

**ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2013**



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

This is my third Annual Report as your Chief of Police. As always, it is important to me to provide information on the police department to our elected officials, citizens and community partners.

It has been a challenging year with 9-1-1 Consolidation at the top of the list. We have several major crimes that remain under investigation and the year ended with the untimely passing of Former Chief of Police Jim Jones.

Earlier in the year, I came across an Annual Report by Chief Jones from 1966 and had been looking for something to do with it. You will find it at the end of this report.

Jim was a great member of our community and he loved the Ontario Police Department.

Five Ontario Police employees remain that Chief Jones had hired; Sergeant Glen Kee, Sergeant Steve Mallea, Telecommunicator Tauni Thode, Office Manager Sheri Smith and myself.

We had the honor of assisting with Chief Jones' funeral and I'm very thankful for all those who participated. Jim will be missed.

We have made some good accomplishments through the year and staff has worked hard at making this a safe community. I'm very proud of the work and dedication the members of the Ontario Police Department give every day.

In this annual report, you will find statistics, accomplishments, milestones and activities performed by the department in the year 2013. I always caution those reviewing statistics to not take them at face value, but to look into why a statistic is the way it is. I will attempt to identify factors for some of our statistics in order to give you a full picture.

I would also like to thank my staff and Office Manager, Sheri Smith for helping me produce this report.

I welcome any comments, suggestions or questions you might have of the Ontario Police Department.

Sincerely,

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## PERSONNEL

The Ontario Police Department has twenty-nine employees. Employee positions are as follows:

Chief of Police  
Office Manager  
4-Patrol Sergeants  
14-Patrol Officers  
2-School Resource Officers  
1-Code Enforcement Officer  
5-Telecommunicators  
1-Part-time Evidence Technician

Officer Brian Wickert left us in April after taking a job as a Trooper for the Oregon State Police. Officer Wickert served the Ontario Police Department five years.

Telecommunicator Julie Walker left us in May to take a job with the Oregon Department of Human Services. Officer Walker served the Ontario Police Department for 16 years.

David Worth started as a volunteer for the Police Department in April to assist with our Civil Fingerprinting. David has taken a great burden off of our patrol officers.

LaVelle Cornwell was hired as a part-time Evidence Technician in August. LaVelle is a retired educator from the Ontario 8C School District and is bringing much needed assistance to our evidence room.

In December, the Ontario City Council approved funding to reinstate a drug officer. Our Drug and Gang Detective positions were cut in 2013 due to staff vacancies. This vacancy is expected to be filled in 2014.

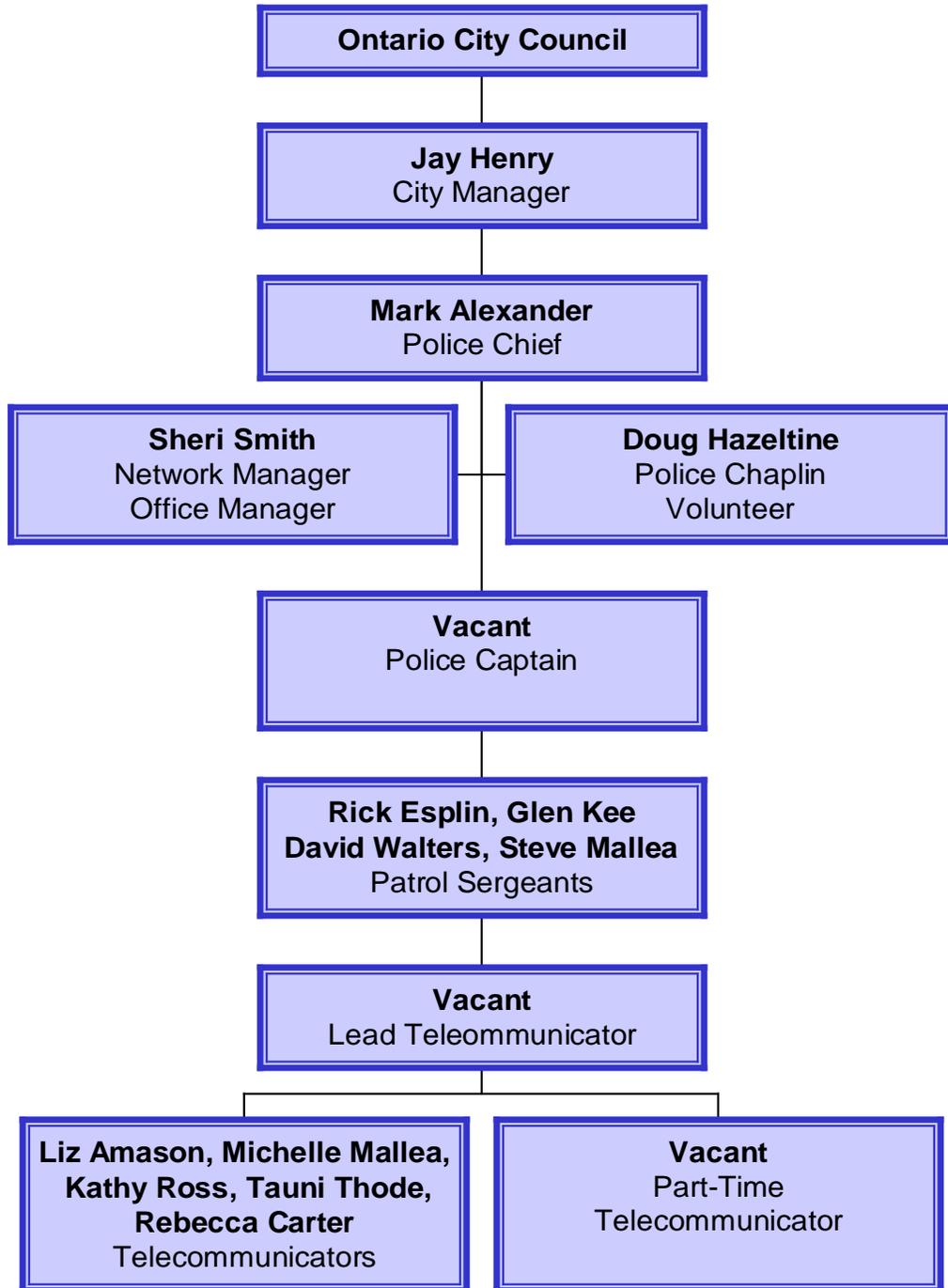
Several employees reached milestones in their years of service with the Ontario Police Department this year:

- Sergeant Rick Esplin, 20 years of service
- Officer Jeremy Jones, 5 years of service
- Officer Henry Filipponi, 5 years of service

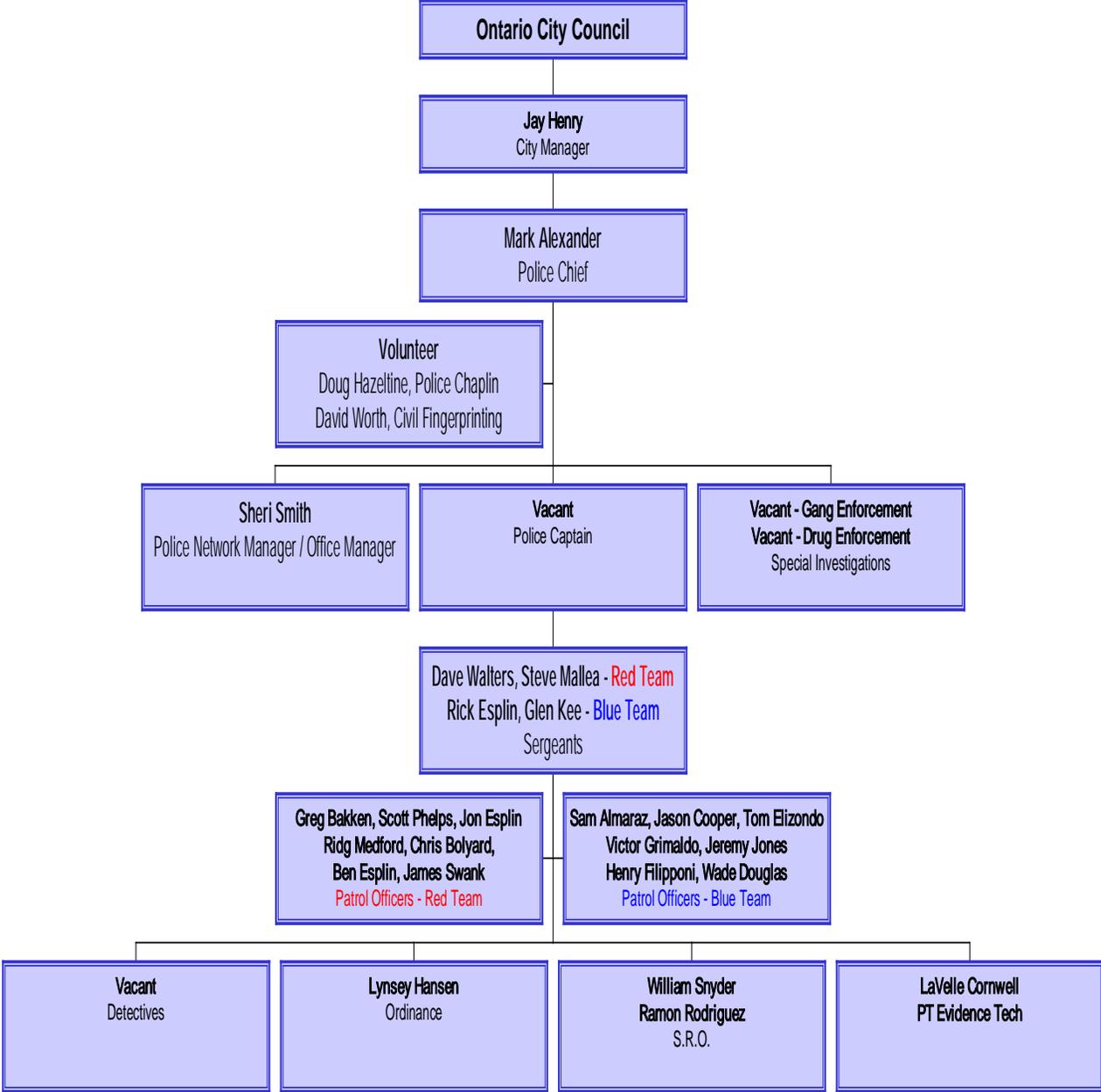
The twenty-nine employees of the Ontario Police Department have over a combined 420 years of service and experience they bring to the City.



# City of Ontario 911 Dispatch Organizational Chart



# Ontario Police Department Organizational Chart



## 2013 OFFENSE STATISTICS

Activity	2013	2012	% +/-
Calls for Service	9953	10,538	-6%
Traffic Stops	1410	2345	-40%
Cited Traffic Violations	874	1311	-33%
Motor Vehicle Crashes	376	359	+5%
Arrests	1072	1256	-15%
Arrests w/ Use of Force	19	14	+36%
Citizen Complaints	4	5	+25%
Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests	330	391	-16%
Felony Warrant Arrests	132	109	+21%
Cases to Dist. Attorney	720	868	-17%
MIP	12	31	-61%
DUII	23	20	+15%
Death Investigations	21	24	-13%
SRO Cases	98	167	-41%
Vandalism	337	504	-33%
Disorderly Conduct	131	175	-25%
Drug Laws	121	137	-12%
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	20	+15%
Fraud	32	33	-3%
Offense Against Family	11	8	+38%
Larceny	694	690	n/c
Burglary	118	135	-13%
Weapon Offenses	7	7	n/c
Assault	92	107	-14%
Homicide	1	0	+100%
Sex Crimes	19	21	-10%
Sex Offender Registry	274	320	-14%



## **Explanations and significant cases-**

**Motor Vehicle Crashes:** The City of Ontario saw a 5% increase in motor vehicle crashes. We remain within the average number of motor vehicle crashes in the City of Ontario from the past several years.

**Arrests/Traffic Stops/Use of Force/Complaints:** Approximately 10% of our contacts end in arrest. For every use of force incident, officers handled 524 calls that required no use of force. Good employees, good training and good policies and procedures keep use of force and citizen complaints low. No lawsuits have been brought upon the department for several years.

**Cases to District Attorney:** 720 cases were presented to the District Attorney for consideration of prosecution in 2013. These are misdemeanor and felony cases that are heard in Circuit Court in Vale, Oregon. Lower level misdemeanor cases are heard in the Malheur County Justice Court, in Ontario and are treated as violations.

Due to caseload and staffing levels, the Malheur County DA's Office has to be judicious in their consideration of charging cases that are presented to their office. In 2013, approximately 30% of the cases we submitted were not prosecuted due to a variety of reasons.

**Death Investigations:** Most of the Ontario Police Officers are appointed Deputy Medical Examiners who investigate deaths under the direction of the County Medical Examiner. Oregon law requires investigations under certain conditions. Most of our investigations are deaths due to natural causes when not under the care of a physician.

### **Notable Death Investigations:**

**1)** On September 13, the Ontario Fire Department responded to a mobile home fire at 460 SE 5th Avenue in Ontario, Oregon. Neighbors called the Ontario 9-1-1 Center after observing smoke and fire coming from the residence.

After an initial knockdown of the fire, Firefighters located 66 year-old Sally Ann Hardy, inside the home and found her to be unconscious. Sally was pronounced dead at the scene.

Sally Hardy lives at the residence with her adult daughter, who was not home at the time. An adult cat and kittens died inside the home as a result of the fire.

The home was a total loss. No other homes were threatened during the incident. No firefighters were injured.

It was noted the home did not have an operable smoke detector. The Ontario Fire Department and State Fire Marshall's Office would like to remind residents to have a working smoke detector, test it regularly and change the batteries on a routine basis



**Notable Death Investigations cont'd:**

2) On October 8th at approximately 3:30pm, The Ontario Police Department began a homicide investigation into the shooting death of 34 year-old Jacob Colman, a resident of Ontario. Jacob Colman was found in his home, which is an apartment complex in the 100 block of NW 3rd Avenue.

The case remains under investigation. Two officers were taken from patrol duties and assigned to the investigation with the assistance of the Oregon State Police and Malheur County Sheriff's Office. The case is being considered drug related. A \$1000 reward has been offered by Jacob's family for information resulting in the conviction of those responsible for his death.

**SRO Cases:**

One SRO is assigned to the Middle School and another to the High School under a contract with the Ontario School District. Historically, concern has been with the School's budget to fund the SRO Program. The Police Department took one of the SRO's from the school for two months in order to help provide investigators with the Jacob Colman homicide investigation.

**Vandalism:**

2012 had an increase in cases when two juveniles and an adult went on a vandalism spree shooting windows to vehicles and businesses. The Ontario Police Department took 71 vandalism cases in October and November of 2012, which would account for some of the reduction in 2013.

**Notable Assault Cases:**

1) On February 25th, four unknown individuals entered the residence at 110 NE 3rd St # 13 and threatened occupants of the home with a shotgun. One male occupant was shot in the leg with a round that was apparently loaded with rock salt. The victim was taken to St. Alphonsus Medical Center to receive care for his injuries. The victim was uncooperative with Law Enforcement during the investigation. The victim initially told the investigators the incident had occurred while walking on Alameda Drive but they would later discover the actual scene. The case has been closed as inactive.

2) On March 4<sup>th</sup>, several individuals entered an apartment at 555 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Street, assaulting a female occupant and stabbing a male. The male victim was taken to St Alphonsus Medical Center for care and was later released. The incident is being considered gang related and remains an open investigation.

3) On April 6<sup>th</sup>, a fight occurred outside an apartment complex in the 900 block of NW 4th Street in Ontario between three individuals regarding some alleged stolen property. Two of the subjects caused injury to the third, 24 year-old Jesus Garza, from Ontario, which rendered him unconscious. The subjects dispersed and the incident was not reported to law enforcement.



**Notable Assault Cases cont'd:**

4) At about 8:20pm, Ontario Police Officers were summoned to an apartment complex at 70 NW 4th Street where one of the suspects from the previous incident had been stabbed. The now victim, 23 year-old Shawn Franks of Nyssa sustained life threatening stab wounds to his abdomen and upper body. Shawn Franks was taken to St Alphonsus Medical Center.

Jesus Garza was at this scene and would later be transported to St Alphonsus Medical Center for treatment. After release, Jesus would be arrested for Assault in the First Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Assault for the alleged assault against Shawn Franks.

The assault involved numerous individuals. Ontario Police Officers received assistance from Malheur County Deputies and Oregon State Police Troopers in contacting witnesses and suspects.

An additional arrest was made in relation to the stabbing. 23 year-old Andy Garza was also arrested for Assault in the First Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Assault. Both Jesus and Andy Garza were taken to the Malheur County Jail.

5) On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Humberto Rodriguez and two other individuals assaulted Kelly Kubicek as he walked by an apartment complex at 70 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street. During the assault, a knife was brandished by the attackers. The knife was taken away by the victim and used against his assailants. Rodriguez sustained visible knife injuries. Mr. Kubicek's wallet was taken from his person during the assault. Unfortunately, Mr. Kubicek died as the result of a motorcycle crash on August 27<sup>th</sup>. This was prior to court proceedings against Humberto Rodriguez and the case was dismissed.

6) On May 17<sup>th</sup>, a resident from 40 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street reported gun shots fired in the area of her home and further reported a red Avalanche leaving the area. A traffic stop would be made on the vehicle on NW 3rd Street. Two subjects fled on foot immediately after the vehicle stopped. Two additional subjects, Zach Guzman and Salvador Rodriguez were arrested out of the vehicle.

A vehicle at the original scene sustained several bullet strikes to the rear passenger quarter panel while it was being driven in the area of NW 2nd Avenue and NW 7th Street.

Zach Guzman would be identified as firing the shots. A handgun was recovered in the area of the traffic stop, consistent with casings and live rounds recovered at the scene and in the vehicle.

Guzman was transported to the Malheur County Jail to be lodged on charges of Attempted Murder, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, and Criminal Mischief II.

7) On October 13<sup>th</sup>, several subjects unlawfully entered a home at 560 NW 4th Street. Two of the individuals had weapons and threatened the two occupants while the others stole approximately 1/2 ounce of marijuana from their residence. All subjects fled from the area on foot and all except one was picked up by Lori Edwards in a vehicle. The vehicle was located by an officer and was stopped at NW 4th Street and NW 4th Avenue. Shawn Franks, Zane Silence, Adam Edwards and Lori Edwards were all taken into custody and lodged in the Malheur County on charges of Robbery I, Burglary I and Coercion.



### **Notable Assault Cases cont'd:**

**8)** On October 26<sup>th</sup>, police and medical personnel were summoned to an apartment complex in the 400 block of SE 1st Street in Ontario where it was reported that a firearm had been discharged inside the home, injuring a four year-old boy.

The victim has suffered non-life-threatening injury to his arm as a result of the gunshot. The victim was taken to St Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario and later transferred to Boise where he would ultimately recover and be discharged. The boy and his siblings would be placed into the custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services

33 year-old Juan Jose Moreno-Alvarez, who had been at the residence, fled the scene and would be sought by law enforcement.

A search warrant was executed at the residence where a firearm was located, along with stolen property from recent burglaries in the area

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Juan Jose Moreno-Alvarez, turned himself in at the Ontario Police Department. A felony warrant had been issued out of Malheur County Circuit Court for the incident.

**9)** On November 30<sup>th</sup>, it was reported that two unknown suspects entered into the Heinz Frozen Food Company with the intent to steal tools. While in the building, one of the suspects was confronted by an employee. The suspect used a box cutter knife to cut the employee in order to make an escape from the building. Both individuals remain at large and the investigation continues. We are fortunate to have the assistance of the Canyon County Sheriff's Office who provided a Detective to meet with the victim and produce a drawing of the suspect.

**10)** On December 1<sup>st</sup> at about 1:30am, a large party was taking place at an Ontario home located in the 500 block of NW 1st Street. Several people engaged in fighting outside the residence in the street. Witnesses who called police reported there were an estimated 50+ individuals at the scene, many of which left upon police arrival.

Several people were injured, but most significant was 19 year-old Treasure Valley Community College student Thomas Hooper, from Las Vegas. Thomas is a member of the TVCC Men's Basketball Team.

Thomas sustained severe head injuries after being hit by a metal bar and glass bottle. Thomas remained in a medically induced coma and was in critical condition at a hospital in Boise. Thomas would later be released and is hoping to eventually return to TVCC.

Four individuals, April Lee Brown, Frank Joseph Lopez, Matthew Ross Martin and Oscar Rodriguez Ramirez, were indicted for different degrees Assault relating to the injuries to Thomas.

### **Notable Person Cases**

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 76 year-old Cresencio Ruiz was reported missing from his home in the Northwest part of Ontario. Mr. Ruiz suffers from dementia and could not be located. We were assisted by local law enforcement including Malheur County Search and Rescue. Mr. Ruiz was located after several hours from being reported missing in the yard of a home in the southwest part of town. Mr. Ruiz was suffering from heat related illness and received medical attention, fully recovering.



### **Notable Sex Crime Cases:**

1) On April 15th, at about 2:45am, the Ontario Police Department responded to an apartment complex in the 600 block of Alameda Drive in Ontario regarding an attempted sexual assault of a 70 year-old female who lives at that location.

The victim sustained minor injuries from the assault that did not require immediate medical attention.

The victim told investigators she was awoken by the suspect who was on top of her. The victim was able to talk the suspect out of the sexual assault, but was then physically assaulted. The suspect ultimately left the residence.

The investigation into this matter continues and includes the possibility that this is related to the sexual assault and attempted murder of a 78 year-old female that had occurred in December of 2012. This case also remains open.

2) On July 17<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of SE 4th Avenue after the mother of a four-year-old daughter returned home to find her ex-boyfriend was in the progress of sexually abusing her daughter. The mother immediately called 9-1-1 and officers responded to find the suspect still at the scene.

The suspect, 32 year-old Vincente Sanchez-Villanueva of Ontario was arrested for two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and one count of Attempted Rape in the First Degree. Sanchez-Villanueva was lodged in the Malheur County Jail.

The victim was taken to a medical facility for evaluation and was released.

### **Notable Theft Cases:**



1) On March 6<sup>th</sup>, officers began an investigation into an overnight burglary at the Ontario Eye Center where suspect(s) nearly \$14,000 in sunglasses, cash and approximately \$2400 in computer equipment was taken. The property has not been recovered and no suspects have been developed.

2) On May 18th at about 7:40am, Ontario Police responded to a burglary that had occurred at Bi-Mart the night before. Employees opening the store found a glass front door had been broken in order for the suspect to gain entry. The suspect took various items from within and fled the scene.

Later that day at about 4:00pm, Ontario Police responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 000 block of NW 17th Street. Eighteen year-old Thomas Kelly, of Ontario, was arrested for Criminal Mischief II, Possession of Less Than 1 oz. of Marijuana and Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Officers subsequently found merchandise and other evidence leading them to also arrest Mr. Kelly for the burglary at Bi-Mart. From that incident Mr. Kelly was taken to the Malheur County Jail for additional crimes of Burglary II, Criminal Mischief II and Theft II.



**Notable Public Order Offenses:**

1) On July 4<sup>th</sup>, a female was making a transaction at the ATM of Chase Bank. A subject who would later be identified as Jason Ocacio approached wearing a black hoodie, mask and was carrying an opened pocket knife. Jason ordered the victim to withdraw cash, however she was unable to as there was no money in her account. Mr. Ocacio took the cash the female had in her hand to deposit and fled on foot. Mr. Ocacio was located a couple of blocks away and had changed clothing, but ultimately admitted to the robbery and was taken into custody. Mr. Ocacio was transported to the Malheur County Jail and lodged on Robbery I and Theft III.

2) On April 14th, at about 7:30pm, Ontario Police officers responded to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario regarding two patients, Mark Brinton and Drex Brooks, who had been brought in with life threatening and disfiguring injuries sustained after a homemade explosive device went off while in the desert area west of Vale in the Bully Creek area.

Officers found another subject who had been summoned for help at the scene had transported the victims to the hospital in their own vehicle. Indications were made that an unexploded device might be in the vehicle. Saint Alphonsus implemented procedures to insure the safety of their patients and the parking lot around the vehicle was closed off.

The Nampa Bomb Squad responded to assist in the investigation as we have a Mutual Aid Agreement with them for such services. No explosive devices were located and the hospital resumed normal operations at about 11:30pm.

A search warrant was obtained for the residence of the victims, who reside in the 1200 block of SW 3rd Avenue in Ontario. Nampa Bomb Squad again assisted the Ontario Police Department in searching the home and neighboring homes were evacuated out of caution.

Nampa Bomb Squad then responded to the Vale, Oregon area to further assist the Malheur County Sheriff's Office with their scene.

Life Flight transported both males from Ontario with extensive injuries. One was transported to Saint Alphonsus in Boise with the other being transported to OHSU in Portland. Both have since been released.

**Sex Offender Registry:** Those who have been convicted of crimes requiring registration must register annually or when an address or occupation change.



## DRUG ENFORCEMENT

The Ontario Police Department participates in the High Desert Drug Task Force, which includes personnel from the Malheur County Sheriff's Office, Fruitland Police Department, Payette Police Department, Weiser Police Department, Payette County Sheriff's Office and Washington County Sheriff's Office. The Ontario Police Department provides one full-time employee to the Task Force.

Due to staffing reductions, the assigned Detective was transferred to Patrol in May. As mentioned, this position has been restored and we are in the process of hiring.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Ontario Police Department has one full-time Code Enforcement Officer, Lynsey Hansen. The Code Enforcement Officer addresses animal offenses, weed and garbage violations, parking violations and graffiti removal. Summertime is especially busy for Code Enforcement.

The City of Ontario maintains a dog-lodging contract with Ani-Care to lodge and dispose of dogs found running at large in the City. Disposal is through adoption or euthanasia. The City requires dog owners to have their dogs licensed. One benefit of dog licensing is to have your dog returned if found at large.

The Police Department employed a seasonal worker to address weed and graffiti abatement in a timely manner and proved to be a successful venture that we would like to continue.

Officer Hansen attended the 2013 Oregon Code Enforcement Association conferences in Seaside in April and Bend in September. Officer Hansen is able to receive training on a variety of job related topics and network with other Code Enforcement Officers from the State. Officer Hansen is currently serving as the Association's Public Relations Officer.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Offense/Call for Service	Total for 2013	Total for 2012	% +/-
Dogs Running at Large	346	414	-16%
Dogs transported to Ani Care	91	103	-12%
Dog a Public Nuisance	100	94	+6%
Animal Neglect/Cruelty to Animal	58	57	n/c
Weed offenses	151	170	-11%
Garbage offenses	27	37	-27%
Junk Vehicle offenses	19	16	+19%
Parking Violations	54	26	+108%
Total cases for 2013	688	705	-2%



## 9-1-1

The Ontario Police Department has one of the two 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) in Malheur County. Funded partially by State 9-1-1 taxes, the Ontario 9-1-1 PSAP operates 24-7-365. Staff answers 9-1-1 phone calls and provides dispatch services for police, fire and ambulance services. Staff performs a variety of records and data entry services for the police department along with window services for the public.

The Mission of the Ontario 911 PSAP Center is to provide prompt, courteous communications to our customers to the best of our ability. Our standard is excellence. Our model of success is teamwork. We are always there and always ready

In 2013, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators handled 6,028 9-1-1 calls and 50,306 non-emergency and business calls.

In January, Michelle Mallea and Rebecca Carter were nominated by The Ontario Police and Fire Departments for Telecommunicator of the Year through the Ontario Elks. They received the awards based on their work during several substantial range fires in August 2012.

I want to extend thanks to Telecommunicator Tauni Thode who recruited the assistance of her two sons to help with a substantial amount of transferring, cleaning, organizing and purging of records and property from two of our storage locations this year. Their help was much needed and greatly appreciated.

Telecommunicator Liz Amason met with a LEDS (Oregon Law Enforcement Data System) auditor August 8th and passed. LEDS provides a variety of computerized records essential to the functions of law enforcement work. Stringent policies and procedures must be adhered to in order for agencies to be part of the program. Failure to do so could result in the termination of services. Audits are conducted to assure agencies are compliant.



## VOLUNTEER

David Worth joined us in April as a Volunteer. The Police Department provides civil fingerprinting for individuals applying for jobs or positions that require background checks where their fingerprints are required. Police Officers would be called in or disrupted from their duties to provide this service. David was trained to do fingerprinting and now gives his time twice a week to provide this service for us. Fingerprinting is done by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays at \$15 per print card. Since David started, he has helped the department generate \$5,125 in revenue. We greatly appreciate David giving his time. David has great customer service skills and is an excellent representative of the Department.



The Ontario Police Department has two cold homicide cases, Richard Browning from 1974 and David Stevenson from 1982. I have missed opportunities to highlight these cases on some national television shows due to case files not being in electronic format. David found on occasion he would have breaks between appointments and spent some substantial time scanning and organizing one of the two cases. His time doing this is also greatly appreciated.

## TRAINING

Members of the Ontario Police Department participate in a variety of training. Employees are required by the State to have yearly training hours in specific categories to maintain Police Officer and Telecommunicator certifications. Training can involve the following areas of instruction:

- First Aid
- CPR
- AED
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Active Shooter/School Violence
- Defensive Tactics
- Policy and Procedures
- Legal updates
- Legislative updates
- Firearms
- Domestic Violence
- Communications
- Taser
- Child Safety Seat Technician
- 9-1-1 issues
- DUII Investigation
- Gang Investigation
- Technology/Computer Investigations
- Death Investigation
- Leadership and Supervision
- Child Abuse Investigation
- Social Media
- Juvenile Crime
- Drug Recognition
- Traffic Safety
- MILO

Police Officers and Telecommunicators can hold Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, Mid-Management and Executive Certificates through the State or Oregon based on education, years of service and continuous training.

Officer BJ Snyder received his Advanced Police Officer Certificate in July and Officer Ridg Medford received his in August.



### **Notable Training:**

Chief Alexander along with Sergeants, Esplin, Kee, Walters and Mallea attended the Oregon Executive Leadership Training Seminar in Seaside in January. The Oregon Association of Chief's of Police and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association sponsor this annual training. They also attended leadership training in Nampa in April featuring former Nampa Police Chief Leroy Forsman.

Chief Alexander attended the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Bend in April.

Sergeant Dave Walters and Officer Wade Douglas obtained scholarships through the State of Oregon to attend a national Child Abuse training in Las Vegas in April.

Office Manager Sheri Smith attended Quarterly 9-1-1 meetings/training in May at Hood River and in October at Sun River.

Chief Alexander, Sergeant Glen Kee and Sergeant Rick Esplin attended a LGPI employment law training in Salem in August.

Telecommunicator Liz Amason attended an Oregon Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) Conference in Seaside in September.

Evidence Technician LaVelle Cornwell attended the International Association of Property Officers training in Portland in November.

## **ONTARIO POLICE BOARD**

Since July of 2002, the Ontario Police Department has maintained the Ontario Police Board, a committee comprised of citizens from the community. This group volunteers their time to learn about the criminal justice system. Monthly presentations give this group a realistic idea of what the police department does and the challenges we face. Chief Mark Alexander hosts the group and strives to dispel the inaccuracies police television shows give society. New members are always welcome.

2013 saw a decrease in the number of meetings held. It is my goal to get back on track with monthly meetings in 2014.

We were saddened by the loss of a member, Ted Molder, who died of cancer in June. Plans are being made for a memorial at City Hall in Ted's name through various donations.

The Ontario Police Board heard presentations on the following topics:

- 2012 Annual Report overview
- Department updates
- Boys and Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley tour



## EVIDENCE

LaVelle Cornwell was hired this year as a part-time Evidence Technician, filling a long-time need.

Historically, the Ontario Police Department stored evidence in up to four separate locations, some being off-site. Items such as guns, drugs, cash and valuables were kept in areas exposed to heat/cold and that were susceptible to theft or tampering.



The police department seizes evidence that might go to the crime lab, might be held for trial or might be returned to the owner. Evidence relating to assault or sexual assault cases must be kept for extended periods of time. Evidence relating to death cases is kept forever.

Several years ago, the police department obtained an apartment building behind City Hall for a single location for evidence storage and processing. This has proven to be much more convenient for officers to locate, transport, deliver or return items of evidence since it is kept in close proximity to the police department.

Very crude measures were taken to remove walls in the building in order to make the space effective for storage. This has worked for the department, but with the knowledge there are safety measures lacking.

There are locations with substandard flooring, exposed electrical wiring and a lack of ventilation from harmful airborne spores. Through the years, storage needs have increased as well.

This budget year, we were able to obtain funding to upgrade the facility to include a ventilated drug storage room and stalls for drying clothing saturated with blood or other fluids. Half the project was completed and the remaining work will be done in 2014.

This project will allow us to complete an inventory of the facility and start conducting quarterly audits, which is a necessary component for evidence facilities.

LaVelle has made substantial progress in organizing the evidence room facility and updating records. Her help is greatly appreciated.

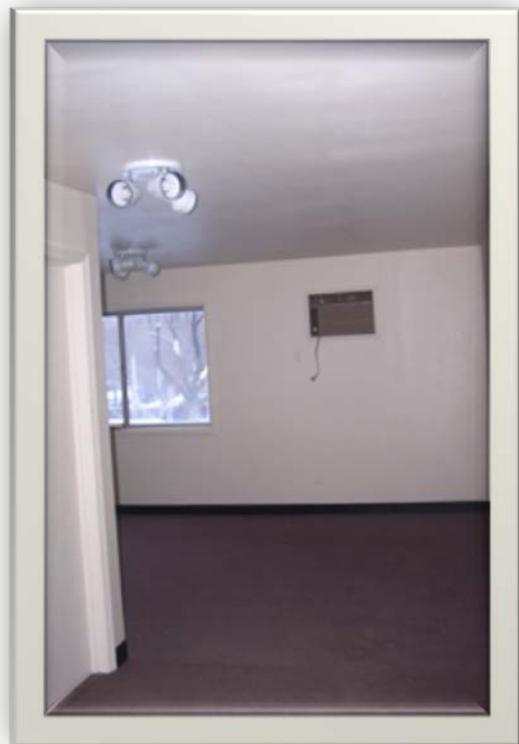




This photo depicts issues with flooring, wiring and ceiling from removed walls.



Shower stalls for drying clothing saturated with blood or other fluids.



Upgrades in floor, walls, lighting, ceiling and exposed wiring.

## VEHICLES

The Ontario Police Department maintains 15 vehicles, which are as follows:

- 8-Patrol cars
- 1-Supervisor SUV
- 4-Unmarked vehicles
- 1-Code Enforcement pickup
- 1-SUV for transport of graffiti removal equipment

Total miles driven in 2012: 165,101

Total miles driven in 2013: 132,949



## GRANTS

The police department received \$6000 in grant funding to pay overtime for seatbelt and speed enforcement under the Three Flags program funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The police department received \$6500 in grant funding to pay overtime for DUII enforcement funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The majority of our traffic enforcement is conducted during overtime hours provided by these grants. The ability for the department to conduct traffic enforcement is dependent upon these grants.

The police department is managing a \$2650 grant to fund car seats and fitting station in a grant funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

## DONATIONS

The Ontario Police Department received three donations in December of 2013. The VFW Post 5452 gave \$250, the American Legion Post gave \$100 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 67 gave \$50. We appreciate the service these groups give to our community and for the support of the Ontario Police Department.



## ON THE JOB INJURIES

Police work is a dangerous job and has inherent risks when dealing with dangerous individuals. Five employees were injured during the course of duties in 2013.

Two officers were spit in the face by a suspect on two different incidents in April. Officers go through testing for infectious diseases as part of our exposure plan.

An Officer sustained a hand injury in October during a domestic violence investigation. Upon arrival to the scene, the officer encountered the suspect who threw a cooking pan at him. The Officer's hand was injured as he attempted to block his head from being hit by the pan.

In December, an officer sustained various bruises and scrapes when he went to the ground attempting to stop an individual from jumping from the Snake River Bridge

None of the injuries to the Police Officers resulted in lost work time.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The second annual Fish With a Cop was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Bully Creek Reservoir. Sergeant Steve Mallea, Officers BJ Snyder, Wade Douglas, Lynsey Hansen and Telecommunicator Liz Amason participated in the day event.

Law Enforcement from the area partners with the Boys and Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley to provide kids with a day of positive interaction. Participants learn the art of fishing and receive a pole and tackle box. Snacks and a lunch are also provided. Thirty-three kids were able to participate this year.

Code Enforcement Officer Lynsey Hansen served as the Chairperson for the event and with the help of the Boys and Girls Club, Community In Action, The Ontario Police Department's Better Halves Club, Malheur County Search and Rescue and the Southeast Oregon Food Bank, the event was very successful.

This event cannot happen without the generous donations of our local community. We would like to thank the following donors who help make this event possible:

Ontario Bi-Mart  
Art's Body Shop  
Nyssa City Council  
Ontario Food Bank  
Ontario Lion's Club  
Aimee Fritsch  
Don Hatt

Malheur County Juvenile Department  
Riley Hill  
M & W Market, Nyssa  
St Paul Lutheran Church/ Giggles and Grace  
Rodriguez Bakery  
Home Depot  
Outdoorsman



Fish With A Cop - June 14, 2013 at Bully Creek Reservoir





**Officer Chris Bolyard was caught helping some kids fix their bikes.**

### **Other notable events and activities:**

In February, members of the Department formed a team for Bowl for a Cure at Sunset Lanes. Officer Ridg Medford, Lynsey Hansen and Chief Alexander joined up with Malheur County Juvenile Department's Ted Martinez and Malheur County District Attorney's Jason Munn to participate.

Serve Day was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Department's team of Officer's Chris Bolyard, Scott Phelps, BJ Snyder, Telecommunicator Liz Amason and Chief Alexander spent the day working at the Malheur County Fairgrounds.

In June, Officers James Swank and Henry Filippini initiated a Neighborhood Watch program for the Dorian Place neighborhood.

Chief Mark Alexander participated in Challenge Day with the Ontario High School in October.

### **Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box**

The Police Department participated in the National Prescription Drug Takeback Program in April and October.

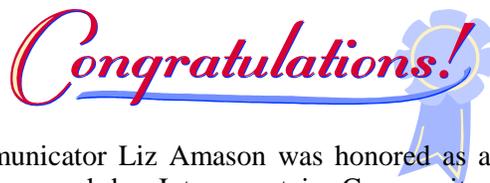
In April, the Department unveiled our permanent Prescription Drug drop-off box that resides in the lobby of City Hall. The drop-off box was made possible through donations from the US Postal Service, A1 Key and Lock and Prism Stripes.





Some of our officers are involved in community organizations both inside and outside of work:

- Officer Greg Bakken was appointed as a board member for Project DOVE this year.
- Telecommunicator Liz Amason has been a board member for the Ontario Chapter of Modern Woodmen and was appointed as the Chapter's Activities Coordinator.
- Code Enforcement Lynsey Hansen is a member of the Malheur County Search and Rescue.
- Officer Victor Grimaldo is part of the Winn/Grimaldo Family annual fish fry that raises funds for the Winn- Grimaldo Legacy scholarship at Treasure Valley Community College.
- Sergeant Rick Esplin and Officer Jeremy Jones are members and participate with the Patriot Guard Riders for both the Oregon and Idaho Chapters.
- Office Manager Sheri Smith is an associate member of the Ontario Volunteer Firefighters Association. Associate members support the fire suppression side of the Fire Department by helping with rehab and fund raising. Sheri has also been a nationally certified car seat technician since 2004 and car seat instructor since 2008. In November of this year, Sheri started working with the Ontario St. Alphonsus prenatal team as a guest speaker on car seat safety for the "Going Home" segment of the prenatal classes.
- Chief Alexander is a board member for the Oregon Association of Chief's of Police, the Boys and Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley and the former Malheur County Commission on Children and Families.



In November, Telecommunicator Liz Amason was honored as a Community Star in a service recognition program sponsored by Intermountain Community Bank. Four volunteers from Ontario, Fruitland, Payette and Weiser attended a dinner ceremony where each was presented with the award. Intermountain Community Bank donates \$1,000 to a charity or organization of each winner's choice. Volunteers are nominated by fellow community members.

The Payette award was nominated by Craig Jensen and awarded to Officer Amason, who volunteers with multiple agencies, including the Modern Woodmen and Four Rivers Healthy Communities. Officer Amason donated her winnings to Four Rivers Healthy Communities to help start building a community foundation through the organization.

## Ontario Police & Child Safety Seat Education

The police department managed a \$2,650 grant to fund car seats, technician certification and equipment for the child safety seat fitting station held at City Hall from 4:00-6:00 PM the second Thursday of every month. This grant is funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation and allows our Safe Kids nationally certified car seat technicians to educate and service families in need of child safety seats.

The Child Safety Seat Technician Team in Malheur County worked with 134 families in need of child safety seat education. A total of 127 car seats were checked and 41 new seats were provided to families in need. This was all done through 11 fitting stations held at Ontario Fire & Rescue, one car seat clinic held at the Nyssa Fire Department in Nyssa, Oregon, and one car seat clinic held at the Payette Hanigan Chevrolet Dealership during National Child Passenger Safety Seat check day September 21, 2013.



CPS Techs Helen & Andy checking car seat information!



Little Colt happy with his new car seat!

Ontario Police Office Manager Sheri Smith is a Nationally Certified Car Seat Technician Instructor and our Safe Kids Malheur County Coordinator. The Ontario car seat fitting station and other car seat clinic events are organized by Sheri and registered through Safe Kids U.S.A. We currently have nine (9) Child Safety Seat Technicians in Malheur County.



Dan the Doll shows proper seat belt placement



"Spot the Tot Program"

We are proud and honored to provide this necessary program through the Ontario Police Department to the families of Malheur County. Our goal is to provide education and assistance to keep children safe in and around vehicles in our community.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL

In early 2005 the Ontario Police Department began a project to provide a traffic safety school to local traffic violators sentenced from the Ontario Municipal and Justice Courts. After several months of research a curriculum was developed and approved by the Court. Since that date we continue to enhance the course and update information as traffic laws continue to change.

We currently hold one traffic school class a month. The class is 4 ½ hours in length and covers a variety of traffic law information. Ontario Traffic School is voluntary and often times are offered by a Court in order to give a violator the opportunity for the violation to be held off of a violator's official State driving record. The cost of the class is \$45. Students may be given the option to attend from area Municipal Courts, Justice Courts and Juvenile Departments. We also accept students from the general public who are interested in keeping informed on general traffic laws.

The instructor, Police Office Manager Sheri Smith, is well schooled in traffic law and has a genuine interest in traffic safety. The class is interactive and students can enjoy lively dialogues concerning driving and traffic enforcement. Some of the topics discussed include such things as:

- Seat belt laws;
- Child safety seat laws;
- Driving under the influence of intoxicants;
- The proper response to traffic control devices;
- Driving distractions / Cell Phone Use;
- Road rage;
- School zones; and
- General rules of the road.

This year a total of 11 traffic school classes were held. A total of 123 students attended.



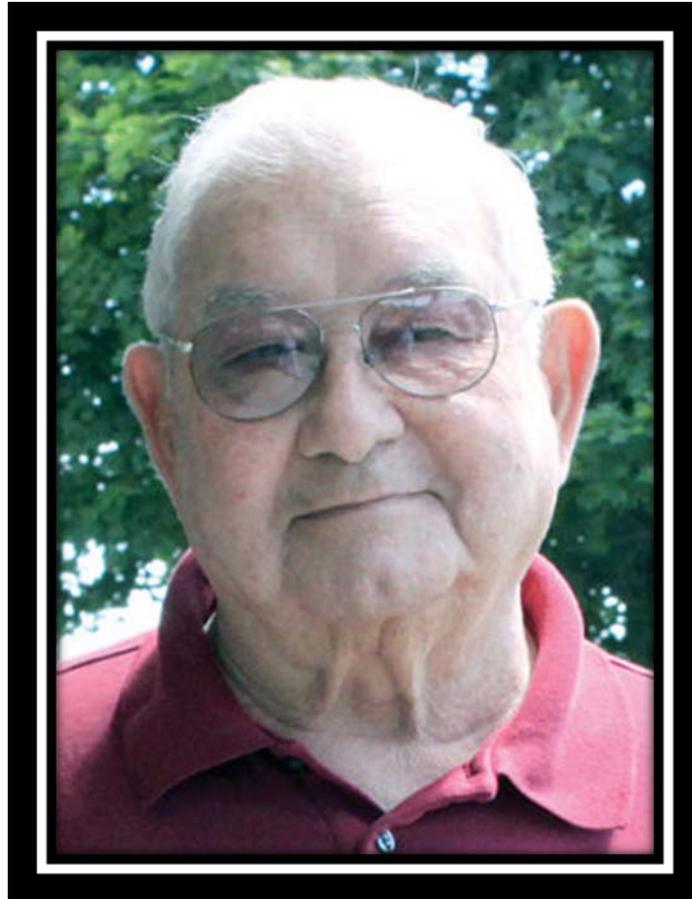
## CONCLUSION

This report highlights the many activities of the Ontario Police Department. Further information such as a Daily Police Blotter, Dog Licensing procedures, Public Safety Master Plan, Child Safety and other law enforcement resources can be found on the City of Ontario website, located at [www.ontariooregon.org](http://www.ontariooregon.org). The Ontario Police Department can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.



**In Memory of:**

**Chief James H. Jones  
Ontario Police Chief  
1962-1990**



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ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ONTARIO, OREGON

JAMES W. JONES, CHIEF

CITY OF



THE CAPITAL OF EASTERN OREGON

ONTARIO, OREGON 97914

FROM THE OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF

Please Direct All Correspondence  
On This Matter To The Above.

January 12, 1957

Honorable Mayor and  
Common Council of the  
City of Ontario, Oregon

Gentlemen:

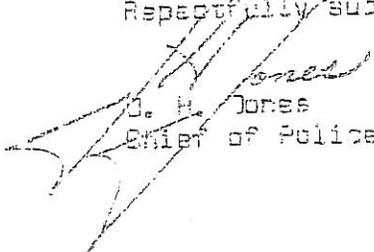
It is again my privilege to report to you concerning the Police Department of the City of Ontario and its accomplishments over the past twelve months. We feel that this report will clearly show the increase in problems that exist in our growing City.

As we anticipated in the past year a work load of additional problems were forthcoming, as you will understand in detail as you examine the activity comparison chart enclosed. A considerable increase in all activities is shown as expected.

As in the past, officers of the Department are continuing their education. It is my pleasure to inform you that all patrol officers are enrolled in Treasure Valley Community College in classes ranging from psychology to criminal law. It also should be noted that one patrolman has a degree and that it is anticipated by the fall term of this year four more men will enjoy degrees in Police Science.

It is enjoyable to notice their work improvement as their education expands. This education program is paid for by the men completely, which in itself certainly brings out the fact of professional help existing in Ontario's Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. H. Jones  
Chief of Police

ACTIVITY COMPARISON CHART

Traffic Accidents

1966	- 239
1965	- 165
1964	- 147

Traffic Citations

1966	- 694
1965	- 395
1964	- 178

Misdemeanor Arrests

1966	- 391
1965	- 276
1964	- 249

Felony Arrests

1966	- 53
1965	- 40
1964	- 28

Complaints

1966	- 1525
1965	- 1466
1964	- 1150

ARREST SUMMARY

TRAFFIC ARREST ANALYSIS

PERSONS CHARGED	1966	1965
1. Driving While Intoxicated .....	41	20
2. Reckless Driving .....	3	9
3. Hit and Run .....	4	1
4. Conducting a Speed Contest .....	3	7
5. Driving While Suspended .....	3	6
6. Failure to Stop at Sign or Signal .....	63	58
7. Violation of Basic Rule .....	268	108
8. Failure to Yield Right of Way .....	51	38
9. No Operators License .....	70	60
10. Defective Equipment .....	58	60
11. All Other Violations .....	<u>121</u>	<u>31</u>
TOTAL	694	395
Improper Parking Violations .....	<u>139</u>	<u>114</u>
TOTAL	833	509

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

	1966	1965
1. Resisting Arrest .....	3	2
2. Disorderly Conduct .....	71	60
3. Under Influence of Alcohol .....	131	116
4. Vagrancy .....	37	57
5. Minor in Possession .....	45	4
6. Minor Under the Influence .....	36	3
7. Drinking on Street or Parking Lot .....	2	4
8. Carrying Concealed Weapon .....	5	4
9. Furnishing Liquor to Minors .....	1	2
10. Warrants, Mental Cases and Other .....	<u>39</u>	<u>18</u>
TOTAL	391	276
	<b>370</b>	

FELONY ARRESTS

	1966	1965
1. Felony Arrest .....	29	16
2. Felony Arrests for Other Agencies .....	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
TOTAL	53	40

1965 ACCIDENT SUMMARY

MONTH	ACCIDENTS	INJURIES			DEATHS	CITATIONS
		A	B	C		
JANUARY	17			1		3
FEBRUARY	19	2	1	1		10
MARCH	13		2			5
APRIL	12	1				3
MAY	12	2	1	2		8
JUNE	13		2			6
JULY	15	3	1	4		6
AUGUST	27	5	5	7	1	13
SEPTEMBER	26	3	3	1	1	7
OCTOBER	25			3		3
NOVEMBER	35	3	6	2		6
DECEMBER	25	2		1		5
TOTALS	239	21	25	22	2	78 80

Hour Beginning:      Accidents

Midnight	6
1 a.m.	2
2 a.m.	2
3 a.m.	3
4 a.m.	0
5 a.m.	0
6 a.m.	1
7 a.m.	7
8 a.m.	16
9 a.m.	10
10 a.m.	6
11 a.m.	11
Noon	17
1 p.m.	15
2 p.m.	13
3 p.m.	20
4 p.m.	25
5 p.m.	25
6 p.m.	17
7 p.m.	17
8 p.m.	8
9 p.m.	9
10 p.m.	1
11 p.m.	8
	<u>239</u>

Ages of Driver Involved:

Up to 20	115
20 - 24	73
25 - 34	67
35 - 44	58
45 - 54	46
55 - 64	32
65 - 74	25
75 & Over	11
	<u>427</u>
Not Stated	17
	<u>444</u>
TOTAL	444

Accidents Reported Late and Not Investigated at the Scene:

TOTAL      56

GENERAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Radio Transmissions Logged .....	46,574
2. Teletype Messages Received .....	31,513
3. Teletype Messages Relayed from Idaho .....	293
4. Teletype Messages Sent from Ontario .....	2,946

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

1. Vacation House Checks .....	276
2. Escorts .....	277
3. Stakeouts and Special Patrols .....	83

COMPLAINTS

1. Stolen Motor Vehicles .....	11
2. Bicycles Lost and Stolen .....	49
3. Burglary in Home and Business .....	43
4. Property Lost .....	38
5. Stolen Property Over \$50.00 Value .....	67
6. Stolen Property Under \$50.00 Value .....	193
7. Vandalism .....	80
8. General Complaints Received at the Desk.....	<u>1,169</u>

TOTAL 1,629  
1,650

WORTHLESS CHECKS

1. Insufficient Funds .....	45
2. No Account .....	31
3. Account Closed .....	15
4. Forgery .....	<u>17</u>

TOTAL 108

Cases Cleared by Arrest and Recovery .....

86

It should be noted that we cleared 79 per cent of these check cases. This is an excellent percentage compared to the national average, and the investigating officers are to be commended for their work. The tragic side of this type of crime is that our businessmen still suffer terrific losses. This is attributed to the fact that these people do not have the money to pay the checks off when they are arrested. To help correct these problems we hold, annually, a clinic for the purpose of teaching the businessmen and their employees ways of avoiding these losses.

## Mission Statement



The Mission of the Ontario Police Department is to provide high quality police services in a professional manner.