



# Hoquiam Police Department

## *Annual Report-2012*



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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**



It is my pleasure to present this Annual Report recapping police department activity for 2012.

As with many households and businesses in our region, the city continued to closely watch every dollar while striving to provide comprehensive and effective service to our citizens. Innovation was not deterred however, as we set forth the groundwork to reopen the City Jail after a ten-year closure remnant of past budget cuts.

Even with the sale and launch of Harbor Paper in September, we maintained strict fiduciary responsibility through the close of the 2011-2012 budget cycle. With conservative spending habits during the biennium, we were able to invest banked funds into capital improvements for the City Jail. Jail improvements included adding four new inmate bunks, additional clothing/ supplies, larger inmate property storage, new double-door freezer for inmate meals, electronic perimeter door locks, new intercom system, remodeled Jail Office, larger commercial washer/ dryer and new computer-based security camera system.

Through a services contract with the state Department of Corrections, the City Jail will reopen next year to hold state felony probation violators under the "Swift and Certain" program along with our own misdemeanor city prisoners. The revenue from the state will offset a significant portion of our jail operating expenses. The heretofore lofty goal of funding the City Jail in these tight times would not be possible were it not for this unique public safety partnership.

Holding felony probation violators from Grays Harbor will improve safety in all our communities, not just Hoquiam. Offenders will be held accountable and will be housed locally, just as with our city prisoners. With jail space at a premium in our region, additional beds will create the capacity to hold those who need to be held.

In the current economy, it was also an accomplishment to create four new jobs as we move to hire additional Police Services Officers to staff the jail for full operation. We hope to have the jail open in early 2013.

As with the trend in the past, personnel changes continued during the year, including the promotion of Don Wertanen to deputy chief of

police and hiring Ryan Pearson from Pacific County as a lateral police officer. Brian Dayton was promoted to patrol sergeant, thus completing our outstanding staff for 2012.

In conjunction with our personnel changes, we also updated our look the first time in over 50-years. The light blue/dark blue shirt was retired for the sharp and professional dark navy uniform. It is important to "look proud to be proud".

Although overall crime was down in Hoquiam for 2012, specifically a decrease of 17.1% in serious crimes over the prior year, the city did experience two homicides. Both cases were tragic as they demonstrated the fragility of life and how just a split second will forever change time.

In the first case, a jealous 16-year old stabbed a 22-year old off-duty state corrections officer whom he perceived as a rival for his girlfriend's attention. The suspect subsequently pleaded guilty to the crime and received an 18-year prison sentence. The second homicide case was determined to be a domestic violence murder-suicide when the husband brutally stabbed his wife before stabbing himself to death. They were found by their adult son when he returned home.

Patrol officers, sergeants and detectives handled both cases efficiently, professionally and with great empathy. Their work continued to illustrate the dedicated professionals serving Hoquiam. I am proud of all our department members, including our volunteers in our senior Crime Watch group and our Police Explorer youth.

With the support of Mayor Jack Durney, City Administrator Brian Shay, each of our twelve City Council Members and the citizens we serve everyday, we will continue to make a difference as we strive to fulfill our mission of making Hoquiam stronger; because a strong community is a safe community.

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# LAW INCIDENTS & PART 1 OFFENSES



## Law Incidents in 2012

The department saw a sharp reduction in law incidents in 2012. There were 1,822 or **10.6% less** incidents handled as compared to 2011. For 2012, the department recorded **15,497 law incidents**. “Law incidents” capture all calls for service, as well as traffic stops and other officer-initiated law enforcement activities.

Thus, law incident statistics are driven by a combination of calls for service from citizens as well as patrol officers available on the street to conduct proactive police work.

Coupled with the reduction in law incidents, the city experienced a **17.1% decrease** in crime as recorded in the Uniform Crime Report (chart lower right). For 2012, there were **438** “UCR Part I Crimes” as compared to 528 in 2011. This UCR rate rivaled the low point in 2008.

Unfortunately, two murders were contrary to the overall crime trend for 2012.

Of the **15,497** law incidents handled in 2012, approximately **5,895** were traffic stops and subject stop/ suspicious person contacts. These law incidents tend to be officer-initiated activity while on patrol and accounted for **38%** of law incidents.

In 2012, the busiest hour for patrol officers was from 9 to 10 PM. The busiest day was Friday.

## Part 1 Offenses—Most Serious Crimes

“Part 1 Crimes” are designated as the most serious offenses investigated by law enforcement. Incidents in each crime category are reported monthly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

In 2012, the Uniform Crime Report changed to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to collect more data for future crime studies, such as the relationship between suspect and victim and other information not previously statistically recorded.

Crimes considered “Part 1 Offenses” are: Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Collection and reporting standards are consistent throughout the country.



<i>UNIFORM CRIME REPORT COMPARISON</i>							
<b>CRIME</b>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
Rape	5	5	1	5	3	7	3
Robbery	2	6	3	11	5	7	7
Burglary	111	106	71	111	90	98	95
Aggravated Assault	5	13	13	8	11	21	10
Theft	348	327	307	332	325	381	298
Vehicle	45	32	18	25	25	12	22
Arson	0	5	2	7	5	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	517	496	415	500	464	528	438

**Did you know?** The department’s annual and monthly statistical reports are regularly posted for viewing or download on the city website at [www.cityofhoquiam.com/police](http://www.cityofhoquiam.com/police).



## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Simple Assaults and Domestic Violence

Crimes against persons tend to be unpredictable. In 2012, there was a noted increase over the prior year, including two homicides. “Simple assaults (the most common misdemeanor assault) and domestic violence assaults increased slightly. Both homicides were death by stabbing; one case was a domestic violence murder-suicide between husband and wife.

At **341** reports, “domestic violence” related incidents **increased 13%** from the prior year. Under state law, an officer is mandated to make an arrest for Domestic Violence Assault if an assault occurred within the preceding four hours. Not all domestic incidents will result in an arrest if no crime occurred (as noted on the third line of the chart). In these cases officers try to keep the peace and resolve the dispute.

### Juvenile Runaways

Although running away from home is not a crime, runaways are often reported to the police. Since 2000, the average number of runaways reported to the police department has generally declined, except for a **28.6% increase** in 2012 with **42** reported runaways.

### Sex Offenses

Most of the sex offenses investigated by the police involve the abuse of a child. This year was no exception as the number of sex crimes reported remained consistent with the prior year. Sadly, these crimes tend to involve complex investigations requiring considerable time and resources, but may not yield clear outcomes or charges because of the nature of the crime and the age of the victims.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS					
CRIME	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HOMICIDE	0	1	0	0	2
ASSAULTS	144	154	143	212	219
Domestic Violence	83	73	74	97	101
Other, Simple	57	78	63	105	112
Knife	2	3	4	7	4
Firearm	2	0	2	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	144	155	143	212	221

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS					
CRIME	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Family fights resulting in arrest for Assault	83	73	74	97	101
Family fights resulting in arrest for property damage	8	9	8	18	28
Family fights—no arrest	36	43	65	71	68
Violation of Restraining or Protection Order	94	101	111	75	102
Custodial Interference	24	30	26	28	35
Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect	7	13	17	8	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	252	269	301	297	341

SEX OFFENSES					
CRIME	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Rape	1	5	3	7	3
Sexual Assault	21	17	22	34	32
Public Indecency	1	1	3	3	1

**Did you know?** Citizens can view law incidents on a map of Hoquiam on the free website: [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).



## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Consistent with the overall trend in 2012, crimes against property decreased, although the value of property stolen increased over the prior year.

However, the department did anticipate more accurate loss totals as a result of changing from UCR to NIBRS reporting.

Although staff-intensive because of the additional data fields in NIBRS, theft and damage reports were “verified” by the NIBRS process to make sure a dollar loss was listed in each case.

It is also important to note the reported “value” of property stolen or damaged is usually based on an estimate by the victim. These estimates can vary drastically from actual market value.

As in prior years, metal thefts continued to be an issue in 2012. The losses from metal thefts usually go well beyond the value of the metal taken. For example, the theft of copper piping from the heat pumps at the DOL office resulted in thousands of dollars damage when the coolant leaked out. The stolen copper was traded for drugs before being cashed in for only \$72.

Metal thefts (and the associated burglary and trespass crimes) created pressure on criminal justice from investigation through prosecution. As with most crimes against property, metal theft was an easy way for drug abusers to support their habit. Even once arrested and convicted, metal thieves usually went right back to the activity.

As with most crimes against property, the victim will likely never recover the full value of the stolen item even when the suspect is arrested and convicted. The most important thing a citizen can do is to prevent the crime in the first place. Use secure locks and install indoor and outdoor lighting; get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. Own your neighborhood.



Hoquiam residents and businesses can sign up for free checks of their home or business by our CRIME WATCH volunteers. Just come to the station to fill out a “vacation check” form. CRIME WATCH also maintains a voluntary Business Registration Program in case the police department needs to contact a business owner for an emergency after-hours.

### ROBBERY, BURGLARY & PROPERTY CRIME

CRIME	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Robbery	3	11	5	7	7
Thefts	307	332	325	381	298
Burglary	71	111	90	98	95
Theft of Vehicle	18	25	25	12	22
Fraud/Forgery	48	79	53	69	66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>488</b>

### PROPERTY STOLEN- VALUE IN DOLLARS

PROPERTY TYPE	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cash	17,568	21,045	31,969	43,960
Jewelry	231,606	38,056	26,063	39,269
Motor Vehicle	32,400	49,052	7,700	58,800
TV, Radio, etc.	8,405	8,860	4,165	6,380
Firearms	3,325	3,340	6,990	1,480
Clothing	2,249	23,923	3,869	1,365
Office Equipment	12,030	6,703	4,727	13,505
Furniture	7,371	10,386	3,520	7,473
Food	3,168	1,801	2,018	1,361
Bicycles	3,883	9,402	5,487	9,905
Miscellaneous	111,592	106,416	83,319	68,763
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$433,596</b>	<b>\$258,984</b>	<b>\$179,826</b>	<b>\$252,261</b>

**Did you know?** Out of the value of items stolen above in 2012, a total of \$50,507 or 20% was recovered.

# ADULT ARRESTS



## Physical Bookings into Jail

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
302	364	292	336	294	<b>310</b>

Since the City Jail closed at the end of 2002, the number of prisoners booked on city charges has been limited by reduced jail availability. During the last full year of jail operation in 2002, **699** inmates were booked into the City Jail alone. Not including the “warrant sweep” sessions, most city prisoners were held in jail under contract at either the Grays Harbor County Jail or the Forks City Jail at \$45 to \$65 per day.

The department held 12 “warrant sweeps” in 2012, including three 10-day or longer sessions where officers arrested and booked individuals into the Hoquiam City Jail. This resulted in **375** bookings to clear **467** municipal court warrants. The court collected **\$98,250** in bail.

In September, the city entered into a contract with the state Department of Corrections for the city to hold “Swift and Certain” felon probation violators. With this new program, the state needs local beds near where the offenders live and are supervised. This partnership will create revenue which will allow the city to offset a significant portion of jail expenses and re-open the City Jail to full 24/7 operation. The City Jail should be open in 2013 once additional Police Services Officers are hired and trained. There was no way the city could afford to re-open the City Jail without this contract with the DOC.

The department started booking DOC violators during two warrant sweep City Jail openings at the end of the year. The city billed the DOC **\$11,120** for the probation violators held.

## MOST COMMON ARRESTS BY GENDER

CRIME	2011		2012	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Other offenses	394	108	<b>297</b>	<b>93</b>
Assaults	105	37	<b>108</b>	<b>32</b>
DUI	40	12	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>
Drugs	42	7	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>
Theft	47	13	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>
Robbery/Burg.	13	8	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>185</b>

*A person can be arrested and charged with a crime without 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 city or county prosecutor to request the person be charged with the offense. In 2012, there were a total of **739 adult arrests** of all types, which was a **10.6% decrease** from 2011 at 826.*

## ALL WARRANT ARRESTS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	305	256	307	521	<b>460</b>

 **Did you know?** For 2012 alone, the city expended \$91,150 for contracted jail services.





## JUVENILE ARREST

### Custody

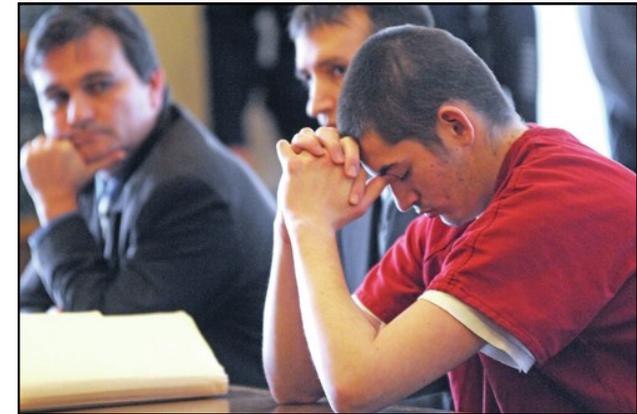
When an officer takes a juvenile into custody for the investigation of a crime the disposition of that contact is usually recorded as one of three types:

- “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 Referred to Juvenile Authority

The total juvenile arrests increased slightly to **84**. Unfortunately, one case involved a homicide suspect who was only 16-years old at the time he stabbed a 22-year old in a dispute over a woman. Due to the nature of offense under state law, he was automatically charged as an adult with second degree murder.

2012 OFFENSES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Alcohol Violations	7	1	8
Theft	7	1	8
Assault	15	3	18
Burglary	2	0	2
Drug Violation	9	0	9
All Other Offenses	39	6	45



*16-year old Teddy Bryan was sentenced to 18-years and 4-months in prison for the murder of John Favro. -Photo courtesy of The Daily World.*

JUVENILE ARRESTS (Under age 18)	2009	2010	2011	2012
Males	46	61	65	76
Females	11	17	14	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>

AGE OF JUVENILES ARRESTED	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 10	3	3	0	2
10—12	2	7	11	4
13—14	13	25	14	19
15	16	17	17	9
16	14	12	23	14
17	9	14	14	20



# TRAFFIC

## Traffic Violations

In 2012, officers issued **1,588 traffic violations** as encompassed within traffic infractions and traffic citations. Officers conducted a total of **3,542** basic traffic stops. In actuality, the total number of traffic stops was higher as several of these “routine” traffic stops turned into criminal investigations or arrests.

One of the department’s three Focus Points included proactive traffic enforcement and education. Officers were expected to intervene in traffic complaints and neighborhood speeding issues. The department also deployed the “radar trailer” to remind motorists to obey posted speed limits.

During the school year, patrol officers were required to conduct regular school zone speed enforcement during unassigned time. A total of **129** “speeding in school zone” infractions were issued.

## Parking Enforcement

The Hoquiam Animal Control Officer (ACO) had the additional duty of enforcing parking violations and handling complaints of abandoned vehicles on the city streets. During 2012, the department handled **254** abandoned vehicle incidents of which the vast majority were initiated by the ACO. In addition there were **114** parking infractions issued by the department (mostly by the ACO as well).

## Collisions

In 2012, total reported traffic collisions increased by **14.1%** from those recorded in 2011. Of the **263** reported traffic collisions, **28** involved injuries and **173** involved property damage only.

Of the collisions, **11** involved driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



## COMMON TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Driving Without Insurance	<b>333</b>
Speeding	<b>250</b>
School Zone Speeding	<b>129</b>
Driving License Suspended	<b>318</b>
Seat Belt/ Car Seat Violations	<b>33</b>
No Valid Operator’s License	<b>39</b>
Driving While Intoxicated	<b>41</b>
Negligent/Reckless Driving	<b>17</b>
Fail to Stop at Sign/ Light	<b>36</b>
Vehicle License Violations	<b>127</b>
Cell Phone or Texting Violations	<b>16</b>
Parking Violations	<b>114</b>
Following Too Close	<b>21</b>
All Other Violations	<b>114</b>

<b>COLLISION TYPE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Fatal	0	2	0	<b>0</b>
Property Damage Only	204	206	173	<b>173</b>
Injury	21	24	20	<b>28</b>
Non-Reportable	36	55	33	<b>62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>263</b>



**Interesting Fact**— In 2012, the most common traffic violation cited by Hoquiam officers was for “no proof of insurance” followed by “driving while license suspended or revoked”.



## ANIMAL CONTROL & CODE ENFORCEMENT



ACO Bob Hill

For Hoquiam, 'Animal Problems' were the number one type of call for service from citizens. During the year, there were **895** animal complaints and **6** vicious animal complaints.

In addition to animal control duties Monday-Friday on dayshift, ACO Hill also handled code enforcement related duties, including abating **254** abandoned vehicles from city streets.

<b>ABANDONED VEHICLES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
	467	451	349	312	<b>254</b>

The Animal Control Officer was also responsible for compelling the licensing of **385** animals in 2012. Hoquiam residents continue to take advantage of the "Lifetime License" for their pets. Currently **520** animal have the lifetime city license.



A total of **353** domestic animals were impounded and processed through the

Hoquiam Animal Shelter located below the Simpson Avenue Bridge directly behind the police station.

Of the 322 animals impounded, 177 were dogs and 176 were cats. Unfortunately, most of the cats impounded and euthanized were feral, showing just how important it is to spay or neuter. Just like dogs, cats are also required to be licensed.

The ACO held the annual animal licensing/ rabies shot clinic at the police station. The department appreciated the assistance of Dr. Westby and his staff from Raintree Veterinary Clinic. A total of 138 pets were served at this event.

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

<b>ANIMAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
All Complaints	830	877	923	972	<b>901</b>
Citations Issued	88	128	65	42	<b>37</b>
Licenses Issued	507	805	407	393	<b>358</b>

<b>ANIMAL IMPOUNDS</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Domestic Animals	412	366	373	322	<b>353</b>

<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>2012</b>
Animals Euthanized	<b>106</b>
Animals Adopted	<b>8</b>
Redeemed by Owner	<b>129</b>
Transferred To PAWS	<b>98</b>





## ***POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS***

The police department was very fortunate to have two active and dedicated groups of volunteers during the year: CRIME WATCH and POLICE EXPLORERS.

CRIME WATCH started in December 2007 and consists of volunteers over the age of 50 who conduct residence vacation checks, provide security at local events, conduct safety programs at local schools, direct traffic, maintain a business registration program, hand-out free bike helmets to kids, lead a graffiti abatement program and assist in the station with office tasks.



Since 2007, CRIME WATCH has donated over **8,224** hours of volunteer time to the city. The program started with fifteen volunteers and has averaged 12-13 active members over the years. We rotated in three new members for 2012. CRIME WATCH coordinator Betsy Seidel received a Legacy Award from the Hoquiam Business Association for her leadership (photo left).

<b><i>CRIME WATCH HOURS</i></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
	2134	1480	1620	1101	<b>1732</b>



The POLICE EXPLORERS started in 2011 under the leadership of Detective David Blundred and is currently lead by Detective Blundred and Officer David Peterson. Explorers are part of the national organization "Learning for Life" and is open to youth between the ages of 16 and 20. Police explorers are exposed to law enforcement as they ride with officers on patrol, provide security at local events, direct traffic and receive specialty police training.



As the members of the Explorer Post gain experience, they may decide to participate in future regional or national explorer competitions.

Explorers may chose not to enter law enforcement as a career, but they will still benefit from the experience of learning about the criminal justice system first hand. Some explorers do go on to become police officers and several current police department members actually started as explorers.

For their second year in operation, the police explorers donated a total of **1421.5** hours of service to the department, which was a **21.7% increase** over 2011.





# 2012 Hoquiam CRIME BEAT

*A snapshot of a few of the 15,497 Law Incidents handled in 2012...*

- On 01-08-12 at 0900 hours, officers were dispatched to a store in the 400 block of 7th Street for a burglary which had occurred overnight. Detectives worked several leads and were able to recover some of the property as well as identify the responsible suspects.
- On 01-11-12 at 1630 hours, police and fire units were dispatched to the crosswalk in the 2500 block of Simpson Avenue for a vehicle versus child collision. Officers determined the 7-year old Hoquiam girl did not activate the crossing lights; the 33-year old driver did not see the child until the last moment and struck the girl with the side of her van. The child suffered a broken leg; the driver was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- On 01-12-12 at 2237 hours, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Eisenhower Street for a domestic violence stabbing. A 37-year old female stabbed her 32-year old boyfriend in the shoulder during an alcohol-fueled domestic dispute.
- On 01-27-12 at 1149 hours, officers were dispatched to Hoquiam Middle School for an assault where a 13-year old student sprayed a 37-year old teacher in the face with cleaning chemicals. The child was booked for felony assault.
- On 01-31-12 at 1130 hours, officers responded to a 55-year old man with a stab wound. He would not cooperate and say where it happened or who stabbed him. Through canvassing the area, officers located a bloody motel room a few blocks away. They learned a 60-year old female had stabbed the man in self-defense during a domestic problem. The man was prohibited from being with the female due to a domestic violence restraining order; he had just been released from jail for a prior violation of the same restraining order. He was arrested and booked for again violating the order (after being treated for his injuries).
- On 02-12-12 at 1306 hours, officers served a search warrant in the 2700 block of Cherry Street. During the service of an earlier arrest warrant, narcotics (heroin) and stolen property were located in plain view. The 24-year old male and his 26-year old girlfriend were booked into the county jail. After the search warrant, the police department and city code enforcement worked together to get the house listed as a Chronic Nuisance. The trust holder of the property evicted the occupants of the house and the residence stopped being a drug flop house.
- On 02-17-12 at 1840 hours, officers responded to an audible burglar alarm at a home in the 3100 block of Aberdeen Avenue. A 21-year old male was found hiding in the basement. It was determined the male had found a hide-a-key to gain entry and did not hear the alarm sound as he is hearing impaired. He was arrested for burglary.
- On 02-20-12 at 2300 hours, officers were contacted by Mary Bridge Hospital about possible child abuse. The investigation revealed a 31-year old Hoquiam man lost his temper and allegedly threw his 4-year old daughter into a stairway banister as she was playing; he was booked for assault of a minor 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.
- On 02-26-12 at 1130 hours, an officer attempted to stop a racing go-cart driving on Endresen Road. The go-cart drove down Perry to Lincoln and then the wrong way down Levee. The driver then drove across the Riverside Bridge against traffic. The go-cart engine blew up and the driver fled on foot. He was later identified, arrested and subsequently convicted for felony eluding.
- On 02-28-12 at 1528 hours, officers were dispatched to a pick-up versus car head-on collision in the 1300 block of Broadway Avenue. The car was occupied by a male and female as well as their two small children in car seats. The impact of the collision pushed the car backwards and into the ditch where the female was entrapped inside her car. The female and her children suffered serious injuries. The 45-year old Hoquiam man driving the truck was arrested for three counts of vehicular assault as he was intoxicated. It was later discovered the suspect had also suffered a broken neck in the collision.
- On 03-16-12 at 1830 hours, officers were dispatched to the area of an old mill in Woodlawn for a report of trespassing and possible metal theft. Officers arrested a 55-year old Hoquiam man using a metal detector and shovel to steal buried metal. This was the second time in a week and a half the man had been arrested at the same location for the same crime.
- On 03-17-12 at 1300 hours, officers were dispatched to Bowerman Field to investigate the report of a small aircraft which crashed along the runway. The 56-year old pilot from Satsop was not injured.
- On 03-19-12 at 1354, a detective arrested two 19-year old Hoquiam women for fraud after surveillance photos showed the pair using a stolen ATM card at a store in the 200 block of Lincoln Street. Both confessed to the crime after being shown the surveillance photos.
- On 03-23-12 at 0820 hours, an officer stopped a pick-up and trailer loaded with scrap metal in the 600 block of Simpson Ave. The driver, a 33-year old Ocean Shores man, claimed he was unaware the license plate was missing from the trailer. The trailer was impounded as no VIN could be located; it was later discovered the trailer had been reported stolen from Georgia in 2009.
- On 04-06-12 at 2250 hours, a sergeant on patrol on Cherry Street saw marijuana plants inside a home. The 65-year old resident and his 35-year old son showed permits for medical marijuana but did not properly display the permit or have the plants secured. They were advised of the law to be in compliance with the provisions of the state's medical marijuana laws.
- On 04-09-12 at 1200 hours, a 37-year old Hoquiam man walked into the department lobby acting very strange and paranoid. Officers determined he had been using methamphetamine and was possibly suffering from "excited delirium". When he started to leave, he was arrested on a felony DOC warrant and had to be wrestled to the ground by several officers. He was eventually transported to the hospital under the guard of DOC officers.



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- On 04-15-12 at 0500 hours, a 37-year old Hoquiam man reported he had been robbed in his apartment in the 2800 block of Sumner Avenue. The Hoquiam men, ages 39 and 47, entered the apartment and held a knife to the victim. Both suspects were later identified and arrested for robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
- On 04-20-12 at 2040 hours, officers investigated a 49-year old Aberdeen man attempting to pass counterfeit \$5 and \$10 bills at a store on Myrtle Street. A total of 19 counterfeit bills were turned over to detectives. In the following days, Aberdeen Police investigated at least three other incidents; the man was booked in the county jail for forgery. Five days later, officers were dispatched to a motel in the 3000 block of Simpson Avenue when the owner cleaning a room found several pages of counterfeit US currency; the room had been rented by the suspect. The case was forwarded to the Secret Service.
- On 04-26-12 at 1120 hours, officers arrested a 47-year old man for assaulting his 72-year old mother. The man had come to live with her after being released from prison. The suspect had a history of mental illness and resisted arrest before being booked into the county jail.
- On 04-26-12 at 1807 hours, a 56-year old Aberdeen man and 23-year old Cosmopolis man were booked for burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree after they were located inside a gated property in the 400 block of Adams Street with their pick-up backed up next to the fence. The men had cut through the fencing to steal scrap metal but were caught before they could carry out the crime.
- On 05-08-12 at 2330 hours members of the department's crime scene mapping team responded to Ocean Shores to assist with a vehicular homicide investigation.
- On 05-10-12 at 1530 hours, a 45-year old Westport woman was detained at the Social Security office when the federal security officer found heroin in the woman's purse; she also had three felony warrants for her arrest.
- On 05-16-12 at 1300 hours, officers responded to a doctor's office in the 800 block of K Street for theft of medication. Employees noticed a 30-year old Cosmopolis man exit the medication room and later found an empty drug box hidden in a bathroom garbage can. Officers later confronted the man at home and retrieved the medication; he was subsequently charged with theft.
- On 05-29-12 at 2030 hours, officers responded to the 2600 block of Sumner Avenue for a domestic assault. A 33-year old woman was arrested for slapping her roommate across the face. The suspect was booked in the county jail but released the next day under a no-contact order. However, the suspect immediately returned to the home and started an argument; she was again booked into jail.
- On 06-19-12 at 2126 hours, officers responded to a residence in the 500 block of N Street for a domestic assault. Officers found an intoxicated 15-year old boy being physically detained after allegedly assaulting his mother and father as well as breaking a window. As officers intervened, the juvenile kicked one officer in

the head and kicked another in the leg. Officers used a TASER to gain control of the youth before he was booked into the juvenile detention center.

- On 06-20-12 at 1455 hours, officers responded to the Department of Licensing office in the old railroad depot for theft of the copper piping between the building and heat pump. Officers responded to a local metal scrap dealer and started developing leads. After interviewing several suspects and witnesses and serving search warrants, it was discovered the stolen copper was traded for drugs, stolen from the drug dealer and then traded off to someone else who had identification to sell it as scrap. Three Hoquiam women ages 38-, 41- and 50- and one 54-year old Hoquiam man were charged with trafficking in stolen property.
- On 06-25-12 at 0300 hours, while on a traffic stop in the 700 block of Simpson Avenue, an officer was contacted by a business owner who stated he heard footsteps coming from the top floor of his building. Officers discovered a door pried open leading to the roof area and a discarded wallet on the floor belonging to a 19-year old Hoquiam man. Two males walking down the street near the building were contacted and officers learned one was the owner of the dropped wallet. The two were arrested and a third suspect was identified during interviews. All of the property stolen was recovered; the suspects were booked for burglary.
- On 06-25-12 at 1000 hours, a 20-year old Hoquiam woman reported her purse stolen the previous night in a vehicle prowl. Fraudulent debit charges lead officers to review video security video where they recognized the male suspect using the stolen card. Officers obtained a search warrant for the suspect's home where the 24-year old Hoquiam man was arrested for fraud and a 25-year old Taholah man was arrested for felony theft and trafficking in stolen property.
- On 07-04-12 at 0900 hours, officers responded to suspicious activity at an old mill in the 800 block of Ontario Street. Officers could hear noises coming from inside the metal building and set up a perimeter. Three suspects were located inside, a 42-year old Hoquiam man, 26-year old Copalis Crossing man and 34-year old Aberdeen woman. All have prior history of metal theft and were arrested for burglary.
- On 07-06-12 at 2253 hours, a 55-year old Lacey man was arrested for DUI after driving the wrong way on Simpson Avenue before striking the east end of the Simpson Bridge and rolling over. The driver thought he was heading to Lacey and was arrested for DUI. His 33-year female passenger was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.
- On 07-07-12 at 0230 hours, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of Karr Avenue for a female screaming. Officers learned two masked men had burst into the house, one with a baseball bat and the other with a handgun, apparently to retaliate against the 21-year old resident after she



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obtained a tattoo in memory of her fiancé, who was killed by the woman in a vehicular homicide case in Ocean Shores (which HPD officers assisted with investigating in May). The suspects hit the woman with the bat and spray painted over her tattoo. A 34-year old Montesano man and 39-year old Aberdeen man were subsequently arrested for burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree and assault.

- On 07-13-12 at 2100 hours, dispatch advised officers of a vehicle traveling the wrong way on Highway 12 from Central Park. About 15 minutes later, an officer on Port Industrial Road clocked the vehicle at 48mph. The driver led the officer on a pursuit westbound and continued even after a failed PIT maneuver. The pursuit was terminated when the suspect drove the wrong-way over the Simpson Ave Bridge, but officers soon located the vehicle downtown. The 32-year old Lakewood man drove out to the end of Moon Island Road where he jumped into the bay. After a canine warning, he returned to shore and was booked in the county jail for felony eluding.
- On 07-14-12 at 0300 hours, an officer on patrol found an abandoned vehicle collision in the 2800 block of Bay Avenue. Hoquiam and Aberdeen officers searched the area for the driver before learning of a fight in the 500 block of 28th just before the crash. Officers located a 16-year old Hoquiam boy who admitted to being in the fight and stabbing the male driver before the victim drove away. The 22-year old Aberdeen victim was found collapsed in a yard a few blocks from the vehicle; he died from his injuries. The 16-year old was booked into the juvenile detention center for homicide. The three crime scenes were measured by the department's crime scene mapping team and the case cleared by detectives.
- On 08-15-12 at 0715 hours, officers investigated a vehicle stolen from the 300 block of Eklund Avenue. As the car was almost out of gas when stolen, officers checked security video at a nearby gas station and were able to identify a 16-year old Hoquiam male suspect. The vehicle was later located unoccupied and officers established surveillance to wait for the suspect to return. As the suspect returned to the car, he fled on foot. He was later located attempting to leave the area and booked at juvenile detention for motor vehicle theft and possession of marijuana.
- On 08-16-12 at 0031 hours, an officer was on patrol in East Hoquiam when he noticed a man riding a bicycle. The officer decided to contact the bicyclist due to vehicle prowls in the area. The 27-year old Cosmopolis man had a felony warrant for his arrest and heroin in his pocket. The officer also discovered the bicycle had earlier been reported stolen outside the Polson Museum.
- On 08-21-12 at 1609 hours, officers responded to the 1900 block of Panama Street at the request of bail bond agents who were attempting to arrest a 39-year old Hoquiam man on a felony warrant from Idaho. The man also had a Grays Harbor felony warrant. A bail bond agent forced the front door and searched the house with officers where the suspect was located hiding upstairs under a bed. As he was pulled out, officers located a loaded pistol and narcotics. He was booked

at the county jail on the warrants, drug charges and possession of a firearm.

- On 09-15-2012 at 0730 hours, officers responded to an attempted robbery of a business in the 800 block of Simpson Avenue. A male with a bandana concealing his face, attempted at gun point, but left with no cash when the clerk fled to the back. Later in the day, another robbery with the same suspect was reported at a similar Aberdeen business in the 2600 block of Sumner Avenue. Two days later, officers responded to a robbery at a financial institution in the 2500 block of Simpson Avenue where the suspect had fled on foot, dropping cash along the way. An Aberdeen officer recognized the 29-year old Hoquiam suspect on security video. Officers also learned he lived within a block of the robbery and drove a van which matched the one used in the Aberdeen robbery. A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's apartment and later served by APD SWAT. The suspect had already fled; he was later arrested in California.
- On 09-19-2012 at 0940 hours, officers responded to a burglary in progress at a home in the 2400 block of Cherry Street. Officers contacted the suspect who was argumentative and evasive before giving false names and changing her story about why she was there. In the vehicle, officers discovered property and mail belonging to several different people. Officers then learned the vehicle was an unreported stolen from Aberdeen. The 43-year old suspect was arrested and electronically fingerprinted at the City Jail to verify her true identity. Before transport to the county jail on felony charges, she ripped down a light fixture in the bathroom and assaulted the police services officer.
- On 10-12-2012 at 2220 hours, officers were dispatched to a vehicle versus pedestrian collision in the 100 block of Lincoln Street. A 29-year old Montesano woman dropped her cell phone in the street while riding her bicycle. When she walked back and bent down to get the phone, she was struck by a 48-year old Hoquiam motorist who did not see the bicyclist due to darkness and dark clothing. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries and was transported to the hospital for treatment; the motorist was issued an infraction for no insurance.
- On 10-17-2012 at 2045 hours, a sergeant received an anonymous report of a marijuana grow at a residence in the 1900 block of Broadway Avenue. The sergeant established probable cause to obtain a search warrant. Upon service, officers located growing marijuana in the garage and residence, but the 52-year old homeowner and his 29-year old son claimed to have medical marijuana authorization. Eight small plants were destroyed to bring them into compliance.
- On 10-19-2012 at 0754 hours, officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Lincoln Street for several reports of a woman walking naked down the street. Officers located a 58-year old Hoquiam woman, now clothed, and arrested her for violating a no-contact order. She was held at the City Jail pending a mental health evaluation given her frequent run-ins with the police for these incidents.
- On 11-01-12 at 1258 hours, officers and aid personnel were dispatched to a



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vehicle versus tree collision in the 3100 block of Sumner Avenue. Witnesses saw the vehicle traveling westbound on Sumner Avenue erratically before it accelerated suddenly, struck a parked car and careened off the street into a tree in the front yard of a home. The driver, a 66-year old Hoquiam woman, was arrested for DUI because of prescription drugs. She was transported to the hospital for her injuries.

- On 11-12-12 at 1851 hours, officers responded to the 3100 block of Sumner Avenue for a report of suspicious circumstances. The son of the residents reported he arrived home to find his father lying on top of his mother in a pool of blood. Paramedics determined both parties were deceased. The investigation determined both had sustained fatal knife wounds. There was no evidence to indicate this incident involved anyone outside the residence. An autopsy determined the 48-year old Hoquiam woman died by homicide and the 53-year old Hoquiam man died by suicide. The incident was ruled as a domestic violence murder-suicide.
- On 11-20-12 at about 1523 hours, an officer on patrol recognized a male subject riding a bicycle with a felony warrant for his arrest. The suspect saw the officer, ditched the bike and fled into the woods in the 800 block of Lincoln Street. As officers searched the area, another man quickly jumped into a van which left the area by driving down alleys. Officers located the van parked at an apartment in the 400 block of Perry Avenue and contacted the 20-year old Hoquiam man. It was at that time the officers determined this man also had a felony warrant for his arrest. Upon hearing of the warrant, the second man attempted to flee and fought with the officers. He was subsequently booked on the warrant and felony assault of a police officer. The first suspect was not located at that time.
- On 11-20-12 at 1620 hours, a bank robbery occurred in Elma where the male suspect had fled before police arrived. Hoquiam detectives responded to assist Elma PD and the Sheriff's Department with the investigation. Detectives were able to identify a possible suspect vehicle in nearby security video. The following week two suspects were arrested in Mason County for the robbery.
- On 11-25-12 at 2123 hours, officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of 4th Street for a reported burglary. The owners arrived to check on the rental property and discovered a man and woman hiding in a closet. The suspects fled but the 21-year old male and female from Hoquiam were quickly identified and arrested.
- On 11-27-12 at 1032 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2900 block of Sumner Avenue reference a two-vehicle injury accident. The investigation revealed a mustang, driven by a 50-year old Hoquiam woman, was traveling westbound in the left lane. The woman said her "walking cast" caught under the gas pedal and she lost control of the car. Her vehicle struck a parked unoccupied vehicle. HFD transported the woman to the hospital for possible neck and back injuries.
- On 11-29-12, detectives traveled to Kelso to locate a suspect wanted in a home-invasion burglary/ assault which had occurred in the 400 block of Karr Avenue in July. The suspect, a 34-year old Kelso man was linked to the crime by DNA

evidence and the court issued a \$500,000 warrant for his arrest. He was located based on tips to the detectives, arrested and returned to Grays Harbor for booking at the county jail.

- On 12-16-12 at 0500 hours, officers were dispatched to an apartment building in the 1600 block of Riverside Avenue reference a disorderly subject. Officers discovered a 42-year old Hoquiam man, who appeared to be highly intoxicated, had thrown a hard hat through his living room window. He then started his chainsaw inside and revved it up several times causing obvious concern amongst his neighbors. Officers arrested the suspect on a warrant and he was booked in the county jail after a short struggle.
- On 12-20-12 at 0830 hours, the Hoquiam School District requested extra officers at the schools due to an alleged Face Book posting threatening school violence in Aberdeen. A 16-year old Aberdeen male, who had been suspended from Aberdeen High School, was suspected of posting the threat. Due to the high emotions from the recent school shooting in Connecticut, officers were assigned to increase visible presence at the high school and other area school buildings.
- On 12-21-12 at 0830 hours, a 21-year old Taholah man was arrested for trespass and resisting arrest after he tried to run from officers in the 100 block of West Chenault Avenue. Both the suspect (and his 25-year old brother) were ordered by the Hoquiam Municipal Court to stay out of town unless they were attending court or seeking drug treatment. This order was in response to the extensive and frequent criminal activity by both suspects. The suspect was found hiding under a deck in a backyard and was booked into the county jail.
- On 12-27-12 at 0930 hours, officers and detectives went to an address in Moclips with the sheriff's department to serve arrest warrants on a 42-year old Hoquiam woman and 31-year old Moclips man. The warrants stemmed from a previous burglary to the Hoquiam Animal Shelter where a dangerous pitbull was stolen from impound. While approaching, an officer was charged by the woman's pitbull (not the same one from the shelter). The officer shot the dog twice in self-defense. The dog was transported to a veterinarian in Hoquiam. The suspects were booked into the county jail on the warrants. This same pitbull had previously been declared potentially dangerous in Hoquiam. The sheriff's department's animal control officer is now dealing with the dog, which survived after being treated by a veterinarian.
- On 12-29-12 at 0925 hours, a sergeant stopped by the department firing range and discovered two males picking up spent shell casings and digging in the dirt for bullet lead. The 48- and 56-year old Hoquiam brothers admitted they saw the "no trespassing signs", but felt the brass was "free for the taking" since it was on the ground. The brothers are well known to law enforcement as metal thieves. They were charged with trespass and theft.



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS- 2012**

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Despite being down patrol officer positions for a portion of the year, the department still handled **15,497 law incidents**. **Self-initiated police activity** accounted for approximately **38%** of all the law incidents in 2012.

In January, Aberdeen and Hoquiam teamed to create a **"Day Jail"** program for city misdemeanor offenders.

Completing several **staffing changes**, Don Wertanen was promoted to deputy chief of police. Brian Dayton was promoted to patrol sergeant and Ryan Pearson was hired as a police officer. Dave Blundred rotated into Investigations as detective.

The department held **12 weekend warrant sweep** sessions in 2012. Three sessions were extended openings of 10-days or more. The City Jail was staffed with temporary corrections officers with a total of **375** individuals booked, clearing **467** warrants and collecting **\$98,250** in bail.

In August, the city signed a **service agreement with the state Department of Corrections** to hold felony probation violators from the Grays Harbor area. The revenue from this contract will offset a significant portion of the operating expenses necessary to re-open the jail (after the 2002 closure in city-wide budget cuts). The department started testing to hire four additional police services officers necessary to staff the jail full-time. DOC inmates were held during the last two warrant sweeps of the year, resulting in **\$11,120** in revenue.

The department invested existing funds within the overall budget toward **capital improvements for the City Jail** in anticipation of re-opening in 2013. This included additional inmate bunks, clothing, dayroom table, inmate property storage, freezer, electronic door locks, intercom system, video surveillance system, jail office and commercial washer/ dryer.

The department continued the **In-Service Training Program** to include emergency vehicle operation, firearms, defensive tactics and first aid. The department also sponsored several **regional training courses**, including instructors from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. All

officers exceeded the statutorily required 24-hours of training.

During successful **"DEA Drug Take Back"** sessions in April and September, **181** pounds of unwanted medications were collected for disposal. Since 2010, the department has collected and safely disposed of **485** pounds.

The department investigated and cleared **two homicide cases**.

In order to emphasize the importance of bicycle safety, the department teamed with Central Elementary School in June for the second annual **"Bike Rodeo"** to teach basic riding techniques and the need for bike helmets.

The department was proud to participate in a very successful **"National Night Out Against Crime"** in August. Hoquiam hosted nine "block parties" visited by police, fire and city staff as well as radio personalities from Jodesha Broadcasting.

**CRIME WATCH** volunteers donated **1732** hours of service in the year, totaling **8,224** hours since 2007. In their second year, the **Police Explorer** Program donated **1421.5** hours of service.

Using federal drug forfeiture funds, the department placed a state surplus 26-foot panel van into full service as the department's **"Special Operations Vehicle"**. It was used as a mobile command post at major incidents and crime scenes. The vehicle was used as an Emergency Operations Center during the "Great Shake Out" city-wide earthquake drill in October.

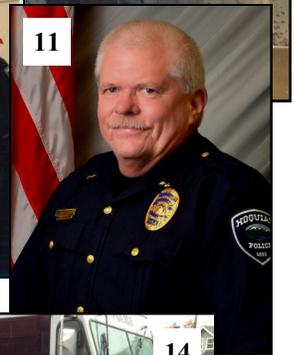
By the end of the biennial budget (2011-2012), even accounting for unanticipated capital jail improvements, complete change to all dark navy uniforms and a patrol car purchase, the department came in **under-budget for the two-year period**. This was accomplished through strict budgetary controls, conservative purchases and responsible staff at all levels.

Four officers, two CRIME WATCH members, the department chaplain and two explorers participated in the December 2012 **"Shop-With-A-Cop"** program to make six children's holidays a little brighter; this was the 14th year of the program.

# A Year in Photos...



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1: Bike Rodeo; 2: Day Jail Work Crew; 3: Promotion of Sgt. Brian Dayton; 4: FLETC Class Hosted at HPD; 5-6: National Night Out Block Parties; 7: Impaired Driving Simulator at YMCA; 8: Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill/ Evacuation; 9: Police Academy Tour for Mayors & Officials; 10: Shop-With-A-Cop; 11: Promotion of Deputy Chief Don Wertanen; 12: Mayor Durney Swearing-in Officer Ryan Pearson; 13: Canine "Enno" Retired in October Due to Cancer; 14: Halloween Safety at Central School; 15: HPD Range Day for Council Members.