

Tukwila Police Department 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



Law Enforcement Excellence

Tukwila Police Department Mission Statement

We, the members of the
Tukwila Police Department,
are committed to
being responsive to our community
in the delivery of quality services.

We recognize our responsibility to maintain order,
while affording dignity and respect to every individual.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all –
through community partnerships and problem solving –
to promote safe, secure neighborhoods.

March 30, 2007

Honorable Mayor Steven M. Mullet
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

Dear Mayor Mullet:

I am pleased to present the Tukwila Police Department 2006 Annual Report to you and our community. In this report you will find photos and descriptions of our work this past year.

2006 was a year of stabilization and growth. Our available staffing increased; we improved our accreditation process, and certified our agency for NIMS (National Incident Management System).

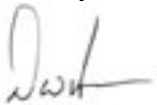
Due to improved staffing levels, some of our specialty assignments were backfilled. For example, our TAC Team was fully staffed by the end of the year. In addition, we absorbed the long-term loss of one officer due to military activation. As we move into the future, we will attempt to fill available positions as soon as possible with high-quality individuals.

Our new General Orders manual was finished, replacing our old policy and procedures manual. Preparations were completed on our accreditation file system, and a group of outside assessors conducted a 100% accreditation file audit. Our accreditation process impacts all areas of our department, from audits and training to General Orders.

During 2006, all employees of the Tukwila Police Department were dedicated to serving our community with the highest of standards. You and our community can be proud of your Police Department.

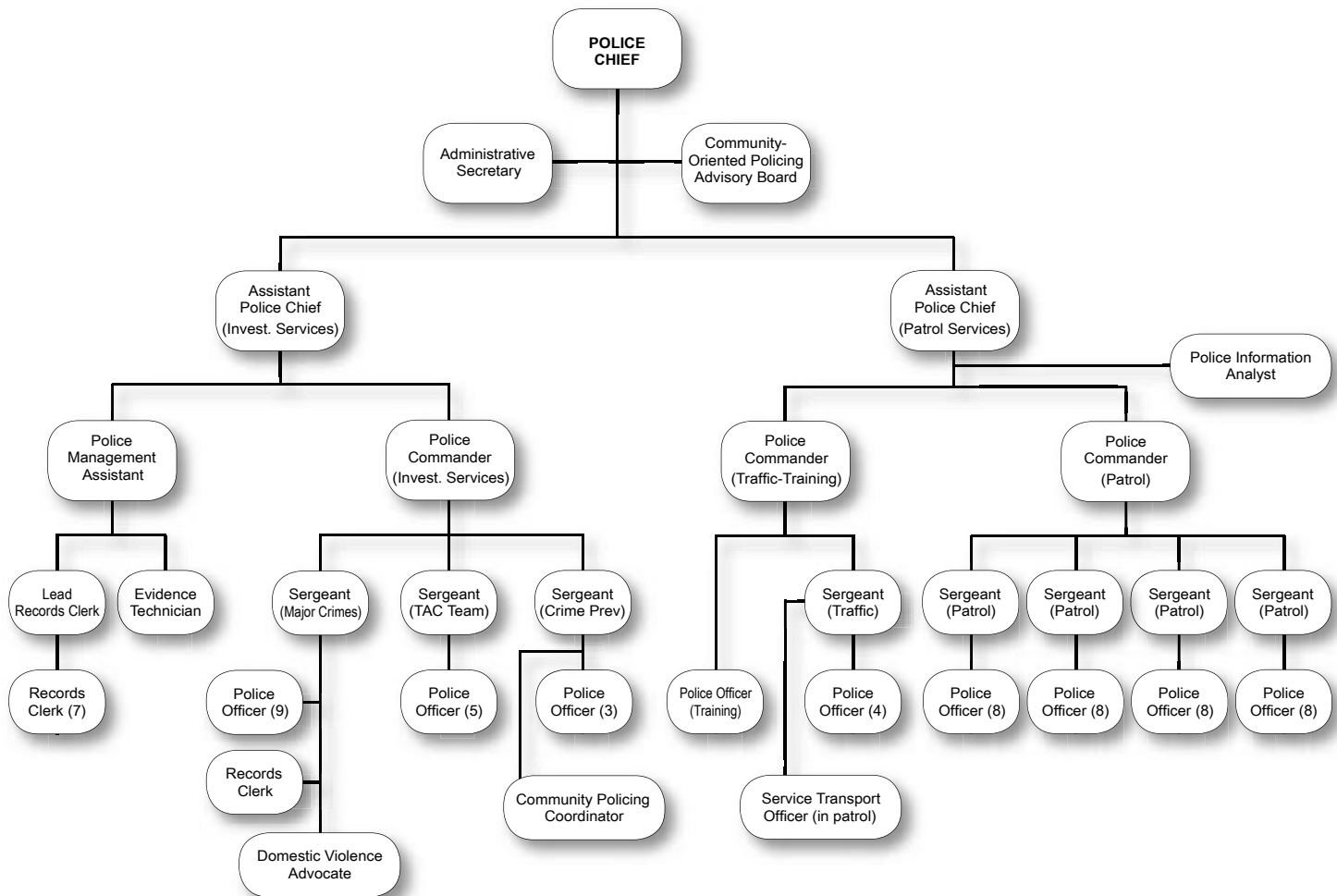
Thank you for your continuing support of our agency.

Sincerely,



David W. Haynes
CHIEF OF POLICE

Organization Chart



**City
Government
2006**

Tukwila City Administration

Steven M. Mullet, Mayor

Rhonda Berry, City Administrator

Tukwila City Council

Dennis Robertson, Council President

Joe Duffie, Councilmember

Joan Hernandez, Councilmember

Pam Carter, Councilmember

Jim Haggerton, Councilmember

Pamela Linder, Councilmember

Verna Griffin, Councilmember

Tukwila Police Department Administration

David Haynes, Chief of Police

Lori Sutter, Assistant Chief

Darrell Baskin, Assistant Chief

Mike Villa, Commander

Don Lincoln, Commander

Dennis McOmber, Commander

Rebecca McGregor, Management Assistant

Marja Murray, Administrative Secretary

Trina Cook, Police Information Analyst

Records Division

The Tukwila Police Department's Records Division serves the citizens of Tukwila in a variety of ways. This division is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 2006 the Division received and responded to over 47,000 phone calls, processed over 100 Concealed Pistol Licenses, and responded to more than 3,800 Public Disclosure requests. The Records Division also provides a fingerprinting service to the public.

In addition to serving the citizens of Tukwila, the Records Division provides support to our commissioned personnel. The Division monitors our jail holding facility, assists with prisoner searches, and routinely provides searches of Federal, State and local databases to assist officers with locating information that is pertinent to their cases and investigations. In 2006, the Records Division processed nearly 9,400 cases.

When processing cases, the Records Division must ensure accurate, complete and timely information processing. Information is entered into local, State and Federal databases, and must be done so in accordance with various laws and system regulations. These entries include missing persons, protection orders, stolen and recovered articles and vehicles, and arrest warrants. In order to ensure a high standard of accuracy, routine audits are conducted on these systems.

The Records Division is the primary holder of all warrants issued by the Tukwila Municipal Court. At any given time there are more than 1,400 warrants in its custody. The Division provides confirmation on warrants, various protection orders, and other orders issued by the courts 24 hours a day to any requesting law enforcement agency.

The Records Division maintains a continuous cycle of collecting, storing and purging information. Each year the records maintained are inventoried and reviewed, to determine which need to be maintained for extended retention and which may be destroyed. The yearly records destruction is completed in the first quarter of the calendar year, and is done in accordance with the Washington State General Records Retention Schedule for Law Enforcement. The Records Division has the responsibility for maintaining over 91,000 case files going back to 1968.

Evidence and Property Division

The primary duties of the Evidence and Property Division are to maintain the chain of custody for property and evidence that are taken into the Tukwila Police Department. These items are tracked through the custody process with a bar coding system that has been in place since mid-1997. In 2006, over 5,000 items were taken into custody of the Evidence and Property Division.

Also in 2006, a new, larger processing area was created to assist officers and detectives in the proper packaging and processing of evidence. This included the addition of two packaging tables organized with all the necessary supplies, now located in one designated area. Our temporary storage space was also increased from 14 to 43 lockers.

Additionally, in order to interface with additional police personnel on later shifts, a change was made to the Evidence Technician's schedule. The Evidence Technician was then able to respond on location to several cases this year, to provide on-scene assistance. This included a burglary/arson case.



Patrol Division

Assistant Chief Darrell Baskin managed the Patrol Division during the majority of the year. Commanders Dennis McOmber and Mike Villa oversaw the operations and logistical requirements of the Division. Sergeants Suzi Sacha, Doug Johnson, Mark Howie and Steve Gurr all worked together to provide a peak level of supervision to the Patrol staff. This cadre of leadership met on a regular basis, developing and providing to its staff consistent goals and objectives, with an end result of improving public safety within the City of Tukwila.



In 2006 the Patrol Division improved and updated equipment, promoted and hired several officers, and responded to and investigated a variety of crimes. The division improved its investigative capabilities through the replacement of 35mm cameras with new digital cameras for crime scene photos. The Division improved its operational capabilities during critical incidents with the addition of several patrol rifles. Officers undergo a strenuous training curriculum and must demonstrate a high level of proficiency before deploying with the rifles.

The Division saw the promotion of three officers to the rank of sergeant. These sergeants have transitioned into their new roles as the Department continues to see growth and development in its leaders. We added one lateral officer and three new hires to our Patrol staff. Three of these officers successfully completed our field-training program and are proving to be assets to our organization. The fourth officer is due to complete his field-training program in 2007. One of our officers has been gone the majority of the year due to military leave, and we look forward to seeing him back in 2007 or 2008.

Patrol staff responded to more than 36,000 calls for service during the year. The officers responded to thefts, auto accidents, suicidal subjects, death investigations, neighbor disputes, drug and prostitution offenses, robberies, burglaries, alarms, suspicious circumstance calls, unsecured doors, found or lost property, missing persons, and a variety of other incidents. They investigated over 9,000 cases. Many of these cases involved dangerous felons who either committed or were committing violent crimes. The 36 Tukwila patrol officers and sergeants, placing the public's safety above their own, are the first responders to contact – and often stop and apprehend – these violent offenders. We thank our Patrol officers for their daily and unceasing endeavors to serve and protect our community.

Traffic Unit

2006 marked the first year that the Traffic Unit was at full strength for the entire year. With three motor officers and a sergeant, the Traffic Unit took over 500 case reports. This total includes over 350 collision investigations, three fatality collisions, over 15 serious injury collisions, and eight car/pedestrian collisions. We also received 320 non-injury hit-and-run collisions and 13 injury hit-and-run collisions for follow-up. In addition to responding to numerous citizen-reported areas of concern, the unit issued over 1,800 infractions and 50 criminal citations. Members of the unit received specialized training in commercial vehicle enforcement and investigating motorcycle accidents. The Unit was also an active participant in community events and regional enforcement activities.



Explorer Program

The Police Explorer Program is designed to educate teens and young adults (14 to 21 years of age) about law enforcement. The Tukwila Police Explorers had a busy and productive year. The Post has seen many changes and more are expected in 2007. Explorer Chief Robert Mosley left the post at the end of the year after seven years of service. Robert has been instrumental in providing leadership and guidance to the new Explorers. We wish him well and thank him for his dedication and contribution to the department.

During the past year, the explorers enjoyed a great camping trip to Sun Lakes, and participated in the Oregon Explorer Competition where our explorers won several awards in firearms, physical fitness and academics. We also provided assistance during community events, and attended the Washington Law Enforcement Academy at Yakima. Our program continues to grow, and we encourage anyone between the ages of 14 and 21 interested in law enforcement to contact the police department for information.

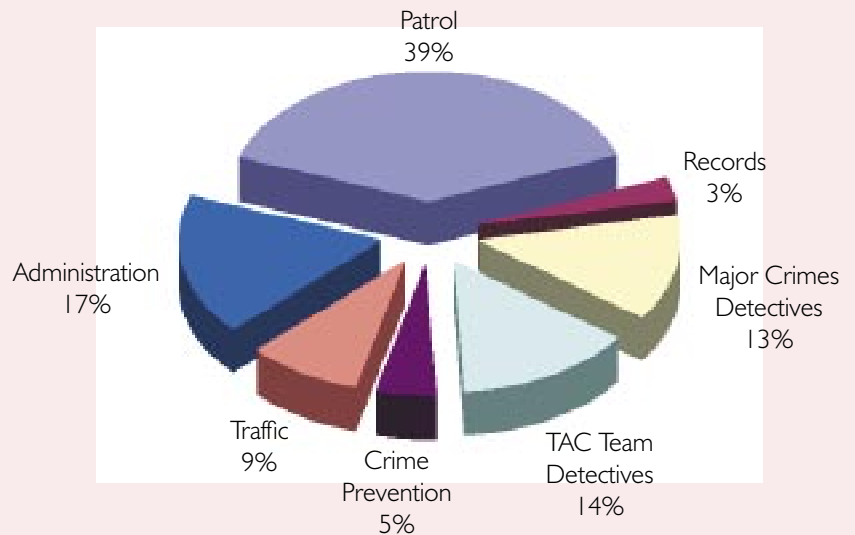


Training Division

2006 was another busy training year for the Police Department. We coordinated the in-processing and training of six new employees; completed the transition to our new Department policy manual with updated training standards; and coordinated a wide variety of training, including:

- HAZMAT
- Officer Safety Video
- Homeland Security
- Legal Update
- Accreditation
- Handgun Proficiency
- Impact Weapons
- TASER
- Rifle Proficiency
- Communicable Disease
- Personal Protection Equipment
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics

UTILIZATION OF 2006 TRAINING HOURS



- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Domestic Violence, instructed by the Public Agency Training Council
- Doppler Radar, instructed by Tukwila Traffic Officer Don Dart
- Gangs, instructed by Professional Law Enforcement Seminars
- The Street Crimes Seminar, instructed by Reid & Associates
- "Suicide By Cop", instructed by Professional Law Enforcement Seminars
- Legal Update, instructed by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement", instructed by author Dr. Kevin Gilmartin

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is comprised of an Assistant Chief and a Commander, overseeing the Major Crimes Unit, the Tukwila Anti-Crime Team, Crime Prevention, and the School Resource Officer. Each of these units is responsible for addressing unique challenges, and contributes to the overall success of reducing crime in Tukwila.

Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit within the Investigations Division is responsible for investigating a wide range of serious criminal cases that include, among other crimes, Fraud and Forgery, Major Theft Cases, Missing Persons, Auto Theft, Assault, Homicides, and Domestic Violence. The Major Crimes Detectives are Ron Corrigan, Phil Glover, Tom Stock, Karen Sotace, Gary Koutouvidis, Jeff Early, Tim Hogan and Dave Heckelsmiller. Also assigned to Major Crimes are our Domestic Violence Advocate Beth Adams and Support Specialist Trish Lawrence. All staff assigned to Major Crimes bring with them their own special skills in their area of expertise. Under the supervision of Sergeant Eric Drever, all detectives are required to be available around the clock for emergency call-outs.

Tukwila Anti-Crime Team

Detectives and Officers assigned to the TAC team perform a special function within the Investigations Division. They are responsible for the investigation of narcotic cases, prostitution at the street level and more organized elements, gambling inspection and other problem solving exercises. Frequently they are called upon to assist in regional and national investigations such as the khat trafficking investigation spearheaded by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Officer Ted Rutt is also assigned to this team. This team is supervised by Sergeant Mark Dunlap who also serves on the Valley Special Response Team. As with Major Crimes Detectives, all staff assigned to TAC bring with them their own special skills in their area of expertise. Within this team is an assignment to a regional task force stationed near Sea-Tac International Airport. This task force consists of members from local departments and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and is tasked with high-level drug trafficking investigations.

Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Members of the Crime Prevention Unit provide an important service within the community. Providing crime prevention training, security classes and assisting with Block Watches are just a few of their functions. The Neighborhood Resource Center staffed by Officer Gerry Myklebust serves as a central police point of contact on Tukwila International Blvd. From this location, he also manages our Safety In Overnight Lodging Program. Community-Oriented Policing Coordinator Robbie Burns, operating out of the Investigations Division Offices, provides critical services in the area of Crime Free Multi-Housing, in addition to other assignments.

School Resource Officer

Our School Resource Officer Lisa Goines has worked for a number of years with faculty, staff and students of both Foster High School and Showalter Middle School. In addition, she has provided important training in G.R.E.A.T. and D.A.R.E. and Crime-Free Futures.



Accreditation Sergeant

During 2006, Sergeant Bruce Linton has been assigned to the Accreditation Position. In addition to working to bring the Tukwila Police Department into CALEA compliance, he is responsible for the supervision of our School Resource officer and Crime Prevention Unit.

Employee of the Year

Assistant Police Chief Darrell Baskin was selected by a group of employees as the 2006 Police Department Employee of the Year. Darrell has been a member of this Department for 26 years. The selection committee noted that he has a long history of community and school involvement in Tukwila. They also selected him based on his courage, mentoring, sense of humor, and can-do attitude.



Officer Honored for Lifesaving Act

Tukwila Police Officer Alan Baalaer was presented with the Tukwila Police Department's Medal of Valor at the Tukwila City Council meeting on April 3, 2006. The Medal of Valor is awarded to Department employees for an act within the normal scope of duties involving extreme risk to the life of the individual nominated.

Officer Baalaer received the award based upon his actions at an incident on February 2, 2006. On that date officers took a suspect into custody for a drug violation near the Tukwila Community Center. The handcuffed suspect broke away from the arresting officer, ran from him and jumped into the Duwamish River. The suspect was in danger of drowning.

Baalaer, without regard for his own safety, jumped into the deep water in an effort to save the suspect's life. Baalaer pulled the suspect from under the water and safely back to shore.

Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire recognized Officer Baalaer's efforts as he received the prestigious Governor's Lifesaving Award on September 27, 2006, at the 55th Annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference in Spokane. Thank you, Officer Baalaer, for your courage and dedication.

Night Out Against Crime

Each year the Tukwila Police Department sponsors a citywide “Night Out” celebration to raise awareness of local anti-crime programs. National Night Out Against Crime was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

Through National Night Out, the Tukwila Police Department strengthens neighborhood spirit and partnerships with the community. We work with citizens to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and they are fighting back!

During “Night Out” on August 1, the Tukwila Police Department, members of the Fire Department, Mayor’s Office, City Council, Code Enforcement and other City departments visited each neighborhood that registered their event with us. This was a great way for neighbors to get to know one another and to meet representatives from the Police Department and other City departments.

If you are interested in hosting a neighborhood potluck, a barbecue, or a dessert potluck for a future “Night Out”, you may call Robbie Burns (Community Policing) at 206-431-2197 or email her at rburns@ci.tukwila.wa.us to register your event.



Special Olympics Washington

The 2006 fund-raising year for Special Olympics Washington was another success! The Police Department raised over \$22,000 through the Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign. Our most recent event was an annual Tip-a-Cop at Red Robin. Participants included Police Department and Community Center employees, the Keystone Cops from the local chapter of the International Footprinters Association, Police Explorers, active duty Air Force personnel, and of course “Red” from Red Robin! This great event raised over \$4,500 at our location – among the highest amounts raised statewide! Other events this year included the Tip-a-Cop at Claim Jumper and The World’s Largest Truck Convoy. Washington State’s participation in the convoy included 135 trucks and traveled 75 miles on I-5. The Police Department is proud to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Washington.





Community-Oriented Policing Citizens' Advisory Board

This City board consists of nine members including residents, business representatives, a school representative, and a student. The Board meets monthly with the Police Chief, making recommendations on issues of public safety and community matters. The 2006 COPCAB members were:

REPRESENTING:

Residents: Jeri Frangello-Anderson (Chair)
Jun Castillo
Lynn Churchill
Sylvia Erskine
Art Rosengren

Business: Victoria Lindsey
Donna West
School District: Dan Roche/Jeff Baker
Student: Edgar Sarkusyan

The Board attended many community meetings and events in 2006. The highlights for the year included representing COPCAB at Tukwila Days, which is held in July; and attending Night Out Against Crime in August.

In addition, the Board attended the City Council's "Snapshot" meetings held in November. The purpose of these meetings was to update the Council on development, infrastructure, traffic, demographics and safety for Tukwila International Boulevard and surrounding neighborhoods.

During 2006, with direction from the COPCAB, the Crime Prevention division created magnets in various languages with City referral information for our citizens.

Volunteers

On July 27, 2006, the Tukwila Police Department honored its citizen volunteers. An awards banquet was held at the Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Tukwila. There were approximately 22 volunteers in attendance along with City officials and staff. These volunteers assist with various divisions within the Police Department including traffic assistance, pawn and false alarm data entry, fingerprinting and Police Neighborhood Resource Center staffing.

As part of the ceremony, seven volunteers received the President of the United States Volunteer Service Award for their volunteer hours. The Honorable Steven M. Mullet, the Mayor of Tukwila, and David W. Haynes, the Chief of Police, presented the awards to the volunteers. Award recipients included Rhonda Roth, Betsey Fowler, Bob McManus, Mary Hulvey, Dottie Sangl, Joanne McManus and Peter Okicich.

The Award is given for volunteer hours contributed over a 12-month period. The levels include a bronze award for 100 to 249 hours of service, a silver award for 250 to 499 volunteer hours, and a gold award for 500 or more hours. The Tukwila Police Department joins 408 other Washington State organizations participating in the President's Volunteer Service Award program. All Award recipients received a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from the President, a congratulatory letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, and an official President's Award pin.

Bronze award recipients included Rhonda Roth for 100 hours of service, Betsey Fowler for 121.75 hours, Bob McManus for 178.75 hours, and Mary Hulvey for 237 volunteer hours. Silver award recipients were Dottie Sangl with 284.5 hours, Joanne McManus with 371.43 hours, and Peter Okicich with 434.6 hours.

Divisions served by Police Volunteers

Kathy Baker – *Patrol*

Betsey Fowler – *Administration*

Mike Fowler – *Neighborhood Resource Center*

Mary Hulvey – *Traffic, Explorers*

Hoang Le – *Pawn*

Bob McManus – *Traffic*

Joanne McManus – *Neighborhood Resource Center*

Peter Okicich – *Neighborhood Resource Center*

Al Patterson – *Chaplain, Neighborhood Resource Center*

Rhonda Roth – *Pawn, Neighborhood Resource Center, Administration*

Dottie Sangl – *Pawn*

Tone Shimizu – *Neighborhood Resource Center*

Lowell Welker – *Chaplain*



2006 Chaplain's Report

The year 2006 found your full-time volunteer police chaplains, Al Patterson and Lowell Welker, responding to 34 requests for service. There were 15 requests within the city limits of Tukwila. The other 19 requests were as mutual aid for other city departments and chaplains. All of the city and county chaplains in our South King County region are dedicated to the commitment that if a chaplain is requested, a chaplain will respond. Their service is to provide for the care of the community in a time of need or crisis. Examples would be standing watch at the White Center King County Sheriff's Office with the death of Deputy Steve Cox; assisting the Red Cross at an apartment fire; sitting with a family as they grieve the loss of their infant; helping the family and Animal Control with the injury and death of their cats in an arson fire; and supporting the family in the sudden loss of a family member.

Both chaplains continued their care for Department personnel through station visits and the ride-along program. They also attended trainings, graduations, special award ceremonies and memorial services. In July, Chaplain Patterson attended the 33rd Advanced Training Seminar of the International Conference of Police Chaplains in Indianapolis, IN.



Police Officer's Prayer

As I go about my duty, God,
Every step along the way,
Help me make a difference
In this world each passing day.

Give me a heart to be concerned,
A mind that knows what is right.
Give me the eyes and ears to see and hear
The truth as in Your sight.

Give me protection from things unseen,
Strength to face each test,
Help me to stand for law and order,
To daily do my best.

Give me the courage to defend the weak,
Compassion for those oppressed.
Help me lift up the ones who've stumbled,
Give a hand to those who are distressed.

Give me grace to face my final hour,
To give my life in service.
Let your strong hand and loving heart
Protect the ones that I hold dearest.

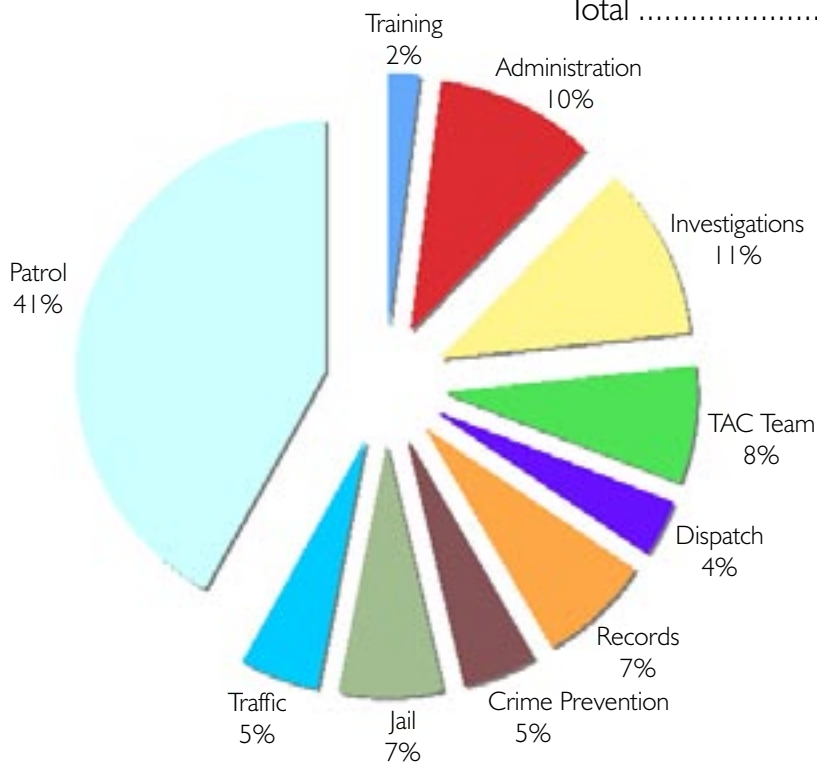
Year At A Glance

With Comparative Totals for 2004 and 2005

	2006	2005	2004
Population	17,930	17,110	17,240
Budget	\$11,130,078	\$10,804,350	\$10,248,298
Police Staff:			
Commissioned	68	68	68
Non-Commissioned	16	14	16
Calls for Service	33,685	32,922	30,032
Part I Crime	3,403	3,873	3,469
Citations/Infractions Issued	4,128	3,345	3,107
Reported Vehicle Accidents:			
Injury	228	213	226
Fatal	2	2	1
Non-injury	455	418	401
Injury Hit-and-Run	16	24	18
Total	701	657	646
Emergency Response Time (in minutes):			
Priority 1	3.4	3.5	3.2
Priority 2	9.95	10.7	10.0
Non-Emergency Response Time (in minutes)	18.3	18.2	17.0

2006 Police Budget

Training.....	\$201,900
Administration.....	\$ 1,168,285
Investigations.....	\$ 1,222,350
TAC Team	\$ 849,431
Dispatch	\$ 392,683
Records	\$ 812,946
Crime Prevention.....	\$ 501,328
Jail.....	\$ 770,000
Traffic.....	\$ 539,433
Patrol	\$ 4,671,722
Total 2006 Budget.....	\$11,130,078
Less Criminal Justice Funding	(22,000)
Total	\$11,108,078



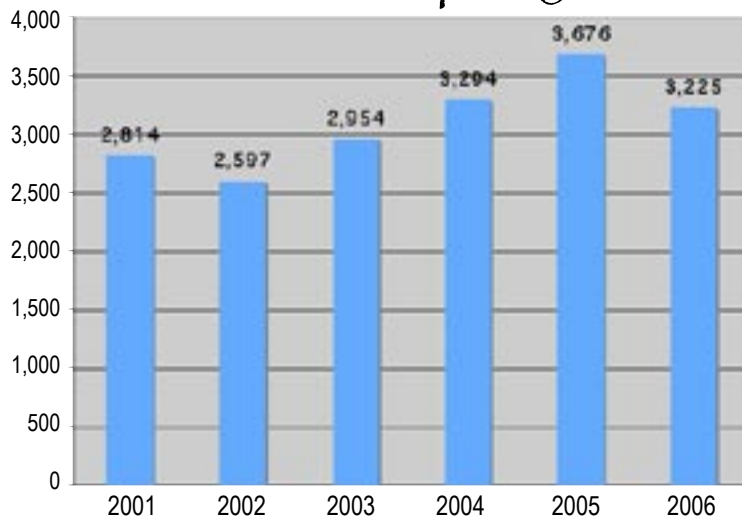
Crime in Tukwila

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Population	17,930	17,110	17,240	17,230	17,270
Calls for Service	33,685	32,922	30,032	30,337	30,106
Violent Crime:					
Murder	1	2	1	1	2
Rape	18	22	19	23	22
Robbery	91	89	80	87	64
Aggravated Assault	68	84	75	89	63
Totals	178	197	175	200	151
Property Crime:					
Arson	10	13	14	15	10
Burglary	312	342	303	296	223
Theft	2,271	2,505	2,340	2,102	1,904
Auto Theft	632	816	637	541	460
Totals	3,225	3,676	3,294	2,954	2,597
Total Part I Crime	3,403	3,873	3,469	3,154	2,748
Crime Clear	464	771	806	895	619

Clearance Rates - Part 1

	2006 Crime Totals	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared
CRIME:			
Murder	1	1	100%
Rape	18	5	28%
Robbery	91	26	29%
Aggravated Assault	68	41	60%
Burglary	312	22	7%
Theft	2,271	357	16%
Motor Vehicle Theft	632	11	2%
Arson	10	1	10%
TOTALS	3,403	464	14%

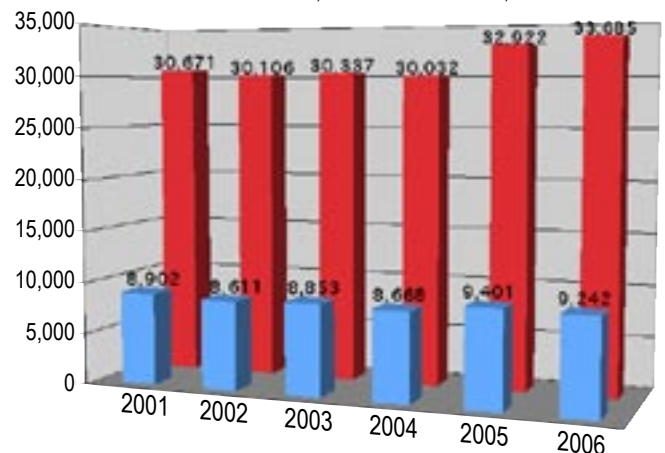
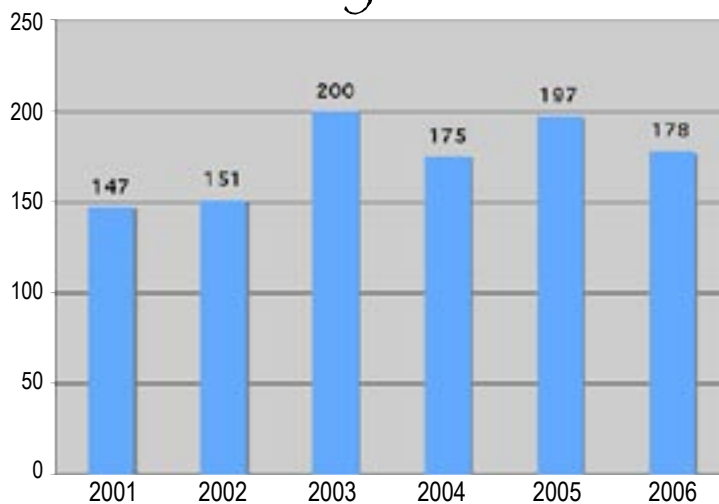
Incidents of Property Crime



Calls for Service/ Case Files

Year	Case Files	Calls for Service
2001	8,902	30,671
2002	8,611	30,106
2003	8,853	30,337
2004	8,668	30,032
2005	9,401	32,922
2006	9,242	33,685

Incidents of Violent Felony Crime



Organizational Philosophy

*We, the members of the
Tukwila Police Department,
in the spirit of partnership with our community,
strive for excellence as professional men and women,
ethically and morally dedicated to
providing quality law enforcement
to the citizens of our community.*

*As professionals, we embrace
the highest principles of public service
in the performance of our duty
and we hold fast these values.*



