

**ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2014**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

This is my 30th year in law enforcement with the Ontario Police Department. I started in 1984 as a Cadet after graduating from Ontario High School and attending TVCC. I have served as a Cadet, Dispatcher, Code Enforcement Officer, Police Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Police Captain and now have the honor of being the eighth Police Chief for the City of Ontario. This is my fourth Annual Report to present to our community.

I believe I am the most fortunate employee of the Ontario Police Department ever. I have enjoyed each job title and the experiences they brought. I was able to attend the FBI National Academy in 2004, which has been the highlight of my career.

I have built many relationships and gained valuable experience and knowledge through board membership with such organizations as Oregon Alliance for Community Traffic Safety, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley, Malheur County Commission on Children and Families, and the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

I have had the privilege and honor of working with some of the most dedicated and courageous people you will ever meet. I owe many of them recognition for my successful career. We are fortunate to have the men and women of the Ontario Police Department that we do. I would also like to take a moment to thank their families for the support they give for our officers to do their job.

The job has become more and more complex each year. We are going to have some interesting challenges ahead of us in 2015.

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

These annual reports are a work in progress through the year. It was just before Christmas that I thought I had the Chief's Message portion done. That was until another highlight of my career occurred.

On December 22nd, Officers of the Ontario Police Department were chasing a robbery suspect who was running from them. My Dad happened to be walking in the area and observed the chase. You will read about my Dad again later, but he worked for the Ontario Police Department in the 1960's. The suspect was running toward him and he would later tell me that he felt he "needed to do something". My Dad, at 76 years old, attempted to tackle the suspect.

He was very upset at himself that he did not get the suspect, but that really does not matter. He is also having a hard time believing he is a hero in the eyes of the Ontario Police Department, his grandkids and I. He is a friend to Police Officers and when most

people would run the other way or take out their phone to video the account, he did what any Police Officer would do and got involved. I'm proud of you Dad, but don't do that again.

In this annual report, you will find statistics, accomplishments, milestones and activities performed by the department in the year 2014. 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,

Chief Mark Alexander



PERSONNEL

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

Chief of Police
Office Manager
4-Patrol Sergeants
14-Patrol Officers
2-School Resource Officers
1-Detective assigned to Drug Enforcement
1-Full-time and 1-part-time Code Enforcement Officer
1-Part-time Police Support Specialist
1-Part-time Evidence Technician
1-Volunteer Civilian Fingerprinter

In 2014, the following employees reached milestones in their careers for years of service with the Ontario Police Department:

Office Manager Sheri Smith, 25years of service
Sergeant Dave Walters, 20 years of service
SRO Ramon Rodriguez. 20 years of service
SRO BJ Snyder, 10 years of service

In December 2013, the Ontario City Council approved funding to reinstate a drug officer after the position was cut in 2013 due to staff vacancies. This position was filled in 2014 by Officer James Swank.

Officer Jared Cutler was hired in March to backfill the drug enforcement position. Officer Cutler graduated from the 16 week police academy in Salem in November.

In February, Telecommunicator Rebecca Carter was hired by Nampa Police. Rebecca served the Ontario Police Department just over three years. We wish her success in her new job.

Sheri Smith, our Office Manager was promoted to Part-time IT Supervisor on July 1st. Sheri serves as both Police Office Manager and IT Supervisor.

The City Council authorized the hiring of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer in October. Officer Dallas Brockett also serves as a Reserve Officer for Nyssa Police Department.

The twenty-nine employees of the Ontario Police Department have over a combined 512 years of service and experience they bring to the City.

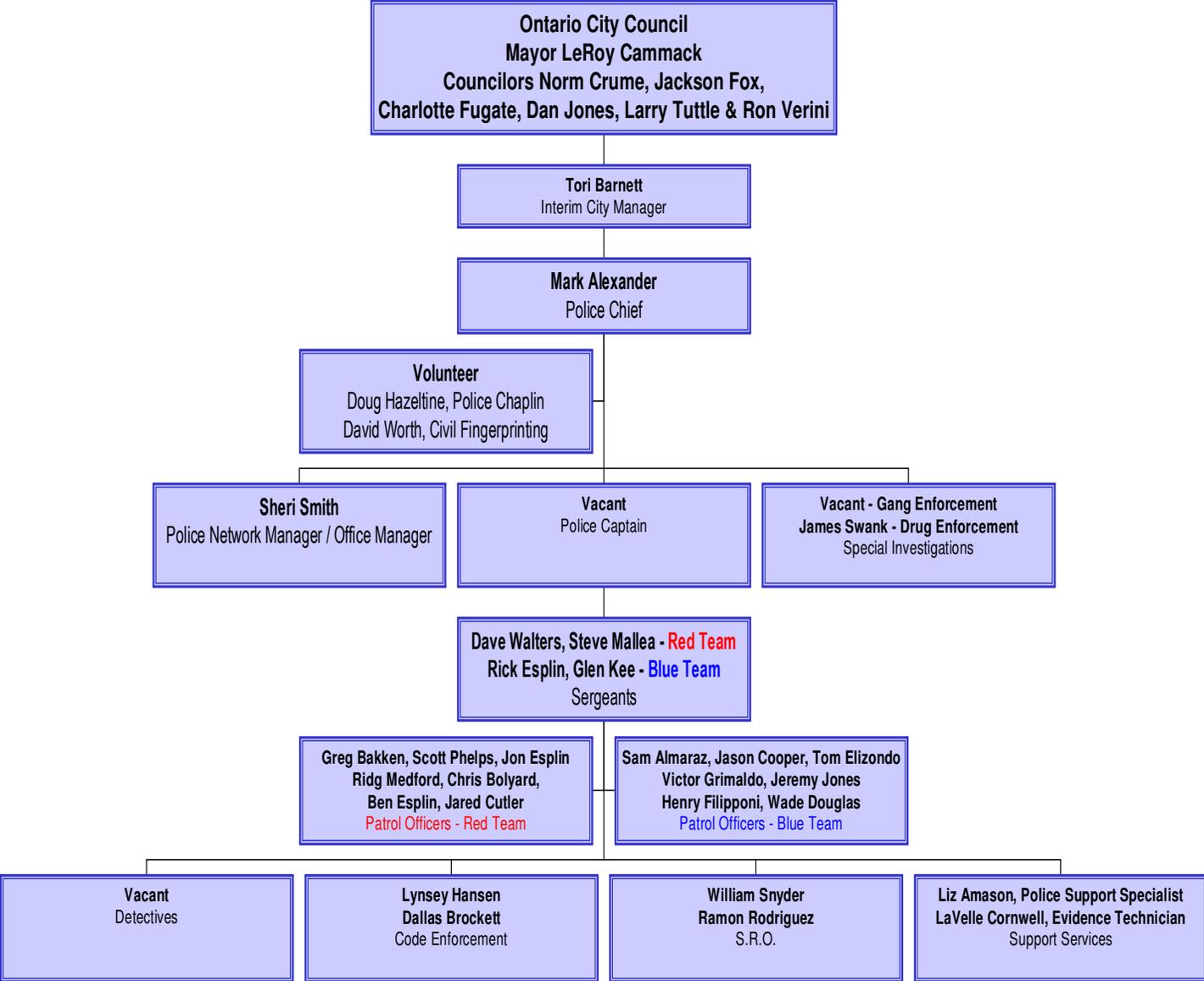


I was saddened this year with the passing of Lavina Fehlman, a former employee of the Ontario Police Department. Lavina worked for the department from 1963 to 1988 when she retired as our Dispatch Supervisor. Lavina not only trained Sergeant Steve Mallea and myself when we started as Dispatchers, but also trained our fathers, Joe Mallea and Bill Alexander when they worked here as Police Officers. Lavina was an icon with the Police Department and had a great knowledge of our history. Lavina loved the Ontario Police Department and served the community well. She will be missed.



Lavina Marie Fehlman,
Died: June 23, 2014 at 75 years of age
Served Ontario Police Department 1963-1988

Ontario Police Department Organizational Chart



2014 OFFENSE STATISTICS

Activity	2014	2013	2012	2011
Calls for Service	9798	9953	10,538	10,092
Traffic Stops	1609	1410	2345	3368
Cited Traffic Violations	976	874	1311	1869
Motor Vehicle Crashes	388	376	359	380
Arrests	987	1072	1256	1285
Arrests w/ Use of Force	15	19	14	14
Citizen Complaints	5	4	5	3
Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests	307	330	391	382
Felony Warrant Arrests	168	132	109	107
Cases to Dist. Attorney	601	720	868	761
MIP	14	12	31	32
DUII	28	23	20	32
Death Investigations	18	21	24	27
SRO Cases	112	98	167	186
Vandalism	268	337	504	437
Gang Related Cases	66	94	124	179
Graffiti	76	137	191	204
Disorderly Conduct	135	131	175	274
Drug Laws	88	121	137	135
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	23	20	17
Fraud	27	32	33	20
Offense Against Family	17	11	8	27
Larceny	524	694	690	689
Robbery	16	12	5	7
Burglary	95	118	135	119
Weapon Offenses	10	7	7	3
Assault	101	92	107	112
Homicide	3	1	0	0
Sex Crimes	24	19	21	34
Sex Offender Registry	277	274	320	293

Explanations and significant cases

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

The City of Ontario saw a slight increase in motor vehicle crashes this year. We remain within the average number of motor vehicle crashes in the City of Ontario from the past several years. Many times, weather can affect these numbers. For example, a severe snow storm on November 13th accounted for 17 crashes in one day.

Arrests/Traffic Stops/Use of Force/Complaints:

Approximately 10% of our contacts end in arrest. For every use of force incident, officers handled 653 calls that required no use of force. Good employees, training and policies and procedures keep use of force incidents and citizen complaints low. No lawsuits have been brought upon the department for several years.

In 2014, a Taser was used eight times and physical control was used seven times. Physical control consisted of hair holds and take-downs. Pepper Spray was used once in conjunction with Taser.

Cases to District Attorney:

601 cases were presented to the District Attorney for consideration of prosecution in 2014. 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.

Death Investigations/Notable Cases:

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. The below notable cases include homicides. Officers continue to investigate the Jacob Colman homicide from October 2013. We have two additional unsolved homicide cases, Richard Browning from 1974 and David Stevenson from 1982.

Friday, March 14th at approximately 3:30am, Ontario Police responded to a shooting in the west parking lot of St Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario. The victim, 42 year-old Dale Joseph Wright, of Ontario was shot by 24 year-old Juan Carlos Lopez, of Ontario who was pronounced dead once inside the hospital. Lopez fled the scene and in the process, drove over the victim. Lopez was located at a home in Nyssa and was arrested afterward. On November 21st, Lopez was sentenced to 120 months in prison for manslaughter, plus an additional 60 months for unlawful use of a firearm.

Tuesday, June 3rd at approximately 3:00pm, Officers from the Ontario Police Department began an investigation into the death of a five-month old baby boy who had been transported to Saint Alphonsus in Ontario by parents. The child and his siblings are under the custody of Oregon Department of Human Services and had been placed with the children's mother under certain provisions.

After the initiation of the death investigation, the father/stepfather, 39 year-old Eddie Daniel Sr. of Ontario fled with the sibling children. One of the stipulations by the Department of Human Services was no contact by Eddie Daniel with the children. The children would later be located safely. No foul play was found in the death case.

Sunday, March 30th at approximately 2:43am, Officers heard a westbound train start emergency braking. Officers responded to the area and made contact with the conductor who said the train struck a person on the tracks near the SE 5th Avenue crossing in Ontario. Ontario City Police Officers with the assistance of Oregon State Police, Malheur County Sheriff's office, and Nyssa City Police Department were able to locate Joel Guerrero, age 35 of Pocatello, Idaho. Joel was deceased at the scene. That investigation has revealed Mr. Guerrero was staying in Ontario while employed at a temporary job site. The investigation has also revealed Mr. Guerrero intentionally placed himself in the path of the train. This is an unfortunate event that not only affects friends and family of Mr. Guerrero, but train operators and first responders.

Monday, June 16th at about 9:20pm, Ontario Police officers responded to an assault occurring outside an apartment complex at 555 NW 9th Street in Ontario. 39 year-old Gregory Escobedo Sr. of Ontario sustained stab wounds to his upper body and was taken to St Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario where he was pronounced dead. The investigation continued with assistance from the Oregon State Police, Oregon State Police Crime Lab and Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators began looking for 21 year-old Gregory Escobedo Jr. of Ontario in connection to his father's death. Gregory Escobedo Jr. turned himself into the Ontario Police Department on June 18th and was lodged in the Malheur County Jail for Murder and Parole Violation.

Thursday, July 10th at approximately 9:45am, Ontario Police responded to a vacant residence in the 600 block of NW 2nd Avenue in Ontario regarding a body being discovered within the home.

The home had been vacant for some time and has been a nuisance property for the Police Department. The home has been subject to break-ins and vandalism. Transients have been known to unlawfully enter and stay in the home. A transient discovered the body inside the home and police were notified. Ontario Fire and Rescue assisted the Police Department with the removal of the body as the scene was considered a Haz-Mat response.

At the time, officers were unable to confirm age, race, gender or any further identity of the body due to decomposition. The home has minimal ventilation and due to the hot weather, decomposition can be accelerated, so a time of death is also unknown. The victim would later be identified as 53 year-old Michael Heck, of Ontario. Foul play was not suspected in the case.

Friday, October 31st. Officers responded to a home in the 600 block of Fortner Street regarding a shooting that had occurred. 34 year-old Jayme Wintersteen shot and killed 25 year-old Doug West, reportedly after West forced entry into Wintersteen's residence. Officers were assisted by the Oregon State Police, State Crime Lab, and Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

On November 14th, a grand jury decided not to charge Wintersteen with Homicide based on evidence of self-defense. Wintersteen would be charged with Burglary, Theft of a firearm, and Felon in Possession of a firearm.

Arson/Notable Cases:

Sunday, January 5th. Ontario Fire responded to Heinz regarding a fire in the Dry Storage building. The fire has been determined arson and remains under investigation by the Ontario Police Department, Ontario Fire and Rescue and State Fire Marshal's Office.

Sunday, December 7th. Unknown subject(s) ignited a residential fire in the 600 block of Fortner Street using several glass beer bottles filled with gasoline igniting the A/C condenser unit and plastic siding to the home. There were four tenants inside the residence with three dogs and all were able to evacuate without injury. The case remains under investigation with a \$1,000 reward being offered for information for the arrest and conviction of those involved.

SRO Cases:

Cases generated by the School Resource Officers include such things as thefts, truancy, curfew, disorderly conduct, harassment and driving offenses. The Ontario Middle School released a study showing the number of Office Referrals by school year and seen a dramatic reductions in recent years. The following is from their study:

School Year:	Office Referrals:
2010/12	1126
2011-12	1651
2012-13	1148
2013-14	790
2014-15	169 (September thru November 2014)



Assault/Notable Cases:

We still have two unsolved sexual assault cases open from 2013. We continue to hope for new information or a DNA hit that might lead to further working info.

Thursday, May 15th at about 11:15pm, officers were sent to the area of North Oregon Street and NW 5th Avenue regarding shots fired. Officers were not able to locate a suspect or victim at that time. Around midnight, officers then responded to St Alphonsus Medical Center to meet with 18 year-old Elvis Beggs, from Ontario who had sustained shotgun wounds to his lower back. It was determined the incident had occurred at the previous location.

Officers also determined Elvis Beggs to be responsible for several graffiti incidents occurring in the NW part of Ontario since the first part of May. Mr. Beggs was arrested May 20th and lodged in the Malheur County Jail for 13 counts of Unlawfully Applying Graffiti. The Police Department also initiated the process to designate the subject as a designated criminal gang affiliate.

Friday, July 25th at approximately 8:07am, Officers were sent to St Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario to meet with a gunshot victim. A 25 year-old Nyssa resident told officers he had been shot while in the area of Laxon Park in Ontario just earlier. Through the investigation, the suspect was identified as 19 year-old Austin Gayle Bowden, of Ontario. Austin Bowden was arrested at about 6:30pm on Railroad Avenue with the assistance of the U.S. Marshall's Office. The victim sustained a single gunshot wound to his abdomen and would later recover from his injuries.

It was found this incident had started earlier in the area of Malheur Butte when an assault occurred between other individuals, including the victim who would be shot at Laxon Park. The incident was investigated by Ontario Police and Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

Monday, July 28th. 29 year-old Opedile Akinruli stabbed 27 year-old Jocael Palominos during an altercation at 264 SW 3rd Street. Akinruli was later located at Motel 6 and taken into custody for Criminal Trespass II after he attempted to hide from Officers in an unrented hotel room. He would be charged with Attempted Murder, Assault I and Possession and Manufacture of Methamphetamine. Akinruli's identity was initially unknown. He would be identified through fingerprints and found to have a felony warrant out of Michigan.

Saturday, November 1st. Regional law enforcement had been advised 38 year-old Lajuan Chrishaun Lee was wanted for Aggravated Battery after the shooting of a military serviceman in Mountain Home. Officers located Lee at approximately 6:35pm in the 2000 block of SW 4th Avenue and he was arrested without incident. Detectives from Mountain Home responded to follow-up on the case. Lee would later waive extradition and be transported back to Mountain Home.

Sunday, November 9th. Regional law enforcement had been advised of a home invasion robbery that had occurred in Nampa the day before. 46 year-old Jeffrey Dyer and a white Cadillac was reported to be missing and endangered. At about 8:30am, the Cadillac was found behind West Park Plaza. The body of Jeffrey Dyer was located in the trunk. The homicide was determined to have occurred during the robbery. Two suspects were arrested December 3rd in Idaho.

Wednesday, November 12th. 25 year-old Britni Bowles, 39 year-old Ruben Perez and 35 year-old Thomas Loa Jr allegedly kidnapped a 21 year-old male from New Plymouth in Ontario and held him at gunpoint. Property was taken from the victim and he was ultimately driven to the area of Malheur Butte and released. Prior to release suspects discharged a firearm in close proximity of the victim.

Bowles and Loa Jr have been arrested for the incident and remain in the Malheur County Jail. There is an outstanding warrant for Perez.

Robbery/Notable Cases:

We had an unusual number of robberies this year with all being cleared. We still have a bank robbery from 2009 that remains unsolved.

Friday, March 28th at approximately 9:25pm, Officers responded to Walgreens Pharmacy regarding a robbery. Two Black males had entered the store and would rob the pharmacy of cash and pharmaceutical drugs.

The subjects fled the store by unknown means and remained at large. The Ontario Police Department was assisted in the investigation by Malheur County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police. This case was compared to a similar robbery in Boise from February.

In June, three individuals, 23 year-old Mitchel Christensen, 38 year-old Dana Merrick, and a 17-year-old minor were arrested for a similar robbery in Twin Falls and became suspects in the Ontario and Boise robberies. The third suspect was identified as being present in Ontario after further review of video surveillance.

Thursday, April 10th at about 1:27pm, Ontario Police Officers were dispatched to the Bank of the West in regards to a Robbery. A 1987 Grey Dodge pickup with Texas plates was located in the area of SW 18th Avenue and Sunset Drive. The vehicle was suspected to be involved in the Robbery. After stopping, the driver shot himself with a handgun and would die from his injuries. The driver would be identified as the individual who had robbed the bank.

Friday, May 9th at approximately 11:12am, a bank robbery occurred at Chase Bank in Ontario. A male subject entered the bank and demanded cash. No weapon was displayed. No one was injured during the robbery. The suspect fled the bank on foot and is believed to have then entered a mi-sized grey passenger vehicle being operated by a blonde female driver.

Wednesday, May 14th at approximately 11:09am, a bank robbery occurred at U.S. Bank. A male subject entered the bank and demanded cash. No weapon was displayed. No one was injured during the robbery. The suspect fled the bank on foot and appears to be the same subject from the robbery May 9th.



35-year-old Ricky Fisher of Nampa and 19-year-old Jennifer Balfe of Meridian would be arrested in Lewiston, Idaho in connection to a bank robbery in Cottonwood, Idaho. Both would later be charged with the two robberies in Ontario.

Saturday, May 31st at about 11:10pm, officers responded to the Stockman's General Store regarding a robbery that had just occurred. Two male suspects had entered the store and demanded cash and cigarettes. One of the suspects sprayed the 56 year-old male clerk with pepper spray. Suspects fled the store with several cartons of cigarettes. The clerk was not seriously injured and notified law enforcement.

The investigation by officers led them to a home in the NW part of Ontario where the suspects might be located. At about 11:50pm, officers had two individuals in custody, 21 year-old Ronald Darin White and 18 year-old Brayden Wright-Vieira, both of Ontario. Both individuals were lodged in the Malheur County Jail for Robbery in the Second Degree and Unlawful Use of an Electrical Stun Gun, Tear Gas or Mace in the Second Degree.

Person Crimes/Notable Cases:

Thursday, August 14. A 45 year-old female was found in apartment unconscious and appeared to have been assaulted. The victim would be transported to a medical facility in Boise where she remained unconscious through the weekend. Due to the unknown nature of the events that had taken place, the investigation was treated as possible attempted homicide with help from outside agencies as a major crime investigation. The victim would later regain consciousness and through statements and medical evidence, it was determined the victim suffered from a medical emergency.

Property Crimes/Notable Cases:

December 16, 2013. An Aggravated Theft investigation began at a local insurance company regarding a former employee who had written company checks to herself and authorized companies to withdraw money from the business account to cover her personal debts. The total amount of loss was determined to be in excess of \$20,000.00. On February 26, 2014, 39 year-old Jennifer Hendry was lodged in the Malheur County Jail for several Theft related offenses.

Friday, January 3rd. Farmers Supply Co-Op reported the theft of approximately \$2500 in batteries and \$500 in diesel from a storage yard. On January 10th, they reported the theft of additional batteries, auto parts and fuel in a separate theft. That investigation led to the arrest of 42 year-old James Seifert of Ontario, who also had a felony Probation Violation warrant. Seifert was taken to Malheur County Jail for Theft I, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass and Possession of Burglar Tools. Seifert would then be arrested again for Probation Violation warrants on October 2nd and 29th.



On November 10th, Heinz Frozen Foods reported the theft of a vehicle from a maintenance yard. The vehicle was a white, 1985 Ford F350 Service truck equipped with multiple tools and equipment items valued at over \$10,000. The stolen vehicle was located that night by Ontario Police Officers in the possession of James Seifert, who would be arrested and taken to Malheur County Jail.

Tuesday January 21st. An Ontario Police Officer was investigating a stolen vehicle case and contacted a suspect, 29 year-old Noe P. Carrillo at 2565 SW 4th Avenue. The officer attempted to arrest Carrillo and had to use physical force. During the arrest, Carrillo sustained a head injury and the officer suffered blood exposure to his face and eyes. Carrillo was taken into custody for Assaulting a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine).

Thursday, August 14th. Three Washington State residents, Blake Zarkades, Meagan Snyder, and Chandy Hang rented a room at a local motel using a counterfeit twenty dollar bill. The suspects would attempt to flee the area via I84. With officers in pursuit, the suspects attempted to throw additional counterfeit money from their vehicle. The subjects would be stopped and taken into custody. A motorist helped the investigation by collecting bills that were thrown.

A search warrant for the vehicle was obtained and items used to produce counterfeit money was located in the vehicle including over \$1000 in counterfeit bills. The suspects were arrested on several counts of Forgery and Possessing a Forgery Device. Officers continued to investigate the matter with assistance from the United States Secret Service along with Boulder City Nevada and Renton Washington where other counterfeit bills were passed. All three suspects were already charged in Nevada for passing counterfeit bills in July and had been out on bond.

Beginning October 29th to November 21st, Officers investigated six cases of stolen vehicles and four residential burglaries in the SW part of Ontario. The vehicles were taken while being warmed up and left unlocked. The burglaries occurred when residents were gone for a short period of time. Officers were able to identify suspects in the matter and executed a search warrant at a home in the SW part of town. Cases have been presented to the District Attorney's office.

Tuesday, December 2nd. Officers responded to Bi-Mart regarding a burglary in progress. Suspects attempted to steal 21 firearms along with other merchandise and ammunition. The suspects caused a large amount of damage inside the store to include a broken glass door and several shattered display cases. Two suspects fled just after officers arrived on scene. All property was recovered at the scene. 28 year-old Eric Dowling of Ontario was taken into custody after a foot pursuit and the other subject remains at large. Dowling was taken to Malheur County Jail for Burglary II, Criminal Mischief and several counts of Theft I. On December 30th, Dowling pled to Burglary II and two counts of Theft I and will be on probation. The investigation continues in attempting to identify the second suspect.



Public Order Offenses/Notable Cases:

Thursday, May 8th, at approximately 2:10pm, an individual operating a blue passenger vehicle was travelling in the 400 block of NW 8th Street in Ontario, which is next to May Roberts Grade School. The driver of that vehicle discharged a single shot from a handgun into the air. A witness contacted police, giving a vehicle description and license plate. Information was given to local and surrounding law enforcement agencies. The vehicle was then located by police in Payette, Idaho. The suspect, 24 year-old Jose Rodriquez-Moncada, of Fruitland, shot at a Payette County Deputy who returned fire. Rodriguez-Moncada was shot by the Deputy and would later die from injuries sustained.

Students of May Roberts School were not in danger and a lockdown was not initiated. Traffic from the school was diverted for a period of time in order to allow investigators time to search for evidence. The scene was cleared at approximately 3:40pm.

Friday, September 19th at approximately 3:15pm, Officers observed an individual who had a felony warrant for his arrest. The subject, 25 year-old Douglas West, fled on foot and was believed to be armed with a handgun. Officers from Ontario Police, Malheur County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police assisted in searching for West in the 500 block of NW 5th Street in Ontario. The area is heavy residential and in close proximity to May Roberts Elementary School, which was about to be let out for the day. May Roberts went into Lockdown until the subject was apprehended at approximately 4:00pm.

Tuesday, November 11th, at approximately 1:00pm, an Ontario resident came to City Hall to report a residential burglary from his home in the 1100 block of SW 8th Avenue. The victim returned home to find someone had been staying in his house unlawfully and had left what appeared to be a pipe bomb. The victim moved the device to his front yard and provided a photograph of the item to the officer. The Ontario Police Department maintains a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Nampa Police Department for Bomb Unit responses. Homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution. The Nampa Police Bomb Unit rendered the device safe and the scene was cleared at approximately 4:00pm. The item was found to not be an explosive device.

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, Nyssa Police Department, 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.

2014 statistics for High Desert Drug Task Force:

- Felony custody arrests: 67
- Federal Indictments: 5
- Homicide Investigations: 2
- Search Warrants executed: 18
- Controlled Buys: 39
- Money seized: \$23,482
- Vehicles seized: 1
- Guns seized: 29 (4 confirmed stolen)
- Marijuana seized: 62,057.11 grams (138.52 lbs)
- Marijuana plants seized: 113
- Methamphetamine seized: 532.37 grams (19.01 ounces)
- Heroin seized: 1.08 grams
- Morphine seized: approx. 2.0 grams
- PCP seized: 30 tablets

In 2014, the Ontario Police Department joined other local agencies in an application for Malheur County to become HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) designated. Malheur County was successful with the designation and joins Clackamas, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, Washington Counties and Warm Springs Reservation.

The mission of the Oregon HIDTA Program is to improve the livability of Oregon and other states by substantially and measurably reducing drug-related crime, violence, and drug trafficking. Malheur County's application was able to show substantial drug trafficking activities and will receive additional Federal assistance through the HIDTA program.

Notable Cases:

Saturday, April 19th, contact was made with 45 year-old Jesus Martinez of Othello, Washington and 60 year-old Debra Ann Stover, of Greenleaf, Idaho during a traffic stop near NE 3rd Ave and Goodfellow Street. Ultimately a search of the vehicle resulted in approximately 11 ounces of methamphetamine.

May-August. Officers investigated a series of forged prescriptions cases after 23 year-old Christopher Doughty and 29 year-old Sabrina Sperl, both of Ontario took a drug prescription pad from a local physician. The couple then passed forged prescriptions at three pharmacies in Ontario. Both were arrested in August for Tampering with Drug Records and Forgery related offenses.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Ontario Police Department has one full-time Code Enforcement Officer, Lynsey Hansen. A part-time officer was added in October. Dallas Brockett comes to us with Code Enforcement and Reserve experience from the Nyssa Police Department, where he continues to serve.

The Code Enforcement Officers address animal offenses, weed and garbage violations, parking violations and graffiti removal. Officer Brockett is specifically assigned to proactively identify properties in violation of City Code that detract from the cleanliness and orderly manner of our City.

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.

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	2014	2013	2012
Dogs Running at Large	296	346	414
Dogs transported to Ani Care	68	91	103
Dog a Public Nuisance	91	100	94
Animal Neglect/Cruelty to Animal	44	58	57
Weed offenses	213	151	170
Garbage offenses	46	27	37
Junk & Vehicle offenses	22	19	16
Parking Violations	90	54	26
Total cases by Code Enforcement Officers	757	688	705



9-1-1



The Ontario Police Department historically had 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 operated 24-7-365. Staff answered 9-1-1 phone calls and provided dispatch services for Ontario Police, Fire and Ambulance. Staff performed a variety of records and data entry services for the police department along with window services for the public.

Ontario 911 PSAP Center Mission: "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".

Our dispatch center has a long history with a lot of employees coming and going through the years. My dad started as a dispatcher in the 60's when the Police Department was across from the post office on SW 1st Street. I remember as a kid visiting the center and hearing the police radio. I'm sure that had some influence in my career choice.

I started as a dispatcher for Ontario Police as did some other current law enforcement officers such as Ontario Police Sergeant Steve Mallea, Payette Police Captain John Plaza, OSP Lieutenant Mark Duncan and Senior Trooper Jay Keithley.

Through the years, technology changed with things such as the implementation of 9-1-1, computerized phone systems and the Internet. I remember as a kid listening to the winter weather road report each morning given by an Ontario Police Dispatcher on KSRV. It was a highlight in my career when I got to do that task. Through the years, we also saw some positive changes in professional standards and development. Dispatchers became known as Telecommunicators and they now attend training at the Oregon Police Academy.

We have always had a dispatch center. There is just something about face time with those who look out for the officers on the street. They always know what is going on and always ready to help officers look up information. They take it personally when traumatic events occur. Many times they are the ones who talk to victims or family members when bad things are happening. They are just as emotionally involved when an officer is in a chase or making an arrest. They account for those officers and are many times their only link for help.

I have always felt officers have an advantage in their careers when they start in Dispatch. If they can cut it there, they can cut it on the street. If you have never been around Telecommunicators when they are hard at work, it is amazing to watch. I have long lost any skills I ever had to work in the center, so all I can do is watch in awe as they manage multiple phone lines, radio frequencies and customers at the window.

For several years, the City of Ontario and Malheur County have explored the feasibility of a consolidated 9-1-1 center. The concept would be dismissed with failure to realize a cost savings while still providing adequate services.



In April of 2013, The City of Ontario and Malheur County began discussions again. Several meetings were held and tours of centers given. Both law enforcement agencies made proposals to operate a center. On June 27, 2013, the Ontario City Council directed the Police Department to work toward consolidation at the Malheur County 9-1-1 Center.

For the next 12 months, this issue became very passionate for the Ontario Police Department. The Ontario 9-1-1 staff members were experienced, tenured and dedicated to the Police Department and citizens of this community. As a Police Chief, this was one of my most difficult times trying to balance the directive given and emotional impact of the consolidation decision. Relationships I had with employees were greatly affected. I sincerely wish Liz Amason, Rebecca Carter, Michelle Mallea, Kathy Ross and Tauni Thode success in the future of their careers.

9-1-1 Consolidation became final July 1, 2014. The City of Ontario now contracts 9-1-1 services with the Malheur County Sheriff's Office. The Ontario Police and Fire Chiefs have positions on a 9-1-1 User Board that meets on a quarterly basis.

The consolidated 9-1-1 concept provides for streamlined services, increased information sharing, implementation of new products, services and technology and reduced operating costs.

Liz Amason ultimately remained with the Ontario Police Department and serves as a part-time Police Support Specialist. This position was created from the consolidation to provide window services to the public 30 hours a week. Liz performs such duties as data entry, report distribution, public reception and Uniform Crime Reporting,

ICMA

Malheur County has been ranked with the highest poverty rate in Oregon. We lack living wage jobs to support families and our tax base is low. I believe these factors impact crime in Ontario to give us a high crime to population ratio. The Police Department has sustained cuts in personnel and services for several years. The request for additional or restored resources provided an opportunity to look into the operations of the police department by an outside entity in order to justify those requests.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is a nonprofit professional association of local government administrators and managers which previous City Manager Jay Henry was a member. During a conference, Mr. Henry found ICMA will conduct assessments of public safety operations.

ICMA was contracted to study the Ontario Police and Fire Departments. We started by providing an array of data to the company for analysis. On-site interviews were made and time was given for ICMA staff to observe operations over a two-day period on May 21st and 22nd.

On September 3rd, ICMA made a presentation to the Ontario City Council on their findings and presented copies of their written reports. The reports can be found on the City of Ontario website at www.ontariooregon.org.

The police study will serve as a roadmap for the department in the coming years. Some valuable recommendations were made and work is being done toward accomplishing them.

VOLUNTEER

David Worth joined us in April 2013 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 over \$7000 in revenue. We greatly appreciate David giving his time. David has great customer service skills and is an excellent representative of the Department. David was nominated and awarded the Ontario Elks Police Volunteer of the Year in January 2015.



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 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 Jeremy Jones was granted an Advanced Police Officer certification in October.

Staff currently has over 39,705 combined hours of career training on record with the Oregon Police Academy.

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.
- Officer Lynsey Hansen attended the Spring Code Enforcement Association conference in April and the Fall conference in September. Officer Hansen had training on topics such as tactical communication, professionalism, drug abuse trends, and noxious weed identification. Officer Hansen earned the Code Enforcement Professional award this year. Only 34 other officers have attained this level of certification through Oregon Code Enforcement Officers Association. Officer Hansen also serves as the Association's Public Relations Officer, which gives her reduced training costs.
- Officer Jon Esplin attended a Field Training and Evaluation (FTEP) in LaGrande in February.
- Sergeant Rick Esplin and Officer Jason Cooper attended a Firearms Instructor course in Baker City April 15-17.
- Detective James Swank and Officer Wade Douglas attended a drug enforcement training April 14-18 in Winnemucca. The officers obtained free tuition by the 4:20 Group for their National Law Enforcement conference where they attended classes on drug interdiction, drug trends, human smuggling, money laundering, street gangs, active shooter, and search and seizure.
- Detective James Swank attended the Reid Interviewing course in Boise April 7-11.
- Officer Henry Filipponi attended a Taser Instructor recertification course on April 9th
- Officer Greg Bakken attended the Oregon DUII conference in Seaside April 24-26.
- Sergeants Rick Esplin, Glen Kee and Steve Mallea attended the Supervisors Role in Managing Use of Force course on May 20th in Caldwell.
- Officer Ben Esplin attended a Firearms Instructor Course in Bend in May.
- James Swank attended a Drug Investigations course at the Police Academy in Salem June 2-13
- Officers Jason Cooper and Jeremy Jones attended a Crime Scene Class in John Day July 26th. The course covered latent print processing, DNA collection, photography and processing crime scenes.
- Sergeant Dave Walters attended a firearms class at the Oregon Police Academy August 11th through the 15th.



- SRO Officer BJ Snyder attended a class sponsored by Ada County on social media safety for youth on September 17th. Officer Snyder has been able to pass on valuable information to various groups of kids from our schools.
- Chief Alexander and Sergeant Rick Esplin attended the How to Assess the Performance of your LE Agency course sponsored by LaGrande Police Department on September 17th.
- Detective James Swank attended the Crime Scene to Courtroom Homicide investigation class September 23rd through the 25th in Boise. Detective Swank attended this course with other members of the High Desert Drug Task Force as the team had been utilized for several major crimes this year.
- Office Manager Sheri Smith attended a Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) training conference in Bend September 29 through October 1st.
- Officer Ridg Medford attended Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) in Boise in June and the National CIT Conference in Monterey in September. Officer Jeremy Jones attended CIT training in Pendleton in October. These officers now sit on a Malheur County CIT Steering Committee that will hold their first CIT training in February. This will be a great resource to our community to effectively and responsibly deal with those who suffer from mental illness.



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.

This year the Board came up with the idea to combine the Police and Fire Department together and form the Ontario Public Safety Board. This will give members a much more broad view of public safety in Ontario and will be a great change for the upcoming years.

We were saddened by the loss of a member, Ted Molder, who died of cancer in June of 2013. Ted's daughter, Kathie Collins was a long standing member of the Police Board and recruited Ted to take her place. Ted's grandson, Brendan Collins, serves as a Volunteer Firefighter for Ontario Fire Department.

After Ted's passing, the Police and Fire Departments received donations in memory of Ted. Chief Al Higinbotham and I share a desire to have a 9-1-1 Memorial at City Hall that honors our Police and Firefighters. On September 10th, the Ted Molder Memorial 9-1-1 rock was unveiled before the Ontario Public Safety Board along with members of Ted's family. This is a great memorial to remember Ted.

The Ontario Public Safety Board heard presentations on the following topics in 2014:

- 9-1-1 consolidation
- ICMA
- Staffing
- Evidence room tour
- Overview of Ontario Fire and Rescue



Ted Molder memorial rock outside Ontario City Hall



CITIZENS ON PATROL

Citizens on Patrol (COP) was added to the police department this year. I appreciate our COP Liaison Officer Henry Filippini for preparing the following overview. Officer Filippini was also nominated for Police Officers of the year through the Ontario Elks at their annual appreciation dinner in January of 2015.

This year has seen the start of a program new to this Department, the Citizens on Patrol. Spearheaded by Police Board Member Maggie Wood, this program has started with fourteen community member volunteers. The members have completed an initial training program of two meetings a week for several weeks in order to establish a solid foundation of training to build upon. Various instructors from the community in different disciplines volunteered their time and effort to provide training to the group on core subjects. The group now meets the third Thursday of each month and will soon be electing Officers for leadership positions within the group.

The goal of the Citizens on Patrol program is to help reduce criminal activity in our community. They are committed to being eyes and ears only and are instructed not to engage in any dangerous or hazardous situations. They report any suspicious activity or observations they encounter while on patrol. They will currently patrol in a department owned Ford Taurus, however a dedicated vehicle for their use only will hopefully be acquired shortly via donation and marked for increased visibility on patrols.

In addition to their patrol duties, which will hopefully become a deterrent to criminal activity of all types, the Citizens on Patrol will also perform business checks for participating businesses after regular business hours. Another service offered by the Citizens on Patrol volunteers are senior citizen well- being checks, both in person and by phone calls. In addition, the Citizen on Patrol volunteers will also be utilized to help with community events such as parade duty and traffic control. These services will be a welcome addition to help ensure the security and improve the quality of life for the community members overall.

This program will be difficult to measure the success of because there is no way to tell what crimes are prevented by their patrols and presence on the streets. We are optimistic for this program and hope that it will be the start of many years of successful cooperation between the citizen volunteers, this department and the community we serve.



EVIDENCE

LaVelle Cornwell was hired in 2013 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 finish an upgrade to the facility. The first phase had been completed in 2013.

LaVelle has made substantial progress in organizing the evidence room facility and updating records. Her help is greatly appreciated. LaVelle was nominated for the Elks Law Enforcement Support Employee of the Year for 2014.





Some photos before construction depicts cramped space, inadequate flooring and disorganization.





After construction shows more workspace, better lighting and flooring. The remodel provides for more organized and spacing for shelving.



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 2011:	174,714
Total miles driven in 2012:	165,101
Total miles driven in 2013:	132,949
Total miles driven in 2014:	142,977



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 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 \$2,500 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 2014. The VFW Post 5452 gave \$150, the American Legion Post 67 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 2014.

An Officer sustained knee, back and neck pain along with blood exposure while making an arrest in January of a suspect from a stolen vehicle. Officers go through testing for infectious diseases as part of our exposure plan.

Several Officers sustained blood exposure in February during a struggle with a prisoner who had been admitted to St. Alphonsus. One officer was kicked in the head and bit on the hand by the suspect as well.

In June, an officer sustained a knee injury during a foot chase of a wanted subject.

Officers responding to a domestic violence incident in November were met by the suspect barricading himself in a residence. Officers forced entry to the home and while taking the suspect into custody, he struck an officer in the face with his fist causing a contusion.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesday, April 16th. Officers Tomas Elizondo and BJ Snyder gave a CARE (Community Awareness Rape Education) class to the LDS teenage youth group. The training provides for classroom and hands-on instruction about self-protection. Elizondo is a certified instructor for this program.

Monday, April 28th. SRO Rodriguez gave a child protection training to parents of the Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery.

Saturday, May 20th was Serve Day. Officers Henry Filipponi, Victor Grimaldo and his son Ben provided some lawn/yard care for elderly resident.



Officer Henry Filipponi mowing the lawn of an Ontario resident during Serve Day. Photo by Zach Chastain of the Argus Observer.

Tuesday, May 20th. SRO Ramon Rodriguez assisted the Ontario Kiwanis Club and Boys and Girls Club with a bike safety training at the Middle School. The event brought in approximately 40 kids who were provided safety tips about road and bike safety and how to properly fit their helmet. Many thanks to the Ontario Kiwanis Club and local donors for making the bike rodeo possible and ensuring that each kid would leave with a helmet or lock. A Bike Rodeo is hands-on exercise using bikes and an obstacle course to teach kids the skills they need to safely stop and control their bikes.



SRO Ramon Rodriguez helping with a Bike Rodeo

Thursday, June 5th. Officers Victor Grimaldo, Henry Filipponi, Tomas Elizondo, Lynsey Hansen and Chief Alexander volunteered for cooking at the Buckaroo supper. This fundraiser helps support the Ontario 4th of July Fireworks show.



L to R: Nyssa Police Chief Ray Rau, Chief Alexander, Officers Tomas Elizondo, Victor Grimaldo and Henry Filipponi at the Buckaroo Supper in June.

Friday, June 6th. Officer Chris Bolyard and Chief Alexander participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Wednesday June 11 and Saturday June 14th fish with a cop. Lynsey, Tom, BJ, Mark, Liz

Wednesday, October 1st. Officer Greg Bakken provided a drug awareness program for the Treasure Valley Community College Resident Staff.

Monday, October 6th. Malheur County Drug Free Communities hosted a Community Drug Forum with several presentations and speakers. SRO Ramon Rodriguez was part of a panel that talked about youth and drug abuse.

Monday, October 6th. Chief Alexander provided a department overview and crime trend presentation to the Reiter Drive Neighborhood Watch group.

Friday, October 31st. Officers Ridg Medford, Scott Phelps and Lynsey Hansen participated in the Treasure Valley Community College's Trunk or Treat event.



Saturday, December 3rd. Officers Scott Phelps, James Swank, Alissa Swank, Lynsey Hansen, Chief Alexander and Aaron Alexander participated in the Shop With a Cop event at K-Mart.





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

- Officer Greg Bakken serves as a board member for Project DOVE.
- Police Support Specialist Liz Amason is a board member for the Ontario Chapter of Modern Woodmen and serves as their 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.
- SRO BJ Snyder is the Adult Coordinator for the Ontario High School's Paintball Club.
- 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. Sheri also works with the Ontario St. Alphonsus prenatal team as a 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 Chiefs of Police and the Boys and Girls Club of Western Treasure Valley.



Prescription Drug Take-Back

In April 2013, 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.

The Department Participated in two DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Events in 2014. On April 26, the Department returned 128 lbs of prescription medication to DEA and 179 lbs on September 27th.

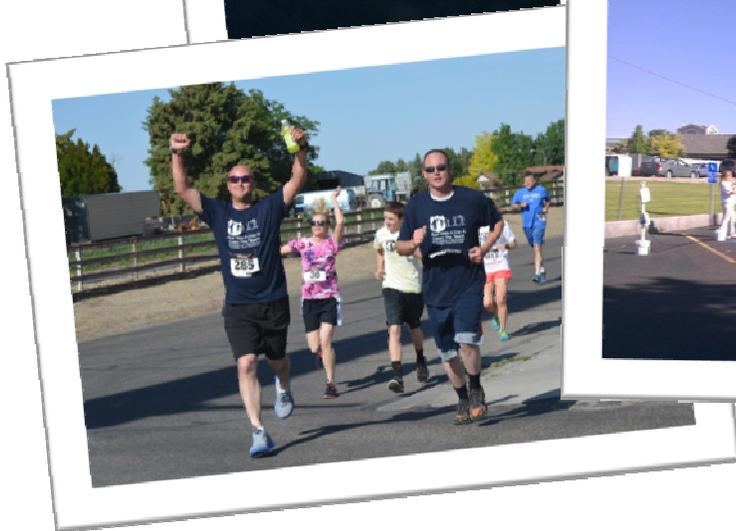
Prescription drug abuse is prevalent in the United States. Abusers many times obtain prescription drugs through theft from family members or friends. Prescription drug take-back helps reduce the number of unused or expired medications that could be susceptible to theft and abuse. Drug take-backs also help prevent prescription medications from being disposed in landfills and wastewater treatment systems.



Run with a Cop

By Ordinance Officer Lynsey Hansen

In 2014 Ontario Police Department participated in the very first Run with a Cop. Run with a Cop partnered with Alameda School's Catch the Teach. This race was to raise money for Fish with a Cop as well as Alameda's new playground equipment. Fortunately, by police officers participating in the Run with a Cop, we were able to acquire a \$1,000 grant that went to Fish with a Cop. All other money raised from the run went to Alameda. Ontario Police Department participated with Nyssa Police Department, Malheur County Sherriff's Office, Malheur County Juvenile Department, SRCI, and Washington County Sherriff's Office. All officers participated in the one mile race with the kids, and some officer's also chose to run the 5k.



Fish With A Cop

By Ordinance Officer Lynsey Hansen

This year our Fish With A Cop program was expanded to two Saturdays in June. A total of 68 kids from all over Malheur County were able to participate. The law enforcement agencies that also participated were Ontario Police Department, Nyssa Police Department, Malheur County Sherriff's Office, Malheur County Juvenile Department, and SRCI. Also involved were the Boys and Girls Club, Malheur County Drug Free Coalition, Lifeways, and many others. Donations were taken in from local businesses and individuals to make the growth of the program possible. These include but are not limited to: Tex Mex, Rodriguez Bakery, Nyssa Les Schwab, Nyssa City Council, M&W Market, The Outdoorsman, Art's Service, Malheur Drug, Logan's Market, Jiffy Lube, Anytime Septic, Red Apple, Elks Lodge, Gentry Ford, Lion's Club, Rotary Club, MCSO, and MCJD. Each kid was provided with a fishing pole, tackle box, lures, hooks, bobbers, and sinkers. At the end of the day, they got to take their supplies home. This year Fish with a Cop was able to donate \$1700.00 to Shop with a Cop.



Trunk or Treat

By Ordinance Officer Lynsey Hansen

On October 31st, 2014 Patrol Officer Phelps and Ordinance Officer Hansen attended the Trunk or Treat at TVCC. They estimated handing out candy to well over 200 children in a 3 hour period. It was a great opportunity to interact with a large amount of people in a short amount of time in a very positive way.



Ontario Police & Child Safety Seat Education By Officer Manager Sheri Smith

The police department continues to work with the Oregon Department of Transportation through their Child Passenger Safety grant program which allows our Safe Kids nationally certified car seat technicians to educate and service families in need of child safety seats. This year we were awarded and managed a \$2,500 grant to fund car seats, two technician certification renewals 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.

The Child Safety Seat Technician Team in Malheur County worked with 72 families in need of child safety seat education. A total of 84 car seats were checked and 31 new seats were provided to families in need. This was all done through 10 fitting stations held at Ontario Fire & Rescue.



Rear Facing up to 2 years old – Best Practice



Booster children until 8 years old or 4'9"



Seatbelts Save Lives!!



The Ontario car seat fitting station and other car seat clinic events are organized by Ontario Police Office Manager and Safe Kids Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor, Sheri Smith. We currently have six (6) Child Safety Seat Technicians in Malheur County.

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



TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL

By Officer Manager Sheri Smith

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 10 traffic school classes were held. A total of 116 students attended.



CONCLUSION

This report highlights the many activities of the Ontario Police Department. Further information such as Dog Licensing procedures, the ICMA Study, 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. The Ontario Police Department can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.

