

# Newport Police Department



2013  
Annual Report

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# Mission Statement

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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.



# Message From the Chief



I am pleased to report that, effective April 30, 2013, the Newport Police Department was granted accreditation by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA). The Department joined OAA a few years ago. In order to receive accreditation, we had to comply with 102 standards, and provide proof that we were, in fact, doing what we said we did. We had to present to assessors, who visited the Department, the documentation that we met the standards.

The law enforcement accreditation system establishes a uniform set of “Best Practices” for police agencies. The Best Practices are consistent on an international scale, measurable, and verified by an independent body as to compliance. Accreditation demonstrates the Newport Police Department’s accountability to the community,

elected policy makers, and line officers that conduct the day-to-day work. Compliance requirements dealing with life, health, safety, and high liability exposures are embedded in the law enforcement standards of best practices. Every standard is intended to make an agency more professional, while at the same time improve its services to the community.

For years, law enforcement administrators and elected policy makers have been seeking a bona fide method of measuring the performance and accountability of police agencies. Most of the methods entailed some formula with percentages for crime rates or field activities. Those techniques were routinely challenged because the results were so easily manipulated, and lacked universal standards for comparing one agency to another. The methods failed to address the accountability of an organization to its constituents for the manner in which a public agency was administered.

Our community, the Department as a whole, and officers individually, stand to gain by being accredited.

The following are some of the benefits:

## **For the Community**

- Increases the law enforcement agency’s ability to prevent and control crime through more efficient and effective delivery of services.
- Enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency, its role in the community, and its goals and objectives.

# Message From the Chief

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- Creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to prevent and control crime through greater understanding of the challenges and impacts on law enforcement, and the desires of the community.
- Enhances public confidence in the law enforcement agency.

## **For the Chief Executive Officer**

- Increases cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.
- Provides independent confirmation that policies comply with professional standards.
- Provides greater administrative and operational effectiveness.
- Ensures a continuous, systemized self-assessment of policies, procedures, and operational practices.
- Decreases exposure to civil liability and costly settlements, which leads to potential reductions in premiums for liability insurance.
- Provides state and local acknowledgement of professional competence.

## **For Law Enforcement Personnel**

- Enhances understanding of agency policies and procedures.
- Assures consistent recruitment, selection, and promotion processes.
- Assures that employment practices are fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory.
- Increases morale within the agency.
- Increases pride and confidence in the agency and its operations.
- Ensures that agency policies and procedures are documented and available to all personnel.

We are all very proud that we earned accreditation here in Oregon.



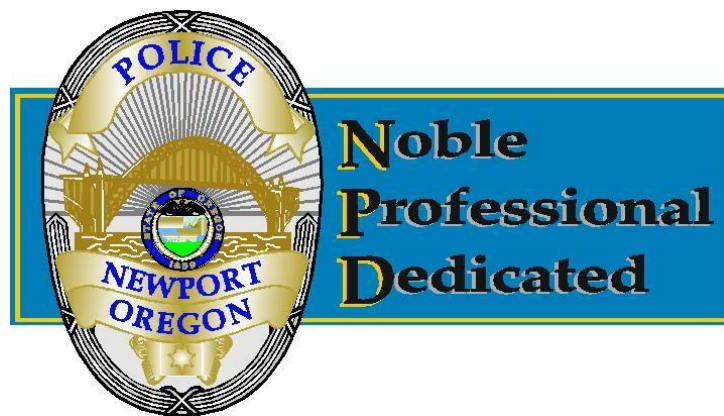
Mark J. Miranda  
Chief of Police

# The Thin Blue Line

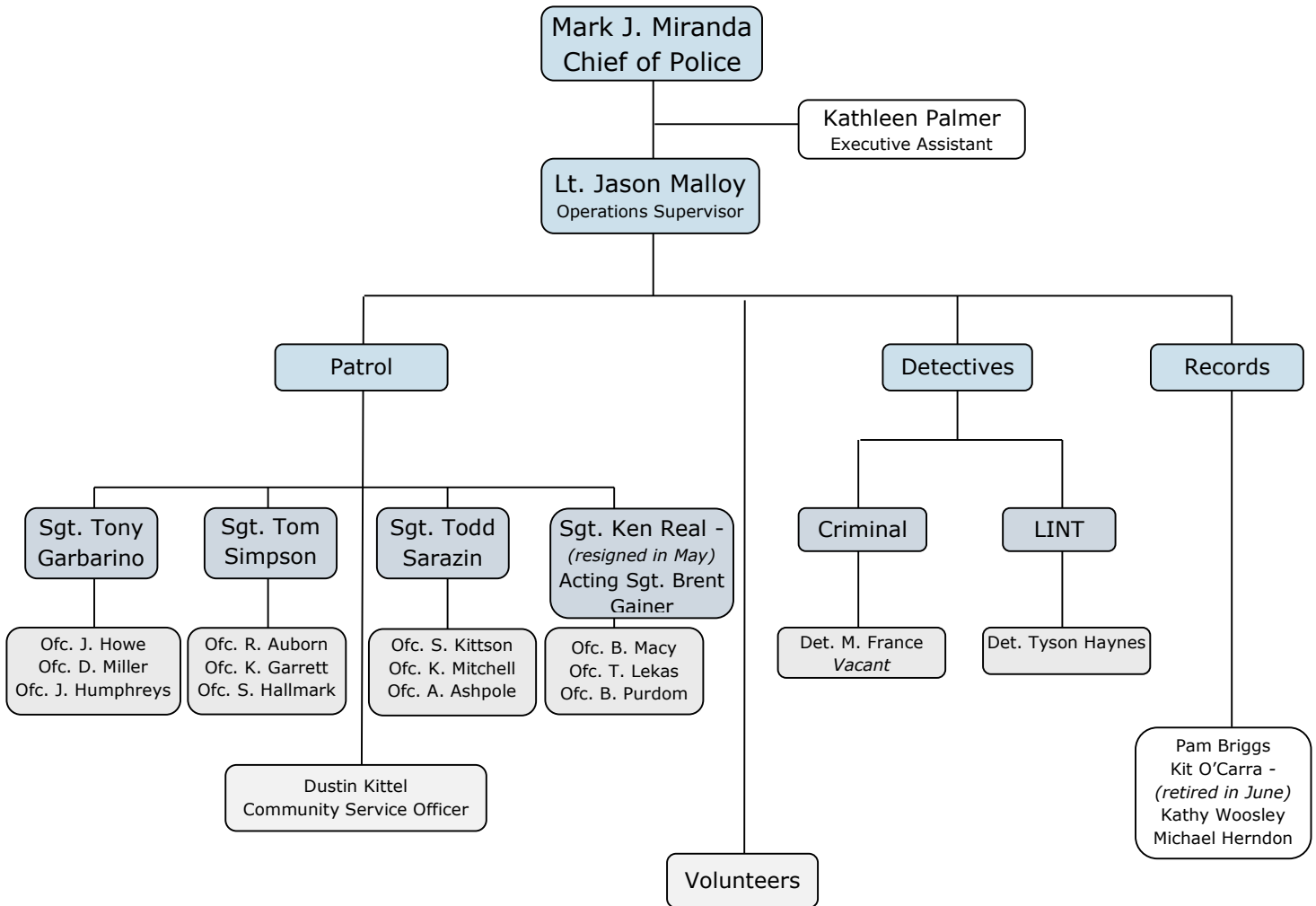
## NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### THE THIN BLUE LINE

- The **Blue** represents the police officer and the courage they find deep inside when faced with insurmountable odds.
- The **Black** represents a constant reminder of our fallen brother and sister officers.
- The **Line** represents what police officers protect; the barrier between anarchy and a civilized society, between order and chaos, between respect for decency and lawlessness.



# Organizational Chart



Total Personnel		
	Authorized	Actual
Sworn	20	19
Civilian	5	5
Volunteers	40	21
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>45</b>

# 2013 Personnel

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING YOU SINCE
Mark J. Miranda	Chief of Police	2003
Jason Malloy	Lieutenant	1994
Tony Garbarino	Patrol Sergeant	1987
Tom Simpson	Patrol Sergeant	1990
Todd Sarazin	Patrol Sergeant	1993
Ken Real ( <i>resigned in May</i> )	Patrol Sergeant	2005
Brent Gainer	Acting Patrol Sergeant	2007
Kathleen Palmer	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2004
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>		
Tyson Haynes	Detective	1999
Mitch France	Detective	2008
<b>PATROL DIVISION</b>		
Steve Kittson	Patrol Officer	1989
Jerry Howe	Patrol Officer	1989
Dustin Kittel	Community Service Officer	2000
Rick Auburn	Patrol Officer	2005
Kraig Mitchell	Patrol Officer	2005
Andy Ashpole	Patrol Officer	2007
Barry Macy	Patrol Officer	2007
Thomas Lekas	Patrol Officer	2008
Keith Garrett	Patrol Officer/Canine Handler	2008
Brad Purdom	Patrol Officer	2011
Dan Miller	Patrol Officer	2011
Steve Hallmark	Patrol Officer	2012
Jon Humphreys	Patrol Officer	2013
Eyan	K-9	2008
<b>RECORDS DIVISION</b>		
Pam Briggs	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence Custodian	2001
Kit O'Carra ( <i>retired in June</i> )	Records Clerk/NPD Webmaster	2008
Kathy Woosley	Records Clerk	2013
Michael Herndon	Records Clerk	2013



# Accreditation



The Oregon Accreditation Alliance exists to improve the quality of law enforcement agencies in the State of Oregon, and ultimately the quality of services provided to the citizens of this state.

The Oregon Accreditation Alliance was formed in April 2001. It was created under the direction and authority of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

The Alliance mutually supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement and emergency communications services by establishing professional standards of accountability, management, and operations.

The Oregon Accreditation Alliance is governed by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance Board. The Board is composed of representatives from the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials. The purpose of the Board is to review all agencies being presented for state accreditation to ensure that compliance with all applicable standards has been met. If all requirements have been met, the Board nominates the candidate agency to the respective parent organization for the award of state accreditation.



On average, it takes approximately 18-24 months to prepare an agency for an onsite assessment.

On April 30, 2013, after a little more than two years of preparation and compliance, the Newport Police Department was recognized as a State accredited law enforcement agency for a period of three years. In order to maintain accredited status, agencies must provide annual documentation of continued compliance, and undergo an onsite assessment every three years.

# Awards

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## 2012 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Officer Bradley D. Purdom



The Employee of the Year Award is presented in the spring for the previous year's service. OFFICER BRADLEY D. PURDOM began his career with the City of Newport as a Police Officer in May 2011. During Officer Purdom's tenure as a Police Officer he has consistently demonstrated dedication to this career. Officer Purdom leads our Department in traffic enforcement and DUII arrests. He is the Department's representative to the Major Crash Team. He takes the lead on traffic-related campaigns, including Distracted Driving, and free training sessions in proper seatbelt use and safety. He is committed to increasing his knowledge base. His drive, personal standards, and work ethic are commendable. Officer Purdom was recently commended by the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office for his professional testimony during a

Measure 11 investigation/trial. Officer Purdom can be relied upon to complete any assigned task quickly and efficiently, including working scheduled and unscheduled overtime shifts without hesitation or complaint. He is professional and dedicated, and an asset to the Police Department.

In 2013, Officer Purdom made 68 arrests, 19 DUII arrests, and issued 399 traffic citations.

Without reservation the supervisors of the Department recommended Officer Purdom as the Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet Officer 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 law enforcement.

The Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PAADA) presented DUII Enforcer of the Year award to Officer Purdom. He is a valued member of the Newport Police Department who has truly earned the recognition of Employee of the Year.

# Awards

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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 can be relied upon to complete any task assigned quickly and efficiently, work many overtime shifts without hesitation or complaint. They are professional, knowledgeable, and an asset to the Police Department. In 2013, the Employee of the Quarter Award was presented to Sergeant Ken Real, Officer Barry Mary, Acting Sergeant Brent Gainer, and Detective Tyson Haynes.



Sergeant Ken Real



Officer Barry Macy



Acting Sergeant Brent Gainer



Detective Tyson Haynes

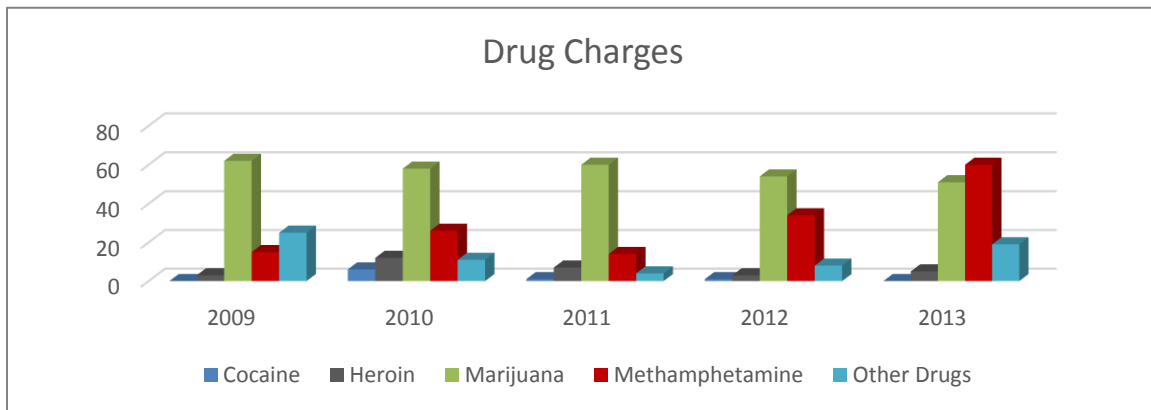
# Arrests

Arrests in general decreased in 2013 from the previous year, from 711 to 658. Drug charges have varied by the particular drug of choice. Marijuana use remains relatively the same over the course of the past five years, while cocaine and heroin use is dropping. However, the use of methamphetamine is continually rising each year.

DUII CHARGES				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
144	107	85	68	86

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR ARRESTS					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Male	29	42	26	13	18
Female	18	21	12	3	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>

DRUG CHARGES						
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Percentage Change 2012-2013
Cocaine	0	6	1	1	0	-100%
Heroin	3	12	7	3	5	67%
Marijuana	62	58	60	54	51	-6%
Methamphetamine	15	26	14	34	60	76%
Other Drugs	25	11	4	8	19	138%



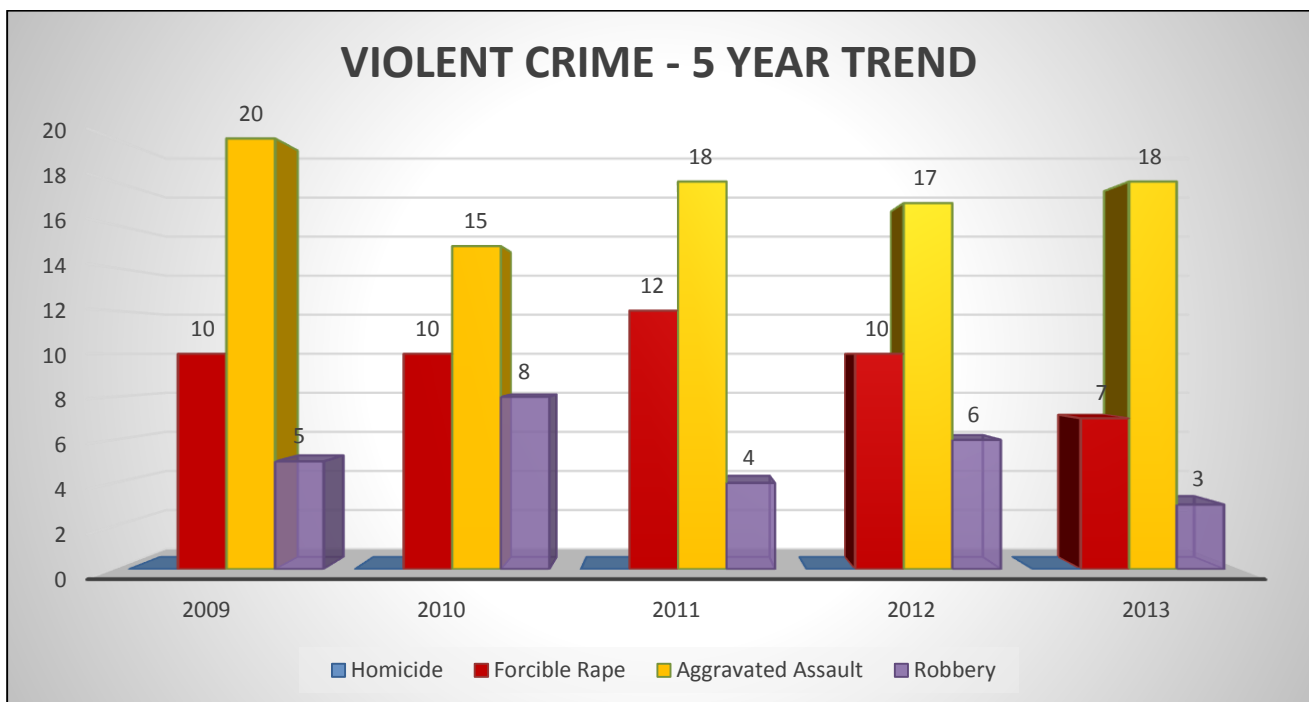
ARREST COMPARISON BY MONTH - FIVE YEAR TREND													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2009	123	111	90	107	129	58	66	62	63	71	81	69	1030
2010	58	52	43	51	73	63	103	75	58	60	41	56	733
2011	54	51	47	54	47	71	59	66	44	70	50	69	682
2012	45	60	69	43	57	65	57	67	67	66	57	58	711
2013	62	43	54	45	54	54	60	73	63	52	54	44	658
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>3814</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>762.8</b>
<b>BUSIEST MONTHS BY RANK</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	

# 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)						
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Percentage Change 2012-2013
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Forcible Rape	10	10	12	10	7	-30%
Aggravated Assault	20	15	18	17	18	6%
Robbery	5	8	4	6	3	-50%
Total Violent Crime	35	33	34	33	27	-18%

OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	
Sex Offense	71
Simple Assault	120
Identity Theft	30
Disorderly Conduct	73

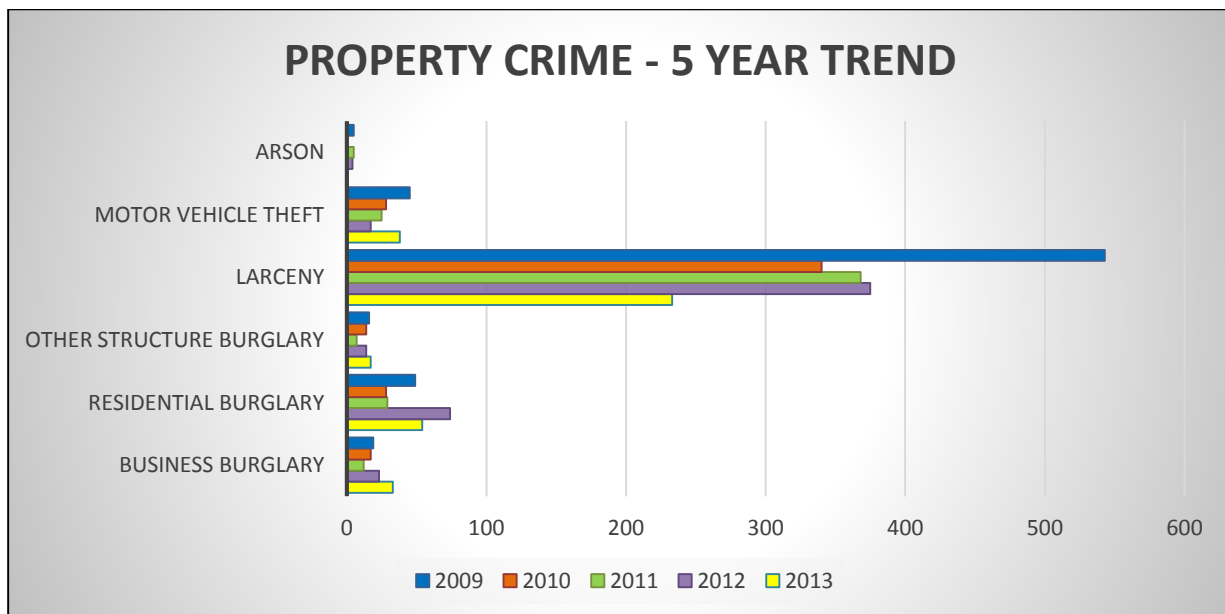


# Property Crimes

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 eighty percent of all property crimes, including shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, and theft from motor vehicles. Overall, property crime decreased by 26% in 2013.

PROPERTY CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Burglary; Larceny; Motor Vehicle Theft; Arson)						
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Percentage Change 2012-2013
Business Burglary	19	17	12	23	33	43%
Residential Burglary	49	28	29	74	54	-27%
Other Structure Burglary	16	14	7	14	17	21%
Larceny	543	340	368	375	233	-38%
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	28	25	17	38	124%
Arson	5	0	5	4	0	-100%
Total Property Crime	677	427	446	507	375	-26%

OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2013	
Fraud	28
Trespass	113
Vandalism	123





# Traffic Enforcement

A total of 1,038 traffic citations and 973 parking citations were issued in 2013. Officers also issued 1,240 traffic warnings.

The most commonly enforced traffic (or moving) violation, and the overwhelmingly most frequent reason for a vehicle pullover, are violations 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.



PARKING CITATIONS	
72 Hour Violation	54
Backed Into Angle	118
Facing Traffic	59
Fire Hydrant	2
Handicap Permit	9
Improper Parking	81
Loading Zone	5
No Parking	421
Nuisance Vehicle	5
Other	3
Overtime	108
Tow Zone	1
Yellow Zone	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>973</b>

TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITATION VIOLATIONS	
Disabled Parking*	190
Driving While Using Mobile Device	142
Violation of Speed	117
Driving While Suspended/Revoked	108
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	66

\*Disabled Parking – while this indicates the appearance of a parking citation, under Oregon Revised Statute 811.615, Unlawful Parking in a Space Reserved For Persons With Disabilities carries the same penalties as a traffic violation.

FIVE YEAR TREND OF TRAFFIC CRASHES				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
288	202	253	267	281

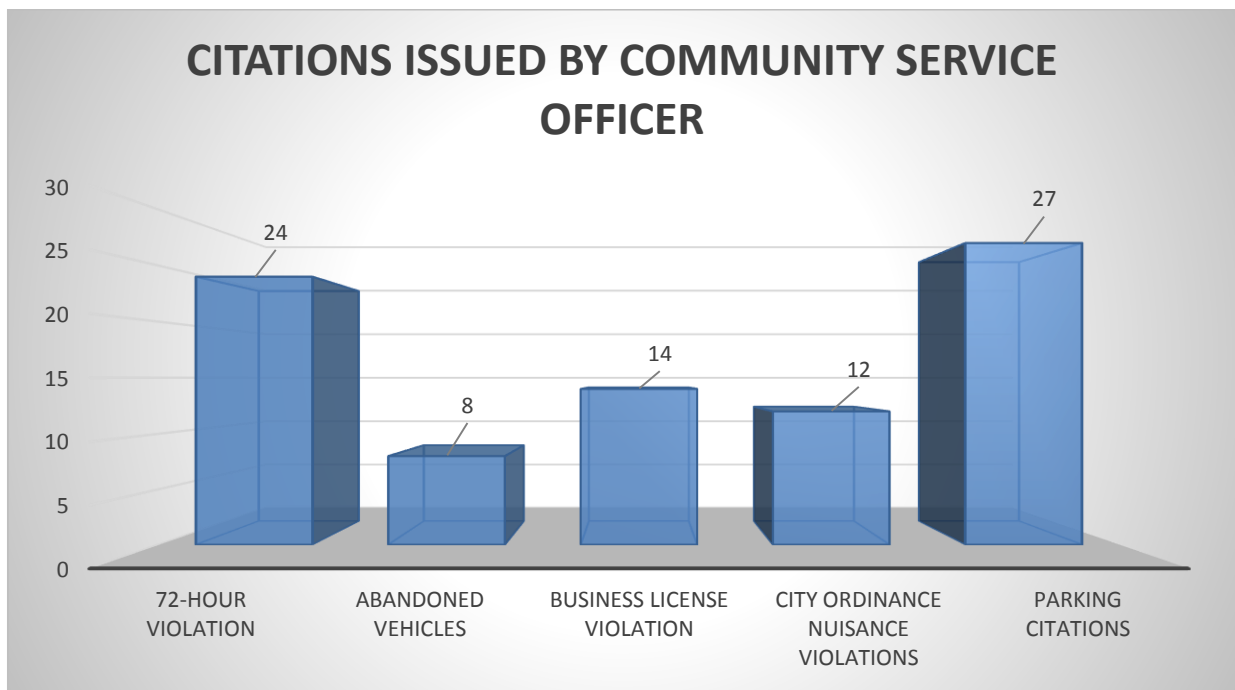
2013 MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	
Injury	52
Property Damage	99
Hit & Run	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>

# Community Service Officer



Responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport, the Community Service Officer (CSO) attempts to resolve incidents through voluntary compliance, particularly with attractive nuisance violations and abandoned vehicles. Each year, the CSO handles in excess of 500 complaints. Among these are nuisances, dilapidated structures, parking and abandoned vehicles, homeless camps, vegetation hazards, business licenses, and various other areas of the municipal code. In addition to this, the CSO assists with other department tasks, such as subpoena service, property and evidence, vehicle maintenance, low priority calls for service, traffic control, and community outreach. He works with members of our community to make Newport a safer and more presentable community for the citizens and visitors to our area.

Newport Municipal Code Section 8.10 defines “nuisance” as: accumulation of debris, rubbish, junk or other refuse; inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles, trailers or machinery; appliances; overgrown shrubs; and dilapidated building. Violation of this ordinance may result in the issuance of a civil infraction citation with a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation. Each day of violation constitutes a separate violation.





# Community Service Officer

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In 2013, the Community Service Officer and several Newport Police Department Volunteers removed more than 7,000 pounds of trash, furniture, and debris from transient camps in Newport. Various prescription medications and used syringes were also found at some of the camps, and were safely disposed of. There were also more than a dozen books belonging to the City of Newport Library, which were returned.



# Support Services

**Records** – As of October 2013, the Records Division is at full staffing strength with three full-time Records Clerks. In July, Kathy Woosley was hired, transferring from the Finance Department, where she also served as Municipal Court Clerk. In October 2013, Michael Herndon was hired to fill the third position. Records Clerk Pam Briggs also has a collateral assignment of Property and Evidence Custodian.



*Pam Briggs*



*Kathy Woosley*



*Michael Herndon*

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. The Records Division processed a total of 3,915 reports in 2013, an increase of 506 reports from the two previous years.

**Property and Evidence** – A total of 2,697 items were taken in as property and/or evidence in 2013.

The primary duty of the Property and Evidence Custodian is to ensure the proper chain of custody for property and evidence items taken in by the Newport Police Department. The Property and Evidence division routinely takes items into custody, stores items, and purges items when they have exceeded the retention periods. Purging or destroying these items involves a lengthy process of researching the status of related case reports, coordinating approval with various Officers, Detectives, Prosecutors and other personnel, researching court dockets, and researching related sentencing information. Destruction of these items must also be in accordance with various local, state, and federal laws.



# Support Services



*Kathleen Palmer*

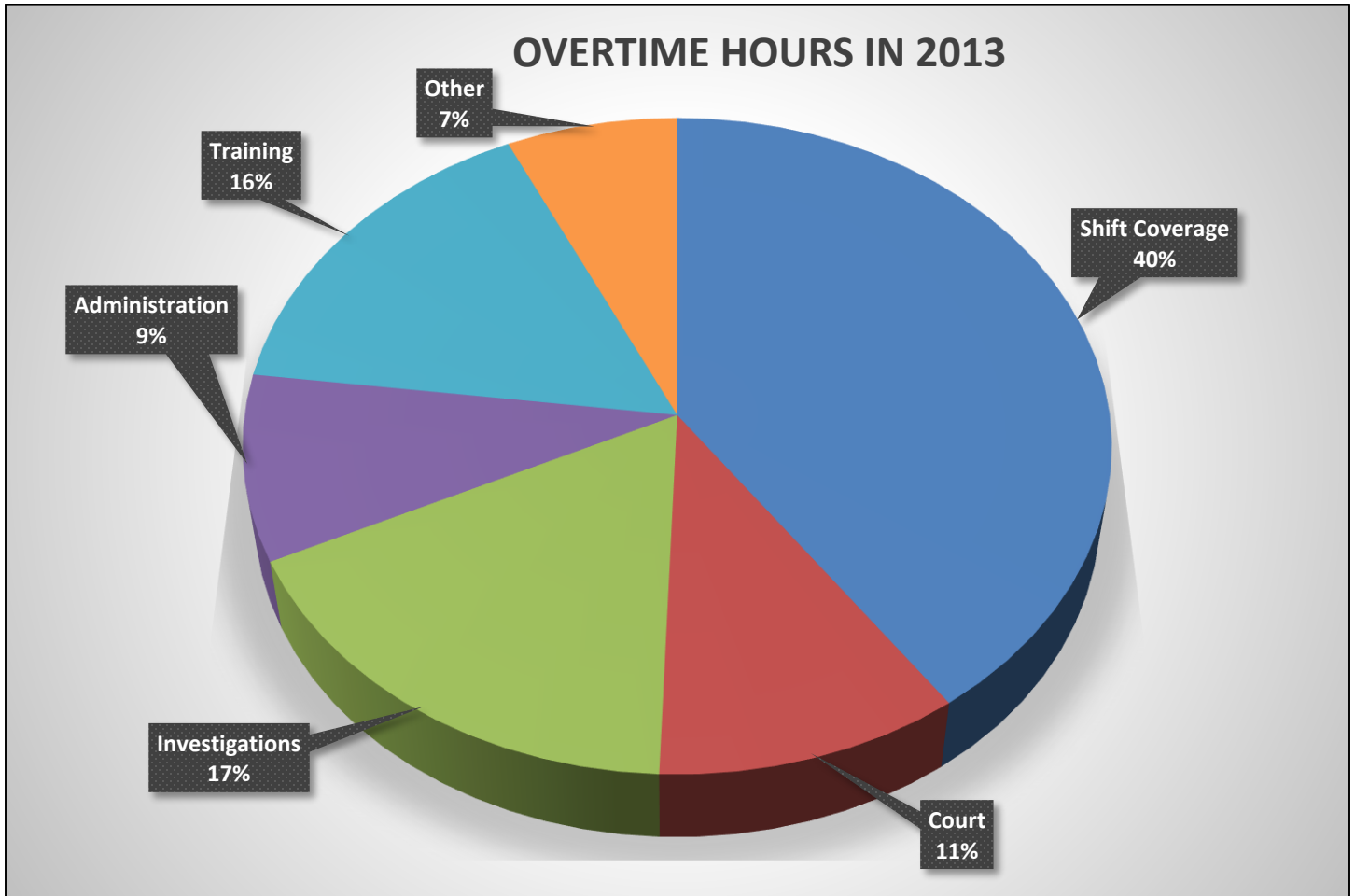
The Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police is responsible for organizing meetings, maintaining confidential records (including internal affairs investigations, security codes and keys), supervising all procurements for the Department, maintaining officer training records, and issuing uniforms, duty 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	150
City Employee/Volunteer Applicant Background Checks	110
Civilian Ride-Alongs Tracking	37
Impounded Vehicle Notifications	85
OLCC License Application Investigations	13
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	111
Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Program (weight in pounds)	374
Police Report Processing	3,915
Sex Offender Registrations (including multiple change of address updates)	34
Subpoenas Served To Officers and Citizens	1,043
Taxi Driver Permits Issued	15
Traffic Citation Processing	3,251



# Support Services



NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS	
Shift Coverage	1,665
Court	433
Investigations	717
Administration	378
Training	664
Other	289



# Volunteers

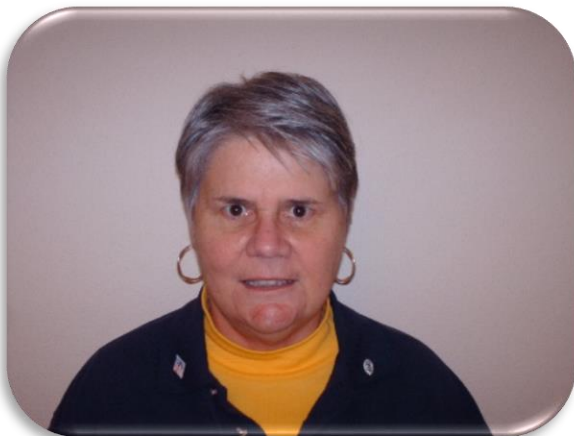
The Volunteer Program allows Newport community members to become involved in such police department activities as crash scene traffic control, disabled parking enforcement, emergency management, crowd control, traffic safety, nuisance vehicle monitoring, tourist assistance, administrative support, Municipal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

Since the inception of the Newport Police Department Volunteers program in 2008, more than 22,000 hours have been contributed by Volunteers to the Department. In 2013, a total of 2,829 volunteer hours equaled \$62,634.06, calculated by a federal formula of one volunteer hour valued at \$22.14.

At the April 23, 2013 City of Newport Volunteer recognition night, several Newport Police Volunteers were honored for their service to the Department and to the Community.

The following were the volunteers recognized: bronze medal (for volunteering more than 100 hours) to Al Poshusta, JoAn McAdams, Ginger Dale, Mike Larsen, Candy Garrison, Lee Fries, Ellie LeMaster, and Larry Wooten; silver medal (more than 250 hours) to John McKean, Al Bussey, LaVonne Bussey; gold medal (more than 500 hours) to Barbara Dudley and Wayde Dudley. All of the volunteers received a letter and a service pin from the White House congratulating them on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award.

## **GOLD MEDALISTS - VOLUNTEERED MORE THAN 500 HOURS**



*Barbara Dudley*



*Wayde Dudley*

# Volunteers

## SILVER MEDALISTS - VOLUNTEERED MORE THAN 250 HOURS



*Al Bussey*

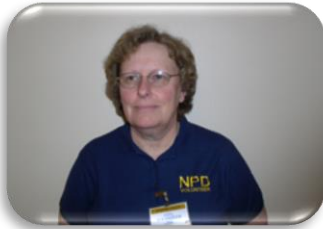


*LaVonne Bussey*



*John McKean*

## BRONZE MEDALISTS - VOLUNTEERED MORE THAN 100 HOURS



*Ginger Dale*



*Lee Fries*



*Candy Garrison*



*Mike Larsen*



*Ellie LeMaster*



*JoAn McAdams*



*Al Poshusta*



*Larry Wooten*

In 2013, Volunteers assisted Newport Police Department Sergeants and Officers with the Seafood and Wine Festival, Loyalty Day Parade, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Newport Marathon and Half Marathon, Tip-A-Cop, HazMat Drill, Neighborhood Watch Presentations, Emergency Preparedness Fair, Newport Readiness Fair, Shop With A Cop, Farmers Market, Disabled Parking Community Outreach, Newport Police Department property purge assistance, Hatfield Marine Science Center Science Day, Newport Parks & Recreation Mountain Bike Race, Buccaneer Rampage and Triathlon, Barrel to Keg Relay Race, Flippers Fins & Feathers 5K Run, Olalla Kids Fishing Day, CAC Fun Day, Chamber After Hours, Great Albacore Tuna BBQ, stocking and monitoring emergency cache for Lincoln County School District, Aquarium Creatures of the Night, and Halloween, in addition to many other support tasks at the Newport Police Department. Their contributions of time and knowledge to our Department are greatly appreciated.



# Volunteers



# Social Media



Social media outlets continue to take community-oriented policing to a new level by providing quick, affordable, and easy ways to get important information to followers and concerned citizens.

According to a recent survey of more than 1,200 law enforcement agencies, 83% of the respondents are using social media, particularly Facebook and YouTube, to further their investigations. Of those not doing so, 74% intend to start using social media as a tool, which would raise the usage rate to about 95%. The survey found that Facebook is the most fruitful social network for law enforcement, followed by YouTube.

The Newport Police Department created a YouTube channel in May 2012, primarily to host videos of our Top Ten Most Wanted. Since the Department began the Top Ten Most Wanted list, 24 subjects have been arrested. Once an arrest has been made, the video clip is removed from YouTube.



In addition to Facebook and YouTube, the Newport Police Department also utilizes Twitter, and Pinterest.

NPD Social Media site addresses:

- <https://www.facebook.com/NewportPolice>
- <http://www.youtube.com/NewportPoliceDept1>
- <https://twitter.com/#!/newportpolice>
- <http://pinterest.com/newportpolice/>

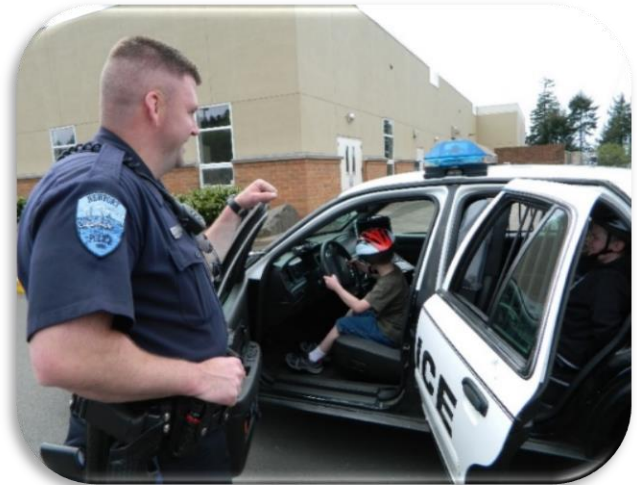


# Other Activities

Throughout the year the Newport Police Department and its Volunteers participate in numerous community events, activities, and training, such as the Seafood and Wine Festival, Chamber After Hours, Loyalty Day Parade, Emergency Preparedness Fair, and Shop With A Cop. Here are just a few photographs that highlight some of these events.



*Children's Advocacy Center Family Fun Day*



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*Children's Advocacy Center Family Fun Day*

# Other Activities



*Chamber After Hours*



*Chamber After Hours*



*Crash Scene Training*



*Crash Scene Training*



*Buccaneer Rampage*



*Buccaneer Rampage*



# Other Activities



*Loyalty Day Parade*



*Loyalty Day Parade*



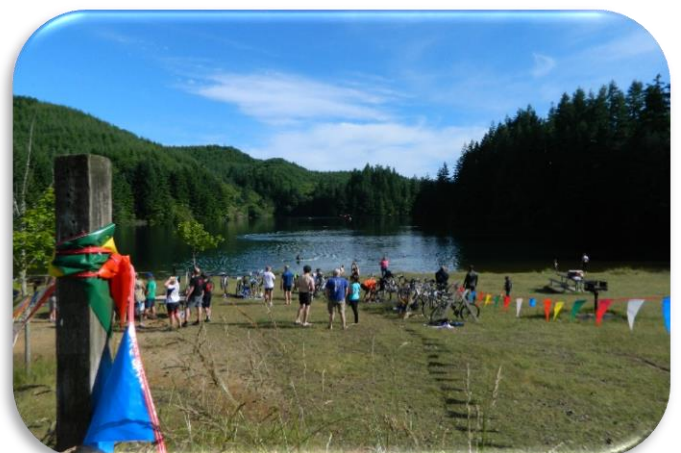
*Loyalty Day Parade*



*Half Marathon*



*Volunteers Event Preparation*



*Triathlon*



# Photos



# In Memoriam

## Former Chief Jim Rivers End of Watch - January 8, 2014



Former Newport Police Chief Jim Rivers passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2014, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 72 years old.

Jim served as Newport's Chief of Police from 1982 until his retirement in 1999.

He was born on April 13, 1941 to Joseph and Lillian Rivers in Seattle, Washington. After spending his early years in the Seattle area, he moved to Portland where he attended Jefferson High School prior to serving three years in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman.

Jim worked for the Eugene/Springfield Ambulance Service prior to the start of his law enforcement career. He was hired by the Lane County Sheriff's Department before spending 16 years with the Eugene Police Department where he worked as Patrolman, Detective, and Sergeant. He then served as the Newport Police Chief for 16 years before retiring in 1999.

Jim was active in numerous activities in Newport. He served as Loyalty Days Grand Marshal in 1999. He was inducted into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

Jim loved fishing, hunting, camping, his garage, friends, and family. He will forever be remembered for his sense of humor, storytelling, compassion, and generous heart.

He is survived, and will be greatly missed, by his wife Joyce Rivers; his children; and grandchildren.

