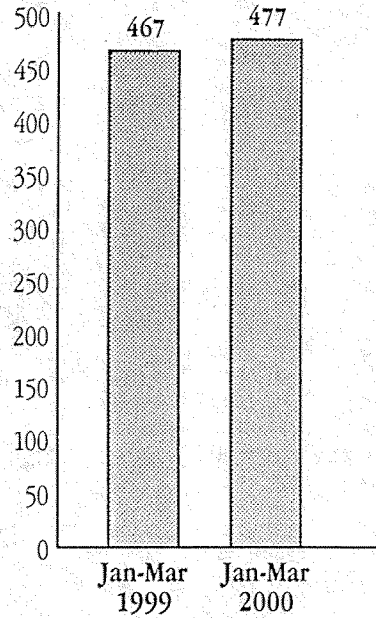
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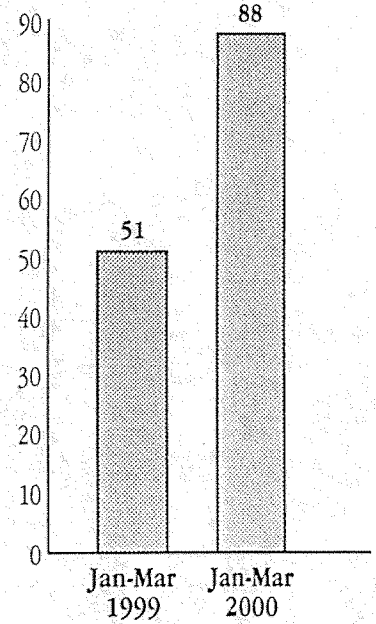
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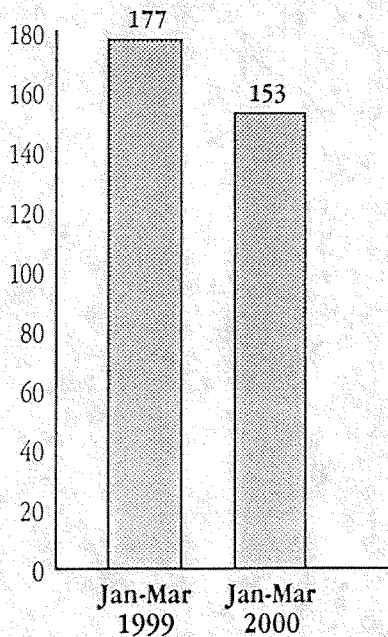
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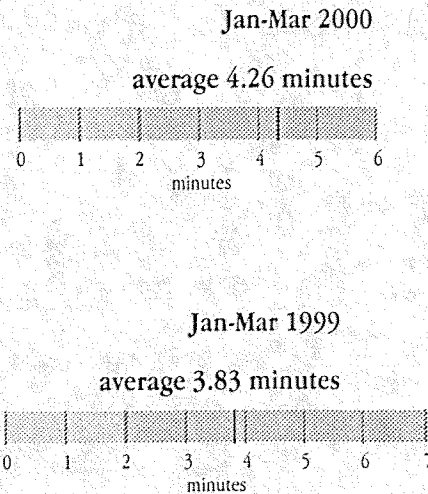
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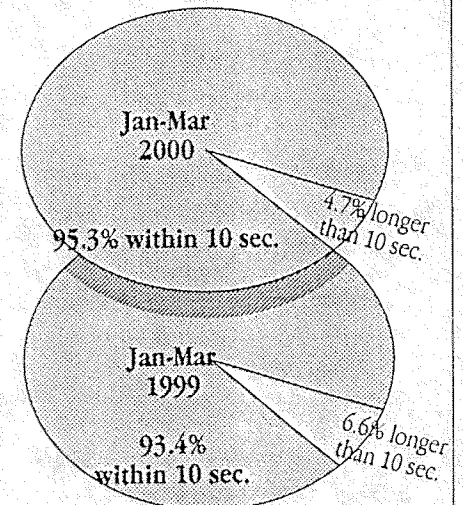
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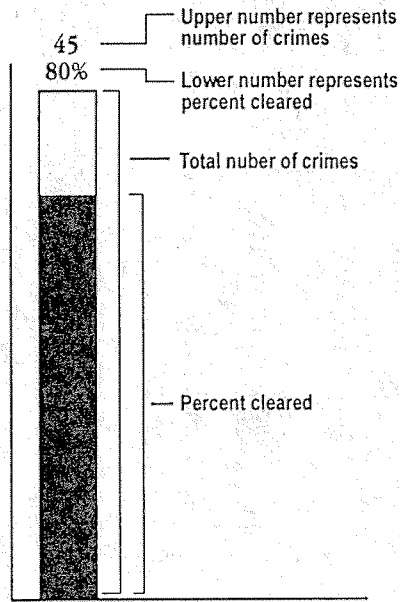
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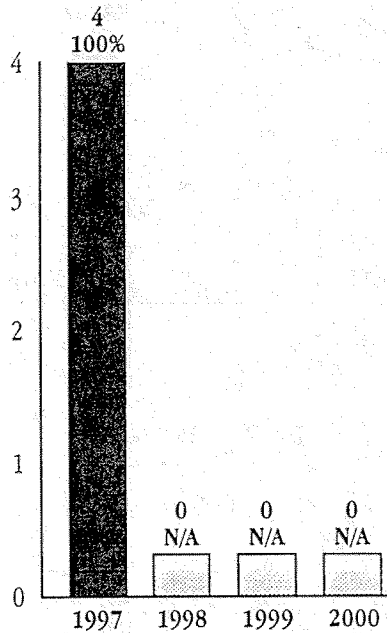


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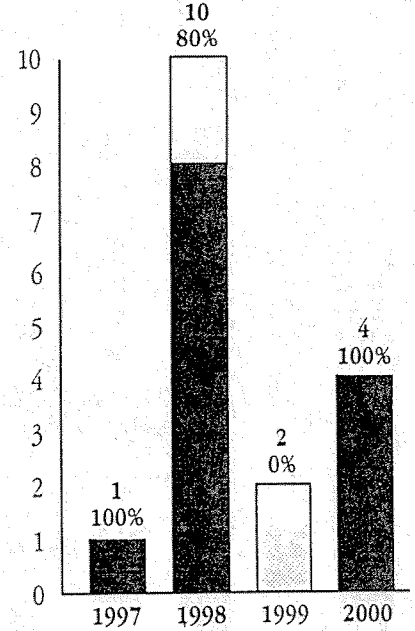
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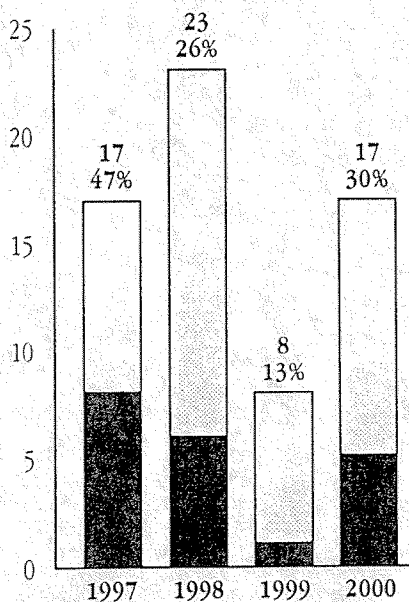
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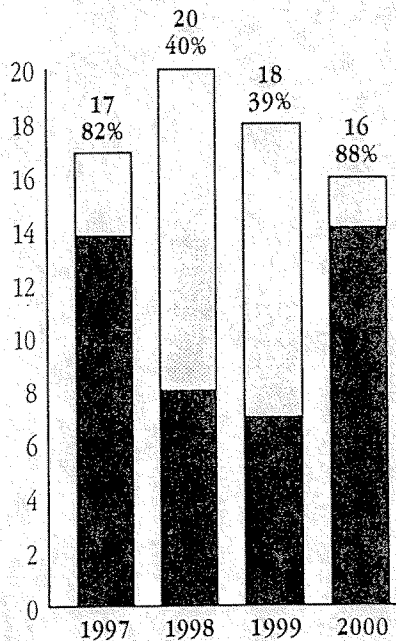
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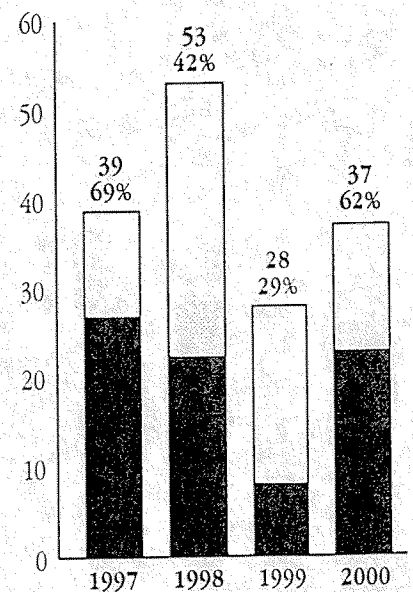
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**TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME**





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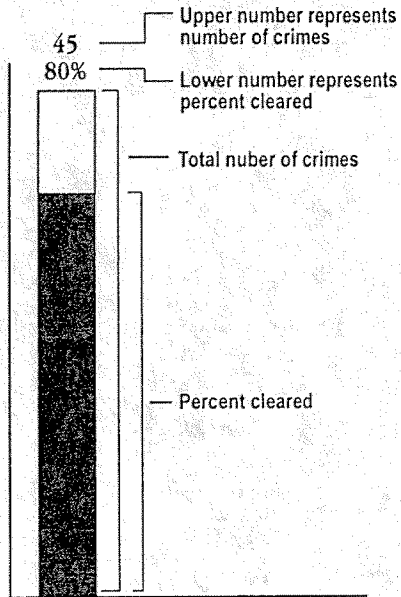
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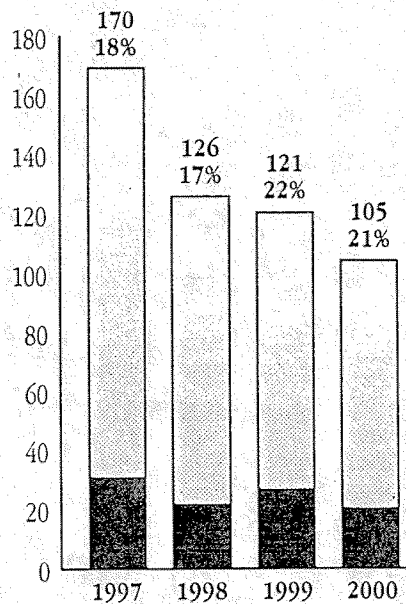


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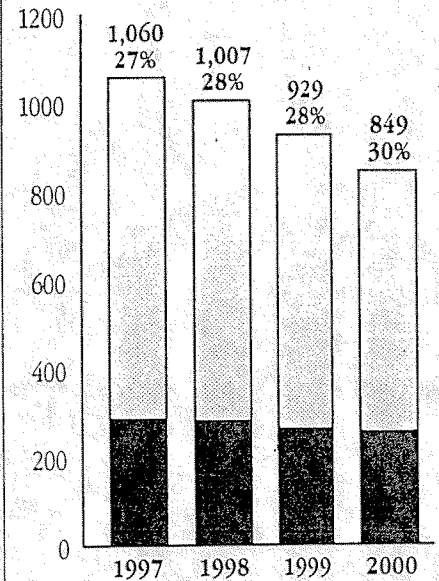
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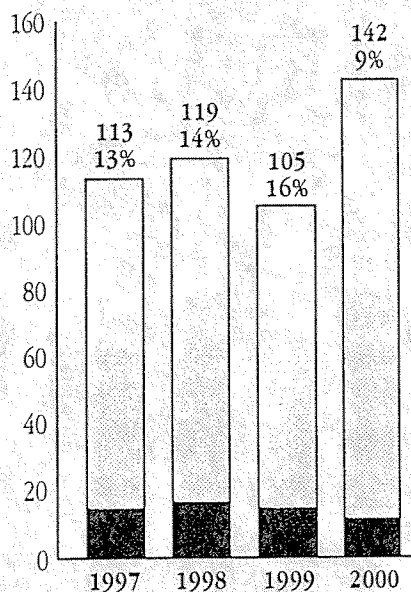
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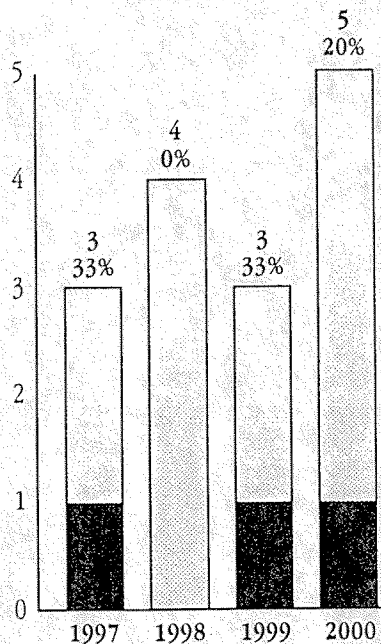
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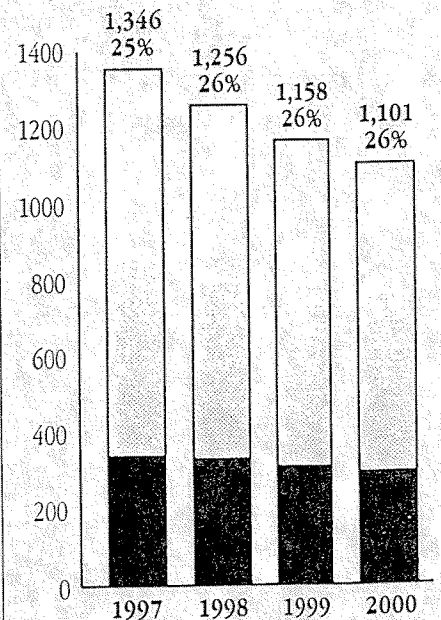
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**TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME**



## **COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION**

### **First Quarter Report- 2000**

The Community Services Section was in transition in the first quarter, with a new Commander, Bill Thomas, taking over for Tim Johnson on February 12. Other personnel changes in the Section included the move of Marcia Harnden to the PIO position, with Jim Lindquist taking her position at the Crossroads Station. Detective Mike Beckdolt retired and was replaced by Dan Mathieu, and Bicycle Officer Hoffman transferred to K-9, with that bicycle spot still open. School Resource Officer Gary Hromada took a new assignment in Training, and Officer Joe Nault filled his position.

#### **FAMILY SERVICES UNIT**

##### **Car Prowls and Strips**

- Total of prowls and strips were down 24% from 345 to 261.
- Incidents were down at City Parks and health clubs, but up in the neighborhoods.
- Plans for directed patrol with CSS participation are in progress.

##### **Domestic Violence**

- Total DV cases down 11%, from 318 to 281.
- Felony cases down 56%, from 23 to 10.
- Misd. Cases down 22%, from 171 to 134.

##### **Gangs and Youth Violence**

- Gang incidents are down 63%, from 24 to 9.
- Arrests are down 20%, from 35 to 28.
- Firearm cases are down 67%, from 3 to 1.
- Dangerous weapon cases are the same, 2 in each quarter.
- There have been a number of strong-arm robberies in the Parks this quarter, with some of these incidents involving gang associates.
- Family interventions remained at 4 this quarter.
- Group presentations increased by 38%, from 13 to 18.

##### **Special Assault**

- A total of 51 cases were investigated, some of domestic violence nature.

- Several cases were very involved, including a custodial interference case with a mail order bride from the Philippines as the suspect, and another with a stepfather as suspect in molesting the daughter.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT**

### Community Action Team

- The Team of three officers handled 181 calls, took 48 case reports, and made 28 arrests.
- They addressed a problem of transients' camping/living in the Parks. A number of trespass warnings and arrests were made. They will remain pro-active on this issue and Parks staff will notify them of future problems of this type.
- Emphasis continued at the Transit Center, with arrests for drugs, assault, disorderly conduct, and weapons.
- Bikes assisted the Robinswood High SRO on two emphasis patrols in the area around the school.
- Continued emphasis around the Galleria for MIP and youth problems.

### Community Stations

- The three Stations logged 1948 citizen visitors during business hours.
- The Factoria Station Community Watch remained active, working on four occasions.
- Rob Wood remained active with Neighborhood Network South and handled liaison duties for his area also.
- Officer Lindquist began his new position at Crossroads with many new ideas; many of which he is still working on: including an information board at the Station, planning on having volunteers call suspects with warrants to get them cleared up, setting up an internet e-mail exchange with churches and businesses, etc.
- Richard Chinn and Aura continued their work with youth, starting a self esteem group for teenagers that meets once a week, and starting a family night once a month, which includes older kids helping younger ones with homework. (50 attended this month.)

### Headquarters Officer

- Calls decreased from 364 to 218; case reports down from 131 to 69.
- Officer Murphy handled the false alarm program while Det. Beckdolt was away.
- Bob helped Training with background checks and was on the RMS committee.

### Crime Prevention

- The Unit was short one for half of the quarter. There were 24 crime prevention presentations with 593 citizens in attendance.
- Gary Felt was selected as Officer of the Year by the Wash. Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors for his support and dedication to this cause.

- False alarms are up 1% from 1001 to 1013. The majority are commercial alarms- Officer Mathieu will try to find ways to work with business to reduce this number.
- A volunteer has been found to assist with Block Watch start up and record keeping.

## **SCHOOL SERVICES UNIT**

### **DARE**

- Bob Oliver accepted a position on the Wash. State DARE Council.
- January graduations totaled 591 students.

### **Middle School SRO**

- Highlights include Mike Munko coaching the 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team at Highland, and his teaching the Cops and Docs Program.
- Total calls were 232, total meetings 230, total arrests 9, and mediations 81.

### **High School SRO**

- Calls were up from 1079 to 1166.
- Meetings were up from 1301 to 2275.
- Arrests were down from 31 to 20.
- Weapons incidents were down from 8 to 4.
- Gang incidents were up from 3 to 5.
- Drug incidents were up from 12 to 18.

## **COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

- The 18<sup>th</sup> Academy started- with 24 students.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING RESEARCH GRANT**

- Took part in a community policing exchange of information program with 9 other Departments, with Concord, CA Police Dept the lead agency.
- Lt Bourgette, Officers Chinn and Hoover visited Concord for 3 days, and then we later hosted their visit to Bellevue later. Teleconference scheduled in April.



To: Major Mike Pentony  
 From: Capt. Jim Kowalczyk  
 Subj: First Quarter Report-2000  
 Date: April 14, 2000

	1999	Through 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
• Number of crime reports per Patrol officer	344.5	345.1
• Number of crime reports taken by Patrol	2756	2761
• Number of misdemeanor arrests	657	586
• Number of felony arrests by Patrol	152	130
• Number of warrant arrests by Patrol	276	238
• Number of F.I.R. cards by Patrol	837	796
• Overtime hours for Patrol	2018.3	1689.7
• Response times by Patrol, Priority 1 incidents	3:50	4:16
• Response times by Patrol, Priority 2 incidents	8:08	8:08
• Response times by Patrol, Priority 3 incidents	14:13	12:42

### PATROL EVENTS

- February 11, multiple promotions brought the following changes/transfers to the Patrol Division: Dave Gans promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned to Operations; Mike Pentony promoted to Major and assigned as the Patrol Commander; Jim Kowalczyk and Bill Bryant promoted to Captain and assigned to Patrol; Jim Jolliffe, Mike Johnson, and Jerry Litzau promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Patrol squads, Tim Thibert promoted to Corporal and assigned to a Patrol squad.
- Four Officers graduated from the academy and entered the FTO program: Officers Sullivan, James, Mosely and Alma.
- March 13, Dave Sellers was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to a squad.
- During the first quarter, there were 6 bank robberies in Bellevue, compared to only 2 during the first quarter in 1999.
- Due to the recent promotions, there is currently one vacant Corporal position. A Corporal's test is being developed, and scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.

- March 15<sup>th</sup>: The BPD bait car was finally stolen and following a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended by Patrol Officers.

## **TACTICAL ARMS GROUP**

- Officer Damico left the team (resigned from the Department)
- Lt. Shovlin and Lt. Cercone resigned their positions as Team Leaders. Mike was a TL for 1 year and Steve was a TL for 5 years.
- Jolliffe and Sellers were promoted to Lt., and assigned as the new Team Leaders.
- In March, Team members attended the TRENPO conference in Ontario, Ca, the largest SWAT conference on the West Coast.
- In February, several Team members, along with a Hostage Negotiator were called to OHMC regarding a suicidal subject. The subject had broken out a window and was sitting on the window ledge. He was also reported to be wielding a large shard of glass and held a hostage. Three team members deployed at the scene, and the negotiator successfully talked the subject out. No injuries.
- In March, three Team members assisted ENTF with a buy-bust operation where \$70,000.00 cash was to be flashed. The TAG members were primarily responsible with protecting the detectives and the money. The bust was successful, seizing 7 lbs. of meth and a kilo of cocaine, along with numerous arrests.

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# Memo

**To:** Deputy Chief D. A. Gans  
**From:** Capt. W. A. Quinn  
**Date:** 4/13/00  
**Re:** Traffic Unit – First Quarter Report

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## Traffic Unit Highlights

### January

- January 17, Lt. Hershey was injured when his motorcycle went down as he was leaving his house. He received 5 broken ribs and various cuts and contusions and was admitted to Overlake Hospital. While in the hospital he developed life threatening blood clots. After a few days of intensive care he recovered to a stable status and was released from the hospital after an approximately two-week stay. He returned to light duty in March and is expected to return to full duty sometime in May.
- The number of citations issued department wide increased 27% over January 1999.
- Injury accidents decreased 22% compared to January 1999.
- Driving Under the Influence accidents decreased 67% compared to January 1999.
- January 29, Retired AI Lt. Earl Barnes, died as a result of cancer. Services were held on February 5. At the request of the Barnes family the whole motor unit was present in uniform.

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### February

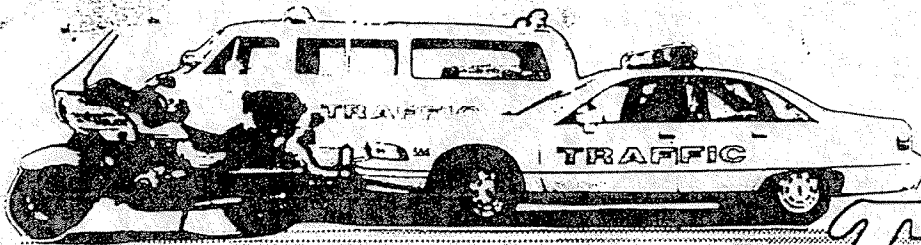
- Traffic Commander Bill Thomas was promoted to Major and took over command of the Community Services Section. Captain Bill Quinn replaced Major Thomas as the Traffic Commander.
- Citations increased 12% from February 1999.
- Injury accidents decreased 26% compared to February 1999.
- Driving Under the Influence accidents decreased 29% from February 1999.

### March

- A DUI Emphasis Patrol made up of only BPD Traffic and Patrol Officers worked St. Patrick's Day evening and arrested 10 people for DUI.
- Citations were up 45% compared to March 1999.
- Injury accidents decreased 19% compared to March 1999.
- Driving Under the Influence decreased 11% compared to March 1999.

### General Information

- The Traffic Unit has had an Accident Investigators position open for nearly a year, it is hoped that manpower will improve to the point that we can fill this position sometime this year.
- One of the two Parking PSO positions has been vacant for nearly a year and, as in the case of the AI position, hopefully we will be able to fill this position sometime this year.



# TRAFFIC

## FIRST QUARTER ACCIDENT/CITATION SUMMARY

### Citations

	Total	Last Year	% Change
Enforcement-Traffic	5213	3460	51%
Enforcement-Patrol	2136	1640	30%
Enforcement-Total	7349	5100	44%
Accident Citations	376	376	0%
Accident-Other	0		
Parking Citations	732	720	2%
Total Citations	8457	5820	45%

### DUI Arrests

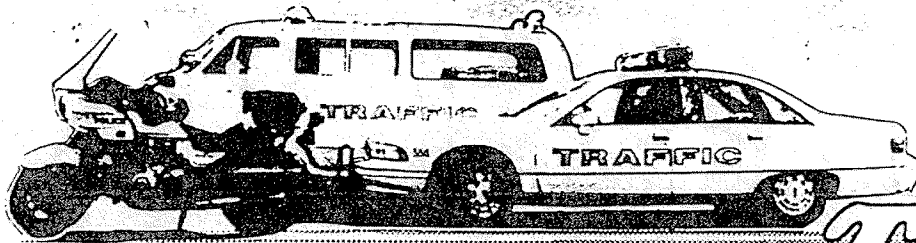
	Total	Last Year	% Change
DUI Arrests-Traffic	20	17	18%
DUI Arrests-Patrol	68	34	100%
Total DUI Arrests	88	51	73%

### Accidents Investigated

	Total	Last Year	% Change
City Street	436	432	1%
Private Property	36	35	3%
Other	5	0	
Investigated by Traffic	291	285	2%
Investigated by Patrol	186	182	2%
Total Acc. Investigated	477	467	2%

### Types of Accidents

	Total	Last Year	% Change
Number of Prop. Acc.	345	305	13%
Number of Injury Acc.	132	162	-19%
Number of Persons inj.	160	197	-19%
Number of Ped. Acc.	11	14	-21%
Number of Bicycle Acc.	3	3	0%
Number of Fatal Acc.	0	1	-100%
Number of Deaths	0	1	-100%
Number of Hit and Run	54	65	-17%
Number of DUI Acc.	8	9	-11%



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## ACCIDENT/CITATION SUMMARY

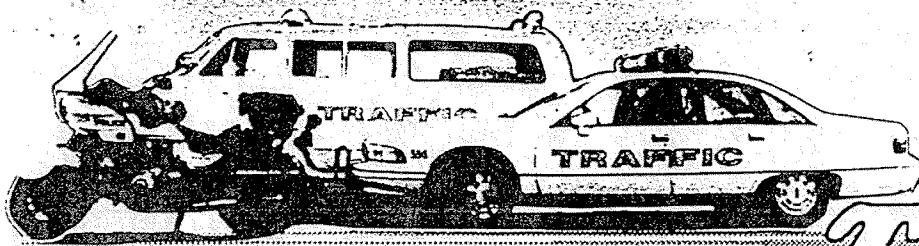
March-00

	Total	% Total	CITATIONS			
			% Change Last year-March	Total YTD	Total %	Perc. Change Last Year - YTD
Enf-Traffic	1744	70%	75%	5213	71%	51%
Enf-Patrol	752	30%	-1%	2136	29%	30%
Enf-Total	2496		42%	7349		44%
Acc. Cites	134		-4%	376		0%
Acc. Other				0		
Parking	264		0%	732		2%
Total Cites	2894		43%	8457		45%
DUI Arrests	52		225%	89		78%

	Total	% Total	ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED			
			% Change Last year-March	Total YTD	% Total	Perc. Change Last Year - YTD
City Street	149	90%	-7%	436	91%	1%
Priv. Prop	17	10%	6%	36	8%	3%
Other	0	0%		5	1%	
Traffic	107	64%	13%	291	61%	2%
Patrol	59	36%	-27%	187	39%	3%
Total	166		-6%	477		2%

	COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN BY YEAR			
	1999 YTD	2000 March	2000 YTD	% Change
Number of Property Only Accidents		121	345	
Number of Injury Accidents	162	45	132	-19%
Number of Persons Injured	197	58	160	-19%
Number of Pedestrian Accidents	14	4	11	-21%
Number of Bicycle Accidents	3	2	3	0%
Number of Fatality Accidents	1	0	0	-100%
Number of Deaths	1	0	0	-100%
Number of Hit and Run Accidents	64	19	54	-16%
Number of DUI Accidents	9	3	8	-11%

Enforcement Index = 2.9 Citations per Traffic Patrol Hours



# TRAFFIC

## DUI ARRESTS March-00

### PATROL ARRESTS

Forbush	6
Welty	4
Sanabria	3
Dudley	2
Hershberger	2
Moon	4
Rylands	2
Rasco	3
Black	2
Volpe	1
Norton	2
Adkinson	1
Poling	1
Cook	1
Carlson	1
Knudtsen	1
McCracken	1
Sehlin	1

### TRAFFIC ARRESTS

Corey	8
Elliott	4
Asheim	2

TRAFFIC TOTAL	14
PATROL TOTAL	38
DUI ARRESTS	52
TRAFFIC MAR-99	5
PATROL MAR-99	12
TOTAL MAR-99	17

### YEAR TO DATE ARRESTS

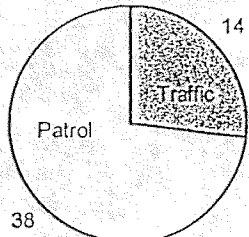
TRAFFIC	20
PATROL	68
TOTAL	88

### YEAR TO DATE - 1999

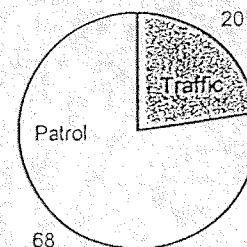
TRAFFIC	16
PATROL	35
TOTAL	51

ARRESTS MADE DURING DUI EMPHASIS PATROLS  
(NUMBERS ARE INCLUDED IN YEARLY TOTALS) 10

DUI Arrests - March 00



DUI Arrests - Year to Date



**INVESTIGATIONS SECTION  
MAJOR CRAIG TURI, SECTION COMMANDER**

**Objectives**

- Emphasis on Clearing Violent Crimes – This continues to be a high priority for the Violent Crimes Unit with Lt. Gasperetti being very diligent on tracking violent crimes to make certain they are cleared appropriately. I will update the Part 1 clearance rates for violent/property crimes under a different cover when they become available.
- Emphasis on Clearing Part 1 Property Crime – This continues as a high priority as well, however as of this writing statistics are not yet available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. It is anticipated that auto theft will still be a problem area to be addressed. During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter the Patrol Section was still not in a position to free up officers for a directed patrol effort.
- Forensic Lab – There was no action on this project during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, however the quest for Federal Funding does still appear to be quite positive with assistance from Senator Gorton and Representative Dunn. We should know during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter how much funding we could expect to receive.
- Pawn Program – This program is in operation with a volunteer assisting Det. Kleinknecht with cross-referencing stolen property from new pawn slips and the existing database. The volunteer is still in the learning process, but is progressing and we should see benefits from this program in the near future.
- Crime Statistics and Department Web Site – We have worked with the PIO on updating the Investigations Section of the Dept. web site and it is partially complete. When the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Part 1 crime statistics are available Detective Bean will place them on the web site and they will continue to be updated quarterly, as opposed to yearly in the past.
- Section Overtime – Section overtime continues to be closely monitored by the Lieutenants. Through March detectives have worked 245.25 hours of overtime, a 4% increase (9 Hrs) over the same period last year. 25% of the overtime budget has been expended through the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.



## Violent Crimes Unit

Detectives' assignments in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2000 were in marked contrast with the same period in 1999. Last year the Wilson family homicide trial and the Puget Sound Violent Crime Task Force pulled two detectives from the unit for most of the first half of the year. 2000 has begun with full and available staffing.

### Goals for the Violent Crimes Unit

Crimes against senior citizens, both through abuse and neglect, are becoming more prevalent in today's society. The Washington State Legislature is in the process of adding to, and amending, current laws addressing the problem. The investigation and successful clearance of "Elder Abuse" cases will be a priority of the Violent Crimes Unit in 2000. The Violent Crimes Unit Lieutenant is the Bellevue Police Department's contact person on the Washington St. Attorney General's Office's new "Vulnerable Adult Investigation Contact Network."

School campuses were once considered safe havens for children. Over the last few years however, across the country, school shootings are almost becoming commonplace. The Violent Crimes Unit will work in conjunction with the Community Services Unit to identify potential violent offenders; and, when crimes are committed, ensure a coordinated response.

The Violent Crimes Unit will continue its goal of maintaining high standards and exceptional performance through ongoing, specialized training; specifically in the areas of homicide investigation; sexual assault and elder abuse.

### Cases of Interest

Bellevue Police Violent Crimes Unit detectives successfully worked numerous cases in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2000. The victims were not always "victims".

- *Armed Robbery.* In a case that drew media attention, a female employee of an exclusive Bellevue Square salon claimed she was robbed at gunpoint in the mall parking lot; expensive jewelry, her purse and leather coat and pants stolen. The case detective examined parking lot security tapes, re-interviewed witnesses including insurance investigators. He timed the chain of events as she described them and confronted the "victim" with inconsistencies. The result: False Reporting charges.
- *Assault/Stabbing.* In the early morning hours outside an Overlake restaurant, a verbal dispute between "acquaintances" led to the stabbing of an East European immigrant. Eyewitness accounts given by neutral witnesses indicate the victim is both withholding information and lying. He almost certainly knows his assailant. Evidence has been sent to the WSP lab for analysis. The case is still open.

- *Attempt Murder.* In February of 2000 this 1998 case was finally brought to trial and a successful conclusion. Steven Gohl savagely beat his girlfriend and her female friend at her Bellevue apartment; both suffering permanent injuries. Gohl's "expert witnesses" bungled through attempts at "insanity/diminished capacity" defenses. He was found guilty of two counts of Attempted Murder 1<sup>st</sup> degree, in addition to several lesser charges.

#### **Violent Crimes Unit; Training Attended**

- *Investigating Elder Abuse Conference.* (5 days)
- *Terrorism in Our Schools Conference.* (1 day)

## **Property Crimes Unit**

Part One property crimes increased by 2.5% in 1999, yet the Property Crimes Unit managed to clear 53% of cases assigned which is a 2% increase over 1998. This same focus will remain for the year 2000, to maintain a clearance above the 50% level.

### **Goals for the Property Crimes Unit**

*The investigation of motor vehicle thefts* will continue to be a priority of the Property Crimes Unit in 2000. Car crimes continue to be the leading crime in this community. In 1999, 14% more vehicles were stolen than in 1998. It is hoped that proven strategies, such as the two-officer pro-ac team, can be reinstated in 2000. Increased and ongoing dialogue with the King County Prosecutor's Office regarding effective investigations and filing standards for car thefts will continue to be pursued. This can be achieved both through the close tracking of cases and through the participation of the "P.A.'s" office in regional meetings.

*A closer monitoring of pawnshops* is another goal in 2000. A volunteer has been added to assist the part-time Pawn Detective. The volunteer will maintain and update the current lockout list, and will cross reference current pawn slips to current Bellevue Crime Reports to determine matches on stolen property. The volunteer will also check the daily pawn slips received to ensure that prohibited persons are not pawning property. By utilizing the volunteer for this purpose, the Pawn Detective will be able to devote more time to investigations.

## Cases of Interest

- ◆ In February, a suspect broke into a locker at "Iron Works" gym and stole a "Rolex" watch valued at over \$20,000.00. This suspect and another suspect then attempted to pawn the watch at a local pawnshop. The pawn was refused and the suspect left. The following day, the suspect returned and attempted to pawn a computer. The pawnshop called the police and the suspect was arrested. The interview with the suspect revealed that he had given the watch to a friend who had pawned it at a pawnshop in the City of Federal Way. The initial transaction was recorded on videotape and the second suspect was identified and interviewed. He also confirmed the watch was sold and identified the pawnshop. He received \$2,900.00 cash for the watch, which was recovered at the time of his arrest. A search warrant was served at the Federal Way pawnshop. Detectives determined that the pawnshop owner did not properly record the transaction and recovered the stolen watch from a second source. In addition to felony theft charges being filed on the two suspects, the pawnshop owner will face charges for the violations in Federal Way.
  
- ◆ Also in February, a suspect smashed a window and entered "Enterprise Rent A Car". After searching through the offices, the suspect set fire to the building and stole a 2000 Nissan Maxima. Damage to the business was estimated to be in excess of \$100,000.00. Bellevue detectives investigated the arson with the assistance of Bellevue Fire. Approximately three weeks later, Federal Way Police stopped the vehicle and arrested a lone female driver. Bellevue detectives responded to interview the suspect and it was learned that she was the wife of a subject wanted in connection to several commercial burglaries in Bellevue. She admitted that her husband gave the car to her. The husband was located and arrested. During the interview, the suspect admitted to breaking into the business, stealing the vehicle and setting fire to the business. He stated that he was frustrated because he did not find any cash in the business, therefore threw a lighted book of matches into a trash container. Arson, Burglary and Auto Theft charges have been filed with the King County Prosecutors Office.
  
- ◆ The Bellevue Police Department has employed a "bait car" as a tool to apprehend motor vehicle thieves. This vehicle is placed in areas where there is a high incidence of vehicle thefts and on this occasion was placed at Bellevue Square. In March, a male suspect, who is an alarm installer at Computer City entered and stole the vehicle. To facilitate starting the vehicle, he forcibly removed the ignition from the steering column. The vehicle was tracked from Bellevue Square to Southbound I-405 where the vehicle was trapped in traffic. Uniformed patrol officers arrested the suspect without incident. The suspect admitted to this theft as well as three other motor vehicle thefts in other jurisdictions. He stated that he was stealing the vehicle in order to remove the axles for replacements on his own vehicle. This suspect has one prior arrest for auto theft. Charges have been filed with the King County Prosecutors office.

### **Accomplishments of the Property Unit**

Detective Lynch will be attending a Polygraph Examiners Course in San Diego, California. This is an intense seven-week course and upon completion will certify him as a Polygraph Examiner.

Detectives from the Property Unit will be joining other detectives throughout the region in an effort to explore possible ways to share pawnshop information regionally. Currently, pawnshops are required to report only to the agency in their jurisdiction. There is no current way to share this information.

The Property Unit continues to host monthly meetings of the Auto Theft Roundtable. Local detectives and insurance agency personnel meet for the purpose of discussing the latest trends in Auto Theft. Recently, information shared at this meeting led to the arrest of a known auto theft ring that has been stealing late model Honda cars, stripping them and selling the parts to local car clubs.

## **Fraud and Organized Crime Unit**

### ***Goals for the Fraud and Organized Crime Unit***

Since the first quarter started one main pro-active approach to white collar crime has been to make community education a priority, both in the public and private sectors. Presentations to impacted businesses and the use of the DBA fax tree are two methods that have been used in addition to TV news stories. Lt. Mott has joined the DBA and attends their monthly meeting and he has presented short training sessions. The Fraud Unit believes the high tech crime problem is considerable, but our belief is based on perception, not hard data. There is no reliable data on the extent of these crimes, because much of it is not reported to the police. Sometimes crime is undetected, but most often it is a business decision not to report it to the police. There is concern that negative information about the business or company will become public information once it is reported. There is also concern the police will have access to proprietary information, which is not related to the crime.

If crime is not reported, then as far as the police are concerned, it did not happen. Through education and trust we are trying to break down some of this non-reporting and allow us to serve the victim business with a quality investigation.

We are currently in the process of updating the Department Web Site with fraud alerts, information regarding how to prevent fraud and how to help recover from identity thefts.

It should be noted that AFIS has been a tremendous tool for our 1st quarter investigations in combating counterfeit checks. The AFIS system assisted in the identification of approximately 121 suspects through fingerprints on these checks.

The unit now has one investigator who is attending a program to allow him to be a Certified Fraud Investigator. This program is on a national level and will bring to the unit a high level of respect in the law enforcement community.

### ***Cases of Interest***

On January 1, 2000, a stolen check written at Larry's Market in Bellevue was cashed for over a \$1,000.00. It was determined that the check was stolen in a car prowling in front of a day care center. This case led to additional cases where purses, wallets, credit cards and ID were stolen from cars parked in front of day care centers in Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond and Bellevue. The suspect was identified as being responsible after she attempted to make a purchase on January 5, 2000, using a stolen credit card at Nordstrom. In an attempt to flee she left her wallet behind containing her true identity. Investigators located her and arrested her for 8 counts of Theft in the First Degree and 8 counts of Forgery.

In February a woman employed as the office manager at a local company committed a relatively unusual fraud. As a "normal" business task the office manager would contact AT&T and GTE for telephone services. Since this was a regular duty of the office manager authorization from her supervisor was never required. Over a period of approximately 1.5 years this office manager was ordering new telephone numbers under the name of the business. These telephone numbers

would accept collect telephone calls without voice approval required for each call. She then provided the business telephone numbers to her husband, so that he could call her without either of them having to pay the long distance charges. It was long distance in that her husband was, and still is, an inmate at the Clallam Bay State Prison. He is currently serving time for armed robbery in Washington and once that sentence is completed he will be serving additional time for armed robbery in California. The total long distance telephone calls fraudulently obtained amounted to over \$6,500. The office manager was arrested and was charged with Theft in the First Degree.

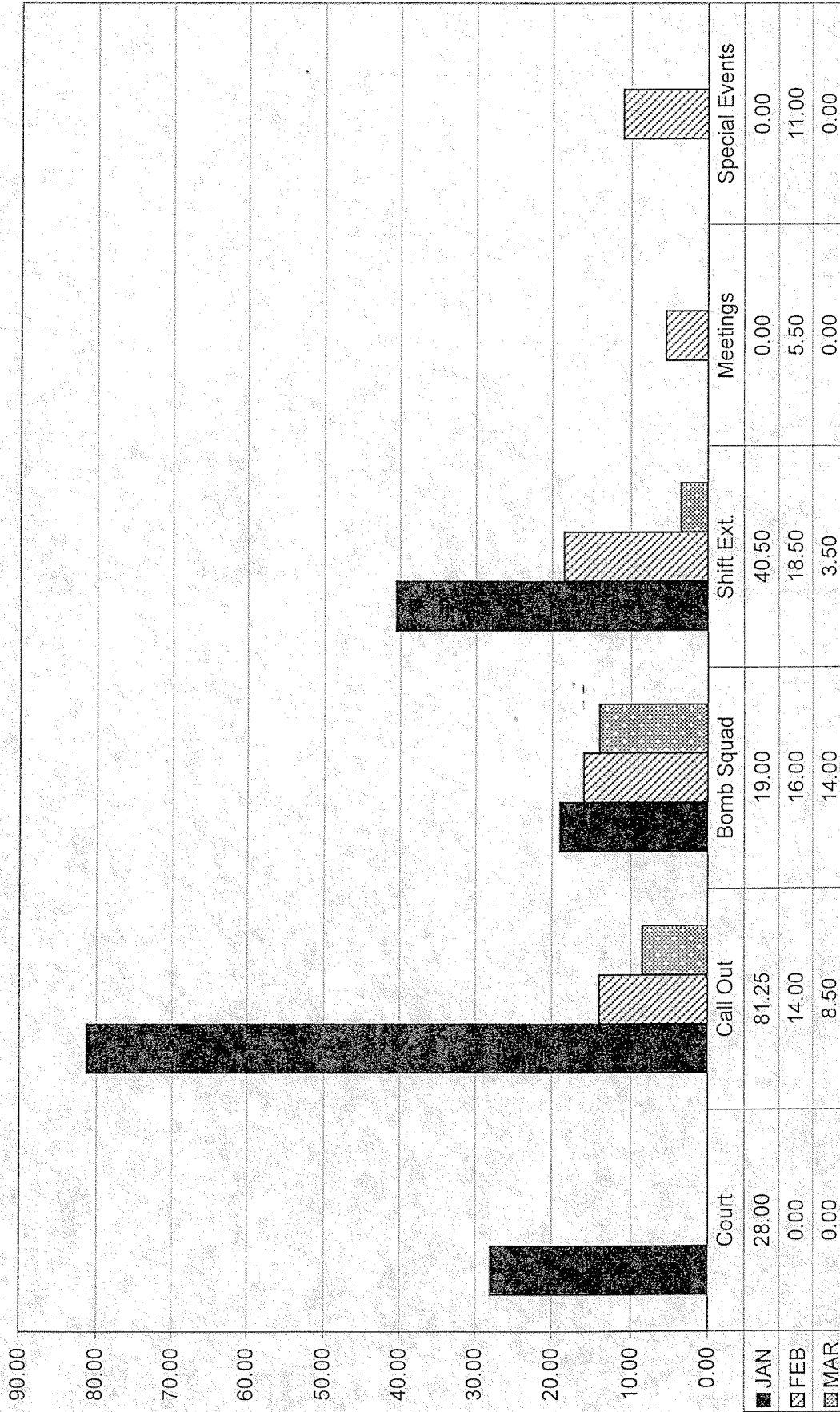
On March 9th, 2000, two suspects were arrested at a local branch of the Bank of America for attempting to pass a counterfeit/forged check in another person's name for \$3,250.00. The previous day the pair had passed a similar check for \$13,000.00. We are seeing more counterfeit checks being passed at banks and business at a rate that appears to be climbing. Training and creating good communications between our local banks and the Fraud Unit will hopefully slow this crime.

# YEARLY STATS COMPARISON

QTR	YEAR	SPEC EVENTS	SHIFT EXT	CALL OUT	MISC	WEEKEND 1200-2000 hrs	TOTALS
1st	1997	43.25	471.00	113.50	82.25	145.50	855.50
	1998	44.75	89.00	58.75	109.50	72.00	374.00
	1999	12.00	103.00	61.00	43.50	16.50	236.00
	2000	32.00	101.50	57.00	41.50	13.25	245.25
2nd	1997	53.00	350.75	99.00	0.00	84.50	587.25
	1998	49.50	59.00	35.00	18.00	58.50	220.00
	1999	63.75	184.25	84.50	53.25	24.50	410.25
3rd	1997	7.50	234.00	35.75	47.75	34.50	359.50
	1998	30.00	106.75	28.00	49.75	40.25	254.75
	1999	47.00	73.25	109.25	26.00	19.25	274.75
4th	1997	22.50	74.00	45.25	38.00	95.50	275.25
	1998	44.50	135.25	33.50	22.50	29.00	264.75
	1999	55.50	111.75	95.75	91.00	34.50	388.50



# FIRST QUARTER OT - DETS



# EASTSIDE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR 1999

The Eastside Narcotics Task Force is comprised of five local Police Agencies on the Eastside of King County, which contribute personnel and resources. These agencies include Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Issaquah, along with a King County Prosecutor, a secretary and an Intelligence Officer from the National Guard. A Bellevue Police Captain commands the Task Force, and reports to the Chiefs of Police of the member departments. A Bellevue Police Department Lieutenant supervises the detectives.

The Eastside Narcotics Task Force is assigned the responsibility to investigate narcotic activity within its jurisdictional boundaries, or within King County. The primary focus of the Task Force is to detect and arrest individuals and/or organizations involved in this narcotic activity, to aggressively pursue the source, and to make drug dealing on the Eastside less profitable through incarceration and property forfeiture.

1999 saw several major changes for the Eastside Narcotics Task Force: The long awaited move to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Leavitt Building took place, giving all personnel a lot more room and a much more comfortable working environment. The new year saw three new detectives start their undercover careers and the temporary loss of a fourth Detective back to its parent agency do to personnel shortages. In July of last year a DEA Agent (Drug Enforcement Administration) joined the Task Force in exchange for Bellevue assigning one of its four Narcotic Detectives assigned to the Northwest HIDTA Integrated DEA State and Local Task Force which is based in Seattle. This exchange has proven beneficial and very productive to both Task Forces. The last change occurred in October 1999, when the Narcotic Detection Dog team of Officer John Jesson and K9-Dollar were assigned to the ENTF office.

### **Specific Investigations of Interest:**

The Eastside Narcotics Task Force is involved in a wide variety of investigations and cases, which makes it difficult to select the best cases. The following is a sampling of what the ENTF detectives encountered in 1999.

January 14: Working with the King County vice Unit, ENTF detectives set up a sting operation in a local hotel for escort services. A total of six individuals were arrested for Prostitution and prostitution-related charges. Later in the year, another sting was set up and several more persons were arrested for similar charges.

March 5: Methamphetamine has seen an enormous increase in the King County Area, and on this date, it came close to home. A traffic stop by a Patrol Officer right outside the Leavitt Building and City Hall results in the discovery of a mobile Meth-Lab inside the vehicle. The area was cordoned off while the BFD Haz-Mat team responded. Detectives and Police Administrators along with other city employees watched out their

windows while the dangerous chemicals were collected and disposed of. The two suspects, who had purchased many of the necessary chemicals for production right here in Bellevue, were arrested and booked for the possession and manufacture of this dangerous narcotic.

April 9: A long term investigation by ENTF leads detectives to a house in Redmond where a search warrant for a marijuana grow operation is obtained. 370 marijuana plants are discovered in the basement of the residence, along with several pounds of processed bud packaged ready for sale. ENTF seized two vehicles, cash and computers from the two suspects.

October 29: An ENTF detective learned that a marijuana merchant was recruiting Redmond High School students to sell his imported BC bud to the local teens. The suspect was using heavy-handed fear tactics to intimidate his young dealers. The suspect went so far as to kidnap one person at gunpoint, assault others, and destroy vehicles and property of his recruited salesmen when they did not pay on time. Because the suspect's actions were escalating, the investigation took a shortcut and the suspect arrested before we could infiltrate this rather large marijuana import operation. A search warrant was served on the suspect's vehicle and apartment. \$16,954.00 in cash was seized from the 1995 Cadillac the suspect drove. 5 pounds of BC bud and two handguns were located in his apartment. Due to the exceptional investigation and report submitted by the detective, the suspect's attorney persuaded him to plea-bargain to various drug and assault charges. He received 49 months minimum. Even the defense attorney admitted that his client was only a short time away from committing a homicide when we arrested him.

November 2: A long-term investigation leads ENTF to an apartment in Woodinville, where another importer of high quality BC bud is busy selling his wares. A warrant is served and his apartment entered as the suspect is sitting at the kitchen table, counting his ill-gotten cash. Two suspects are arrested, over 15 pounds of marijuana, and \$10,294.00 cash seized from the table where it was being counted. Two high priced vehicles and two jet skis were also seized.

November 9: The narcotics equivalent of the tri-fecta came to be during a long-term marijuana growing investigation. Three suspects were utilizing three houses next to each other for producing high-grade marijuana. They were all inter-related and very surprised when ENTF came knocking. In all, 270 plants were seized, \$3225.00 cash and a vehicle. Conspiracy charges are pending.

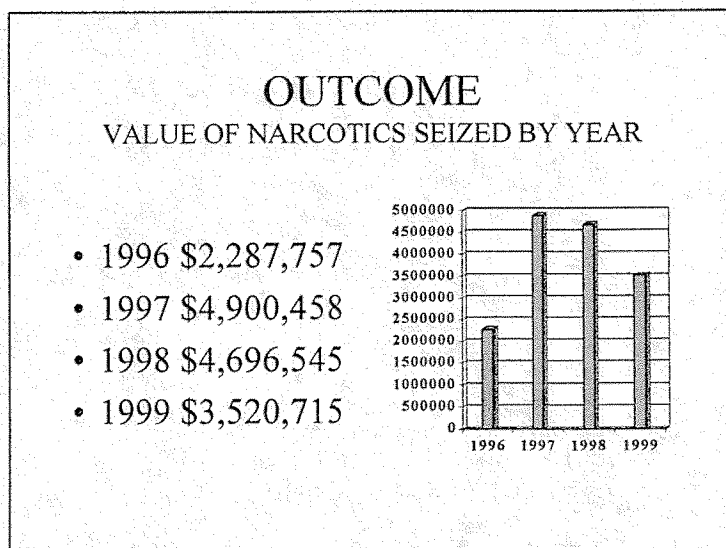
December 15: While conducting a buy walk at a house in Seattle that was supplying crack to Eastsiders, the confidential informant was assaulted and robbed of the ENTF buy money. The investigation continued, a warrant obtained, and ultimately 6 suspects were arrested, over \$16,000.00 cash, 105 grams of crack cocaine, two handguns and a vehicle were seized. Robbery charges were filed, as well as the VUCSA charges.

December 21: Thanks to our newly acquired DEA agent, several high level buy-walks were made with Federal money. Eventually, a buy-bust was set up and over one kilo of

high-grade cocaine was seized. From this, two search warrants were developed, and several more ounces of cocaine seized, along with \$1255.00 and two vehicles.

### 1999 YEARLY ACTIVITY:

The year 1999 saw a substantive increase in the seizure of hard drugs compared to 1998. Crack cocaine was the largest increase, up 2739 %. Also seeing an increase was cocaine powder (+144 %), heroin (+343 %) and methamphetamine (+97 %). ENTF detectives also seized 85 guns, 42 vehicles, and \$118,875.00 in cash. Combining all drug and asset seizures for the year, the Task Force totaled \$4,863,284.00. 1740 training hours were also accumulated by ENTF personnel.

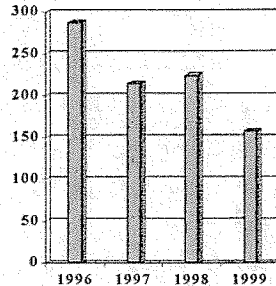


- Last year ENTF seized \$3,520,715 of illegal drugs as compared to \$4,696,545 during 1998.
- The Task Force made one hundred thirty (130) felony drug arrest and twenty-three additional felony suspects were charged without arrest.
- During 1999, ENTF initiated two hundred fifty-four (254) criminal investigations and closed by arrest, filing and exceptional one hundred fifty-eight cases.
- One hundred twenty-two new tip sheets were investigated during 1998.
- Last year ENTF purchased \$49,660.13 worth of evidence and criminal information related to narcotic investigations.
- During 1999, forty-six (46) marihuana grow investigations were initiated and eighteen (18) marihuana grow operations were shut down.
- ENTF made twenty-seven (27) wire applications and cultivated seventy-six (76) informants during 1999

## EFFECTIVENESS

NUMBER OF CASES CLEARED BY ARREST INCLUDING CLEARANCE EXCEPTIONAL

- 1996 288
- 1997 215
- 1998 225
- 1999 158
- (Clearance Exceptional includes: Closed Arrest/Summons; Closed Other; Unfounded.)

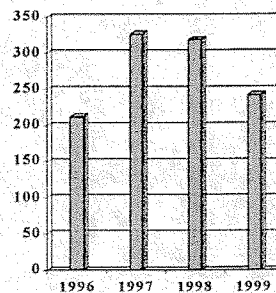


- The Task Force had a total of two hundred forty-three (243) enforcement actions during 1999 including: sixty-four (64) search warrants; nineteen (19) "knock & talk" searches; one hundred thirty-one (131) controlled buys; and twenty-nine (29) undercover buys.

## WORKLOAD

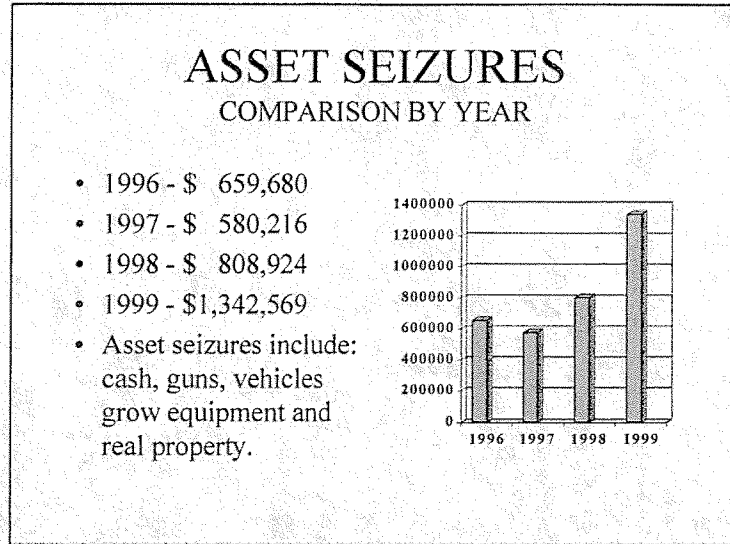
NUMBER OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- 1996 213
- 1997 327
- 1998 319
- 1999 243
- (Search Warrants, Knock & Talk Searches, Undercover buys, Controlled buys.)



- The total value of seized assets was \$1,342,569 in 1999 and this was considerably higher than the \$800,000 that was estimated.
- The actual forfeited revenue that was placed into seizure accounts amounted to \$282,867.
- ENTF converted three (3) vehicles, two (2) bicycles, one (1) Benelli 12 gauge Shotgun and a Gun Safe to narcotic enforcement use.

- Last year ENTF joined the "Statewide Marihuana Eradication Program" in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Washington State Patrol. A mobile wireless video surveillance system was purchased under this program which reimbursed the Task Force \$12,875.60 for this equipment purchase.



- The Task Force purchased a GPS Tracking System from an Orion Electronics Limited for \$15,200,utilizing seizure funds. This equipment will be of tremendous benefit in tracking the movements of criminals trafficking in narcotics.

From year to year, the single most important issue that impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of the Task Force is the constant turnover of personnel. It takes a minimum of six months to adequately train a new detective assigned before he begins to be effective and have a impact in his assignment at the Task Force. Currently the Task Force consists of veteran detectives but we are still operating one detective short. The year 2000 will see a new lieutenant beginning his tour February 12th and a new Commander and Detective beginning tours in September. We are still operating one detective short and I am hoping that that position will be filled in the next few months. Two new detectives will begin their tours in January 2001. Even with these changes, I am anticipating that the caseload narcotics seizures and asset seizures will increase significantly in the year 2000. The number one priority of this unit will always remain legal and effective narcotic enforcement with the emphasis on safety of the officers, citizens and criminal suspects.