

Yakima Police Department

2012 Annual Report



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Yakima's Demographics

With a population of 91,930, Yakima is the largest city in central Washington, and the 8th largest city in the state. Yakima was officially incorporated in 1886.

Yakima is a thriving community that has grown by 57.8% since 1990, and covers over 27 square miles.

Nobody really knows for sure how Yakima got its name, (pronounced "yeah-kuh-mah). One theory is based on a legend about an Indian chief's daughter. Another common belief is that Yakima is the plural form of the native word for black bear... yah-kah.

Yakima is the county seat of the County of Yakima, and is 1129 feet above sea level. Yakima's climate is mild and mostly dry, with the area averaging only about 8 inches of precipitation each year, and 300 days of sunshine!

Yakima's economy has always revolved around agriculture, and the Yakima Valley leads the country in the production of apples, hops and mint. However, there are also over 250 manufacturing plants in Yakima.

The Yakima Valley Sundome was designed by the same engineer that designed the Seattle Kingdome, and is the only structure of it's kind in the state. It is located on the Central Washington State fairgrounds, and it is one of the premier venues for sports and entertainment in the region.

The Yakima Police Department has 160 employees, 143 of which are commissioned officers, and 17 are civilian personnel.



Davis High School Construction



Eisenhower High School Construction



Yakima Valley Sundome

Message from the Chief of Police



The Yakima Police Department is a proud organization. As I near my first year anniversary as the Chief of Police, I am very pleased by the professionalism and work ethic of our department employees. I am honored to represent and lead this organization. As law enforcement continues to face many challenges, the dedicated men and women of the department continue to faithfully and effectively perform their duties.

I look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead of us in 2013 and beyond, and the department remains committed to doing its part to keep Yakima's status as the safe, vibrant centerpiece of Central Washington.

I respectfully submit this 2012 Annual Report as not merely a statistical documentation of 2012, but as a presentation to the citizens of Yakima ensuring them we are using their valuable resources wisely and efficiently. Our effectiveness depends on the ongoing partnership that we share with the community that we are honored to serve.

Dominic Rizzi Jr.

Chief of Police

Yakima Police Department Mission Statement

The principal mission of the Yakima Police Department is the preservation of life and property, to reduce fear in the community through the prevention and detection of crime, protection of persons and property, the maintenance of order in public places, to anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order, and to preserve the rights of the citizens.

Our Guiding Principles

Honor

Integrity

Fidelity

Courage

Our Values

<u>P</u> eople:	Our fundamental duty is the protection of, and service to our community.
<u>O</u> ath:	Our uncompromising vow to the citizens and ourselves to uphold liberty, equality and justice.
<u>L</u> oyalty:	To our community, the department, the badge, and to each other.
<u>I</u> mpartiality:	Serving the citizens of our community equally with fairness, dignity and respect.
<u>C</u> ommitment:	To the highest ethical standards of law enforcement and personal responsibility.
<u>E</u> xcellence:	This is our standard. We will accept nothing less than exemplary conduct that honors our oath, our profession, and those that have come before us.

Employee Changes in 2012

Promotions

Officer Uriel Mendoza promoted to Sergeant, September 1, 2012

New Employees

David Andrews, Corrections Officer	January 18, 2012
Adrian Alcazar, Corrections Officer	January 19, 2012
Ryan Davis, Police Officer	February 21, 2012
Bradley Althausen, Police Officer	March 7, 2012
Cole Cooper, Police Officer	March 21, 2012
Kyle Cournyer, Police Officer	March 22, 2012
Angela Nielsen, Police Officer	April 9, 2012
Einar Agledal, Police Officer	April 9, 2012
Dominic Rizzi Jr, Police Chief	May 1, 2012
Garrett Walk, Police Officer	September 1, 2012
Casey Gillette, Police Officer	October 1, 2012
Yan Rhinebah, Police Officer	October 15, 2012
James Tchokogoue, Police Officer	October 15, 2012
Lindsey Smith, PSS I	December 1, 2012

Retirements

Lavonne Woody, PSS I	13 years of service
James Belton, Police Officer	37 years of service
Rick Schuknecht, Police Officer	27 years of service
James Wentz, Police Officer	24 years of service

Resignations

Bruce Rogers, Police Officer
Erik Hildebrand, Police Sergeant
Fran Nettleton, Corrections Administrative Assistant
Craig Gocha, Police Officer

Retiree Photos/Chief Rizzi Swearing-in Ceremony



Employee Awards in 2012

Sgt. Mike Henne	Lifesaving ribbon
Ofc. L Thorn	Lifesaving ribbon
Ofc. R. Baker	Lifesaving ribbon
Ofc. D. Shaw	Lifesaving ribbon
Ofc. J. Hansen	Lifesaving ribbon and Certificate of Merit award
Ofc. J. Ely	Medal of Valor award
Sgt. J. Seely	Certificate of Merit award
Sgt. S. Boyle	Certificate of Merit award
SWAT Team	Certificate of Merit award
Ofc. C. Gocha	Medal of Valor award
Ofc. Darryl Dunckel	Medal of Valor award
Ofc. C. Thorn	Medal of Valor award
Ofc. M. Lee	Certificate of Merit award
Ofc. G. Gronewald	Police Shield award
Ofc. J. Hansen	Certificate of Merit award
Ofc. J. Wentz	Certificate of Merit award
Ofc. T. Cruz	Certificate of Merit award

Yakima Police Department years of service

30 Years

J.E. Belton

C.W. O'Neal

M.J. Kryger

S.J. Morkert

S.J. Murphy

T.J. Cruz

25 Years

G.L. Belles

B.L. George

S.J. Finch

J.J. Schneider

J.L. Scherschligt

M.E. Quillen

R.A. Schuknecht

M.J. Merryman

G.W. Jones

J.C. Dejournette

M.W. Costello

W.T. Haubrich

R.S. Light

J.R. Wolcott

E.M. Gonzalez

20 Years

T.A. Bardwell

G.J. Garza

J.S. Wentz

J.G. Gonzalez

L.M. Watts

B.D. Robinson

P.L. Posada

J.I. Castillo

R.O. Garza

T. Bennett

T.J. Foley

L.E. George

K.W. Willard

D.L. Henning

G.B. Copeland

N.A. Wentz

F.R. Bowersox

E.L. Walls

E.M. Cyr

S.F. Gylling

J.M. Salinas

J.L. Guiland

S.M. Upton

J.G. Rangel

A. Patlan

K. Hipner

P.M. Sizemore

M.A. Sluys

R. Manriquez

15 Years

C.K. Stephens

M. Andrews

M.A. Gordon

T.C. Miller

J.R. Seely

U. Mendoza

G.S. Gronewald

P.E. Hildebrand

S.M. Boyle

M.J. Lee

M. Deloza

C.B. Johnson

M. Davis

T.S. Croft

C. Edgerly

F.A. Nettleton

10 Years

E. Hampton

M. Henne

K. Ward

E.M. Sigler

R.C. Baker

K.S. Lee

F.V. Reyes

M.A. Nielsen

N.D. Henyan

K.G. Hampton

S.A. Masters

R. Sanchez

J.E. Fuehrer

C.W. Miller

J. Cordova

I.E. Salinas

R.A. Fowler

J.M. Nesary

D.P. Shaw

M.J. McKinney

R.M. Wisner

Z.J. Helms

J.D. Moore

J.A. Miller

C.W. Janis

C.A. Oja

N.E. Johnson

C. Urwin

A.J. Garcia

C.D. Escamilla

G.D. Deloza

D.L. Charlton

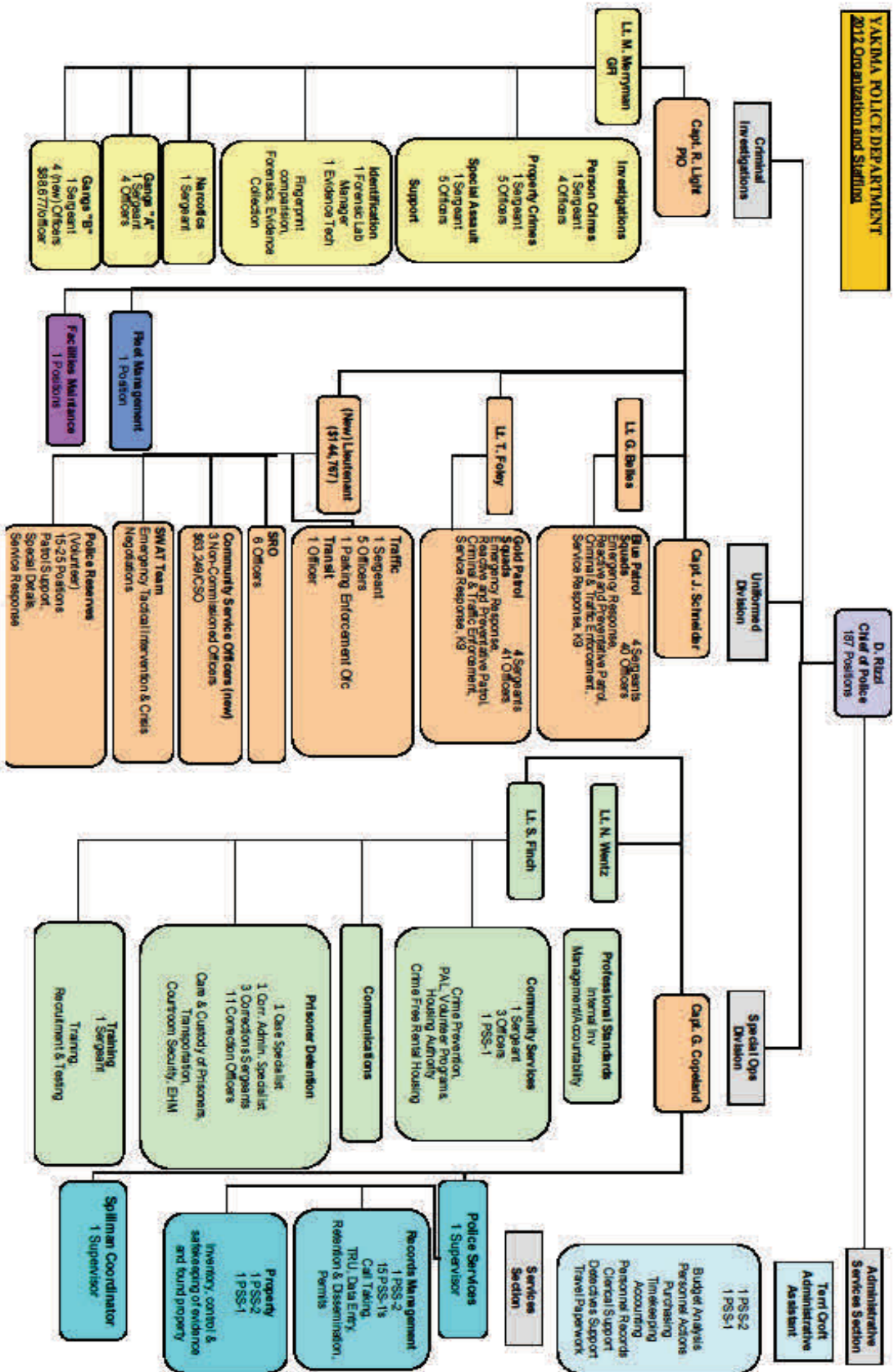
K. Emhoff
M.T. Verstrate
D.E. Miner
E. Opsahl

L.R. Woody
R.I. Elkan
M. Hurst
N.F. Sandino

5 Years

R.B. Price
J.D. Yates
S.A. Andrews
J.M. Curtsinger
A. Medina
J.E. Deccio
J.D. Walker
J.M. Martinez
J.M. Hansen
C.E. Belton
C.A. Thorn
M.S. Scherzinger
G.P. Ramos
R.J. Apol
A.R. Ross
J.D. Jacobs
D.A. Stadler
J.M. Nelson
J.L. Masters
L.K. Ford
J. Mora

R. Pepper
M.L. Durbin
D.M. Diaz
I.J. Cavin
T.J. Adams
C.A. Taylor
R.J. Urlacher
C.N. Saldana
E.G. Morfin
B.J. Graves
J.A. Ely
R.S. Grant
I. Garcia
J.M. Sharp
K.M. Drury
K.E. Gentner
D.J. Sevigny
M.A. Dole
A.R. Everitt
M.K. Donaldson



2012 Statistics

Calls for service	52,586
Infractions issued	4,564 with a total of 6,031 offenses
DWLS citations issued	2,154
Misdemeanor arrests	10,078
Felony arrests	2,789
Reportable vehicle collisions	1,839
DUI arrests	396

Annual Crime Statistics

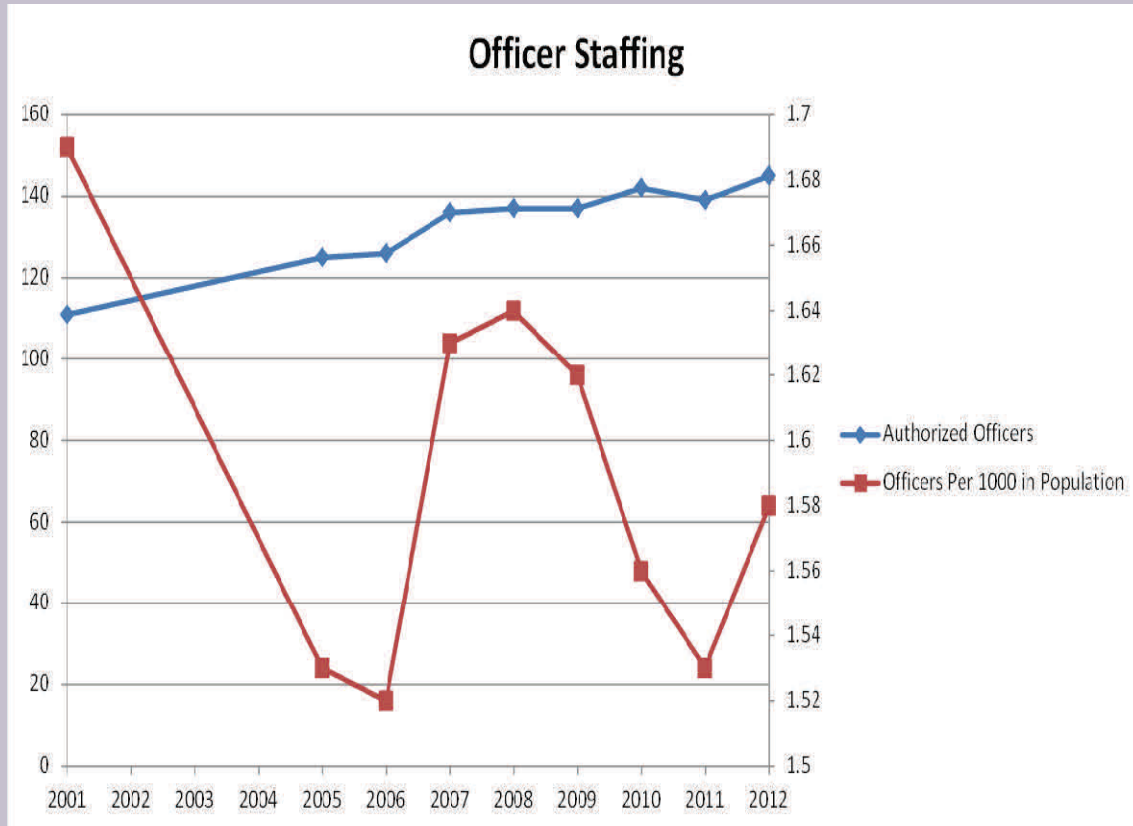
Violent Crimes	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change from 2011
Murder	8	10	14	6	7	16.7%
Rape	47	70	46	54	51	-5.6%
Robbery	134	137	144	166	157	-5.4%
Aggravated Assault	186	232	198	274	270	-1.5%
Property Crimes						
Burglary	1233	1313	1468	1622	1615	-0.4%
Larceny	3935	3090	3519	3220	3230	0.3%
Vehicle Theft	799	691	595	699	1119	60.1%

Historical Crime Rate Perspective

Year	Population	Murder	Rate	Rape	Rate	Robbery	Rate	Burglary	Rate
1985	50000	2	0.04	28	0.56	125	2.50	1356	27.12
1990	50000	1	0.02	55	1.10	162	3.24	1577	31.54
1995	61000	6	0.10	50	0.82	163	2.67	1680	27.54
2000	65830	3	0.05	28	0.43	121	1.84	1200	18.23
2005	81500	11	0.13	62	0.76	148	1.82	1455	17.85
2010	91930	14	0.15	46	0.50	144	1.57	1460	15.88
2012	91930	7	0.08	51	0.55	157	1.71	1615	17.57

Police Officer Staffing Levels

Department Staffing	2001	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Authorized Officers	111	125	126	136	137	137	142	139	145
Officers Per 1000 in Population	1.69	1.53	1.52	1.63	1.64	1.62	1.56	1.53	1.58



Special Operations Division

The Yakima Police Department Special Operations Division is diverse and consists of Community Services, Training, School Resource Officers, Police Services, the Professional Standards Office, and the City Jail. There is one Captain, two Lieutenants, two Sergeants, and ten Officers assigned to the Division. The Jail has three Corrections Sergeants and eleven Corrections Officers, and Police Services has a civilian supervisor and sixteen civilian employees. The Division fulfills a large number of duties that are essential to the overall operation of the Department.

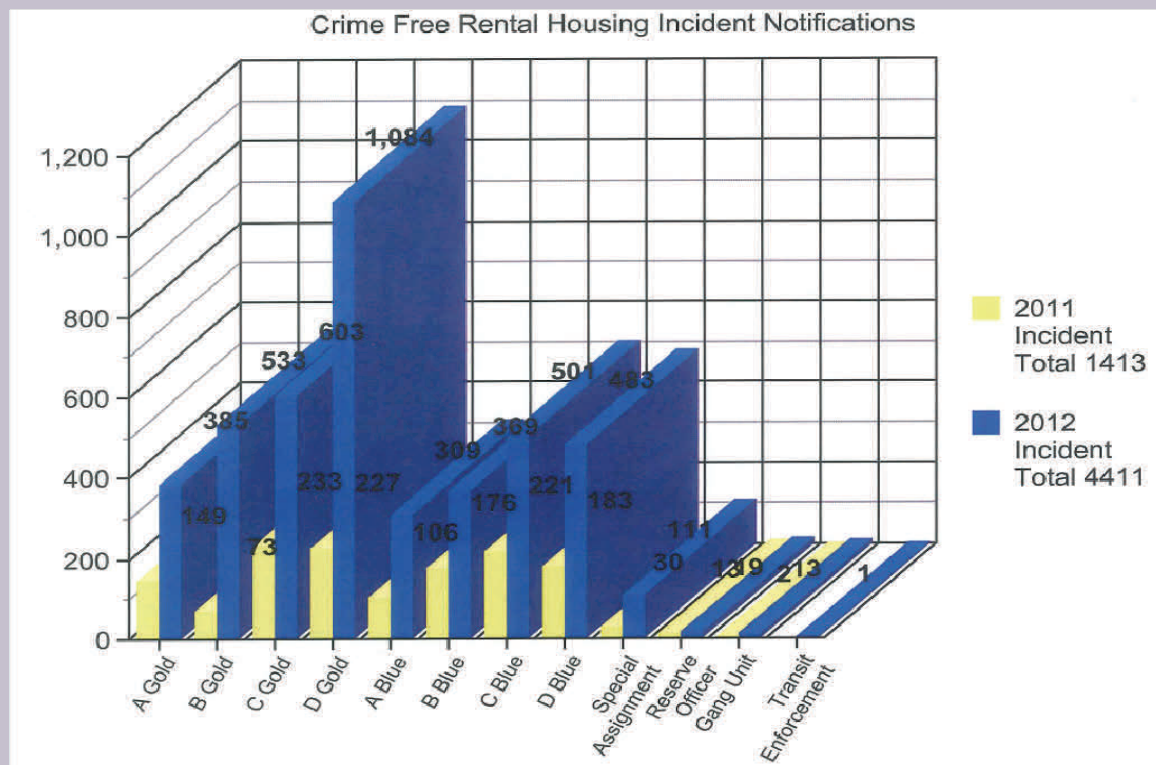
Community Services Unit

The Community Services Unit is comprised of Crime Free Rental Housing, Block Watch, and the Yakima Housing Authority officer. There is one sergeant, three officers, and a Police Services Specialist I assigned to the unit.

Crime Free Rental Housing

The Crime Free Rental Housing program is a partnership between the Yakima Police Department, local landlords, and tenants working together to foster a safer and healthier community in rental housing.

Through education and support, the Crime Free Rental Housing Program addresses rental based illegal activities and special needs with the goal of reducing calls for police service and creating a safer and more stable living environment for residents.



Block Watch

Block Watch is a program sponsored by the Yakima Police Department, to help people organize on a block-by-block basis to prevent crime in their neighborhood. Block watch is not a patrol function, but a network of neighbors looking out for each other. A police officer patrolling your neighborhood may not recognize a stranger in your yard, but your neighbors would.

Statistics show a 50-85% reduction in burglaries for Yakima Neighborhoods once they initiate the Block Watch Program.

The Yakima Police Department uses three terms to describe the status of a Block Watch. They are as follows:

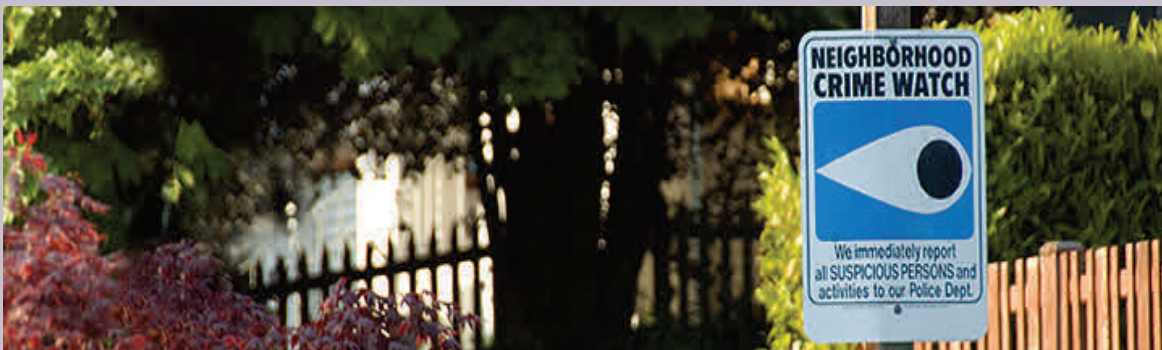
Active-This indicates a neighborhood has accomplished all aspects of the Block Watch requirements and is active with the Yakima Police Department. Block Watch signs have been installed in the neighborhood.

Pending-Residents during this phase have had their initial Block Watch meeting and are in the process of completing their neighborhood map and Operation ID.

Potential-One or more residents in this neighborhood have requested information regarding possibly starting a Block Watch. A Block Watch package has been sent out and possibly a Block Watch meeting has been scheduled.

In 2012, there were **12** Block Watches activated, **3** are pending, and **25** are potentials.

In total, the Yakima Police Department has **112** active Block Watches, with **19** pending and **40** potentials.



National Night Out



National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime” took place on August 7th, 2012. This event culminates annually on the first Tuesday of August. The Yakima Police Department has been hosting this event for 27 years. This effort promotes involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized in taking a stand against crime and drugs. Yakima celebrated with 26 individual block parties and a community party at Miller Park hosted by the Yakima Police Department and sponsored by Yakima’s Target Store. Activities included block parties, cookouts, youth events, and visits from emergency personnel and city officials. The event is in addition to a city-wide push to get residents involved in Block Watch.



Yakima Police Athletic League

"It's Better To Build Youth Than Mend Adults."

The Police Athletic League concept is based on the conviction that young people - if they are reached early enough - can develop strong positive attitudes towards police officers in their journey through life toward the goal of maturity and good citizenship. The PAL program brings youth under the supervision and positive influence of a law enforcement agency and expands public awareness about the role of a police officer and the reinforcement of the responsible values and attitudes instilled in young people by their parents. Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field, or in the gym or classroom, the youth will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. Such respect is beneficial to the youth, the police officer, the neighborhood and the business community.

The photos below were taken at a beach in Oregon. Most of the PAL kids had never seen the ocean.



Services Unit

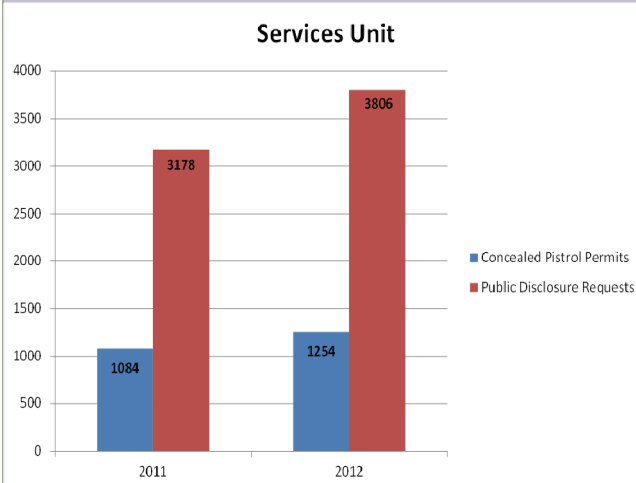
The Yakima Police Department Services Unit is comprised of Records, Property & Evidence and Services. The unit consists of a Police Services Supervisor, 14 Police Services Specialist I's and two Police Service Specialist II's. The Services Unit provides a variety of support services to the operational divisions of the department, as well as to the public.

The Police Services Specialists assigned to the Services and Records units are the primary point of public contact for most telephone and walk-in traffic, and are responsible for taking TRU (Telephone Reporting Unit) reports, data entry, records management and statistical reporting. In addition, they provide various customer services including the issuance of concealed pistol licenses, performing criminal records checks, fingerprinting for



professional licensing, processing warrants and preparing reports for public disclosure.

In 2012, the Services Division took approximately 33% of reports taken by the department as TRU calls, processed **1,254** concealed pistol permits, **3,250** warrants, **3,806** public disclosure requests and numerous requests for verification letters and copies of collision reports. There are **1,595** active warrants, both misdemeanor and felony.



Property Unit

The personnel of the evidence/property management unit in the Services Division process, catalogue, store, and dispose of several thousand articles of evidence and found property collected annually by the police department. Many of the items are eventually returned to their owners, but a large percentage must be maintained indefinitely for future retrieval and presentation in criminal prosecutions. In 2012, a total of **15,207** pieces of property were processed through the property division, with 2,536 pieces being disposed of (auctioned, destroyed, donated or claimed by owner). In 2012, **240** firearms were recovered and logged into YPD property.

The property personnel store and track all items of evidentiary value and link cases together when appropriate. The property personnel have specific specialized training and knowledge of multiple computer

databases to run efficiently. The property personnel diligently enter all firearms into both the YPD evidence management system (the Beast), the databank Spillman, WACIC/NCIC and E-Trace which is a program that YPD participates in through BATFE. E-Trace allows for firearms, when recovered, to be entered and the purchasing information to be tracked and or specific information about the crimes involved with the firearms history to be tracked. This type of entry is vital to the tracking of “straw purchases” with firearms that we commonly see within gang communities. In addition to tracking firearms



purchases and the evidence that comes into the YPD property vault, property personnel are responsible for the returning of items to victims and or persons as required by the courts. They also prepare items for case detectives to go to court, and or destroy items when the statute of limitations are up, auction items that can be sold to generate funds, and donate to charitable foundations when appropriate. Background checks are conducted by the property personnel when appropriate and for the return of all firearms.

Professional Standards Office

The Professional Standards Office investigates complaints against Yakima Police Department employees, that may come from internal or external sources. The Professional Standards Office function is important for the maintenance of professional conduct. The integrity of the agency depends on the personal integrity and discipline of each employee. To a large degree, the public image of the agency is determined by the quality of the professional standards function in responding to the allegations of misconduct by the agency or its employees. Agencies having a professional standards function consistent with these standards will have the ability to respond appropriately to allegations of misconduct. We refer to this function as the Professional Standards Office instead of Internal Affairs or Internal Investigations, because we try and instill professional conduct on an ongoing basis instead of simply investigating potential misconduct after the fact.

2012

Total Citizen complaints-12

Total Internal complaints-17

Proper conduct-8

Proper conduct-4

Sustained-3

Sustained-10

Unfounded-1

Unfounded-2

Insufficient evidence-1

Yakima City Jail

The City Jail began operation in 1996 following completion of the City's new Police Station/Legal Center. For the preceding twenty years, the City contracted with the County Jail for housing all of its offenders.

Under the general supervision of the Services Division Lieutenant, and three Police Sergeants, personnel assigned to this division are responsible for the care and custody of offenders charged with and/or convicted of misdemeanor crimes occurring within the City of Yakima. An additional eleven Corrections Officers and one Police Services Specialist II round out the staffing of this 70 bed, full-service jail facility.

Corrections Officers are directly responsible for the care and custody of incarcerated offenders. Their duties include booking and classification, movement of prisoners between jail and courts, transportation to and from alternate holding facilities, supervision of laundry and meal preparation, monitoring visitations, supervision of offender work crews, accounting for prisoner property and funds, and tracking prisoner time served.

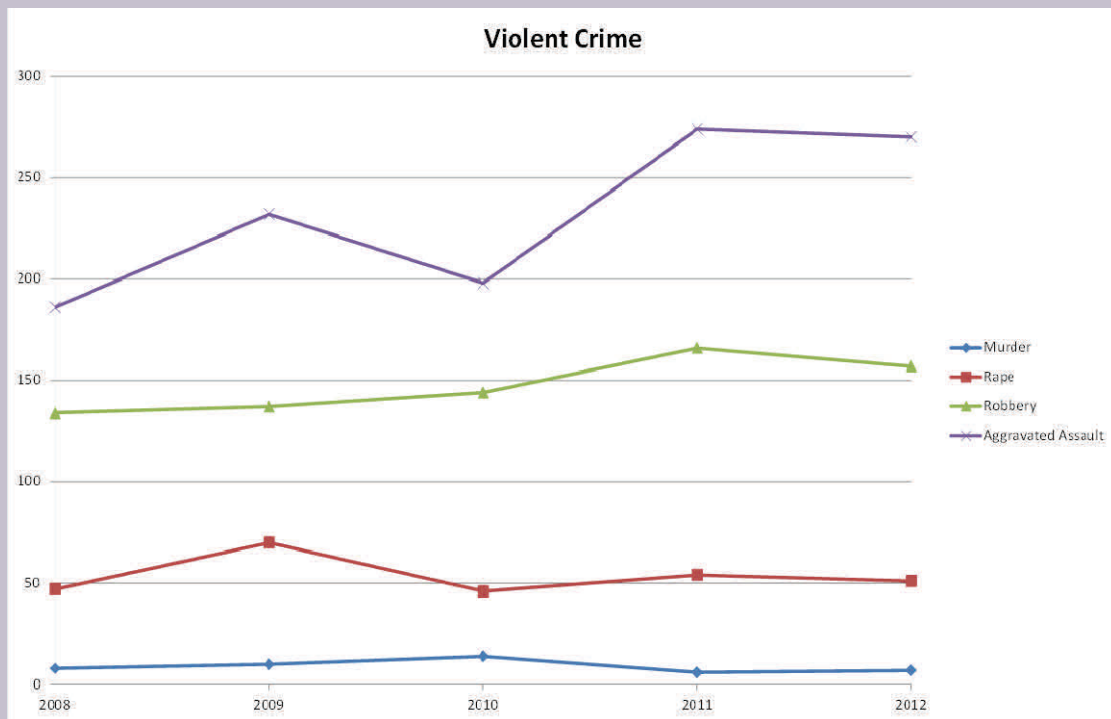
Detective Division

The Yakima Police Department Detective Division is staffed by one Captain, one Lieutenant, five sergeants, and twenty-one investigators. There are several units within the Detective Division, including the Property Crimes Unit, the Major Crimes Unit, Sexual Assault Unit, Gang Unit, the Violent Crimes Task Force, and the Drug Investigative Unit.

Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is comprised of one (1) sergeant and four (4) investigators. MCU personnel investigate homicides, other suspicious deaths, serious assaults, (including but not limited to shootings and stabbings), robberies, missing persons and other major felonies committed in the Yakima City limits.

YPD Major Crimes Unit investigators are highly trained, seasoned investigators with a work history which reveals a tendency to be tenacious street level investigators prior to their assignment with the MCU. These investigators work very long and irregular hours, especially during the initial hours of a homicide or other major felony crime investigation. Trials in the MCU are often very long, complex and highly publicized. Further, with a likely lengthy prison sentence for individuals convicted of a major felony crime, it is incumbent upon the MCU supervisor and investigator(s) to ensure that thorough case preparation is always the rule.



Special Assault Unit

The Special Assault Unit is comprised of one (1) sergeant and five (5) investigators. The YPD Special Assault Unit investigates all sexual assaults that occur in Yakima. Victims range from infants to the elderly and can be developmentally delayed or otherwise unable to knowingly consent to sexual relations with the offender.

The tracking of sex offenders also takes place out of the Special Assault Unit where level I, II, and III sex offenders are monitored, which is a full-time job. Additionally, all Domestic Violence investigations are assigned to this unit which requires working closely with various advocacy groups.

Close partnerships with the Department of Social and Health Services, the YWCA and others allow for full wrap-around services for the victims of special assaults. Further, assignment to the SAU requires a significant amount of training in such areas as Child Forensic Interviews, Sexual Assault Interviews and Internet Based Crimes Against Children.

Gang Unit

The Gang Unit is staffed by a sergeant and four investigators. The unit investigates gang-affiliated crimes and works in conjunction with the Major Crimes Unit to investigate gang-related homicides and assaults.

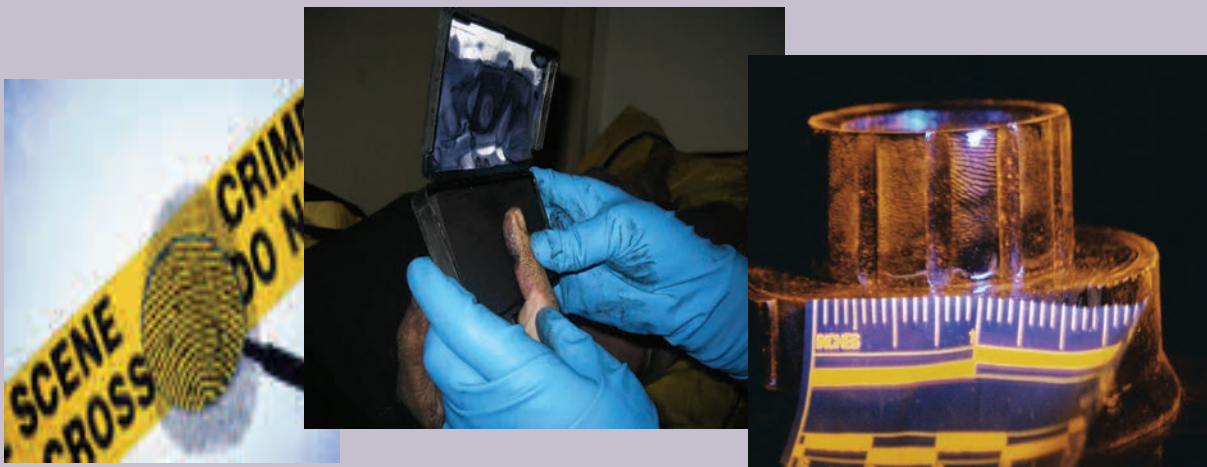
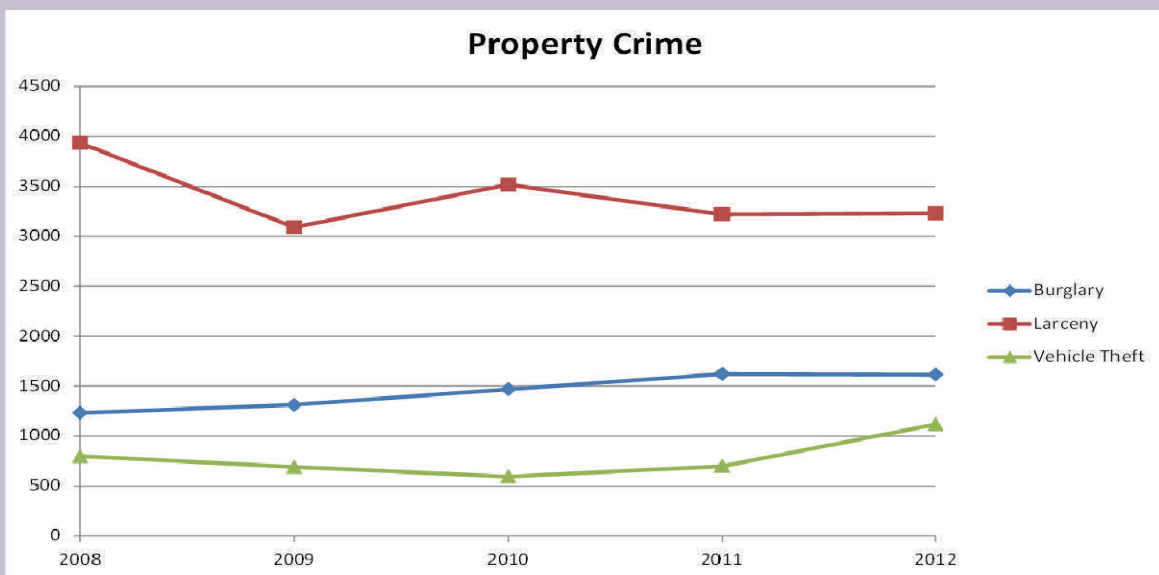
Violent Crimes Task Force and Drug Task Force

The Yakima Police Department has investigators assigned to these local task forces, which are also comprised of other local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The Violent Crimes Task Force works to locate and arrest violent criminals and fugitives. The Drug Task Force investigates narcotics usage and distribution, and the crimes associated with those activities.

Property Crimes Unit

The Property Crimes Unit is comprised of one (1) sergeant and five (5) investigators. The YPD property Crimes Unit investigates those crimes related to property, including burglary, robbery, auto theft, larceny and shoplifts from local retail stores. Fraud investigations are also conducted out of this unit and involve forgery, fraud, embezzlement and identity theft investigations.

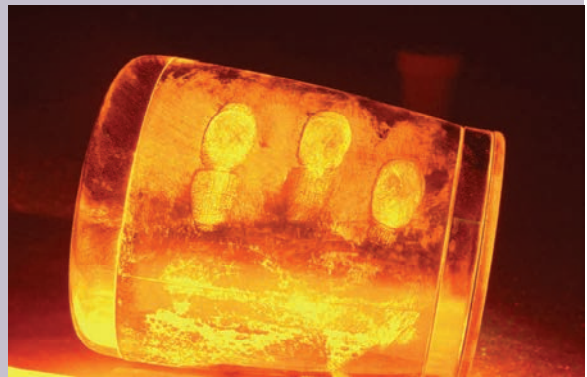
Property Crimes investigators receive the greatest number of follow-up investigations as “Larceny” type crimes comprise nearly 75% off all reported crime in the City of Yakima. Additionally, Property Crimes investigators are part of the “call-out” team on any major crime and many times must place their investigations on hold while assisting on a homicide or other major felony crime investigation.



The Forensic Lab/Evidence Technician Unit

The primary responsibilities of evidence technicians are to respond to all major crime scenes and process them for physical evidence and document crime scenes with photography and mapping techniques. Evidence Technicians analyze collected physical evidence further in the Yakima Police Department Forensic Laboratory utilizing chemicals or additional forensic light source equipment and microscopes to develop latent fingerprint evidence and or examine firearms and tool mark evidence.

There are currently two full time evidence specialists, the Forensic Lab Supervisor and an Assistant Evidence Technician. The Forensic Lab Supervisor specializes in latent fingerprints and firearms/tool mark analysis and the Assistant Evidence Technician specializes in latent fingerprints and crime scenes. The Forensic Lab Supervisor function tests all firearms collected and tagged into the YPD property vault and assists other surrounding agencies with the test firing of evidence firearms for entry into the NIBIN system. The Forensic Lab Supervisor also is certified in the entry of firearms evidence into the NIBIN/IBIS system maintained at the WSP Crime Lab in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE). The local BATFE utilizes the YPD Forensic Lab to test fire all BATFE confiscated firearms for federal case prosecution and or process them for latent fingerprint and DNA evidence. The Forensic Lab Supervisor is also qualified to process firearms for GSR (distance determinations), crime scene reconstruction/firearms trajectory analysis, and serial number restorations. In 2012, approximately **85** cases were requested for latent fingerprint work and or comparison. Evidence techs can input the image into the system to be compared to arrest records nationwide.

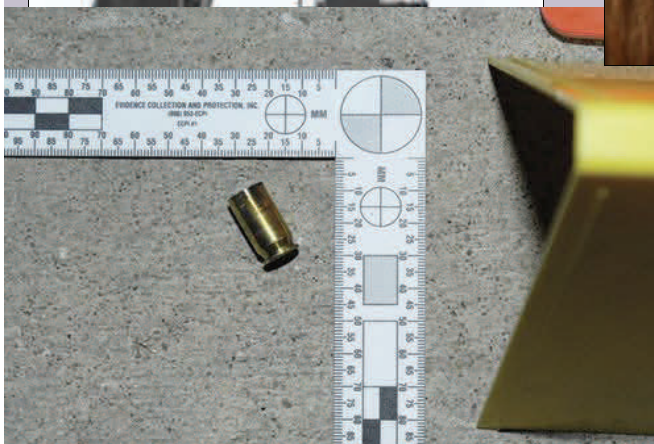


The YPD Forensic Lab participates in using multiple search databases sponsored by federal agencies. AFIS and NIBIN are actively used in gaining vital case information during investigations here in the city. Additionally, Forensic Lab personnel are required to work closely with Detectives, prosecutors and other agencies in the area to assist where they can in case investigations and testify as experts in courts of law.



In 2012, 240 firearms were recovered and logged into YPD property. The firearms that met the requirements were test fired and entered into the National Integrated Ballistics Identification Network (NIBIN), and on those entries a number of hits were generated linking cases and or identifying firearms in multiple events. Of the 240 guns recovered, the YPD Forensic Lab worked 170 cases up for firearms and tool mark analysis which includes NIBIN entry cases and or test firing of firearms and or the comparison of fired components located at scenes and related back to firearms.

In 2012, a pistol was recovered that had been stolen in 2009. Through forensic testing, that pistol was identified as one that had been used in several drive-by shootings in 2009, giving detectives further investigative possibilities. In a separate case, a stolen pistol was recovered in a search warrant. DNA taken from the pistol belonged to an armed career criminal, who was sentenced to a minimum 15-year mandatory sentence in federal prison.



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division of the Yakima Police Department, the uniformed division, is the largest and most visible division in the department. The officers assigned to the patrol division provide services to the citizens of Yakima 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. These services include responding to crimes in progress, traffic collisions, missing persons, lost children, preventative patrol, criminal investigations, and other emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

There are several units within the patrol division that specialize in certain areas of law enforcement, such as, Traffic, the Crisis Response Unit, Patrol K-9's and the Reserve Officer Program.

The City of Yakima is divided into nine patrol districts, and each officer is assigned to patrol a specific district. These specific districts, or “beat” assignments allow the officers to gain valuable knowledge about that specific area of the city.

These assignments create a familiarity between the officer and citizens, businesses and business owners, and potential problem areas that need to be addressed. Many crimes have been prevented or solved through the knowledge that the district officer has about his or her assigned area of the city.

The men and women of the patrol division are sometimes referred to as the “face” of the police department due to their visible presence in the community. With that in mind, they

are committed to providing professional police services to the citizens of Yakima.



Crisis Response Unit

The Crisis Response Unit (CRU) is comprised of two specialized teams: the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), and the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). The CRU was established to provide specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods beyond the capacity of field officers appear to be necessary.

The SWAT unit is comprised of officers from the Yakima Police Department, deputies from the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, and officers from the Union Gap Police Department. The unit is also staffed by Reserve Officers who are the team's tactical medics. The tactical medics are practicing medical professionals in their private lives, and provide their expertise on a volunteer basis. The SWAT unit trains bi-monthly and members must maintain rigorous standards, both physically and mentally.



The CNT is comprised of Yakima Police Officers, and also by mental health professionals from Central Washington Mental Health. The CNT trains on a quarterly basis where they try and hone their negotiating skills, ensure their equipment is working properly, and receive updated training regarding dealing with emotionally disturbed persons.



In 2012, the team(s) received **18** activations. Of those, 8 were search warrants, 7 were for barricaded subjects, 1 was for crowd control, 1 was for an area search, and 1 was for dignitary protection.

Traffic Unit

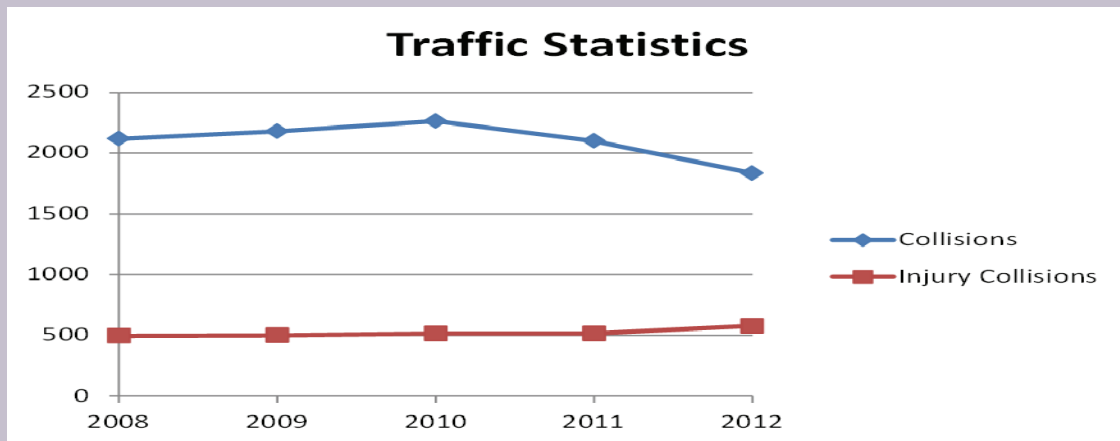
The primary duties of the traffic unit are traffic complaint enforcement, school zone enforcement, collision reduction enforcement, collision investigation, escorts, and special event traffic control. Motorcycle officers also respond to dispatched patrol calls as backup officers to patrol officers. At times, due to their mobility, motorcycle officers become the primary officer at crime scenes due to their quick arrival.



The goal of the traffic unit is to reduce the number of traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities. They emphasize enforcement of collision causing violations, and occupant safety violations. Most of the traffic officers have received extensive training in collision reconstruction and investigation.

The traffic unit utilizes the police motorcycle for their duties for 8-9 months of the year, and when weather prohibits the use of the motorcycle the officers use traffic cars.

Traffic Statistics	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change from 2011
Collisions	2117	2178	2263	2099	1834	-12.6%
Injury Collisions	497	501	516	516	578	12.0%



School Resource Officers

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a law enforcement officer who is assigned to either a middle school or high school. The main goal of the SRO is to prevent juvenile delinquency by promoting positive relations between youth and law enforcement. The SRO position encompasses three major components which allow the SRO to achieve the goal: law enforcement, education, and counseling. These three components allow the SRO to take a proactive approach to law enforcement. SRO's are not just "cops" on campus. SRO's provide all law enforcement duties on their assigned campus. They educate the students by teaching law related classes and other related subjects in the classrooms and counsel both students and parents on various topics. The SRO becomes involved in the students' lives as a positive role model. The intent is that the positive experiences students have with the SRO will bridge the gap between juveniles and law enforcement, and in doing so, help prevent juvenile crime.

The Yakima Police Department, in partnership with the Yakima School District, has seven School Resource Officers that work in the middle and high schools in Yakima. The schools that have School Resource Officers assigned are Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, Stanton Academy, Franklin Middle School, Wilson Middle School, Lewis and Clark Middle School and Washington Middle School.

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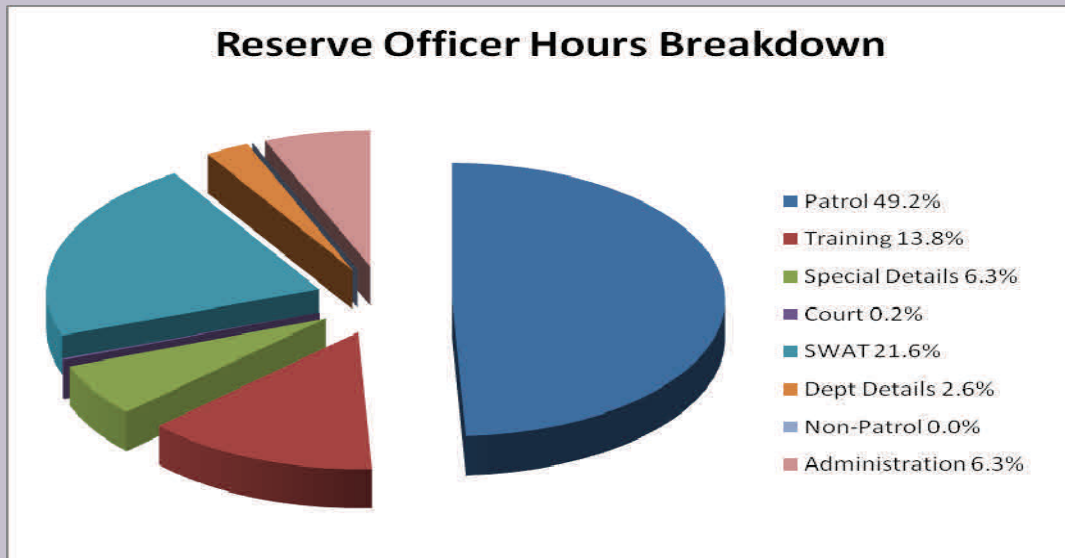
**The School Resource Officer and the
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Reserve Unit

In 2012, the reserve officers performed a combined total of 4,820 hours of service to the Yakima Police Department and for the City of Yakima and its citizens. This is a continuation of the dedication our members show to the department and the community. Below, is a breakdown of how those hours were distributed (Figure 1).

Nearly 50% of all the hours performed by reserve officers in 2012 were in support of the daily activities of the department's patrol division. The patrol division is the most active and publically visible part of the police department.

To place a monetary value on the service the reserve unit provided to the department and the city, the wage and benefit package of a first class officer, which is roughly \$130,000, was used as a multiplier. The reserve unit provided roughly 4820 hrs of service in 2012 which equates to 2.3 full-time officer positions. Multiplying 2.3 by the wage/benefit package for a full-time, first class officer equals roughly \$300,000.



"Heroes and Helpers" 2012

In December, officers from the Yakima Police Department participated in "Heroes and Helpers" which was hosted by the Yakima Target Store. This is a program in which uniformed officers take children shopping. Target gives each child a fifty dollar gift certificate, which they can spend on themselves or on a family member. The officers escort each child throughout the store, making gift suggestions and helping keep track of the amount spent. Officers from the department submitted names of children they thought should be involved in the program. These are children that on-duty officers had contact with at some point throughout the year. The children themselves may be crime victims or witnesses, or someone in their family may have been. Target also provided each child's family a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Twenty officers participated in the event, assisting over twenty children with their holiday shopping.



Active Shooter Training



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