

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newport Police Department is to consistently invest available resources toward our City's reputation as a safe place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.

This will be accomplished by complying with professional standards established by the Oath of Office, Professional Code of Ethics, and administrative directives. We will perform in a manner that promotes the public's trust, confidence, and sense of safety and security.



The Newport Police Department is recognized by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance as a State accredited law enforcement agency.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Chief Mark J. Miranda

It is my pleasure to present the Newport Police Department Annual Report for 2015. This report reflects the many activities and changes that have impacted the Department.

Two long-time employees retired in 2015. Officer Steve Kittson and Officer Jerry Howe both 'hung up the badge' and moved on to their new adventures. Steve and Jerry took almost 50 years of experience with them. Their knowledge base will be missed.

New officers were brought on board. Officer Sam Clark came to us from Idaho. He has ten years' experience as a police officer. He has assimilated well into the Department.

Officer Hayden Randall joined the Department. He is brand new to law enforcement, so will attend the 16-week Police Academy, then complete 17 weeks of field training here.

Several milestone anniversaries occurred this year: Officer Rick Auburn has been with the Department for 10 years, as has Officer Kraig Mitchell. Both of these officers are the top two senior officers on the Department. Both are also Field Training Officers.

Training is an important component with the Department. Several sworn, certified police officers worked hard to increase their State certification levels in 2015:

- Officer Andy Ashpole – Intermediate Certification
- Sergeant Brent Gainer – Supervisory Certification
- Officer Keith Garrett – Intermediate Certification
- Sergeant Tyson Haynes – Supervisory Certification
- Officer Jon Humphreys – Basic Certification
- Lieutenant Jason Malloy – Management Certification

In the State of Oregon, all police officers must be certified through the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (the Police Academy). The main purpose for the certification program is to ensure highly trained officers within the State. All officers are required to complete annual maintenance training to remain certified. Continued training helps our officers remain current in the latest procedures, laws, and practices.

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If an officer is not certified, he/she cannot serve as a police officer in Oregon. The following are the certification levels, and the number of Newport police officers at the particular level:

- Basic 2
- Intermediate 4
- Advanced 4
- Supervisory 4
- Management 1
- Executive 1
- Pending 2

Records Clerk Michael Herndon completed Leadership Lincoln this year. This is a 12-week course that meets monthly. In addition to promoting leadership skills, the program is a great way to explore the County, and develop a network of business and government personnel from throughout the County.

Lieutenant Jason Malloy graduated from the FBI National Academy. This ten-week session is for senior law enforcement leaders. It provides advanced leadership instruction and skills, along with the opportunity to meet hundreds of other law enforcement leaders from around the world. It was a fantastic experience for Lieutenant Malloy, and our Department will benefit from what he has learned and accomplished.



Each March the Oregon Executive Development Institute (OEDI) conducts an annual one-week executive leadership training session for current and future Oregon law enforcement executives. The venue is an in-residence, rural setting with training and networking events extending into the evening to maximize the week-long event. The training focuses on leadership and executive management issues, with an underlying theme of servant leadership. Sergeant Brent Gainer was selected to attend this training in 2015.

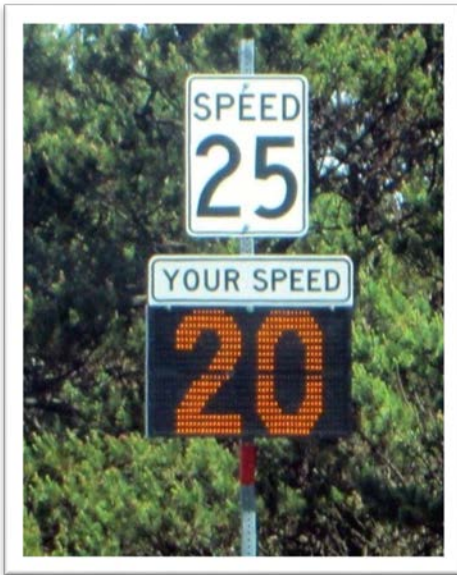
The Department Firearms Team is to be commended. Sergeant Gainer, Detective France, and Officer Mitchell have developed outstanding tactical shoot scenarios. They covered quite a bit of ground, both figuratively and literally. Good skills were reinforced, and new skills were offered that were well received. This training goes a long way towards enhancing our safety and that of the public.

Across the country the police profession is under a microscope. Actions by officers in South Carolina, Texas, California, plus others, cast a dark shadow over us. Given all of the negative press about law enforcement actions, some members of the public tend to think that our Officers take similar actions. We do not. We remain very vigilant to prove that our Department policies are followed and enforced in the proper manner. We make sure we respect everyone's constitutional rights, particularly in the areas of the 4th and

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5th Amendments. Protection of these rights is not difficult for us, as it has been central to our culture for a long time. We do come across those individuals that want to challenge us...just because they can.

We try to be friendly, and to treat them with respect. If we have to arrest them, and/or use physical force, we do so professionally, and with the officer's safety in mind. We want our reputation to remain top notch.



Our new Radar Reader Board has been deployed in South Beach at Marine Science Drive and Ferry Slip Road. This board is more advanced than our previous boards. It is programmable with different messages. Right now, if you're going 25 mph, it will display your speed along with the message "Have a nice day". If you're doing more than 25 mph, the board displays your speed, along with "Limit is 25." If you're doing more than 40 mph, it will display "Slow down." The reader board is also tracking all of the data on the number of cars that pass by, dates/times, and speeds. The reader board can be programmed for any situation, such as just displaying a message instead of speed. The reader board can be programmed from any lap-top or PC that is connected to the Internet. We move the board around town to various locations for a week at a time. That's about the length of time before the batteries need to be re-charged. It's easy to move and deploy.

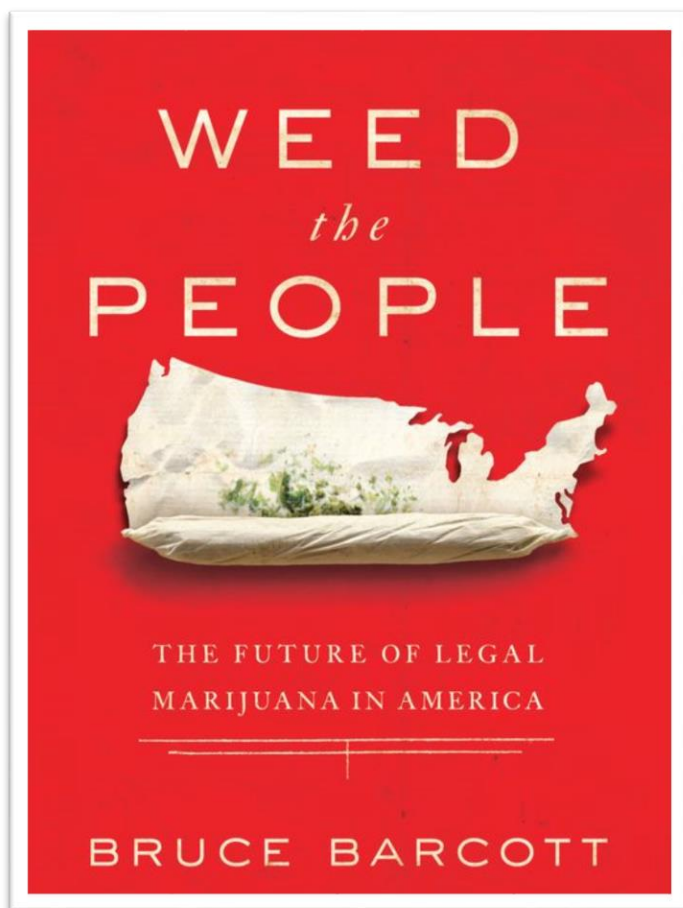
Our Department was impacted by an incident involving the use of deadly force by two of our officers. We followed the protocols established in Lincoln County, whereby another law enforcement agency conducted the investigation, and we took a back seat, wait-and-see position. It was difficult to remain silent while reading negative and critical articles, editorials, letters to the editor, etc. Most comments were based on incomplete information, generated by irresponsible individuals. Fortunately, there are a lot of people in Newport that do appreciate our Department and Department members. I experienced many people expressing their appreciation to me in public.

In July the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) division of the Oregon State Police conducted an audit of the Newport Police Department. Their audit was of our agency's compliance with LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) and NCIC (FBI National Crime Information Center) policy and procedures in the areas of administration, training, security, quality control, record maintenance, hit confirmations, and use of criminal history information. CJIS found us to be in compliance with LEDS and NCIC policies and procedures. A big thanks goes to Kathleen Palmer for keeping on top of our use and compliance.

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There have been agencies in the past, across the country, that have lost the authorization or ability, to access NCIC and other federal databases. That is not a good situation to be in.

During the landslide incident on NE 70th Drive in December, 11 of our NPD Volunteers mobilized to render service. They assisted with traffic control (Mike Larsen, Ellie LeMaster, and Ed Simon were seen on KGW news). Two Volunteers assisted in the City's Emergency Operations Center. The day following the landslide, Volunteers took shifts to control traffic close to the site, and to keep an eye on people so they wouldn't pass the "Do Not Cross" tape. It was somewhat of a thankless job, but it was a big assistance to us.



I recently finished reading the book *Weed the People: The Future of Legal Marijuana in America*. I found the book very informative and an enjoyable read. The front cover flap stated: "Marijuana legalization is the next great refutation of the impossible. The long era of pot prohibition is quickly giving way to an American social and economic revolution. In 2012, Bruce Barcott, a pot skeptic and middle-aged father, reluctantly voted for legalization. He woke up the next morning and wondered: What have we done? To answer that question, the award-winning author embarked on a journey into the strange new world of legal weed. The result is an investigative travelogue by turns humorous, insightful and brilliantly observed. Barcott meets botanists breeding new strains, investors chasing marijuana millions, marketers designing wholesome dope brands, scientists exploring how pot can heal and harm, and parents struggling to explain to their kids. *Weed the People* is a sneak preview for the millions of Americans who will soon need to decide whether, when and how they use legal pot. Filled with pungent

aroma of change, *Weed the People*, is a provocative examination of one of the most significant cultural moments of our time."

In October, Kit O'Carra, Special Projects, published photos and a story on our website and Facebook page about four "masked bandits" on the Bayfront. The story went viral on Twitter and Facebook, receiving 31,000 hits on the first day alone. The "bandits" were four raccoons that entered an art gallery at night, and caused some minor damage. They were photographed by Officer Thomas Lekas, including a photo of Officer Jerry

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Howe helping them “move along”. We received inquiries from several news organizations, including USA Today, Huffington Post, KTLA News, The London Daily Mail, and, of course, News Lincoln County. At last count, over 180,000 people viewed the masked bandits page.

The men and women of the Newport Police Department are proud to serve the citizens of Newport and the thousands of tourists that visit each year. We maintain a high standard of professionalism and continue to be an accredited law enforcement agency. The Newport Police Department strives to continue to make the City of Newport a safe place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.



Mark J. Miranda, Chief of Police



Photo by Kit O'Carra

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

Newport Police Lieutenant Jason Malloy graduated from the FBI National Academy, Session 261 in Quantico, Virginia on September 18, 2015. The 261st session was attended by 225 executive law enforcement officials, representing 48 states, 23 countries, five military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.



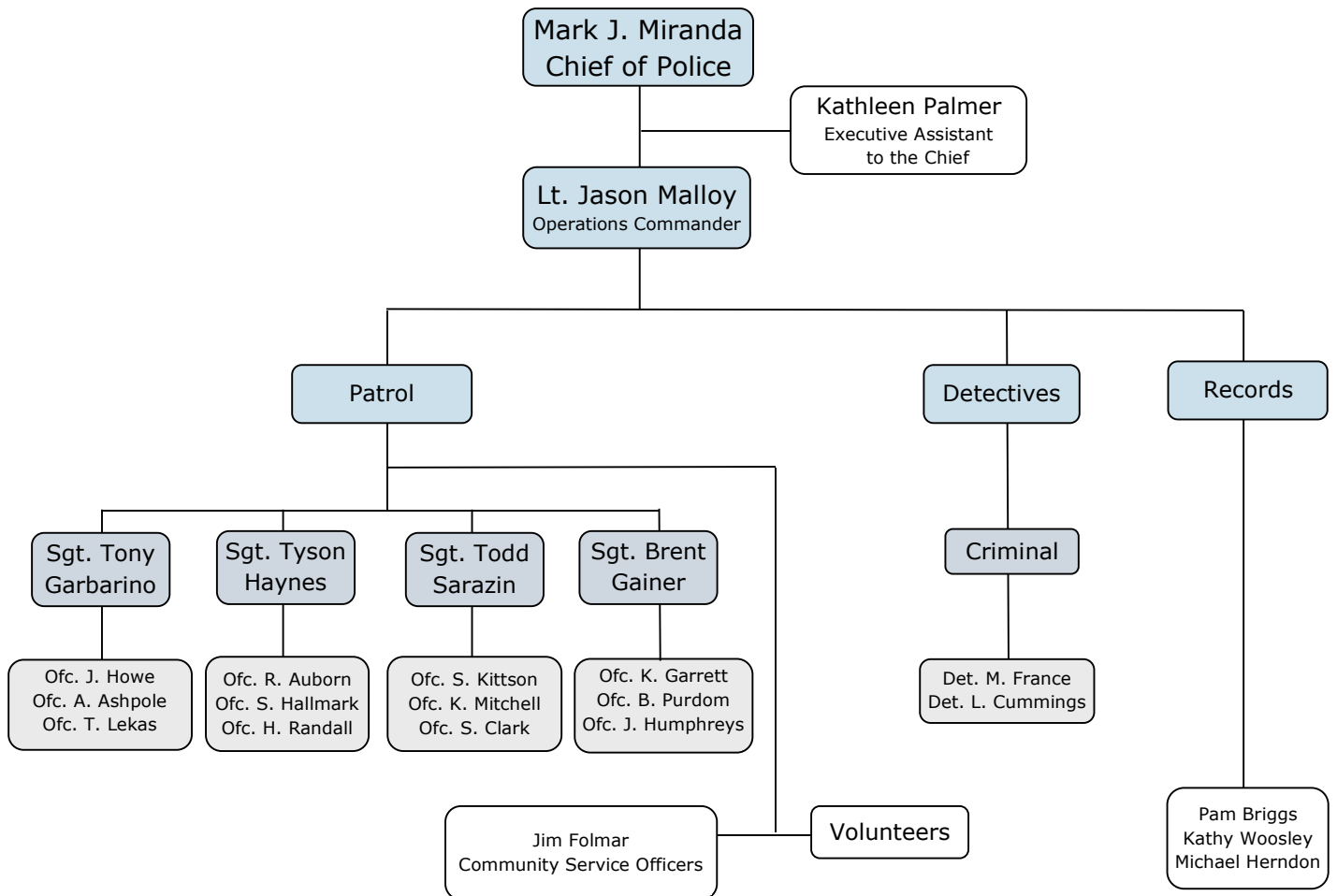
Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience, and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The FBI National Academy is a professional development course for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. It serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Its mission is “to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world.”

Lt. Malloy has worked in law enforcement for 24 years, and for the Newport Police Department for 20 years. He is currently assigned as the Police Department Operations Commander. Previous Newport Police Department graduates of the FBI Academy include Retired Lieutenant Dave Teem (class #228), and Chief Mark Miranda (class #198).

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Total Personnel in December 2015		
	Authorized	Actual
Sworn	20	20
Civilian	5	5
Volunteers	40	23
Overall Total	65	48

2015 PERSONNEL



ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING YOU SINCE
Mark J. Miranda	Chief of Police	2003
Jason Malloy	Lieutenant	1994
Tony Garbarino	Patrol Sergeant	1987
Todd Sarazin	Patrol Sergeant	1993
Tyson Haynes	Patrol Sergeant	1999
Brent Gainer	Patrol Sergeant	2007
Kathleen Palmer	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2004
INVESTIGATIONS		
Mitch France	Detective	2008
Lance Cummings	Detective	2014
PATROL DIVISION		
Steve Kittson <i>(retired in April)</i>	Patrol Officer	1989
Jerry Howe <i>(retired in November)</i>	Patrol Officer	1989
Rick Auburn	Patrol Officer	2005
Kraig Mitchell	Patrol Officer	2005
Andy Ashpole	Patrol Officer	2007
Thomas Lekas	Patrol Officer	2008
Keith Garrett	Patrol Officer	2008
Brad Purdom	Patrol Officer	2011
Steve Hallmark	Patrol Officer	2012
Jon Humphreys	Patrol Officer	2013
Jim Folmar	Community Service Officer	2014
Sam Clark	Patrol Officer	2015
Hayden Randall	Patrol Officer	2015
RECORDS DIVISION		
Pam Briggs	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence Custodian	2001
Kathy Woosley	Records Clerk	2013
Michael Herndon	Records Clerk	2013

TRANSITIONS

New Employees

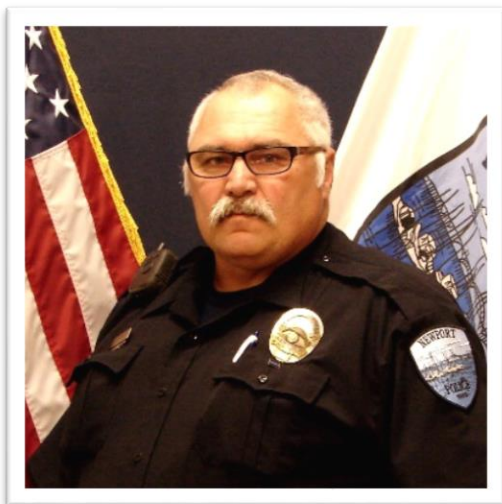


*Officer Sam Clark
Hired April 22, 2015*



*Officer Hayden Randall
Hired October 5, 2015*

Departing Employees



*Officer Steve Kittson
Retired April 29, 2015*



*Officer Jerry Howe
Retired November 30, 2015*

AWARDS

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

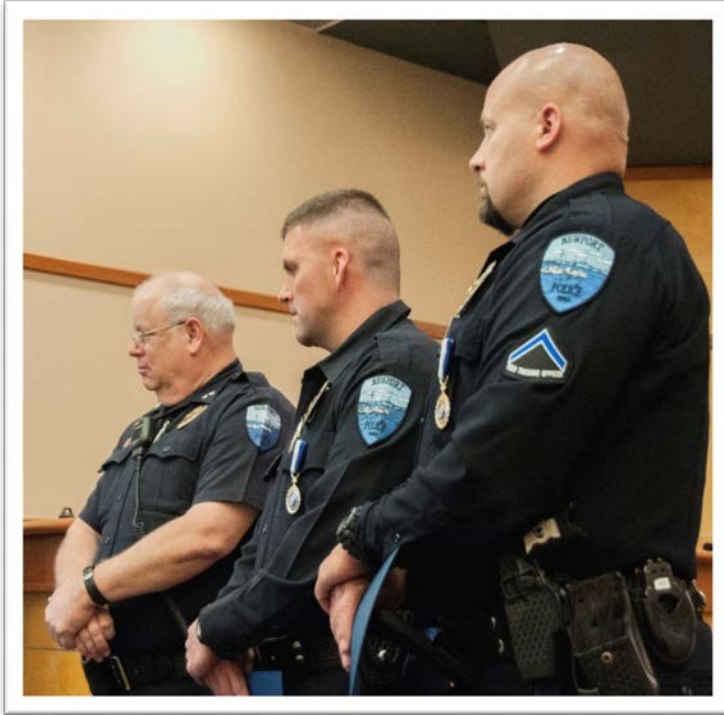


Photo by Barb Dudley

In April, 2015, three Newport Police Officers were awarded Life Saving Medals for their roles in saving the life of a suicidal subject on the Yaquina Bay Bridge. The incident occurred on December 26, 2014. At Approximately 2:07 p.m., Newport Police Officer Brad Purdom was the first to arrive on scene. He found a 41-year-old male Newport resident sitting on the railing near the center span of the bridge.

Officer Purdom began talking with the man, who made very clear his intention to jump from the bridge. At one point, the man climbed over the rail, and was on the west side bridge railing. Newport Police Officer Kraig Mitchell, and Chief of Police Mark Miranda, arrived on scene to assist Officer Purdom.

Officer Purdom engaged the man in conversation for 32 minutes, at which point the man climbed back over the railing so that he was standing on the sidewalk. The Officers continued to converse with the man, but he attempted again to climb over the west side of the bridge railing. The Officers were able to grab him as he released his grip on the bridge rail, and began to fall. Officers pulled him to safety, and detained him in handcuffs for his own protection.

Officer Brad Purdom, Officer Kraig Mitchell, and Chief Mark Miranda were recognized for their selfless acts at the April 20, 2015 Newport City Council Meeting. They were awarded lifesaving medals by Newport Mayor Sandra Roumagoux.

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LIFE SAVING AWARDS



Photo by Sgt. Tony Garbarino

At the Newport City Council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, Officer Steven S. Hallmark, Officer Samuel D. Clark, and Officer Richard G. Auburn were commended for superior performance of duty on June 5, 2015, while assigned to the Patrol Division of the Newport Police Department. These officers responded to the Yaquina Bay Bridge on a report of a subject threatening to jump. Upon his arrival, Officer Hallmark found the subject on the outside of the railing near mid-span. Officer Hallmark's relentless effort to negotiate with the subject allowed Officers Clark and Auburn to devise a plan of action to prevent the subject from jumping. The subject's efforts to take his own life by jumping off the Yaquina Bay Bridge became imminent, and his intentions clear. During the last few seconds of the subject's suicide attempt, Officers Hallmark, Clark, and Auburn were able to close on the subject and grab him. He was prevented from plunging 138 feet into the Yaquina Bay.

During the performance of their duty, the Officers committed an overt act that directly saved the life of another human being. The Newport Police Department Awards Committee found that the actions of Officers Hallmark, Clark, and Auburn met the definitions and requirements for the NPD Life Saving Medal. These Officers' diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Newport Police Department.

Mayor Sandra Roumagoux presented each officer with the NPD Life Saving Medal. Chief Mark J. Miranda noted that someone attempting to commit suicide by jumping from the bridge is an unusual occurrence. Since the beginning of 2015, there were two suicide attempts on the bridge. He can only recall two suicides by people jumping from the bridge over the last twelve years. Chief Miranda stated: "I'm proud of the actions of our officers. This is a situation that rarely happens, but they were ready to step up and deal with the issue at hand."

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ELTON PIER AWARD



*Left to right: City Manager Spencer Nebel,
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor Sandra Roumagoux
Photo by Chief Mark J. Miranda*

Kathleen Palmer, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, was the 2015 recipient of the Elton Pier Award as announced at the City Awards Banquet in December.

The City of Newport's Elton Pier Award is named in honor of a long-time city employee and volunteer firefighter. The award is given to individuals exhibiting many of the following qualities: dependability; hard work; resourcefulness; compassion; motivation of others; and a commitment to public service through volunteerism and city employment.

Kathleen Palmer has been a member of the City of Newport Safety Committee since 2007. In 2010, Kathleen was elected chair of the Safety Committee, and became the driving force behind the committee. Under Kathleen's leadership, the committee now has a safety incentive program, an enhanced inspection program more visibility (bright yellow/green jackets for Safety Committee members to wear) and the Safe Personnel Training program. The Safety Committee has become a known entity throughout the City, and has had a positive impact on all City employees. The success of the Safety Committee is due to the leadership skills of Kathleen Palmer. Her ability to motivate committee members, and develop a solid mission for the Committee, has been outstanding, making her very worthy of this award.

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2014 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Officer Brad Purdom



The Employee of the Year Award is presented in the spring for the previous year's service.

Officer Bradley D. Purdom is cited for superior performance of duty while assigned to the Patrol Division of the Newport Police Department from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Member of the Lincoln County Major Crash Team, as well as spear-heading distracted driving training for our local youth. Officer Purdom is an enthusiastic team player, ready and willing to help wherever needed. He maintains a positive attitude at all times while working steadily and efficiently throughout the day. Officer Purdom has recently closed several complicated investigations that required numerous hours. He made arrests and presented the District Attorney's Office with easily prosecuted cases. Officer Purdom completed these investigations

while still attending to his daily work load, and maintaining his lead in the Newport Police Department's DUII investigations and traffic enforcement. His presence in the Newport Police Department is very much appreciated by all members of the Department.

Without reservation, the Supervisors of the Department recommended Officer Purdom as the Employee of the Year. Officer Purdom's diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Newport Police Department.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

The Employee of the Quarter Award is presented to exemplary employees who have demonstrated dedication to the Department in many ways. These employees may be relied upon to quickly and efficiently complete any task assigned, and work many overtime shifts without hesitation or complaint. They are professional, knowledgeable, and an asset to the Police Department. In 2015, the Employee of the Quarter Award was presented to Officer Steve Hallmark, Officer Brad Purdom, Records Clerk/Property and Evidence Custodian Pam Briggs, and Community Service Officer Jim Folmar.



Officer Steve Hallmark



Officer Brad Purdom



*Records Clerk/Property & Evidence
Custodian Pam Briggs*



Community Service Officer Jim Folmar

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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Hank Bryson



A new award was commissioned called the Volunteer of the Quarter. The first recipient was Volunteer Hank Bryson. Hank first volunteered with NPD in March, 2010. He has been very active in the training of new Volunteers and has devoted many hours in patrolling parking lots and other areas to be the eyes and ears of the Department. He does not take any action himself, but rather calls a police officer to handle the situation.

As Volunteers for the Newport Police Department, their unique skills are rendered to assist the Department with a wide variety of duties. Participation in the Volunteer Program allows the citizens of the Newport community to become involved in Police Department activities, and to provide assistance to Department staff. Through these activities and assistance, Volunteers work with the community to prevent crime, provide services, and create a safer environment for the City of Newport. Volunteers are fully trained to assist the Records staff, Detectives, and Sergeants with special projects.

The Newport Police Volunteer Association is a 501(c)(3) IRS non-profit organization.

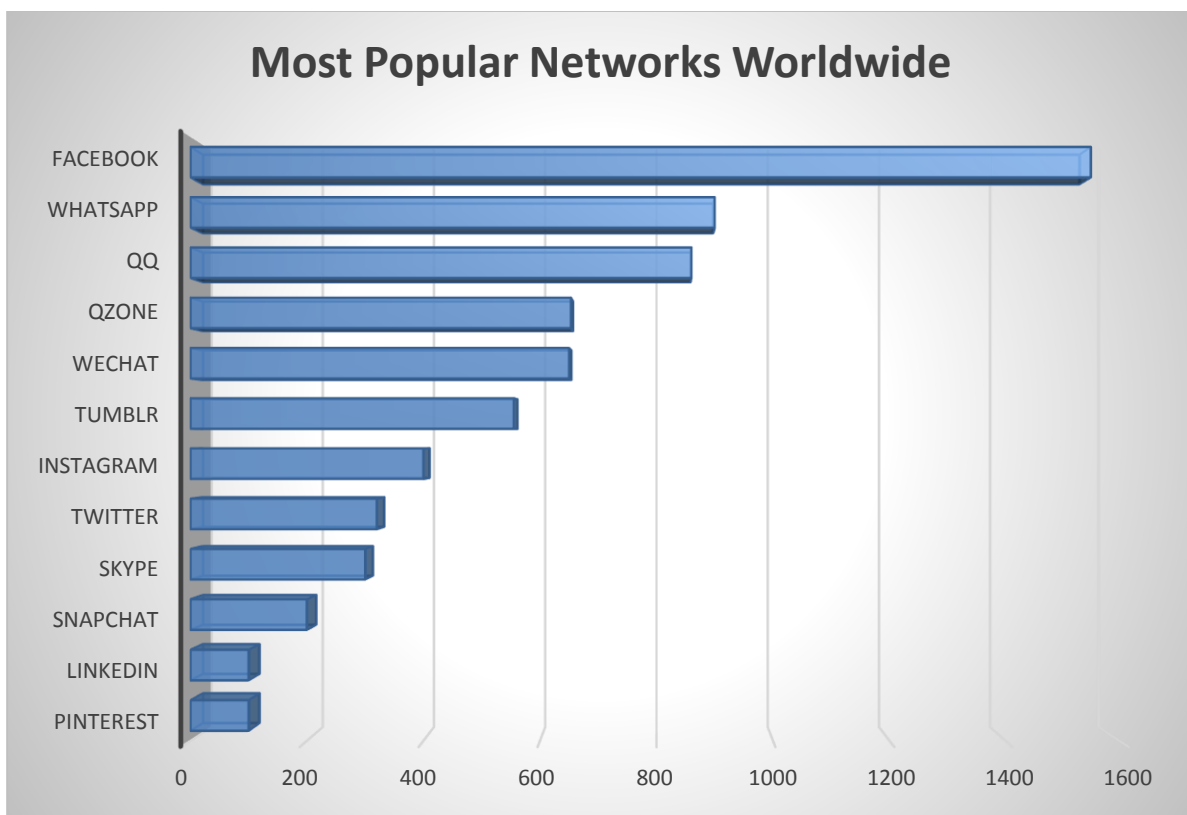


SOCIAL MEDIA



When social media first appeared, few in law enforcement predicted that using it would increase communication between law enforcement and citizens. Even fewer predicted using social media as a crime-fighting tool. Now, law enforcement social media pages feature tools to collect complaints, tips, and compliments, as well as allowing the public to subscribe to feeds, according to *Police Chief Magazine*.

There are currently more than 80 social media sites in use. The most popular and widely used site is Facebook, with more than 1.55 billion monthly active users.



Number of active users in millions

Entrepreneur reports that social media is as valuable, if not more valuable, a resource for police departments as it is for traditional brands and businesses. It helps humanize the force by allowing police departments to connect and converse with the general public. More importantly, it provides a platform for the departments to share information quickly, and to respond to tips from citizens who are often more forthcoming over social media than they would be in person.

SOCIAL MEDIA

A 2013, a social media survey from the International Association of Chiefs of Police found that 96% of police departments use social media in some capacity; more than 80% say it has helped them solve crimes; and 73% of agencies said it helped improve police-community relationships in their jurisdiction.

A social media presence may benefit the department and community by:

1. Building a trustworthy relationship and a sense of community by engaging with each other
2. Gaining control over the department's reputation in the community
3. Providing a forum for people to ask questions and to share tips that otherwise would not be shared
4. Spreading knowledge quickly and with minimal effort that could protect our community, help catch suspects, find missing persons, etc.

But let's back up a little, since many people do not use social media or understand how it works. What exactly is social media? Social media is the collective of online communications channels dedicated to community-based input, interaction, content-sharing, and collaboration. Websites and applications dedicated to forums, microblogging, social networking, social bookmarking, social curation, and wikis are among the different types of social media.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Here are some prominent examples of social media:



•**Facebook** is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages, and keep in touch with friends, family, and colleagues. According to statistics from the Nielsen Group, Internet users within the United States spend more time on Facebook than any other website.



•**Twitter** is a free microblogging service that allows registered members to broadcast short posts called “tweets”. Twitter members can broadcast tweets, and follow other users' tweets, by using multiple platforms and devices.



•**YouTube** is a free video sharing website that makes it easy to watch online videos. You can even create and upload your own videos to share with others. YouTube is now one of the most popular sites on the Web, with visitors watching around 6 billion hours of video every month. If you've ever watched a video online, there's a good chance it was a YouTube video.



•**Google+** (pronounced Google plus) is Google's social networking project, designed to replicate the way people interact offline more closely than is the case in other social networking services. The project's slogan is “Real-life sharing rethought for the web.”



•**Instagram** is an online mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing, and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos, and share them either publicly or privately on the app, as well as through a variety of other social networking platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Flickr.



•**Wikipedia** is a free, open content online encyclopedia created through the collaborative effort of a community of users known as Wikipedians. Anyone registered on the site can create an article for publication; registration is not required to edit articles.



•**LinkedIn** is a social networking site designed specifically for the business community. The goal of the site is to allow registered members to establish and document networks of people they know and trust professionally.



•**Pinterest** is a social curation website for sharing and categorizing images found online. Pinterest requires brief descriptions but the main focus of the site is visual. Clicking on an image will take you to the original source, so, for example, if you click on a picture of a pair of shoes, you might be taken to a site where you can purchase them.

(Citing Sources: [<http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/social-media>]; [<http://libeltyseo.com>])

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Newport Police Department first began using social media in 2008 by launching its Facebook page. It currently has more than 5,300 followers, and gains an average of 100 additional followers each week. Our Twitter page has more than 675 followers. NPD also has a YouTube channel, and accounts with Instagram and Pinterest,



By posting photos on Facebook and Twitter of wanted subjects, suspects, or persons of interest in open investigations, asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect, or a vehicle description involved in a crime, we have received tips that helped solve close to two dozen cases, and located more than 40 subjects with warrants. A survey conducted by Everbridge/Nixle shows that 95% of citizens are willing to collaborate with their local police to play a greater role in community policing, especially when they can do so by reporting crime or providing a tip using digital channels such as Facebook.

Quite often, a Facebook post will go viral. In Internet terms, "going viral" has nothing to do with malware or catching the flu. A viral post is something that has been shared, copied, and spread across all social platforms. Going viral means that a post has generated a great deal of attention in the form of a high number of likes, shares, and comments.

It all starts with a single post. A video, photo, or anecdote that you uploaded catches the attention of the people who watch or follow you. They "Like" the post, comment on it, or share it in their own timeline, spreading your post to the people on their friend list. If the friends of your friends also Like, comment, and Share the post, it spreads far beyond its original audience. The further the post spreads, and the more Likes, comments, and Shares it receives, the more viral it becomes. Your post may also jump social platforms and start appearing on other social media sites, solidifying its virality. (Citing source: Jane Williams, *Demand Media* [<http://smallbusiness.chron.com>])

BAYFRONT MASKED BANDITS

In mid-November, 2015, the Newport Police Department went viral with a Facebook post featuring a photograph of raccoons ‘burglarizing’ a Bayfront art gallery. Officers Jerry Howe and Thomas Lekas responded to the call. Officer Lekas captured several shots of the would-be thieves caught in the act. The result was the perfect opportunity to show the lighter side of law enforcement duties. The Facebook post immediately went viral around the world.



Photo by Officer Thomas Lekas

Every major news outlet, including UPI, Associated Press, USA Today, London’s Daily Mail, the Huffington Post, and CNN carried the story. Even *The Art Newspaper – International Edition* (an online and paper publication that provides an unrivalled news service about the art world in over 30 countries, with editorial offices in London, Turin, New York, Paris, Moscow, Beijing and Athens) featured the notorious Masked Bandits of Newport’s Bayfront.

The Department’s Facebook post had more than 180,000 views, and was shared by more than 2,200 people on their own page. It is estimated that more than 165,000 media outlets covered the story.

BAYFRONT MASKED BANDITS

Feedback



Like

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Art-loving criminals: Four raccoons caught 'burglarizing' gallery go viral after cops post their hilariously incriminating photo

- The masked bandits had been regularly breaking into a Newport, Oregon art gallery
- A Good Samaritan called cops after seeing the furry fiends ransacking the store
- Police were able to roust the invaders after a 'brief scuffle'
- Home Dog, Da Nails, Squeaky Feets, and Two-Toes Todd were apprehended without further incident - it's unclear where they are now

By KIRI BLAKELEY FOR DAILYMAIL.COM

PUBLISHED: 23:03 EST, 14 November 2015 | UPDATED: 09:30 EST, 15 November 2015

Four masked intruders who were caught red-handed inside an art gallery in Newport, Oregon have become viral sensations after police posted their photo online.

The raccoons were photographed stacked on top of each other inside the Inscapes Gallery after they broke in and cops responded to the scene.

The cute crooks broke into the gallery after closing and police were called after a passerby spotted them in the store's window, reports [KPTV](#).

The bold bandits had a long criminal history of breaking into the gallery, which contains the work of local artists, said the store's owner, Cris Torp.

Torp said the furry fiends live in the hills behind the gallery and for months they'd been breaking into the store by using the stairway to gain access to the roof, and from there, crawling through a vent.

The owner sealed the vent but didn't realize that the cunning 'coons were already inside a crawl space, and became trapped. They were able to enter the store through another vent.

BAYFRONT MASKED BANDITS

Because they were so small, the creatures did not set off the store's alarm - but were seen by an eyewitness, who called police.

By that time, the owner says the crafty animals had probably been in the store for a couple of hours - and were deep in the process of 'rearranging the art'.

The Newport Police Department had fun with the 'arrest', posting on its **Facebook** page: 'Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity after midnight and cornered the suspects immediately upon entering the business.'



Break-in: The suspects go by the street names of Homie, Da Nails, Squeaky Feets and 2-Toes. They entered the gallery from this vent in the ceiling

'The suspects, known only by their street names of 'Home Dog', 'Da Nails', 'Squeaky Feets', and '2-Toes Todd', attempted to elude officers on scene. After a brief scuffle, all suspects were captured without further incident or injuries.'

'Squeaky Feets' told officers they had no intention of taking anything from the gallery; they were only trying to straighten a few pieces of art on the wall. Tell it to the judge, 'Feets'. Tell it to the judge.'

ARRESTS

In 2015, with the legalization of marijuana in Oregon, there was a 76% decrease from the previous year in the number of marijuana arrests. This does not indicate a decrease in the usage of marijuana. There was no change in arrests for cocaine and heroin-related drug crimes, and a 10% increase in arrests relating to methamphetamine drug crimes.

DUII CHARGES				
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
85	68	86	54	56

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR ARRESTS				
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
38	16	27	11	21



DRUG CHARGES						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Change 2014-2015
Cocaine	1	1	0	0	0	0%
Heroin	7	3	5	14	14	0%
Marijuana	60	54	51	49	12	-76%
Methamphetamine	14	34	60	40	44	10%

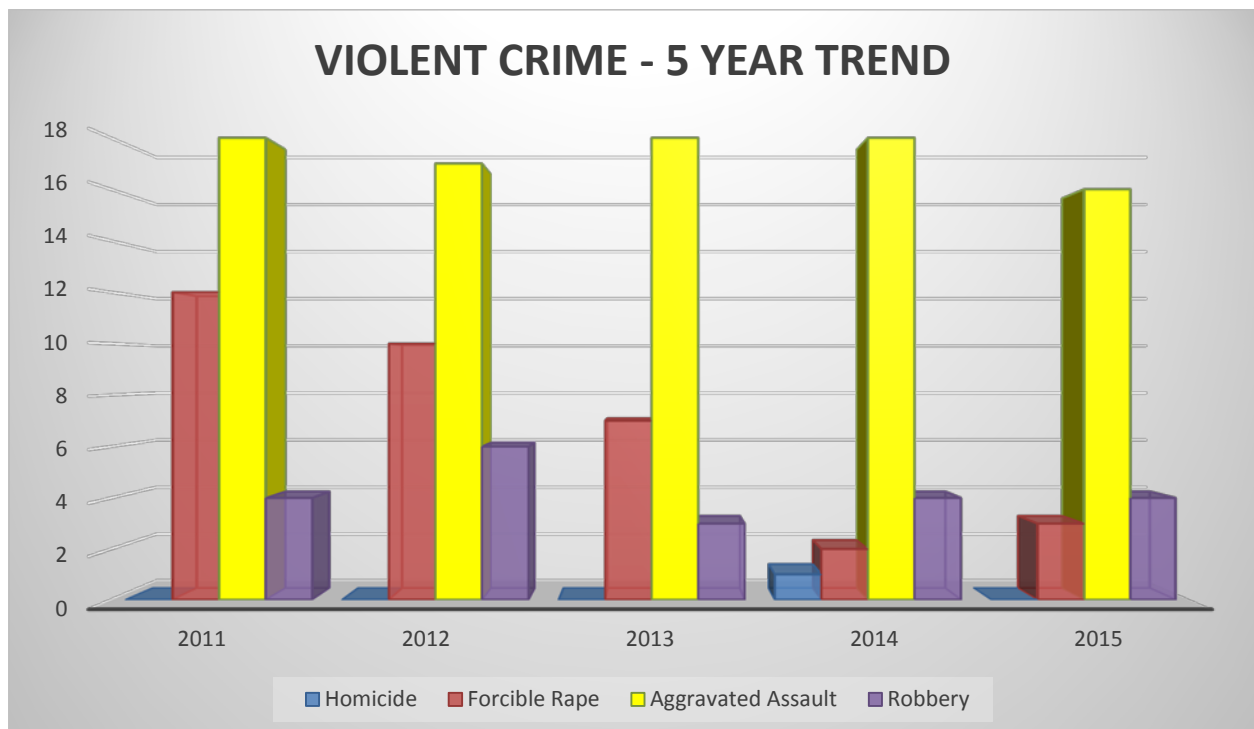
ARREST COMPARISON BY MONTH - FIVE YEAR TREND													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2011	54	51	47	54	47	71	59	66	44	70	50	69	682
2012	45	60	69	43	57	65	57	67	67	66	57	58	711
2013	62	43	54	45	54	54	60	73	63	52	54	44	658
2014	38	56	61	60	84	59	73	64	70	63	66	36	730
2015	65	67	74	72	47	68	60	66	60	59	56	45	739
TOTAL	199	277	305	274	289	317	309	336	304	310	283	252	3,520
AVERAGE	49.75	55.4	61	54.8	57.8	63.4	61.8	67.2	60.8	62	56.6	50.4	704
BUSIEST MONTHS BY RANK	12	9	5	10	7	2	4	1	6	3	8	11	

VIOLENT CRIMES

The following tables provide the total number of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes reported in Newport for the past five years.

VIOLENT CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Homicide; Rape; Aggravated Assault; Robbery)						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Change 2014-2015
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
Forcible Rape	12	10	7	2	3	50%
Aggravated Assault	18	17	18	18	16	-11%
Robbery	4	6	3	4	4	0%
Total Violent Crime	34	33	27	25	23	-8%

OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	
Sex Offense	35
Simple Assault	89
Identity Theft	22
Disorderly Conduct	61



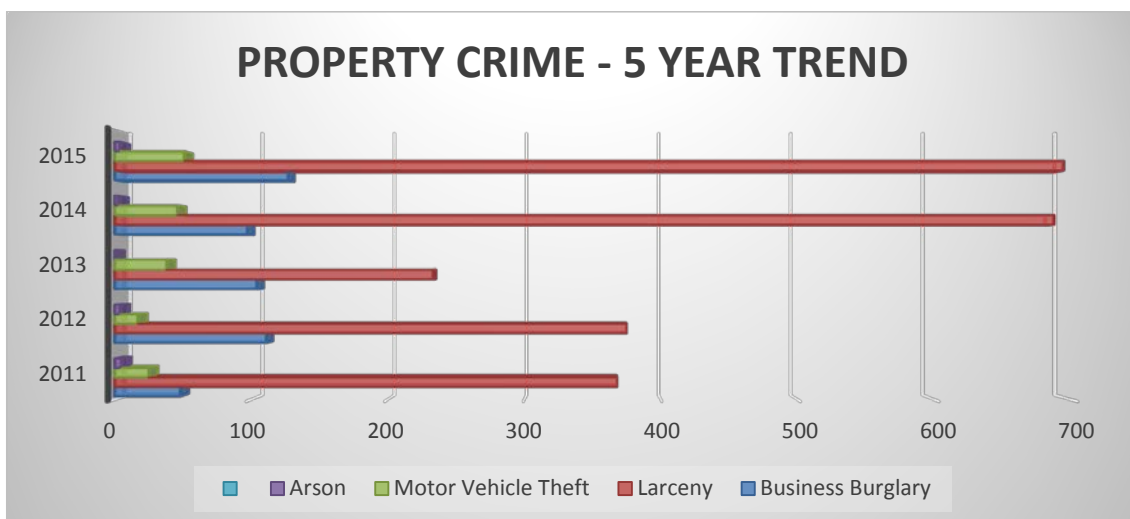
PROPERTY CRIMES

The property crime index includes burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Theft is the most common crime in this index, accounting for more than 80% of all property crimes, including shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, and theft from motor vehicles. Overall, property crime increased by 5% in 2015.

PROPERTY CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Burglary; Larceny; Motor Vehicle Theft; Arson)						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percentage Change 2014-2015
Burglary	48	111	104	97	127	31%
Larceny	368	375	233	688	695	1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	17	38	46	51	11%
Arson	5	4	0	3	4	33%
Total Property Crime	446	507	375	834	877	5%



OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2015	
Fraud	78
Trespass	360
Vandalism	17



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

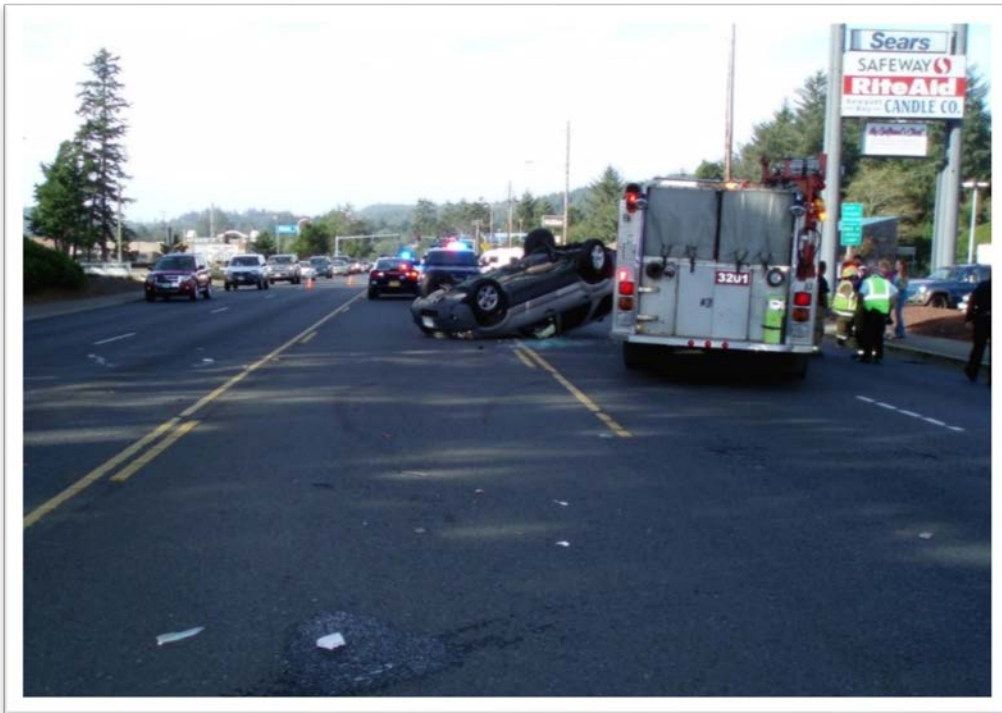
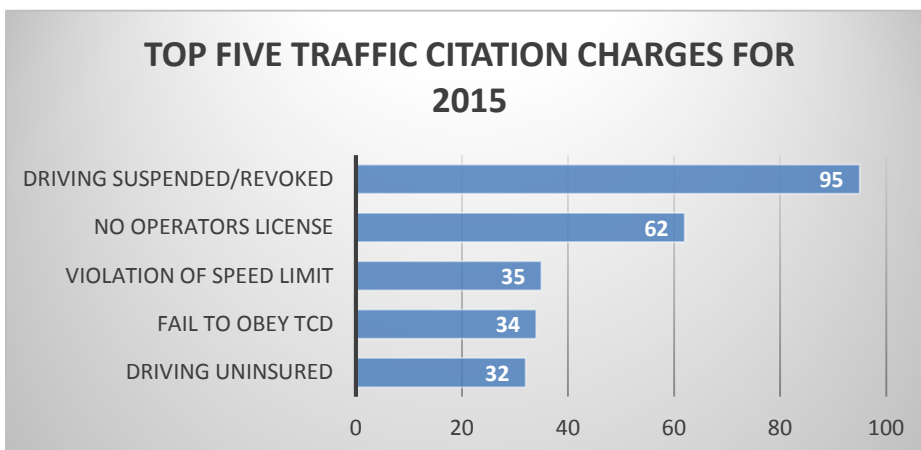


Photo by Officer Keith Garrett

The number of reported traffic crashes increased by 18% in 2015. Most noticeably, the number of hit-and-run crashes increased by 33%. Tragically, there was a total of three separate fatal traffic crashes; two of which were pedestrians struck by vehicles.

A total of 363 traffic citations, and 821 traffic warnings were issued. There were 1,131 parking citations issued which were cited into Municipal Court.

FIVE YEAR TREND OF TRAFFIC CRASHES					
	Total Crashes	Injury Crashes	Hit & Run Crashes	Property Damage	Fatal Crashes
2011	253	52	106	95	1
2012	267	40	120	107	0
2013	281	52	130	99	0
2014	447	52	173	222	0
2015	528	50	230	248	3



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Community Service Officer Jim Folmar is responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport, particularly in regards to business license violations, attractive nuisance violations, and abandoned vehicles.

In 2015, CSO Folmar handled approximately 321 ordinance issues. Most of the issues were resolved by communicating with the responsible person or business owner to reach voluntary compliance, after which no further enforcement action was necessary. Sixty-nine citations were issued as a result of non-compliance.



CSO Jim Folmar

Approximately 25 reports were written by CSO Folmar, including found property, lost property, cold hit-and-run traffic crashes, and criminal mischief reports.

Approximately 130 vehicles were reported as illegally parked or abandoned. Seven of those reported vehicles were towed as abandoned or nuisance violations.



Before Compliance



After Compliance

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



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SUPPORT SERVICES

The City of Newport Police Department's Records Division is staffed by three Records Clerks, one of which also serves as the Property and Evidence Custodian. The Records Clerks are responsible for maintaining the accuracy, integrity and confidentiality of sensitive information pertaining to the Police Department.

In addition to being the first point of contact for citizens by telephone and in person at City Hall, their duties include processing all police reports, data entry, impounded vehicle releases, report dissemination to other agencies, sex offender registration, public information requests, and local record checks



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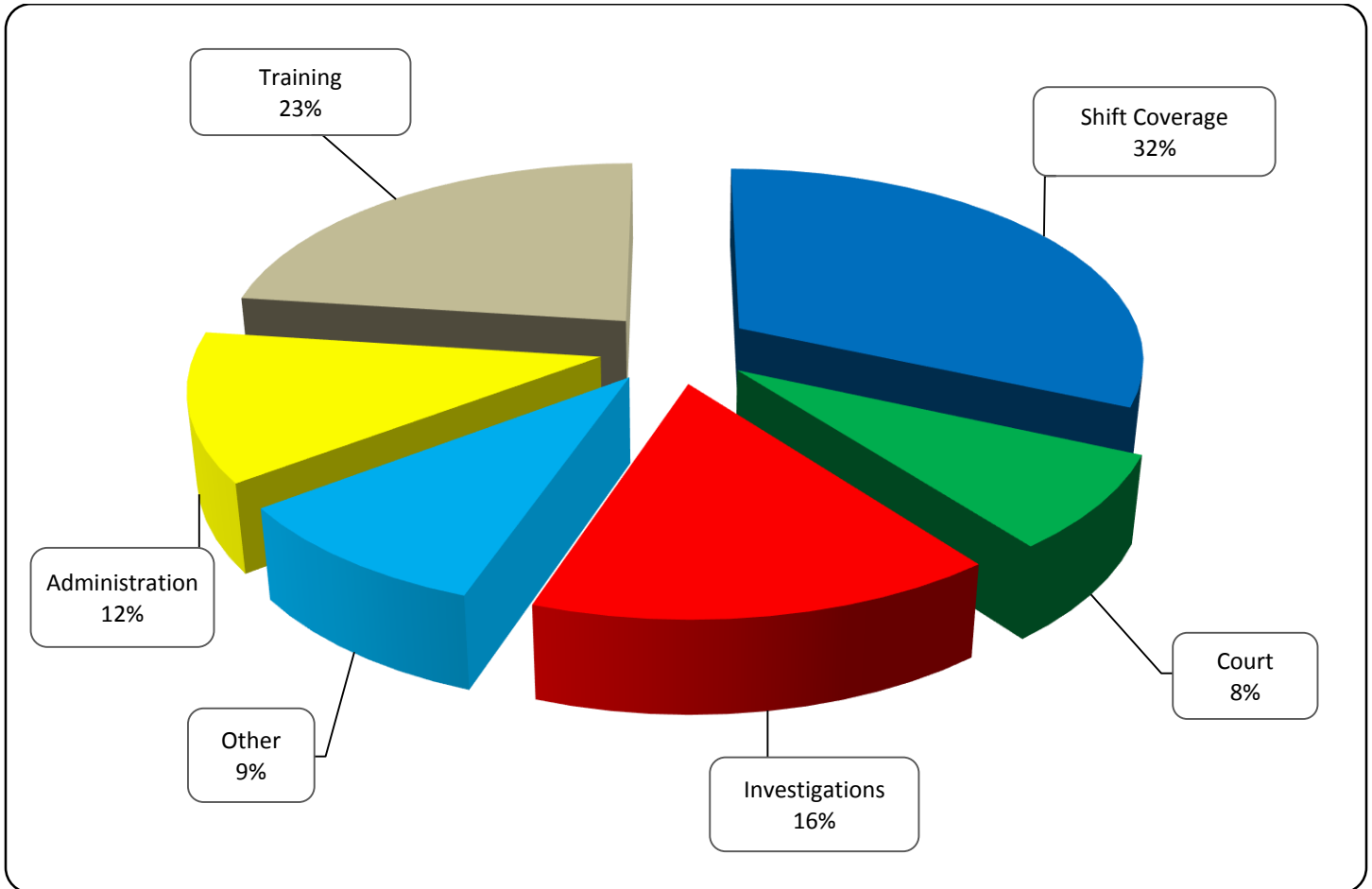


Kathleen Palmer, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, is responsible for organizing meetings, maintaining confidential records (including internal affairs investigations, security codes, and keys), supervising all procurements for the Department, maintaining officer training records, and issuing uniforms, duty gear, and equipment for officers. Additionally, the Executive Assistant conducts criminal background checks on City volunteers, City employees, taxi driver permit applicants, and ride-along applicants. The Executive Assistant to the Chief also assists Supervisors in the hiring process for Department positions.

The support staff of the Newport Police Department conducts many other functions throughout the year.	
Business License Application Review	103
City Employee/Volunteer Applicant Background Checks	89
Civilian Ride-Along Tracking	22
Impounded Vehicle Notifications	25
OLCC License Application Investigations	7
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	40
Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Program (weight in pounds)	468
Sex Offender Registrations (including multiple change of address updates)	41
Subpoenas Served To Officers and Citizens	1,167
Taxi Driver Licenses Issued	13

SUPPORT SERVICES

OVERTIME HOURS IN 2015



NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS	
Shift Coverage	1,219
Court	304
Investigations	604
Other	363
Administration	476
Training	882

VOLUNTEERS

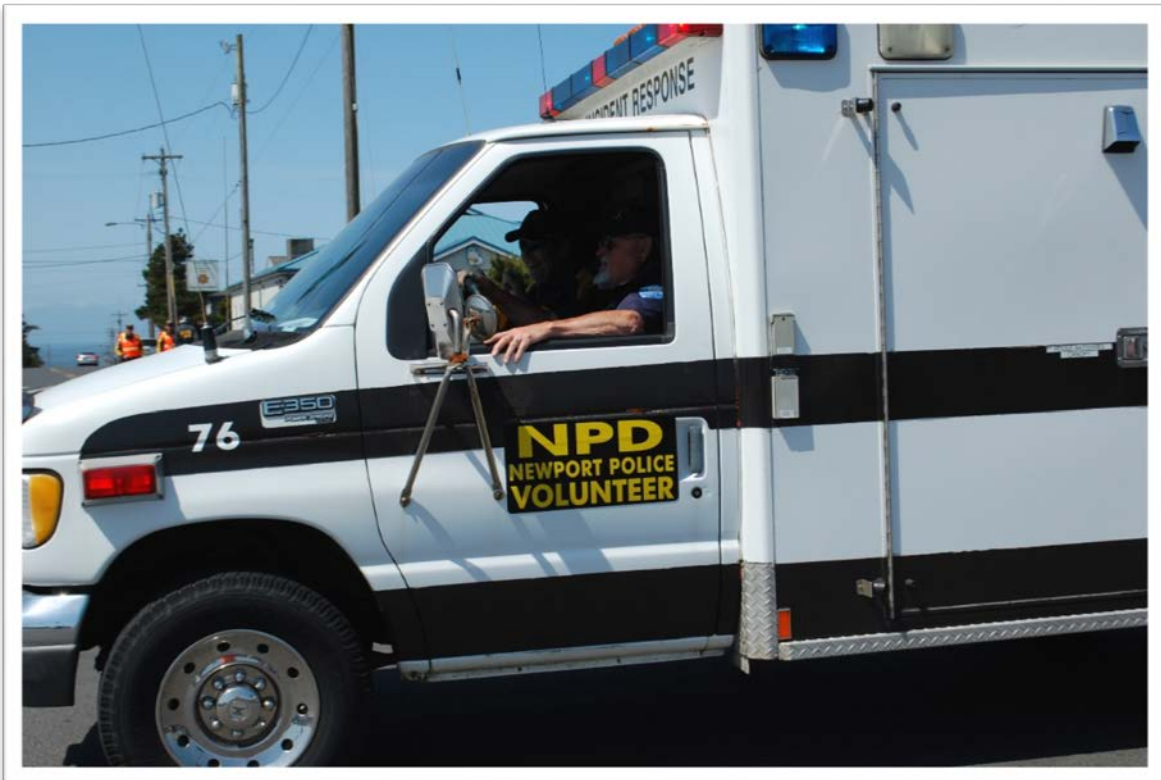
It was a busy year for the Newport Police Volunteers. A total of 3,515 hours were contributed to the city, equaling \$81,091.05, calculated by a federal formula of one volunteer hour valued at \$23.07.

NPD Volunteers assisted with many community activities, including the Coastal Classic Mud Bike Race, Loyalty Days Parade, Hatfield Marine Science Center Evacuation Drill, Lincoln County Volunteer Fair, Barrel to Keg Relay, the New Lincoln County Fair, and the 5th Annual Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

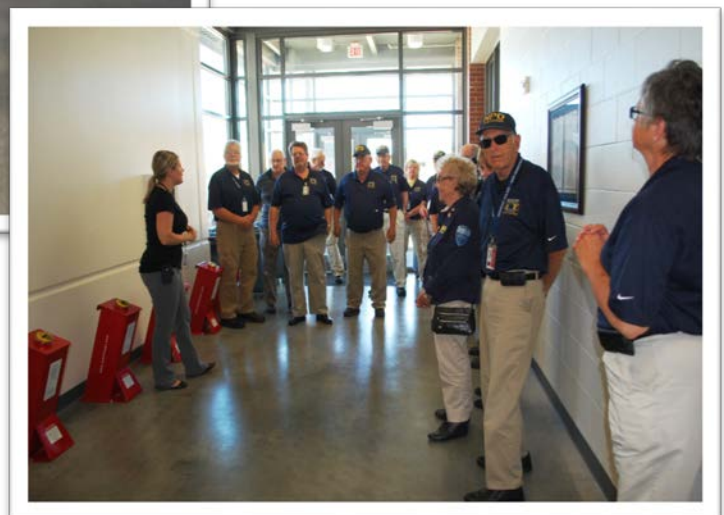
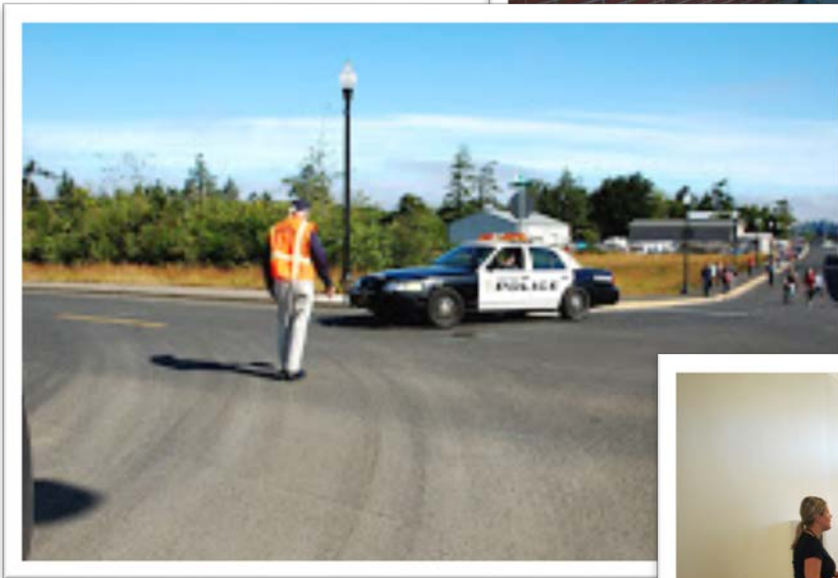
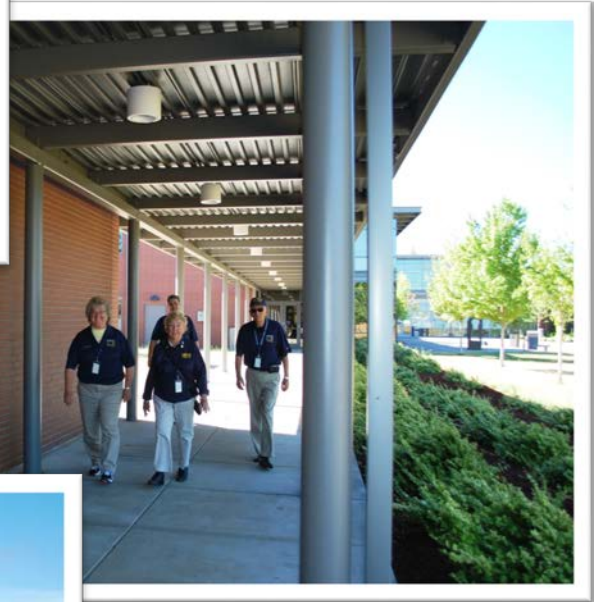


The Volunteer Program allows Newport community members to become involved in such Police Department activities as crash scene traffic control, disabled parking enforcement, emergency management, crowd control, traffic safety, nuisance vehicle monitoring, tourist assistance, administrative support, Municipal Court bailiff duties, and many more events.

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EVENTS



Loyalty Days Parade



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Mock DUII Crash at Newport High School



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All Hands Meeting



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Training at the Range



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Burglary Task Force



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U.S. Coast Guard Stamp Ceremony



EVENTS



Shop With A Cop



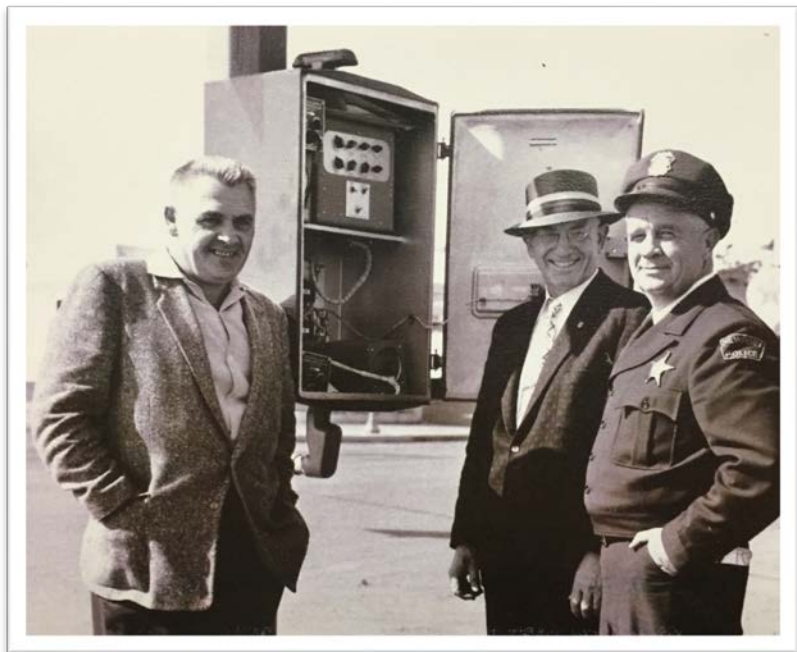
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Shop With A Cop



YESTER YEAR



Chief W.J. "Bud" Mulkey - 1957



Officer Frances Ziemieczuk - 1948



Officer Waring - 1950

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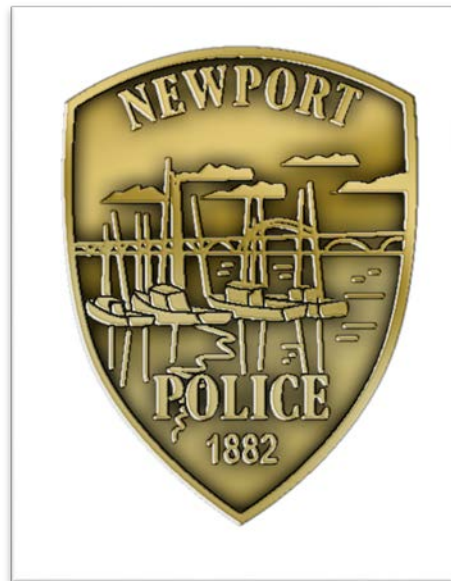
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