# 2013 Annual Report BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT







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Bellevue Police Officers stand ready to protect the city 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

### The Bellevue Police Department is committed to public safety.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe place to live, work and visit through quality law enforcement. We are committed to serving the public with respect, accountability and integrity.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

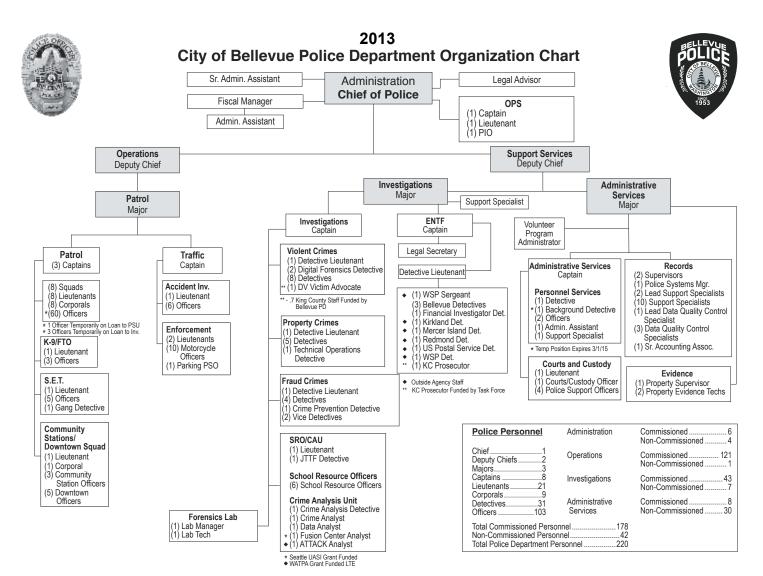
**Respect:** We begin by treating others as we would like to be treated. We are fair and considerate in what we do.

**Integrity:** We are honest, ethical, steadfast and always strive to do the right thing. We lead by example.

**Accountability:** On all levels we take responsibility for our actions and decisions.

**Service:** We are active and committed to providing exceptional service to our community through teamwork, innovation and education.

Safety • Working Smarter • Relations





I am proud to present you with the 2013 Annual Report for the Bellevue Police Department.

The men and women of this department continually deliver an outstanding level of service to our community every year, working hand in hand with our citizens to keep Bellevue one of the safest cities in the Northwest in which to live, work, and play. In 2013, serious crimes in Bellevue declined to the lowest rate in the last five years. Some of the highlights of our accomplishments in 2013 include:

- Online crime reporting made available to citizens and businesses, creating a quick and easy way for citizens to report non-emergency crimes.
- Held two community academies in 2013, acquainting Bellevue residents with the operations of the department.
- Continued to battle human trafficking and exploitation through the efforts of the VICE unit.
- Managed several high profile special events and dignitary visits without incident.
- Awarded international CALEA reaccreditation for best practices.
- Deployment/staffing study led to updating police districts to increase efficiency and balance work load (with help from the City Attorney's Office and NORCOM).
- Led formation of regional investigative team, KCIRT.
- Aggressive burglary emphasis, including fast response times and alert Patrol and Traffic Officers, led to over 60 arrests in 2013.
- Deployed smart-phones to all uniformed officers, compliments of the Bellevue Police Foundation.

We value the support of our citizens and elected officials and strive to maintain the public trust. The Bellevue Police Foundation and the Bellevue Diversity Focus Group remain an integral part of building the vital partnerships between the police and the community.

The safety that our city enjoys is due to the commitment of our outstanding group of officers and support staff. This amazing team of dedicated, caring and highly-trained people is the reason the Bellevue Police Department has a reputation for being one of the finest police departments in the nation.

I am pleased to provide you with this annual report. This report summarizes our accomplishments, crime statistics, and performance measures to help you better understand the programs and specialty units contained within our department. I hope this report will enhance your pride in your Bellevue Police Department.

I'd also like to recognize the service of Chief Linda Pillo, who retired in the spring of 2014. We wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

Chief James Montgomery

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

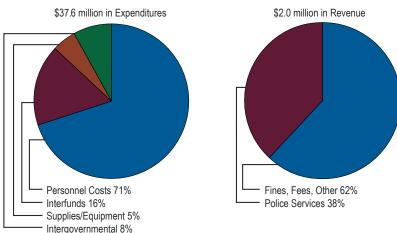
- 2 Deputy Chiefs
- 1 Fiscal Manager
- 1 Legal Advisor
- 1 Senior Administrative Assistant
- 1 Administrative Assistant

### 2013 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2013 was a challenging year financially for the Police Department, but despite consistently being shorthanded in Patrol which drove overtime costs overbudget by almost \$600K, as well as having jail costs for the first time in ten years also exceed its budget, the Department still managed to finish under its \$37.7 million target by about \$80,000. Savings were realized in supply and contract purchases, as well as in selected personnel line items such as temporary help. Also, the Department billed out a record \$147,000 in overtime costs to outside agencies for services such as flagging and crowd control, helping to reduce overall personnel cost. The vast majority (71%) of the Department's total expenditures went toward personnel costs, supporting 178 commissioned officers and 41 professional support staff at year-end.

Grant income in 2013 totaled \$431,000, funding important programs such as the Eastside Narcotics Task Force, the Special Enforcement Team, the Bellevue Special Weapons and Tactics Team, and Homeland Security training, Crime Analysis staffing, and traffic and school safety. In addition, the Bellevue Police Foundation, an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting the Police Department, contributed \$114,000 for much of the same purposes, emphasizing specialized officer equipment, including the

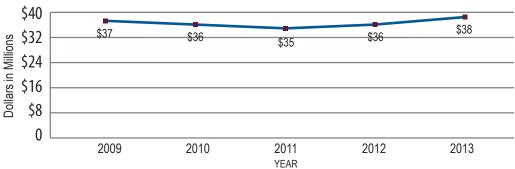
### **Expenditures and Revenues**



deployment of smartphones to all first responders. The Foundation is now in its fifth full year of operation, and greatly enhances the Department's ability to keep Bellevue one of the safest cities in the state.

The Department also generated close to \$2 million in revenue for the City in 2013, with income from traffic fines, and reimbursements for police services being the major contributors.

### Police Department Budget 2009–2013



#### **OPS**

- 1 Captain
- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Public Information Officer

### OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



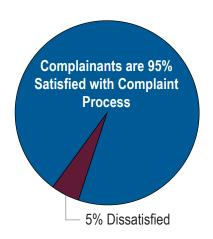
The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) has several areas of responsibilities, including Internal Affairs Investigations, Accreditation Management, Public Information and Policy Management. OPS reports directly to the Chief

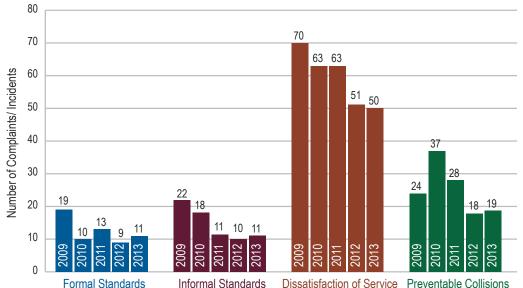
of Police and is staffed by a captain, lieutenant, and a public information officer. The Department legal advisor works closely with OPS.

OPS investigates internal and external complaints of alleged employee misconduct, violations of rules and regulations, and violations of law.

The Police Department has attained the highest level of law enforcement accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Bellevue is a "Flagship" agency which represents an extraordinary example of excellence in public safety.

### **OPS Key Performance Measures**





Formal Standards investigations will be conducted for more serious allegations Informal Standards investigations will be conducted for minor alleged violations. The maximum action for sustained findings is a written reprimand.

Dissatisfaction with Service investigations involve complaints received regarding the quality of service delivery. These complaints include concerns regarding customer service or the nature of department practices.

Preventable Collisions are accidents which reasonably could have been prevented.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is a commissioned police officer rotated into the assignment every three to five years. The function of the PIO is to represent the Chief of Police and the Police Department to the community and to the media. The PIO coordinates timely responses to media inquiries, provides information about police incidents, and informs and educates the public about safety issues. The PIO maintains the department's internet and intranet pages, social media outlets, and various other information sources.

### **About Bellevue**

Type of Government: City Council/City Manager Incorporated: 1953

### **Population:**

Bellevue: 133,990

King County: 2.04 million Washington State: 6.97 million

### Area

Square Miles: 33.4

Borders Lake Washington and

Lake Sammamish

Parks: 80 (2,690 acres)

### **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

### Perceptions of Safety in Neighborhoods and Downtown

Keeping with the trend over the past several years, residents feel safe in downtown Bellevue during the day. More than four out of five (81%) of residents say they feel very safe walking alone in the downtown business area during the day.

Perceptions of safety in all areas have decreased slightly from 2012. It is noteworthy that perceptions of safety while walking alone in neighborhoods in general significantly decreased with 60% feeling "very safe" in 2013 down from 71% in 2012.

Males feel significantly safer in their neighborhoods (during the day and after dark) than females. Males also feel safer downtown after dark.

Residents under age 35 perceive the downtown business area as safe significantly more than do older residents.

Downtown and NW Bellevue are rated as the safest neighborhoods in general. Downtown is also the safest neighborhood after dark. The greatest differences in neighborhood safety in general and after dark are in Crossroads (average overall, low after dark) and Factoria/ Eastgate (average overall, low after dark).

# Ratings of Neighborhood Safety by Neighborhood

	Neighborhood in General	Neighborhood After Dark		
Scale of 1 to 5, 1 bei	5, 1 being very unsafe, 5 being very safe			
Downtown	4.71	4.48		
Northwest Bellevue	4.70	4.33		
Northeast Bellevue	4.65	4.39		
Newport Hills	4.64	4.29		
Cougar Mountain	4.54	4.24		
Woodridge	4.54	4.19		
Somerset	4.52	4.16		
West Lake Hills	4.48	4.04		
West Bellevue	4.46	4.00		
Sammamish/East Lake Hills	4.43	3.94		
Factoria/Eastgate	4.39	3.90		
Wilburton	4.36	4.01		
Crossroads	4.28	3.71		
Bridle Trails/Bel-Red	4.44	4.00		

# Perceptions of Safety in Neighborhoods and Downtown

		2011	2012	2013
Walking alone in	% Very Safe	83%	84%	81%
downtown business area	% Safe	17%	16%	18%
during the day	% Unsafe	<1%	_	1%
	Mean	4.83	4.84	4.80
Walking alone in	% Very Safe	70%	71%	60%
neighborhood in general	% Safe	29%	28%	38%
	% Unsafe	1%	1%	3%
	Mean	4.69	4.68	4.54
Walking alone in	% Very Safe	45%	45%	40%
downtown business area after dark	% Safe	47%	48%	54%
allel dark	% Unsafe	8%	7%	6%
	Mean	4.27	4.31	4.26
Walking alone in	% Very Safe	45%	47%	41%
neighborhood after dark	% Safe	45%	43%	50%
	% Unsafe	11%	10%	9%
	Mean	4.21	4.26	4.20

Perceptions of Safety in Neighborhoods and Downtown and Police Contact taken from 2013 Bellevue Performance Measures Survey

The City of Bellevue 2013 Performance Measures Survey Report is available at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/citizen\_outreach\_performance.htm



Corporal Dave Deffenbaugh talks to attendees of the 4th of July celebration at Downtown Park.

### **Police Contact**

Nearly one in four (23%) Bellevue residents had contact with the police in the past year; this is slightly but not significantly less than in 2012 (27%).

Most contacts were to report a crime (16%); this is significantly less than in 2012 (30%). The second most frequent contacts were a routine traffic stop (13%) and a traffic accident (11%). Only one percent (1%) of those with police contact indicated that they were a victim of a crime.

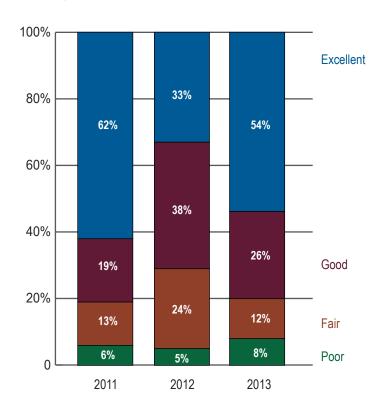
Eight out of ten (80%) residents who had contact with the police reported a positive experience; 54 percent excellent and 26 percent good. The percent excellent is a significant increase from 2012 (33%).

### **Police Contact**

	Type of Contact				
Satisfaction Rating	Report a Crime	Routine Traffic Stop			
Excellent	47%	44%			
Good	28%	20%			
Fair	11%	20%			
Poor	14%	15%			

Bellevue residents report that their primary source of information about the police is the media:
Bellevue Reporter (11%),
Seattle Times (17%),
radio or television (16%).

### **Ratings of all Police Contact**



### **OPERATIONS**

The Operations Section consists of Patrol, Traffic and several specialty units, led by one major, three captains, eight lieutenants, and eight corporals.

### **Patrol**

- 1 Major
- 3 Captains
- 8 Squads
- 8 Lieutenants
- 8 Corporals
- 60 Officers

### **PATROL**

Patrol, which includes the Traffic Unit, is the largest and most visible section in the Department. Other units within Patrol include the Special Enforcement Team (SET), the Downtown Unit, and K-9 Unit. Specialty assignments in Patrol include Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Bomb Squad, Hostage Negotiators, Crowd Control, Crime Scene Investigators (CSI), Field Training Officers (FTO), and Honor Guard. In 2013, Patrol made 273 felony arrests, 1,218 misdemeanor arrests, and 432 warrant arrests.

In May of 2013, the Bellevue Police Department started a project to bring smartphones to all officers and investigators in the Department. A smartphone gives the officer instant access to dispatch calls, suspect photos, tracking apps, and criminal intelligence. After some extensive research and testing, the Police Department decided that the Apple iPhone5 was the best option for quality of device and security. The Bellevue Police Foundation gave the department a generous grant to purchase the phones for every commissioned officer in the Department. The grant covered the purchase of the device, accessories and a public safety app that allows officers to communicate on encrypted channels via voice and text. The City of Bellevue IT Department developed applications specifically for officer use. The main app is called the FIRMobile application. This allows the officer to scan driver's licenses and vehicle registrations of people they contact and upload the contact to a central database. This replaces the traditional paper FIR (Field Interview Report) card.



Officer Scott Montgomery uses a Mobile Data Computer (MDC) to check calls for service.



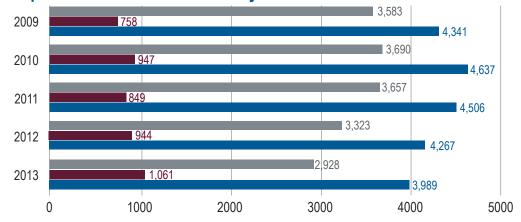
The Department launched online reporting for certain incidents increasing the amount of time officers can be on patrol.

The Bellevue Police Department made online crime reporting available to Bellevue residents and businesses in November 2013 using a software program called CopLogic. It is a quick and easy way for individuals to report non-emergency crimes. Incidents can be reported at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/crime-reporting.htm. Reports are reviewed by an officer, after which a copy of the approved report is automatically emailed to the reporting party for insurance or other purposes.

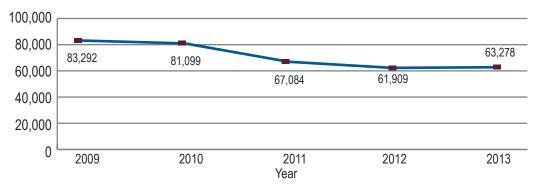
Residents can report the following types of crimes online: harassing phone calls, lost property, theft of goods or services under \$1500, hit and run, Motor Vehicle prowls, littering, and malicious mischief. There must be no known suspects and the crime must have occurred within the city limits (not on a state freeway). CopLogic online reporting also provides forms for drug tips, abandoned vehicles, traffic complaints, and general crime tips. Since the implementation of CopLogic, an average of 90 crime reports and tips have been submitted online per month. We are continuing to work with CopLogic to find other ways to improve online reporting for our residents and businesses.

# Misdemeanor Felony Total

### **Department-wide Arrest Cases by Year**

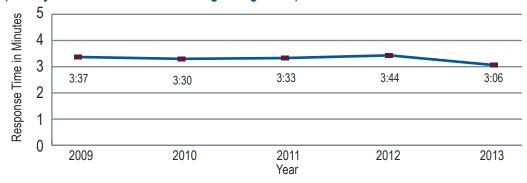


### **Calls for Service**



### **Average Priority One Response Times**

(Priority One calls are life threatening emergencies)



### **Special Details**

1 Lieutenant

### K-9

3 Dogs

3 Handlers

### **Downtown Squad**

1 Corporal

5 Officers

#### **SET**

1 Lieutenant

5 Officers

1 Gang Detective

### **SPECIAL DETAILS**

**The K-9 Unit** is responsible for visible patrol, response to all in-progress calls, tracking of fleeing suspects, searches, and evidence location as well as illicit drug detection. The unit located 41 suspects in 2013. They conducted 75 searches and located evidence in 26 cases. One of our teams was cross-trained to detect illegal narcotics. This team has already seized over \$13,000 and well over 70 grams of illegal drugs. The unit consists of a Lieutenant, three K-9 Officers who are specially trained and certified dog handlers, and three highly-trained and certified dogs. Two of the three dogs were purchased by the Bellevue Police Foundation.

**The Downtown Squad** performs patrol services and proactive problem-solving in the Downtown area. Their goal is to enhance public safety so that residents and visitors can feel safe to work, live and play in downtown Bellevue. The Downtown Squad has developed relationships with State Liquor Control Board officers, property owners, local private security, and liquor service establishment representatives to foster good-neighbor practices in an effort to support alcohol-related recreation and entertainment while protecting the quality of life and residents' safety.

**The Special Enforcement Team (SET)** addresses specific types of repeat crimes with an innovative, proactive approach. The team targets areas of repeated crimes and active criminals and fugitives. The team conducts plainclothes surveillance of targeted areas and surveillance of known active criminals and then coordinates with the King County Prosecutor's Office to ensure that arrested suspects remain in custody.

SET works frequently with the proactive units of other agencies to help address multijurisdictional offenders. In 2013, SET arrested 58 felony suspects for over 100 crimes; mostly related to burglary, car prowl, drug offenses, and auto theft. They assisted multiple other police agencies with major criminal investigations to include large-scale narcotics operations and a murder for hire case. They conducted several long-term operations in 2013, most notably a murder case in which the suspect was followed from Bellevue to Los Angeles on a Greyhound bus where he was ultimately arrested and extradited back to King County.

### **Community Stations**

3 Officers



The Crossroads Community Station serves the surrounding residents and neighborhoods.

**Community Police Stations** are located in Factoria and Crossroads, and also have an officer assigned to Downtown City Hall. These stations are full-service facilities and are open throughout the week during general business hours. The stations are staffed by a full time uniformed officer and civilian volunteers. Community police station officers devote time to problem-oriented and community-oriented policing. They also focus on proactive law enforcement, providing safety-related community meetings and presentations. Station officers are also responsible for hosting police-related special events throughout the community.

In 2013, the Downtown Squad/Community Police Stations responded to 5899 calls for service, wrote 1072 case reports, and made 313 arrests. The unit made 1854 business contacts (face to face interaction with community businesses/stakeholders). Additionally, station officers resolved 38 separate neighborhood crime problems and conducted 165 safety-related community presentations. Community police station officers work closely with neighborhood groups and the business community to develop lasting and effective partnerships to help keep Bellevue a safe place to live and work. Some of the special events for 2013 included the Child Safety Fair at Factoria Mall, National Night Out Against Crime at Crossroads Mall, Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Day, and Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

**Community Academy** is a twelve week instructional program designed to acquaint Bellevue residents and those who work in Bellevue with how their Police Department operates and with the nature of the policing challenges the department faces daily. In 2013 The Downtown Squad/Community Police Stations Unit re-started the Bellevue Police Community Academy; two academies were held during 2013. The purpose of the Community Academy is to develop positive relations between the Police Department and the community at large through education.

**Field Training Officer (FTOs)** are a dedicated group of officers responsible for the training of all new Bellevue Police Officers. There are 12 officers trained as FTOs. These FTOs have all completed the 40-hour FTO Academy. New student officers follow a 15 week long high-intensity training program with an FTO as a mentor and trainer. Seven new officers completed the field training process during 2013. Student officers critique their FTOs at the end of their training and the professionalism of the FTOs was a common theme.

Bellevue SWAT team members participate in a terrorist attack drill in Seattle.



Bomb Squad members conducting a joint training with the King County Sheriff's Office.

### **SPECIAL DETAILS (ANCILLARY DUTIES)**

**The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team** completed 24 operations in 2013. These included high risk search warrants for Investigations, SET, and the Eastside Narcotics Task Force (ENTF), as well as several barricaded subject calls. In addition, SWAT assisted by providing security for a high risk prisoner detail, as well as assisting ENTF with undercover operations including drug buy busts and a murder-for-hire case.

To maintain their high level of proficiency, each SWAT officer participated in over 270 hours of specialized tactical training. SWAT also provided 15 separate sessions of "Active Shooter" response training this summer. This included hands-on training at a vacant elementary school with simulated firearms, and covered all commissioned personnel from the Bellevue Police Department as well as members of the Medina and Clyde Hill Police Departments, and NORCOM.

Bellevue SWAT also provided static displays for several regional events. These events included National Night Out, Taste of Main, Make-a-Wish Foundation, and the Bellevue Fire Open House, as well as several other smaller events and celebrations.

**The Bomb Squad** consists of a commander and five certified bomb technicians. It is a regional team that covers Bellevue and the greater eastside of King County. The Bomb Squad responded to 45 calls in 2013, including presidential protective details in coordination with the U.S. Secret Service. In March, technicians were requested by the King County Sheriff's Department to assist with a homemade explosives laboratory in Skyway. The Bomb Squad also participated in several special events including Stand with Those Who Serve, National Night Out, and Make-a-Wish events.

One technician completed a 40 hour re-certification training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Another technician attended the 40 hour Home Made Explosives course taught by the ATFE. Additionally, all Bomb Squad members train two days per month, and receive other specialized training classes, to maintain their skills, proficiency, and knowledge of current trends with regard to explosive threats.

The Bomb Squad provides assistance with SWAT personnel to resolve tactical situations, both in Bellevue and with our partnership agencies.

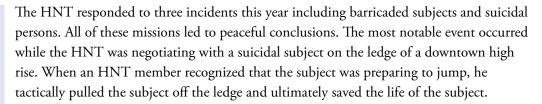
**The Crowd Control Unit (CCU)** consists of one commander, three lieutenants, and 30 officers who receive specialized training on controlling large groups of people. The Crowd Control Unit works closely with the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit and in 2013 attended the annual joint training held in Yakima. The CCU was utilized for various events and protests held in Bellevue and the surrounding area including two major protests in Renton and Bellevue where mass arrests were made. The unit was also deployed in a protest march and mass arrest situation in Bellevue. The CCU assisted Tukwila PD as part of

approximately 400 officers from multiple agencies that were deployed to assist in the seizure of three motels that were generating high volumes of Police activity. Planning and Logistics among multiple agencies are a vital part of ensuring these events are concluded successfully.

**The Honor Guard Unit** consists of ten commissioned members. These officers receive specialized training, dress uniforms, and serve as representatives of the Police Department. In 2013, they participated in several Make-a-Wish events, City ceremonies, regional officer funerals, and other significant events.

**Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs)** are patrol officers who assist in evidence processing at crime scenes. They are trained in crime scene processing and evidence collection. Proper technique with preservation of the crime scene and the evidence is vital to the investigation and potential prosecution. In addition to their daily evidence collection work, during 2013, the CSIs handled a homicide scene and assisted with an officer-involved shooting investigation in another jurisdiction.

**The Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT)** is comprised of eight specially-trained negotiators who work in concert with the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) to peacefully resolve crisis events such as barricaded subjects, suicidal persons and hostage situations. The goals of the HNT are to provide exceptional service to the community and to work diligently with our law enforcement and community partners to ensure they are prepared for the next unpredictable event.



Community partnerships are an important element in the success of HNT, and this year the Bellevue HNT partnered with the FBI to host and instruct the Basic HNT course which drew negotiators from across the state. HNT also coordinated joint HNT-SWAT training and several members of Kemper Development Security were used as role players in the scenario based training. This interaction demonstrated the abilities of the Bellevue Police Department to the group and gave the security officers an idea of how a crisis event would be handled in their facility. Just as important as the training was the opportunity to strengthen the police department's relationship with our community partners.

To improve our interactions with the people that we negotiate with, two HNT members traveled to a State Correctional Center to interview a suspect who had been convicted of several crimes that resulted from a domestic violence call and subsequent stand-off. Our members interviewed the subject in order to gain an understanding of his decision making process and the actions that he took during the stand-off. This type of intelligence will be invaluable when negotiating with future suspects.



Hostage Negotiators Molly McBride and Rachel Neff successfully convince a barricaded suspect to surrender.

**Defensive Tactics (DT)** Officer health and safety continues to be a top consideration integrated into the personnel services unit's mission. 2013 achievements included deployment of our annual intensive scenario based training that was conducted at the former Sky High Sports property in Bellevue. This facility was donated for department use by a local business enterprise, and was a unique partnership with the community that allowed us to conduct over 60 hours of intense force-on-force training for approximately 150 sworn staff members. This critically important training integrated communication and de-escalation skills with hands on use of force decision making that included use of simulated firearms, TASERs, and pepper spray, along with various subject control and team tactics. In connection with this dynamic scenario based training, officers completed several hours each of live fire training that included moving and shooting while getting off the line of fire and moving to cover within the department's shooting range against a simulated threat. During the year, sworn officers also completed two separate comprehensive firearm qualifications. Finally, bi monthly integrated force training was conducted throughout the year, with each officer receiving an average of 16 hours of hands on practical training in the use of defensive tactics and less lethal weapons (TASER, pepper spray and lateral vascular neck restraint.)

Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) The Department's Emergency Vehicle Operations instructors are a group of 7 Officers who have received specialized training from the Washington State Patrol on the safe and effective operations of police vehicles. These Officers coordinate and conduct Department-wide training for new hires as well as refresher training on the use and operation of Department vehicles. The training includes high speed driving and maneuvers, collision avoidance, close quarters vehicle maneuvering, stop stick and roadblock deployment, and a review of the Department's policies related to vehicle operations and vehicle pursuits. During the course of the year, instructors also conduct preventative safety and remedial driving training for Police Officers, Police Support Officers, and civilian volunteers.

### **TRAFFIC**

The Bellevue Police Department Traffic Unit is made up of Accident Investigators, Motorcycle Officers, and a Parking Enforcement Officer whose general mission is to reduce vehicular accidents and injuries, and to facilitate the safe and expeditious flow of vehicular/pedestrian traffic by encouraging the public's voluntary compliance with traffic regulations. This is accomplished through a combination of education, engineering, and enforcement.

In 2013, the Traffic Unit continued its partnership with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and participated in several regional grant funded emphases. These included Target Zero (a statewide initiative to reduce fatalities from traffic accidents to zero by the year 2030), seat belt, speeding, cell phone/texting, and DUI focused patrols. The WTSC reimbursed the department \$18,000 in overtime expenses to conduct these targeted patrols. This helped lead our department to over 221 DUI arrests in 2013.

#### **Traffic**

1 Captain

### **Accident Investigations**

1 Lieutenant

6 Officers

### **Motor Officers (Enforcement)**

2 Lieutenants

10 Motor Officers

### Additional

1 Parking Police Support Officer7 Citizen Volunteers

(Disabled Parking Enforcement)

Our Motorcycle Officers wrote over 16,553 citations in 2013 at various locations throughout the city. Our enforcement areas are broken down into neighborhood enforcement, corridor enforcement (major arterials), and Traffic Service Requests which come from citizens reporting issues directly to the Department either via the internet or over the phone. In addition to their enforcement efforts, our Motorcycle Officers participated in regional dignitary and VIP escorts, such as the presidential visit in November. Our Motorcycle Officers also made several residential burglary arrests. These efforts resulted in one of the officers winning the Officer of the Month Award from Washington's Most Wanted for his work in catching four burglary suspects in two days.

Our Accident Investigators responded to 70% of the collisions in the city, accounting for 1245 of the 1779 reported incidents. These highly-trained investigators utilize state-of-the art "Total Station" equipment to investigate serious collisions. This equipment allows our officers to quickly measure the location of the available evidence, and the resulting diagram is extremely accurate. In 2013, our investigators responded to 1 fatality collision and 4 vehicular assault cases. As in previous years, the top 3 causes for collisions were Failure to Yield, Inattention, and Speeding.

The Department's Police Support Officer (PSO) handled 340 traffic service requests and parking complaints, resulting in the issuance of 634 parking citations and 643 warnings. He also assisted with traffic control at several major incidents, as well as with transporting and processing arrestees during DUI emphases.

Our Traffic PSO is assisted by 7 volunteer disabled parking enforcement officers. These citizens have received specialized training in disabled parking enforcement, and in 2013 donated over 1300 hours of service issuing 464 disabled parking citations and 518 warnings.

The City of Bellevue continues to rely on Photo Enforcement cameras to supplement our enforcement efforts in two school zones and two red light camera intersections. This resulted in 11,956 infractions being issued in 2013, which is a 20% reduction from 2012, and a 48% reduction in infractions from the first full year of the program in 2010. The goal of Photo Enforcement is to change the behavior of drivers and reduce accidents caused by red light violations and potential injuries caused by drivers speeding in school zones.



Lieutenant Mike Shovlin conducting quarterly motorcycle training.

### **2013 Traffic Enforcement**

Traffic Service Requests	530
General Parking Infractions	650
Disabled Parking Infractions	464

### **Traffic Statistics**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Traffic Accidents	1,669	1,671	1,541	1,704	1,779
Vehicular Assaults	0	2	2	3	4
Traffic Fatalities	1	1	2	2	1

### SUPPORT SERVICES

### Investigations

- 1 Major
- 1 Captain
- 4 Detective Lieutenants
- 20 Detectives
- 5 School Resource Officers
- 1 Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
- 1 Administrative Support Specialist



Detective Jenny Robertson, a member of the King County Investigative Response Team (KCIRT)

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

The Investigations Section is a specialized multi-disciplinary group who are assigned to the following units: Violent Crimes, Special Assault, Property Crimes, Economic Crimes, Vice, Crime Prevention, Forensics Services, Digital/Computer Forensics, Crime Analysis, and School Resource Officers.

The Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) investigates serious felony crimes including homicides, robberies, rapes, and felony assaults. In 2013, some of the cases VCU was involved with included an extensive murder-for-hire investigation which culminated in the arrest and charging of three suspects and ultimately ensured the safety of the targeted victim. VCU also investigated a domestic violence related homicide that led investigators on a multi-state assignment and ended with the arrest, interview, and extradition of the suspect from Los Angeles.

**The Special Assault Unit (SAU)** includes a team of detectives and one domestic violence advocate. These detectives require a high level of specialized training and expertise due to the sensitive nature of their work. SAU detectives investigate a variety of cases which include child sexual assault, abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and elder abuse cases.

The Property Crimes Unit investigates burglaries and theft-related crimes. They collaborate with other regional partners and the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to target career criminals that operate in this area. Two detectives are specifically trained as arson investigators; one is assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and another leads our Digital Forensic Artist Team. In 2013, arson investigators were assigned to an explosion and fire at an apartment complex. One resident later died from injuries sustained during this incident. Residential burglary cases continue to be a primary focus of this unit.

The School Resource Officers Unit includes six School Resource Officers (SROs); one assigned to each of the four high schools and two assigned to the five middle schools. The officers' presence at the schools helps to create a safe learning environment for students and educators. They investigate crimes that either occur in or are reported in the schools. They facilitate conflict mediation, work with the schools and community resources to support youth and families in crisis, and work to suppress risky or criminal behavior among youth. One outstanding example from 2013 stemmed from an anonymous report from a student that another student was coming to school with a firearm. The on-site SRO was able to intervene immediately to detain the student, seize the firearm and keep the school safe. This is just one example of how the SRO's professionalism, placement, and trust within the school community resulted in the best possible outcome.

The Economic Crimes Unit (ECU) investigates financial crimes involving fraud, scams, ID theft, money laundering, and embezzlements including financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. Investigating financial crimes has become complicated and time consuming due to international participants, complex computer transactions and the digital



Lieutenant Marcia Harnden explaining data driven DUI enforcement.

Forensics Lab

1 Lab Manager

1 Lab Technician

### **Crime Analysis Unit**

- 1 Joint Terrorism Task Force Detective
- 1 Crime Analysis Detective
- 1 Civilian Crime Analyst
- 1 Data Analyst
- 1 Fusion Center Analyst
- 1 Vehicle Crime Analyst

age itself. The monetary losses to persons and businesses are staggering. One of the ECU Detectives participates in the United States Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force. In 2013 the assigned detective traveled to South Korea to interview a suspect related to a multi-victim fraud case, with a total loss of close to \$2 million. Another case was concluded with the suspect pleading guilty to Federal Wire Fraud, involving 12 victims and a total loss of nearly \$400,000.

The VICE Unit, also part of the ECU, investigates complaints of human trafficking and prostitution. With increasing scrutiny of illegal massage businesses, the team works closely with the WA State Department of Health to ensure these businesses are operating in compliance with local and state laws. In 2013, one investigation related to an illegal business produced over \$50,000 in cash seizures and other assets in addition to the owner being charged with Money Laundering and Promoting Prostitution. One detective and a supervisor are deputized to enforce federal laws related to human trafficking as part of the FBI's Children's Exploitation Task Force (CETF). This Task Force works closely with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to focus on the demand side of human trafficking in an attempt to locate juveniles who are being sexually exploited commercially.

The **Crime Prevention Detective** is responsible for crime prevention-related activities throughout the City. This detective organizes block watches, community meetings, and assists with annual events such as The Children's Safety Fair, Law Enforcement Memorial and National Night Out. The detective also works closely with the City's Neighborhood Outreach and Workplace Violence Prevention Teams.

The Digital Forensics Lab assists officers and detectives with the seizure of electronic devices associated with our criminal investigations and conducts forensic examinations on media capable of storing digital information. Electronic devices are a common source of evidence in many cases we investigate today. The lab assists with the extraction of information from mobile devices like cellular phones and tablet computers and also forensically analyzes a variety of storage devices. 2013 was a record year for the Digital Forensics Lab which handled over 200 mobile extractions (64 were conducted in 2012) and 74 requests for examinations resulting in over 480 individual processes in the lab. The Technical Operations Detective oversees all electronic surveillance operations such as pole cams and covert alarms. The detective's duties also include researching, developing and utilizing innovative technology-based tools in a variety of police operations.

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) consists of a detective, a crime analyst, a data analyst, a Fusion Center analyst, and a regional analyst that specializes in car crimes and is a partner from the Department of Corrections. CAU created an automated Activity Recap and Temporal "Heat Index" for Patrol and analyzed Crime Activity against Motorcycle Officer deployment for Traffic. CAU has also evolved to become an integral part of the Investigations Section mission, from providing tactical, real-time analysis on a case-by-case basis to detecting, analyzing and solving a series of crimes occurring regionally. This

### **Eastside Narcotics Task Force**

- 1 Captain
- 1 Detective Lieutenant
- 3 Bellevue PD Detectives
- 1 Kirkland PD Detective
- 1 Redmond PD Detective
- 1 Mercer Island Detective
- 1 Washington State Patrol Sergeant
- 1 Washington State Patrol Detective
- 1 K-9 Officer Team
- 1 Financial Investigator Detective
- 1 King County Prosecutor

growth has occurred through the acquisition of software such as "CrimeView," but more importantly, through highly skilled professional analysts and investigators.

The Forensic Lab is staffed by a manager and a technician. The lab provides forensic identification services including latent fingerprint development and identification, trace evidence location and preservation and other related forensic examinations. The lab has cutting edge technology including a rare device called a Vacuum Metal Deposition Chamber. There is only one other device in the United Sates with this units capability. On a case-by-case basis, service is also provided to outside law enforcement agencies. In 2013, 4029 pieces of evidence were analyzed / processed by staff, indicative of the importance evidence plays in the resolution of criminal offending. Lab manager Carl Nicoll won the 2013 American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) Award in a special category for his outstanding work as it relates to the performance and function of the lab. The capacity to identify suspects through the identification of their fingerprints was greatly enhanced in 2013, when connectivity from Bellevue to the FBI national fingerprint database became a reality, effectively enabling the ability to search latent prints from Bellevue crime scenes against all fingerprint records nationally.

The Eastside Narcotics Task Force (ENTF) is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force consisting of one commander, two supervisors, a full time King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a legal secretary, a financial investigator and several narcotics detectives from Bellevue, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Redmond Police Departments and the Washington State Patrol. The ENTF's mission is to investigate middle and upper-level drug trafficking organizations, which often involves working with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other state, local, and federal agencies. The ENTF concentrates on major narcotic cases that impact our communities. In 2013, the ENTF dismantled five drug trafficking organizations. One example was an Oxycontin investigation where two dealers were arrested, one of which was armed with a firearm. This case was prosecuted federally.



Bellevue Police participated in a DUI re-enactment for students at Newport High School.

### **MAJOR CRIMES AND TRENDS**

**Part One Crimes** gives us a snapshot of how we compare with other regional partners, as well as similar sized agencies across the U.S. No single measure or statistic can capture or define crime trends, but Part One is a good place to start and the industry standard.

### **Summary and Crime Comparision Part One Index Crimes 2009-2013**

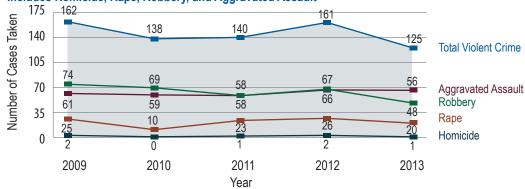
Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total Violent Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total Property Crimes	Total Part One Crimes
2009	2	25	61	74	162	621	3,150	179	16	3,966	4,128
2010	0	10	59	69	138	657	2,905	207	30	3,799	3,937
2011	2	23	58	58	140	607	2,775	157	25	3,564	3,704
2012	2	26	67	66	161	685	2,649	169	24	3,527	3,688
2013	1	20	48	56	125	688	3,013	249	24	3,974	4,099
5 Year Average	1	21	59	65	145	652	2,898	192	24	3,766	3,911



Lieutenant Andrew Popochock running towards a burning vehicle on I-405.

### **Violent Crime**





### **Property Crime**

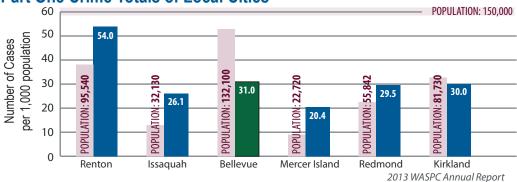
### Includes Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson



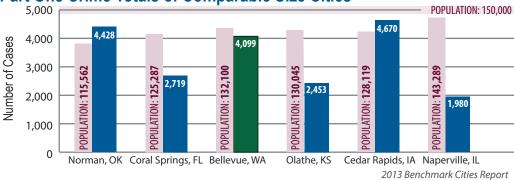


Total violent crime is at a 5 year low, despite continued population growth. View of Bellevue from Downtown Park.

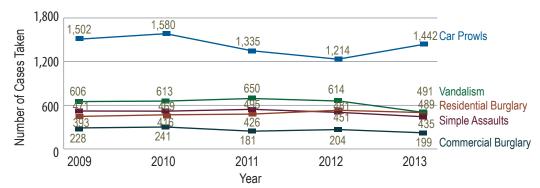
### **Part One Crime Totals of Local Cities**



### **Part One Crime Totals of Comparable Size Cities**



### **Other Crimes of Interest**



#### **Administrative Services**

- 1 Major
- 1 Volunteer Coordinator

#### Records

- 2 Supervisors
- 1 Police Systems Manager
- 3 Lead Support Specialists
- 10 Support Specialists
- 1 Lead Data Quality Control Specialist
- 3 Data Quality Control Specialists
- 1 Data Analyst
- 1 Senior Accounting Associate

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**The Records Unit** provides the public with non-emergency information services, distributes court orders, maintains case files, conducts criminal background checks, processes public record requests, and maintains the police database. Walk-in services include case copies, bail collection, local clearance letters, and concealed pistol licensing (PCPL). Records Unit personnel also conduct fingerprinting for CPLs and police contract services.

### **Records Division Key Performance Measures**

	2012	2013
Processed		
Warrants	3,326	3,509
Protection Orders (Domestic Violence)	1,113	887
Firearms License applications	1,052	1,029
Pistol Transfer applications	1,681	1,602
Fingerprints	807	875
Number of Public Disclosure Documents Released	5,130	10,395
Data processed into Records Management System		
Arrests	3,780	3,716
Cases	12,779	12,638

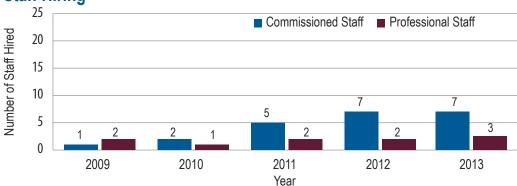
### **Personnel Services Unit**

- 1 Captain
- 1 Detective
- 2 Officers
- 1 CJTC Instructor
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Support Specialist

**The Personnel Services Unit (PSU)** is responsible for three primary functions that support the Department's professional and sworn staff: training, equipment, and hiring. The PSU's department-wide training plan encompasses a wide array of training that includes material covering mandated training, technical support, career path pursuits, and hosted training by outside vendors and consultants. The PSU processed 491 training requests in 2013 which was up from the 397 in 2012.

The PSU staff is comprised of one captain, a hiring coordinator detective, one 18 month rotational background investigator, one part time civilian background investigator, two training officers, one quartermaster, and an administrative assistant. This team is committed to providing the very best service in their endeavor to support over 200 Bellevue

### **Staff Hiring**

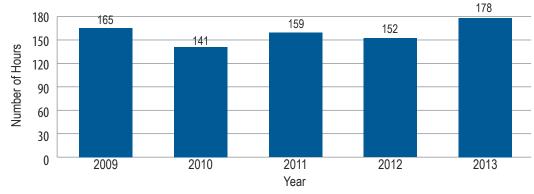


Police Department employees. In late 2013 an additional Detective for Background Investigations and a Temporary Background Investigator were added to bolster hiring efforts and address overall Police Department staffing concerns. By the end of 2013 our hiring personnel hired ten employees; three professional staff and seven sworn. The challenge for 2014 will be to hire at least 20 police officers to fill the vacancies left by retirements and other factors of attrition.

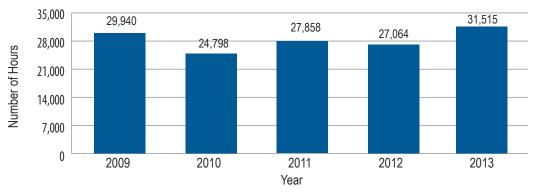
Officer safety continues to be a top consideration which is integrated into the PSU's mission. To that end, our 2013 achievements included: We conducted Department-wide training for leadership and officer survival by hosting Ret. Lt. Jim Glennon of Caliber-Press, successfully conducted an Integrated Force training utilizing the latest force on force simulation equipment and cutting edge tactics, and successfully continued our efforts to provide annual training for active shooter responses through a broad array of scenario based training with BPD SWAT.

In concert with the above-mentioned tactical training, the PSU provided support to the Patrol Section by testing, evaluating, and purchasing Rapid Deployment Bags, Ballistic Helmets and Face Shields, and Simunition Firearms and related protective equipment. Other major projects related to equipment procurement included a major maintenance and supporting equipment purchase to upgrade and replenish our current AED program, and a proactive and large-scale ammunition purchase to ensure that firearms qualifications and training can be conducted seamlessly well into the future.

### **Average Hours of Training per Officer**



### **All Commissioned Officers Hours of Training**



### **Courts and Custody Unit**

- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Court Liaison Officer
- 3 Police Support Officers

The Courts and Custody Unit (CCU) is responsible for managing our holding facility, all prisoners and paperwork associated with our courts.

In addition to supervising the unit's employees, the CCU lieutenant manages and monitors prisoners who are either being transported to court appearances, serving jail sentences, assigned to electronic home detention or on work release; analyzes the daily jail population and the location of currently detained inmates to ensure the Department is utilizing the most cost effective incarceration options; reviews booking paperwork to insure it meets CALEA standards; and is the primary liaison between our contract jails and District Court. In 2013, this attention to detail resulted in significant financial saving to the City and 100% accuracy in prisoner tracking for the department.

The Court Liaison Officer (CLO) tracks all cases referred for filing and organizes follow-up work as needed, acts as a focal information source for Department personnel who request case or court information, and delivers on a daily basis completed cases for officers and investigators to both Superior and District Courts.

The Police Support Officers (PSO) are responsible for keeping our holding facility fully stocked and in working order under the direction and supervision of the CCU lieutenant. This is a six (6) hour holding facility located in the lower level of Bellevue City Hall. Prisoners are processed at this location and then either released or transported to one of our contract jails within six (6) hours. The PSOs are also responsible for prisoner processing and transports to and from our court and four contract jails. They assist police officers by picking up and transporting prisoners from the field and providing booking assistance to cut down police officers' time off the street. Our contract jails included King County, Snohomish County, City of Issaquah and South Correctional Entity (SCORE).

### Property/Evidence Room

- 1 Property/Evidence Room Manager
- 2 Property/Evidence Technicians

The Property/Evidence Unit works closely with Patrol, Investigations and Records. Property provides assistance and information concerning handling and booking of evidence as well as support during search warrants conducted by Investigations and the ENTF.

We are focused on ensuring all booked evidence and property complies with all state and federal regulations. We update our procedures to meet industry standards and continually look for innovative methods to improve our efficiency and service. We have implemented a policy for test firing booked firearms and the subsequent entry of casings into a national ballistics system (IBIS/NIBIN). In order to maintain a tighter Chain of Custody trail, a more detailed Chain of Custody form was developed to better track multiple pieces of evidence when checked out.

During 2013, Property Evidence took in 10,624 pieces of booked evidence and property and disposed of 5,666 items. These include release to the Courts, property owners, auction and destruction. Property/Evidence also helped facilitate the collection and disposal of 489 pounds of prescription drugs turned in under the two federally sponsored events for the year and destroyed 1,000 pounds of illegal narcotics. Approximately \$6,000 was generated in revenue from auctioned property and unclaimed monies.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**



Staff Support Employee of the Year Crime Analyst Dr. Shawna Gibson



Officer of the Year
Officer Scott Campbell

### **2013 Promotions**

Officer Ben Buck promoted to Patrol Corporal Lieutenant Jon Hoffman promoted to Patrol Captain Lieutenant Jim Hershey promoted to Patrol Captain Captain Pat Arpin promoted to Admin Services Major

### **Years of Service Awards**

### 35 Years

Deputy Chief Cherie Baker Captain Jim Hershey Detective Molly McBride

### 30 Years

Officer John Bosseler Detective Jerry Johnson Officer John Rohde

### 25 Years

Major Pat Arpin Detective Frank Nunnelee Officer Dave Asheim

### 20 Years

Lt. Marcia Harnden Lt. Mark Jordan Officer Tim Stoutt

#### 15 Years

Officer Brad Knudtsen

### 5 Years

Corporal Ben Buck Officer Alina McAnnally Officer Matt Trizuto

### **Police Life Saving Award**

Officer James Brack
Officer Mike Fry
Lieutenant Travess Forbush

### **Commanders Award**

Records Specialist Carla Furukawa Records Specialist Ingrid Boswell Records Specialist Melissa King

### **Meritorious Service Award**

Fiscal Manager Carl Krikorian

### Retirements

Police Lieutenant Mark Lewis Legal Advisor Kyle Aiken Lead Police Support Specialist Sharon Birdsell



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