



St. Helens Police Department

2018 Annual Report

The mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely, and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



On behalf of the St. Helens Police Department, I am pleased to submit the 2018 St. Helens Police Department Annual Report. This report contains a summary of the Department's accomplishments and highlights the employee's achievements for 2018. The St. Helens Police Department strives to provide excellent police service each and every day and is constantly evolving to meet these efforts.

Building upon our past successes within community policing, the St. Helens Police Department is committed to a pro-active policing philosophy that addresses crime and the fear of crime through a shared relationship between citizens and officers in our community. The men and women of the St. Helens Police Department have risen to these challenges and will continue to distinguish themselves by routinely demonstrating the highest levels

of professionalism and resourcefulness as we move forward, providing outstanding service to the citizens of St. Helens.

We are a progressive police department composed of a diverse group who strive to maintain St. Helens' safe, family-friendly environment. The Department employs a neighborhood problem-solving philosophy, and we believe in being responsive to our customers, the citizens of St. Helens. The St. Helens Police Department will remain committed to enhancing its many community-oriented policing programs and increasing the professional partnerships these efforts create. Our agency continues to emphasize creative, cooperative solutions to crime, and we value the assistance we receive from our partners throughout the city. To encourage creative solutions from within, our leadership team continues to solicit input from rank-and-file employees when making decisions that affect the Department's daily operations. Only by involving employees at every level of the organization will the St. Helens Police Department reach its potential for effective, efficient public service.

We are committed to hiring the best candidates to fill our ranks and providing our officers with the best training and equipment available. Partnering with the community will allow us to make St. Helens the safest place to live and work in America.

Sincerely,

Brian Greenway
Chief of Police

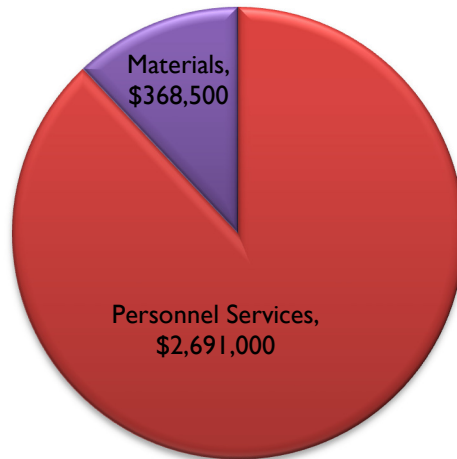
DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The following table compares the size of the St. Helens Police Department and its budget between fiscal years 2015-16 through 2018-19.

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Population	13,095	13,158	13,240	13,240*
Total Budget	\$2,581,930	\$2,527,480	\$2,776,820	\$3,059,500
Sworn Personnel	16	16	17	17
Non-Sworn Personnel	1.3	2.3	2.3	2.5
Department Personnel Total	17.3	18.36	19.3	19.5
Officers Per Thousand Residents	1.22	1.21	1.28	1.28

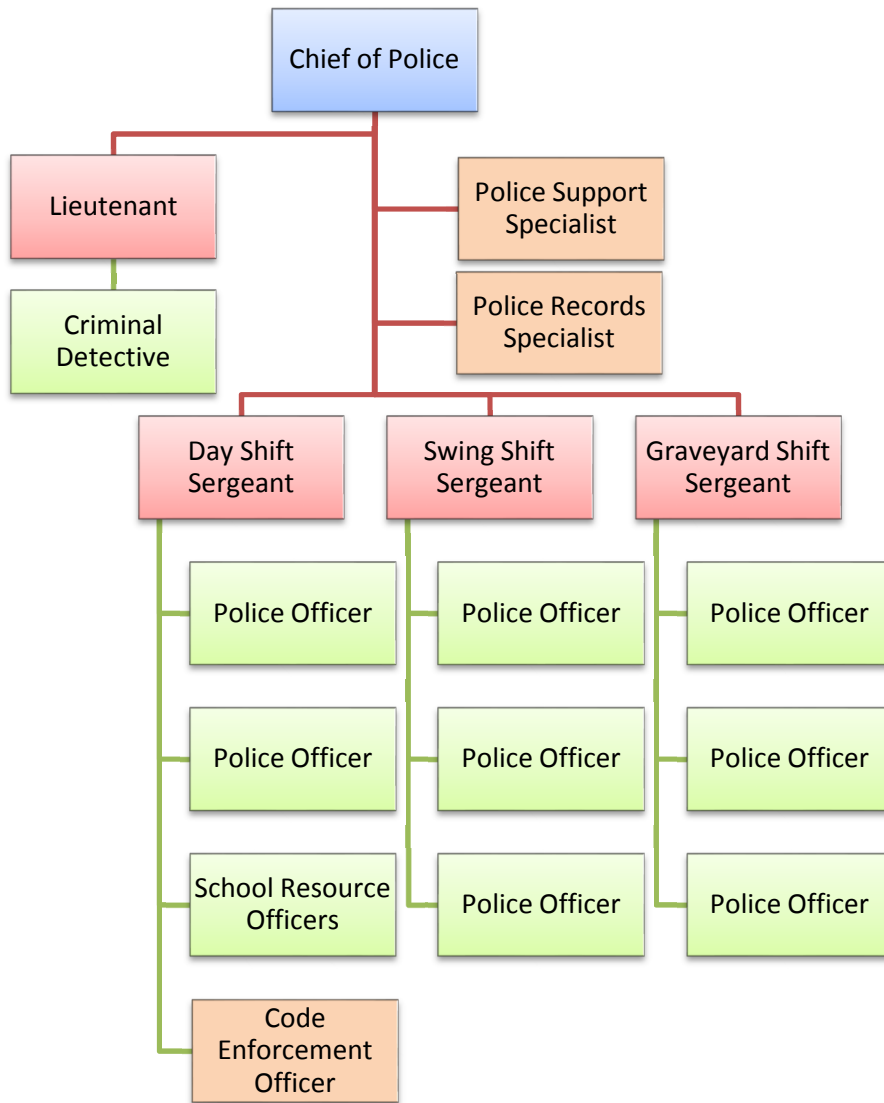
**July 1, 2018 population estimate*

ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2018-19

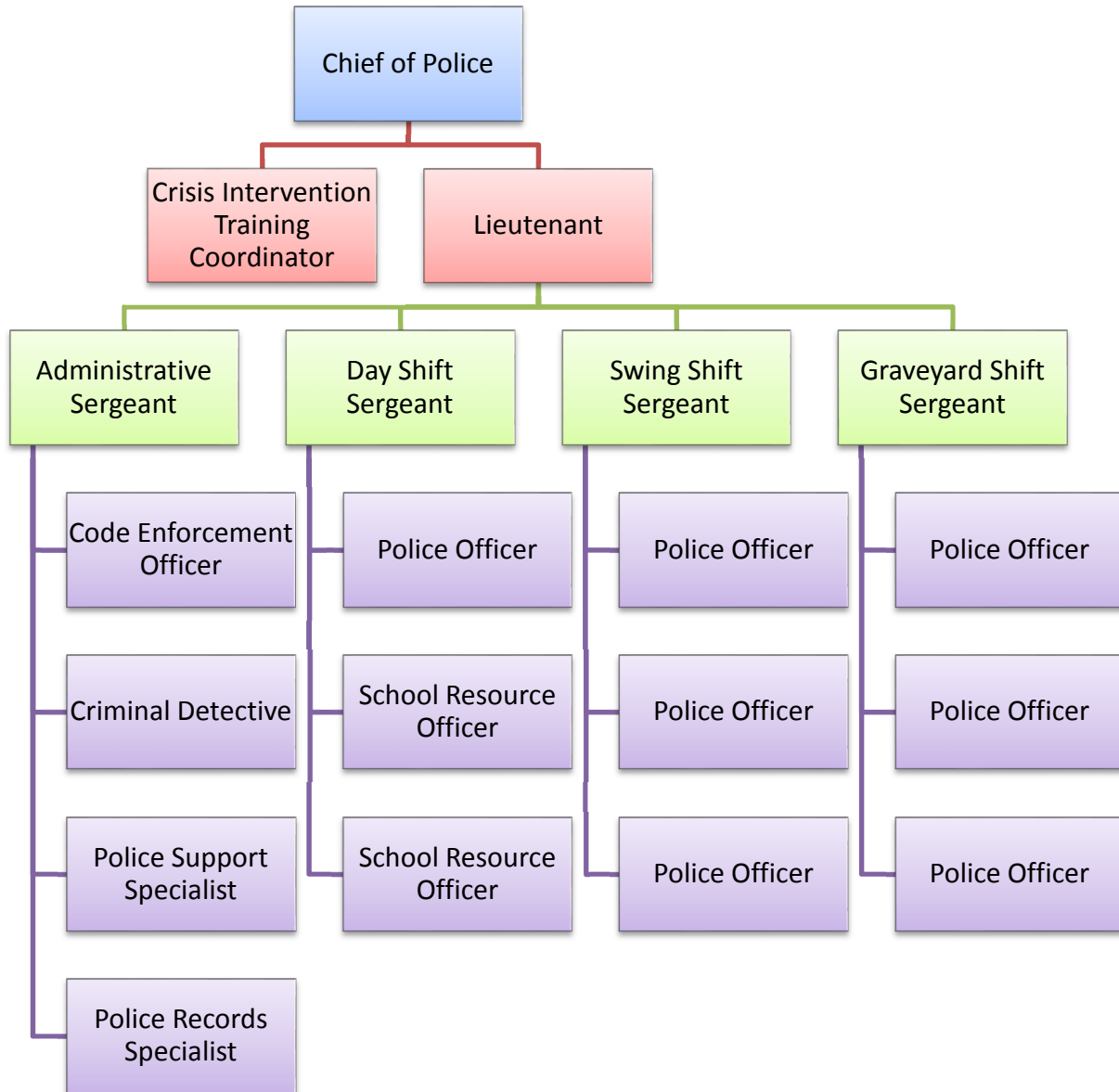


The total budget for the St. Helens Police Department during FY 2018-19 is \$3,059,500.

2018 DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



2019 DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



2018 ITEMS OF INTEREST



FIRST THURSDAY is a community engagement program launched by the department during 2018. It consists of monthly community meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Columbia Center Auditorium, 375 S. 18th Street. A new topic is presented at each meeting by a police officer or police staff related to community safety, crime prevention, police services, or seasonal-specific safety information. After a brief presentation, participants have the

opportunity to ask St. Helens officers questions, find out what's happening in St. Helens neighborhoods, and discuss any topics of concern with fellow community members and police.

The goal of First Thursday is to bring the St. Helens community and local law enforcement together once a month for meaningful conversation about the community. The meetings are an opportunity to make connections in the community, not just between police officers and residents, but also between neighbor and neighbor.



2018 TOPICS:

October: Halloween safety with Sergeant Jose Castilleja

November: Active shooter situations with Detective Dustin King

December: Crisis Intervention Training with CIT Coordinator Brianne Mares

NALOXONE – All St. Helens Police Officers carry this life-saving drug that will counter the effects of an opiate overdose. The St. Helens Police Department was the first agency in Columbia County to carry and deploy the medicine. A typical opiate overdose will slow and eventually stop respiration. Without an immediate intervention, the victim will die in just minutes.



Over the last 20 years, drug overdose deaths have increased sharply in the United States. According to the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), approximately 130 people died every day in the United States from an opioid overdose in 2016 and 2017. The National Safety Council just released an analysis of preventable injury and fatality statistics from 2017 and found that for the first time on record, the odds of dying from an accidental opioid overdose in the United States has surpassed those of dying in a car accident.

In 2018, St. Helens Police Officers deployed Naloxone three (3) times and saved two (2) lives with its use.



BODY CAMERAS - In August of 2017, the St. Helens Police Department began to test body cameras through a program offered by Axon, a camera manufacturer. The testing had such positive results that the Department decided to purchase the cameras in 2018. All uniformed patrol officers and the code enforcement officer wear the cameras and record their interactions in limited situations. The videos are stored in a secure cloud-based system.



Body cameras can alleviate tension in stressful encounters between police officers and community members, and provide invaluable evidentiary benefits.

HALLOWEENTOWN -

October is a lively and demanding time for the City of St. Helens and the Police Department. This year the festivities stretched the entire month of October, with special events every weekend. The Spirit of Halloweentown Parade featured local musicians, artists, community organizations, and drew a record attendance.



As thousands of people from all over the world descended on the community for the annual Spirit of Halloweentown celebration, the Police Department was effective in providing a safe environment for our visitors and our community. Our success must be credited to interagency cooperation and assistance provided by Columbia 911 Communications District, Columbia River Fire and Rescue, Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon National Guard, the Department of Homeland Security, Community Emergency Response Team, and the St. Helens Public Works Department.





FOURTH ANNUAL RESERVE ACADEMY - In 2018, the St. Helens Police Department hosted our 4th Annual Reserve Academy. The Academy is an intensive 22-week training program that teaches individuals the necessary skills and knowledge needed to become a reserve police officer with the St. Helens Police Department. The Academy was put on by SHPD with support of other agencies from January to June 2018. The class started with seven (7) participants and graduated five (5) reserves on

June 7, 2018. Chisum Ford, Sierra Johnson-Pyle, and Steve Barnes graduated as Scappoose PD reserves, and Brian Herigstad and Terry Massey graduated as St. Helens PD reserves.

The Reserve Academy covers many of the same topics and training that full-time police officers receive from their required police academy training conducted by the State of Oregon. Successful applicants to the St. Helens reserve program learn about criminal law, report writing, crime scene investigation, radio procedures, first aid, drug enforcement, traffic stops, and building searches among numerous other topics that a police officer will encounter in their day-to-day work.



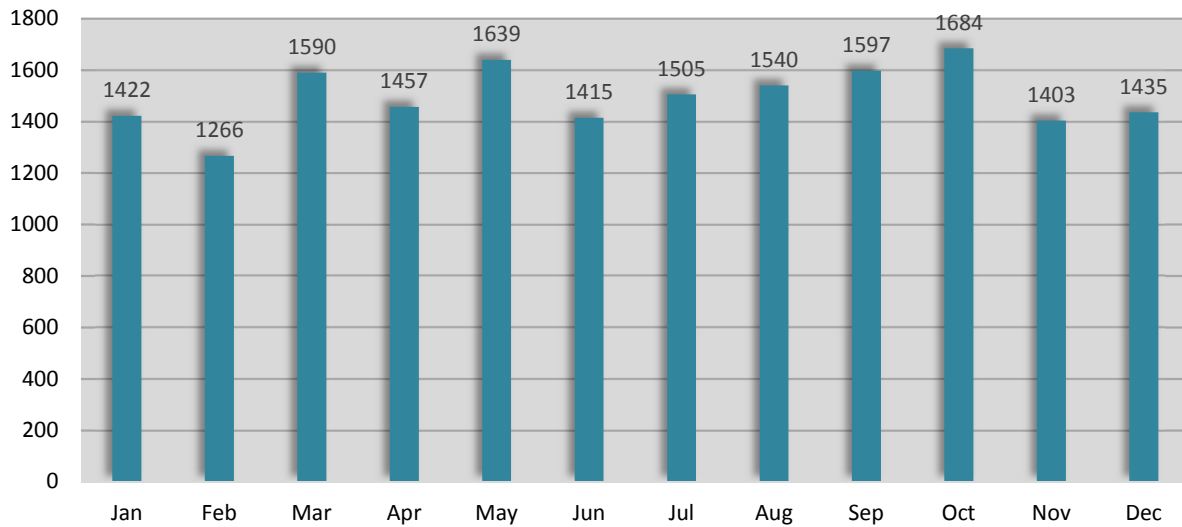
The Reserve Academy is an ideal opportunity for individuals interested in a career in law enforcement to gain hands-on experience and see if police work is truly a good fit for their life. Serving as a reserve police officer is also a meaningful way for people to volunteer their time in the community.



ST. HELENS POLICE STATISTICS

The St. Helens Police Department receives dispatch services from the Columbia 911 Communications District (C-COM). A “call for service” is a request for police service in which an officer is dispatched, or an incident is found by an officer and the officer initiates a call. The following graph details the total calls for service as documented by C-COM each month during the calendar year.

2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE



The St. Helens Police Department recorded a total of **17,953** calls for service during the 2018 calendar year. This represents a **6.5% increase** over the number of calls received during the 2017 calendar year.

When a call for service is received by C-COM it is assigned a call type. Next to officer-initiated traffic stops, “Suspicious Circumstances, Person, or Vehicle” is the most common type of call for service. This statistic speaks to the proactive work of our officers who self-initiate this call type when they see something out of the ordinary. It also lends to the positive relationship the community has with our department and the citizenry’s readiness to engage with our services for assistance.

The table below details some of the most commonly used call types over the past five years. In March of 2018, C-COM made some changes to how call types are classified or grouped together. Asterisks (*) denote some notable changes in call types and therefore counts.

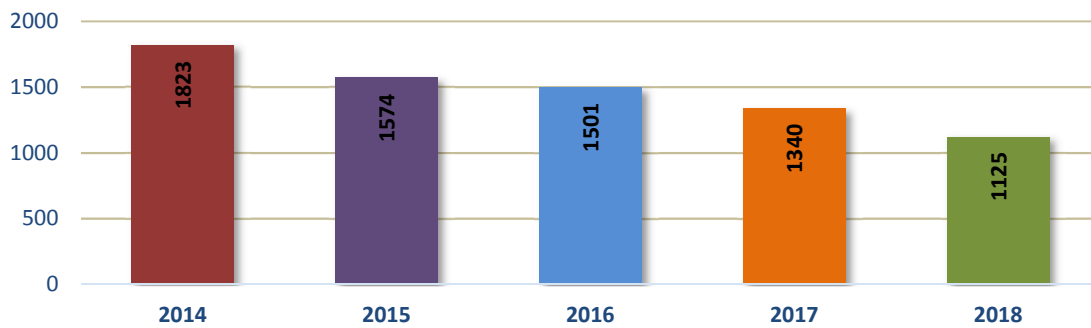
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Dispatched Incidents	17,262	16,643	15,534	16,852	17,953
Suspicious (Circumstances, Person or Vehicle)	1,708	1,620	1,726	1,866	1,500
Assist Public	1,124	1,012	979	759	831
Theft	453	451	498	431	412
Disturbance/Fight *	304	360	345	326	372*
Welfare Check	243	288	299	276	321
Domestic Violence	279	275	312	229	292
Juvenile Calls for Service **	23	14	29	24	284 **
Traffic Complaint	197	241	279	277	260
Alarm Silent/Audible	227	266	289	331	256
Harassment	207	196	193	159	252
Criminal Mischief	176	154	168	132	168
Traffic Accident	154	192	188	247	168
Suicide (Threat or Attempt)	107	113	148	144	130
Abandoned 911/Hang up	93	110	161	91	123
Drug Activity	98	91	99	93	96
Hit and Run	67	92	89	102	89
Prowler	78	79	59	50	54
Assault	58	51	66	61	44
Burglary	90	80	84	43	43
Sex Crime	23	29	34	33	41
Death Investigation	10	8	12	9	11

* “Disturbance” and “Fight in Progress” were merged, and “Fight in Progress” was eliminated.

** Juvenile-involved calls for service have been changed to include four different previous types: “Juvenile Problem,” “Juvenile Custody Dispute,” “Juvenile Missing,” and “Juvenile Runaway,” thus the number in 2018 reflects all 4 call types, and does not necessarily represent a trend of increased juvenile-involved calls.

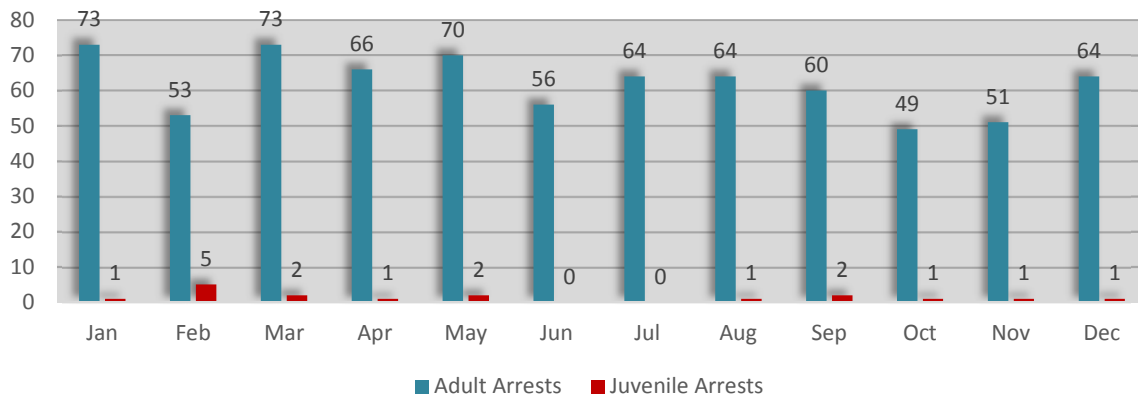
Not every call for service generates a police report. In fact, the majority of our calls for service are handled informally without any administrative action taken. When it is necessary to write a police report, the report is assigned a case number. The St. Helens Police Department used **1,125** case numbers in 2018. The following graph details the number of case numbers used during the past five (5) calendar years. One reason for the decrease in case numbers is that new technology and updated policy have been used to improve processes regarding motor vehicle collisions. Officers can digitally record the necessary DMV reporting information in the field and clear a scene without having to return to a desk to write a formal report. This change has empowered officers to be more proactive and available to the public during their shifts. By the table on the previous page you can see that total number of calls our officers handled for 2018 was the highest of the past 5 years.

CASE NUMBERS BY YEAR



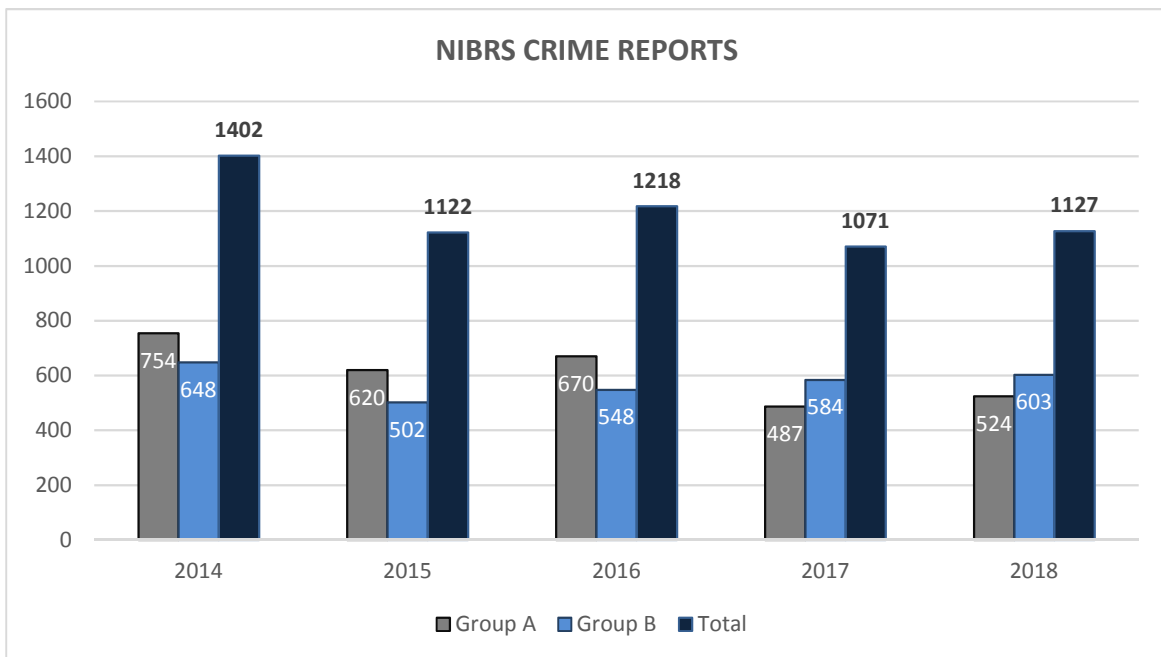
St. Helens police officers are also responsible for arresting criminal suspects. Many of these suspects are arrested as part of a criminal investigation, while others are the subject of outstanding arrest warrants. In some cases involving juvenile arrests, the suspect is taken into physical custody; however, the vast majority involve a simple referral to the Columbia County Juvenile Department. During the 2018 calendar year, the St. Helens Police Department was responsible for the arrest of **743** adult offenders. The following chart details arrests that occurred during the last calendar year.

2018 ARREST DETAIL



The St. Helens Police Department submits all crime data into the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The UCR Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on offenses reported or known. The data is collected via the programs National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Through NIBRS, the Police Department reports data on each offense within 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. There are 10 other categories identified as Group B offenses.

The following chart details the total number of Group A and Group B offenses that have occurred in St. Helens over the past five (5) calendar years.



Our Department receives this data from the Regional Justice Information Network (RegJIN). RegJIN is a multi-agency shared Records Management System designed to provide a common platform for police reports to increase collaboration between regional law enforcement agencies. As part of our agency's contract with RegJIN they collect and report our NIBRS relevant data to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program, and we in turn look at those numbers as part of our annual statistical self-analysis.

To evaluate the data in more detail, it may be helpful to see just a few of the offense categories and compare the numbers with data collected over the past three (3) years.

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Group A	Rape	10	10	4	8
	Robbery	1	4	1	1
	Assault Felony*	8	1	6	16
	Assault Misdemeanor	50	49	52	45
	Burglary	36	45	28	15
	Theft**	260	302	213	196
	Theft of Vehicle	22	28	22	16
	Vandalism	106	122	49	38
	Drug Offense	96	96	96	89
Group B	Warrants	224	226	266	195
	Disorderly Conduct	39	27	32	35
	DUII	53	82	102	100
	Trespassing	36	42	38	40

* Simple Assault Felony includes aggravated assault.

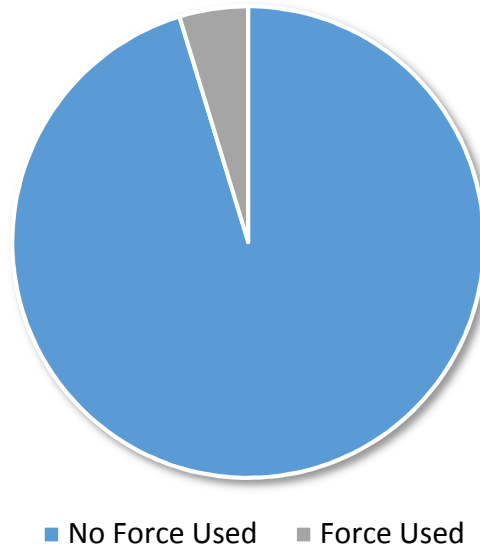
** Theft includes several types of larcenies, theft of services, and shoplifting.

In a very small percentage of arrest incidents, force is used to effect the arrest. For reporting purposes, physical force is defined as any use of a firearm, Taser, oleoresin capicum spray (OC) and other weapons, active counter strikes, or other physical force applied on a combative or resistive person. Use of force does not include mere presence, verbal commands, passive contact, or routine handcuffing techniques.

- During 2018, force was used in **35** of the **743** arrests or just 4.7% of the time.
- Not one of these incidents resulted in a use of force complaint.
- No officers or suspects were seriously injured.
- The most common uses of force were control holds.
- The Taser was deployed just once in 2018.

The St. Helens Police Department prides itself on its expert de-escalation training and field implementation. These techniques allow officers to avoid the use of force in complicated and tense situations.

2018 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

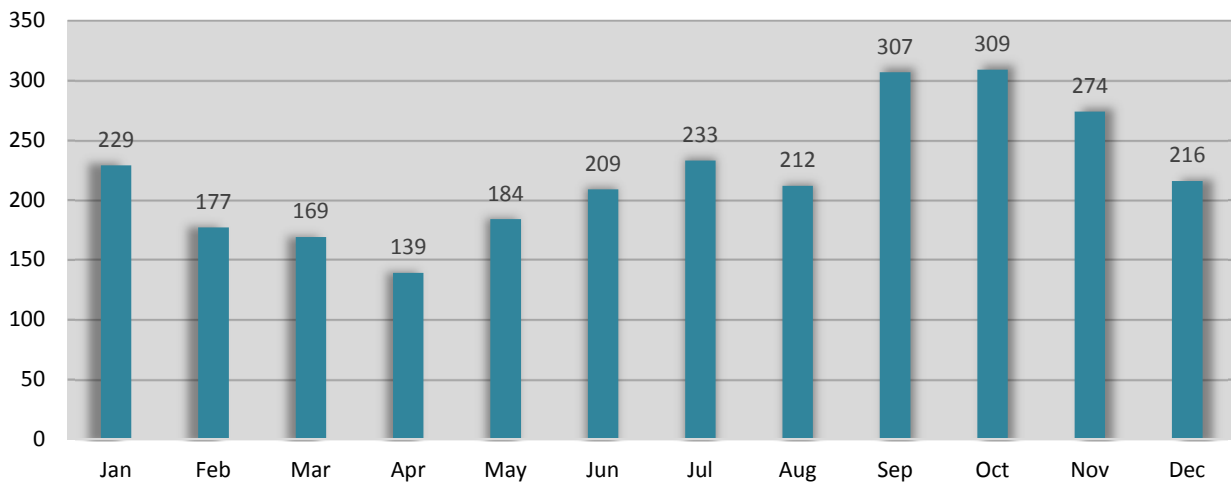


In addition to calls for service, officers from the St. Helens Police Department are actively engaged in traffic enforcement. The focus of our traffic enforcement efforts is not based on issuing citations; rather it is aimed at changing or modifying unsafe driving behavior. The St. Helens Police Department



conducted **2,658** traffic stops and issued **633** citations during the 2018 calendar year. The following graph details the number of traffic stops each month over the past year.

2018 TRAFFIC STOPS



The most commonly issued citations entered into the St. Helens Municipal Court in 2017 include:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Violation of Speed Limit	56	69
Driving While Suspended	172	277
Driving Uninsured	142	193
Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	79	77
No Operator's License	58	62
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	25	28
Reckless Driving	21	24
Careless Driving	11	12
Failure to Use a Safety Belt	36	12



CODE ENFORCEMENT

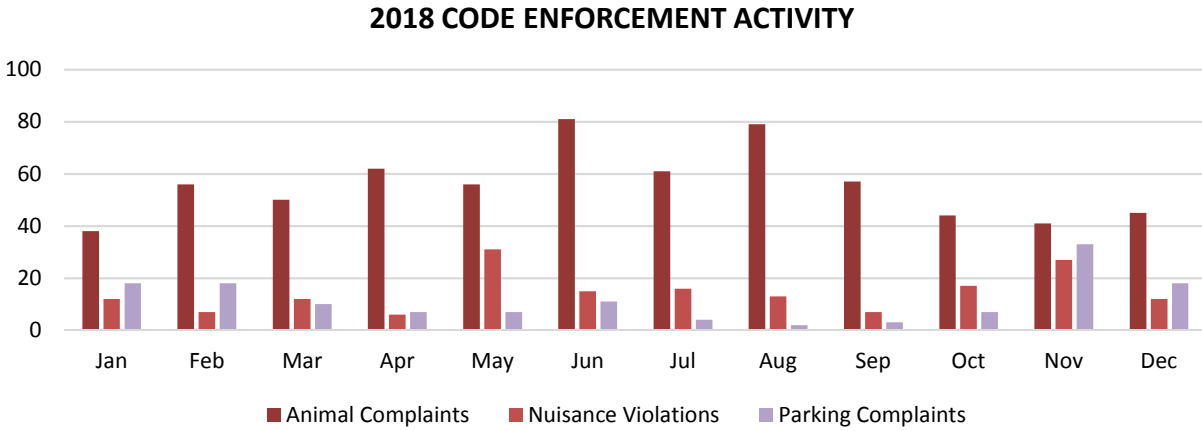


Our Code Enforcement Officer responds to complaints that are related to the enforcement of City codes including animal control issues and nuisance violations like garbage, noxious weeds, and parking complaints. Adam Hartless started as Code Enforcement Officer with the department in 2017; in 2018 Hartless was hired into a Police Officer position and began attending the Police Academy. Marimar Moreno joined the St. Helens Police Department in the fall of 2018 to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer.



In 2018, the Police Department responded to a total of 670 animal complaints. This represents a 30% increase in activity over the 2017 calendar year. Officers Hartless and Moreno also responded to, or initiated, 175 city code violations. This is a 29% decrease from 2017. The Department also saw a decrease in parking complaints as we responded to 138 this past year. This is a 51% decrease from the previous year. The decrease in city code violations and parking complaints can be attributed to the proactive police work of the Department; sworn officers and code enforcement are engaging the community on a daily basis and not just in emergency or enforcement situations.

The following chart details the code enforcement activity over the past year.



The response to nuisance complaints usually begins with an attempt to gain voluntary compliance with city codes. When those efforts fail, a citation can be issued and a nuisance abatement process can begin. Over the past year, the nuisance abatement process was initiated only once. The property owner abated their own property at the first notice of a declared nuisance by the City Council.



CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) began in 2015 with a grant received through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). As a result of the grant being awarded, Brienne Mares was hired to develop and train law enforcement officers within Columbia County in the area of crisis intervention. Recognizing the need for continuing this vital service in the law enforcement community, the BJA grant was extended until September of 2019.

In 2018, a total of 37 officers in and around Columbia County were certified in crisis intervention. Since the inception of the grant, a total of 106 officers within the local law enforcement community have been certified in CIT. In 2018, The St. Helens Police Department responded to a total of 210 calls involving a mental health condition. Of the 210 calls for service, 108 of them resulted in contacts with Columbia Community Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team to either respond to the scene or provide some follow up care to the individual in crisis.

The 2019 goals are focused on providing refresher training for the local law enforcement community who are already certified as CIT officers as well as providing CIT training to our local corrections officers and the City's Code Enforcement Officer. The grant also focuses on collecting data on mental health calls that will be evaluated to improve future responses.



STAFF UPDATES

2018 was a year that held many changes for the St. Helens Police Department. As the team changed and grew, the dedicated men and women of this Department evolved, reflected, and made new community connections.

In 2018, the Department saw the retirement of Chief Terry Moss. Chief Moss served the St. Helens Police Department excellently for 27 years. He was hired as a patrol officer in 1991 and was promoted to Chief in 2013.

His career with the St. Helens Police Department was marked by the receipt of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Max Patterson Award for contributing to programs of outstanding benefit to young people in the community. Youth engagement programs that he advanced included community engagement events, attending Head Start classes to engage young children, teaching street law curriculum at St. Helens High School, “good behavior citations” for youth to offer them a reward for safe behavior, among several other Department efforts.

The St. Helens Police Department thanks him for his dedicated service to his team, his city, and his community.



As Chief Moss retired, Lieutenant Joe Hogue served his city and community as acting Chief for six (6) weeks while the hiring process was finalized for bringing on board a new Chief of Police.



Chief Brian Greenway was sworn in on August 15, 2018. Chief Greenway is a retired captain from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department where he proudly served the Las Vegas community for 25 years. His final assignment was the Bureau Commander for the Gang/Vice Bureau. Chief Greenway had numerous duties within the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the St. Helens community. While working in Las Vegas, Chief Greenway received several awards and commendations. He was recognized nationally for implementing a school safety program that concentrated on reducing school violence and making the learning environment a safer place.

He also served as an incident commander at the Las Vegas Mandalay Bay Hotel mass shooting in October 2017.

Chief Greenway was a Commander in a very diverse population and worked to bridge a healthy relationship between the police and

community. He believes that a robust community-oriented policing program will help reduce crime and improve quality-of-life issues in a city. He has experience working with volunteer groups, community organizations, faith-based groups, business groups, as well as government and other law enforcement entities.

During his time with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, he was a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Ice Hockey Team and was a board member of the Guns and Hoses nonprofit committee which concentrated on giving back to various community groups in need.

Chief Greenway is a veteran of the United States Army and served as a police officer in Illinois prior to working for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy Session-243. He holds an associate's degree from Central Texas College in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma.

PROMOTIONS

Officer Evin Eustice broadened his service and dedication by accepting a promotion to the rank of Sergeant in June of 2018. Sgt. Eustice is a graduate of Gresham High School. He attended Oregon State University before graduating from Western Oregon in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. He has worked for the Marion County Jail, Forest Grove Police Department, and Beaverton Police Department. He was sworn in as a patrol officer for St. Helens Police Department on July 20, 2016.



Officer Seann Leudke was sworn in with the St. Helens Police Department in 2017; and in 2018 was granted the commission of School Resource Officer. With the addition of SRO Leudke our Department now has two (2) School Resource Officers available to the St. Helens School District.

Officer Luedke has an Intermediate Police Officer Certificate from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). He has an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Pioneer Pacific College and is a St. Helens resident.



In September of 2019, Officer Jon Eggers will have been with the St. Helens Police Department for 20 years. During 2018, Officer Eggers took over as the Department's K-9 handler, working with our K-9 Officer Ryder.

St. Helens police K-9s and their handlers must attend and pass a 10-week academy held by the Portland Police Bureau before they can officially go on patrol as a K-9 unit. The academy tests a dog's workability, obedience, tracking, and bite work. The K-9 and handler must meet all the standards established by the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA) before they are certified to start field work.

Ryder is a purebred German Shepherd that the St. Helens Police Department acquired on August 23, 2016. Ryder is the St. Helens Police Department's fifth K-9 officer. He replaced former K-9 Officer Lycos who retired from service in November 2014.





Officer Adam Hartless expanded his service to our community when he pivoted from Code Enforcement Officer to Police Officer by promotion in September of 2018. Officer Hartless is an Oregon native that graduated from Centennial High School in Gresham, Oregon. He served as a cadet with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) from 2007-2012.

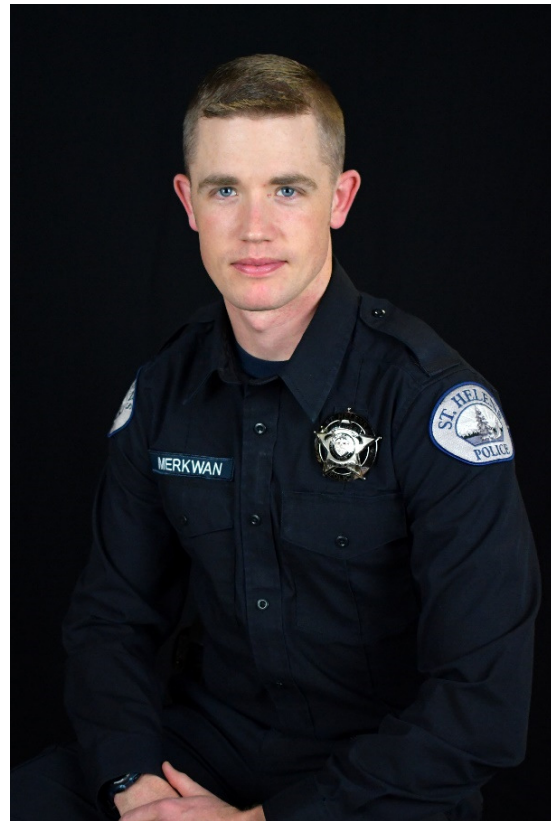
NEW HIRES



Officer Bryan Cutright was sworn in on February 7, 2018. He is a St. Helens local who graduated from St. Helens High School in 2004. He obtained his associate's degree from Lower Columbia Community College before serving as a military police officer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2009-2012. Officer Cutright currently coaches football for St. Helens High School.

He previously served with our Department in 2016 before working as a dispatcher at the Columbia 911 Communications District.

Officer Elijah Merkwan started as a reserve police officer with our Department, serving with us from March 2014 to April 2015 before he moved to Prineville to work on a family ranch. Officer Merkwan recently returned to Columbia County and we are pleased to welcome him back to our Department as a sworn police officer. He was sworn in on April 18, 2018 and graduated from the Police Academy later in the year.





Officer Kolten Edwards was sworn in on November 7, 2018. Officer Edwards graduated from St. Helens High School and received his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho where he studied criminology, military science, and communications. He was a graduate of the 2015 St. Helens Reserve Academy, interned with the St. Helens Police Department, and was a reserve deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. He was then hired as a deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and, most recently, as a patrol officer with the Scappoose Police Department.

Code Enforcement Officer Marimar Moreno joined our Department in October to fill the position left by Officer Hartless. Marimar Moreno attended Pioneer Pacific College and is bilingual in Spanish and English. She previously worked at Salem Pediatric Clinic. She was a pediatric volunteer at the Salem Hospital and volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club teaching soccer to third and fourth graders.





Brianne Mares started working with Columbia Community Mental Health (CCMH) in 2011 as a prevention specialist intern. Before transitioning to her current role as C.I.T. Coordinator, her job included working with community members and Columbia County school districts in the areas of substance abuse, problem gambling, and suicide prevention. As C.I.T. Coordinator, Mares routinely works with CCMH and community partners to host 40-hour training programs for law enforcement officers to teach best practices for responding to mental health crisis calls.

Tia Sharp joined the Department in September of 2018 as a part-time Police Records Specialist. A Records Specialist assures the orderly and compliant maintenance of official records. Tia graduated from St. Helens High School, Portland Community College, and then Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. She speaks English, Spanish, and Russian. She has a professional background in business and social work program management, and an academic background in civic engagement.





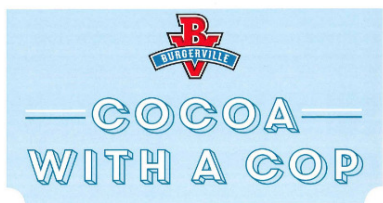
The 4th annual St. Helens Police Department Reserve Academy produced two (2) active reserve officers for our team. Terry Massey (left) and Brian Hergistad (right) were sworn on June 20, 2018.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The St. Helens Police Department continues its tradition of community involvement by sharing its staff in a number of ways that support other groups and charitable organizations. In 2018, officers engaged the community through a long list of events.



COCOA WITH A COP - In March, the Police Department hosted “Cocoa with a Cop” at the St. Helens Burgerville. Modeled after the popular “Coffee with a Cop” events, “Cocoa with a Cop” provides a unique opportunity for community members, particularly children, to meet with police officers, to ask questions and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa in a relaxed setting.



LEMONADE WITH THE

LAW - In August, the Police Department hosted “Lemonade with the Law” at the St. Helens Burgerville. Newly sworn-in St. Helens Police Chief Brian Greenway attended this event for his first meet and greet with the community.

There is no agenda, speeches, or specific topic at Lemonade with the Law. It is a chance for community members, families, and business owners to enjoy a free lemonade while they ask questions, discuss issues, and get to know the new police chief and St. Helens officers in a relaxed setting.





LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN - Members of local law enforcement agencies, dispatchers, and Special Olympic athletes and their families carry the Flame of Hope through Columbia County each year in support of Special Olympics Oregon and the State Games that are held annually.

The mission of Special Olympics Oregon is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.



CITIZENS DAY IN THE PARK - In August, the City held the second annual Citizens Day in the Park at McCormick Park in St. Helens. The day is about disconnecting from technology and getting outside to meet your neighbors and enjoy the City's biggest park. The day includes a car show, free barbeque, music, lawn games, and booths from various community organizations.



YOUTH CITATION PROGRAM - St. Helens officers issue citations to youth spotted doing good deeds around the city of St. Helens. If someone is “ticketed” by an officer, he or she receives a pizza citation that request the youth’s appearance at Sunshine Pizza for a pizza party with officers. Pizza citations are issued for anything from wearing a bicycle helmet to using a crosswalk or helping an adult in need of assistance. During each campaign, the St. Helens Police Department aims to ticket up to 100 youth for acts of good behavior. 2018 was our second round of the program which culminated in a Pizza party on September 16, 2018.



2018 LIPSYNC BATTLE - In 2018, an internet challenge went viral where law enforcement agencies across the county posted a video of their officers lip syncing a song and would then challenge other law enforcement agencies to post their own video. The St. Helens Police Department accepted the challenge issued to them by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and posted the St. Helens PD's Lipsync Battle video on July 10, 2018 using Whitesnake's "Here I Go Again." The video received 724,000 views, 14,000 likes, 1,700 comments and was shared 18,562 times. It was also featured on several Portland-Metro and national TV and media platforms.

The video featured Lt. Hogue, Officers Cutright, Coy, Boswell, Eggers, Gaston, Thompson, Police K-9 Ryder, Detective King, School Resource Officers Luedke and Howell, Code Enforcement Officer Hartless, and CIT Coordinator Mares.



TRUNK OR TREAT- On Halloween, the Police Department hosted a “Trunk-or-Treat” Cruise-In in the Department garage. Trunk-or-Treat provides a safe and friendly environment for families to enjoy Halloween fun at the local police station. Local businesses, community organizations, and individuals set up car trunks and booths and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters and/or offer activities in which children may participate and learn about programs available to them in the community.





This year's Trunk-or-Treat hosted roughly 625 citizens and children for spooky, fun, and engaging holiday activities.



DONUT DAY - Donut Day is an annual tradition at the Police Department that allows people to trade their canned and non-perishable food items or cash for fresh Krispy Kreme donuts. The fundraiser is hosted at the St. Helens police station, and several other Columbia County law enforcement agencies host their own Donut Day event on the same day. The St. Helens event includes other family activities, such as the opportunity to take holiday pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live music performed throughout the day by local musicians and groups, a live broadcast onsite by KOHI AM 1600, and free coffee and cocoa courtesy of Dutch Bros.



Donut Day has become one of the largest single-day food collection events for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. In 2018, the St. Helens Police Department's 16th Annual Donut Day collected 2,521 pounds of food and \$2,800 in cash. Over 16 years of Donut Days the department has collected over 50,000+ pounds of food and over \$40,000 in cash donations.



DEPARTMENT MEMBERS



Chief of Police Brian Greenway

Serving St. Helens since August 13, 2018



Police Lieutenant Joe Hogue

Serving St. Helens since September 1, 2003



Police Sergeant Matthew Molden

Serving St. Helens since October 21, 1999



Police Sergeant Jose Castilleja

Serving St. Helens since August 6, 2007



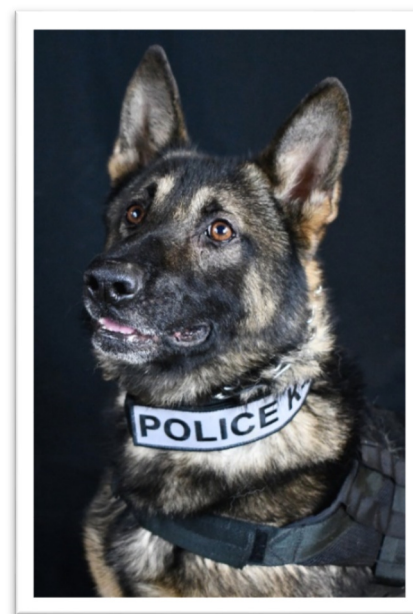
Police Sergeant Evin Eustice

Serving St. Helens since August 2, 2016



Police Officer Jon Eggers

Serving St. Helens since September 13, 1999



Police K-9 Officer Ryder

Serving St. Helens since August 23, 2016



School Resource Officer Jeremy Howell

Serving St. Helens since October 3, 2004



Police Officer Dylan Gaston

Serving St. Helens since June 3, 2015



Police Officer Jamin Coy

Serving St. Helens since July 15, 2015



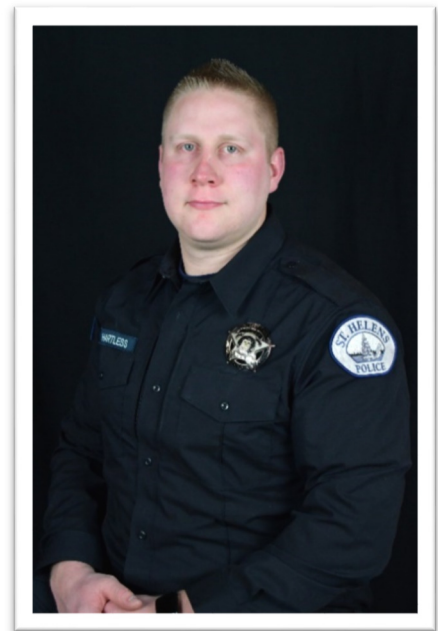
Criminal Detective Dustin King

Serving St. Helens since November 2, 2015



School Resource Officer Sean Leudke

Serving St. Helens since February 22, 2017



Police Officer Adam Hartless

Serving St. Helens since April 3, 2017



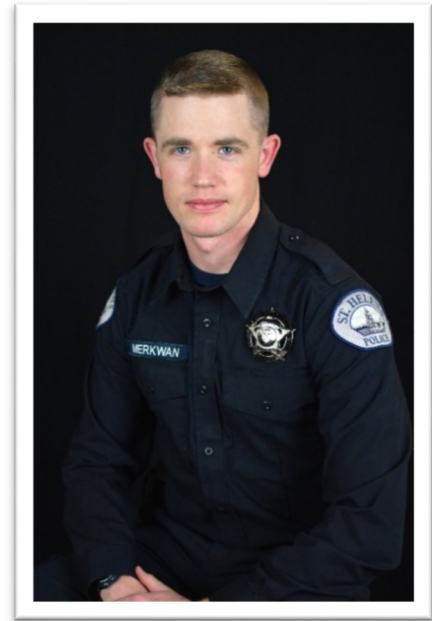
Police Officer Anthony Boswell

Serving St. Helens since April 10, 2017



Police Officer Bryan Cutright

Serving St. Helens since February 7, 2018



Police Officer Elijah Merkwan

Serving St. Helens since April 18, 2018



Police Officer Kolten Edwards

Serving St. Helens since November 5, 2018



Code Enforcement Officer Marimar Moreno

Serving St. Helens since October 16, 2018



Police Support Specialist Malinda Duran

Serving St. Helens since January 5, 2004



Police Records Specialist Tia Sharp

Serving St. Helens since September 5, 2018

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The members of the St. Helens Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank our City leaders and the citizens of this community for their continued support. The relationships shared by this Department are vital to our efforts of preventing crime and to our mission of creating a safe community.

2018 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Rick Scholl

CITY COUNCILORS

Doug Morten (Council President)

Keith Locke (Police Commissioner)

Susan Conn

Ginny Carlson

CITY OF ST. HELENS STAFF

John Walsh (City Administrator)

Crystal Farnsworth (Communications Officer)

