

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



2011 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

“The mission of the Newport Police Department is to consistently invest available resources toward our City’s reputation as a safe place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.”

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Message from the Chief

February 14, 2012



I am pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report for the Newport Police Department. In the first three months of the year, members of the Department were faced with several major incidents. An officer in Lincoln City was shot during a traffic stop. Newport officers spotted the suspect coming into Newport, and a high speed chase ensued. The suspect fired upon our officers, but fortunately only our vehicles were hit by the bullets. The suspect crashed his vehicle in Waldport, and fled on foot. This started several days of a full-scale manhunt involving many law enforcement agencies. The suspect has not been found; he is presumed to be dead.

Japan experienced a major earthquake that resulted in a tsunami heading for the Oregon coast. Due to the distance of the oncoming tsunami, the Newport Police Department was able to mobilize, along with other emergency service agencies, to notify

and evacuate residents. Fortunately the tsunami damage by-passed Newport and struck north of here and in southern Oregon. Many lessons were learned during this event, and measures are being taken to be more prepared for the next tsunami.

The beginning of 2011 also included an officer involved shooting that occurred in Newport. Newport officers and deputies from the Sheriff's Office were confronted by a violent individual. A deputy had to shoot the subject to prevent him from attacking a Newport officer. The suspect survived, and the officer avoided injury.

At the end of 2011 Newport Police Detectives were faced with a "who-done-it" in which a potential victim was missing, causing concern for her welfare. Mobilizing the Lincoln County Major Crime Team, including the FBI, detectives were able to track the victim to Redding, California. A week after she was reported missing, the Redding Police Department located her and brought her to safety. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody by the Redding Police Department. He is awaiting trial for charges in Newport and California.

This last year the Newport Police Volunteers made significant contributions to the Department and the community. These 28 citizen volunteers have been extremely busy helping with traffic and crowd control

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at all of the major events in Newport. A few of the projects with which they have been involved include:

- Development of the Incident Response Vehicle
- Bailiff duties for the Newport Municipal Court
- Assistance with the Oregon Special Olympics Torch Run
- Assistance with purging evidence in preparation for disposal
- Enforcement of disabled parking violations in Newport
- Reconstruction of a radar reader board
- Construction of a trailer for emergency traffic control signs
- A traffic survey for the Public Works Department
- Assistance with “Shop with a Cop” for disadvantaged children during the Christmas season

Overall, our Newport Police Volunteers donated more than 4,100 hours of their time in 2011. The value for this time totals more than \$87,000.00. I am proud of our Volunteers, and of all they have done for the community. The 2011 City of Newport Alma B. Howe Volunteer Service recognition was awarded to Barbara and Wayde Dudley, two very active Newport Police Volunteers.

Two individuals joined the Department this year as police officers. Brad Purdom, who has local ties, came to us from the professional baseball umpire organization. Dan Miller, who was certified as an officer, came to us from the Oakridge Police Department. We are happy to have both of them on board. We are still not at full staffing, however. We have two police officer openings, one of which has been frozen due to budget. That particular opening was for our LINT (Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team) detective. We have some participation with LINT, but hope to get a full time detective back in place in the future.

There have been several other personnel changes this year. Long time member Jason Malloy was promoted to Lieutenant, replacing Lt. Dave Teem. Ken Real was promoted to sergeant, taking the position vacated by Lt. Malloy. Officer T. J. Eriksen left the Department for other adventures. Officer Keith Garrett replaced him as our Canine Handler.

After more than a decade of availability, the Ford Motor Company elected to no longer manufacture the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle. This car has been widely used across the nation; all of our patrol fleet has been comprised of these police cars. There is no other similar-sized vehicle on the market. From the options of several mid-sized cars, we selected the Dodge Charger as our new patrol vehicle. Although the Charger has been around only for about four years, many of the problems associated with a new style of car have been resolved. We obtained the “police package” which has a heavy duty suspension,

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heavy duty alternator, and other functional parts designed to take the hard use experienced by police cars. Family cars cannot hold up to the constant starting and stopping, as well as the continuous use of police cars.

We have obtained three new Dodge Chargers for our fleet. They look sharp, and they look like they can go fast. They can; however, they do not have the V-8 Hemi engine that can enable top speeds of 140+ miles per hour. We decided that the V-6 engine was adequate for our purposes. The Dodge Charger is quick, and it also has good fuel economy.

Social media has been and continues to be an integral part of our society. The Newport Police Department, with the guidance of Records Clerk Kit O'Carra, has been able to maintain an interactive web site (www.newportpolice.net) and an up-to-date Facebook page. These communication tools help keep Newport residents apprised of what is happening in their community and with the Police Department. We also continue to use Nixle (www.nixle.com) to send out alerts for hazardous situations or general community-based information.

For 2012, the Newport Police Department is pursuing accreditation with the Oregon Accreditation Alliance. The accreditation concept has been described as unique to the United States, emphasizing a voluntary, self-motivated approach by which organizations seek to achieve, objectively verify, and maintain high quality in their operations through periodic evaluations conducted by an independent, non-governmental body that has established high standards for its "clientele."

The members of the Newport Police Department continually strive to improve operations and performance. We take to heart the Mission Statement of the Department. We continue to commit to help make Newport a great place to live.

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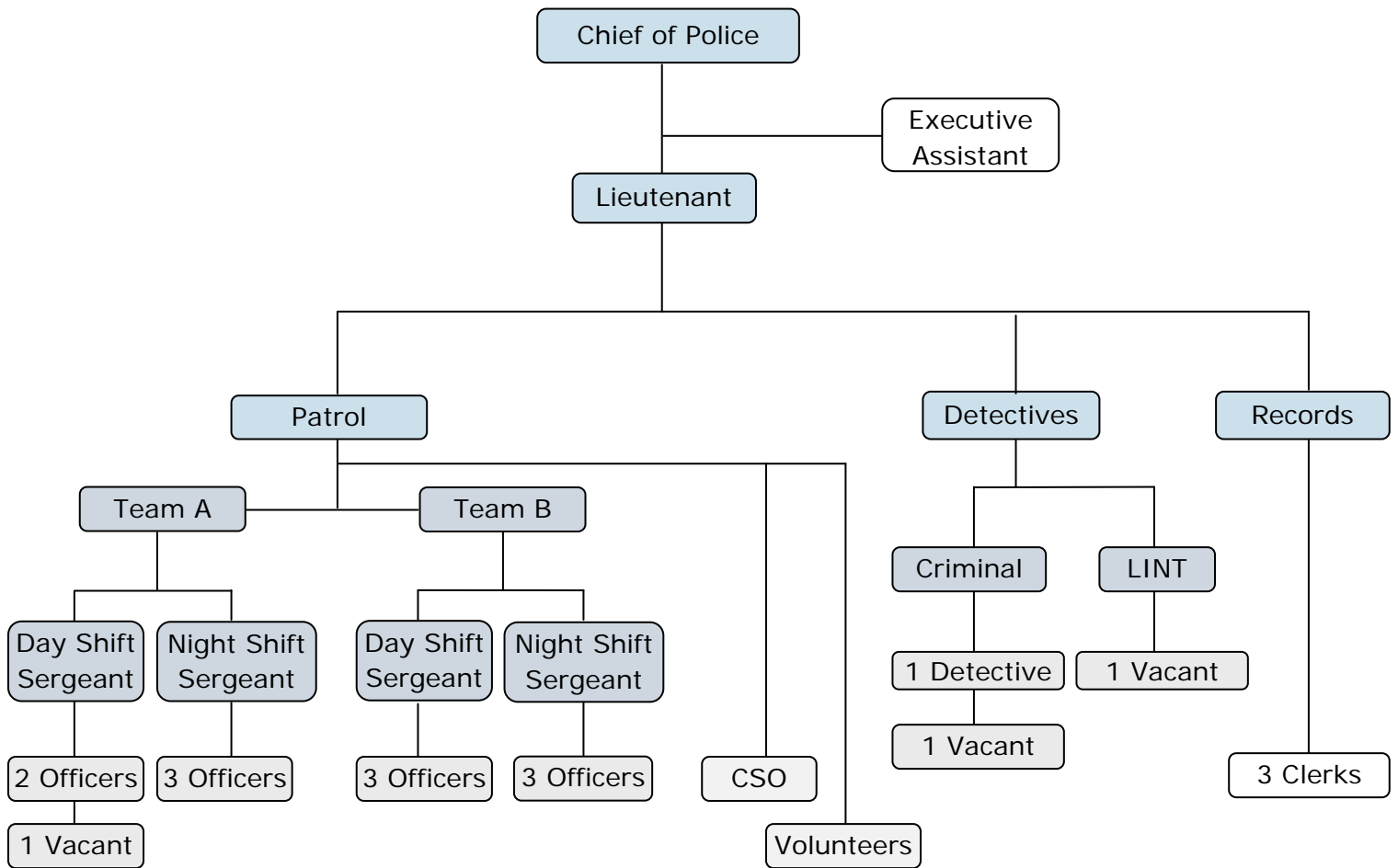


Mark J. Miranda
Chief of Police

Personnel

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING YOU SINCE
Mark Miranda	Chief of Police	2003
Jason Malloy	Lieutenant	1994
Tony Garbarino	Patrol Sergeant	1987
Tom Simpson	Patrol Sergeant	1990
Todd Sarazin	Patrol Sergeant	1993
Ken Real	Patrol Sergeant	2005
Kathleen Palmer	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2004
INVESTIGATIONS		
Brent Gainer	Detective	2007
PATROL DIVISION		
Steve Kittson	Patrol Officer	1989
Jerry Howe	Patrol Officer	1989
Tyson Haynes	Patrol Officer	1999
Dustin Kittel	Community Service Officer	2000
Rick Auburn	Patrol Officer	2005
Kraig Mitchell	Patrol Officer	2005
Andy Ashpole	Patrol Officer	2007
Barry Macy	Patrol Officer	2007
Mitch France	Patrol Officer	2008
Thomas Lekas	Patrol Officer	2008
Keith Garrett	Patrol Officer/Canine Handler	2008
Brad Purdom	Patrol Officer	2011
Dan Miller	Patrol Officer	2011
Eyan	K-9	2008
RECORDS DIVISION		
Pam Johnson	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence Custodian	2001
Janice Archuleta	Records Clerk	2005
Kit O'Carra	Records Clerk/NPD Webmaster	2008

Organizational Chart

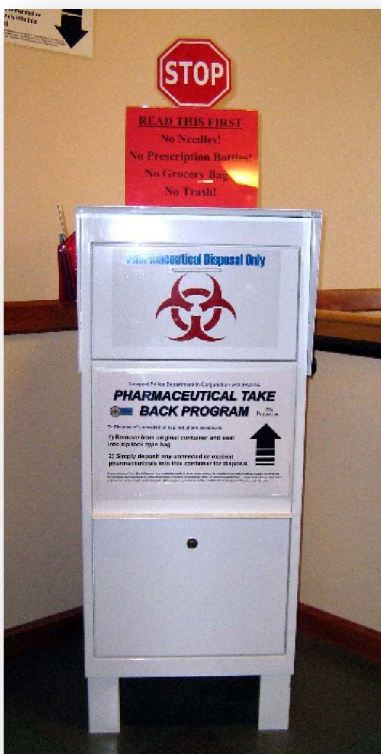


Total Personnel		
	Authorized	Actual
Sworn	20	19
Civilian	5	5
Volunteers	40	27
Overall Total	65	51

Pharmaceutical Disposal Program

The Pharmaceutical Take Back Program Continues to be Successful!

In January 2010, the Newport Police Department began providing the Pharmaceutical Disposal Program as a public service for proper disposal of expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals. The Newport Police Department, with the support of the Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PAADA), and the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Committee (APARC), placed a Pharmaceutical Disposal Collection Box in the Police Department lobby in City Hall.



The contents of the collection box are removed periodically and disposed of for a minimal fee at an authorized site. Drugs collected from the Newport Police Department disposal site in 2010 totaled 356 pounds. In 2011, the total drugs collected for disposal increased to 396 pounds.

Prior to the Disposal Program taking effect, citizens with unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals had no method of disposing of them, other than to place them into the sanitary sewer system or into their trash. The Newport Police Department recognizes that maintaining unused pharmaceuticals in the home creates a risk of abuse by unauthorized adults, or by children who may gain access to dangerous drugs. The Pharmaceutical Take Back Program offers an environmentally-correct alternative to flushing pills or medicinal liquids into the sewer system. The program operates year round, and accepts all legally prescribed medications, including those defined as controlled substances. Only a Law Enforcement Agency is authorized by the Federal Government to collect and dispose of unused controlled substances.

The Newport Police Department encourages people with unused or unwanted drugs of any kind to utilize this important service. Deposit prescription or over-the-counter drugs intended for humans or animals in the pharmaceutical drop box at their Police Department. The Toledo and the Lincoln City Police Departments also partner with PAADA and APARC, and have collection boxes in their lobbies.

Together we can make our community a safer place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.

National Crime Clock

	One Person Victimized by Overall Crime	Every 1.6 seconds
	One Burglary	Every 14.3 seconds
	One Child Abused or Neglected	Every 35 seconds
	One Aggravated Assault	Every .07 minutes
	One Rape	Every 4.2 minutes
	One Motor Vehicle Theft	Every .07 minutes
	One Robbery	Every 1.3 minutes
	One Homicide	Every 35 minutes
	One Drunk Driving Fatality	Every 48.5 minutes
	One Hate Crime	Every 68 minutes
	One Identity Fraud	Every 2.9 seconds
	One Stalking	Every 9.3 seconds

2011 statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of National Center for Victims of Crime.

Overview

This annual report provides an overview of crime within our community. There are many things that contribute to the crime rate including, but not limited to:

- Changes in population
- Economy
- Unemployment rate
- Failure to report crime

Preventing crime and providing the highest quality of life is at the forefront of the Newport Police Department's mission each day.

Violent crimes consist of: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault.

Property crimes consist of: Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

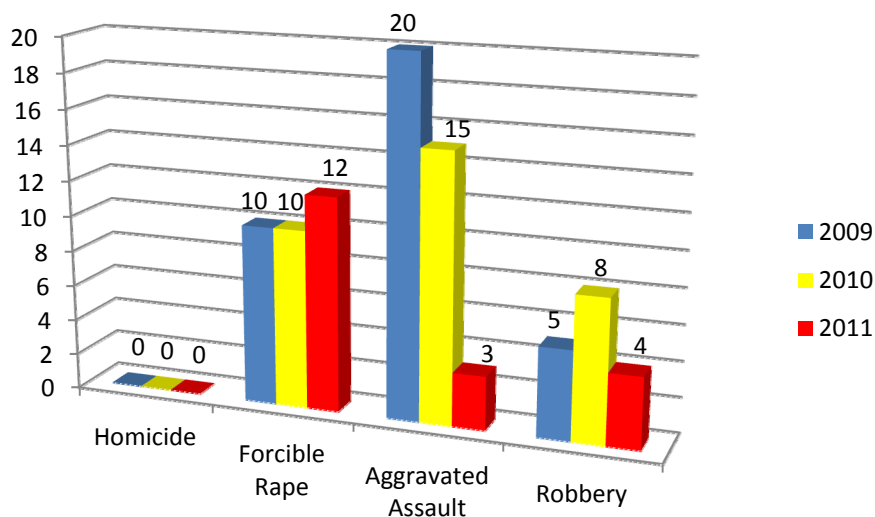
Uniform crime reporting is a collective effort on the part of law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime. Agencies throughout the country participating in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program provide summarized reports on "Part I" offenses known to law enforcement, and reports on persons arrested. For the most part, agencies submit crime reports monthly to a centralized crime records facility within their state. The state UCR Program then forwards the data, using uniform offense definitions, to the FBI's national UCR Program. The FBI compiles, publishes, and distributes the data to participating agencies, state UCR Programs and others interested in the Nation's crime data. The statistics presented on the following pages represent Newport in 2011.



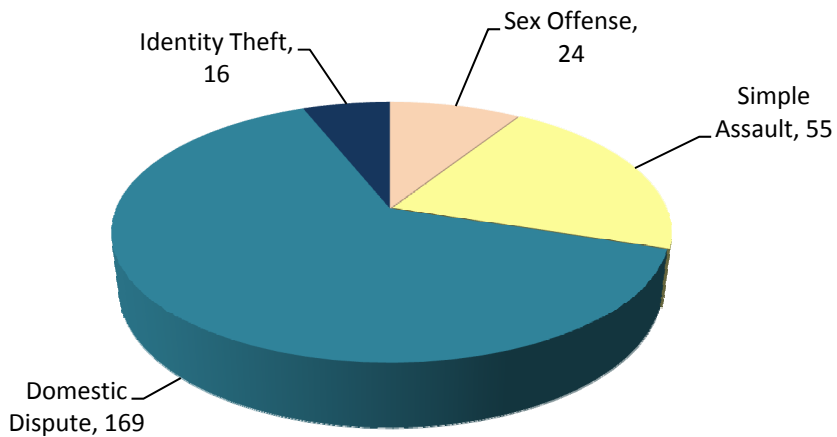
Violent Crimes

The following tables provide the total number of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes reported in Newport for the past three years:

VIOLENT CRIME			
	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	10	10	12
Aggravated Assault	20	15	3
Robbery	5	8	4
Total Violent Crime	35	33	19

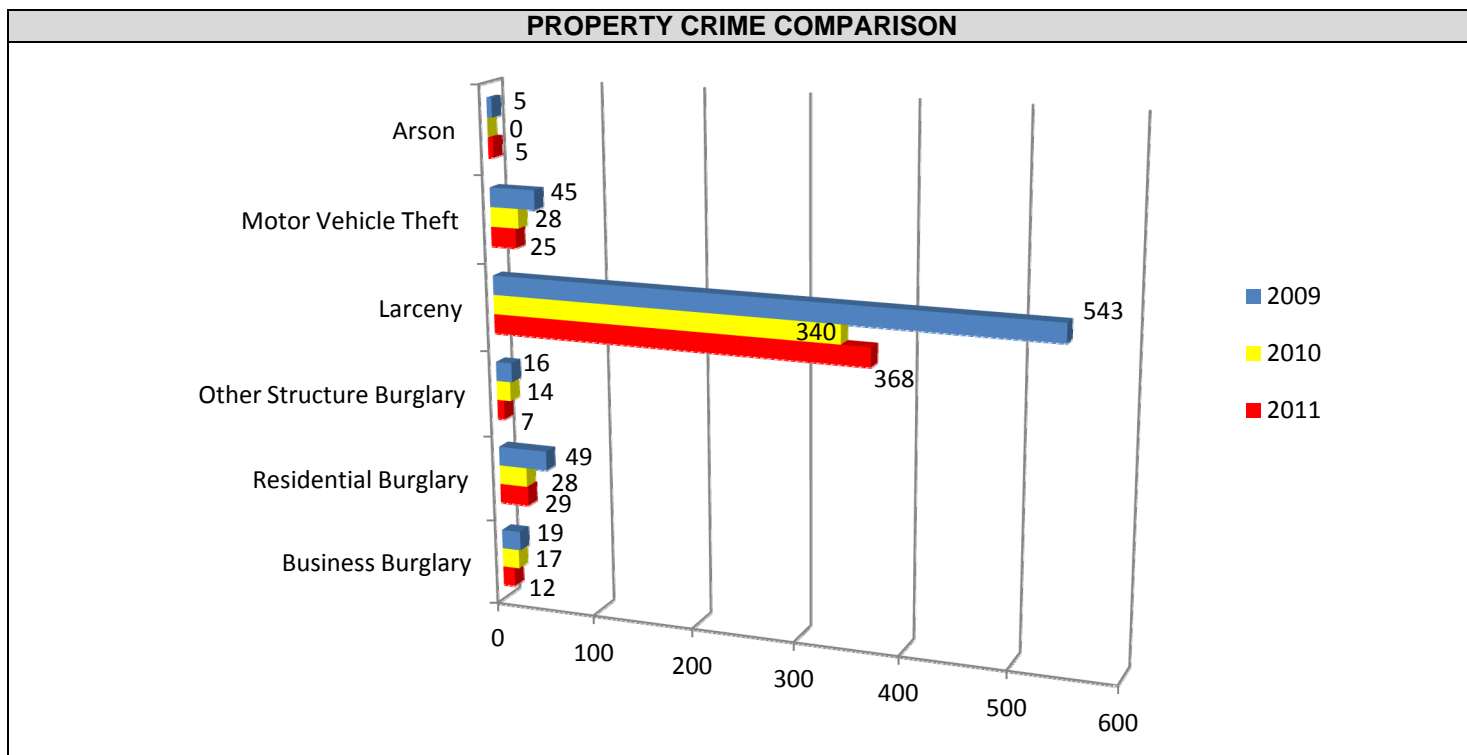


Other Crimes Against Persons	
Sex Offense	24
Simple Assault	55
Domestic Dispute	169
Identity Theft	16



Property Crimes

The property crime index includes burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Larceny/theft is the most common crime in this index, accounting for more than 82.5 percent of all property crimes including shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, and theft from motor vehicles.



PROPERTY CRIME			
	2009	2010	2011
Business Burglary	19	17	12
Residential Burglary	49	28	29
Other Structure Burglary	16	14	7
Larceny	543	340	368
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	28	25
Arson	5	0	5
Total Property Crime	677	427	446

OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2011	
Fraud	17
Vandalism	84
Trespass	65

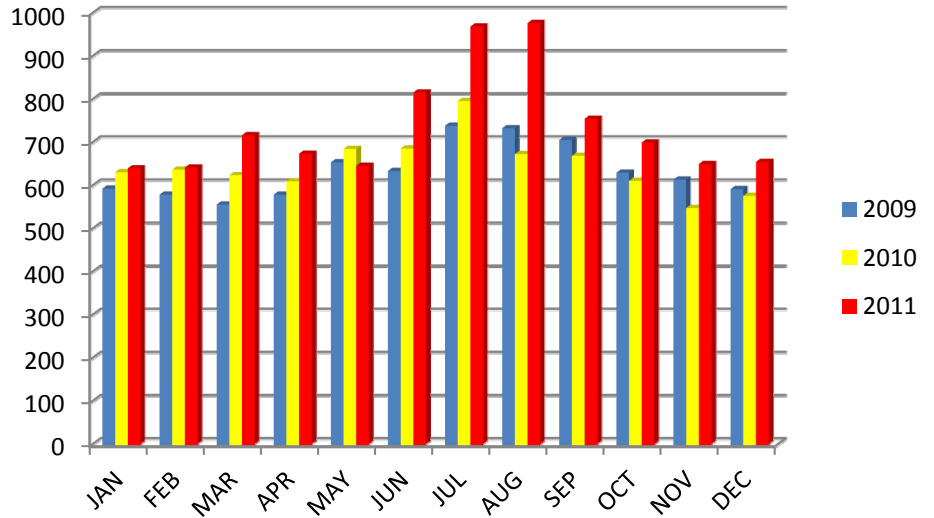


Calls for Service

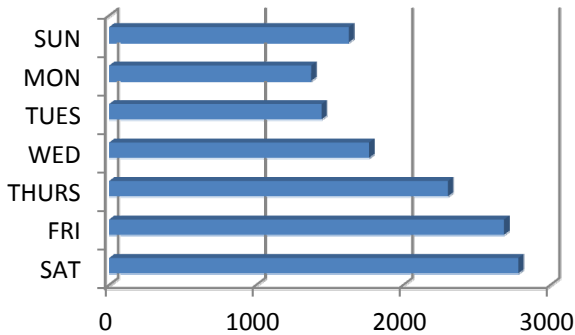
The charts and graphs below indicate how calls for service vary by month, day of week, and time of day.

	2009	2010	2011
JAN	592	630	639
FEB	578	636	641
MAR	555	623	716
APR	578	609	673
MAY	653	684	645
JUN	633	685	815
JUL	738	795	968
AUG	732	672	976
SEP	705	668	754
OCT	629	610	699
NOV	613	547	649
DEC	591	575	654
TOTAL	7,597	7,734	8,829

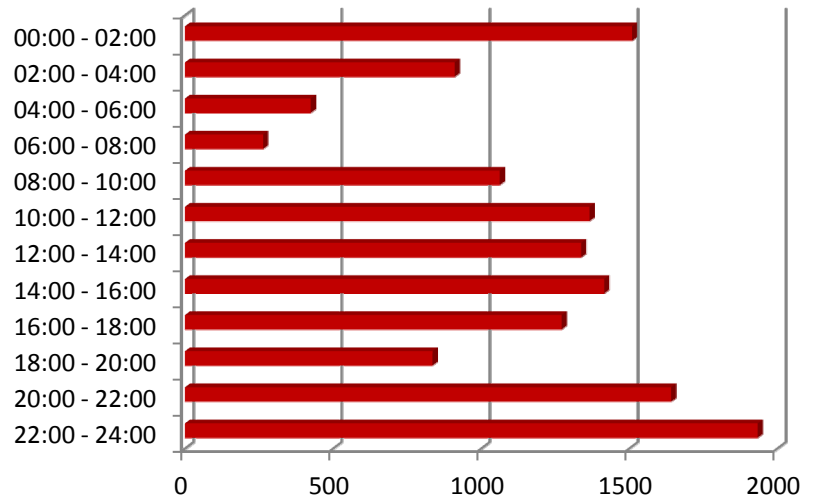
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH



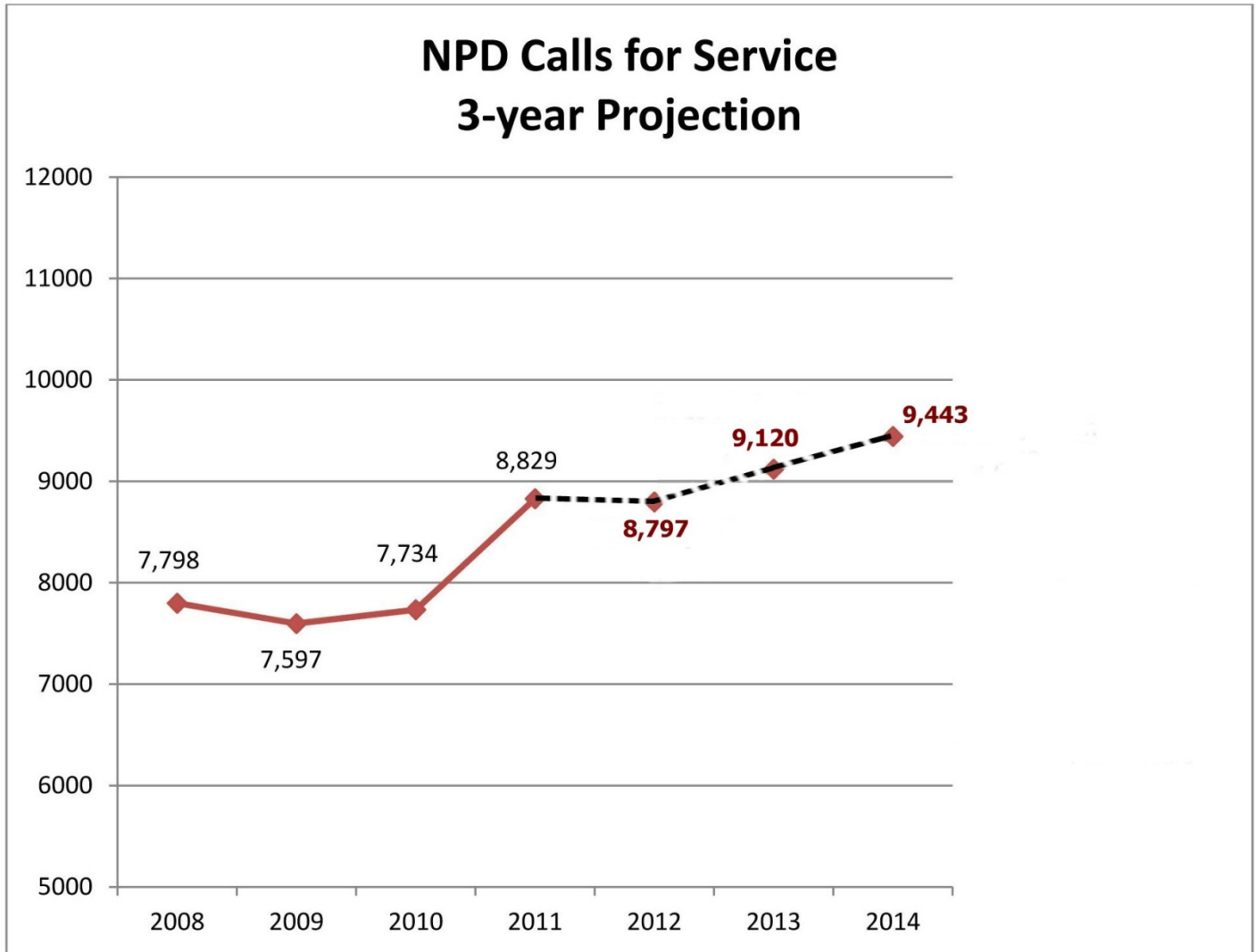
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TIME OF DAY



Calls for Service



Based on Trend Analysis calculations, Calls for Service in Newport are projected to increase in the coming years.

Average Time Spent Per Event

AVERAGE TIME SPENT BY OFFICERS PER EVENT	
Event Type	Average Time (Minutes)
Abandoned 911 Call	16
Abuse/Elder	27
Abuse/Neglect of Minor	47
Alarm	14
Assault	82
Assist Agency - Outside	108
Assist Citizen	16
Assist Lincoln City PD	62
Assist Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	72
Assist Medical	20
Assist Oregon State Police	13
Assist Toledo PD	43
Assist Vehicle	9
Attempt to Locate	31
Bad Checks	17
Bomb Threat	228
Burglary in Progress	62
Burglary Report	215
Camping Complaint	13
Car Clout	37
Criminal Mischief	43
Criminal Trespass	37
Custodial Interference	32
Disorderly Conduct	30
Dispute	30
Disturbance	47
Domestic Disturbance	96
Driving Complaint	22
Driving Under the Influence	184
Drug Activity	29
Extra Patrol Request	3
Fight in Progress	47
Fire	10
Found Property	43
Fraud/Forgery	27
Game Violation	21
Gunshot Wound	234
Harassment Complaint	56
Hazardous Materials Incident	37
Hit & Run	102
Illegal Fireworks	12
Injured Person, non-specific	46
Intoxicated Person	27

AVERAGE TIME SPENT BY OFFICERS PER EVENT	
Event Type	Average Time (Minutes)
Juvenile Problem	44
Kidnap/Abduction	99
Liquor Violation	18
Located Missing Person	33
Lost Property	22
Menacing	284
Mental Subject	75
Minor in Possession	32
Missing Person	63
Noise Complaint	42
Offensive Littering	19
Overdose	151
Overdue Motorist	64
Parking Problems	11
Possible DUII	36
Prowler	33
Rape	251
Reckless Driving	56
Recovered Stolen Property	20
Robbery	52
Runaway Juvenile	74
Search Warrant Execution	798
Sex Offenses	34
Shots Fired Calls	50
Stalking Complaint	66
Suicide Attempt	85
Surf/Water Rescue	178
Suspicious Circumstances	59
Theft	86
Threats	246
Traffic Collision/Injury	49
Traffic Collision/Non-injury	42
Traffic Collision/Pedestrian	67
Traffic Stop	9
Unattended Death	209
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	95
Unwanted Subject	31
Vehicle Tow	101
Violation of Restraining Order	187
Wanted Person Information	40
Warrant Arrest	34
Weapon Complaint	20
Welfare Check	197

Arrests

DRUG CHARGES			
	2009	2010	2011
Heroin	3	12	7
Cocaine	0	6	1
Methamphetamine	15	26	14
Marijuana	62	58	60
Other Drugs	25	11	4

DUII CHARGES		
2009	2010	2011
144	107	85

ARRESTS BY GENDER – ADULT & JUVENILE			
	2009	2010	2011
Adult Male	651	506	453
Adult Female	181	135	159
Juvenile Male	79	64	40
Juvenile Female	47	28	29

ARREST COMPARISON BY MONTH			
	2009	2010	2011
January	123	58	54
February	111	52	51
March	90	43	47
April	107	51	54
May	129	73	47
June	58	63	71
July	66	103	59
August	62	75	66
September	63	58	44
October	71	60	70
November	81	41	50
December	69	56	69
Total	1,030	733	681



MINORS IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR/TOBACCO			
	2009	2010	2011
Male	29	42	26
Female	18	21	12
Total	47	63	38



K-9 Team

In September 2011, Officer T. J. Eriksen, who initiated the Drug Canine program with the Newport Police Department in 2008, accepted another position in another city. His replacement as Canine Handler is Officer Keith Garrett, a three-year veteran of the Department.



The Newport Police Department was awarded a federal grant in August 2008 which, supplemented by donations, allowed the Department to purchase the dog and related equipment. On November 7, 2008 Eyan flew from the Czech Republic to Portland. He and Officer Eriksen then traveled to Riverside, California for their initial training, returning to Oregon just before Christmas.

A minor surgical procedure took Eyan out of service for two weeks, but on his first night back on patrol in his new K-9 vehicle, Eyan made an arrest after locating meth inside a truck. That find led to our legal ability to identify the passengers, taking one into custody on a felony arrest warrant.

Police canine certification allows the team of officer and canine to conduct searches, as appropriate under the law, and utilize the findings in court. Canine teams must maintain their certification through annual testing. Eyan is well known throughout the State, and is very active in the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA). Eyan has consistently passed the rigorous Oregon certifications standards with a 100% score, as he did while testing for his National Certification with the National Police Canine Association. When the Newport Police Department hosted the 2010 OPCA Spring Seminar, Eyan passed the certification test with a 100% score, while other dogs were struggling for a passing score.

Since Eyan became certified more than two and a-half years ago, he has been deployed 231 times, and linked to 147 arrests. In comparison, the average number of arrests made by NPD officers during the same time period was 106. Eyan has been used by numerous agencies in Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, and Benton Counties. Eyan directly assisted in the seizure of more than \$80,000 of drug money. He has successfully detected every drug he's trained to locate, which includes Meth, Marijuana, Cocaine (crack and regular), and Heroin. Eyan, and Officers Eriksen and Garrett made numerous presentations to community organizations, from the Newport Senior Center and Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce to the Ocean

K-9 Team

Spray Community Center and the Lincoln County Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees. During the past two years, the Newport Police Department K-9 team partnered with the Lincoln County School District to conduct multiple routine and preventative drug searches of schools. Eyan has been a welcomed guest at our area schools.

As the new canine handler, Officer Garrett is working with Eyan to develop a strong working relationship and bond. Garrett is learning to “read” Eyan when they are searching for drugs. Both have been through several weeks of training together. The team of Officer Garrett and Eyan successfully completed specific tasks established by the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA), the certifying authority.

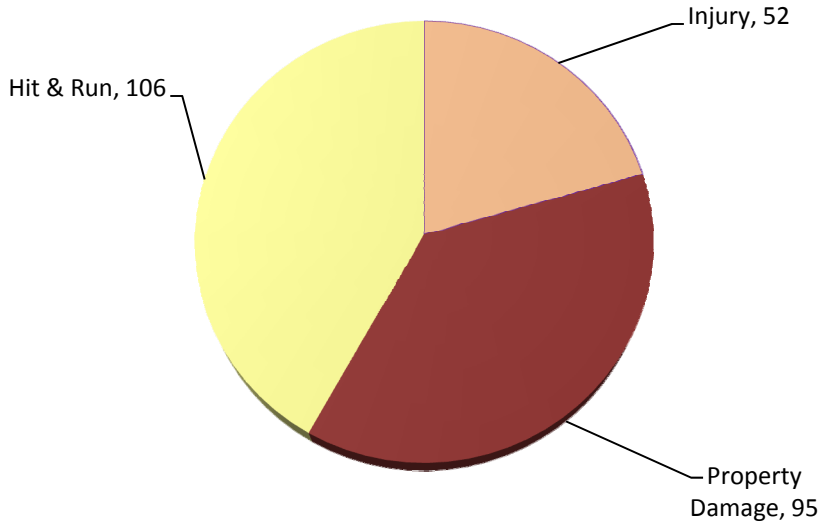
UTILIZATION FOR K-9 UNIT IN 2011	
Utilized for Newport Police Dept.	23
Utilized for School Sweeps	16
Utilized for Other Agencies	29
Presentations	3
Total	71



Officer Keith Garrett and Eyan

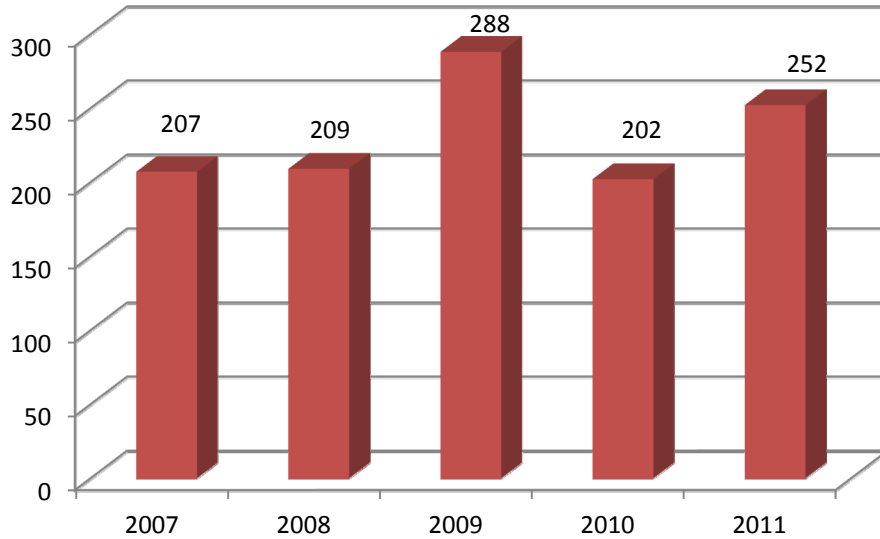
Motor Vehicle Crashes

2011 Motor Vehicle Crashes



2011 MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	
Injury	52
Property Damage	95
Hit & Run	106
Total	253

Trends of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes by Year



Traffic Enforcement

Newport Police Officers issued a total of 1,002 traffic citations in 2011. The Parking Enforcement Officer and Newport Police Department Volunteers issued a total of 1,514 parking citations, which were cited into Newport's Municipal Court.

The Newport Police Department Volunteers program includes a Disabled Parking Enforcement Program, as authorized in the Oregon Revised Statutes. This program is unique in that trained volunteers may take direct enforcement action by issuing citations to parked vehicles that violate Oregon's Disabled Parking laws.



Volunteers receive very specific training from Newport Police Department officers to prepare for this assignment.

Officers and NPD Volunteers also issued 2,028 traffic warnings and 656 parking warnings in 2011.

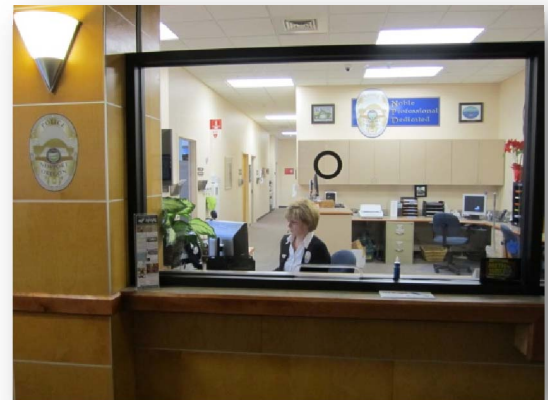
TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITATION CHARGES	
Speeding	172
Driving While Suspended/Revoked	119
Parking in Disabled Space Without Permit	88
No Operators License	69
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	68

PARKING CITATIONS	
Backed Into Angle	142
Displaying Vehicle For Sale	21
Double Parked	7
Facing Traffic	284
Fire Hydrant	11
Handicap Permit	6
Improper Parking	112
Loading Zone	73
No Parking	269
Other	1
Over Time	379
Yellow Zone	141
72 Hour Violation	68
TOTAL	1,514

Support Services

The Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police is responsible for organizing meetings, maintaining confidential records (including internal affairs investigations, security codes and keys), supervising all procurements for the Department, maintaining officer training records, and issuing uniforms, duty gear, and equipment for officers. Additionally, the Executive Assistant conducts criminal background checks on City volunteers, contracted employees, taxi driver permits applicants, and ride-along applicants. The Executive Assistant to the Chief also assists Supervisors in the hiring process for Department positions.

The Records Division is staffed by three Records Clerks, one of which also serves as the Property and Evidence Custodian. Records Clerks are responsible for maintaining the accuracy, integrity, and confidentiality of sensitive information pertaining to the Police Department. Their duties include processing all police reports, data entry, impounded vehicle releases, report dissemination to other agencies, sex offender registration, public information requests, and local record checks. The Records Division processed a total of 3,409 reports in 2011.



The primary duty of the Property and Evidence division is to ensure the proper chain of custody for property and evidence items taken in by the Newport Police Department. In 2011, 3,435 items were taken in as property or evidence.



The Property and Evidence division routinely takes items into custody, stores items, and purges items when they have exceeded the necessary retention periods. Purging or destroying these items involves a lengthy process of researching the status of related case reports, coordinating approval with various Officers, Detectives, Prosecutors and other personnel, researching court dockets, and researching related sentencing information. Destruction of these items must also be in accordance with various local, state, and federal laws.

In 2011, the Newport Police Department began using the services of PropertyRoom.com to auction off unclaimed seized, stolen, and/or found property, netting the City of Newport a total of \$1,189.61 in sales.

Community Service Officer

Responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport, the Community Service Officer attempts to resolve incidents through voluntary compliance, particularly with attractive nuisance violations and abandoned vehicles. He works with members of our community to make Newport a safer and more presentable community for the citizens and visitors to our area.

In 2011, the CSO handled approximately 394 ordinance issues. Of those, 393 issues were resolved by the CSO communicating with the responsible person or business owner, and no further enforcement action was necessary. The CSO issued 47 citations for various Municipal Code violations. Two cases were carried forward from 2008 and 2009, and are continuing to be worked towards completion.

Before



After

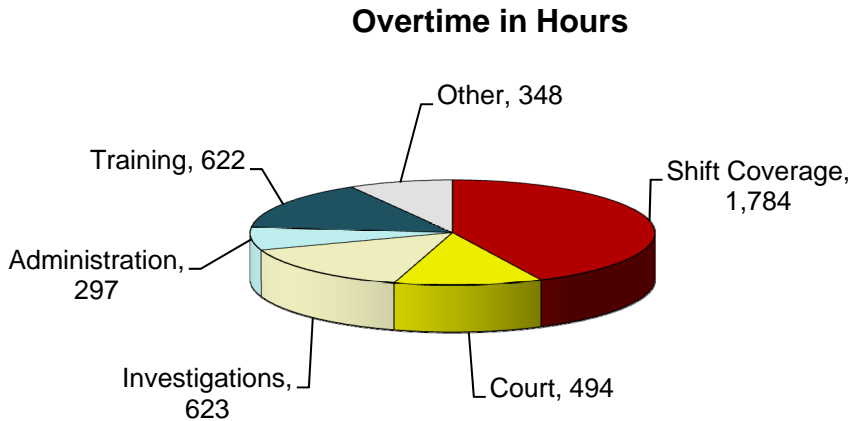


134 abandoned vehicles were resolved by the CSO contacting the registered owners, who then moved the vehicles and were no longer in violation. Thirteen vehicles were impounded after the registered owners did not comply with the CSO's request.



Overtime Hours

NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS	
Shift Coverage	1,784
Court	494
Investigations	623
Administration	297
Training	622
Other	348



Members of the Newport Police Department conduct or are involved in many other activities throughout the year. The following is a sample.

Taxi Driver Licenses Issued	12
Business License Applications	252
OLCC License Application Investigations	9
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	43
Impounded Vehicles	96
Civilian Ride-Alongs	39
City Employee/Volunteer Applicant Background Checks	149
Field Interviews	341
Sex Offender Registrations (including multiple change of address updates)	26
Subpoenas served to officers and citizens	906
Reports Written	3,409
Traffic Stops	4,726

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to be a valuable asset to the Newport Police Department. Organized by a Volunteer Coordinator, these men and women supplement the Department's capabilities by assisting the Records staff, Detectives, and Sergeants with special projects in order to enable officers to devote more time to front-line law enforcement. NPD Volunteers contributed a total of 3,982 hours to the Department in 2011.

The Volunteer Program allows the citizens of the Newport community to become involved in police department activities, bringing with them a wide variety of skills. Volunteers work with the community to prevent crime, provide services, and create a safer environment for the City of Newport.



The Department currently has various programs that utilize Volunteers, including:

- Administrative Support Program
- Crash Scene Traffic Control
- Citizen Patrol
- Disabled Parking Enforcement Program
- Emergency Management
- Nuisance Vehicle Monitoring
- Children's I.D. Kits
- Tourist Assistance
- Fleet Assistance
- Crowd Control
- Ambassadors
- Traffic Safety

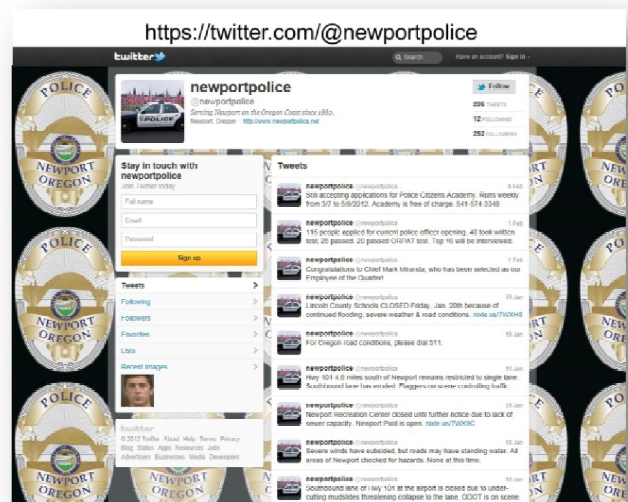
Social Networking

The Newport Police Department, much like many other law enforcement agencies around the world, is continuing to embrace technology as a means to fight crime and provide information to the community. Social networking sites are seen as a "two-way street" where people can send tips to law enforcement, while the Department can keep the public informed about key issues.



In addition to our official web site, the Newport Police Department currently has accounts on two social networking websites - Facebook and Twitter - in an effort to connect with residents through additional resources.

Those who follow the Facebook page can see news releases and departmental events, and may participate in surveys. More than 975 people are currently following our Facebook page as 'Friends.' The Twitter site provides information on community events and critical incidents, such as missing persons, extended road closures, and significant crimes.



An increasing number of law enforcement agencies are also starting to use social networking sites not only to provide information, but also to help solve crimes. Throughout the world, police forces have made arrests with help from the networking sites.

Other Activities

Shop With A Cop



Shop with a Cop is an annual December event sponsored by the Oregon State Police, with members and staff of the Newport Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Lincoln City Police Department, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The Shop with a Cop program joins underprivileged children with local law enforcement officers, providing the children with money to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves. The children are allowed to purchase items for themselves and family members totaling \$100 per child. In 2011, more than 100 children participated in Shop with a Cop.



Other Activities

Special Olympics

Law Enforcement Torch Run



The Newport Police Department is a regular participant of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) program, which is a year-round effort to raise funds for, and promote awareness of, Special Olympics Oregon. The Law Enforcement Torch Run was held on July 13, 2011. Officers and Special Olympic Athletes ran from the Wal-Mart parking lot in north Newport to Yaquina Bay State Park to help bring awareness and understanding to our community. Runners were escorted by an NPD vehicle and by Bike Patrol Officers. Businesses, families, and individuals sponsor the runners with monetary pledges.

Patrol Vehicles

Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor



Dodge Charger



