



Monthly Statistical Report



Sgt. Krohn had the honor of escorting "Shop-With-A-Cop" long-time organizer Betty Grass for her last trip as she retires from the program after 15-years.

**December
2013**



HOQUIAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

215 Tenth Street, Hoquiam Washington 98550

Jeff Myers, Chief of Police

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013

By: Chief Jeff Myers

POLICE ACTIVITY:

- The department handled 1103 law incidents for the month, issued 57 infractions, 14 criminal traffic citations, 15 criminal citations, 6 parking infractions and made 69 criminal arrests.
- During the month, Animal Control Officer Bob Hill handled 54 animal complaints, 26 abandoned vehicles, 2 code enforcement issues and 42 parking complaints. A total of 13 animals were impounded.
- On Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 2156 hours, officers were dispatched to an unknown details traffic collision in the 2500 block of Simpson Avenue. Upon the arrival of the officers, they determined two cars, a Mazda and a Lincoln, had apparently been racing down Simpson Avenue when the Mazda attempted to pass in the right lane. The Mazda driver, a 24-year old Hoquiam man, almost rear-ended a vehicle he overtook ahead, causing him to instead swerve, hit the sidewalk and then careen into a signal control pole. The driver was cited for the criminal traffic charge of reckless driving; his vehicle had to be towed from the scene as it had suffered extensive damage.
- On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 1408 hours, an officer was dispatched to Hoquiam Middle School reference a 14-year old student detained by the principal for being in possession of marijuana and a pot pipe. The student admitted to having the marijuana and pipe as she had been smoking pot for "a while". The student indicated she took the drug from her father's "stash" at home but had no explanation for having the items at school. She was submitted to the juvenile prosecutor on misdemeanor drug charges.
- On Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 0243 hours, Hoquiam officers were advised of a two-vehicle traffic collision in the 600 block of 6th Street. Upon the arrival of the investigating sergeant, he discovered a 53-year old Hoquiam man passed-out behind the wheel of a running Ford Bronco. The Ford Bronco had impacted the back of a parked, unoccupied BMW sedan. The sergeant determined the man was not only highly intoxicated, but had also defecated in his pants. The driver was arrested for "physical control of a motor vehicle while intoxicated". Officers determined the BMW stuck actually belonged to the intoxicated driver because he had stopped directly in front of his own home before he passed-out. The driver appeared to have a history of driving intoxicated dating all the way back to 1996; he was booked into the Hoquiam City Jail.
- On Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 0220 hours, officers were contacted at the station by a 53-year old female Hoquiam resident reporting she had just been robbed of her cellular phone while walking in the area of 9th and K Street. The victim, who is partially disabled and walks with a cane, was on the phone when the male suspect ran up and yanked the phone from her hand. The victim was able to provide a specific description of the suspect. HPD, APD, Sheriff's Department and WSP units responded to the area where the suspect was last observed to establish containment. APD Canine Officer Timmons and his PSD "Titus" conducted a

track northbound on L Street. The canine track was progressing when a WSP trooper on containment spotted a man matching the suspect's description. As additional officers arrived, the suspect fled on foot and led officers on a foot chase for about a block before he was cornered; the suspect threw a cellular phone before he was taken into custody. The victim's phone was recovered at the scene. Officers discovered the suspect, a 23-year old transient from the Ocean Shores area, had used the victim's phone to access his Facebook account whereby he asked friends to give him a ride. The suspect was booked at the Hoquiam City Jail on outstanding felony DOC probation warrants. The suspect would not cooperate with officers, but did demand to get the phone back so he could log out of his Facebook account. He is also facing robbery charges.

- On Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 1552 hours, officers initiated a human trafficking investigation which was turned over to detectives. A Guatemalan couple paid a third-party \$9800 to transport their children across the US- Mexico border. The children, ages- 12 and 16, apparently had been smuggled into Texas, at which point the traffickers demanded an additional \$4200. According to the children, they were being held naked and were being transport to Houston. Apparently traffickers routinely take the clothing of those they smuggle in order to prevent their escape. Det. Sgt. Krohn contacted the Department of Homeland Security and worked with investigators in an attempt to track the smuggler's cellular phone to locate the children. Approximately a week later, the children were located and detained by immigration officers. The final immigration status of the family is not clear as they are under the federal jurisdiction of Homeland Security.
- On Sunday, December 29, 2013 at 0345 hours, Hoquiam officers were dispatched to a fight at an apartment building located in the 600 block of 7th Street. Officers located a 27-year old Hoquiam male and 27-year old Hoquiam female outside; both were suffering from obvious head injuries. The female had suffered a significant head laceration which was later determined to include a possible concussion; the male had obvious injuries to his eye, lip and scalp; he was later determined to have suffered an orbital fracture. During the investigation, detectives learned the incident started at a party in a nearby apartment. There was a small group of friends consuming liquor in the apartment and were later joined by the three male suspects- two from Hoquiam, age-27, age-30 and the third from Alaska, age-26. At one point, the male victim walked past the party and was invited inside. The victim was at the party for less than an hour when he apparently went outside to smoke; once outside, there was a disagreement about sharing a cigarette. One of the suspects allegedly grabbed the beer out of the victim's hand with a racial slur (the victim is African American). The victim left the party and returned to his own second-floor apartment, but was soon followed by the three suspects. The victim armed himself with a bat. After a knock at the door the three suspects grabbed the victim, pulled him out of his apartment and threw him down the stairs. The three suspects punched, kicked and hit the victim with the bat. The victim's girlfriend ran down the stairs to intervene, but was knocked down and struck in the head- also likely with the bat. The three suspects fled the scene. Two of the suspects were later arrested and booked into the Grays Harbor County Jail pending charges of "Assault in the Second Degree" (two counts) and one count of "Malicious Harassment". The third suspect has not yet been located, but has been identified by detectives.

BUDGET:

- For the month, **212.5 hours** of overtime was expended as listed below:

Patrol coverage	79 hours	Shift extension	5 hours
Investigations	28.5 hours	Search Warrants	3 hours

Training	89 hours	Evidence Room	5 hours
Meetings	3 hours		

Overtime expended for the month that was not under patrol or investigations above:

Administration	4.5 hours	(Administrative Assistant)
Corrections	74.5 hours	(PSO)
Drug Task Force	25 hours	(DTF Detective)

Overtime reimbursed under a grant or by another agency:

DUI Patrol Grant	12.5 hours
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- The department is carefully monitoring certain City Jail related expenditures, especially “operating supplies” as this line item is well over-budget as of December (001-13-523-60-31-00). Some of the overage includes one-time start-up expenses for the City Jail (which opened on April 1st). The department only budgeted meals for 18 prisoners per day, yet the average daily population has been well over this bunked capacity. The department is purchasing frozen meals from Correctional Industries as well as fresh food items from Swanson’s. Into last half of the biennium, the department will need to review meal costs and food suppliers to assure cost- control.

CITY JAIL:

- For December, the city billed the state Department of Corrections for 462 bed-days to hold “Swift and Certain” state-supervised probation offenders for a total of \$38,068.80.
- The City of Ocean Shores was billed for 7.5 bed-days to hold a city prisoner (the rate was split as the inmate also had a Hoquiam warrant) for \$618.00.

PERSONNEL:

- This was an especially challenging month for department members in staffing shifts. Three Patrol officers were off on sick-leave or on light-duty as a result of surgery or family medical leave. A fourth member of the department, Deputy Chief Wertanen, was suddenly diagnosed and hospitalized for a brain tumor. Thankfully the tumor was identified and successfully removed. It is hoped all four will return to duty as soon as possible as it has been challenging to cover even the basic Patrol shifts. The department has had to expend overtime (as noted above under BUDGET) just to maintain a minimum level of Patrol staffing. It is expected January will also be challenging as another department member, assigned as a detective, will be out on sick-leave from surgery.
- Police/ Fire Chaplain Sean Hollen celebrated his 7th year with the department on December 14th. His service to the department and the community has been stellar.
- Several members of the department participated in the annual SHOP-WITH-A-COP on December 7th. This was a great opportunity to team officers with deserving children from Hoquiam for a morning of breakfast, photos with Santa and a \$100 Christmas shopping trip to Wal Mart. Department members who participated this year included Det. Sgt. Krohn, Deputy Chief Wertanen, Officer Blodgett, PSO Boggs and CRIME WATCH volunteers Betsy Seidel and Bob Martin.
- Det. Sgt. Joe Strong, who is the recently assigned HPD supervisor of the county Drug Task Force, was the program at the Hoquiam Rotary Club on December 12th. He covered drug trends and activities in our area.

- Officer Cody Blodgett, who is a state-certified Master Defensive Tactics Instructor, conducted DT training for the department during the month. Uniform officers also recertified on the department issued TASERS during the month. This was the first in-service training session conducted by Officer Figg as the new TASER instructor.
- The Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department conducted in-service training for Patrol regarding the new search warrant requirements handed down by the court now necessary to obtain a legal blood draw in DUI/ Vehicular Assault/ Vehicular Homicide investigations. The court struck down the long-standing law which had allowed officers to gather blood evidence under exigent circumstances- such as at the scene of a collision or where the intoxicated driver killed someone else. This provision will result in significant staff resources and time to draft a search warrant, obtain the review of a prosecutor and then seek a judge for approval. It is especially challenging after-hours as the county does not have a telephonic warrant process as most other counties employ in these situations.
- Chief Myers represented the department on KBKW "Coffee Talk" on December 19th.
- The workgroup consisting of representatives from Aberdeen Fire, Aberdeen Police, Hoquiam Fire, Hoquiam Police and Cosmopolis Police met on December 19th to conduct a "tabletop exercise" to work through agency plans in responding to an "active shooter" incident. The workgroup has been spearheaded by AFD Chief Hubbard and is designed to regionalize the response between not only the cities, but also the two disciplines. It is important police and EMS work together to not only quickly neutralize the threat, but also rescue victims as soon as possible. The most significant medical threat to wounded victims is uncontrolled bleeding. Active shooter incidents have been a regular threat across the country and it is important to be prepared should such an event occur locally. The next step will be an actual one-quarter speed ground exercise in the first quarter of 2014.
- Chief Myers visited the Seattle office of the National Weather Service on December 20th which was the last requirement for the city to become certified as a national "Storm Ready" community.
- At the Department Leadership Meeting on December 30th, the sergeants reviewed the 2013 Department Goals and forwarded suggestions for the 2014 Department Goals. The sergeants also decided it was time to change Patrol assignments for all Patrol personnel. Sergeants were moved to opposite Patrol teams and each Patrol squad was reconfigured. With Sgt. Strong assigned to DTF, this has left one open sergeant position on one Patrol squad. The sergeants decided to appoint a 6-month "acting sergeant" position as a leadership opportunity for the officers aspiring for promotion in the future. This acting sergeant will be responsible for the Patrol squad to include reviewing and approving use-of-force reports as well as completing personnel evaluations (with the assistance of the regular sergeant on the Patrol team). Officer Cody Blodgett was selected as the first acting sergeant, effective February 1st. The squad and team assignments will be adjusted within the Patrol schedule in January to coincide with the end of the current six-month personnel evaluation rating period.

FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT:

- The new patrol vehicle arrived from Five Star during the month while the new prisoner screens, radio console and other equipment was still on-order. The vehicle should be assembled in January and be in-service before the end of the month. This vehicle is a 2014 Dodge Durango which is all-wheel drive; it replaces a 2008 Ford Explorer with over 123,000 miles. Replacement was just in time as the Explorer developed an engine knock on the top end which was estimated to be \$2,000 in repairs (or more).

- The department expended \$3,228 to repair and inspect the fire alarm system at the station. This includes the fire alarm which covers the City Jail. Although the fire sprinkler system in the jail had been inspected every year, there had been no maintenance, repair or inspection of the 1980s-era electronic fire alarm system for many years. The department is now on a regular fire alarm maintenance program.

VOLUNTEERS:

- For the month, CRIME WATCH members volunteered a total of **95 hours** of service, which included residence/ business checks, distributing sex offender bulletins in neighborhoods, traffic control at Montesano's Festival of Lights, Ho-Ho-Hoquiam and Shop-With-A-Cop. For 2013, CRIME WATCH donated a total of **1,525.5 hours** of service to the city.
- For the month, the Hoquiam Police Explorers logged a total of **66 hours** of service which included officer ride-alongs and meetings.

STATISTICAL REPORTS:

The following statistical reports encompass police activity for the month. The first statistical report titled "Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported" is a summary of each law incident by the day of the week and by the time of day.

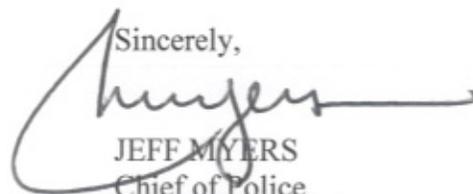
The second statistical report is a listing of "Law Total Incident Report, by Location Code". The three general areas of the city are designated by location codes: HPD Baker 6 is defined as the east end, HPD Baker 7 is the downtown area and west to the high school, and HPD Baker 8 is the north end of town from Emerson Avenue. Any location codes that are outside of the city were likely generated as a result of phone call requests to the station, traffic safety patrols or agency assists.

The third statistical report, "Total Law Incident Report, by Nature of Incident" shows the total for each of the basic law incident types handled by the department.

The final two monthly reports included in this packet are "Total Traffic Citation Report, by Violation" and "Total Offense Report, By Statute Description". The first report lists the specific infraction or criminal charge and the number of violations issued under that charge. The second report is reflective of the number of "arrests" made under each statute. The two reports may overlap on some misdemeanor offenses if an arrest/booking was made followed by the issuance of a criminal citation. The second report captures felony arrests, but may not include misdemeanor or felony cases that were submitted to the prosecutor for review of charges (cases cleared without an arrest).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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Hoquiam Police Department

Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported

<u>Hour</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
00:00-00:59	3	7	8	5	1	4	8	36
01:00-01:59	2	1	4	3	2	4	4	20
02:00-02:59	2	4	1	8	2	1	3	21
03:00-03:59	4	0	1	2	2	3	2	14
04:00-04:59	1	2	1	2	4	4	1	15
05:00-05:59	3	4	3	1	1	1	2	15
06:00-06:59	2	2	6	3	0	0	3	16
07:00-07:59	0	4	3	5	2	2	2	18
08:00-08:59	6	15	10	11	6	3	6	57
09:00-09:59	14	17	12	6	5	4	4	62
10:00-10:59	10	8	4	9	14	6	4	55
11:00-11:59	15	15	2	13	11	8	2	66
12:00-12:59	12	20	12	4	11	5	8	72
13:00-13:59	6	13	9	12	6	7	6	59
14:00-14:59	10	11	7	5	8	7	4	52
15:00-15:59	15	18	13	18	7	6	5	82
16:00-16:59	12	9	14	7	6	1	11	60
17:00-17:59	11	7	4	11	7	0	7	47
18:00-18:59	6	6	6	2	5	3	7	35
19:00-19:59	5	8	7	5	16	9	9	59
20:00-20:59	5	15	11	5	16	8	7	67
21:00-21:59	11	15	9	5	13	8	12	73
22:00-22:59	9	16	3	8	8	6	6	56
23:00-23:59	5	6	7	8	9	9	2	46
Total by Day	169	223	157	158	162	109	125	1103

Report Includes:

All dates between '00:00:01 12/01/13' and '23:59:59 12/31/13', All agencies matching 'HPD', All offenses observed, All offenses reported, All offense codes, All nature of incidents, All location codes



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Law Total Incident Report, by Location Code

<u>Location Code</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
(Not Defined)	12
South Aberdeen	2
Baker 15	14
West Aberdeen	15
HPD Baker-6	453
HPD Baker-7	349
HPD Baker-8	256
Aberdeen-15	2

Total reported: 1103

Report Includes:

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Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hang-Up Call	13
911-Open Line	47
Abandoned Vehicle	30
Agency Assistance	57
Alarm	21
Animal Problem	54
Assault	7
Assault 4th Domestic Violence	6
Burglary	9
Child Abuse or Neglect	2
Citizen Assist	66
Citizen Dispute	11
Code Enforcement	2
Court Appointed Jail Time	1
Custodial Interference	3
Dead Body	3
Death Investigation	1
Disorderly Conduct	30
Driving Complaint	11
Controlled Substance Problem	8
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	5
Domestic Violence	4
Extra Patrols	3
Family Fight	3
Found Property	17
Fraud	3
Hit and Run Property Damage	1
Harrassment (Not Defined)	5
Impounded Vehicle	1
Information Report	10
Jail Assist	1
Juvenile Problem	9
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Lost Property	1
Malicious Mischief	9
Criminal Mischief Dom Violence	1
Emotionally Disturbed Subject	5
Missing Person	2
No Class. (Not Defined)	1
Noise Complaint	9
Parking Problem	51
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	17

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Unconscious Person	2
Prowler	4
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2
CPS/APS Referral	4
Reverse Escort	9
Robbery	2
Runaway Juvenile	4
Search Warrant	1
Sex Offense	4
Shoplift	9
Subject Stop/Field Int.	59
Attempted Suicide	3
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	90
Theft	24
Theft-Automobil	1
Threatening	11
Traffic Hazard	26
Traffic Violation	12
Traffic Stop	195
Trespassing	15
Unsecure Premise	7
Theft From Vehicle	13
Vicious Animal	1
Violation Court Order	6
Warrant Arrests	4
Warrant Arrest Hoquiam Warrant	9
Warrant Arrest Other Agency	19
Warrant Service	3
Warrant Arrest by Other Agency	6
Weapon Offense	1
Welfare Check	16

Total reported: 1103

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Total Traffic Citation Report, by Violation

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
26.50.110	Vio Prot Order-DV	1
26.50.110.1	NO CONTACT/PROTECT ORDER VIOL	2
3.40.010	Animals at Large	3
3.40.125	Animal Cruelty 2nd	1
46.12.650.7	Fail to Transf Title 45 days	2
46.16A.030.5.L	FL RENEW EXPIRED REG <=2 MTHS	1
46.16A.030.5.O	FL RENEW EXPIRED REG >2 MTHS	1
46.16A.180.1	Veh. Regis. sign/carry/display	3
46.20.015	NVOL with ID	3
46.20.017	Inter/Lic Viol Not on person	2
46.20.342.3	Driving While Lic Susp 3rd	9
46.30.020	DR W/O LIABILITY IN- SURANCE	22
46.37.050	DEFECTIVE TAIL LAMPS	1
46.61.055	TRAF CONT SIGN LEGEN	2
46.61.055.4	FAIL TO STOP AT SIGNAL MARKING	1
46.61.065	FLASHING SIGNALS	2
46.61.135	WRONG WAY ONE WAY ST	1
46.61.140	IMPROPER LANE USAGE	2
46.61.145	FOLLOW TOO CLOSE	3
46.61.190	FTSTOP/YIELD AT SIGN	1
46.61.200	FTSTOP At Sign/Signal	2
46.61.290	IMPROPER TURN	2
46.61.300	STRT STP-PRK VEH UNS	1
46.61.400	SPEEDING	16
46.61.440	MAX SPD SCHOL XWALKS	3
46.61.500	Reckless Driving	1
46.61.502	Driving Under the Influence	1
46.61.502(6)	DUI	1
46.61.525	Negligent Driving 2	2
46.61.605.1	IMPROPER BACKING	1
46.61.687	CHILD PASS REST REQU	1
9.41.250.1B	FURTIVELY CARRY DAN- GEROUS WEAP	1
9A.36.041	Assault 4	1
9A.36.041 (DV)	Assault 4	4

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
9A.48.090.2b DV	Malicious Mischief 3 DV 50/250	1
9A.56.050	Theft 3	3
9A.76.020	Obstruct Law Enforcement Off	2
9A.76.040	Resisting Arrest	2
P46.61.570	ILLEGAL PARKING	2
P46.61.575	PARKED FACING WRONG DIRECTION	4

Report Totals**114**

Report Includes:

All dates of issue between '00:00:01 12/01/13' and '23:59:59 12/31/13', All agencies matching 'HPD', All issuing officers, All areas, All courts, All offense codes, All dispositions, All citation/warning types



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Total Offenses Report, by Statute Description

<u>Statute Description</u>	<u>Statute Code</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assault 2	9A.36.021	4
Assault 4	9A.36.041	3
Assault 4	9A.36.041 (DV)	8
Assault in Vio NCO	10.31.060	1
Burglary Residential	9A.52.025	1
Child Molestation 1	9A.44.083	1
Driving Under the Influence	46.61.502	2
Drug Paraphernalia	69.50.412	1
FAIL TO APPEAR	FTA	20
Forgery	9A.60.020	1
Immigration Hold	01	1
Malicious Harassment	9A.36.080	4
Malicious Mischief 3 DV 50/250	9A.48.090.2b DV	1
NO CONTACT/PROTECT ORDER VIOL	26.50.110.1	2
Obstruct Law Enforcement Off	9A.76.020	2
Poss Marijuana <40 Grams	69.50.4014	1
Resisting Arrest	9A.76.040	2
Robbery 2	9A.56.210	1
SCHED I,II,III OTHER	69.50.401.A1II	1
Theft 1	9A.56.030	1
Theft 3	9A.56.050	4
Vio Prot Order-DV	26.50.110	2
VUCSA Felony	69.50.000	5

Total reported: 69

Report Includes:

All offense dates between `00:00:01 12/01/13` and `23:59:59 12/31/13`, All offense codes, All statute codes, All location codes, All alcohol/drugs, All crime classes, All jurisdictions, All entry codes, All courts, All arresting agencies matching `HPD`, All arrest types, All arresting officers, All arresting dates