

2016



ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

We, the professional men and women of the Cannon Beach Police Department, strive, at all times to provide a safe and secure environment for residents of the City of Cannon Beach, and its visitors, through the highest level of professional, ethical and integrity based service.

VISION

The Cannon Beach Police Department takes great pride, and honor, in maintaining the highest level of safety and security of our community.

Values

Professionalism

The Cannon Beach Police Department values a well educated, trained and competent staff, working as a team, and always remaining approachable.

Diversity / Empathy

The Cannon Beach Police Department embraces diversity, in all its forms, and vows to treat all individuals equally, with empathy, compassion, and respect.

Service

The Cannon Beach Police Department strives to provide the highest level of service, while always remaining transparent to the community and our peers.

Cannon Beach Police Department



Chief's Message

2016 was an arduous, yet rewarding year for the Cannon Beach Police Department. As you will see our call load increased again. We also finalized several major cases. During the spring and summer we concluded the Jessica Smith murder trial with her being sentenced to 40 years, for the horrific crimes she committed against her children. We were very happy to have this whole case behind us.

We also finalized the Stephanie Inn Robbery case that occurred in early 2014. In January of 2017 this went to trial and the suspect, Ernest Dean, was sentenced to 10 years, in addition to the 25 years he is already serving for multiple robberies, he committed in Multnomah County. Dean also has pending charges in several other jurisdictions.

Both of these cases were handled with professionalism by my staff and especially Lieutenant Wilbur with his great investigatory skills.

There was tragedy throughout the world of Law Enforcement in 2016, most notably the loss of our close friend and fellow officer, Sergeant Jason Goodding. The citizens of Clatsop County stepped up as they have always done and surrounded the Seaside Police Department and the City of Seaside with a great deal of support and kindness. The citizens of Cannon Beach offered great support and respect to our Police Department.

We are finally at full staff. With the addition of Officer Matthew Nunnally in March we filled our last vacancy. Matthew is a great addition to our department and will be a good fit for the community. He graduated at the police academy and has completed his field training. He is now out on his own.

We introduced and participated in new community events this year with the Tip a Cop event in the fall and the Shop with a Cop during Christmas time. We had our 2nd annual Burger with a Cop event in the late summer and our 3rd annual National Night Out in the beginning of August. We coordinated the Sandcastle Parade once again and had a safe, yet fun, Sandcastle Weekend and Independence Day.

There were increases in both Part I and Part II offenses.

Part I offenses increased by 34% from 2015. There were increases in Robbery (0-1), Assaults (4-5), Burglary (11-15), and Theft (35-48). Motor Vehicle theft decreased (2-1), while Arson remained at 0.

Part II offenses saw an increase of 6% from 2015. The increases were in Domestic Disturbance responses (19-26), Forgery (1-4), Vandalism / Criminal Mischief (10-14), DUII arrests (20-22), and Disorderly Conduct (4-6). There was a decrease in Fraud (4-3), Drug laws (11-9), Fugitive arrests (19-16), and Minor in Possession of Alcohol (25-9). Embezzlement, Weapons laws, Sex offenses, and Furnishing Alcohol to Minors all remained the same.

There was an increase in traffic citations and a significant reduction in traffic accidents, to which studies have proven a direct correlation.

We referred twenty-six mental health cases to Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare.

Our citizen assists decreased and there was an increase in overnight camping violations.

In 2016, we did not have a citizen's academy. Attendance had dropped so we decided to hold it to every other year. In April of 2017, we will host the 10th South County Citizen's Academy. I would encourage anyone to attend.

Our Lifeguard program continues to excel with Brian Habecker as the head lifeguard. The lifeguards officially start on Memorial Day Weekend and continue

through Labor Day Weekend. The lifeguards are a great asset to the city and are additional sets of eyes and ears on the beach during our busy season.

The parking information aides started downtown in June. This year, we added a program through Western Oregon University. College students are given the opportunity to earn credit towards their practicums or internships by working for the police department during the summer. That is how I started my career over 20 years ago and it is a great opportunity to learn the basics of law enforcement, community policing, and build your people skills.

In 2016, we raised over \$1,600.00 in donations towards the K-9 program.

In December, we revisited our department goals, which we had established in 2014. We developed a revised list, along with budget prioritization for the upcoming three years.

In 2017, we plan to attend two job and internship fairs and in the fall we will begin our accreditation process.

As I have stated before, we have an amazing team at the Police Department. Each employee is very dedicated to making and keeping Cannon Beach safe. Everyone works well together and steps up to help each other whenever needed. I could not be more proud to lead this team.

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Chief of Police

2016 CBPD K9 Annual Report



Officer Gregory and K9 Gunner have had another productive year. They have continued to work as a team and have had several good finds and been utilized in some great arrest's. The K9 team continues to be an asset to the county. K9 Gunner's ability to sniff out the odors of heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine have proven to be a true benefit to local law enforcement.

In May, the team had their annual training this year in Walla Walla, Washington. It was a great experience. Officer Gregory was able to attend classes on vehicle traps, where criminals store drugs in hidden compartments. This is especially important for a K9 team to have knowledge of when assisting other officers with drug extradition. He also attended another Below 100 class and other K9 specific instruction. The guest speaker for the annual conference was a gentleman from Australia who is known for his training with detection dogs. Officer Gregory was able to get some one on one training with him and was given pointers on perfecting their skills.

On the final day of the conference, the team began the certification process. This includes a search of several vehicles, article searches and room searches. The team must be able to positively find all of the substances without flaw. As expected, the team was able to certify without any issues. Their certification is good through May of 2017.

The team had yet another year of good training. As mentioned last year, Officer Gregory is a regular duty officer who takes call's and performs all

functions of police work. This is unlike larger agencies who have K9 teams whose duties are reserved strictly for K9 functions. Even after Officer Gregory was a Field Training Officer for 18 weeks during the year, went to Drug Recognition Expert school, and utilized personal and vacation time, the team was still able to log 85 hours of training.

Officer Gregory and K9 Gunner had several good finds this year. First and foremost, there were many callouts where the team was asked to assist other agencies with sniffing the outside of a vehicle. There were several incidents where K9 Gunners alert led to seizing dangerous drugs. Heroin was found many times, to include several grams outside a gas station in the Seaside area. The team assisted OSP with a traffic stop around the Highway 101-26 Junction. After K9 Gunners alert, a total of 60 grams (2.4 ounces) of Methamphetamine were seized. This is the biggest find for the team to date! While this was not a large bust that many areas with interstates see, this was all methamphetamine that was going to end up in Clatsop County. Towards the end of the year, the team was able to seize another 6 grams of methamphetamine on a traffic stop of a dangerous felon.

Being part of the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association (PNWK9), the team gets to do some regional travel for training. Late summer, they were able to train in Seattle. The training was unique. The team got the privilege to work on commercial ships on the north docking area of the harbor. The training was a treat and K9 Gunner was on top of his game during this training, proving to allow Officer Gregory to be confident in the searches. Although this was a long drive, the training was well worth it.

The teams trainer attempted to train K9 Gunner for search and rescue work. There were many hours put into this effort. K9 Gunner did very well with it, but timing for the training was not adequate. It is hard to train a dog for another genre of police work, and manage to do everything else. As mentioned before, Officer Gregory is responsible for normal police duties on top of the K9 program. Efforts may be tried again in the future to have the team ready to find people.

In the near future, the team will need a new K9 Patrol Vehicle. The current vehicle has 130,000 miles. There has been a lot of wear and tear on it. They plan on holding a fundraiser to try and raise some, if not all, of the money needed to purchase a new rig.

Training will continue with another conference in May. In 2017 the conference will be in Pasco, Washington and has some really good classes lined up. Hopefully, there will be some more opportunities popping up throughout the year.

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2016 USE OF FORCE REVIEW

There were 5 documented Use of Force incidents in 2016. All but one of these incidents included multiple officers on scene. A Use of Force occurs when an officer has to use physical force, display or deploy a Taser, display or use pepper spray, and displaying or using a firearm.

- 83% occurred in the evening hours.
- 16% involved the use of alcohol.
- 50% involved a suspect with some form of a mental illness.
- 50% involved the use or threatened use of the Taser.
33% were Tased and required medical evaluation.
- 100% of these cases were males.
- 16% involved the use of Physical Force (hands on).
- 33% involved drawing the officers weapon (weapon displayed)
- 16% resulted in some type of injury to the suspect (minor injury requiring medical treatment).
- There were no citizen complaints regarding any of these Use of Force incidents.
- There were no officers injured during any of these Use of Force incidents.

**UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU
ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF RESIDENT POPULATION**

	2010 Census	2011 Census	2012 Census	2013 Census	2014 Census	2015 Census
Cannon Beach Population	1691	1689	1693	1687	1694	1702

4 YEAR CALLS FOR SERVICE HISTORY

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of Calls	2086	2412	2572	2699
% Change from Previous Year		+15%	+6%	+4%

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OFFICERS

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Citizen Assists	719	1620	775	315
Local Security Checks	21,186	25,613	23,474	20,265
Assist Other Agencies	357	476	426	536
City Code Violations Addressed	100	64	56	38
Vacation Checks	649	690	381	69
Overnight Camping Warnings Issued	486	668	716	742
Welfare Checks	72	64	60	54

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Traffic Warnings	1843	1629	1389	1634
Traffic Citations	206	182	217	229
Motor Vehicle Accidents Information Exchanges	36	30	39	25



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY

RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

In October we graduated seven new CERT members and added them to our team. We held a CERT meet and Greet and now have a total of forty-one CERT members. Everyone enjoys the training, Paula Vetter is a wonderful coordinator and we have many dedicated members. We are always looking for more members.



Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)



In 2016 the police department added the Medical Reserve Corp to its roster. The City of Cannon Beach is working to protect the health and safety of our community by pooling healthcare professionals who will be ready to respond during an emergency, in the event that we are isolated.

We now have 20 members; 3 Physicians, 9 nurses, (three of whom are advanced practice), 1 veterinarian, 1 certified life coach (who is also our county commissioner), 1 licensed counselor, 1 psychologist, 1 EMT and an acupuncturist. Four people live in Astoria, two in Arch Cape, one just across the border in Washington, 4 are second home-owners and the remainder are Cannon Beach residents.

Crime Reporting

This September, our department began the transition of crime reporting to the FBI from Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting (OUCR) to Oregon National Incident-Based Reporting System (ONIBRS). We needed a transition monthly error rate in the training side of less than 4% for four months before we could switch to submitting our data live. After the first two months with 0-3% error rate, we were approved to move forward to submitting live prior to the four-month requirement.

Alarm Servicing



During 2016 we had 111 alarm service calls.

- ✓ 18 ~ warning letters sent for chargeable alarms (2) or more offenses.
- ✓ 7 ~ billed for multiple false alarm charges.
- ✓ 4 ~ letters sent for need of an alarm permit.

CRIME STATISTICS

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Criminal Homicide	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	1
Assault	4	5	4	5
Burglary	7	13	11	15
Larceny/ Theft Total	29	34	35	48
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	2	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Disturbance Responses	19	15	19	26
Criminal Trespass/ Notice	11	10	7	8
Forgery/ Counterfeit	2	3	1	4
Fraud	5	2	4	3
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0
Vandalism/ Criminal Mischief	32	21	10	14
Weapons Laws/ CCW	1	1	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	0	3	3
Drug Law	43	19	11	9
DUI Arrests	21	13	20	22
Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	2	5	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	4	5	4	6
Fugitive Arrests	14	10	19	16
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	20	19	25	9
Minor in Possession of Marijuana				7

- Highlights Part I Offenses
- Highlights Part II Offenses

Evidence Division

At the 2016 year end, there were 1039 items of evidence stored in the evidence room at the Cannon Beach Police Department. This is an increase from 681 items stored in 2015, due to recent cases containing numerous evidentiary items.

Additionally, there were 9 items currently stored as found and safekeeping property in other police department secure storage locations.

The never-ending process of purging closed and cleared case evidence continues.

In June of 2016, 208 closed case narcotic, biological, and weapons related evidence items were delivered to the secure disposal site and destroyed by incineration.

The Prescription Take-back Program continues. This program allows citizens to submit unwanted prescription narcotics in for destruction at no fee. In 2016 citizens turned in 79.9 pounds of unwanted prescriptions, which were then destroyed by incineration at the secure disposal site.

Currently there are 18 closed case narcotic, biological, and weapons related evidence items awaiting delivery to the secure disposal site for destruction by incineration.

Goals for 2017:

- ~Acquire an additional or larger secure evidence storage location.
- ~Continue to purge closed cases.
- ~Further Education/ Course Attendance

Laura Yokoyama
Administrative Assistant
Evidence Technician



Farmers Market Kids Club



This was our 2nd year helping out with the Farmer's Market. I again took the kids around to the different booths for an hour each week, where they could learn about the vendors and their products.



Burger with a Cop

After last year's success with the Burger with a Cop we partnered up with Cannon Beach Vacation Rentals and the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District for a 2nd one. It was very well attended and we met a lot of great citizens, some later became CERT members as well!





Investigations

In 2016 Investigations maintained one full-time position. The Lieutenant for the department is also the detective and the Clatsop County Major Crimes Team member. Lt. Chris Wilbur has filled this position since 2011.

2016 was a busy year for person crimes in Cannon Beach as well as Major Crimes Team activations. Lt. Wilbur attends weekly detective meetings with other detectives and the District Attorney's Office. Lt. Wilbur is a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Team on Child Abuse and is a member of the Clatsop County Fire Investigation Team.

In 2016 the Smith homicide utilized about 30 percent of investigation's time with interviews, court planning, forensic investigation and discovery. In August of 2016 Jessica Smith pled to a 40-year prison sentence. The District Attorney directly credited the work done by the Cannon Beach Police Department as the result of Jessica Smith not going to trial and taking a plea, in which she will spend the rest of her life in prison.

The Stephanie Inn Robbery Case went to trial in January of 2017. Ernest Dean was found guilty on all charges. Robbery I, Kidnap II, Theft I, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Again, the District Attorney credited the work done by the Cannon Beach Police Department for the successful prosecution of Mr. Dean. Mr. Dean will serve an additional 10 years in prison for the Stephanie Inn Robbery on top of the 25 years he is already serving for multiple robberies in the Metro area.

In February 2016, Sgt. Jason Goodding of the Seaside Police Department was murdered while on duty. The Clatsop County Major Crimes Team conducted the investigation. Lt. Wilbur was assigned as the liaison to work with Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to track down the handgun used to kill Sgt. Goodding. As a result of that investigation Jamie Jones of Seaside pleaded guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. His sentencing is currently set for March 27, 2017.

This past year the department worked on numerous cases including rape, sexual assault, child sex abuse, burglary, kidnap, auto theft, mail theft, counterfeiting and arson. As a member of the Major Crimes Team Lt. Wilbur continues to assist on the Howard Vinge homicide. As a member of the Fire Investigation Team Lt. Wilbur investigated multiple suspicious fires in the county as well as an Arson case in Cannon Beach.

Lt. Wilbur continues to attend training in child abuse, homicide, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Lt. Wilbur was trained through a Department of Justice Grant by The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner New York City to be a Deputy Medical Examiner for Clatsop County. Lt. Wilbur maintains a federal secret clearance through the FBI to attend Homeland Security Briefings.

Goals for 2017 include:

- The continued training/mentoring of the Officers in significant person crimes.
- To train/mentor a specific Officer to eventually take over the position of Detective.

- The continued support/membership of the Major Crimes Team, The Multi-Disciplinary Team on
- Child Abuse and The Clatsop County Fire Investigation Team.
- The continued training of Lt. Wilbur in person crimes.
- To maintain a readiness and professionalism to deal with any crime that occurs in the City of Cannon Beach.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



August of 2016 brought our 3rd Annual National Night Out. We again partnered with the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, Seaside Rotary, and Home Depot in hosting the great event.

Once again, the community and business owners were very generous with donations of food, beverages, and raffle prizes. Thank you to the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Reed and Hertig, Cash and Carry, Cannon Beach Mariner Market, Cannon Beach Bakery, The Wine Shack, Columbia Bank, Home Depot, Primary Elements Gallery, the Basketcase, Melodie Chenevert, Costco, and the Rotary Foundation.

We had booths set up for Home Depot wood projects for the kids, CERT, the Clatsop County Diversity Group, and the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District.

We also had a separate Neighborhood event, another night for National Night Out put together by neighbors in the Haystack Heights Neighborhood. This was another great event and opportunity for neighbors to meet each other and their police officers.



Tip-A-Cop



This year we partnered with Special Olympics Oregon and the Seaside Police Department to hold our 1st Tip a Cop event at Mo's restaurant in Tolovana. During this event, Law Enforcement "Celebrity Waiters" are introduced at each table by the restaurant food servers and the officers assist the servers with water service, setting tables, etc. After guests are seated. An officer presents a server card and envelope for a Tip-A-Cop donation to Special Olympics.

It is stressed that the donation is in addition to the "real" server's tip.

The event brought it a lot more business than usual for a weeknight for Mo's and also raised over \$1,700.00 in donations "tips" for Special Olympians in Clatsop County.



All the officers and guests had great conversations. All the officers had a great time, but were very sore after their shifts. We learned to appreciate our wonderful waiters and waitresses.

Shop with a Cop

In December, we were asked by Seaside Rotary to partner with them and Seaside Police Department to shop with children that were less fortunate for Christmas. We met early in the morning and ate breakfast with the children at the Pig-N-Pancake, while we got to know them. We then drove the children up to Fred Meyers in Warrenton where they were allowed to purchase Christmas presents for their family members. This was another fun event and a great opportunity to make an impact on young child's life. It was amazing to see the hearts of all the police officers and very entertaining to see their inner child come out as well 😊



Closer to Christmas we also partnered with the Cannon Beach American Legion, The Boy Scouts, and the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District to help distribute food baskets.



TRAINING

Throughout the year all the employees of the police department receive training. A great portion of it, we are able to take care of “in-house” or locally.

In the Spring, we partner with Seaside Police Department and hold a mini academy. During this three-day training we have local instructors refresh the officers on Legislative updates, Defensive Tactics, CPR/First Aid, Hazardous Materials, Bloodborne Pathogens, Mental Health updates, Cultural Diversity, and updates from the District Attorney’s office.

The officers and administrative staff also have to recertify on the Law Enforcement Data System (performing person or vehicle checks on the computer) every few years. Every two years officers have to recertify on the Taser as well.

In 2016, most of the officers spent over eight hours at the firearms range. We are pushing to get them at least 16 hours a year at the range. In 2016, Officer James Jordan became a firearms instructor after attending the forty hour Firearms Instructor training. He joins Officer Collins and myself as Firearms Instructors.



Officer Matthew Nunnally training with the AR-15 in the fall.

Officer Symonds was able to attend the eighteen hour Reid Interview Technique course. This is a wonderful course we send officers to. It helps them to learn the best techniques for interviewing different people.

Officer Gregory attended his yearly K-9 training. He also became a Drug Recognition Expert after more than eighty-eight hours of training and clinical studies. This is a great accomplishment and a very valuable asset for our city and county.

Lieutenant Wilbur and I also attend leadership training every spring.