

Message

from the Chief

The employees of the Lacey Police Department strive to ensure we meet the needs of our community. Answering 911 calls for service, investigating major felony crimes, working with schools, managing crime prevention programs and dealing with public requests on a daily basis is just a sample of the services provided by the department.



The implementation of a red light camera system for enforcement of red light running at the intersection of Sleater Kinney Rd. and Pacific Ave. began in 2008. The cameras are enforcing east and westbound lanes of traffic at this time. This program will be reviewed after one year to determine its effect on traffic violations, accidents and reducing injuries from accidents.

In 2008 the department was able to successfully reach several goals. The department passed the standards necessary to be re-accredited through the Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Becoming the first law enforcement agency in Thurston County to pass the newly developed standards is an example of the professionalism of the employees and officers here at the City of Lacey.

The goals for 2009 are to continue progress in implementing a new Records Management System, monitor the new schedule / structure, reduce property crime, reduce injury accidents and increase narcotics arrests. The department is motivated to work on these goals while continuing to ensure the highest level of service in responding to community requests for assistance.

The department began planning for a new structure and schedule in 2009, which is designed to streamline our chain of command and allow for better consistency, accountability and flexibility for training and crime emphasis. The effects of this system will be studied at the end of the 2009 year to determine if it was successful.

We look forward to working with all of our community partners in the coming year and working with our citizens to reduce crime and make our community a safe place to live, work, learn and play.

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Employee *of the Year*



We are pleased to present Officer Adam Seig as the 2008 Lacey Police Department Employee of the Year.

Officer Seig began his interest in law enforcement in 1993 as a Police Explorer Scout with the Lacey

Police Department. He pursued a career in law enforcement when he became a Community Service Officer in 1995. During his time as a Community Service Officer he attended the Reserve Academy and served as a reserve officer for Lacey from 1996 to 1997. Officer Seig graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in 1998 and, after a short stint with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, was hired by the Lacey Police Department in 1999.

From 2003 to 2006 Adam worked as a narcotics detective for the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force. His time with the task force increased his knowledge of street narcotics, use of informants as well as putting together a complete and prosecutable case.

Upon his return to the Lacey Police Patrol Division, Officer Seig became a member of the Special Response Team. As a special response team member he continues to demonstrate excellent tactical skills and aggressive enforcement. Officer Seig is a trained Relief Supervisor and Field Training Officer. It is in these capacities that Officer

Seig demonstrates good leadership skills and a willingness to teach and mentor new officers. Officer Seig ensures he is accessible to assist others without question. He is always available to listen to his co-workers and provide guidance.

Currently, Officer Seig holds a position of leadership in the Lacey Police Guild. In this role he spends many hours communicating with the management association and administration to make this a productive and efficient work environment. It is with selfless leadership that Officer Seig serves his Guild and fellow officers to ensure all members are represented fairly and equally.

Officer Seig is unquestionably one who leads by example by showing a good attitude and working hard. He challenges all officers to do their best at all times. Officer Seig maintains a high arrest record during his shifts, leading the department in arrests per days worked as well as the highest average of felony arrests per days worked.

Officer Seig has shown that he is a born leader with a true calling and compassion for law enforcement. It is officers like Adam Seig that make the City of Lacey a safe and desirable place to live, work, learn and play.



Exceptional

Service Award

Patrol

As a 31-year veteran of the department, Officer Lyon still takes crime fighting to heart, as evidenced by his accomplishments this past year in taking ownership of his assigned area and taking pro active steps to reduce crime and other issues within the district. Officer Lyon has demonstrated the Lacey Police Department's values statement by practicing leadership, respect, professionalism, excellence and innovation.



Officer Lyon has tackled issues in the "C" area where he has been assigned the entire year and has been innovative and pro active in addressing them. An example of Officer Lyon's exceptional service includes identifying all transients by name, as well as locating their encampments. He has also enforced the municipal code to essentially eliminate panhandling within the "C" area. He has done this through building a rapport with the panhandlers when he identifies them, providing the necessary warning and educating them to the ordinance. Bob has established excellent relationships with security personnel and business representatives within the district. In response to substantial wire thefts within the district, he contacted construction companies and made recommendations on preventative measures they could take to assist in reducing the thefts. He gathered intelligence on potential suspects and forwarded it to the Detective Division, including research he had conducted on them. Officer Lyon took the initiative to become involved in the development of the Fraud Reporting System form. When Lt. Mack asked for input, Officer Lyon offered suggestions

for improvement to the form, which has made the reporting system more effective and efficient.

Upon noticing the absence of appropriate speed limit signs on Britton Parkway, Officer Lyon coordinated with the City Traffic Engineer to ensure signs were posted in order to uphold enforcement efforts. Sergeants have noted that Officer

Lyon's reports are thorough, complete and well organized. He has a keen sense of recalling details of past incidents, and when an incident or name surfaces, he has initiated some investigative steps to determine if he can close other unsolved cases. He has exemplified teamwork by working with other officers, sharing information and sharing his expertise and guidance on some notable cases. One example is a retail theft ring involving suspects using receipts to steal surround sound systems from Wal Mart. He coordinated with another officer and provided pertinent information which assisted the fellow officer in obtaining a search warrant for a U-Haul truck involved. The search of the truck recovered stolen property and a quantity of heroin. Another example is in a series of vehicle prowls which occurred between LA Fitness and Cabela's, Bob's information from one scene was communicated to the officer working the other scene, and as a result, suspects were tied to both scenes and several vehicle prowls were solved. Great work, Officer Lyon!

Exceptional *Service Award*

Support Services

Detective Knight has been employed with the Lacey Police Department since 1995. He has served as Community Service Officer, Reserve Police Officer, Police Officer and Detective. Jeremy has been assigned to the detective division for the past six years. He currently coordinates the sex offender registration program and has received special training relating



to digital video enhancement, forensic and digital evidence gathering and specialized internet and computer investigations. Jeremy is currently a department Firearms Instructor. Detective Knight has been a member of the Thurston County Officer Involved Critical Incident Task Force since its inception. In 2008 he investigated a shooting involving a Washington State Patrol Trooper, and he was called out in November when Olympia Police Officers were involved in a shooting. Officer Knight has been a valuable and long serving member of the team.

Jeremy was the lead Detective in an extortion case where the suspect threatened to shoot a local business owner and his family. He coordinated efforts and set up recorded phone taps to obtain the necessary evidence. He then tracked the suspect to San Antonio, Texas. Detective Knight flew to Texas and obtained a confession. The suspect was convicted and received a lengthy prison sentence.

Jeremy was the lead Detective in an armed home invasion where the victim was severely pistol whipped about the head and robbed. Two suspects were tracked down to Tillicum. Jeremy coordinated surveillance efforts with other

detectives and a short time later the suspects were removed from their apartment and taken into custody. Jeremy obtained confessions from both.

In August, Detective Knight was the lead Detective on a tragic death investigation involving a newborn infant. He coordinated efforts and developed enough evidence to arrest the

infant's mother for Murder 2. This was a very difficult case due to the loss of an innocent life.

Detective Knight was the lead Detective on a stranger rape that occurred on the campus of Saint Martin's University in April 2008. The victim was a 20 year old college student. A break came when Detective Brooks noticed a photo of a similar suspect in custody in Nevada. Once enough evidence was gathered, Detective Knight traveled to Nevada to interview the suspect. He will be extradited back to Thurston County to face charges of Rape, Robbery and Kidnapping while armed with a deadly weapon.

The above is just a small sample of Detective Knight's daily work. His sincere dedication and desire to serve the citizens of Lacey is recognized each and every day by the quality of work which is conducted. Detective Knight has the overwhelming passion and desire to bring criminals to justice while maintaining integrity and providing closure for the victims and their families. It is with great pride that we give the 2008 Exceptional Service Award for the Support Service Division to Detective Jeremy Knight.

Support

Services Division

The Support Services Division is comprised of the Records Division, Detective and Traffic Units, Evidence, School Resource Officers, Crime Prevention, Senior Patrol, Administrative Lieutenant Chris Ward and is supervised by Support Services Commander John Suessman. In all the Support Services Division is 48 members strong and every one of them is essential in the success of the division.

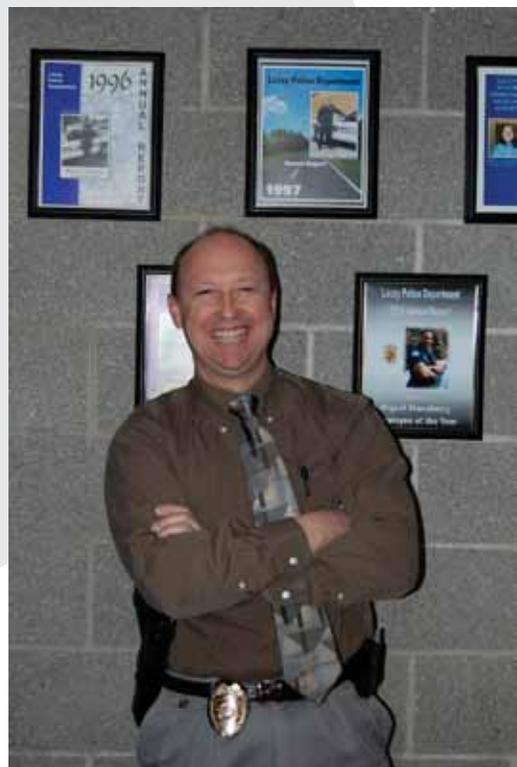
With the search for a new records management system in full swing, a successful first year with the Thurston County DUI Coordinator program, the Red Light Camera installed and operational and several other milestones achieved, 2008 has proven to be a successful year for the Support Services Division.

2008 Support Services Milestones

- Solved homeless camps situation at St. Martins University and Department of Ecology
- Increased the number of patrol cars with SECTOR software
- Partnered with Juvenile Detention and Probation and started the graffiti clean-up program
- Improved offsite evidence area
- Implemented digital evidence locker program
- Began providing crime statistics to CrimeReports.com
- K-9 unit drug certified
- Created a Lacey Top 10 Most Wanted system
- Red Light Camera Program implemented
- Initiated Fraud/ID Theft reporting system

- Quartermaster program implemented
- Implemented in-house scanning process

Attributable to the hard work and diligence of Lt. Ward, the Lacey Police Department received an accreditation onsite assessment and evaluation in March 2008 and passed the high standards required by Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). The Lacey Police Department first became accredited in 1995 and again in 2000. In 2006 WASPC accreditation programs were revamped and became effective in 2007. Accreditation is a way of helping agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. The Lacey Police Department is proud to have reached this goal and believes it to be a reflection of our Professionalism, Leadership, Ethics, Respect and Innovation.



Records

Staff

The records team is comprised of the Customer Service Supervisor and five Police Assistants. They are the first point of contact in the Lacey Police Department business office and are responsible for records maintenance, data entry, processing warrants and court orders, fingerprint and notary services and all front desk and phone customer service.



They not only assist citizens, but serve as support staff for police officers, Administrative Staff, Detectives, Crime Prevention, Senior Patrol volunteers and the Lacey City Attorney.

The Lacey Police Records team is available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (excluding holidays). They may be contacted at (360) 459-4333 or via fax (360) 456-7798.

To report a non-emergency you may call (360) 704-2740 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All records team members are required to pass an extensive background check, a written and oral psychological evaluation and a polygraph test, similar to the one our officers are required to pass. In addition they must be qualified and certified by state and federal agencies in order to access law enforcement databases.

In 2008 the records team answered 22,397 phone calls, entered 8,720 case reports, 7,930 tickets, 1,418 warrants, 457 court orders, 2,232 Field Interview Reports and 1,138 Garage Sale permits. They completed 806 fingerprints, issued 319 Concealed Pistol Licenses, processed 590 pistol transfers and transcribed 422 taped statements.



Detective

Division

The Detective Division is a plain clothes unit in charge of conducting follow-up felony and specialized investigations normally outside the scope of patrol officers. The division is in charge of intelligence gathering, organized crime cases, registered sex offenders and informant files. Detectives may assume command of investigative activities at the scene of a crime, directing patrol officers to gather evidence, interview witnesses and take statements.

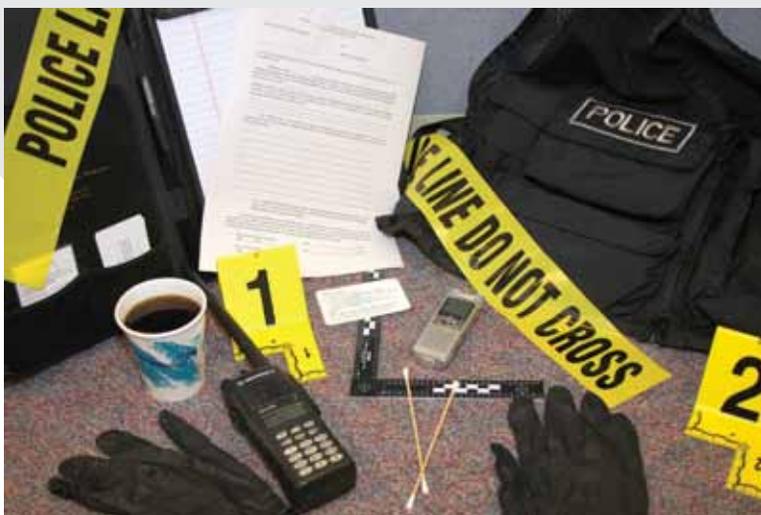
The six member team is comprised of four Detectives, one Police Services Specialist and the Detective Lieutenant Jim Mack. Both Lieutenant Mack and Detective Brooks are new to the team in 2008. The team is often called upon to assist with gambling violations, liquor violations, pawn violations and any on-going criminal activity. They may also assist with background investigations and provide patrol coverage. In addition, the Detective Division acts as a liaison with the Thurston County Courts, Crime Stoppers and other law enforcement investigative units.

In an effort to continue the highest level of education, the detectives completed training courses in the following areas: sexual related homicide, crime analysis applications, homicide and crime scene management, construction site and wire thefts, terrorism and

bombings, child sex abuse training, sex offender registration, violent crime investigation, DNA training, fraud investigation, Gangs across America and undercover operations. Not only do these detectives participate in extensive training, Detectives Knight and Brooks provide firearms training to the department. Also, Detectives Miller and Knight each instructed portions of the Lacey Police Student and Citizens Academies.

In 2008 Detective Reinhold was instrumental in the conviction of "Cowboy" Mike Braae, she also arrested a suspect in a child rape and pornography operation. Detective Knight investigated an infant death where the suspect was charged with Murder 2 and also arrested a female for Rape of her child. Detective Miller obtained a confession from a suspect and charged him with five counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Detective Brooks arrested three female suspects involved with a theft and forgery operation as well as three suspects in two rape cases. As a team they utilized an informant and successfully broke up a counterfeit money and drug operation, seizing nearly 1/4 lbs of Methamphetamine, three handguns and three vehicles! Furthermore, they continue to investigate

numerous cases including everything from forgery to death investigations. This is an extraordinary team of detectives and their investigative skills are second to none.



Crime Prevention

The 2008 Crime Prevention Unit, which includes the Lacey Senior Patrol, is led by Crime Prevention Officer Miguel Stansberry. It is the goal of the Crime Prevention Unit to provide education and training to the citizens, businesses and employees of Lacey in an effort to involve them in crime reduction.

Education and training provided by the Crime Prevention Unit includes identity theft protection, personal safety, crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) and emergency preparedness.

The Crime Prevention Unit coordinates the crime free multi-housing program. Rental properties are considered a Level 3 property when the property manager has attended the managers training, met all CPTED requirements, use the crime free rental addendum and attend monthly meetings hosted by the Lacey Police Department. There are currently 19 Level 3 properties in Lacey, all which had an average of .8 calls for service per unit in 2008.



Officer Stansberry coordinates the 11 week Lacey Citizens Academy which provides insight and hands-on training in the daily operation of the Lacey Police Department. The 26 participants of the 2008 Citizens Academy were given the opportunity to experience a portion of what our officers do each day.

The retail theft program, which is overseen by the Crime Prevention Unit, allows loss prevention officers at various retailers to process shoplifters and forward the report to the Crime Prevention Unit. This program has significantly reduced the need for police officer response in non-felony circumstances.



National Night Out, a program to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, is organized by Officer Stansberry. Each year the participation of Lacey neighborhoods and apartment communities has increased crime and drug prevention awareness.



In addition to these crime prevention programs, Officer Stansberry organizes many other programs such as Boys and Girls Club events, Shop with a Cop, Fire and Ice Adopt-A-Family, Halloween Stop and Treat, Lacey Police participation in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and fundraising events which benefit the Special Olympics.

Senior *Patrol*

The Senior Patrol consists of 26 volunteers; Richard Chatman and Gene Little both joined the team in 2008. Under the guidance of Crime Prevention Officer Miguel Stansberry, the Senior Patrol is a uniformed position and is a much needed element of the Lacey Crime Prevention Unit and of the Lacey Police. All team members are over the age of 50 and volunteer a minimum of four hours each week.

In 2008, the Senior Patrol volunteered 7,685 hours, all of which provided services to the community that could not otherwise be accomplished. With a limited commission, Senior Patrol members are able to issue tickets for handicap parking violations. In 2008 the team issued 24 handicap citations and 366 parking enforcement warnings. They patrol the portions of the Chehalis Western Trail within the Lacey City limits as well as many streets and the City of Lacey parking lots.

In an effort to reduce burglaries and thefts, the Senior Patrol offers Vacation House Checks, a free service which allows the citizens of Lacey to request their homes be checked while out of town. The Senior Patrol monitored over 7,958 homes in 2008. These volunteers also run the false alarm program which has aided in the reduction of false alarms by 65%!

They provide support and increased patrol for several community events including Lacey Fun Fair, Military Family Support March, Halloween Stop and Treat, Lacey Fire District

3 Santa Mobile, Kids Day at Huntamer Park, National Night Out, City of Lacey 4th of July Celebration and various store openings.

The Senior Patrol supervises low risk inmates who pick up litter and clean-up graffiti within the Lacey City limits. They cleaned more than 178 miles of Lacey City streets filling over 700 bags with litter and spent 142 hours removing graffiti.

Congratulations to the 2008 Senior Patrol which was honored as "Program of the Year" by the Washington Crime Prevention Officers Association.

Additionally, Senior Patrol Officer Gerald Abernathy was awarded the "Life Time Achievement Award" by the Washington Crime Prevention Association for his volunteerism.



Patrol

Division

The 2008 Lacey Police Patrol Division is a team of 27 officers, 4 Sergeants and 2 Lieutenants and is supervised by Patrol Commander Joe Upton. Officers Napoleon Parker, Carolyn Miller, Alisha Howard and Mark Eley were all sworn in and joined the Lacey Police Department in 2008. Sergeants Terence Brimmer, Rick Monk, Shannon Barnes and Dave Campbell serve as first line supervisors for the officers and their ideas contributed greatly to the increased productivity of the division.

Lieutenants Phil Comstock and Matt Koehler manage programs such as firearms, K-9 Unit, DV Team and crisis negotiators. Additionally, they plan community events and keep the division running smoothly by ensuring the city has ample police coverage at all times.



The Patrol Division is responsible for answering 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls, writing reports, enforcing traffic laws, investigating collisions and enforcing criminal laws within the Lacey City limits. As a team they conducted 2,176 field interviews, wrote 3,056 tickets and responded to more than 31,937 calls for service. They wrote 6,313 reports and made 3,060 arrests, 171 of which were intoxicated drivers!

As a result of conducting proactive enforcement and emphasis patrols, the 2008 Patrol Division reduced Lacey's overall crime rate by 6% in 2008! The division was exceedingly successful in making Lacey a safe and desirable place to live, work, learn and play.

Congratulations to Officer Adam Seig, Officer Ken Westphal and Sergeant Scott Eastman who were all honored as "Red Cross Heroes" by the American Red Cross Association.

Traffic *Unit*



Officer Dave Johansen and Officer Al Stanford make up the 2008 Lacey Police Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit is supervised by Sergeant Scott Eastman and falls under the Support Services Division. In an effort to increase traffic safety they provide enforcement of state traffic laws within the Lacey City limits. Each officer has a dedicated traffic car which is equipped with the latest technology available to law enforcement. They are the Lacey Police Department's experts in major collision investigations and regularly participate in seatbelt, DUI and aggressive driving enforcement programs.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, red-light running is the leading cause of urban crashes. With that in mind, and in an effort to be proactive in the matter, the Traffic Unit implemented the red light camera program in 2008. Through this comprehensive red-light camera program, it is the hope of the Traffic Unit and the Lacey Police Department to reduce red-light running.

As a team they issued over 2,000 tickets and trained over 50% of other Lacey Police Officers in using the SECTOR program. SECTOR is an electronic

program which the officers use to write tickets and collision reports. With the SECTOR program in place and more than half the department trained in using it Lacey Police issued over 5,000 SECTOR tickets!

Each year the traffic unit completes several hours of training in an effort to maintain a high level of proficiency. Officer Stanford earned his certification as a Washington State Patrol collision technician. He also attended the National Child Protective Seat Certification Program and is now certified to inspect child safety seats! Both Officers Johansen and Stanford completed additional training in Total Station Mapping.

Congratulations to Officer Dave Johansen who was recognized by Washington State Patrol for his contributions to the Traffic Safety and SECTOR training.

With their training and efforts, it's no question that the Traffic Unit is trusted and holds a great rapport with the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission as well as all the staff at the Lacey Police Department.

In addition, both Traffic Officers have attended the National Child Protective Seat Certification Program and are available for car seat checks. Please contact either officer at the Lacey Police Department (360) 459-4333 to make an appointment.

Special *Response Team*

In 2008 the Special Response Team was supervised by a Lieutenant and Sergeant and 10 fully trained and equipped Tactical Officers.



The Special Response Team consisted of an array of technical equipment and a dedicated tactical response vehicle.

Domestic *Violence Team*

The Lacey Police Department takes the issue of domestic violence very seriously and works with victims to ensure their safety and protect them from future harm.

The Domestic Violence Team is a group of seven officers with special training and equipment to assist victims of domestic violence who often need special assistance in these traumatic cases. If needed, or at the request of a prosecutor or victim's advocate, Domestic Violence Team members will interview victims or witnesses, photograph injuries or damage, attempt to locate at-large suspects, and assist victims in other ways. Team members attended various conferences and training in 2008 to improve their ability to assist victims.

The Team also developed a new form used by all patrol officers to better document domestic violence

cases, printed new informational pamphlets for victims in Spanish, Cambodian and English, and trained other officers in specialized investigative techniques.



If you or anyone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please contact the Lacey Police Department for assistance at (360) 459-4333. In case of an emergency dial 9-1-1.

K-9 *Unit*

The K-9 Unit is comprised of Officer Chris Wenschhof and Brek. In 2008 they attended a seven week Washington State Patrol Drug Detection School in Shelton. Officer Wenschhof and Brek graduated on October 25, 2008 and are now certified as a K-9 Drug Detection Team. Since returning from drug detection training Brek has been used five times. His accumulative finds for 2008 include seven grams of methamphetamine, ten grams of marijuana and one gram of heroin.

On November 26, 2008 Officer Wenschhof and Brek responded to assist a Lacey Officer with a search of a van. The driver was stopped for an infraction and later found to be driving on a suspended driver's license. The arresting officer located a small Ziploc baggie that appeared to have trace



amounts of methamphetamine in it. No other contraband was located by the Officer. The trace amount was not enough to charge the suspect. Brek conducted a sniff of the exterior and interior of the vehicle. Brek located seven grams of methamphetamine that the suspect had hidden in the head liner of the van. Brek also located a marijuana smoking pipe in the rear of the van among a pile of junk on the floor. The suspect was booked on a felony drug charge based on Brek's find!

The K-9 Unit participated in several community events throughout 2008. They conducted demonstrations for the Washington State Kiwanis

Youth Law Enforcement Camp, Lacey Police Department Citizen Academy and Lacey Police Department Student Academy. Officer Wenschhof and Brek also conducted a book reading with over one hundred third graders from Horizon and Lacey Elementary Schools.



On August 10, 2008 at approximately 3:00am, Officer Wenschhof and Brek responded to assist the Washington State Patrol. Dispatch advised them that the Washington State Patrol was actively pursuing a Chrysler 300 eastbound on 15th Ave. NE. in Lacey. While they were en route to the area, dispatch advised the vehicle had turned onto Century Ct. NE. When the suspect realized that he had turned onto a dead end street he turned his vehicle around and drove his car directly at one of the State Troopers. The State Trooper shot at the driver in an attempt to stop the suspect from striking him with the vehicle. The suspect was successful in driving away without being apprehended.

Approximately 30 minutes later the K-9 Unit located the unoccupied Chrysler 300 parked in the driveway of a residence located on 8th Ave. NE. Ultimately Brek was deployed on a track. The K-9 Unit located the suspect hiding in the tall grass of a field located in the area. The suspect was bleeding profusely from a gunshot wound. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Not only did the K-9 Unit do their job in locating the suspect, but likely saved his life since the suspect was extremely disoriented and could no longer move on his own.

Community *Service Officers*

Community Service Officers are unarmed, non-commissioned civilian personnel. Each of the five Community Service Officers work on a part time shift based schedule. In addition to successfully completing an oral interview, an extensive background investigation, a psychological and medical examination and a polygraph test, they must also complete a field training program at the onset of employment.

The Community Service Officer position allows them to gain knowledge of the law enforcement career and opens a greater range of opportunity should they desire to become a commissioned police officer. They augment the patrol division and support services division.

They have many duties which include: transporting prisoners, assisting with traffic control at accident and crime scenes, tag/tow improperly parked or abandoned vehicles, complete found property reports, log evidence, deliver and serve warrants at Thurston County District Court, set up the radar reader board and complete Lacey accident forms for accidents with no crimes/injuries.

Each Community Service Officer and the assistance they provide to the citizens of Lacey and the police department is essential in achieving our mission.



School *Resource Officers*

The School Resource Officer team is comprised of three full time officers: Officer Ed McClanahan, Officer Keith Mercer and Officer Ken Westphal who joined the team in 2008. These officers maintain the partnership and commitment to the North Thurston Public Schools, the students and the parents of our community.

In addition to proactively patrolling the schools, the School Resource Officers provide counseling, education and demonstrations on personal safety, traffic safety and law and justice. In an effort to create a safe environment at each school these officers work with the Thurston County School District in providing threat assessments and Officer Westphal provides drug evaluations for the district. These officers also attend Youth Violence meetings with the Thurston



County Juvenile Prosecutor. By working hand in hand with the Lacey Police Special Response Team, Lacey Fire Department and North Thurston Public School employees the School Resource Officers provide an annual evaluation of the schools emergency procedures.

For many of the students these officers are the first contact they have with law enforcement and the positive presence the officers provide can leave a lasting impression.

Congratulations to Officer Ken Westphal who was honored as the “Drug Recognition Expert of the Year” by Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

Reserve Officers

Lacey Police Reserve Officers are commissioned volunteers who are a fundamental resource to the Lacey Police Department. There are currently 8 volunteers that serve as Lacey Reserve Officers and in 2008 they donated 1436.5 hours to the City of Lacey.

A Reserve Officer must be at least 21 years of age and pass the same rigorous application process as our full time Police Officers. They must successfully complete a physical abilities test, oral panel interview, a written and verbal psychological evaluation, a polygraph test as well as an extensive background investigation. Once selected, they must complete a minimum of 220 hours at the Reserve Police Academy. Each Reserve Officer is required to volunteer a minimum of 6 hours a month and maintain certification in vital critical skills such as firearms qualification, defensive

tactics, and emergency vehicle operation.

The Reserves supplement the patrol division and represent the department at several events throughout the year. Reserve Officers assist with the Lacey Fun Fair, Capitol City Marathon, Halloween Stop and Treat, The Motorcycle Toy Run and The South Sound Center Fireworks show. In addition, they provide relief coverage for our full time police officers. The Reserve Officer Unit is truly an essential team for the Lacey Police Department and the City of Lacey.

If you are interested in joining the Lacey Police Reserve Officers contact Lieutenant Matt Koehler at (360) 459-4333 for more information.

Reserve Officer of the Year

Lauren Taga has been a Reserve Officer for the City of Lacey Police Department since 1999. During her time with the department, she has contributed many volunteer hours, including assisting on numerous major incidents and representing the department at community events. In 2008, Reserve Officer Taga volunteered 276 hours to the City of Lacey. She assisted with traffic control at the annual A.B.A.T.E. Christmas Toy Run in December, helped coordinate traffic revisions during the annual Military Family Support March in September, assisted with crowd security and traffic control at the annual South Sound Center Fireworks Display in July, as well as assisting members of the Patrol Division with routine patrol duties. Reserve Officer Taga also assisted with the interview process for selecting new Reserve Officers, helped train members of the Lacey Explorer Post with annual

mock scene training, and assisted the Lacey Police Tactical Team with training exercises.

For her continued dedication and loyal service to her community and the Lacey Police Department, Lauren Taga is recognized as the 2008 Reserve Officer of the Year.



Evidence Unit

The Evidence Unit is comprised of Emily Liening, who joined the Lacey Police Department in 2008, and one backup person, Kim Sorby. In 2008 Emily became a certified marijuana leaf technician by the Washington State Patrol. Emily also completed the FBI crime scene processing, total station crime scene mapping, digital photography and evidence room management courses.

The Lacey Police Evidence Unit logged 5,569 items and released 2,435 items in 2008. When items are "released" they are returned to the owner, destroyed or auctioned. In addition, the Lacey Police Department partnered with Olympia High School in a new bike donation program donating 35 bikes in total! The department provides found bikes to be refurbished by Olympia High School students who then send the bikes to Mali, Africa. The bikes are distributed to kids who otherwise

might not be able to get to school because of the distance.

Emily has been a significant addition to the Lacey Police Department and the evidence unit. If you need to make an appointment to recover property from the Lacey Police Evidence Unit call (360) 459-4333 Monday through Friday.



DUI Coordinator

In 2008 the Thurston County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force program was successful, with credit due to Nicole Hatfield, the DUI Coordinator. In addition to scheduling all of the X-52 enforcement nights which are increased patrols for aggressive driving, speeding and DUIs, she also coordinated three nighttime seat belt and three Drive Hammered Get Nailed emphasis patrols.

To increase education and awareness Nicole planned and participated in four town hall meetings discussing teens and drug use throughout Thurston County. She also worked closely with Tenino High School in conducting a Click It or Ticket Seat Belt emphasis.

With the safety of the children of Thurston County in mind, Nicole attended the National Child Protective Seat Certification Program in March and has since completed over 50 safety car seat checks! Additionally, along with Lacey Fire Chief Brooks,

Nicole coordinated a National Safe Kids car seat check day.

Moreover, Nicole wrote and was awarded \$15,000 worth of grants for overtime and equipment for Thurston County. She has truly been a great contributor in making Lacey a great place to live, work, learn and play.

If you would like to schedule a Child Safety Seat inspection please contact Nicole at the Lacey Police Department (360) 459-4333.



Police Explorer Unit



The Lacey Police Explorer Post is comprised of 18 individuals between the ages of 15 ½ and 21. As a team they contributed over 4500 hours of service to the City of Lacey in 2008. They coordinated parking and provided crowd and traffic control at the Lacey Holiday Bazaar, Lacey Food and Wine Festival, Lacey Fun Fair, Halloween Stop and Treat, Movie Night at Huntamer Park and nine high school graduations.

The 2008 Lacey Police Explorer Post participated in the 7th Annual Capitol City Shoot hosted by the Olympia Police Department. With over 70 Explorers competing from over ten different agencies, Lacey Explorers took awards in the following categories: Sergio Sanchez - 2nd place Physical Agility and Shoot, Matheson Thomas – 2nd place Tactical Shoot, Eric Sanchez – 3rd place Shoot House! In addition, they also participated and competed in other local, area, regional and national

conferences, competitions and academies in 2008, one of which is designed after the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

The Police Explorer Post help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, this program offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Youth interested in joining the Lacey Police Explorers should contact Officer Dave Johansen or Officer Al Stanford at (360) 459-4333 for more information.



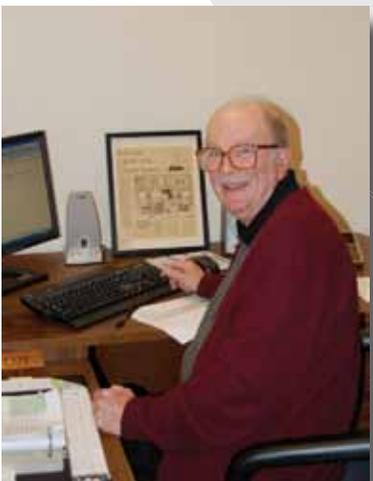
Crime

Statistics



Lacey Police Management Analyst Chris Woodside, along with volunteer Buzz Simpson, compiles and analyzes the crime statistics for the Lacey Police Department. Chris not only developed a system for tracking specific criminal activity but compiles weekly,

monthly and annual statistical reports. Some of the crime related projects Chris maintains are suspect link analysis charts, crime maps, crime and intelligence bulletins, a vehicle prowl and auto theft database as well as offender watch list publication and slide show. He also creates monthly graffiti and collision reports. In addition, Chris prepares a crime analysis report based on location, incident type and known offenders which has been useful in tracking and predicting where criminal activity may occur.



Buzz tracks cases and activity for detectives and the school resource officers as well as tracks crime in Lacey neighborhoods and apartment communities. He uses the information he collects to provide the public with crime statistics on Lacey neighborhoods

when they are looking to move to our city. Buzz also maintains the customer survey database which tracks all the feedback from surveys sent out each month.

While this is not a complete list of their duties it does present an example of the duties they perform for the Lacey Police Department.

2008 UCR* Crime Statistics

Violent Crimes

Aggravated Assaults	57
Forcible rape	18
Homicide	1
Robbery	22

Property Crimes

Arson	3
Auto theft	92
Burglary	237
Larceny	1405

2008 Incident Case Type

Child Abuse/Neglect	30
Collision (investigated by Officers)	949
Domestic Violence	396
Drug/Narcotics	305
DUI (physical control arrest)	171
Fraud/Forgery	321
Kidnapping	0
Sex Offense (includes UCR rapes)	51
Vandalism	662
Vehicle Prowl	493
Weapons Violation	49

*Uniform Crime Reporting Program - The UCR program is a voluntary law enforcement program that provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country per FBI criteria.







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