

2019

ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

A N N U A L R E P O R T

THE ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN ELLENSBURG BY EXEMPLIFYING EQUALITY, PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION. WITH THE USE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATIVE POLICING STRATEGIES, THE ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL REMAIN FOCUSED ON OUR CORE RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH IS TO AGGRESSIVELY FIGHT CRIME.



ABOUT US

The Ellensburg Police Department has 29 sworn officers and an administrative staff which is comprised of a chief, operations captain, administrative captain and administrative supervisor whose duties are to provide overall direction to the agency and its personnel while ensuring the quality of police service delivered to residents is maintained at its highest level. Command staff also manage the budget, personnel investigations and commendations, recruitment and selection of new personnel, maintain training standards, research, planning and development. They also address community concerns and issues and maintain relationships with the media and other law enforcement agencies. Other duties include preparing the annual report, overseeing special projects and programs and to retain Washington State accreditation for the department.

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STATISTICS

Ellensburg Population:	19,960
Washington State Population:	7,546,410
City Roadways:	80.07 Miles
City of Ellensburg:	7.62 Square Miles

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FROM THE CHIEF

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

To the Honorable Mayor, Ellensburg City Council and the Ellensburg Community I present the 2019 Ellensburg Police Department Annual Report. This past year will be remembered as the year of fresh beginnings, emotional endings and a deepening commitment toward public safety.

The remodel of the entire public safety building began in April and marks the beginning of a new facility capable of meeting the needs of the police department as well as community and public safety throughout the region. This project updated the nearly 70-year-old building making it more efficient in both the environment we work and in energy savings. Additionally, with the expanded facility we will be able to sponsor training which will offset costs of the ever-growing training requirements for our profession. Bringing officers from throughout the state will also benefit our local economy.

In March of 2019, we experienced our greatest fear when we lost a dear friend and brother officer, Deputy Ryan Thompson. Deputy Thompson was serving the community when he was killed by a suspect during a traffic stop in the city of Kittitas. As a community we grieved Ryan's loss; however, it was also as a community that we found the strength to continue. As the chief I was very proud of the dedication and resilience of our employees and the outstanding support we continue to receive from our community.

During 2019, the department worked diligently toward our goals of reducing crime and improving the quality of life for those in our community. Our patrol division was able to reduce burglaries by 19 percent, thefts by 4 percent and most impressively, vehicle prowls by 68 percent. Animal Control reduced animal complaints by 41 percent while Code Enforcement reduced code complaints by 34 percent. We also found we still have many opportunities for success ahead. Our challenge for 2020 is the reduction of collisions as we experienced a slight increase overall of 8 percent. The most concerning was the 21 percent increase in injury collisions in 2019. With the new Traffic Safety Unit and improvements to our collision data collection processes we will be working to reduce all collisions.

This past year we faced many challenges as a community and as department. As we continue to build for our future and honor the life of a friend, I want to express my greatest appreciation to the Ellensburg community, City Council and City Manager John Akers for all they have done. I also want to thank the men and women of the Ellensburg Police Department, their dedication to this profession and the community is humbling.

Chief Ken Wade



CHIEF KEN
WADE





DEPUTY RYAN THOMPSON

On March 19, 2019, Kittitas County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Thompson was killed in the line of duty. Fellow Officer Benito Chavez, of the Kittitas Police Department, was wounded following a traffic complaint that escalated into murder.

The events of that night shocked and bonded the community who came together to mourn the senseless passing of an outstanding young man and father of three. Thompson's law enforcement career started 12 years prior at Central Washington University and inside the Kittitas County Corrections Center. He later promoted to the position of line deputy for the KCSO.

The events of the night were investigated by the Ellensburg Police Department. In its conclusion the department reported Thompson had been dispatched to a traffic complaint involving a road rage incident. The driver fled along Interstate 90, entering the City of Kittitas where the car came to a stop in the area of North Pierce Street and Sixth Avenue. The driver – Juan Manuel Flores Del Toro – opened fire on officers, killing Thompson and wounding Chavez before being killed by Deputy Jason Goeman in the ensuing gunfight. Through investiga-



tion it was later determined Del Toro was in the country illegally.

"The senseless murder of Deputy Thompson affected Kittitas County in two ways. It reminded our community that violent crimes still exist in Kittitas County and that we are a community that comes together to take care of each other during tragedies. The love and support for the Thompson and Chavez families and the first responders was truly appreciated. Although the investigation is over, the overwhelming feeling of loss remains," Ellensburg Police Chief Ken Wade said.

In a news release from the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, Kittitas County Prosecutor Greg Zempel said no charges would be sought against Goeman for his actions in this incident.

Kittitas County Sheriff Gene Dana said he stood firmly behind his deputies. "Through the pain and anguish of losing Ryan and the injury to Benito, I commend Deputy Jason Goeman for his courageous and instant response," Dana said. "His actions prevented any further threat or harm to the community. I am proud of all three of them."

Thompson is survived by his wife, three children, parents and three brothers.

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IN MEMORIAM



COMMENDATIONS

PERFORMANCE AWARDS



OFFICER DANIEL ASHBY
2019 PROACTIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER



OFFICER RYAN POTTER
2019 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFFICER RYAN POTTER
2019 TOP DUI ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

OFFICER RYAN POTTER'S DEDICATION, RELIABILITY, INITIATIVE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN HIS DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES AS WELL AS IN HIS TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER POSITION IN THE ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS EARNED HIM THIS AWARD. RYAN'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON NEW TASKS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

CHIEF'S AWARD

I am honored to present the 2019 Chief's Award to Lathan Wedin. Lathan is the project manager for the police department facility remodel. Over the past two years Lathan has managed the entire project from design to occupancy. Having never been involved in a project of this size, I was amazed to see all the intricate details that go into remodeling a 70-year-old structure into a new police station with all the required components to take the department into the future.

Throughout the project Lathan not only managed the construction oversight, but he walked the administration through the many design features needed to complete the project. But what earned Lathan the Chief's Award was all the work he did over and above the management of the project. Lathan spent countless hours tracking down equipment needed for the department, handling the shipping, unloading and installation of furniture and desks. Lathan often could be found vacuuming, wiping down or otherwise



LATHAN WEDIN
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

cleaning the department during the construction. He did all of this with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. We enjoy having Lathan at the department and respect his opinion and appreciate his guidance. I could go on for hours on everything I appreciate Lathan handling during this construction. We could not have done it without him.

Again, I am proud to announce that the Chief's Award goes to Lathan Wedin.

RETIREMENT



**SGT. SCOTT
WILLIS**

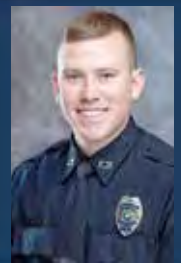
PROMOTIONS



**SGT. CAMERON
CLASEN**

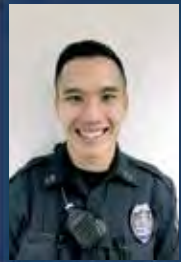


**CPL. KLIFF
CAILLIER**



**CPL. KEVIN
WILLETTE**

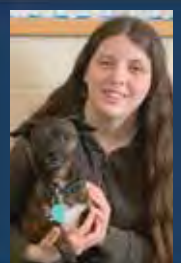
NEW HIRES



**OFFICER
CHRISTIAN
ALVIAR**



**STEVE
MATTHEWS
CODE
ENFORCEMENT**



**TANYA DAVIS
SHELTER AIDE**

THREE-TENTHS

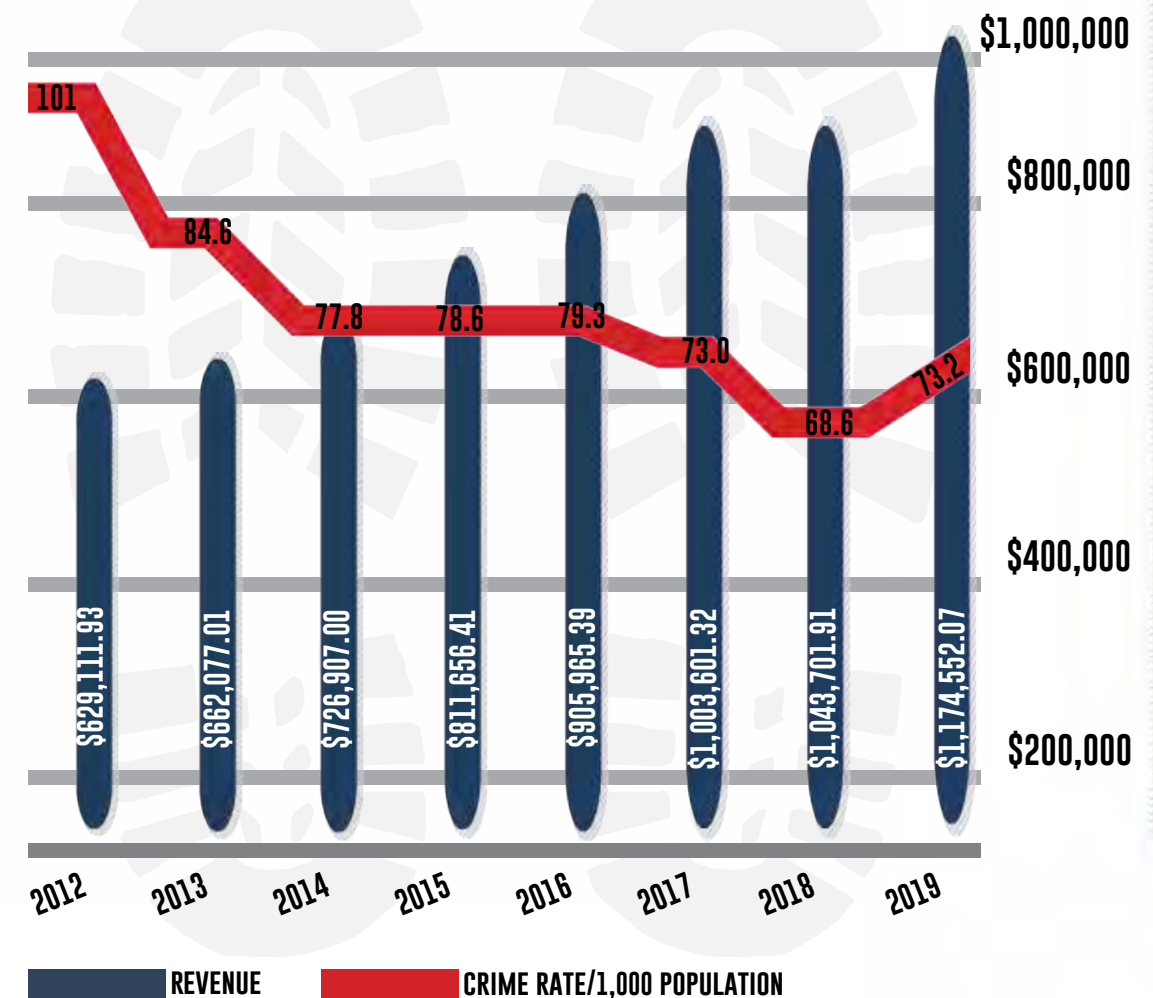


YOUR FRACTION IN ACTION

The City of Ellensburg and the Ellensburg Police Department are committed to our pledge regarding the 3/10ths of one percent Criminal Justice Sales Tax.

That commitment was to “put boots on the ground” to address crime in our community. Those funds support six additional police officers, two part time and one half-time Animal Control officers and one half-time records clerk since its passage in 2007.

HOW IT'S USED



2019

SALARIES
\$500,319.00

BENEFITS
\$180,939.00

SUPPLIES
\$0

SERVICES
\$0

DEBT SERVICES
\$0

CAPITAL OUTLAY
\$0

REPAIRS/MAINT.
\$0



USE OF FORCE

The Ellensburg Police Department is entrusted with upholding law and order while maintaining peace and safety for its citizens and Police Officers. The department has established policies and guidelines on the use of force that may include hand-to-hand, less-than-lethal and lethal force.

The department's chief and captains constantly evaluate and provide oversight for every instance of force through an internal review process. This review process is not only to assure the use of force was within department guidelines but is also used to identify areas of training for individual officers. Officers are required to complete a force response report anytime they use force and those reports are reviewed and analyzed on a continuous basis. Every officer receives annual training in force response along with department policy review.

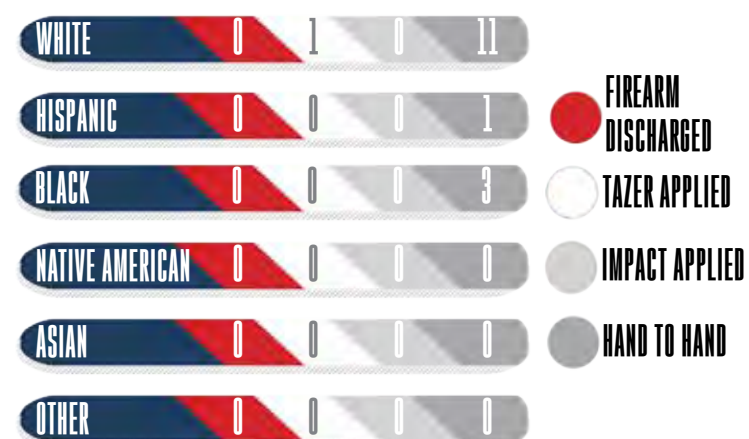
FORCE BY CALL



IMPLIED FORCE



FORCE USED



TRAINING

The Ellensburg Police Department makes use of specialized and advanced training techniques as it continues toward a goal of providing the best in public safety services to our community and its visitors. The department understands that one important component to its success is the training the officers and staff receive.

Each year the department relies on its in-service training, summer training program and a variety of specialized training classes taught by leading experts in their fields. In addition to the classroom training, the department also uses several digital training platforms that specialize in on-line investigations, human trafficking, drug crimes, crisis intervention training and community policing, just to name a few.

Command staff understand the significance quality training and continued education has on department personnel and believe in the department's commitment of building a solid professional foundation in police services through quality training.

Considering the significant impact on quality of service directly related to training, Ellensburg Police Department officers receive an average of 71 hours per year of training time. The department spends about \$101,000 annually in training expenses with travel, salaries and tuition for officer development. In 2019, the Ellensburg Police Department was honored to host Dr. Bryant T. Marks to instruct our officers on the concept of recognizing implicit bias. Dr. Marks is a renowned speaker on this topic and we invite you to search his work on youtube regarding this important concept.

A PROACTIVE APPROACH



DR. BRYANT T. MARKS, SR.

- Dr. Marks' presentation included:
- What is implicit bias?
 - What does implicit bias look like in the real world?
 - How is implicit bias measured?
 - How does implicit bias affect the attitudes and behaviors of the target group as well as the person who holds the bias?
 - How can implicit bias be reduced?
 - How can the potential impact of implicit bias on work-related decisions, behavior, and outcomes be reduced?

Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Sr. is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Morehouse

College, Director of the Program for Research on Black Male Achievement and served on President Obama's Board of Advisors with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. He also recently completed a temporary appointment as a senior advisor with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition, Dr. Marks is a contributor to the White House My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative. He has given presentations and conducted workshops for K-12 personnel, higher education faculty and staff, many national conferences and MBK stakeholder groups. He currently serves on the MBK Task Force for Fulton County, GA. He also provides implicit bias training to hundreds of law enforcement officers via a series of White House gatherings for Police Chiefs and their teams.



2019

TRAFFIC STOPS
496INFRACOCTIONS
ISSUED
75CITATIONS
ISSUED
21IMPAIRED
DRIVERS
19

10

TRAFFIC SAFETY

In 2019 the Ellensburg Police Department implemented a new Traffic Safety program using funds from a traffic safety grant. The program focuses on all traffic-related issues inside the city. The majority of issues addressed include speeding complaints, distracted drivers, impaired drivers and collisions. The program's goal is to make the community's roadways safer and to educate drivers.

Monies received through the grant have been used to buy an undercover 2019 Dodge Durango. The car is used to blend in with traffic while officers perform traffic safety emphasis and education patrols throughout the city of Ellensburg.

Another part of the grant was used to buy a new hand-held speed radar unit and electronic sign that displays an approaching car's speed. Together the radar unit and sign gather several different types of information including speed, time and date as well as high, low and average speeds in the area. All of the information can be downloaded and analyzed so officers know what is occurring in a specific area.



SERVING THE STANDARD

In recent years the Ellensburg Police Department partnered with local restaurant, bar and tavern owners to stop potential problems before they start.

Serving the Standard helps officers and owners approach concerns in a proactive manner by teaming up to identify and solve any alcohol-related issues. The end results create a safer, more enjoyable environment for patrons and owners alike.

Over the past eight years the program has grown to include 25 businesses. Corporal Kevin Willette, the department's liquor compliance officer, works with business owners to resolve any issues that may arise. By working together the entities have forged a productive working relationship, the keystone to making the Serving the Standard program work.



2019

BUSINESSES
INVOLVED
25WARNINGS
10CITATIONS
0

11

Officer Stephanie Druktenis gives a couple children the rundown on one of the department's motorcycles.



Local Transportation
A Free Community Forum

**Community Forum on
Bicycle Safety and Central Transit**

Join the Ellensburg Police Department's Corporal Jason Brunk for an informative and fun discussion about bicycle safety, coming for safety equipment, signaling and rules of the road.

Afterwards, enjoy a discussion with Central Transit manager Bruce Sakon as he shares the upcoming route changes, costs, attachments for bicycles on buses, HoosierSource and the advantages of taking the bus.

Saturday | July 13, 2019 | 1 - 2 p.m.
Hal Holmes Community Center

Free Give-A-Ways!!!

friends:

Community members join the department for a barbecue during the annual "Eat the Heat" event.



School Resource Officers, Ellensburg School District staff and officers from the Ellensburg Police Department hosted a safe driving event at Ellensburg High School.



Children are given a tour of a patrol car.



JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



Officers encourage runners in the annual Firecracker 5K run in Ellensburg.

Cop on Top

A Law Enforcement Torch Run Event

**Monday December 9th
Starting at 10:30am @
Fred Meyer
201 S. Water Street**

**JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your community!

**Presented by the
Ellensburg Police Department**



Kittitas County police officers and firefighters meet Santa as part of the annual "Shop with a Cop or Firefighter" event.

2019

NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR
THE 2020-'21
CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The Ellensburg Police Department's Citizen's Academy gives members of our community a look into the inner workings of the department and law enforcement. During the six-week course attendees are given the opportunity to hear from current officers about their day-to-day activities. They also receive some hands-on experience with other courses including the emergency vehicle operator's course, firearms instruction, mock scenes, K-9 demonstrations, traffic stops and DUI enforcement. Members also take tours of Kittcom, Ellensburg's dispatch center, and the Kittitas County Corrections Center.

The Class of 2019 consisted of 10 students who ranged in age from college aged to a 70-year-old who wanted to see what her grandson had ahead of him as he pursues a life in law enforcement.



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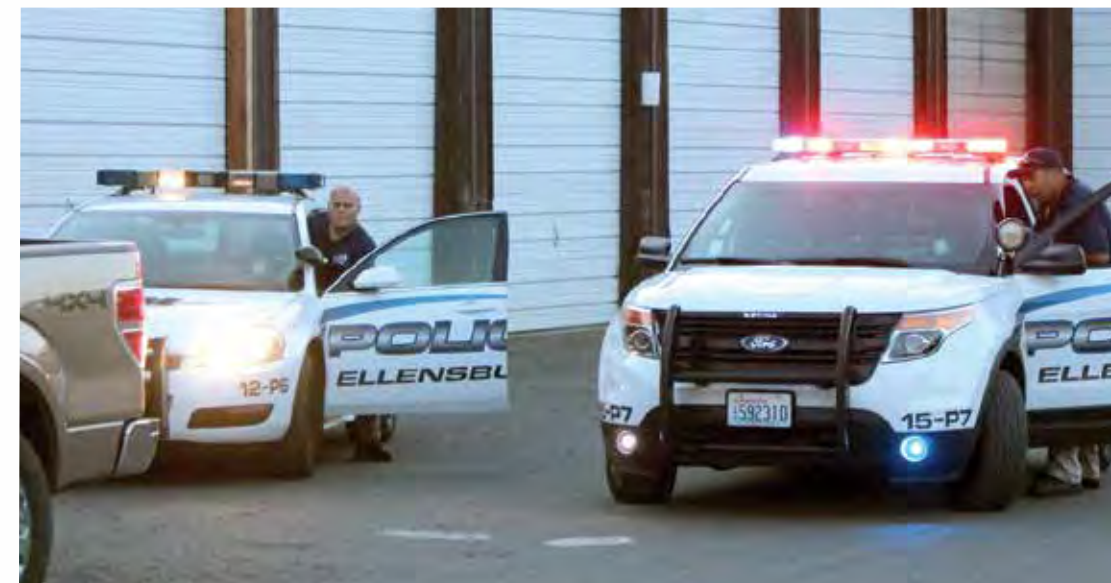
PATROL

Patrol officers are the most visible and recognizable part of the Ellensburg Police Department because they are the ones the community sees the most. The Patrol Division is the largest within the department as well. There are 20 commissioned officers who are divided into four squads which are made up of a sergeant, corporal and three officers.

The officers have numerous responsibilities they must perform throughout the course of a 12-hour shift. Sometimes it can be a simple traffic stop. Other times it could be acting as a crime scene investigator or simply patrolling the city of Ellensburg.

Every year officers continue their specialized training in firearms use, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operation, emergency medical procedures, traffic accident investigations, blood-borne pathogens, field training and response to unusual situations.

Officers are required to handle all assignments with professionalism and excellence that residents and visitors of Ellensburg have come to expect. Their dedication to service shows each time they respond to a call. Their integrity and ingenuity makes them an indispensable part of Ellensburg and their commitment to safety of its citizenry is unparalleled.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

3

2

1

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

PARTLY SUSTAINED

UNFOUNDED

2019

TOTAL CALLS:
18,088

REPORTS TAKEN:
5,070

TRAFFIC STOPS:
4,668

INFRACOCTIONS:
611

CRIMINAL CITATIONS:
269



15

OFFICERS RESPOND TO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF CALLS THROUGHOUT THEIR SHIFT. NOT ALL CALLS RESULT IN AN ARREST BUT THEY DO GENERATE A REPORT. OFTEN TIMES OFFICERS WILL REFER AN INCIDENT TO DETECTIVES OR ANOTHER AGENCY FOR FURTHER ACTION OR INVESTIGATION.

- ADULT
- JUVENILE

PATROL

ARRESTS BY TYPE

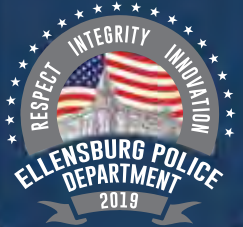
ROBBERIES REPORTED	5	FRAUD	
ARRESTS	4 2	CREDIT CARD/ATM	0 0
BURGLARIES REPORTED	76	IDENTITY THEFT	7 0
RESIDENTIAL	40	CHECK/PRESCRIPT.	2 0
ARRESTS	3 1	OTHER	
NONRESIDENTIAL	36	TRESPASSING	52 2
ARRESTS	3 0	MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	28 14
THEFTS REPORTED	574	ARSON	1 0
SHOPLIFTING ARRESTS	59 21	NOISE	35 0
BICYCLE THEFT ARRESTS	3 0	DISORDERLY	20 0
WALLET/PURSE ARRESTS	0 0	ALCOHOL INFRACTION	59 10
VEHICLE PROWL REPORTED	96	DRUG SALE/MANUFACT.	9 0
ARRESTS	3 1	DRUG POSSESSION	73 3
VEHICLE THEFTS REPORTED	30	DUI/ALCOHOL	76 0
ARRESTS	8 0	DUI/DRUGS	1 0
OTHER ARRESTS		OBSTRUCTION	25 4
STOLEN PROPERTY	15 2	CRIMINAL ASSIST.	1 0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	2 0	WARRANTS	227 6
		WEAPONS	14 2
		ALL OTHER	55 1

PATROL

OTHER INCIDENTS

MISSING/RECOVERED PERSON	6	KIDNAP/IMPRISONMENT	6
RUNAWAY JUVENILE	32	INDECENT EXPOSURE	8
MENTAL HEALTH ASSIST	372	WEAPONS VIOLATION	18
CHILD ABUSE	199	COURT ORDER VIOLATION	92
CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	16	PROBATION VIOLATION	5
SUICIDES	4	SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	180
ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	28	AGENCY ASSIST	147
UNATTENDED DEATH	24	CIVIL PROBLEMS	82
HATE/BIAS	0	LOST/FOUND PROPERTY	443
STALKING	5	RECOVERED PROPERTY	11
HARASSMENT	136	VEHICLE IMPOUNDS	159
UNLAWFUL USE OF PHONE	15	ANIMAL CALLS	197

- ADULT
- JUVENILE



2019

CASES INVESTIGATED
123

CHARGED &
ARRESTED
77

NARCOTICS CASES
12

NARCOTICS ARRESTS
12

AVERAGE CASES
PER WEEK
1-2



18

DETECTIVES

The five men and women who make up the Ellensburg Police Department's Detective's Section are the community's modern-day Sherlock Holmes.

A Detective Sergeant oversees the section. The sergeant and detectives conduct all investigations - from property crimes to homicides - for the department. Detectives work closely with the Kittitas County and City Prosecutor's offices to adjudicate felony and some misdemeanor criminal actions that occur within the city.

The average length of an investigation is about a month but can go longer depending on the specifics of a case. Detectives spend a significant amount of their time on narcotics investigations as illegal drug sales and use continue to reach into every corner of the community.

Aside from investigations, a Detective's primary responsibility includes contacting witnesses, victims and suspects, searching and obtaining any evidence pertaining to a crime and compiling cases against suspects. They also attend hearings, arraignments and trials.



EPD Detectives are from left: John Bean, Derek Holmes, Jennifer Margheim, Ryan Shull and Cameron Clasen.

DETECTIVES

ARRESTS/INVESTIGATIONS BY TYPE



19

2019

RECEIVED
1,247RETURNED
282DESTROYED
1,198

EVIDENCE

The Ellensburg Police Department's Evidence Room does just what the name implies – it holds evidence. The room has two functions: To serve as the community's lost and found and to securely hold all valuable pieces of evidence collected at crime scenes the department's officers and detectives find.

The Detective Sergeant is responsible for the Evidence Room. He makes sure items are correctly identified, cataloged and safely stored to maintain the chain of evidence for any future court appearances. He also must adhere to rigorous standards for the department to maintain its state accreditation.

Aside from evidence the room hosts the varied items people find around town. Cell phones, keys, wallets, debit cards, etc., are collected and kept for up to 60 days or until its owner can be found. A large amount of the items are returned to their owners. But if an item remains unclaimed for a state-specified period of time, it can be destroyed along with other scheduled pieces of evidence, auctioned or absorbed for use by the department.



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MOTORS

The Motors Section is made up of two officers and one sergeant whose primary responsibility is similar to the Traffic Safety Program - to perform traffic enforcement and education.

Motors officers receive specialized training in motorcycle handling prior to assignment to the section. The motorcycles allow officers more visibility to motorists' conduct and gives them the opportunity to educate drivers and pedestrians about traffic safety. Hot topics include distracted driving, driver inattention and crosswalk enforcement. Their role also works to potentially reduce traffic collisions and fatalities.



2019

TRAFFIC STOPS
376WARNINGS
333INFRACTIONS
147CRIMINAL
CITATIONS
6HOURS ON PATROL
359

21

2019

INCIDENT REPORTS*
150ARRESTS
13CASES REFERRED
15PRESENTATIONS
10

* APPROXIMATED NUMBER



22

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Ellensburg Police Department School Resource Officer Stephanie Druktenis has become the friendly face behind the position of School Resource Officer. She has spent the past two years embedded in Ellensburg schools and has earned the trust and respect of students and teachers alike.

This past year Druktenis worked closely with Ellensburg School District staff to ensure a safe environment for students and teachers. She and Ellensburg Police Department Reserve Officers work with the Ellensburg High School Athletic Director to maintain peace at sporting events and take part in school functions and assemblies.

Druktenis, School District staff and other members of the Ellensburg Police Department hosted a successful safe driving event this year, giving students a clear understanding of the what is expected of them as new drivers and young members of the community. Interested students are invited to job shadow her during her working day and Druktenis said she has been able to help others who need her assistance through other community functions and at the Kittitas County Juvenile Probation Office.



RESERVES

The Ellensburg Police Department's Reserve Officers Program has a long history within the department.

Reserve officers are made up of community members who volunteer their time to serve the City of Ellensburg as a limited-commissioned police officer. Many current detectives, patrol and motors officers began their careers in law enforcement in the reserve program.

Reserve officers go through a strenuous hiring process similar to what the full-time entry level officers go through. This includes an oral board, thorough background investigation as well as polygraph and psychological examinations. This allows the department to be confident that a potential reserve officer is qualified and has the capacity and aptitude for police work. Newly commissioned reserve officers work with full time officers to learn the ropes and each is required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month with an average time being 36 hours.

Reserve officers attend a Reserve Academy with more than 220 hours of instruction. State curriculum is taught mostly by full time officers who have been approved by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. Once they have graduated from the Academy, reserve officers receive a limited commission. As part of the mandated annual reserve officer in-service training, reserves receive monthly training on subjects ranging from vehicle operation, case law, policy updates and defensive tactics. To develop their more practical skills reserves also are trained throughout the year on subjects including recognizing youth that are endangered or at risk, communication skills for working with youthful subjects and report writing.

Their primary role is supporting the School Resource Officer. Reserve Officers work at the high school, Morgan Middle School and the elementary schools. Reserve Officers will also work high school sporting events and dances, at concerts and other school activities.



2019

RESERVE OFFICERS
13HOURS WORKED
1,383TRAINING HOURS
298

23

2019

RPZ WARNINGS
254RPZ TICKETS
833DOWNTOWN
WARNINGS
1,488DOWNTOWN
TICKETS
1,037PARKING
COMPLAINTS
562CODE COMPLAINTS
191CODE TICKETS
5

24

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Two limited-commission officers are Ellensburg's nuisance and parking complaint team. Together they enforce quality of life issues while making the city a safer, more comfortable place to live and visit.

The officers spend most of their time addressing parking issues in historic downtown Ellensburg. But they also oversee the residential parking zones immediately north of the city and near the Central Washington University campus where on-street parking can be a scarce and valuable commodity. Their goal is to keep parking available at all times for residents and their guests.

The officers also are responsible for a variety of nuisance complaints like derelict properties, tall grass and weeds, excessive dead vegetation, illegal dumping and failure to remove snow and ice from city sidewalks. Officers can issue warnings or citations to those who interfere with the health and safety of the community.



ANIMAL CONTROL

"Through our gates pass some of the most wonderful animals in the world!"

The City of Ellensburg's Animal Shelter was built in 1973 as a safe haven to all run-aways, strays and impounded animals inside the city limits. Today the Shelter still acts as a safe place for animals but its other focus is to place every animal that comes through its doors into a warm and loving home.

The Ellensburg Animal Shelter operates with one manager, two full time officers, two part-time aides and many community volunteers who care for the animals inside the shelter, 24/7.

These individuals are dedicated to the safety and well-being of the variety of animals that find their way to the Shelter. Inside the Shelter staff cares for the animals. But they also take in impounded animals, collect license and boarding fees, release pets to their owners, perform data entry, answer phones, write reports and maintain the Shelter's presence on social media.

Outside of the Shelter officers patrol for stray or injured animals, investigate reports of animal cruelty, handle bite complaints and quarantines, protect people from vicious animals and respond to various other animal grievances



2019

CALLS
FOR SERVICE
750IMPOUNDS
555ADOPTED
68RETURNED
TO OWNER
222TRANSFERED
TO RESCUE
219LICENSES ISSUED
1,357WARNINGS ISSUED
189

25

2019

COURT ORDERS
ENTERED
135COURT ORDERS
SERVED
55WARRANTS ENTERED
527CONCEALED LICENSE
134PISTOL TRANSFERS
451SOLICITORS LICENSE
2PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
REQUESTS
1,368

26

RECORDS

When entering the Ellensburg Police Department, whether to file a report with an officer or fill out a public records request, the first person you will see is a Records Clerk. As your first point of contact with the Department, Records Clerks will direct you to the appropriate forms, departments or officers to best assist you — whether by phone, e-mail or in person.

Every record, report, ticket or document handled or generated by the department will make its way to Records. Records Clerks are then responsible for data entry, transcription of recordings, dissemination of confidential information and gathering and reporting statistics. In addition to these tasks Records Clerks also fulfill public disclosure requests, concealed pistol license applications and processes ticket payments, just to name a few. Clerks also submit information to the National Incident Based Reporting System on a monthly basis for further crime analysis.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Ellensburg Police Department uses social media platforms as a fun and informative way to interact and stay connected with the community.

Through Facebook and Twitter the department is able to provide useful and timely information on a variety of topics including public safety events like road closures or police and/or fire activities in a specific area. Other topics may include public safety issues or police investigations. This information is meant to educate and inform and to establish a better understanding of the Ellensburg Police Department's Mission through public service announcements.

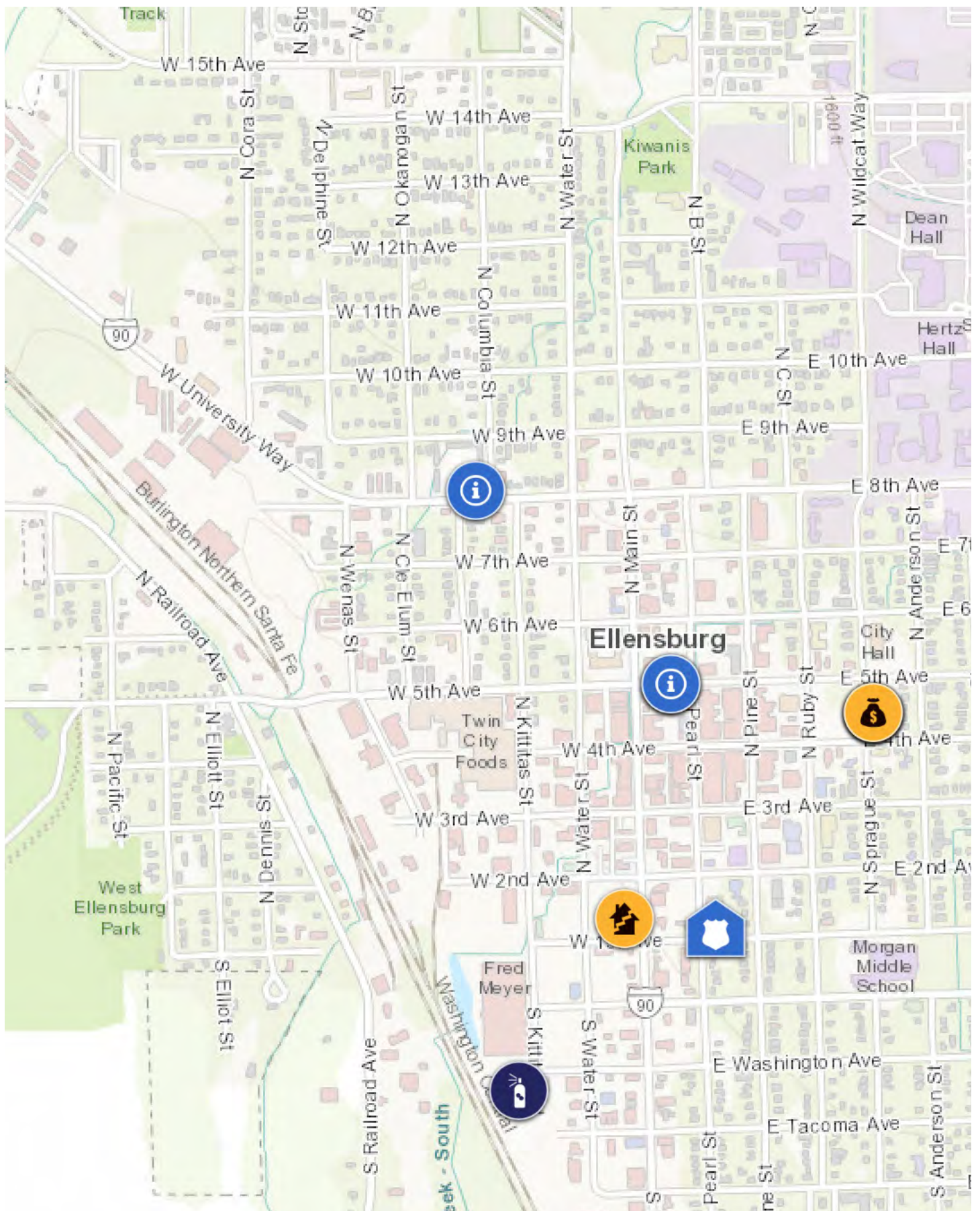
Another goal is to provide a sense of transparency into the department and its functions. The department wants to have positive social networking between itself and the community it serves by opening a line of dialog through those platforms. Other ways the department stays in touch is through its annual community events like Cop on Top, National Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Firefighter and Coffee with a Cop.



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NUMBER OF LIKES
10,929FOLLOWERS
11,335MOST POPULAR POST
2-13-19MOST REACHED
123,001

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