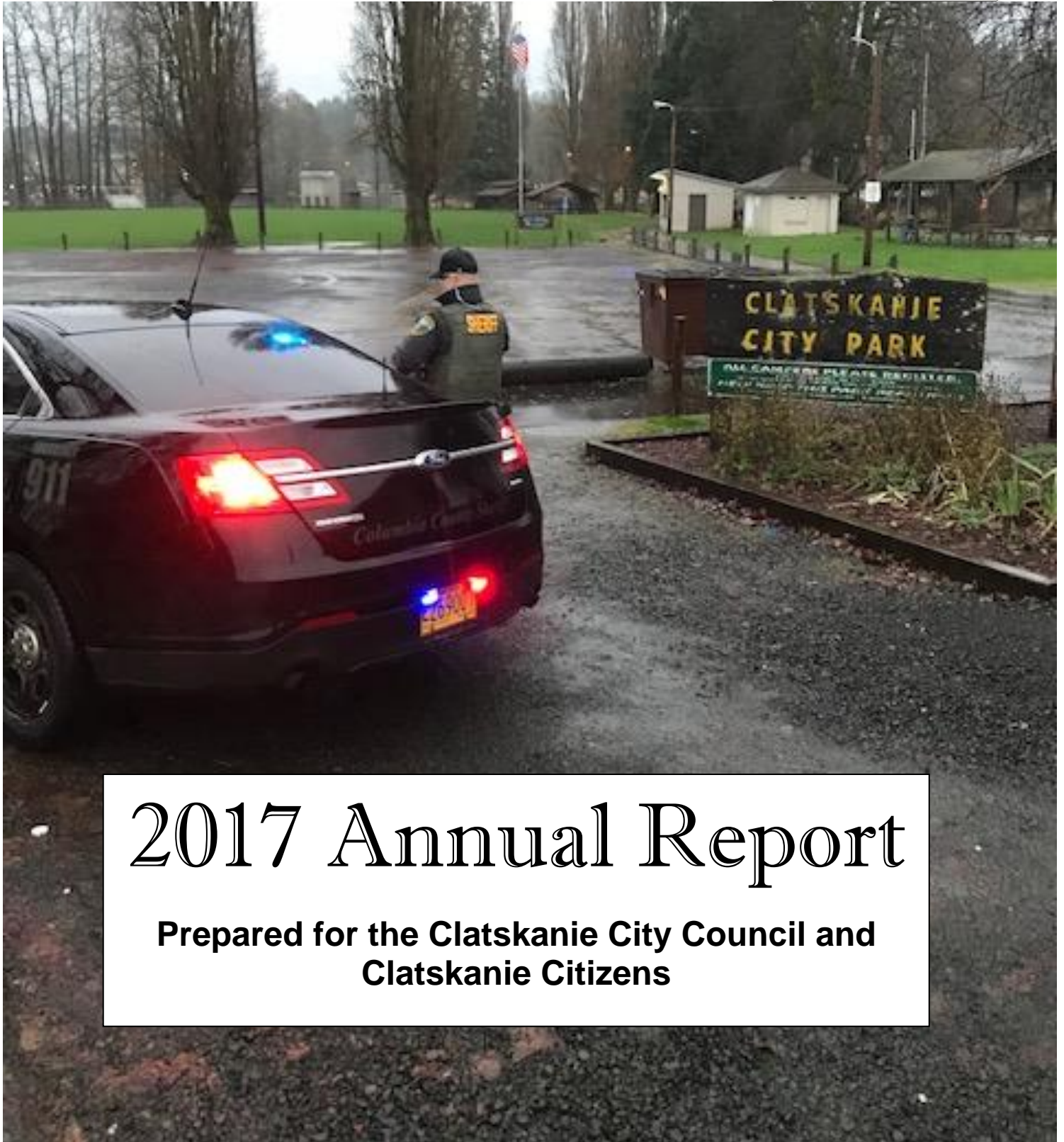




Columbia County
SHERIFF



2017 Annual Report

Prepared for the Clatskanie City Council and
Clatskanie Citizens

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Mission

The Mission of the Sheriff in Clatskanie is to conserve the peace in North Columbia County with a primary and essential focus of serving the policing needs inside the City of Clatskanie .

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our County and the City of Clatskanie with effective and efficient public safety services. Each employee is enabled to solve problems by taking ownership and believing he or she can form partnerships with our citizens and fellow public safety providers to make our community an ideal place to live, work and recreate.

Values

1. Employees are valued and empowered to do what is right.
2. Citizens are served effectively and efficiently.
3. The rights of all are upheld and protected.

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Sheriff's Deputy Assigned to Clatskanie
Makes Traffic Stop in the City

Sheriff's Notes

Dear Citizens of Clatskanie:

This report is prepared for you as a subset of the Annual Report produced for all Citizens of Columbia County, of which you all are a vital part. That Annual Report can be found on our website at <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff>



For years, listening to concerns from North Columbia County, including the greater Clatskanie area I have learned that many see themselves as cut off from much of the rest of the County. Now, with the contract between the City and the Sheriff's Office to perform policing duties inside the City, the gap between North County and County services has been reduced. Cooperation between the City and the County is growing. Law enforcement services to North County are improving, and the per-capita cost of doing these things has come down.

With the City and the Sheriff "combining forces" to make the most of declining City resources for policing in town, we have been able to take the two and one-half positions the City can fund and add considerable County Resources to fill the gaps. Not only that, but we have also expanded law enforcement services to your friends and neighbors who live just out of town. We've done this by subsidizing the City positions with County funds in return for the ability to cover high priority calls outside of town. This expands law enforcement coverage in North County, but not at the expense of the City.

*In fact, as this report will show, the number of calls for service and the number of enforcement activities carried out **inside** the city have increased dramatically — And that is with two fewer assets assigned to patrol from the year prior when the City Police Department was still functioning.*

We knew we would be able to provide the resources, experience and motivation to improve the law enforcement presence in the City, and I believe the numbers in this report tell that story.

Of course, there will always be a few breakdowns with any new program, and we experienced those in our first year. We found that we were not as effective as the prior police department in managing the Heritage Days Parade on July 4. We had plenty of resources for safety and security on hand for the entire Heritage Days celebration, but the parade management concerning traffic flow needs to improve. We are committed to making those improvements in the coming year.

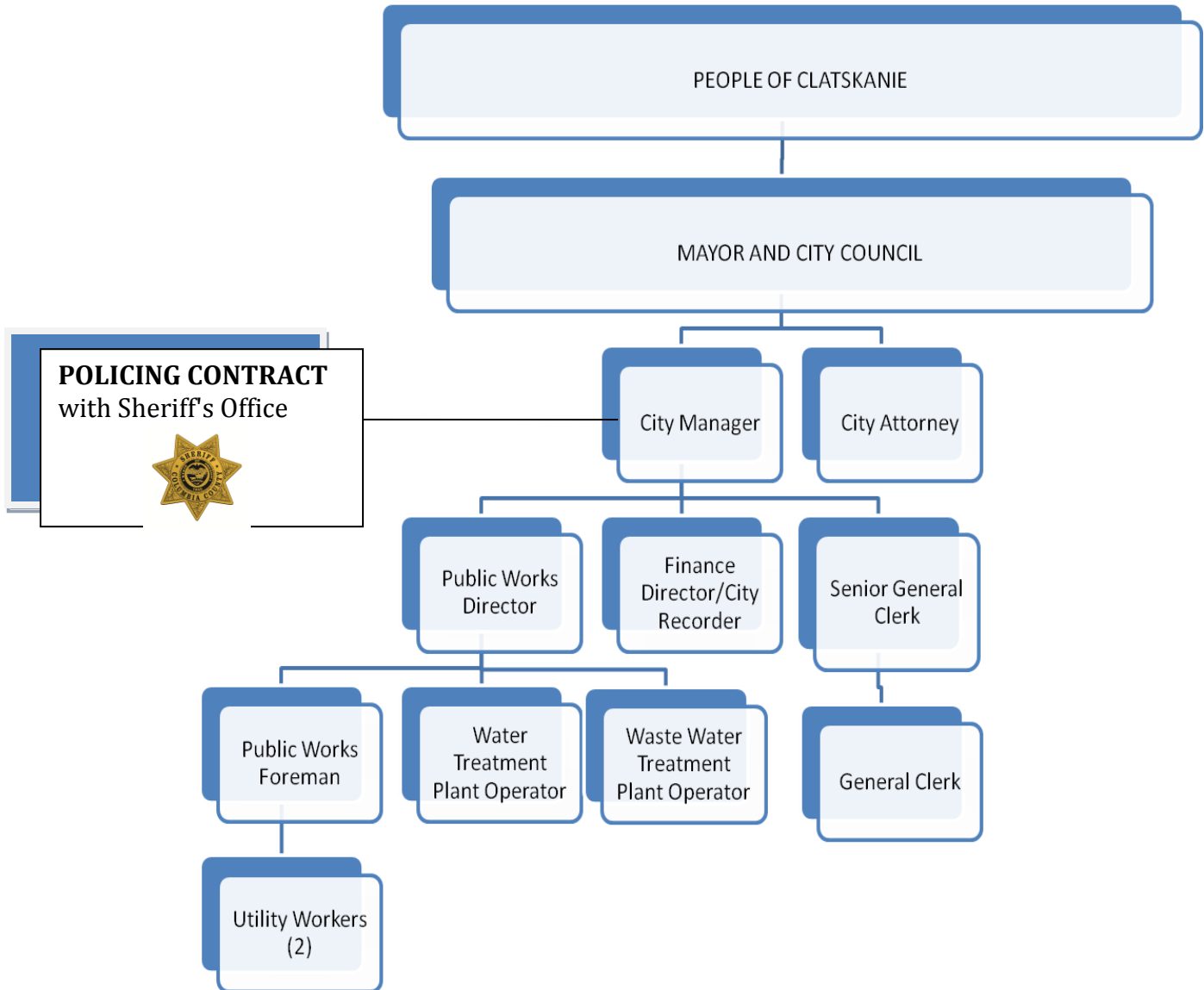
Then, there was the lack of an immediate response to the domestic disturbance that turned violent at the Conestoga in January 2017. Our investigation of what went wrong showed that: There was incomplete information passed to dispatch from the caller; and a lack of information from the dispatcher to our Deputy after the incident went down. We believe a Deputy could have and should have been dispatched to the scene even before the assault happened. However, for some reason, we were not notified, until after the suspect had left the scene, and the victim was left on the pavement, unconscious.

The on-call deputy, awakened from sleep in his home in Scappoose, was not the best choice— and even if he had driven the 40 miles to get to Clatskanie, there were other officers who could have gotten there sooner, but who were never notified. The good news is that the confusion did not influence the investigation or the survivability of the victim: Emergency Medical Services were delivered in a timely fashion; the investigation was picked up in the ensuing days; and a suspect was identified, interviewed and indicted on assault charges.

In sum, the goal of providing improved policing services and expert investigations for the City of Clatskanie got a good start in 2017. We look forward to improving on those marks in the coming year.

Jeff Dickson

City Organizational Chart



City Manager's Report

In November of 2016, the City of Clatskanie contracted its police services with the Columbia County Sheriff's office. The primary reason for doing this was budgetary. The city, faced with increasing costs could not sustain a department and deliver the services expected by its citizens. Police service is a must and the city explored a partnership with the Sheriff's office, much like other cities in Oregon have done, to deliver law enforcement to the city in an economical and efficient way. The result of this partnership is clear. This program has been a success with the city seeing increased levels of service and are paying considerably less for those services. The hope for the foreseeable future is to increase the police presence by adding additional deputies which will be determined by future budgeting.

Clatskanie 2017 Policing News Notes

Investigators Make Case on Assault in Town after No Deputy Immediately Available

Investigation in January of a fight in the parking lot of the Conestoga led to Assault charges against Jarid Douma. This case is progressing through the criminal justice system, and awaiting final disposition. This initially involved a series of mistakes through Dispatch and patrol that delayed our response to the assault in town in the early morning hours when there was no deputy on duty anywhere in the County. The on-call deputy did not have the right information to immediately respond to the scene, and the deputy made insensitive remarks on the phone to the dispatcher that eventually became public. Nevertheless, the investigation took place, and the arrest was made, and corrective action taken as to how the call was handled.

Policing Isn't Just All About Tickets

From a social media post in April 2017: *"I have to thank a young deputy who pulled me over in Clatskanie a little while ago. I had propped up my license plate on the back window because I hadn't yet bought a screwdriver to put it on the car. Well, it had fallen down, and that's why I got pulled over. The deputy wanted my driver's license and proof of insurance, neither of which I could find! I ALWAYS carry them! I was able to show my insurance online, eventually. I was so embarrassed.*

"Then he did something amazing- he put both plates on for me! He let me go with just a warning, and I thank

God he was the one who pulled me over. I don't recall his name, but if he sees this: Thank you!"

Deputies Chase/Capture Fleeing Suspect

A vehicle pursuit that began inside the City of Clatskanie on a Friday night in October and ended in the suspect vehicle's crash on Clatskanie Heights Rd. south of town, resulted in the capture of a suspect in a burglary/disturbance call inside the City.

A Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the City initiated the pursuit when he responded to the scene of the disturbance around 10:49 pm in the 200 block of South Nehalem Rd.

The responding deputy observed the suspect, David Hunter, 50, Clatskanie, running toward a vehicle parked in the middle of the street on South Nehalem, get into the vehicle and speed off as the deputy approached. The deputy activated his emergency lights and siren, however the suspect increased speeds, driving out of town on Clatskanie Heights Rd. The deputy followed the suspect vehicle out of town, and observed the vehicle lose control and crash on a turn. The suspect ran away on foot while the deputy secured the scene and summoned additional help from our K9 tracking unit.

The K9 deputy located the fleeing suspect in just 14 minutes, and the suspect surrendered to the K9 team.

Hunter was taken into custody and charged with Attempt to Elude Police by vehicle and on foot, as well as Reckless Driving.

Deputies Nab Clatskanie Car Thief

On December 26, 2017, deputies responded to a report of a stolen 2008 Red Toyota Tacoma from the Big Guy Restaurant in Clatskanie, OR. The stolen vehicle contained a rifle with ammunition in the back seat. Responding Deputies located the truck a short time later in Rainier, OR, but lost it after the driver sped off and temporarily eluded capture. Oregon State Police, Rainier Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff's deputies were en route to search for the truck when Oregon State Police located the empty, stolen truck parked on W. 4th street near W. F street in Rainier, Oregon. Deputies along with help from the Oregon State Police and Rainier Police Departments searched the area but was unable to immediately locate the suspect.

A short time later, deputies were able to obtain a suspect description from a security camera of a local business in Clatskanie. Deputies were able to use this description to learn the suspect may have taken CC Rider from Rainier back to Clatskanie. The suspect, later identified as Jason Harold Emanuel, was located at the Safeway store in Clatskanie at about 1143 am. Deputies, and Oregon State Police, troopers took Emanuel into custody on the charges of Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Theft I. Emanuel was lodged in the Columbia County Jail.

TOTAL Police Activities in Clatskanie by Month in 2017

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
295	260	201	285	299	271	284	239	244	292	296	310

Patrol Unit

The City contracts with the Sheriff's Office for patrol services from two patrol deputies and half of a sergeant. These deputies and supervisory position provide 120 hours a week of patrol presence in the City, but that is not the whole story.

One reserve deputy is assigned to the City without direct cost. The Sheriff's Office funds this resource for fuel and vehicle maintenance and the deputy is a volunteer who works without wages. In 2017, this longtime volunteer deputy put in almost 328 hours on patrol in and around the City.

Additional patrol strength at no cost to the City comes in the form of a part-time truck inspection deputy who also spends time on truck enforcement inside the City and nearby on Highway 47.

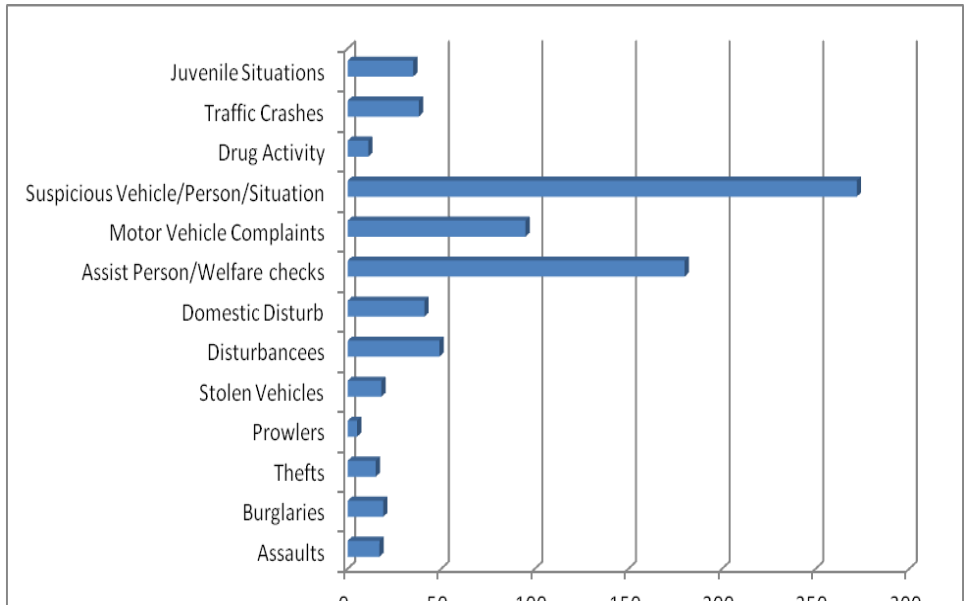
Statistics show that since the Sheriff's Office began the contract for police services with the City that law enforcement activities within the City have increased dramatically.

For example, the number of traffic stops by deputies in the first twelve months of the Contract increased by more than 900 percent (113 traffic stops in the 12 months prior to the CCSO contract, 1,042 traffic stops in 2017). Of all the traffic stops, most resulted only in a warning issued to the driver. In 2017, 273 traffic stops resulted in the issuance of a traffic citation.

Calls for service have also increased over the 12 months prior to the CCSO contract. CCSO Deputies handled 2,234 calls for service (excluding traffic stops) in 2017, while the prior 12 months before the contract showed the City police responding to 1,702 calls for service.

One of the reasons for the increased call load is a higher degree of activity of deputies working in the City. Deputies are making more suspicious person and suspicious vehicle contacts, as well as doing a number of business premises checks.

Deputies working in Clatskanie also made 77 in-custody arrests, including 34 arrests for people on outstanding



Deputies received 272 suspicious vehicle/person/situation calls inside the City in 2017, the first full year of the contract between the Sheriff and the City. Deputies also conducted 1,042 traffic stops (not depicted above) in the City in 2017, in all, 3,276 police activities in the City were logged according to Dispatch records.

arrest warrants. These kinds of arrests come from deputies actively investigating suspicious vehicles and suspicious persons, as well as from increased traffic stops of all vehicles committing traffic violations in the City. All in-custody arrest types are shown in the Chart below:

2017 Clatskanie In-Custody Arrests	
Warrant Arrests	34
Stalk/Restrain Order	5
Crim. Driving Uninsurd	5
Assaults	6
Narcotics	7
Weapons	4
Theft	5
Sex Offender Fail to Reg.	1
DUII	2
Hit & Run Crash	1
Attempt to Elude Police	2
Reckless Driving	3
Resisting Arrest	1
Unauthorized Use of Veh.	1
TOTAL	77

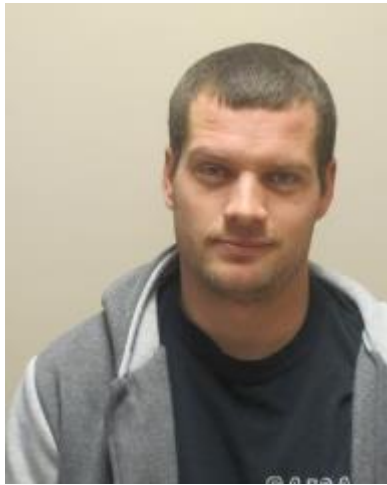
Special Services

Criminal Investigations

Criminal investigations often involve additional resources that the City shares with the County when called upon. The Sheriff's detectives work County-wide on a wide variety of complex criminal cases (from Murder and assault to burglaries, fraud and child abuse). The City is able to leverage that resource for its own needs when investigations threaten to bog patrol officers down in ongoing criminal case investigations.

Jarid Douma, Indicted on charges of Assault Second Degree and Assault Third Degree after a disturbance at the Conestoga turned violent in January 2017.

Douma was reportedly inside the Conestoga while the victim in the assault incident was waiting outside with a golf club, intending on confronting him in regard to a running domestic disturbance between the two. When Douma left the business and entered the parking lot, the two men confronted each other, and a struggle ensued. Douma left the scene with the victim, Ron Roll unconscious on the pavement.



This occurred early in the morning before deputies in the City came on duty. Before a deputy could respond, the victim had been transported to the hospital and the suspect had left the scene.

Sheriff's Office detectives assisted patrol deputies in contacting witnesses, seizing evidence and testifying before the Columbia County Grand Jury. The Grand Jury indicted Mr. Douma on charges of Assault, Second Degree and Assault, Third Degree. As of this report, this case is currently headed for trial sometime in 2018.

The delayed response that occurred due to confusion on the call (explained in Sheriff's Notes on page 4 of this report) did not negatively impact the investigation.

Bellflower Street Search Warrant - Deputies developed probable cause of vehicle thefts based out of a residence on Bellflower Street in Clatskanie. Detectives wrote an affidavit for a search warrant on the residence at 653 S.E. Bellflower Street. Although no stolen vehicles were found at the scene, information was developed to lead to subsequent arrests of Eric White and Kaila Vandehey, who were living at the residence, when the Search Warrant was served in December.

Vandehey, 28, was found to have warrants for her arrest on charges of Possession and Delivery of Controlled Substances. At the time of this report, Vandehey was indicted and waiting on adjudication on those charges.

White was later found to be in possession of a Controlled Substance, Delivery of a Controlled Substance and was also charged with Criminal Neglect, First Degree. He has been indicted on those charges and at time of this report was awaiting court disposition on that case.

Shell Station Lottery Theft - In August, a suspect stole \$1100 worth of Lottery tickets out of the Clatskanie Shell Station. Deputies searched the area, but could not find the suspect at that time. However, further investigation led to the identification of Anthony Larsen as a possible suspect, based on similar heists elsewhere in Multnomah and Columbia Counties. Larsen was never apprehended. If anyone knows his whereabouts, they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office, or the Oregon State Police.



Vandehey



White



Special Services

Administration

A big advantage to the City's contract with the Sheriff's Office is the low cost of administrative functions that oversee the police operations within the City.

In order to run a County-wide law Enforcement operation, the Sheriff depends on well-trained administrative staff to support the many operations within the Sheriff's Office in general (Patrol, Marine Patrols, Search & Rescue, Criminal Investigations, Jail and Corrections, Court Security, Dog Control, Reports and records processing, business services, and Filing, and Licensing responsibilities). All these staff are already in place and able to provide the support services required for policing inside the City at a fraction of the cost of similar services if the City were to provide the same services.

However, the City gets even more services than the average small town police department can provide. Through the resources of the Sheriff's Office—should some of the Sheriff's resources be needed for civil, criminal investigations, arrestee transports, or records—there are whole divisions set aside to carry out those functions County-wide, with a division commander overseeing each division. Adding these services to the City goes beyond just providing police responses, and the Cost to the City is minimal. In 2017, the City paid the County \$37,622 in administrative support services – much less than the cost for one full-time clerk position.

Day to day Administration of the Police Services inside the City falls to the Enforcement Division, overseen by a Captain and his Lieutenant. The Captain or Lieutenant reports regularly to City leaders on the status of police services in the City, working out problems and addressing new and ongoing issues to ensure that the contract is fully serviced, above and beyond the legal requirements contained within it.

A primary motive for the Administration of the contract is customer satisfaction. The Sheriff and his commanders are committed to serving the policing needs of the City beyond what they would be getting for the same amount of money through their own police department.

We recognize the advantages of the City having its own police department. However, when the City for any reason decides it is in best interest of the City to contract with the Sheriff's Office, it is our intent to ensure the City



Support Staff for business services, reports and records processing, civil process, et al with Support Commander Brooke McDowall (left) and Sheriff Dickerson.



Division Commanders (from left): Lt. Brooke McDowall (Support Services); Capt. Tony Weaver (Jail/Corrections); Captain Jon Kinsel (Enforcement, Patrol).

is overwhelmingly pleased with the result.

The Sheriff believes it is our responsibility to service the citizens of Clatskanie with the best possible service and to provide more than what the City is paying for whenever possible. We also look to improve services for County residents in North County living outside the city limits, who benefit from the increased presence in their communities as a result.

Statistics

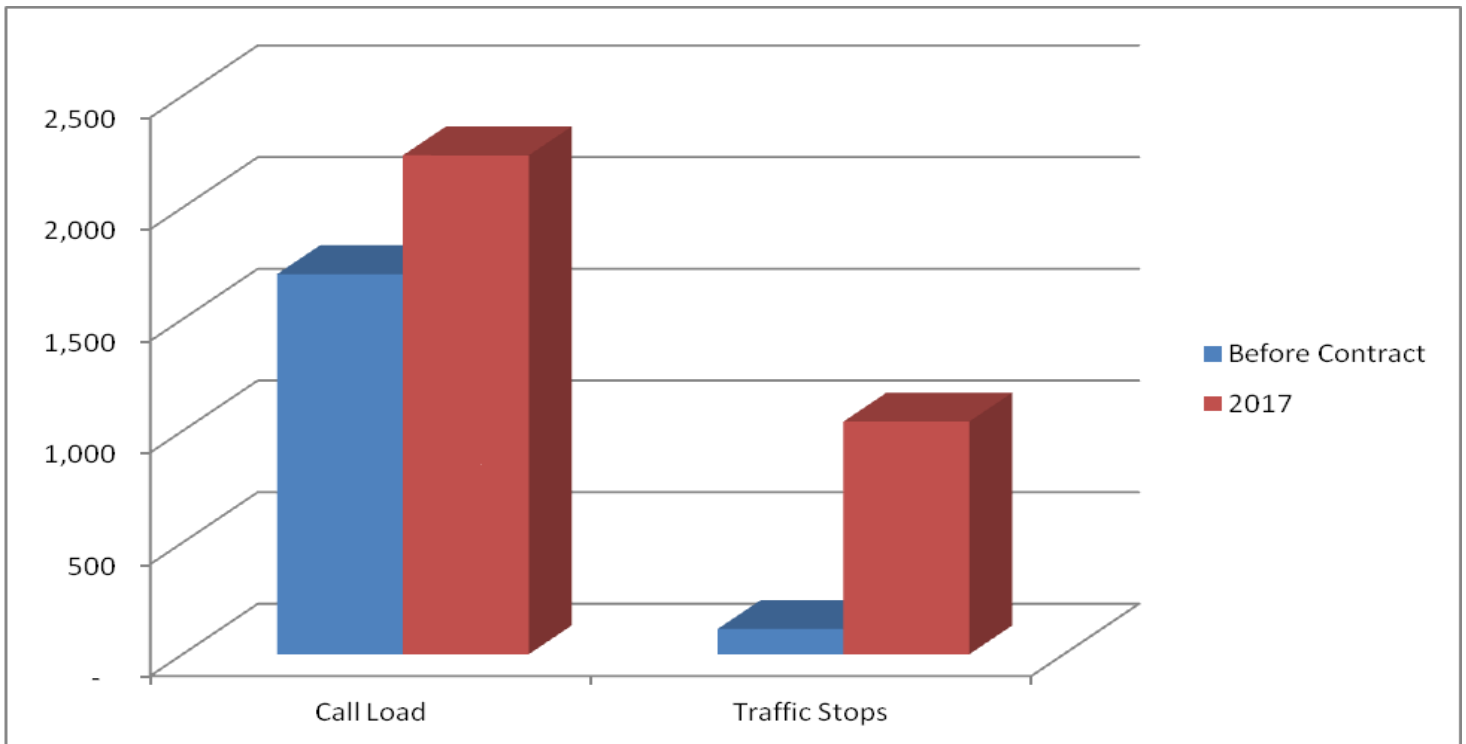
The Statistics on this page show the comparison of police activities in the year leading up to the changeover to the City's contract for police services with the Sheriff's Office, and what occurred in the year beginning January 2017.

Clatskanie Calls For Service

	Nov. 2015 Thru Oct. 2016	Jan 1, 2017 thru Dec. 31 2017	
Nov. 2015	160		
Dec. 2015	144		
Jan. 2016	204	203	Jan. 2017
Feb. 2016	160	171	Feb. 2017
Mar. 2016	145	133	Mar. 2017
Apr. 2016	124	194	Apr. 2017
May. 2016	114	234	May. 2017
Jun. 2016	129	190	Jun. 2017
Jul. 2016	141	218	Jul. 2017
Aug. 2016	138	147	Aug. 2017
Sep. 2016	119	147	Sep. 2017
Oct. 2016	124	195	Oct. 2017
Nov. 2016	Sheriff	210	Nov. 2017
Dec. 2016	Sheriff	192	Dec. 2017
TOTALS	1,702	2,234	

Clatskanie Traffic Stops

	Nov. 2015 Thru Oct. 2016	Jan 1, 2017 thru Dec. 31 2017	
Nov. 2015	11		
Dec. 2015	18		
Jan. 2016	22	92	Jan. 2017
Feb. 2016	12	89	Feb. 2017
Mar. 2016	1	68	Mar. 2017
Apr. 2016	3	91	Apr. 2017
May. 2016	6	65	May. 2017
Jun. 2016	4	81	Jun. 2017
Jul. 2016	30	66	Jul. 2017
Aug. 2016	5	92	Aug. 2017
Sep. 2016	1	97	Sep. 2017
Oct. 2016	0	97	Oct. 2017
Nov. 2016	Sheriff	86	Nov. 2017
Dec. 2016	Sheriff	118	Dec. 2017
TOTALS	113	1,042	



Contact Information

To Contact Clatskanie Police Services, you may reach us through the numbers below (for non-emergency responses call the Non-emergency dispatch number):

- Emergency 9-1-1**
- Non-Emergency Dispatch . . . (800) 696-7795 or (503) 397-1521**
- Dog Control Office. (503) 366-4614**
- Sheriff's Office (Main Line) (503) 366-4611**
 - Receptionist, Dial "0"**
 - Jail "4630"**
 - Criminal/Patrol "4637"**
 - Dispatch "Non Emergency" "1"**
 - Enforcement Division "2"**
 - Corrections Division "3"**
 - Warrants and Records "5"**
 - Support Services Information "6"**
 - Tip Line "4698"**

Marine Patrol (971) 813-6121

Non-emergency Citizen Call/Tip Line. (503) 366-4698

A recorded line for non-emergency calls, when no deputy is immediately required.
For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

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