



Hoquiam Police Department

Annual Report-2008



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MISSION OF THE HOQUIAM POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Through community partnerships and problem solving, we take a unified stance against crime, violence, disorder and disregard for the law. With the budgetary support and cooperation of the citizens we serve, we help Hoquiam to be strong and self sufficient- because a strong community is a safe community.*

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Dear Mayor Durney, City Administrator Shay, City Council Members and Citizens of Hoquiam:

This annual report, including the "2008 Police Department Accomplishments" page and "2008 Crime Beat" page, is a basic recap of the police activity for the year. In many cases, the statistics are compared to prior years to assist the reader in tracking trends or patterns in the community. Deputy Chief Maloney researched and compiled all of the statistics used in this report.

For a second straight year, all serious crime was down. In most cases, the 2008 crime statistics reflected a drop not witnessed in Hoquiam in almost ten years. I can certainly attribute this positive trend to the hard work of our citizens and the men and women of this department. At the same time however, crime trends often reflect demographic issues, such as the age of the population and the economic stability in the community and the nation.

The stark reality is that the root of most property and violent crime is also set within substance (alcohol and drug) abuse.

Although we continue to help make Hoquiam stronger and self-sufficient, I hope the current economic downturn will not result in an increase in crime in the future. Whatever happens, we will continue with due diligence to take a unified stance against crime, violence, disorder and disregard for the law.

In addition to the drop in crime and Law Incidents for the department in 2008, it was also a period of significant change. With the retirement of two senior

patrol sergeants: Dallas Hensley and Harry Blodgett, two new sergeants were promoted: Jeff Salstrom and Joe Strong. These were the first sergeant promotions in almost eleven years.

By the very end of the year, we were finally able to fill all of the open patrol officer positions. In 2008, five new patrol officers were hired: Jarrod Figg, David Peterson, Dennis Luce, Gabe Tarnowski and Cody Blodgett.

With five of the fourteen sworn officers assigned to patrol starting in 2008, this aggressive hiring and training curve was our most significant department accomplishment for the year. Given the average training time for each entry-level officer of nine to ten months, the City Council and Mayor have strongly invested in the future of our police department.

Although another retirement or two are anticipated in 2009, the department is closer to stable long-range staffing levels than ever before.

Once all our new officers are trained and out on the street, we look forward to advancing our community policing objectives by continuing to tackle drug houses/locations, enforcing traffic safety laws and targeting chronic public nuisances such as abandoned vehicles.

With full manpower, and the continued support of the citizens we serve, Hoquiam will continue to be strong and self-sufficient; because a strong community is a safe community.

JEFF MYERS
Chief of Police



LAW INCIDENTS & PART 1 OFFENSES

Law Incidents in 2008

During 2008 all law enforcement related incidents decreased by 1,129 from the number recorded during 2007 (14,193). **Officers were involved in 13,064 law incidents during the year.** This number represents all calls for service, as well as traffic stops and other officer-initiated law enforcement incidents.

With the decrease in total law incidents, the good news was there also was a substantial decrease in the number of Part 1 crimes investigated by the department. The serious crimes with the most significant decrease were Burglary (-35) and Auto Theft (-14). The high peak of robberies (6) in 2007 also fell by half in 2008.

As is illustrated in the accompanying table, the total number of the most serious crimes decreased by 81 incidents from those reported during 2007.



The total of 415 “Part 1 Offenses” reported was the lowest number recorded since the year 2000 (468).



Part 1 Offenses—Most Serious Crimes

“Part 1 Crimes” are designated as the most serious offenses investigated by a law enforcement agency. The total number under each of the crime categories are reported monthly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs) in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR).

Crimes considered “Part 1 Offenses” are: Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle and Arson. The numbers of “Part 1 Offenses” reported during 2008 are listed in the chart below with comparison to prior years:



UNIFORM CRIME REPORT COMPARISON			
CRIME	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	1	2	0
Rape	5	5	1
Robbery	2	6	3
Burglary	111	106	71
Aggravated Assault	5	13	13
Theft	348	327	307
Vehicle Theft	45	32	18
Arson	0	5	2
Totals	517	496	415



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Simple Assaults and Domestic Violence

Police officers have little control over the number of assaults that occur from year to year. The total number of “Simple Assaults” (the most common of all assaults) showed only a slight decrease (-13 incidents) from those reported during 2007. However, assaults related to Domestic Violence increased by 15 incidents over those reported during 2007. The accompanying tables illustrate that in each of the reported Domestic Violence Assault incidents an arrest was made. An officer is mandated by state law to make an arrest in a Domestic Violence assault if it can be determined an assault occurred in the proceeding four hours.

There were only 4 assaults during which a knife or firearm was used.

Juvenile Runaways

Although running away from home is not a crime, runaways are often reported to the police. Since the year 2000, the average number of runaways reported to the Hoquiam Police each year has been about 60. During 2008, there were 51 juveniles reported as a runaway.

Sex Offenses

Unfortunately the greatest number of sex offenses investigated by the police involve the abuse of a child. The number of sex crimes reported during 2008 decreased by only 4 incidents from those reports during 2007.



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CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS			
CRIME	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	1	2	0
Assault	132	154	144
Domestic Violence	78	68	83
Other, Simple Assault	53	80	57
Knife	1	4	2
Firearm	0	2	2
Total	133	156	144

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS			
CRIME	2006	2007	2008
Family fights resulting in arrest for Assault	78	68	83
Family fights resulting in arrest for property damage	9	11	8
Family fights—no arrest	26	30	36
Violation of Restraining or Protection Order	55	99	94
Custodial Interference	10	28	24
Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect	34	20	7
Total	212	256	252

SEX OFFENSES			
CRIME	2006	2007	2008
Rape	5	5	1
Sexual Assault	28	21	21
Public Indecency	1	1	1



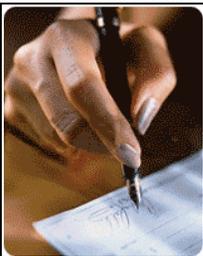
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Crimes against property showed the greatest decline of all crimes reported to the Hoquiam Police during 2008. In fact, the 448 reported was the lowest number recorded since 1999 (447).

The number of Burglaries showed the greatest decrease of all the major crimes reported to the police (-35). In fact, the 71 Burglaries reported represents the lowest number reported since 1992 when 92 burglaries were reported. The number of reported vehicle thefts also declined by nearly 50 percent in 2008.

Fraud and Forgery incidents reported resulted in many extensive and time consuming investigations; most of these investigations were handled by detectives in the Investigations Division. The unfortunate reality with most fraud cases was that no money or currency was ever recovered— especially in extensive embezzlement cases.

Part of the decrease in the number of frauds reported to the police can be attributed to the public's awareness of the many internet scams and mail scams that have been prevalent over the past few years. Rather than report these incidents to the police, the recipient of the scam material is more apt to just discard it. 2008 was the first year since 2000 that the number of fraud/forgery complaints made to the department have declined.



Forged prescriptions also continued to be a problem, but detectives worked to combat the fraud with a pharmacy email information bulletin.

ROBBERY and THEFT

CRIME	2006	2007	2008
Robbery	2	6	3
Thefts	348	327	307
Burglary	111	106	71
Theft of Vehicle	45	32	18
Fraud/Forgery	61	71	48
Totals	567	542	448

STOLEN PROPERTY/VALUE IN \$\$\$

PROPERTY TYPE	2006	2007	2008
Cash	38,048	21,075	151,503
Jewelry	40,990	31,650	37,042
Motor Vehicle	200,650	107,650	42,000
TV, Radio, etc.	7,500	16,938	6,154
Firearms	2,965	4,195	2,650
Clothing	2,825	2,098	2,309
Office Equipment	450	2,700	4,000
Furniture	3,960	9,760	8,331
Food	450	1,770	2,243
Bicycles	4,190	2,064	4,140
Miscellaneous	184,328	137,104	93,778
Totals	486,356	337,004	353,150



Interesting Fact: Two embezzlement cases alone accounted for losses of \$122,285!



ADULT ARRESTS

Physical Bookings into Jail

2006	2007	2008
282	302	364

Since the city jail closure at the end of 2002, the number of prisoners booked into jail has decreased overall. During the last full year of jail operation in 2002, there were 699 inmates booked into the city jail. Although the number of overall bookings has dramatically decreased, those individuals arrested for major felonies, and most domestic violence crimes, were accepted for booking at the county jail. The department contracted with the City of Forks for all other day-to-day jail services in 2008.

During 2008, the department held four "weekend jail" sessions during which officers arrested and booked individuals into the Hoquiam City Jail on outstanding Hoquiam Municipal Court warrants. A total of 93 individuals were booked into the city jail during the four weekend sessions staffed by temporary corrections officers hired from other agencies for these sessions. Prisoners who did not post bail were held over from the weekend until municipal court on the following Tuesday.

For statistical purposes, warrant arrests are listed in three categories: warrant arrests by HPD officers on Hoquiam warrants (WARR); warrant arrests by Hoquiam officers on warrants from other jurisdictions (WARO) and warrant arrests by officers of other agencies on Hoquiam warrants (WART).

MOST COMMON ARRESTS BY GENDER

CRIME	2007		2008	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
All other offenses	274	31	281	71
Assaults	114	36	76	23
DWI	33	10	45	15
Drugs	31	9	14	9
Theft	25	8	15	11
Fraud/Forgery	8	6	3	3
Totals	485	100	434	132

A person can be arrested and charged with a crime without the person actually going to jail. When an officer issues a criminal citation to an individual, it was also technically listed as an 'arrest'. Another form of arrest was when an officer identified a suspect in a crime, and submitted a report to the prosecutor to request the person be charged with an offense. In **2008**, there were a total of **566 adult arrests** of all types, which was only 19 less than the number arrested in 2007.

WARRANT TYPE	2006	2007	2008
WARR	126	132	152
WARO	131	120	81
WART	57	37	72

Since the department was unable to confirm our municipal court warrants due to the city jail being closed, the number of individuals arrested by officers from other agencies on Hoquiam warrants fluctuates greatly from year to year.



JUVENILE ARREST

Custody

When an officer takes a juvenile into custody for the investigation of a crime the disposition of that contact is usually recorded as one of three types:

- “Handled and Released” is generally when an officer questions a juvenile, in respect to a crime, then releases the juvenile with no further action to be taken.
- “Referred to an Adult Authority” means that a juvenile is questioned, then released to an adult, usually with a verbal warning- or referred to an adult court at a later date.
- “Referred to Juvenile Authority” is used in all cases where a juvenile is booked into the juvenile detention facility, or in cases where the officer submits a written report to the Grays Harbor County Juvenile Prosecutor requesting the juvenile be charged with a crime.

Offenses

The total juvenile arrests for 2008 remained at about the same level as those in 2007. The single most common arrest was for alcohol violations which coincides with the Department’s “Zero Tolerance Policy” on under age drinking.

OFFENSE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Alcohol Violations	19	6	25
Theft	8	2	10
Assault	12	2	14
Burglary	4	0	4
Drug Violation	1	0	1
All other offenses	28	5	33



JUVENILE ARRESTS (Under age 18)	2006	2007	2008
Males	44	65	72
Females	27	13	15
Total	71	78	87

DISPOSITION OF JUVENILE ARRESTS	2006	2007	2008
Handled and Released	0	2	3
Referred to Adult	5	11	5
Referred to Juvenile Authority	66	65	79

AGE OF JUVENILES ARRESTED	2006	2007	2008
Under 10	1	3	7
10—12	5	2	2
13—14	18	14	17
15	10	13	14
16	17	17	26
17	18	29	21



TRAFFIC

Traffic Violations

For the year 2008, officers issued **1,304 citations** for **1,558 different traffic violations**. One citation may contain more than one violation. Officers conducted a total of **2,971 traffic stops**.

Hoquiam officers participated in the night-time “Click-It or Ticket” campaign to promote seat belt safety, special commercial vehicle enforcement days, as well as county-wide “X-52” speed and driving under the influence emphasis patrols during the year.

State grants from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission paid the overtime cost for the officers who worked these special enforcement emphasis details. Throughout the school year, patrol officers also conducted regular school zone speed enforcement during unassigned time.



Parking Enforcement

The Hoquiam Animal Control Officer (ACO) has the additional duty of enforcing parking violations and handling complaints of abandoned vehicles on the city streets. During 2008, the department handled **469 abandoned vehicle incidents** of which the vast majority were initiated by the ACO. In addition there were **172 parking infractions** issued by the department (mostly by the ACO as well).

Collisions

The total number of collisions investigated during 2008 was 24 more than the number officers investigated during 2007. Of the 258 collisions in 2008, a total of 43 were listed as “hit and run”.

TRAFFIC OFFENSES	2008
Driving Without Insurance	348
Speeding	155
School Zone Speeding	39
Driving While License Suspended	316
Seat Belt Violations	99
No Valid Operator’s License	68
Driving While Intoxicated	65
Negligent/Reckless Driving	12
Fail to Stop	44
All other violations	412

COLLISION TYPE	2006	2007	2008
Fatal	0	2	1
Property Damage Only	165	145	180
Injury	37	31	21
Non-Reportable	27	56	56
Total	234	234	258



Interesting fact— Hoquiam Traffic collisions most often took place on Wednesday and Friday between 4:00-5:00 PM. Traffic citations were most often issued between 10:00-11:00 PM followed by 9:00-10:00 PM on Friday and Wednesday.



ANIMAL CONTROL

ACO Bob Hill

For Hoquiam, 'Animal Problems' were the number one type of complaint called into the E-911 Communications Center during 2008. **There were 830 animal complaints** handled by the department. This was a decrease of 187 incidents as compared to 2007.

The reduction in the total number of animal complaints can be partly contributed to the aggressive manner in which the Animal Control Officer patrolled the city, taking self-initiated action regarding animal violations.

The Animal Control Officer was also directly responsible for generating the highest number of animal license ever issued by the city in a single year at 507 animal licenses for 2008.

The animal control officer held a very popular licensing and rabies shot clinics at the police station. Many animal owners purchased animal licenses and had their animals inoculated. The department appreciated the assistance of Dr. Westby and his staff from the Raintree Veterinary Clinic.

In addition to complaints about domestic animal problems, the ACO also responded to some wildlife issues in the city- which mainly involved clearing dead animals from the roadways.



A large part of the animal control officer's duties included educating citizens on responsible pet ownership. The ACO worked closely with local animal shelter organizations to facilitate the adoption of abandoned animals who deserve a loving home.



COMPLAINT SUMMARY	2006	2007	2008
Complaints	587	1,017	830
Citations Issued	44	94	88
Licenses Issued	177	421	507

ANIMAL IMPOUNDS	2006	2007	2008
Domestic Animals	262	471	412

DISPOSITIONS	2008
Animals Euthanized	107
Animals Adopted	39
Redeemed by Owner	148
To PAWS	118





2008 HOQUIAM CRIME BEAT

On January 12, 2008, Officer Hergert arrested a deranged subject, covered in blood, who was armed with a knife. Officer Hergert was able to disarm the suspect and take custody of him through the use of his Taser. Officer Hergert was nominated by his sergeant and received a letter of commendation from Chief Myers for his professional actions.

On January 16, 2008, officers and detectives investigated a reported domestic violence kidnapping/ assault case. According to the victim, her estranged husband kidnapped and threatened her at gunpoint. The suspect was arrested and the case is pending prosecution.

On January 18, 2008, a home-invasion robbery was reported at an apartment in North Hoquiam. A masked suspect, armed with a pistol, apparently demanded money and drugs. It was determined in the investigation that the crime was likely a drug rip-off.

Animal Control Officer Hill handled a serious pit bull bite complaint on March 3, 2008. The victim suffered a broken tooth and injury to his mouth requiring reconstructive surgery. The municipal court later ordered the dog to be destroyed as it had been previously declared "potentially dangerous" by the sheriff's department.

On March 4th, a 68-year old suspect was arrested after a month-long investigation involving over \$5,000 in bad checks in the Grays Harbor area.

On March 29th, Officer Hergert arrested a suspect on an outstanding warrant for robbery, burglary and felony assault as a result of a routine traffic stop.

On April 1, 2008, a murder/ robbery suspect who was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by Officer Gaddis for driving the wrong-way on the Simpson Ave Bridge detour fled on foot. An extensive manhunt with canine teams and surveillance on the suspect's family at a motel was unsuccessful, but did yield the cell phone number of the suspect- which was later traced. The suspect was apprehended at a strip-club in Tacoma on April 23, 2008.

As a result of a tip from a computer repair shop, a Hoquiam resident was arrested for several counts of possession of child pornography in the 500 block of 23rd Street on April 2, 2008. Detectives searched the residence, recovered chat-log and photographic evidence, interviewed and booked the suspect.

A reported "strong arm robbery" in the area of Emerson Grocery on April 14, 2008 (where the reported victim was partially run over) was determined to be a drug-deal rip-off attempt.

On April 16, 2008, a 21-year old state prison corrections officer was arrested and booked for two felony counts of "communicating with a minor for immoral purposes" after he allegedly sent pornographic images and attempted to solicit sexually explicit video/ photos from two HHS girls- ages 14 and 15- via cellular phone text messages.

On April 30, 2008, officers arrested a 15-year old Hoquiam boy for arson after he allegedly

torched his estranged step-father's truck. The juvenile was booked and is awaiting trial for the felony charge.

Officers Gaddis and Mitchell responded to a report of a suspicious person on May 8, 2008 in the 700 block of Levee Street. The subject was suffering from mental health issues and demanded that Officer Gaddis shoot him. Luckily Officer Mitchell arrived, he was able to subdue the subject with a Taser when the subject advanced on Officer Gaddis. The subject was committed for psychiatric treatment. Officers later disassembled an immature 200 plant marijuana grow at the subject's home.

On May 12, 2008, Detective Krohn and Sgt. Hensley were on an evidence detail when they observed a suspicious pick-up pull out onto Broadway Street loaded down with 30 foot lengths of railroad track. The occupants of the vehicle were subsequently arrested for felony theft as it was determined they were stealing and selling the \$1400 rails for \$150 each to a scrap yard.

Officers investigated a hit and run in the 2800 block of Simpson Ave on May 17, 2008. Officers later determined that the driver of the fleeing vehicle was a 14-year old Aberdeen boy. He was submitted to the juvenile prosecutor for charges.

On June 4, 2008, Officers Mitchell, Lundstrom and Salstrom responded to a reported fight in the 300 block of 31st Street. Officers later located two of the subjects involved near the Dollar Tree in Aberdeen. One subject was arrested on Hoquiam warrants, the other subject, who is a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of a stolen .357 magnum pistol.

On June 5, 2008, an unusual stalking case once again came to the attention of Detective Krohn. Raymond Whiteman, who was already on probation for stalking the victim in prior cases, made contact with her again in May. Whiteman's probation was violated and he will be facing significant additional prison time for his bizarre obsession toward the victim.

On June 10, 2008, Detective Krohn submitted a felony embezzlement case to the county prosecutor. An employee of a local medical practice was accused of stealing over \$37,000 through manipulating payments, cash receipts and writing checks to herself.

On June 18, 2008, officers responded to a large street fight in the 300 block of Adams Street. Two boys with an ongoing grudge started to physically fight; friends and family members of the two also became involved until there were 20-30 people out in the street. Officers were finally able to break up all the combatants; several were arrested for disorderly conduct (fighting in public) and one juvenile was arrested for assault. Much of the incident was captured on a cell phone video clip which led to charges against the father of one of the combatants as he too participated in the fight.



2008 HOQUIAM CRIME BEAT

On July 4, 2008, several Hoquiam officers assisted the Coast Guard and the Sheriff's Department patrol boat in securing an emotionally disturbed female at the 28th Street Boat Landing after she was plucked from the harbor during Aberdeen's Splash Festival. The female was so combative that three Coast Guard officers had to hold her down until they could make it to the dock. She was later transported to a mental health facility.

In the early morning hours of July 6, 2008, a patrol sergeant attempted to turn into a driveway in the 800 block of Karr Ave to cut-off the flight of a juvenile on foot who had two felony warrants for his arrest. The sergeant struck a power pole with the supervisor's assigned 2006 Ford Explorer. Although the damage was repairable, the vehicle caught fire and could not be extinguished- resulting in the engine compartment being totaled.

On July 8, 2008, Officer Peterson and Officer Hergert arrested a 14-year old Hoquiam boy for two counts of residential burglary after he returned to the "scene of the crime", and fled when he saw the homeowner's note that the police were watching the house.

The Investigations Division investigated an incident where a 28-year old male was found shot inside a vehicle in the area of Grizzly Lane. The victim was located on July 22, 2008 and died at Harborview Hospital two days later. The victim was found with the weapon in the vehicle and reportedly suffered from depression in the past.

On Sunday evening, August 16, 2008, a 67-year old Hoquiam resident barricaded himself in his residence for over twelve hours after allegedly assaulting his daughter with a pistol. The suspect apparently missed shooting the victim in the back by mere inches. The subject later surrendered to Hoquiam officers after long negotiations conducted by negotiators from the Aberdeen Police and then the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department. The suspect had threatened suicide during the standoff and the department was concerned he would attempt to provoke a confrontation with the officers. Upon surrender, the suspect was transported to the hospital for an attempted overdose and evaluated by a mental health professional. He was then held in the county jail charged with felony assault but was able to post bail. A day after posting bail, the suspect took his own life at home with another handgun that the department was unable to locate during an earlier search of the residence with a search warrant.

On August 17, 2008, Hoquiam officers were dispatched to a reported fight behind a bar located in the 700 block of Simpson Ave. A dispute that started inside Trio's Bar and Grill carried out to the parking lot where two suspects apparently assaulted the victim and damaged his truck. The victim produced a pistol from inside his vehicle and shot off one 'warning round' to scare off his attackers. Both suspects have been arrested and charges have been submitted. The victim will not face charges for discharging a weapon in the city limits due to the "self-defense" circumstances of the incident.

On August 27, 2008, officers responded to the 400 block of 11th Street after one neighbor allegedly brandished a shotgun in the street to confront another neighbor in a dispute over a

cat. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and officers intervened before there were any injuries or shots fired.

The first Saturday of September was Logger's Playday. The festivities went off without a hitch, including sunny weather for the 2 ½ hour parade. Although Logger's Playday itself was uneventful, this was a busy period for Patrol, with a total of 68 law incidents until 0300 on Sunday morning. Eleven of these incidents were 'fight calls' with four subjects arrested for domestic violence assault.

Officers received an anonymous call on September 26, 2008 of a stolen vehicle being driven from the Broadway area to the Eastside of town. Officer Bryant intercepted the vehicle near the YMCA and a short pursuit ensued at speeds of up to 100 mph down Bay Avenue until the suspect crashed near Home Depot. The driver attempted to assault Officer Bryant in order to escape, but was quickly subdued.

The Hoquiam Liquor Store in the 800 block of Simpson Avenue was burglarized on September 30, 2008 at approximately 9:50 PM. The suspect smashed out a window and grabbed several bottles of alcohol. Detectives were able to identify, locate and arrest the suspect within a few days at a local drug flop-house with the assistance of probation officers from the state Department of Corrections.

On October 1, 2008, Sergeant Salstrom located a suspicious vehicle parked in the back parking lot of Washington Elementary. In checking Olympic Stadium, Sgt. Salstrom and officers located two Aberdeen High School students hiding inside with spray paint. They had allegedly spray-painted AHS related messages inside the stadium in anticipation of the annual Aberdeen-Hoquiam football game (which ironically was actually being held in Aberdeen this time). The juveniles were arrested and booked for burglary.

On October 13, 2008, Officer Hergert stopped a vehicle at Simpson Ave at Myrtle Street for a simple traffic violation. As he approached the vehicle, dispatch advised him that it was stolen. Officer Hergert arrested the driver for possessing the stolen vehicle and on an outstanding DOC felony probation warrant. Two passengers were arrested on outstanding Hoquiam Municipal Court warrants. During a search of the vehicle, officers also recovered items of clothing that the suspects had shoplifted from Sears.

On November 6, 2008 at approximately 0715 hours, officers responded to a vehicle versus building collision on Sixth Street at Riverside Ave. A vehicle lost control and crashed into the front door/ wall of Levee Lumber. No one was seriously injured.

On December 5, 2008 around 1900 hours, officers responded to a reported robbery in the 2100 block of Simpson Ave. The 12-year old victim reported being robbed at knifepoint by another juvenile. Detectives later tracked down a 17-year old suspect who admitted to being present at the incident, but denied the robbery. The suspect was recently convicted of the crime in Juvenile Court.



POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS- 2008

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The year 2008 was certainly a period of considerable growth and change in the department. Several senior sergeants retired, creating the opportunity to promote the first two new sergeants in almost eleven years. The department also hired a total of five new patrol officers due to this current cycle of attrition.

All of the major sections of the new department Policy and Procedure Manual were issued to all department staff during the year. The evidence custodians started working on a revised Evidence Manual and Deputy Chief Maloney worked on updating the Jail Manual.

With the two-year budget cycle, coupled with several open positions during this period of transition, the department was able to absorb several large unexpected expenditures in 2008, including: additional overtime required (\$37,636), the replacement of a patrol SUV destroyed in a collision (\$27,458), hiring and equipping new officers (\$14,835) and the purchase of a used 2008 Ford E350 van to replace the old jail van (\$14,998). The end of the year supplemental budget was not needed as the department still ended the year with a surplus balance of over \$17,000.

The department held four "week-end warrant sweep" sessions in 2008. The City Jail was staffed with temporary corrections officers and a total of 93 individuals were arrested during the four events. This again sent a strong message that Hoquiam Municipal Court warrants must be obeyed.

Early in the year, the department was able to leverage approximately \$30,000 in 2007 carry-forward funds to purchase and completely equip a new 4x4 SUV for patrol. This placed the department ahead in the future vehicle rotation schedule.

The department was proud to participate in a very successful "National Night Out Against Crime" in August. Hoquiam hosted numerous "block parties" around the city. A contingent of city officials, police officers and fire staff visited with citizens at each the locations.

Using a combination of drug forfeiture funds and carry-forward funds from 2007, every officer in the department was equipped with an individually issued TASER less-lethal device.

The senior citizen volunteer CRIME WATCH program donated an astounding 2,134 hours of service to Hoquiam in 2008. This included residence and business checks, volunteering at the office, security at local events and assisting with traffic control during area parades. CRIME WATCH also gathered emergency contact information on local businesses.

While attempting to locate a small modular building for the police range, the department was able to secure a 14x52 foot modular building for the city at only the cost of moving it. The building will be used as Hoquiam's Emergency Operations Center during disasters.

The remodel of the Communications Center (report writing area) in the station was completed in 2008 with the addition of another computer work station, upgraded RAM, new countertops and new carpeting.

Members of the department participated in numerous public outreach activities during the year. This included presentations, appearances and visits to local civic groups, business organizations, schools, community festivals and many other public events.

The department secured numerous grant funds to further expand and update needed department equipment. Through Homeland Security grants and traffic safety grants, the department secured approximately \$31,377 in equipment funds and/or value. This included a portable video surveillance system, a radar unit, several preliminary breath test units and two mobile computer terminals. Once installed, all of the main patrol vehicles assigned to patrol will have the (almost \$9,000) in-car computer units. These units are used to check police records, booking photos, driver's license status, vehicle registrations and other dispatch related information out on the street.

The canine program had continued success with the team of Sergeant Salstrom and his Police Service Dog "Enno". During the year, they were responsible for 52 canine applications, of which 19 were apprehensions and 33 were narcotics detection. Enno captured several felony suspects and was responsible for over 14 pounds of marijuana, 3/4 pound of methamphetamine, 1/4 pound of heroin and several ounces of cocaine. Enno was also attributed with assisting in almost \$30,000 in asset seizures related to the illicit drug trade.

2008