

City of Lake Forest Park

Police Department Annual Report



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Chief of Police

Message from your Police Chief...



Chief C. Stephen Sutton

Dear Lake Forest Park Residents,

I am pleased to present you with the 2017 Lake Forest Park Police Department Annual Report. The report provides information crime data, service efforts & accomplishments, crime trends and budget information. There are 22 full-time employees assigned to the Lake Forest Park Police Department. Most officers are in the patrol division; additionally, we have a traffic unit, criminal investigation detectives, canine unit, professional support staff, sergeants, a captain and police chief.

The Active Shooter phenomenon has continued to plague the United States, which has caused law enforcement to constantly prepare for mass casualty events. In 2017, the Police Department partnered with the Northshore Fire Department to conduct active shooter and warm zone training. This training involved regional law enforcement and fire service support, which is critical in stopping immediate threats and caring for injured. Police Department employees also trained hundreds of citizens, business owners, and community groups in the nationally recognized Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) and will continue this training in the future.

In 2017, the department once again held our annual Salmon BBQ, raising over \$8,000 for Special Olympics, and we partnered with the Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park for another year of Shop with a Cop that sponsored 14 underprivileged students and their families from the Shoreline School District. The officers of this department are committed to making sure this community works with us and trusts us every day!

As you will see in this report, property crime remained our top priority in 2017 driving the number of residential burglaries down for the fifth straight year. We continued our effort to engage the public with an aggressive public information campaign, along with investigative strategies to bring that number down.

The Vision of the Police Department is to ensure the City of Lake Forest Park is one of the safest cities in the Puget Sound Region achieved through the delivery of quality law enforcement services. There is no doubt that we have that goal in sight.

To learn more about the services that the Lake Forest Park Police Department provides, please visit our webpage at www.cityoflfp.com or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/lfppd_police. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email me at ssutton@cityoflfp.com or call directly (206) 364-8216. I'm proud of the men and women of the Lake Forest Park Police Department who are committed to keeping you and your family safe. It's an honor to serve as your police chief.

C. Stephen Sutton
Chief of Police

About the Annual Report

The Annual Police Report contains information on the service efforts and accomplishments of the Lake Forest Park Police Department to support its vision, mission, and goals.

The goal of the report is to keep the City of Lake Forest Park residents, staff, administrators and elected officials informed of the activities of the police department and crime activity in the city. It highlights the good work of the men and women of the department, while emphasizing the value they bring to the citizens on a daily basis.

The report has three sections; Operations, Support Services, and Employees.

The report is produced by the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department. Questions about the report can be directed to the Lake Forest Park Chief of Police.

Lake Forest Park Police Department Mission, Goals, & Core Values

Vision

Our vision is to ensure the City of Lake Forest Park is one of the safest cities in the Puget Sound Region achieved through the delivery of quality law enforcement services.

Mission

Our mission is to develop and support a team of professionals who consistently seek and find innovative policing strategies to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver those quality services which enhance the security and safety in our community. To support this mission, we will work in strong partnership with the community.

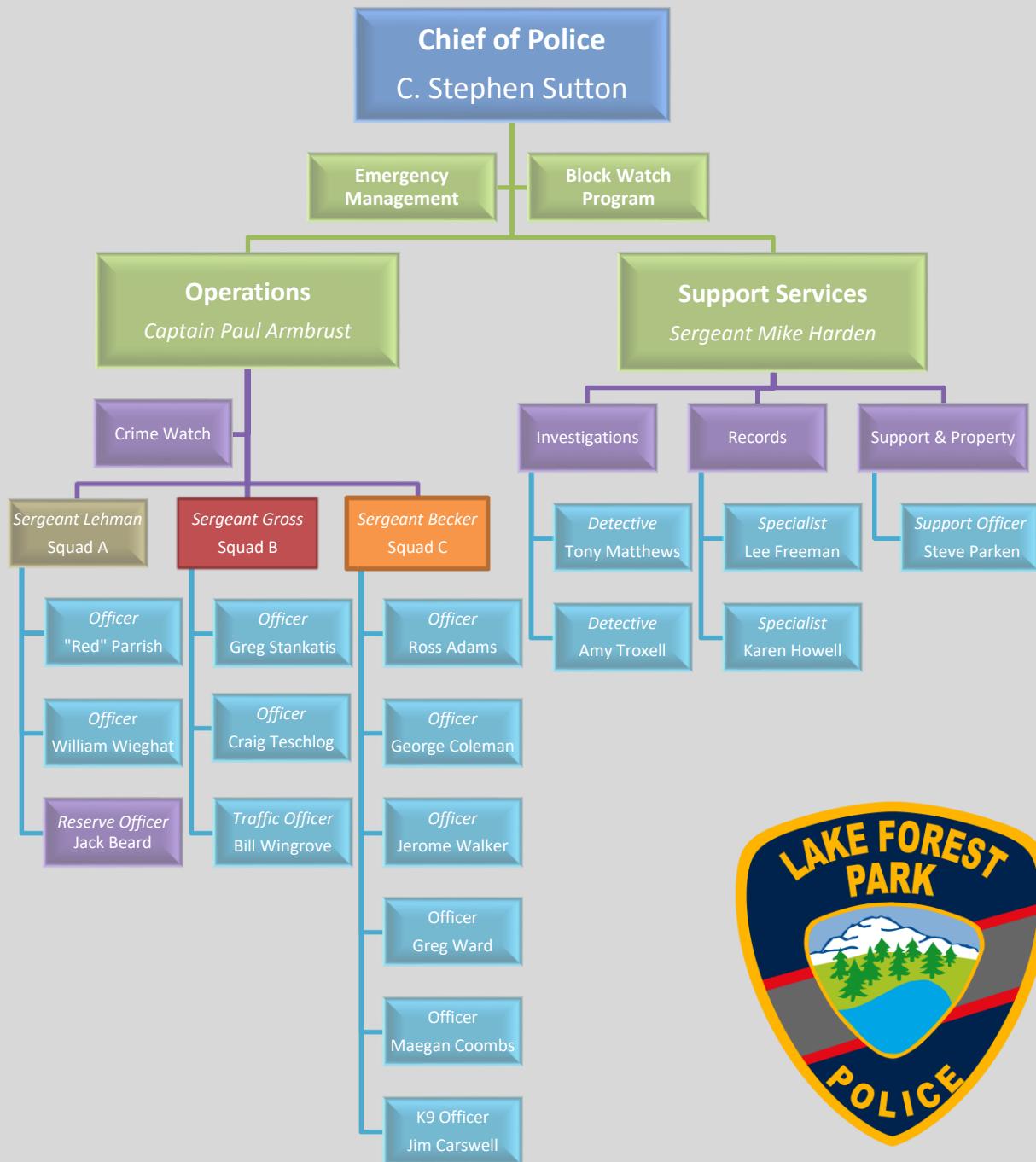
Goals

To realize this mission, the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department has adopted the following goals and objectives:

1. Reduce crime and collision loss in our community
2. Provide quality services and innovative policing strategies delivered through excellent customer service
3. Provide appropriate resources to employees that foster a safe, ethical, innovative, knowledgeable, and diverse workforce
4. Provide emergency management oversight for City infrastructure and our community



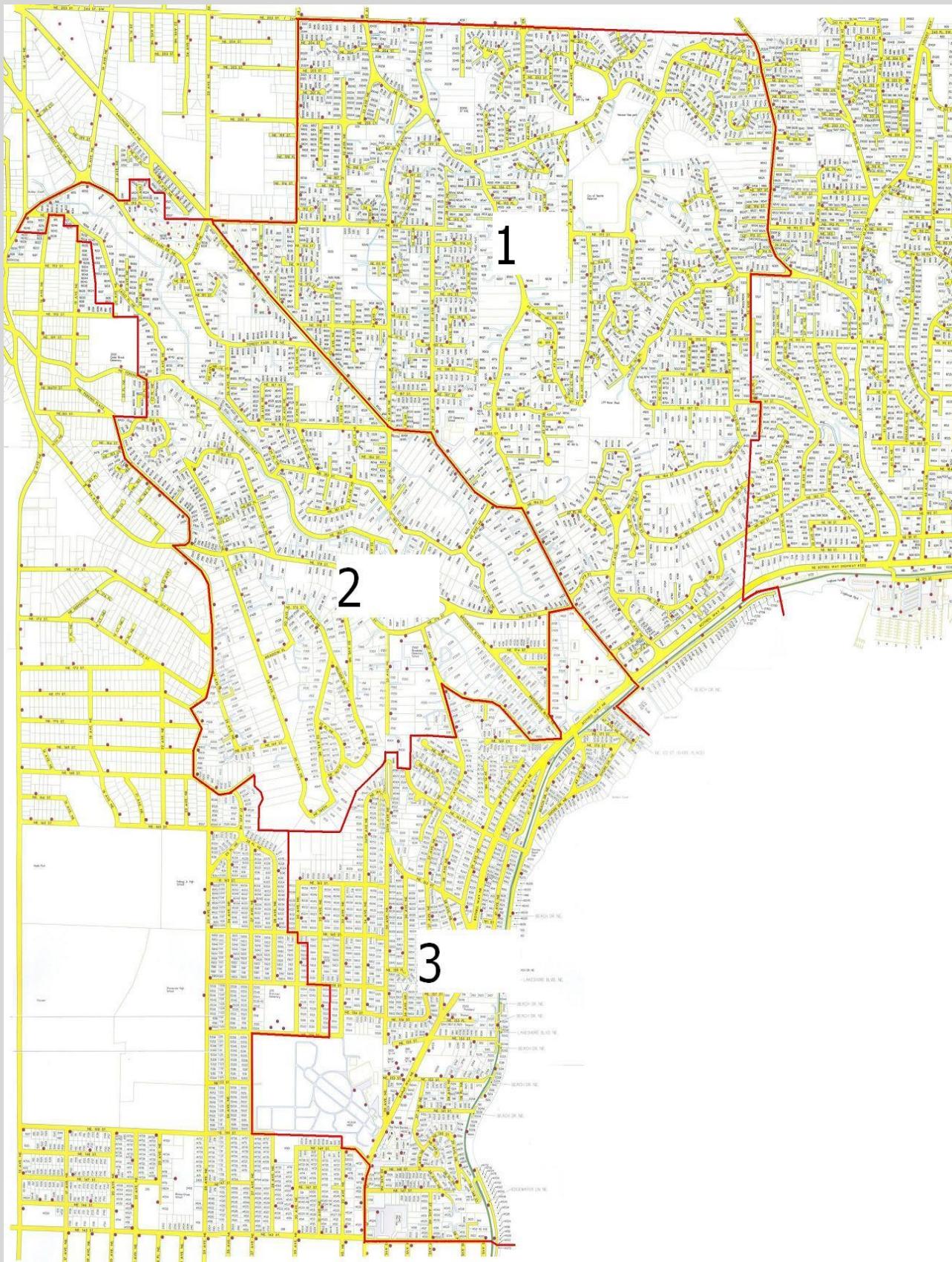
Organizational Chart



Patrol Additional Duties: Traffic, K9, Gangs, Graffiti, Training, and Narcotics

Support Services Additional Duties: Public Disclosure, Policy Manual, Auditing, Background Checks, Firearm Licensing, Fingerprinting, Equipment Maintenance and Purchase, and Budgeting.

City of Lake Forest Park Patrol Districts



Operations Division



**Operations Captain
Paul Armbrust**

The Operations Division provides professional police services to the citizens of Lake Forest Park 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Division consists of three squads in the Patrol Section, the K9 Unit, the Traffic Unit, Crime Watch, and Block Watch. Other functions include: Narcotics enforcement, Training, SWAT, and Gang/Graffiti investigations. Captain Paul Armbrust oversees the Operations Division and can be reached at parmbrust@cityoflfp.com or 206-364-8216.

2017 became the year of trying to do more with less. We started the year fully staffed and by the end of December we had three officers out with relatively long-term injuries. This required reassigning our K9 officer to work a patrol squad and to operate without our traffic officer for more than half the year. That didn't stop us from being successful in reaching or exceeding most of our operational goals.

Once again through our partnership with the citizens of Lake Forest Park we were able to keep the number of residential burglaries significantly below our five-year average. Other property crimes showed a slight decrease, but we have some room for improvement here. Our "See Something Say Something" campaign has really paid off.

Our Traffic Safety Plan continues to build steam and throughout 2017 we collected data, conducted traffic emphasis patrols, and carefully evaluated our results. This effort has led your city into committing funds to install a minimum of 6 permanent speed activated warning signs which will be installed and active by mid-year 2018. With the ever-increasing traffic volumes, primarily on Ballinger and Bothell Way, collision numbers continue to rise. Although most of these collisions are minor non-injury incidents, collision reduction will continue to be another focus for the department. Even with our limited staff we continued to be active participants and partners with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission in our states Target Zero Program. This was carried out through grant funding and just as last year, this funding has been secured for 2018. Our intent is to focus on the big five of DUI, Speed, Distracted Driving, Seatbelts and Pedestrian Safety to reduce collisions and increase public safety.

The commitment of our officers to your community continues to amaze me. Not only in performing their regular duties but by going the extra mile. Whether it's sitting down with the children at one of our schools to read them a book, supporting Special Olympics through their salmon barbecue, or bringing joy to less fortunate families through our Holiday Heroes event. Every one of them just keeps giving back. In the same vain, your continued support and commitment of our efforts and the recognition of their hard work have fostered one of the strongest community partnerships and bonds I have ever seen. All of this gets us closer and closer to fulfilling our departments vision of ensuring Lake Forest Park is one of the safest cities in the Puget Sound Region.

**Paul Armbrust
Operations Division Commander**

Operations Division

Patrol Success Stories of 2017

More Burglars behind bars

In mid-April Officers were dispatched to a possible in progress residential burglary. An observant neighbor watched as two subjects knocked on the front door of the victim residence. When nobody answered the door they walked around to the rear of the residence. Officers were on scene quickly and contacted the two subjects. After a bit of investigation and a positive identification by two witnesses the subjects were taken into custody for burglary. Evidence collected at the scene along with an admission built a strong case. This is another prime example of our partnership with our citizens and how our “see something, say something” program is putting criminals behind bars.

Serial Tagger apprehended and charged

During late 2016 and into 2017 a serial tagger was busy in the south end of Lake Forest Park. “Dose” tags were popping up until the early morning hours of February 12th when Officers spotted a suspicious vehicle parked on the shoulder of a south end road. Initially the subject denied any involvement in tagging but the ensuing investigation we learned differently. Ultimately, when confronted with the evidence the suspect confessed to being the “Dose” tagger. Due to the diligent documentation of graffiti cases and dogged determination “Dose” was tied to a total of 25 cases and charged with felony malicious mischief.



Full meal deal

Shortly after 9pm an Officer conducted a traffic stop for expired vehicle license and no front license plate. This seemingly innocuous stop turned into the full meal deal. Long story short the officers identified one subject as having a felony warrant and after serving a search warrant on the vehicle the occupants were charged with possession of heroin, Possession of Methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, and possession of stolen mail. The officer was able to identify more than 30 mail theft victims from throughout King and Snohomish counties.



Calls for Service - Incidents

Type of Call	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	+/-	vs. Last Year
911 / Information	281	350	318	284	160	-44%	↓
Alarms	310	366	371	395	361	-9%	↓
Assault / Fights / Harassment	52	58	76	64	55	-14%	↓
Burglary / Theft	370	462	425	367	378	3%	↑
Disturbance / Noise	155	208	194	201	190	-5%	↓
Domestic	60	74	65	60	64	7%	↑
Investigations	1365	1387	1745	1797	1923	7%	↑
Juvenile	60	50	51	48	50	4%	↑
Liquor / Narcotics	80	76	77	79	63	-20%	↓
Miscellaneous	1518	1606	1264	1785	1846	3%	↑
Parking	240	253	346	319	289	-9%	↓
Property	71	77	95	86	92	7%	↑
Public Service	1900	1832	2481	2781	2891	4%	↑
Traffic	2365	2709	3735	3188	4275	34%	↑
Trespass	58	55	64	40	45	13%	↑

Calls for Service / Incidents

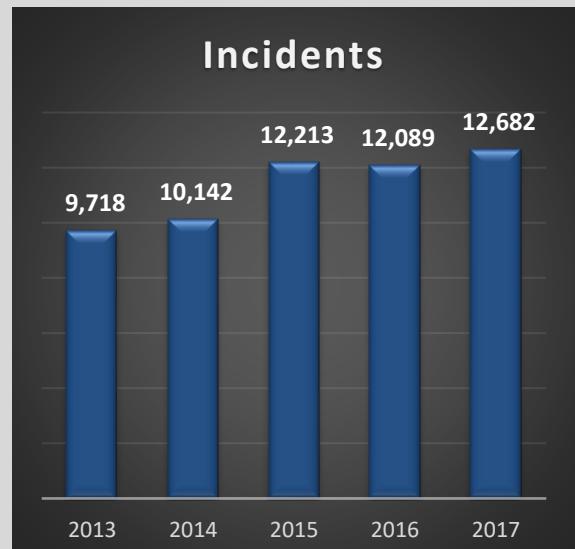
“Calls for Service” come in through dispatch as many different call types. For 2017, there were 113 different call types have been combined into these fifteen broad categories.

For example, the type of call category “Burglary/Theft” includes (10 specific types): Burglary, Forgery, Fraud, Identity Theft, Motor Vehicle Recovery, Motor Vehicle Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Robbery, Theft, and Vehicle Prowl.

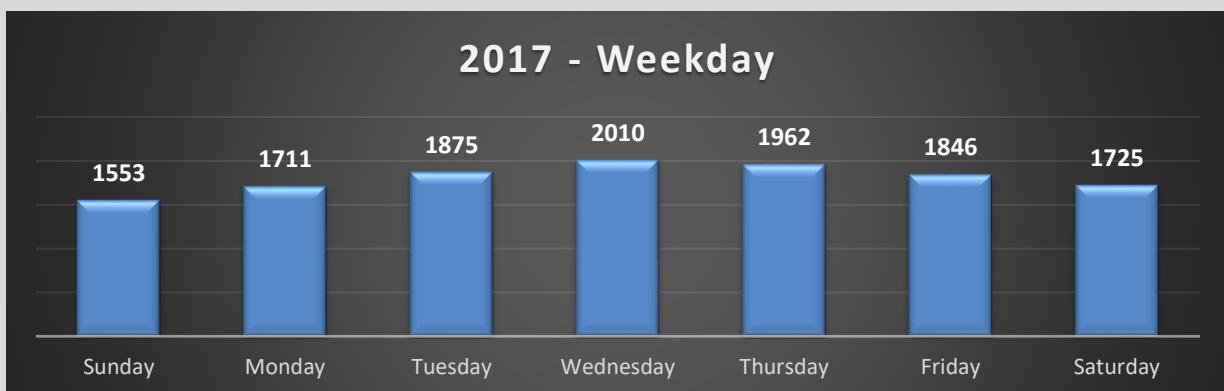
Call types are assigned by dispatcher and may/may not reflect the true nature of the call or report type completed by the officer. For example, a traffic stop incident type could change to a DUI report based on the officer’s investigation.

Incidents

Incidents	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	820	881	1031	1162	1144
February	745	703	881	981	1034
March	842	989	1013	1068	1187
April	807	864	956	916	1136
May	927	773	1089	962	1220
June	857	681	1139	1049	1202
July	720	875	1026	1059	1133
August	759	968	1072	1155	997
September	798	954	900	980	967
October	833	786	1162	998	950
November	761	797	1007	873	887
December	849	871	937	886	825
TOTAL	9,718	10,142	12,213	12,089	12,682



**Incidents include officer-initiated police service



Criminal Activity

Overview	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	+/-	vs. Last Year
Incidents	9718	10142	12213	12089	12682	5%	↑
Case Reports	804	849	834	830	828	-1%	↓
Arrests	282	242	239	241	229	-5%	↓
Traffic Stops	2523	2512	3434	2614	3312	27%	↑
Traffic Infractions	1162	1157	1638	836	1475	76%	↑
Criminal Traffic	251	210	196	145	134	-8%	↓
Drug Arrests	20	31	40	73	86	18%	↑
Domestic Incidents	57	72	68	60	64	7%	↑
DUI Arrests	46	43	31	33	26	-21%	↓
Fraud/Forgery/ID	58	69	78	51	61	20%	↑
Graffiti	53	24	10	55	34	-38%	↓
Malicious Mischief	129	119	131	150	124	-17%	↓
Vehicle Prowls	35	46	57	70	64	-9%	↓

PART I CRIMES are also referred to as “Index Crimes” (FBI – UCR)

Cases	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	+/-	
Violent Crime							
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0%	--
<i>Rape</i>	2	1	2	6	2	-67%	↓
<i>Robbery</i>	2	3	3	4	4	0%	--
<i>Assault</i>	40	46	39	38	52	37%	↑
Property Crime							
<i>Arson</i>	1	0	0	0	1	100%	↑
<i>Burglary</i>	82	97	76	51	50	-2%	↓
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	8	41	8	10	16	60%	↑
<i>Theft</i>	141	202	162	144	152	6%	↑
<i>PSP</i> (Possession of Stolen Property)	11	23	24	14	18	29%	↑

Property Crimes

For a more detailed view of “Property Crimes” this graph shows a breakdown of the different types of property crimes reported to the police department.

<i>Property Crimes</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>+/-</i>	<i>vs. Last Year</i>
<i>Burglary – 1st & 2nd Degree</i>	11	4	13	21	14*	-33%	↓
<i>Burglary – Residential</i>	71	93	63	30	36*	20%	↑
<i>Forgery and Fraud</i>	16	20	23	16	20	25%	↑
<i>ID Theft</i>	42	49	55	35	41	17%	↑
<i>Malicious Mischief</i>	129	119	131	150	124	-17%	↓
<i>MV Theft</i>	8	41	8	10	16	60%	↑
<i>Possession of Stolen Property</i>	11	23	24	14	18	29%	↑
<i>Theft</i>	141	202	162	144	152	6%	↑
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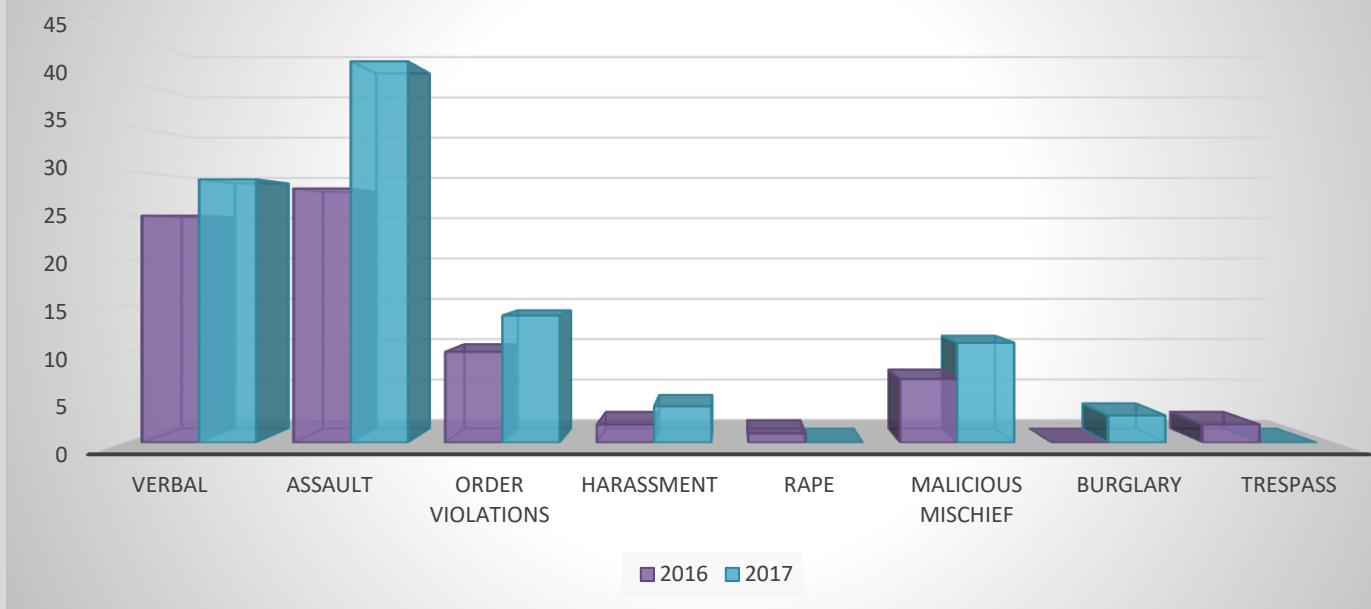
*of the 50 burglaries in 2017, 3 were identified as commercial



Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence Incidents	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Verbal – No Crime	33	37	34	25	29
Assault	29	22	26	28	42
Order Violations	5	13	9	10	14
Harassment	3	6	13	2	4
Rape	0	0	1	1	0
Malicious Mischief	7	4	8	7	11
Burglary	0	1	0	0	3
Trespass	0	1	0	2	0

Domestic Violence Related



Verbal Domestic - Argument between persons with no physical contact.

Assaults - Argument between persons who get physical with each other (i.e. pushing, shoving, slapping, hitting with hands/feet, etc.)

Court Order Violation - Protection orders, harassment orders, no contact and restraining orders. These orders are issued by Courts for the protection of domestic violence victims or for subjects being harassed by known subjects.

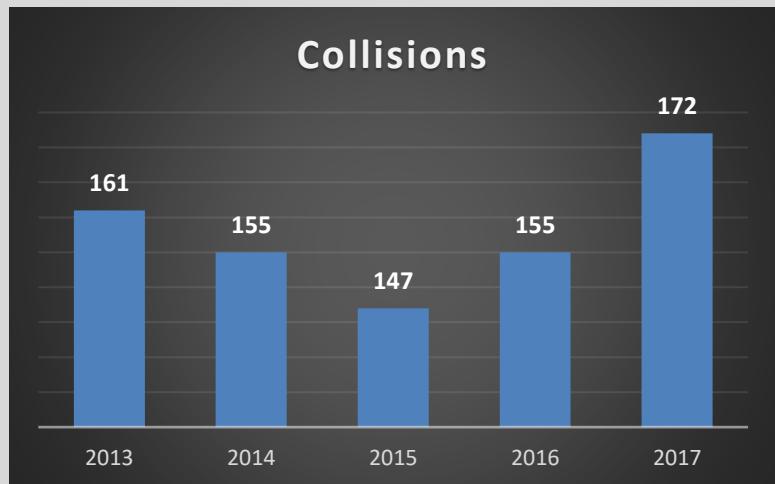
Collisions

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Average Collisions over the past 5 years

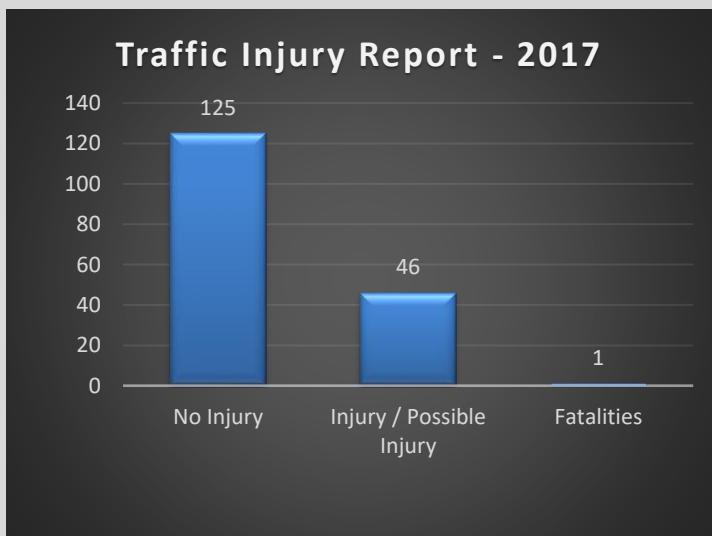
Prior to 2012, there was a yearly average of **115** collisions. This is a **37%** increase from 2012's average.

HWY 520 Tolling Began December 2011



Collisions	2017
No Injury	125
Injury / Possible Injury	46
Fatalities	1
Total	172

Other Collision Information	2017
Hit and Run	28
Bicycle Involved	4
Pedestrian Involved	4



Top 3 locations in 2017 for reported collisions:

1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. 15000 BOTHELL WAY NE
3. BOTHELL WAY NE / BALLINGER WAY NE

Top 3 locations for Collisions in the last 5 years:

1. 17000 BOTHELL WAY NE
2. BOTHELL WAY NE / BALLINGER WAY NE
3. 16800 BALLINGER WAY NE

Tickets Issued



Red indicates the Traffic Officer was **working the Traffic Unit detail**.

Blue indicates the Traffic Officer was **reassigned General Patrol due to staffing (or out on injury)**.

2013 – No Traffic Unit due to staffing until November.

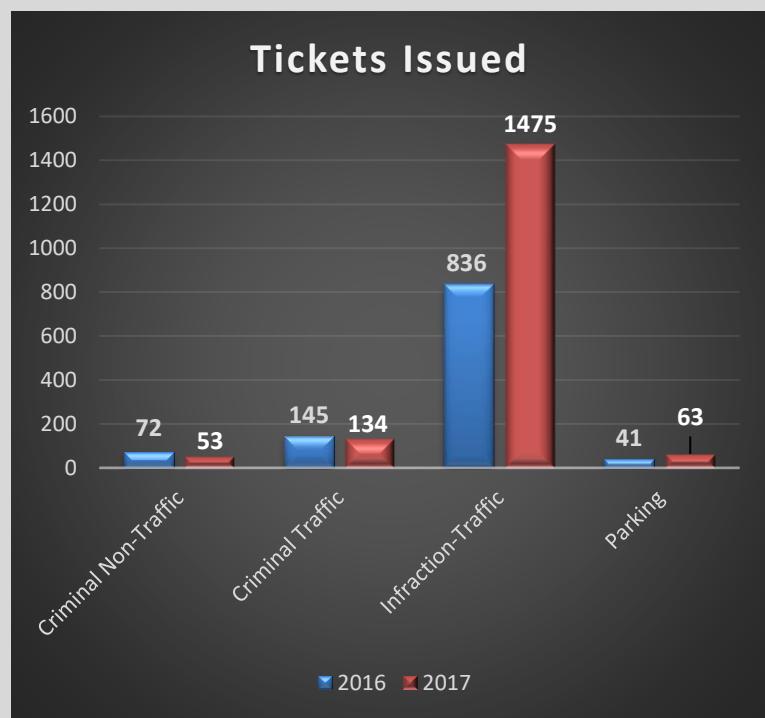
2014 – Traffic reassigned to general patrol in August due to staffing.

2015 – Traffic Unit reinstated in April

2016 – In April, Traffic Unit reassigned to general patrol, back in Traffic in October.

2017 – Traffic Unit officer suffered injury in July, no traffic unit for the rest of the year.

Type of Tickets	2016	2017
Correction Notice	3	0
Criminal Non-Traffic	72	53
Criminal Traffic	145	134
Infraction-Non-Traffic	25	20
Infraction-Traffic	836	1475
Parking	41	63
Total	1122	1745



Traffic Safety Photo Enforcement

Traffic safety camera systems are a safety measure designed to reduce and prevent speeding and collisions, while at the same time providing a force-multiplier for the police force. The goal of our program, since beginning in 2009, has been pedestrian safety in our school zones, and collision reduction on SR 522 (Bothell Way).

In 2015, the city added an additional red-light camera and another school zone camera at Brookside Elementary. The City currently operates two red-light camera locations on SR 522 at NE 165th St and NE 170th Street. Additionally, the City operates four school zone camera locations; LFP Elementary School (35th Ave NE), LFP Elementary School (40th PL NE), Brookside Elementary School (NE 178th St) and Brookside Elementary School (37th Ave NE).

School Zone Camera Performance

Camera Location	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	vs. Last Year
LFP Elementary School (35 th Ave NE / NE 187 th St)	3,561	3,706	2,501	2,841	2,642	↓
LFP Elementary School (40 th PL NE / 185 th St)	435	1,183	1,856	1,657	1,928	↑
Brookside Elementary School (NE 178 th St / 37 th Ave NE)	1,826	2,433	980	2,507	3,322	↑
Brookside Elementary School (37 th Ave NE)	N/A	N/A	N/A	646	679	↑



Red Light Camera Performance

Bothell Way NE / NE 165 th St	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Collisions	2	10	7	7	17	↑
Infractions	913	4,544	2,144	1,856	4,008	↑

Bothell Way NE / NE 170 th St	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Collisions	17	20	6	16	8	↓
Infractions	N/A	N/A	94	715	1,555	↑

Traffic Unit

The Lake Forest Park Traffic Unit is Officer Wingrove.

The Traffic Officer utilizes an unmarked patrol vehicle or a police motorcycle to conduct targeted traffic enforcement around the city. He typically works with other patrol officers focusing on the Department's Traffic Safety Plan, and other problem areas identified through Traffic Calming Projects and Citizen Complaint.

In 2017, Officer Wingrove was out since July due to an on the job injury.



Canine Unit

The Lake Forest Park Canine (K-9) Unit is Officer Carswell. His "partner" is Hector and finds illegal narcotics.



<i>Canine Stats</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>+/-</i>
<i>Applications</i>	17	28	↑
<i>LFPPD</i>	5	12	↑
<i>Other Agency Assist</i>	12	16	↑
<i>Total Vehicles</i>	16	25	↑
<i>Narcotic Weight</i>	116 grams	189 grams	↑
<i>Currency</i>	\$3555.00	\$6412.00	↑

Heroin was the most seized illegal narcotic with methamphetamine coming in second.

Support Services Division



**Administrative Sergeant
Mike Harden**

The Support Services Division assists and supports in the daily operation of police department. The division strives for quality customer support through the delivery of services that enhance the overall mission of the department. The division consists of the Investigations, Records, Professional Standards, Training, Evidence/Property, Recruitment, and Equipment/Resources. The goal of the division is to support the operations division.

Support Services Officer

The police department employs a full-time specialty commissioned officer to maintain the Property/Evidence Unit, Prisoner Transport, and Court Security services. The Support Services Officer also assists with building security and staff emergency preparedness. You may also see him putting out the radar trailer every morning!

Records Unit

Annually, the Records Unit personnel enter over 15,000 police reports and documents into the Law Enforcement Records Management System. The Records Unit is responsible for a wide variety of tasks that include:

- Accurately processing, maintaining and disseminating police records that include confidential and sensitive data.
- Completing case referrals to the City of Lake Forest Park Prosecutor's Office and the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for consideration of filing.
- Background checks, concealed pistol permits, entertainer licensing, fingerprints, among other services.
- Maintains the drug take-back program, which enables citizens to destroy unwanted and leftover drugs.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit consists of two full-time detectives. Each detective is trained on a wide variety of criminal activity and the unit works an average of 50 open cases a month. Generally, felony and juvenile cases are forwarded to detectives for further follow-up and filing.

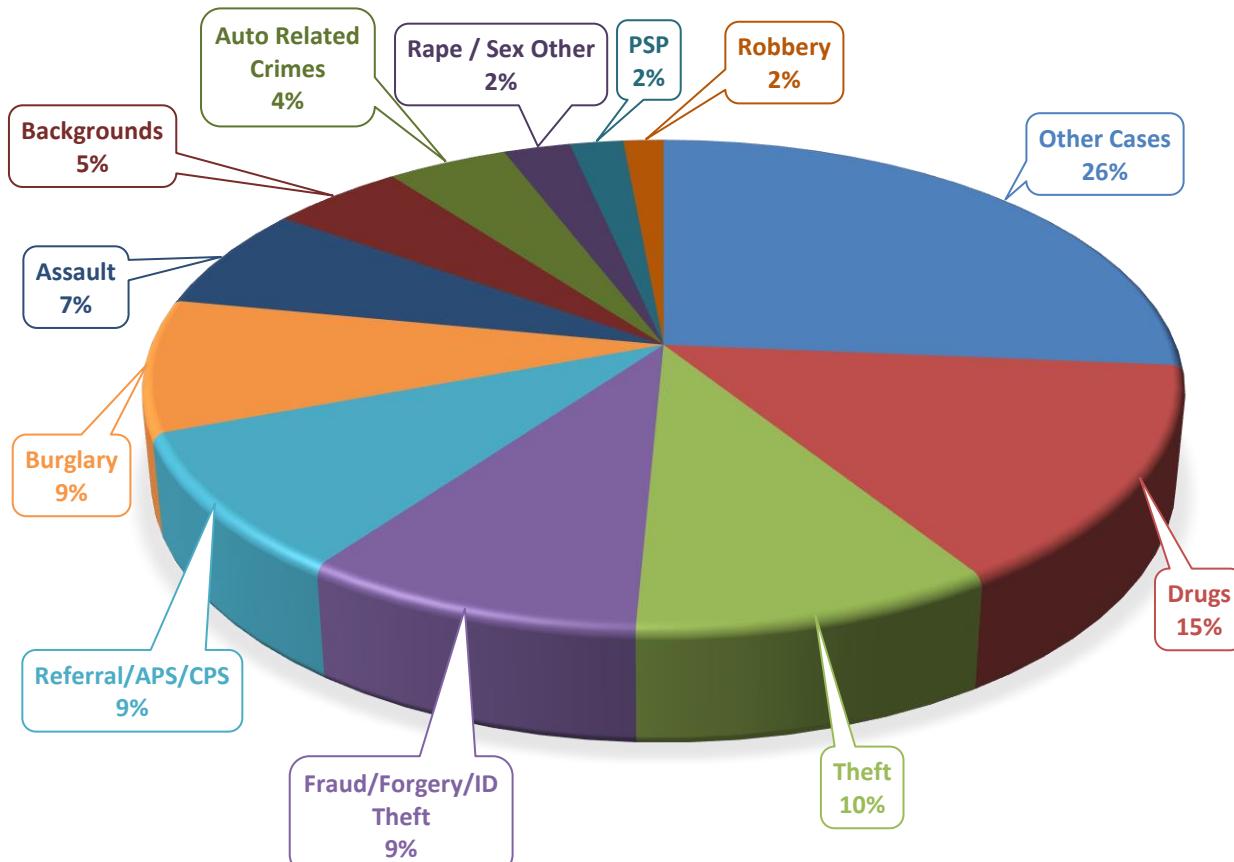
Detective Matthews manages the website **CanyouID.me**. This website has detectives from all over the state uploading photographs of subjects they are trying to identify. At the end of 2017, there were 364 subjects identified, with 55 identified in 2017. There were over 62,000 visits to the site with over 690,000 page-views. For 2018, the website will be getting a user interface update. This is an amazing resource for detectives/investigators.

**Mike Harden
Support Services Division Commander**

Investigations

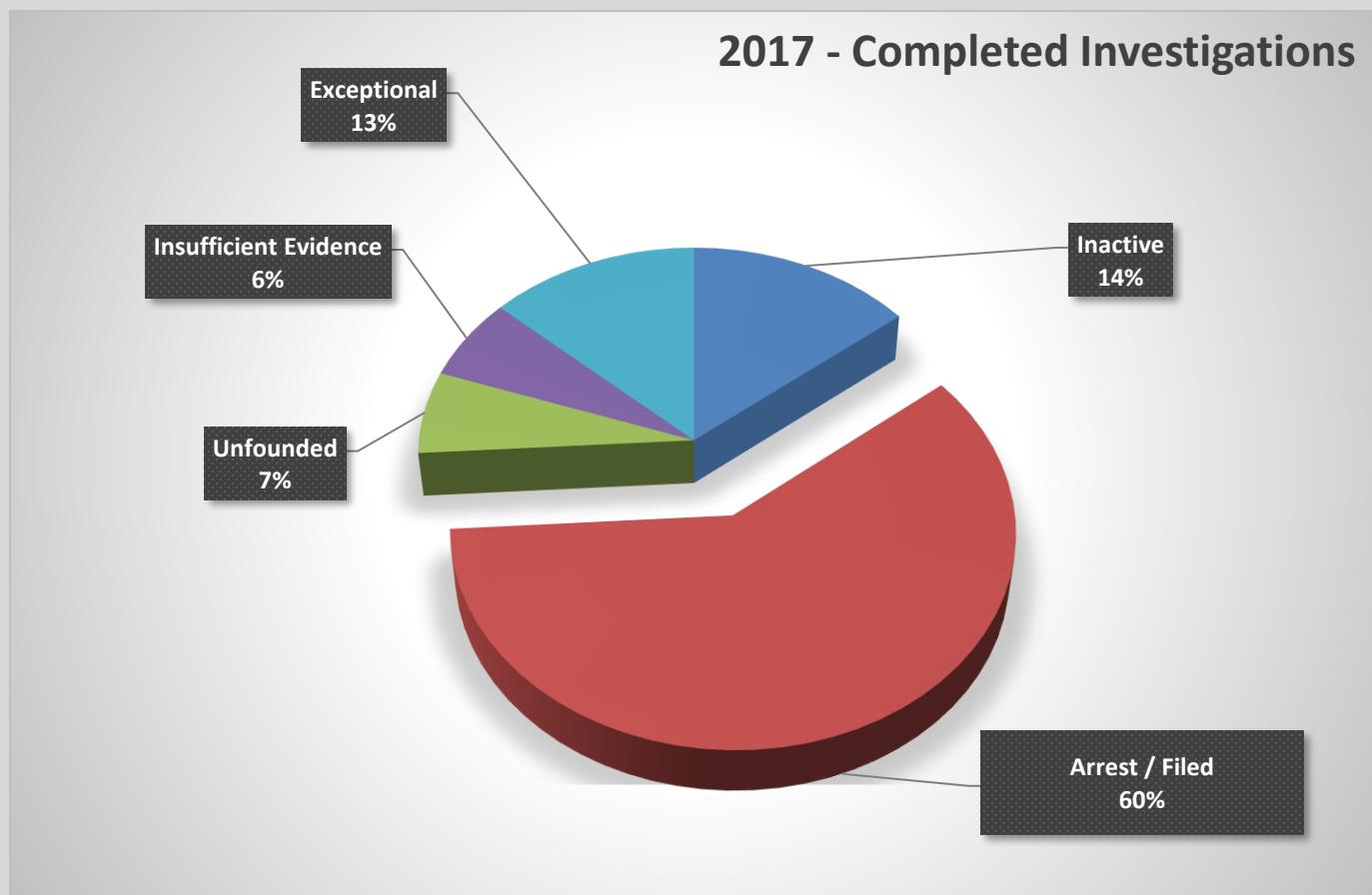
Incoming Investigations	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	<small>vs. Last Year</small>
Assault	8	6	4	2	14	↑
Auto Related Crimes	5	8	1	9	9	--
Backgrounds	11	7	9	7	10	↑
Burglary	32	40	32	15	18	↑
Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft	20	18	20	15	19	↑
Other Cases	37	14	21	23	54	↑
PSP	1	11	6	0	4	↑
Rape / Sex Other	4	4	4	12	5	↓
Referral/APS/CPS	20	15	12	11	19	↑
Robbery	1	2	1	5	3	↓
Theft	23	16	8	6	20	↑
VUCSA (Drugs)	8	12	14	22	30	↑
Total	181	163	138	127	205	↑

2017 - CASES ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVES



Investigations

Completed Investigations	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	vs. Last Year
Assault	6	4	5	4	14	↑
Auto Related Crimes	6	6	3	5	11	↑
Backgrounds	0	7	11	7	9	↑
Burglary	43	35	43	19	20	↑
Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft	16	16	28	22	18	↓
Other Cases	33	14	19	16	57	↑
PSP	0	5	10	3	3	↑
Rape / Sex Other	2	4	5	10	8	↓
Referral/APS/CPS	18	16	11	10	19	↑
Robbery	3	0	3	5	4	↓
Theft	24	15	14	4	14	↑
VUCSA (Drugs)	7	10	14	21	27	↑
Total	158	132	166	126	204	↑



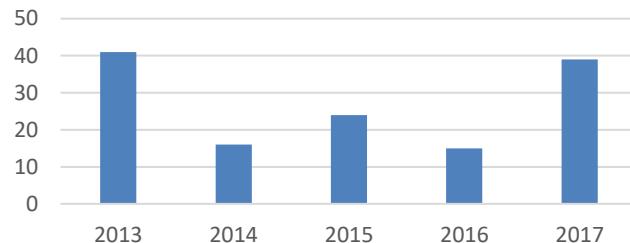
Investigations

Juvenile Involved	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cases	41	16	24	15	39

Juvenile involved cases include:

Criminal cases, runaways, child protective services, minor in possession/consumption, and missing persons.

Juvenile Involved Cases



Since October of 2001, the Lake Forest Park Police Department has partnered with the **Northshore Youth and Family Services Juvenile Intervention Program** designed for youth who have committed a first time, non-violent offense. The intervention program's objective is to provide proactive prevention and early intervention strategies to assist at-risk youth and their families in developing the skills necessary to succeed.

The goal of the program is to reduce the likelihood of youth offending again. Northshore Youth and Family Services

(<http://northshoreyouthandfamilyservices.org/services.html>).

The number of participants between 2001 to 2017 was 62 (45 Male / 17 Female). In 2017, two (2) juveniles participated and successful in completing the program.

Most of the crimes committed were Minor in Possession/Consumption (28), Theft3rd (8), and Drug related (6). Fifty-nine (59) participants have completed the program (95%) and three (3) participants have failed (5%). Seven participants re-offended after successfully completing counseling and the average age of participants at time of acceptance is 15.6 years old.



Investigations

2017 - Investigation Highlights

Missing Person/Suicide

Officers took a Missing Person report for an adult subject. The family had grown concerned for the subject condition after he did not return when expected. The subject was recovering from a recent surgery. This case ended up involving LFP Detectives and the King County Search and Rescue. It was suspected the subject may have headed to Horizon View Park. Ultimately LFPPD requested that the subject's cell service provider ping his phone to locate home. A ping is checking the last broadcast signal to the cell phone tower. Detectives had to later complete an order which authorizes the ping under emergency circumstances.

The cell service provider provided a latitude and longitude around Horizon View park. Officers relayed this information King County Search and Rescue who were already at the park conducting their search, which include the use of a search and rescue dog. King County SAR located the subject's body. Through further investigation by Detectives and the King County Medical Examiner the death was determined to be suicide.

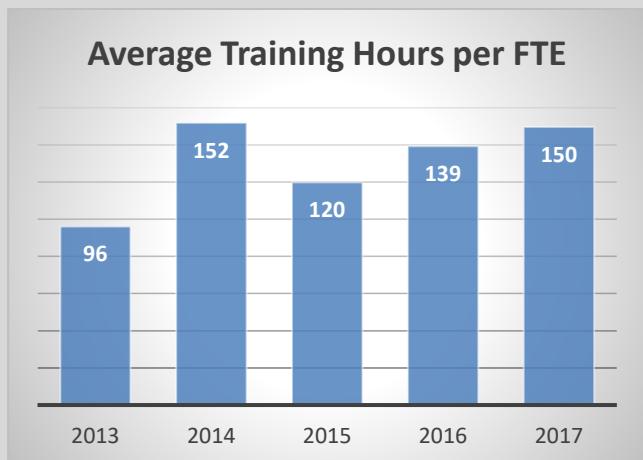
Theft 1st, ID Theft 1ST (Filed in 2017)

In February 2016 a victim reported a complex Theft and ID theft case to the department. Essentially, the victim had been financially taken advantage of by a close friend for many years. The friend went so far as to present themselves as the owner of the victim's home and sold the home to a real estate investor. With the assistance of the King County Prosecutor's Office and several search warrants for financial records, detectives were able to ultimately file the case in August of 2017.

Indecent Liberties

In October 2017, an entertainer at Déjà Vu was sexually assaulted by a customer. Officers responded to the scene and spoke to those involved. The suspect was identified and taken into custody. Officers were able to obtain suspect, victim and witness statements. Déjà Vu's security group was also able to quickly get Detectives video surveillance for the investigation. The suspect had prior history of sexual offenses. The case was filed with the King County Prosecutor's Office and the suspect is awaiting trial.

Training



The top training topics in 2017:

1. In-Service (Firearms, Use of Force, DT)
2. Leadership/Supervision
3. Active Shooter
4. Investigative



State Accreditation

The Lake Forest Park Police Department continues to follow the state accreditation standards set by the Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. **Of the 260+ Police Departments in the State, only 56 have this Accreditation. The LFPPD is also one of 13 accredited agencies here in King County, which there are 39.**

The purpose of law enforcement agency accreditation is to professionalize the law enforcement industry by providing a review process for agencies to be certified as operating under industry best practices and standards. In 1976 the Association was directed by the Washington State Legislature to develop standards and goals for Washington State Law Enforcement. The Association has maintained an operational accreditation program since that time.

Benefits of Accreditation Include:

- To increase public confidence in the agency
- To increase credibility
- To provide a systemized agency self-assessment
- To broaden perspectives
- To intensify administrative and operational effectiveness
- To ensure recruitment, selection, and promotion processes are fair and equitable
- To strengthen understanding of agency policies and procedures by agency personnel
- To improve agency morale and pride
- To decrease susceptibility to litigation and costly civil court settlements
- To potentially reduce liability insurance costs
- To provide state and local recognition of professional competence



(Pictured: Sergeant Mike Harden, Chief Steve Sutton, WASPC Coordinator Mike Painter, and Captain Paul Armbrust)

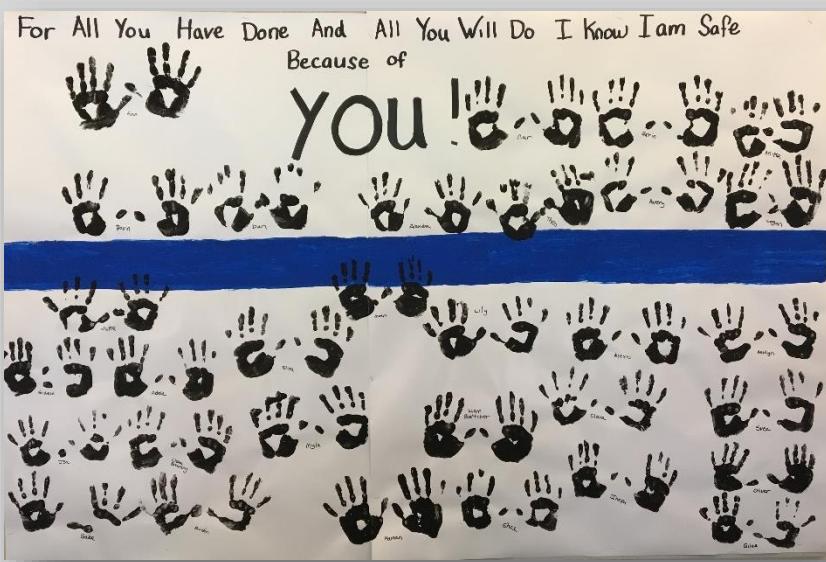
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National Night Out



**School Appreciation Day
for First Responders**



**Nurturing Trust
partnership**



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**Holiday Heroes
"Shop with a Cop"**



**Special Olympics
"Salmon BBQ"**



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Social Media

In 2017, we maintained our social media reach with both Facebook and Twitter. The Nextdoor.com community had consistent growth numbers and is the largest group of social media following. The police department postings have reached thousands of citizens with hundreds of thousands of views. We created the Community Partners Emergency Communication System, set up to notify community members of emergent issues involving natural hazards or police action.



<https://www.facebook.com/LakeForestParkPD>

https://twitter.com/lfppd_police

<https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/wa/lake-forest-park/lake-forest-park-police-department/>

Lake Forest Park Community Partners Emergency Notification System

When an event occurs within the City or in neighboring jurisdictions that our community needs to know about, providing current and accurate information to the public is of great importance. The Police Department has created this system to notify residents, businesses, service providers, and other partners when an event occurs in the City that will be of interest to them. The system is web-based and utilizes cellular phone text notifications.

Block-Watch

Our Block-Watch program encourages neighbors to get to know each other and work together to prevent crime; it involves citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, citizens and Police working together against crime, and citizens working with each other during emergencies. In 2017, the department participated in the formation of over 61 Block-Watch groups.

Crime Watch

In 2017, 17 volunteers were actively participating in the program. A total of 217 houses, all 4 parks, and both schools were visually checked for suspicious activity. Throughout the year, 206 patrol days were logged for a total of 668.25 volunteer hours on patrol days. Additionally, 192.5 hours were logged by the coordinator, included are other non-crime watch activities.

Crime Watch Checks	2017
House Checks	217
Parks	4
Schools	2

The world we live in today

It is unfortunate but the world we live in has changed. Every community across the country has and will continue to face incredible challenges associated with mental health, opiate addiction, and scenes of mass violence. No community is immune to these issues and we all have some level of responsibility to actively work toward education, prevention, and ultimately solutions.

We continue to build our skills in dealing with those in crisis. In the State of Washington, Police Officers are required to have eight hours of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training followed by a two-hour annual refresher. We recognize the value and necessity of this type of training and are going above and beyond that which is now mandated by law. Nearly every officer has completed an advanced 40-hour CIT class, and many have attended additional CIT training courses. Additionally, we now have a mental health professional (MHP) imbedded with our patrol officers on an as needed basis. This MHP is part of a program we call "Navigator". Our "Navigator" is invaluable when it comes to supplying those in crisis with resources and help. Not only is this a huge benefit to those in crisis but the program greatly reduces the likelihood of repeated contacts with our officers.

Opiate addiction and overdose has directly impacted a number of our Lake Forest Park families. In response to this problem we rolled out two programs. First, in an effort to save lives, every officer now carries and is trained in the administration of Narcan which is a fast-acting drug that counteracts opiates. Second, along with the Lake Forest Park Court we have held two community education forums on the opiate crisis. The forums were designed to educate and generate discussion on the opiate crisis and how it affects our community.

After many months of planning the Lake Forest Park Police Department in partnership with the Northshore Fire Department held a full scale regional active shooter drill at the Town Center Mall. The exercise was preceded by multiple training sessions where police and fire elements from the region worked on specialized rescue techniques used during these events. More than 150 police, firefighters and volunteers worked long into the night honing our skills and practicing techniques we hope to never use. Finally, we continued to deliver our Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events class to local groups. This is a class designed to teach citizens how to respond to and survive an active shooter event.



2017 Department Awards

Employee of the Year

Support Officer Steve Parken

Commendation Award

Officer Morris Parrish

Unit Citation

Detective Amy Troxell

Chiefs Award

Officer Ross Adams

Commendation Award

Officer Jerome Walker

Unit Citation

Detective Amy Troxell

Commendation Award

Sergeant Mike Harden

Commendation Award

Officer George Coleman

Top-Gun Award

Officer Greg Stankatis

Community Appreciation



Albertsons



Fred Meyer



Icicle Seafoods



LFP Rotary