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MISSION & VALUES

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.

Department Values

Integrity – We believe in conducting business with the highest standards of honesty, reliability, and fairness.

Excellence – We believe aspiring to excellence leads to continuous improvement in our operations.

Community – We believe in delivering services of superior quality that satisfy our customers.

Employees – We believe each of us is entitled to a rewarding and challenging career.

Teamwork – We believe teamwork is essential to reaching our potential.

Commitment – We believe in delivering on the commitments we make.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As your Police Chief, it is both an honor and a privilege to serve our diverse and inclusive community. I am proud to present this Annual Report on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Newport Police Department. The information contained within this report reflects our Police Department's mission and vision to serving and protecting our community. We hope you find our report informative and beneficial.

2023 proved to be an exciting time for the Police Department, as our staffing numbers began to show improvement over previous years. Across the country, every law enforcement agency has seen a steady increase in officers leaving the profession early *and* a significant decrease in applicants interested in becoming police officers. The Newport Police Department is no exception, and this year we continued to see a low number of applicants. While the numbers were low, our quality of applicants was great. Additionally, a backlog in available police academy slots brought further challenges as those we did hire were forced



to wait several months to attend, further lengthening the time it takes to get an officer on the road. While we saw some setbacks in getting qualified applicants hired, trained, and on the road, we were able to adapt and succeed in hiring two entry level Police Officers and one lateral Police Officer.

Law Enforcement has evolved greatly over the years and 2023 was no different for us. Significant legislative updates continue to be seen. This year changes to the bail system resulted in many offenders being released from jail prior to their first court hearing. While our officers often had to deal with repeat offenders, I am proud of the determination of our staff to continue to do their job and protect our community.

We take pride in giving the Newport community a sense of safety, a feeling of belonging, and a voice that is heard. We are confident in our ability to build community trust and transparency. We will continue to meet the needs of our community through diversity, inclusion and promoting equity. I am confident that all Police Department staff are prepared, equipped and motivated to meet the needs of our community.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Newport continues to be one of the greatest places to live, work, play and visit. We are excited to see what 2024 brings and look forward to continual advancement of the Newport Police Department.

This will be my last Chief's Message as your Police Chief, as I plan to retire in 2024. I have been fortunate to rise through the ranks in what I consider one of the greatest cities in Oregon. Newport has offered me a very rewarding career and I am thankful for opportunities I have had in nearly 30 years of employment with the City. One of the reasons Newport is so great is because of City personnel. I would like to personally recognize and thank the members of the Newport Police Department for their hard work and dedication to serving the community with pride and professionalism. The men and women of the Newport Police Department have made my tenure as Chief exciting, rewarding and fulfilling. While I will miss all our staff, I am fortunate to not only lead an incredible Department, but have had the opportunity to make many lasting friendships. To the City of Newport and the Newport Police Department, thank you!



Jason Malloy, Chief of Police



OVERVIEW

The Newport Police Department employs 22 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 10,000 residents spanning an area of over 10.6 square miles. In addition, the Department employs nine civilians who provide essential services such as Community Service, Executive Support, Records, Property and Evidence, and Special Projects.

The Police Department Operations consists of the Patrol Division, Investigation Division, and Community Service Officers. The Operations Bureau is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, play, and visit the City of Newport. We accomplish this mission by providing timely and professional public safety services to the community utilizing a problem-solving approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression and apprehension strategies. Our Support Services consists of the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Records Division, Property and Evidence, and Special Projects. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the Newport Police Department maintains the professional operation expected by the community we serve.



Our Department values independent decision-making and problem-solving strategies. Using a community-oriented policing philosophy, our Department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, civic organizations and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting procedures and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the Department's website

contains information about its staffing, crime report activity, crime prevention, informative links, and online services.

Every member of the Newport Police Department is committed to our Mission and Core Value statements, which are summed up in our motto: Noble, Professional, Dedicated.

2023 PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING SINCE
Jason Malloy	Chief of Police	1994
Brent Gainer	Lieutenant	2007
Tyson Haynes	Patrol Sergeant	1999
Mike Leake	Patrol Sergeant	2016
Steve Hallmark	Patrol Sergeant	2012
Aaron Bales	Patrol Sergeant/K9 Handler	2017
Kit O'Carra	Special Projects/Social Media Specialist	2008
Patty Riley	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2019
INVESTIGATIONS		
Kraig Mitchell	Detective	2005
PATROL DIVISION		
Sam Clark	Patrol Officer	2015
Jovita Ballentine	Community Service Officer	2018
Carlos Gamboa	Patrol Officer	2018
Dustin Kittel <i>(resigned in January 2024)</i>	Patrol Officer	2019
Sean Nieto	Patrol Officer	2019
Abraham Felix	Patrol Officer	2020
Laura Kenney	Patrol Officer	2022
Jerimiah Mangum	Patrol Officer	2022
Emma Cullivan	Patrol Officer	2022
Jack Grippin	Patrol Officer	2022
Jerrold Eshleman	Patrol Officer	2023
Ari Werner	Patrol Officer	2023
Darren Cicerone	Patrol Officer	2023
Valerie Claggett <i>(resigned in January 2024)</i>	Community Service Officer	2023
Connie Heinrich	Community Service Officer	2023
Donald Valentine	Parking Enforcement Officer	2023
Don Dinerstein	Chaplain <i>(Volunteer)</i>	2023
RECORDS DIVISION		
Joella Blomstrom	Records Clerk	2017
Renee McCaslin	Records Clerk	2018
Rebekah Goulet <i>(resigned in September)</i>	Records Clerk	2022

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Two full-time and one part-time Community Service Officers are responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport. The Community Service Officers attempt to resolve incidents through voluntary compliance, particularly with attractive nuisance violations, abandoned vehicles, and short-term-rental compliance. The CSO's work with members of our community to make Newport a safer and more presentable community for the citizens and visitors to our area.



CSO Valerie Claggett

In 2023, the CSOs handled approximately 641 ordinance issues, as well as parking violations, short term rental violations, trespass enforcement authorizations, and writing reports for found property, theft, criminal mischief, vandalism and graffiti.

The Newport Police Department received 209 abandoned vehicle complaints in 2023, of which 198 complaints were resolved by the CSO contacting the registered owners, who then moved the vehicles and were no longer in violation. Eleven vehicles were impounded after the registered owners did not comply with the CSO's requests.



CSO Jovita Ballentine



CSO Connie Heinrich

Included in the total number of ordinance issues, 64 involved Nuisance Ordinance – Debris, Rubbish, Vegetation and 119 involved Nuisance Ordinance Affecting Public Health and Offensive Littering violations which consisted of illegal dumping of trash on public property. The total cost for removal of the debris, abandoned vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, and fees paid to Thompson Sanitary Service, Table Mountain Forestry, towing companies and City and County worker's payroll amounted to \$47,608 for the year.



SUPPORT SERVICES



The 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 Officers 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, marijuana facility employees, and ride-along applicants.

The support staff of the Newport Police Department conducts many other functions throughout the year.

	2022	2023
Civilian Ride-Alongs	21	12
Impounded/Abandoned Vehicles	29	11
OLCC License Application Investigations	8	10
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	34	96
Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Program (weight in pounds)	523.3	339.95
Sex Offender Registrations	54	128
Subpoenas Served to Officers and Citizens	215	306
Taxi Driver Licenses Issued	11	8

Number of Overtime Hours		
	2022	2023
Administration	34.75	89.25
Court	219.75	195
Investigations	211.25	563
Shift Coverage	2,277.75	2,580.25
Training	523.25	809.75
Other	261.25	417.25

Two full-time and one part-time Records Clerks are responsible for maintaining the accuracy, integrity, and confidentiality of sensitive information pertaining to the Police Department. 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.

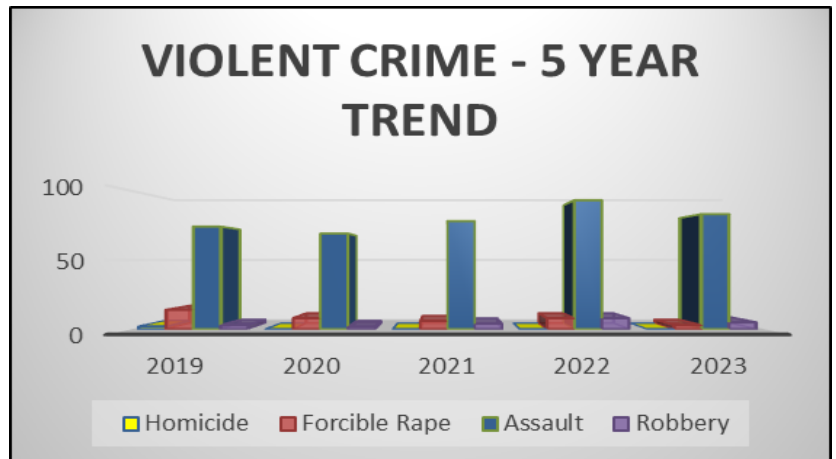
CRIME TRENDS

There were 16,289 total calls for service in 2023; an 8% increase from the previous year. 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)						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percentage Change 2022-2023
Homicide	2	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	14	8	6	8	3	-63%
Assault	74	69	78	93	83	-11%
Robbery	3	2	4	8	5	-38%
Total Violent Crime	93	79	88	109	91	-17%

OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS		
	2022	2023
Sex Offense	52	47
Identity Theft	19	10
Disorderly Conduct	72	127

OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES		
	2022	2023
Fraud	29	72
Trespass	73	158
Vandalism	9	14



PROPERTY CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Burglary; Larceny; Arson)						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percentage Change 2022-2023
Burglary	65	58	74	67	58	-13%
Larceny	642	378	489	448	356	-21%
Arson	0	1	4	3	0	-100%
Total Property Crime	707	437	567	518	414	-20%

ARRESTS

In 2023, the total number of arrests decreased from the previous year by 13%. With the passage of Measure 110 decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of drugs, drug-related arrests significantly decreased in 2023. Minor in Possession of Liquor arrests increased by 300% in 2023.

ARREST COMPARISON BY MONTH - FIVE YEAR TREND													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2019	118	98	111	91	94	94	103	124	73	79	75	69	1,129
2020	63	70	59	60	59	76	93	82	70	80	55	49	816
2021	98	49	75	79	71	68	62	91	59	82	79	70	883
2022	76	75	62	63	68	71	79	67	68	60	57	47	793
2023	95	57	58	74	79	53	55	44	37	51	77	65	745
TOTAL	450	349	365	367	371	362	392	408	307	352	343	300	



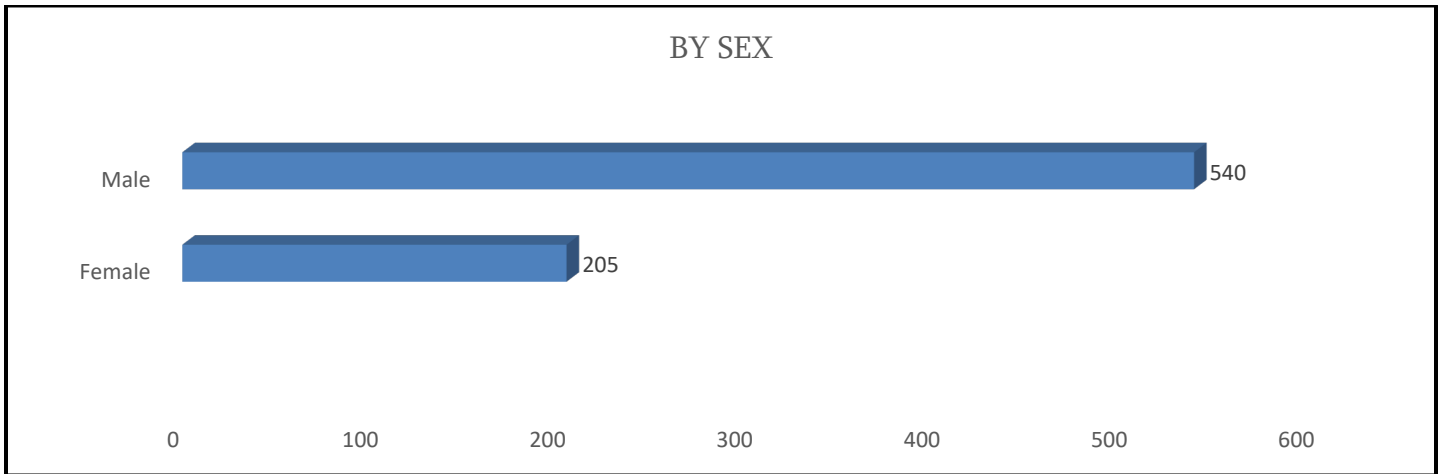
DRUG POSSESSION CHARGES - FIVE YEAR TREND						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2022-2023
Heroin	14	34	24	2	1	-50%
Methamphetamine	40	56	31	9	9	0

DUII CHARGES					MINOR IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR ARRESTS				
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
74	64	58	54	69	18	21	12	6	24

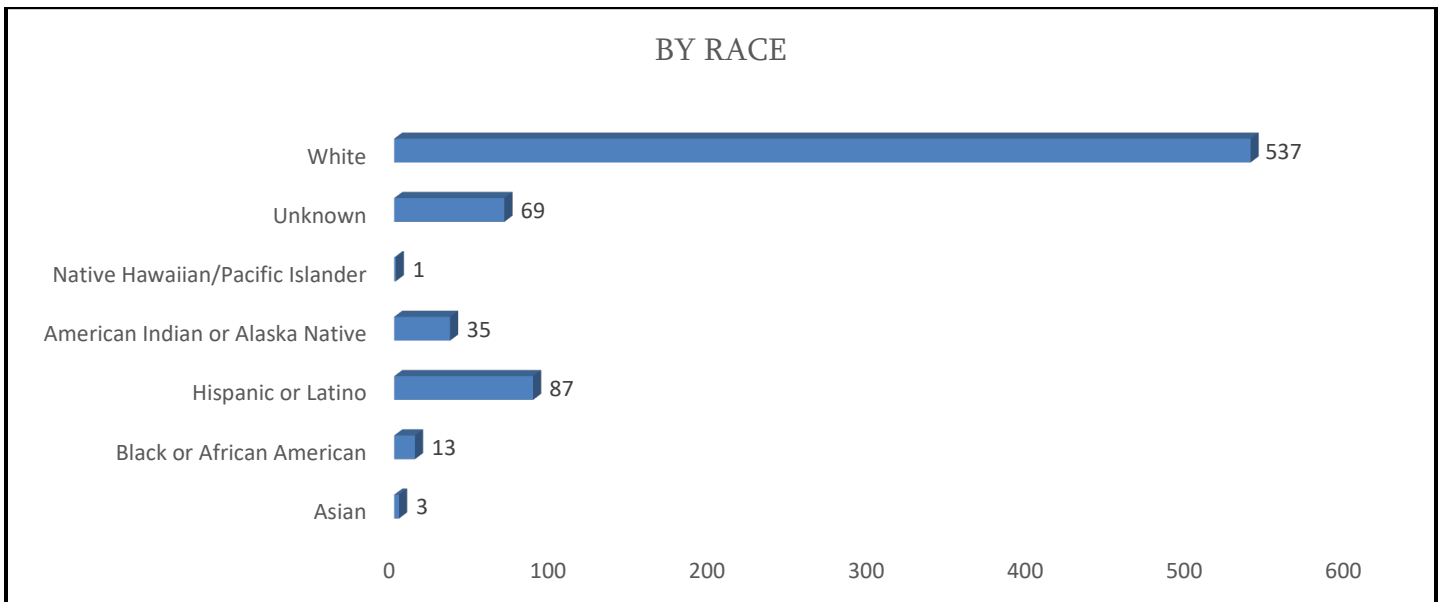
ARRESTS

The Newport Police Department maintains records of demographics for all criminal arrests in an effort to maintain appropriate biased based policing practices.

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.



As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing.



TRAFFIC

Traffic stops are considered temporary detentions under the law, which implicates Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures. In order for law enforcement officers to pull someone over, they must have a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or a traffic violation. One of the most common reasons for a traffic stop is when a police officer personally observes someone committing a traffic violation. No matter how insignificant the violation, it will justify a traffic stop. Reasonable suspicion, however, does not require an officer to actually observe a violation of the law.

The most frequent reason for a vehicle pullover is violation of the speed limit. Measurements of motorist speed throughout time have found many roadways where compliance with speed laws is very low, making many motorists liable to be pulled over at the discretion of law enforcement officers. Distracted driving also ranks high in the reason a driver may be stopped. Distracted driving includes using a cell phone, texting, emailing, grooming, and eating.

The law enforcement process is most likely to start with a patrol officer responding to a call for service or having a self-initiated call, such as a traffic stop or citizen contact. Because of its high visibility and frequent contact with the public, the Patrol Division is unlike any other division within the police department. In 2023, the Newport Police Department responded to 16,289 calls for service, an 8% increase over the previous year. This included officer-initiated calls and 1,989 traffic stops.

TOP 5 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN 2023	
Driving Suspended or Revoked	144
Driving Uninsured	101
Exceeding Speed Limit	71
No Operator's License	69
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	51

Patrol Officers issued 646 traffic citations, 638 parking citations, and 61 traffic warnings in 2023. The most common traffic citation issued by Newport Police Officers continues to be for the violation of Driving While Suspended or Revoked.



Year	Hit & Run Property Damage	H&R Injury Crashes	Property Damage Crashes	Fatalities
2019	109	4	179	1
2020	76	3	169	1
2021	100	3	179	0
2022	94	6	160	0
2023	88	5	186	0

THE POLICE VEST

Why do cops always have their hands on or in their vest, you ask? How we, as police officers, stand can be very important, and yet it is oftentimes misunderstood by the public.

Do you ever wonder what to do with your hands when you're standing around? How do you get comfortable? Our uniformed police officers normally wear about 40 pounds of gear during their 12-hour shift. The placement of this gear leaves few comfortable options of where to put their hands.



Sgt. Mike Leake, Officer Emma Cullivan, and Tazz, the Chiweenie Russell.

There are four ways police officers stand because their duty belt is, well...just plain uncomfortable.

- The belt rest: Cops rest their arms on their belt because their equipment pushes their arms out, which feels extremely awkward.
- The pit tuck: This is when a cop uses the armpit opening of their bulletproof vest to hang their hands.
- The vest hang: A natural transition from the pit tuck, the vest hang is clasping the top of the vest near their collarbones to keep arms from hitting the equipment on the duty belt.
- The crossed arms: This can look intimidating, but cops use this stance solely for comfort. It's also a great way to warm up on a chilly day.

Sometimes, these stances can come across as intimidating, but that isn't the intent. We just want to find a little comfort while hauling around 40 pounds of equipment every day. So, the next time you see a cop, wave hello or offer a fist bump. You'll give us something natural to do with our hands, if even for a brief moment. Even K9s know the most comfortable position when wearing all that gear. Just ask Tazz. He's sitting pretty comfy.

IN THE COMMUNITY



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