

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
OFC. TOM FURRER



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

We are very proud of our accomplishments in 2011 as the department underwent a significant change in structure and continued to deal with tight budget constraints. In spite of these challenges, the Lacey Police Department was able to reduce its overall crime rate to its lowest level in 12 years. The men and women of the Lacey Police Department take pride in pursuing criminal activity in our community and holding those persons accountable who are victimizing others.

Local agencies continue to look for ways to share information and acquire technology that will assist in fighting crime. We are implementing a new Records Management System with other local departments which will increase our ability to use information in solving crime.



The Lacey Police Department is continually striving for innovative ways to provide service and is the only law enforcement agency in Thurston County accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

As you read the statistical information in this report, you will notice that we have many areas of responsibility. Employees responsible for pursuing our mission have training and experience in a variety of disciplines to help accomplish the goal of a community in which citizens feel safe to live, work, learn and play. We are proud to serve the citizens of Lacey and encourage every citizen to be vigilant, report suspicious activity and work with us to deter crime. An active and involved community is one of the most important factors in keeping criminals from targeting Lacey.

Thank you for allowing us to serve as your police department.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Officer Furrer transferred to the Lacey Police Department in 1987 and has had the titles of Officer, Traffic Officer, Relief Supervisor, BLEA Academy Instructor and Detective.

Officer Furrer consistently shows that he is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty for not only his fellow officers, but for the public for whom he serves. Officer Furrer has been a vital resource to the department as a relief supervisor for his team as well as acting supervisor when called upon.

Officer Furrer is an employee that does not hesitate to back fellow officers on any sort of call and has more than once taken calls out of his area to assist officers with their workloads. Officer Furrer never has to be asked to do extra work as it just comes with his nature and drive to be the best he can be on a daily basis.

Officer Furrer demonstrates a high level of professionalism and integrity and is willing to make the hard decisions which many of us would not envy. Officer Furrer has filled in with many patrol assignments this year and has handled the collision case load of a traffic officer while handling all of his other duties. Officer Furrer has shown that he is fair-minded and ethical in all of his decisions, as shown when he will not even take an overtime shift which he may be available for until all have been notified and he has waited the appropriate time after alerting all members of the guild.

Officer Furrer is a great role model to all whom he contacts and due to these reasons and more we are pleased to present Officer Tom Furrer with the 2011 Employee of the Year award.



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Throughout 2011, Officer Newcomb has initiated and tenaciously investigated many significant criminal cases which resulted in arrests and the successful prosecution of the perpetrators. The following is but one fine example of excellent police work by Officer Newcomb.

On November 22, 2011 a residential burglary was reported where multiple firearms were stolen. On December 8, 2011 one of the stolen firearms taken during the burglary was located at a residence in Lacey. The homeowner recovered the firearm after it had been left at his residence by one of his friend's associates. A follow up investigation conducted by detectives was done and the detectives were able to identify the suspect.

On December 25, 2011 Officer Newcomb arrested two suspects from a stolen vehicle. During Officer Newcomb's investigation an informant provided information on a suspect who was armed with a handgun. The informant made arrangements to purchase a half ounce of methamphetamine from the suspect. Officer Newcomb listened to the phone conversation and during that time Officer Newcomb learned that another suspect would be delivering the methamphetamine.

Officer Newcomb tracked the suspect to a hotel in Olympia. Officer Newcomb developed a plan, utilized undercover surveillance teams and organized an arrest team. The teams consisted of two officers from his squad, seven officers from the Olympia Police Department and two deputies from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. During the investigation both suspects attempted to flee the hotel on foot but were taken into custody without incident. Officer Newcomb obtained a search warrant for the suspect's room and during the search of the room a stolen handgun and narcotics were recovered. In addition, \$4,500.00 dollars derived from the sales of methamphetamine was seized.



Officer Newcomb is recognized for this outstanding investigation, his pro-active approach towards criminal activity, leadership, initiative and high level of work ethic.

INSPIRATIONAL PARTNER AWARD

2011 - Sergeant Dave Campbell
2010 - Officer Dave Miller



The Inspirational Partner Award was established in 2010 and presented in memory of Officer Tina Griswold who was a former member of the department. Tina Griswold, along with Mark Renninger, Ronald Owens and Greg Richards was slain in Lakewood on November 29, 2009. The award is voted on by patrol officers and given to the officer who they would most want by their side at a difficult call or to have their back in a difficult situation, the officer who they would want to respond to their family in a time of need, who inspires them to be better, and who they would know would be there for them.

2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Re-structured supervisory personnel
- Hired for a frozen patrol position and reduced number of mid-managers
- Every Officer received over the state-required amount of training per the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Overall crime rate dropped from 40.9% to 34.8%
- Seized over 1300 pieces of stolen property in two major arrests & solved 52 burglary cases
- Took in 1401.6 pounds of prescription drugs in drop-box
- Cleaned over 400 miles of roadway with prisoner cleaning crew
- Over 387 positive feedbacks from citizens
- Reduced the number of items held in evidence by 900 from 2010
- Reduced police vehicle collisions by over 78% from 2010
- Police Records Division issued 1207 Garage Sale Permits and fingerprinted 881 Citizens
- Entire Police Department received training for the new Records Management System
- Records answered 19,835 phone calls in 2011

2011 STATISTICS

2011 UCR* Crime Statistics

Violent Crimes	
Aggravated Assaults	68
Forcible rape	8
Homicide	0
Robbery	19
Property Crimes	
Arson	1
Auto Theft	58
Burglary	267
Larceny	1056
Child Abuse/Neglect	24
Collisions (investigated by Officers)	971
Domestic Violence	424
Drug/Narcotics	412
DUI (physical control arrests)	155
Fraud/Forgery	264
Kidnapping	2
Sex Offense (includes UCR Rapes)	35
Vandalism	469
Vehicle Prowl	431
Weapon Violations	37

* 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.

VOLUNTEERS

RESERVE OFFICERS

Lacey Police Reserve Officers are commissioned volunteers who are a fundamental resource to the Lacey Police Department. There are currently five volunteers that serve as Lacey Reserve Officers and in 2011 they donated 2026 hours to the City of Lacey.

The Reserves supplement the patrol division and represent the department at several events throughout the year. 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.

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 agility 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.

SENIOR PATROL



The Senior Patrol consists of 21 volunteers who are over the age of 50 and volunteer a minimum of 4 hours each week. It is a uniformed position in the Crime Prevention Unit.

In 2011, the Senior Patrol volunteered 8,281 hours, all of which provided services to the community that could not otherwise be accomplished. With limited commission, Senior Patrol members are able to issue tickets for handicap parking violations. 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.

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 10,037 homes in 2011. They also 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 and the City of Lacey 4th of July Celebration.

The Senior Patrol supervised low risk inmates who pick up litter and clean-up graffiti within the Lacey City limits. They cleaned more than 90 miles of Lacey City streets filling over 480 bags with litter and spent 70 hours removing graffiti.

Congratulations to the Lacey Senior Patrol which has been recognized by President Obama. The President's Volunteer Service Award was created in 2003 and it was established to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities. Each recipient receives a letter from President Obama, a certificate from the President's Volunteer Service, and a pin they can wear on their uniform. The Lacey Police Department recognized Bronze recipients Richard Chatman, Donna Cowser, Linda Hulley, Norm Kneeland, Bill Lash, Art Mazikowski, and Greg Young. Silver award winners were Bob Blowers, Monte Callori, Randy Harris, Dave Jones, George Kostin, Gene Little, Mike O'Byrne, Marilyn Steele, Dave Sumrall, and Wally Urie. Gold award winners were Jon Cox, Mike Hill, Randy Young, and Buzz Simpson. And finally, the City of Lacey has four Lifetime Achievement award recipients: Gerald Abernathy, Buzz Simpson, Tom Thiesen, and Mike Flothe.

POLICE EXPLORERS



The Lacey Police Explorer Post is currently comprised of 11 individuals between the ages of 15 1/2 and 21. As a team they contributed over 4,000 hours of service to the City of Lacey in 2011. They coordinated parking and provided crowd control at the Polar Bear Plunge, Lacey Food and Wine Festival, Lacey Fun Fair, Mushroom Festival, Family Fish In and nine high school graduations.

In December of 2011, the explorers participated in the Explorers Basic Academy in Yakima and the Lacey Police Department is pleased to announce that the explorers received the following awards: Mallory Dobbs 1st Place OVERALL Basic Academy;

Devany LeMar 2nd Place OVERALL Basic Academy; Dwyane Howard 1st Place Basic Male Physical Agility; Devany LeMar 2nd Place Basic Female Physical Agility. Congratulations!

The 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 law enforcement, this program offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

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