



Professionalism ★ Respect ★ Integrity ★ Dedication ★ Excellence

Sequim Police Department

2017 Annual Report



Sheri Crain
Chief of Police

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Department Mission

To partner with our community in preserving the peace and reducing the incidence of crime for everyone who lives, works, and visits in our city.

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Professionalism

We will provide the highest quality service by applying our skills, knowledge, and abilities for the benefit of the community.

Respect

We are committed to fair and impartial service. We will ensure that everyone is treated with equality, respect, and compassion.

Integrity

We will maintain the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct.

Dedication

We are committed to the relentless pursuit of justice.

Excellence

We lead by example and provide the highest level of service utilizing education, training, and technology.



Message from Chief of Police

Sheri Crain

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Report for the Sequim Police Department. In addition to crime data, we have highlighted some accomplishments and milestone events from 2017. Over all, our crime statistics continued to show that the City of Sequim is a safe place to work, live, and play.

Department staff continued identifying methods to improve the delivery of services to members of our community. The transfer of Code Enforcement from DCD to the Department was one such example of the City finding ways to maximize departmental outputs. Code enforcement is not one staff member; the Police Department provides a team and structure that backs up her efforts and will lead to better enforcement outcomes.

Retired Chief Byron Nelson passed away in 2017. If you like our black and white patrol cars, Chief Byron Nelson is your guy. He introduced the concept of black and whites and encouraged a re-design of our shoulder patch, resulting in the design we wear today. For a growing department, the identity those two changes created did wonders for our organization. I can tell you that we carry our identity with pride and thank him for that. Byron also introduced the VIPS program to the department. Over the years, our volunteers have possibly had a larger impact on our agency than anything else we have done. They are a fantastic bunch and their services is much appreciated. The VIPS have expanded our “family” in ways that we could never have imagined and have provided an immeasurable benefit to our community.

Sheri Crain - Chief of Police
City of Sequim

In Remembrance

Ret. Chief Nelson

Byron Nelson passed away on September 2, 2017 at 77 years of age.

Nelson served as the Sequim Police Department’s Chief of Police between the years of 1996-2002, after a 27-year career with the Azusa, California Police Department.

Nelson modernized the equipment, training, and tactics when he arrived. He also implemented three programs that are still in use today in the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), the department’s K-9 program, and resulted in instituting the department’s first School Resource Officer. Additionally, Chief Nelson updated and replaced the worn-out fleet of vehicles and added a speed enforcement trailer.



Welcome K9 Officer Mamba

In 2017 K9 Mamba joined the Sequim Police Department as its newest police canine.

Mamba is teamed with Officer Paul Dailidenas. The pair began training in January along with K-9 teams from Port Angeles Police Department, Olympia Police Department, and Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office. Officer Dailidenas and Mamba completed the mandatory 400+ hours of training and passed the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission certification as well as the Washington State Police Canine accreditation, which is a higher standard.



Mamba is the Sequim Police Department's fourth police dog since the unit began in 2000. She succeeds K-9s Huey, Titus, and Chase and is also the city's first female canine. Mamba is trained to conduct human tracking and apprehension, building searches, evidence searches, and handler protection.

Dailidenas' training and purchasing of Mamba were funded by a generous grant through the Mary P. Dolciani Halloran Foundation in James J. Halloran's name, who lived in Sequim for about 20 years until his death in 2005. The foundation also paid for a kennel for Mamba at Officer Dailidenas' home where she spends her time when not patrolling the streets of Sequim.

Sequim's K-9 program is largely funded through donations which can be made in-person or by mail to the Sequim Police Department. All proceeds support care, training, and equipment for Mamba.



Code Enforcement Unit

In March of 2017, Code Enforcement Officer Lisa Hopper was relocated from Community Development to the Police Department. Hopper has worked for the City of Sequim in Code Enforcement and Animal Control for twelve years.

In 2017, Hopper handled 543 calls ranging from Traffic Hazards, Parking Complaints, Littering, Code Enforcement, Animal Calls, and Junk/Abandoned Vehicle Reports. Lisa Hopper has spent her career being mindful to the issues facing Sequim and daily attempts to resolve all code enforcement related activities.

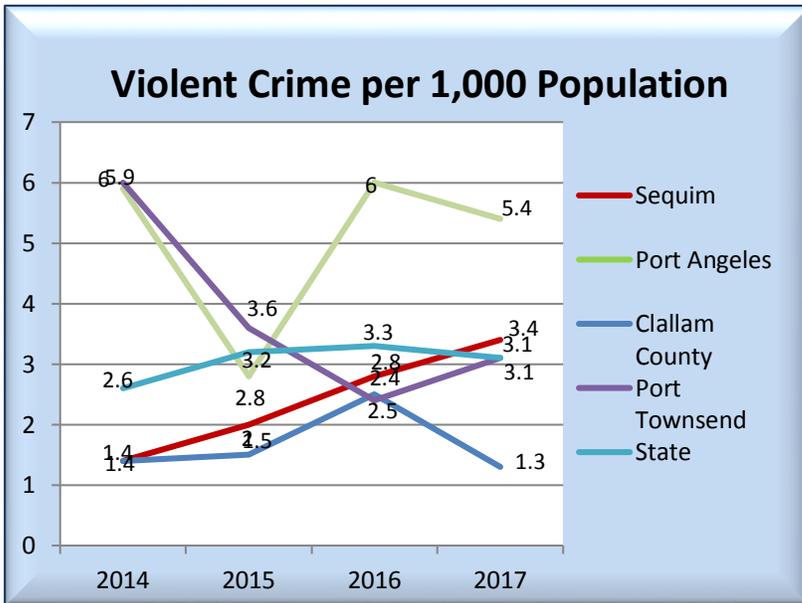
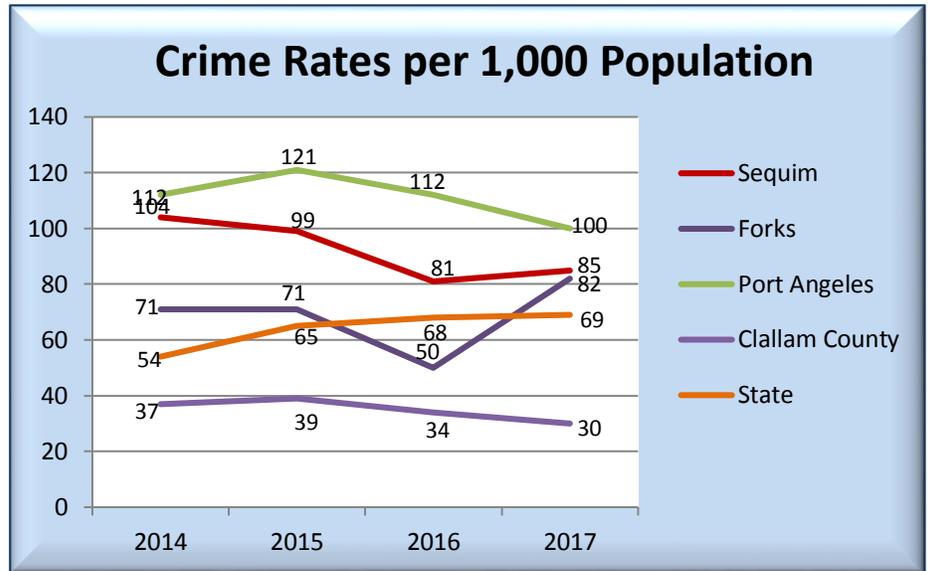
The Great Mule Roundup - On December 15th, 28 mules were found trotting around Sequim. Owned by Olympic National Park, the mules traveled approximately eight miles from their winter abode (800 block of West Fir Street) into town before encountering a police road block that directed them back to their pasture. Hopper said residents kept their composure, moving vehicles aside on the road, not honking their car horns, and calling in to let police know where the mules were going.



Crime Rates & Officer Activity

Sequim's population gained 205 new residents, an increase of almost 3%, in 2017.

After a 3-year decline in crime rate, we experienced a slight increase from 81 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2016 to 85 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2017 – mirroring some of our neighboring cities and the state as a whole.



Although violent crimes per 1,000 residents continues to rise, it does so at only a fraction of a percentage in comparison with our community growth and is less than, or nearly identical to, our neighboring cities.

Violent crime per UCR/NIBRS includes crimes against persons but also property crimes. There were 445 violent crimes in 2016 and 474 in 2017.

Violent Crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017
Murder	0	0	1	0
Rape	0	1	5	5
Aggravated Assault	5	7	10	19
Simple Assault	45	61	68	54
Robbery	3	0	2	1
Burglary	61	50	32	40
Larceny	302	311	230	252
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	15	10	12
Forgery	15	19	19	18
Fraud	7	9	10	13
Stolen Property Offenses	8	16	14	11
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	49	53	44	49

Crime Rates & Officer Activity – Cont.

Annual Theft - Sequim



Overall instances of reported theft dropped 10% from 300 reports in 2016 to 270 reports in 2017.

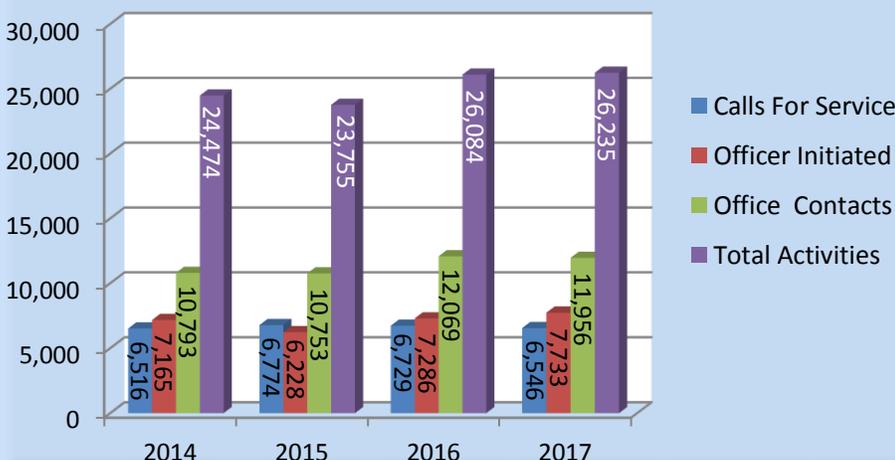
Shoplifting increased by 5% but was offset by a significant decrease in other categories of theft, approximately 25%, resulting in an overall decline.

The Officers, in adhering to our mission, vision, and values statement, showed an increase in responding to various citizen needs throughout the year.

With the increase in population comes an increase on the demand for departmental services as a whole. Through schedule management and diligent teamwork, we were able to meet those demands.

Officer Activities	2014	2015	2016	2017
Welfare Checks: people	314	328	456	522
Welfare Checks: 911 hang-ups	798	787	655	613
Alarms	281	331	293	339
Suspicious Person/ Circumstance/Vehicles	599	616	597	647
Drug Arrests	89	87	79	73
Parking Complaints	68	69	67	99
Noise Complaints	80	92	65	102
Disturbances	235	259	300	309
Building Checks	1,293	803	1,239	961
DV - Physical/ Arrest Made	37	53	42	59

Workload Indicators

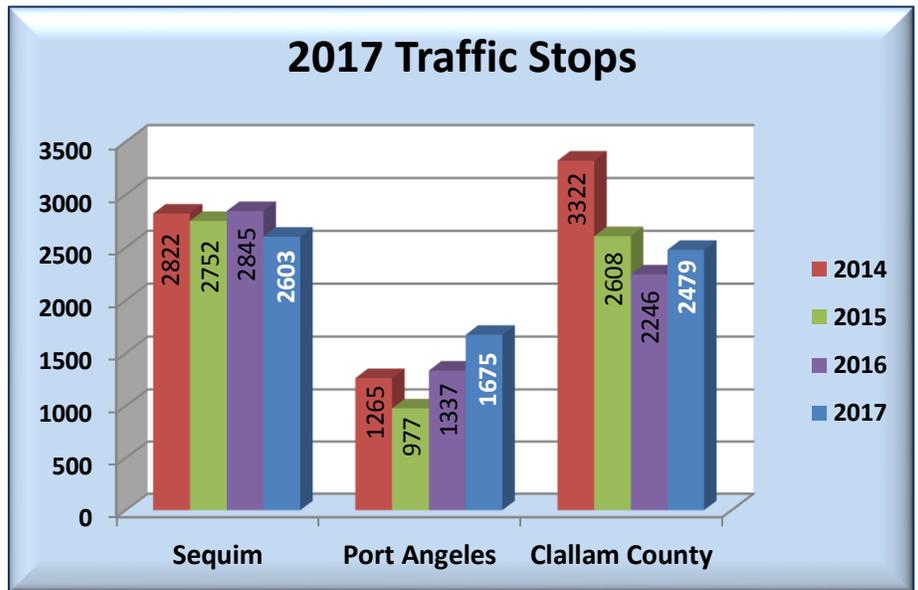


Calls for service decreased by approximately 2% and office contacts decreased by nearly 1%; however, officer-initiated activities increased by nearly 7% resulting in an overall increase in officer workload by 151 events.

Traffic Enforcement

When not responding to calls for service, Sequim Police Officers work proactively to identify active crimes, including the enforcement of traffic laws.

Traffic infractions are a serious concern to the citizens of Sequim. Police received 163 traffic complaints in 2017.



Traffic Offenses	Clallam County	Port Angeles	Sequim
Driving While License Suspended - 1st	6	4	3
Driving While License Suspended - 2nd	15	11	4
Driving While License Suspended - 3rd	182	102	87
Driving Without Interlock Device	13	6	8
DUI - Alcohol	28	60	10
DUI - Drugs	4	11	2
DUI - Felony Prior Alch. Convictions	0	1	0
Hit & Run - Attended Prop. Damage	9	25	8
Hit & Run - Injury	2	4	0
Hit & Run - Unattended	31	56	33
Negligent Driving	1	0	0
No Valid Driver's License - 1st	26	7	1
Reckless Driving	7	10	2
Total 2017 Offenses	324	297	158

Traffic stops decreased approximately 9% in 2017 due to staffing shortages, resulting in fewer Officers being available for traffic enforcement.

2017 also experienced a higher call volume and number of cases than prior years. Therefore, Officer time was demanded elsewhere, responding to calls for services and increased reporting.

Driving While License Suspended 3rd is the most common criminal driving offense, caused most frequently when the Department of Licensing suspends a license due to an outstanding fine, such as an unpaid traffic ticket.

Hit and Run unattended is second and these calls are typically the parking lot collisions where a person parks their car at a business and come out to discover a vehicle struck theirs, often being the vehicle that was or attempted to park next to them.



Community Involvement & Volunteers

Cozy Cove – Lil’ Cubs and Cougars Den

Girl Scout Troop #43870 volunteered to re-decorate the department’s child play/waiting room. The finished product was one that ensured minors would be comfortable and feel safe while visiting.



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Annual Volunteer Hours	3,716	4,088	4,600	5,017
Vacation House Checks	1,455	1,419	2,453	3,046
Radar Trailer, hours deployed	103	77	144	97.5
Child Passenger Safety Seats Installed /Inspected	44	52	73	100
Project Lifesaver Clients	12	10	11	18



Volunteers in Police Service

Our amazing volunteers outdid themselves again in 2017. Service hours increased by 9%.

With the increased number of traffic stops and enforcement performed by Officers, as well as the use of electronic speed reader boards placed in neighborhoods for speed studies, VIPS did not need to deploy the Radar Trailer as frequently. Therefore, they were able to provide more direct service to the citizens of our community through vacation house checks, child passenger safety seat inspection and installations, and supporting Project Lifesaver clients.

Additionally, the Sequim VIPS provided added security and support at a variety of City events including the annual Irrigation and Lavender Festivals, Sequim Prairie Nights Car Show, KSQV Dog Days, supporting the DEA Drug Take-Back day, and Downtown Trick-or-Treat extravaganza - to name a few.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) member or would like to know more about the services offered through the program, please visit our website at <https://www.sequimwa.gov/302/Volunteers-In-Police-Service-VIPS>.

Community Involvement & Volunteers – Cont.

Special Olympics Torch Run

Sequim Police Department participated in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run on May 30th.

Each year, several officers participate in carrying, and passing, the torch throughout the Olympic Peninsula. All funds raised go to support the program; the money is dedicated to local Special Olympics teams the Orcas (Clallam County) and the Warriors (Jefferson County).



Museum & Arts 1st Annual Sequim Prairie Nights Car Show

More than 4,000 people walked a three-block stretch along Washington Street to admire the classic car display.

Officers closed the street and provided foot patrol, assisted by the Volunteers in Police Service, permitting citizens to enjoy the show free of concern.



Employee Advancement & Department Initiatives



Officer John Southard promoted to Sergeant at a swearing-in ceremony held January 30th.

Southard would serve as a Patrol Sergeant; the position is one of five sergeants that serve under Chief Crain.

Southard had worked with the department since June 2007. He served as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Training Cadre, and is SWAT trained. Southard also serves in the United States Army National Guard and has over 19 years military service.

Sergeant Darrell Nelson (right) was reassigned as the Detective Sergeant and, in addition to his regular duties, became the administrator responsible for overseeing the [Neighborhood Watch program](#).

Neighborhood Watch was re-established in 2017 beginning with a neighborhood block captain and citizens meeting held March 29th.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch in Sequim, please contact the police department.



In 2017, **Sergeant Sean Madison** (right) was reassigned to the recently created position of Staff Sergeant to supervise Support Services including Records, Property and Evidence, and the VIPS program. Additionally, Madison was responsible for tracking citizen complaints, internal investigations, police use of force complaints, and other administrative roles. Finally, he was also allocated management of the Department's Policy development and State accreditation.

Prior to his reassignment, Sergeant Madison had served ten years as the Department's Detective Sergeant.

Reserve Sergeant Shawn Washburn (left) retired After serving 16 years as a volunteer Officer with the Department. Washburn served the last few years as corporal supervising the Reserve program. He was also the longest, consecutive serving Reserve Officer since inception of the program in the City of Sequim.



Employee Recognition

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Kindryn Leiter was unanimously voted by the supervisory staff of the Sequim Police Department to receive the agency's 2017 Officer of the Year Award. Officer Leiter led the department in total incidents and total reports for the year. In addition to her higher than average numbers related to proactive policing, Officer Leiter also demonstrated a relentless pursuit for justice in solving several complex investigations including financial exploitation cases, the embezzlement of thousands of dollars from the VFW, sexual assault cases, and identifying and arresting suspects in a county wide burglary case.

PARTNER OF THE YEAR

The Partner of the Year Award recognizes an individual who the Sequim Police Officers would most want to have as a "Partner on Patrol." It is designed to recognize those qualities that are most desired in any policing partner: dedication, technical competency, tactical competence, self-motivation, and trust. Voted the 2017 Sequim Police Department's Partner of the Year was **Paul Dailidenas**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMENDATION

Rick Larsen was awarded the Criminal Investigation Commendation for superior attention to detail and outstanding investigative efforts. Verified information received, and subsequently investigated, by Officer Larsen was used to arrest multiple wanted subjects, solved several crimes, and aided in the recovery of stolen property, including stolen vehicles and firearms, both within the City of Sequim as well as in outlying jurisdictions.

TARGET ZERO TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS

The Target ZERO Program is a statewide program designed to eliminate fatal traffic crashes. The Sequim Police Department created this award to recognize officers who achieved a minimum of ten drunk driver arrests and/or initiate at least 300 vehicle stops over the course of a year. The following Sequim staff received the Traffic Safety Award for their outstanding efforts in 2017: **Officer Rick Larsen, Officer Tony Bush, and Officer Kyle Resser**.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION

VIPS Mike McCown received a Letter of Recognition for going above and beyond in his volunteer service. Since he began volunteering in 2015, Mike averaged in excess of 177 hours per year and worked various details and special assignments. Additionally, Mike provided services as Acting VIPS Coordinator and Office Trainer for new VIPS members.

Department Awards

Project Lifesaver Rescue Commendation

Sequim Police Department received a Rescue Accommodation from Project Lifesaver International for the rescue performed February 27, 2017. The commendation recognized the care and compassion exhibited by the department for its' citizens, as well as, dedication to the "Bring Loved Ones Home" program.

Organizational Chart



CHIEF
Sheri Crain



ASSISTANT TO COP
Victoria Ormand



STAFF SERGEANT
Sean Madison



SERGEANT
Dave Campbell



SERGEANT
Mike Hill



DET. SERGEANT
Darrell Nelson



SERGEANT
John Southard



RECORD SPECIALIST
Josh Rees



OFFICER
Mark Poole



OFFICER
Rick Larsen



DETECTIVE
Paul Dailidenas



OFFICER
Chris Wright



RECORD SPECIALIST
Sandy McCulloch



OFFICER
Maris Larsen



OFFICER
Kindryn Leiter



DETECTIVE
Devin McBride



OFFICER
Cory Hall



OFFICER
Tony Bush



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Kyle Resser



SRO
Randy Kellas



OFFICER
Steph Benes



RESERVE OFFICER
Jim Whitaker



CODE ENFORCEMENT
Lisa Hopper