## TUKWILA POLICE DEPARTMENT

20 Annual



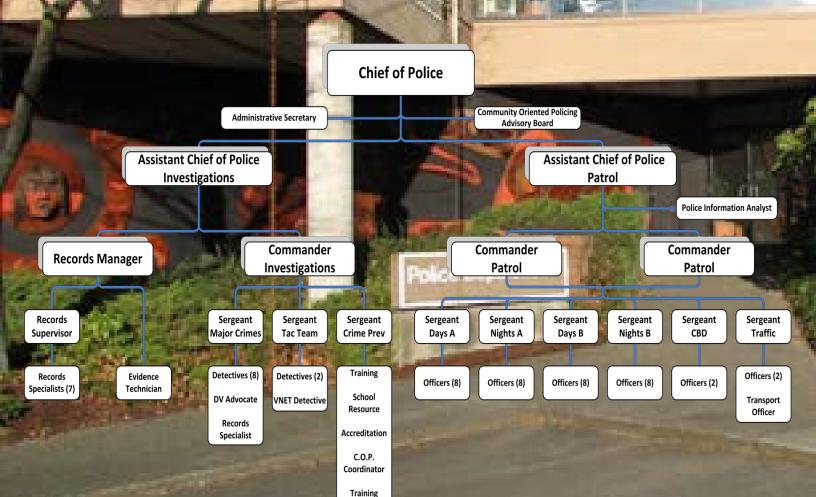
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#### TUKWILA POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### 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.

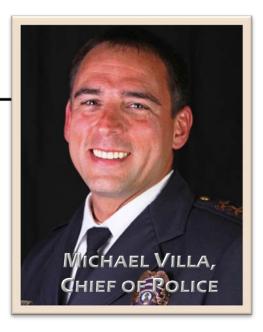


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May 1, 2012

Honorable Mayor Jim Haggerton City of Tukwila 6200 Southcenter Boulevard Tukwila, WA 98188



It is my pleasure to present this annual report. The year 2011 ushered in a variety of challenges and opportunities. David Haynes retired after six years as the Chief of Police and you appointed me as the Chief in June. Two other tenured employees left during the year while seven new employees joined our team to fill vacant positions. Additionally, two sergeants were promoted.

Property crimes remained unchanged from the past five years with 2,990. However, we experienced 199 violent crimes, an eight-year high with a 29% increase over 2010. We also saw an increase in our response times. In an effort to be responsive to the needs of our community and increase public safety, we worked together and the City Council approved three new officer positions beginning in 2012.

We implemented several new initiatives in 2011. The Central Business District Team was established. This team of three officers was equipped with bicycles and has partnered with our stakeholders to reduce crime. The department enhanced our emergency response capabilities with the acquisition of a state-of-the-art mobile command post. Our newly-formed Community Relations Committee has increased communication and outreach to the community. The department continued to develop its regional partnerships as an owner city in the South Correctional Entity detention facility.

For more information about the great work accomplished during 2011 by the men and women of this department, please turn the page and enjoy the reading.

Sincerely,

Michael Villa

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Chief of Police

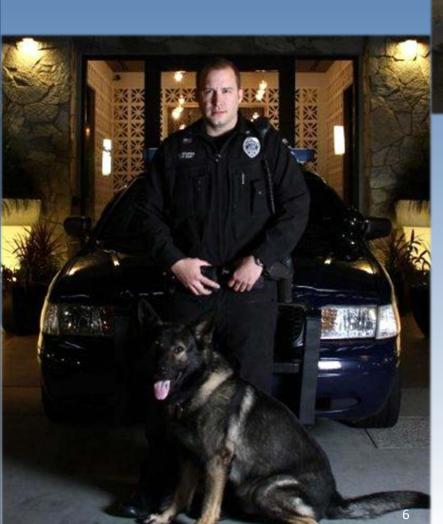




### PATROL DIVISION

#### Canine Unit

A K9 team is an excellent resource for a police department. They are utilized for the location and arrest of outstanding suspects of various crimes. The teams consist of a handler and German Shepherd dog. Our K9 unit consists of two teams; Officer Eric DeVries and K9 Stryker, and Officer Jamie Sturgill and K9 Gino. Both officers are veteran officers who have a lot of police experience. The team of Officer DeVries and K9 Stryker has been working as a team since March 2007. Over this past year he changed his shift hours to day shift and has been a great asset to both the citizenry and officers of Tukwila and the valley agencies.





During 2011 they were responsible for the capture of 17 outstanding suspects in crimes ranging from warrant arrests to burglary to assault. The team of Officer Sturgill and K9 Gino works during the night shift hours. During 2011 they were responsible for the capture of 18 outstanding suspects.

If you see one of our police cars in your neighborhood and it is a K9 team you will often hear the bark of one of these guardians of the community expressing his desire to serve!



#### **Traffic Unit**

During calendar year 2011, the Traffic Unit was reduced from a Sergeant and three full-time motor officers to a sergeant and two full time motor officers as one officer was recalled to Patrol. This officer became a Patrol/Traffic officer directly assisting Patrol with staffing shortages. Even with reduced staffing, the Traffic Unit successfully responded to serious injury and fatality collision investigations. They provided numerous hours of school zone safety patrol and speeding enforcement, as well as handling follow-up investigations for over 400 non-injury hit-and-run collisions. The Traffic Unit officers, who are cross-trained, conducted well over 400 hours of training for department members and other City employees in various disciplines, including driving training, firearms proficiency, defensive tactics and TASER. The Traffic Unit also coordinated the Volunteer Traffic Enforcement program.

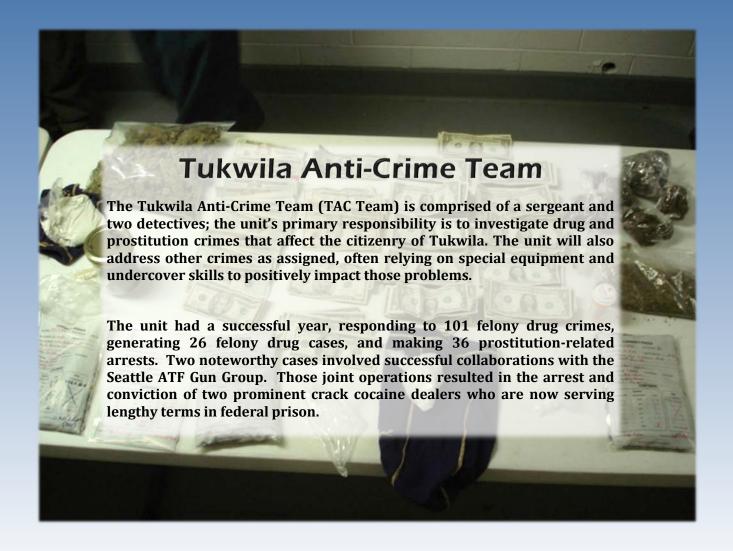


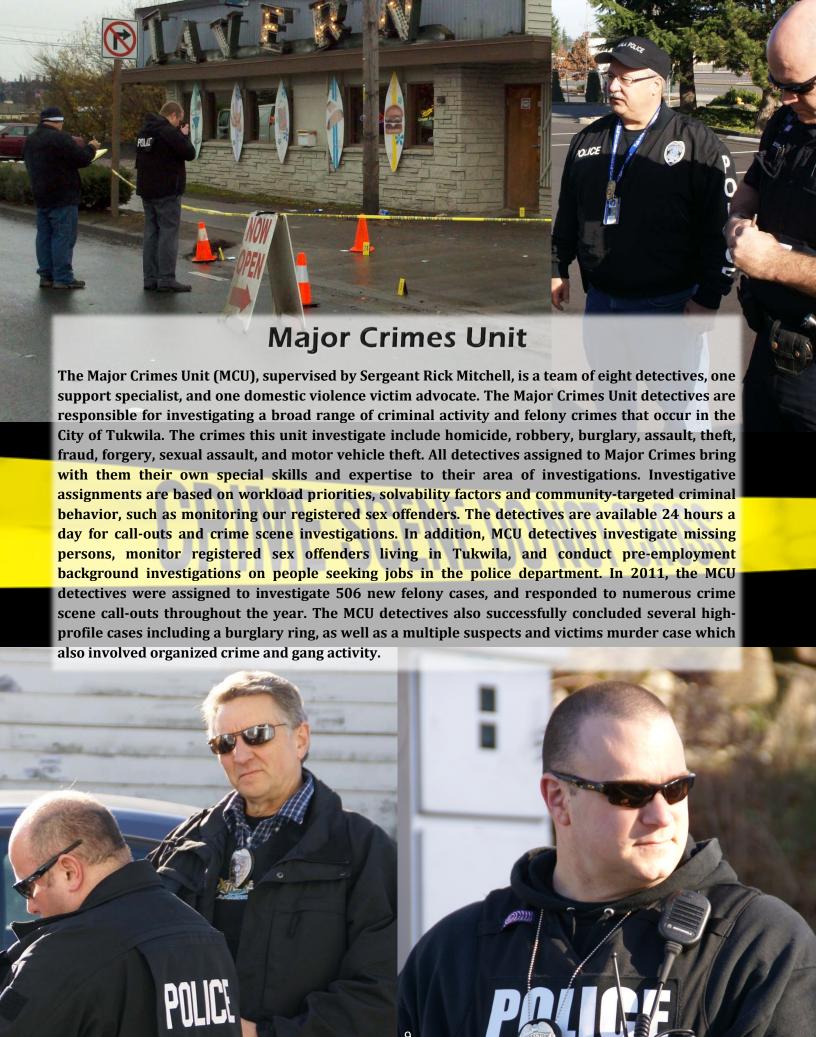
#### **Central Business District Team**

The Central Business District (CBD) Team is a proactive community policing team that primarily works in the central business district. The CBD Team was established in March of 2011 and set up by Sergeant Gurr. In late September of 2011, Sergeant Devlin and Officer Cullens took over the team. At that time, the CBD Team established a new work schedule based on the crime statistics of the central business district, established a core list of training for the team members, and purchased new equipment, including new police bicycles and uniforms. The CBD Team also obtained a bait car from the South King County Auto Theft Task Force. The CBD Team works closely with all the divisions of the Tukwila Police Department as it conducts its mission in the central business district. Between October and the end of December, the CBDT conducted several successful car prowl and auto theft emphasis patrols utilizing both Crime Prevention Resource (CPR) Team and Tukwila Anti-Crime Team members. The CBD Team set up a Food and Toy Drive in December on Westfield Mall Southcenter property. The CBD Team, Westfield Mall, members of the CPR Team, Tukwila Explorers, and volunteers from both Foster High School and the Tukwila Community Center, collected a large amount of food for the Tukwila Pantry, as well as toys and \$3,600 for The Tukwila Community Center children's giving programs.

## INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is comprised of the Major Crimes Unit, the Tukwila Anti-Crime Team, and the Crime Prevention Resource Team. Headed by an Assistant Chief, the division carries out its duties under the direction of a Commander and individual unit Sergeants. The division conducts follow-up investigations on felony crimes, conducts vice and drug investigations, performs proactive enforcement on identified crime trends, and is responsible for department training and crime prevention functions.









#### **Crime Prevention Team**

National Night Out Against Crime 2011 was a fun evening filled with great events held at 22 different locations. Eleven teams of 30 Tukwila staff volunteers visited these events over the course of the evening. The Crime Prevention Team staffed informational booths at City of Tukwila events, such as the Touch a Truck, in addition to partnering with seven local businesses to provide information at their safety-related events. The Community Policing Coordinator attended meetings of six different neighborhood groups to talk about problems specific to the neighborhoods and identify solutions for them. Two of these groups were new block watches. Through the Washington State Auto Theft Task Force, the Tukwila Crime Prevention Unit was able to distribute 84 steering wheel lock devices to the owners of Honda Civics and Accords manufactured between 1992 and 1998. In cooperation with six other South King County agencies, our team provided Tukwila landlords with two opportunities for all-day training. This training is the first step in gaining Crime Free Multi-Housing certification for a rental property.



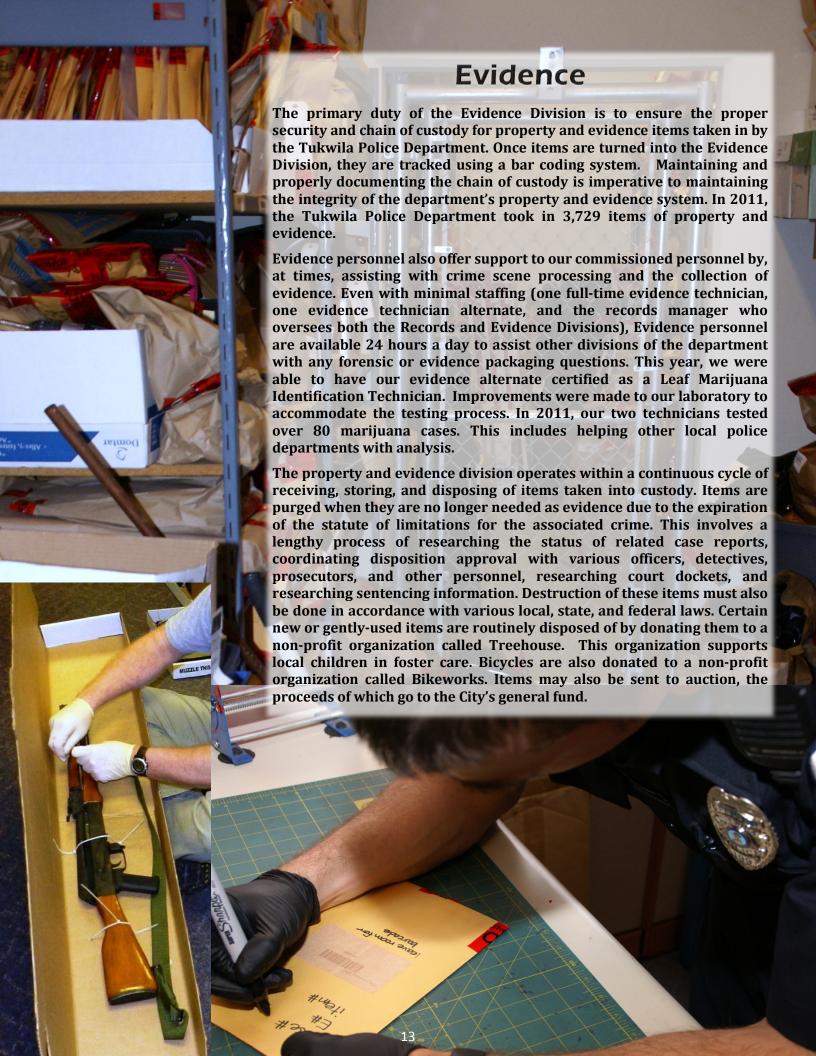
## RECORDS DIVISION

The Tukwila Police Department's Records Division operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and assists the citizens and businesses of Tukwila in a variety of ways. In 2011, the division processed over 125 Concealed Pistol Licenses and 160 professional licenses, handled more than 32,000 telephone calls, and processed nearly 5,800 Public Disclosure requests. The Records Division also provides fingerprinting services to the public, assists with community education programs, and takes found property cases.

In addition to serving the citizens of Tukwila, the Records Division provides support to our commissioned staff. Our staff works in tandem with Officers in the street to assist them with their patrol duties. The division routinely provides searches of local, state, federal, and even international databases to assist Officers and Detectives with locating information that is pertinent to their investigations and cases. The division also monitors our jail holding facility and assists with prisoner searches.

In 2011, our Records Division processed approximately 8,800 case reports. When processing case reports, the Records Division must ensure accurate, complete, and timely information processing. Information is routinely entered into various local, state and federal databases. These entries include stolen and impounded vehicles, warrants, protection orders, missing persons, and stolen and recovered articles. Entering information into these databases must be done in accordance with various laws and system regulations. In order to ensure a high standard of accuracy, routine internal audits are conducted on these systems. In addition, information entered into state and federal databases are subject to audits by regulatory agencies such as the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Records Division operates in a continuous cycle of collecting, storing, and purging information. Within the first quarter of each year, case reports and other records are reviewed to determine which need to be maintained for extended retention, and which should be destroyed. The annual records destruction is completed in accordance with the Washington State General Records Retention Schedule for Law Enforcement Agencies.



# TRAINING

This year was a busy and challenging year for our training unit. We coordinated the in-processing and training of nine new employees, and sponsored a wide variety of training including the following:

- Diversity Training
- Active Shooter
- · Firearms Proficiency
- · Use of Force training
- Communicable Disease Training
- First Aid and CPR Training

The Department also hosted a number of regional training classes. Both our employees and employees from other local agencies attended the following classes:

- Incident Command for Command Staff
- Power Point For Law Enforcement
- Cops with Kids
- Tactical Planning for WMD
- I-Witness Training

During 2011 the department provided a total of 8,492 training hours to all employees broken down by division in the graph on the opposite page.



## SPECIAL TEAMS

#### Valley SWAT/CCU

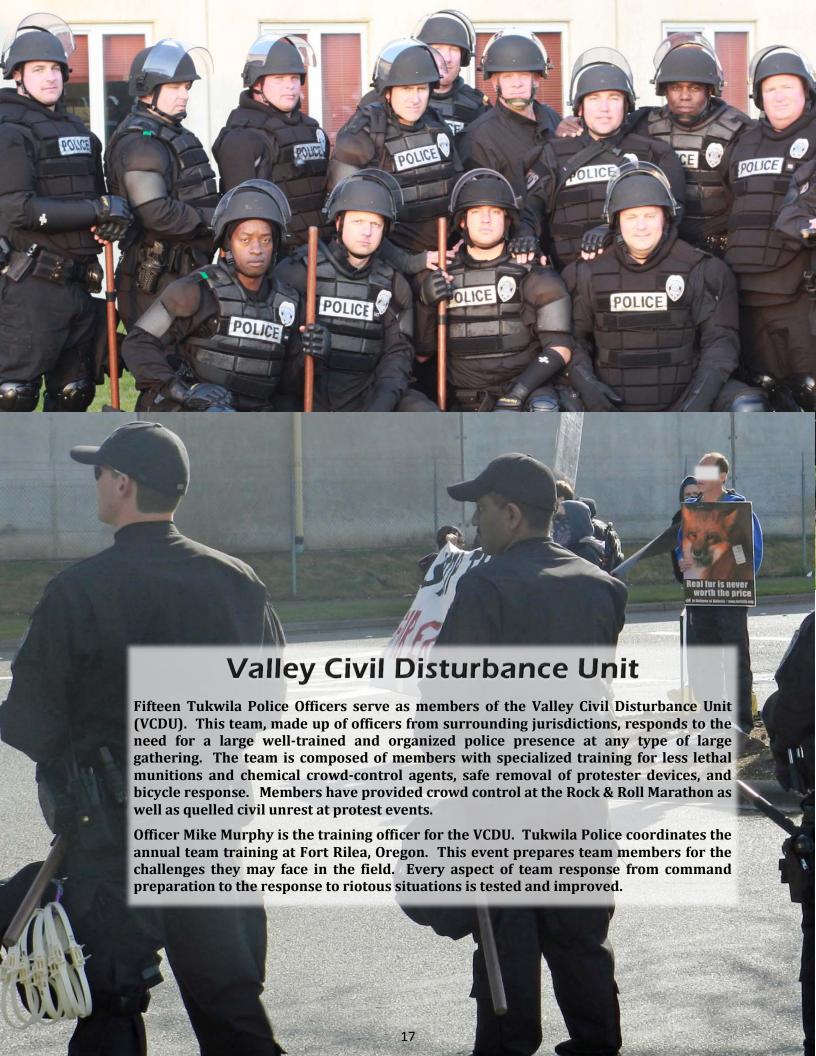
Special tactical needs of the city are provided by Valley SWAT, a regional team comprised of six officers and a commander from each of the cities of Tukwila, Renton, Kent, Auburn, Federal Way, and the Port of Seattle Police Department. In 2011, the team responded to 50 incidents in these jurisdictions. Most of these incidents involve the service of high-risk search warrants, usually involving narcotics. Other common operations include dignitary protection details, arrests of dangerous suspects, and responses to barricaded subjects.

The team is very fortunate to be well-supported by the agencies they serve. It is well-equipped and trained, having the benefit of training three days per month with one additional week-long training session per year. Although these 36 officers train hard and are subject to callout any time of day, every day of the year, SWAT is not a full-time job – each of the officers has a primary assignment within their own agencies, be it as patrol or traffic officers, detectives, or the like.

Valley SWAT is one of the largest teams in the State, and, due to its strong reputation, works closely with many of the other top teams in the region, including Seattle PD SWAT. This inter-agency camaraderie leads to an effective exchange of concepts and expertise, making for more effective emergency responses and ultimately a safer community for you, the citizens we serve.

Working closely with Valley SWAT, the Valley Crisis Communication Unit (VCCU) is responsible for peacefully resolving higher risk police operations or crisis situations through tactical communication and negotiations while minimizing the risk of injury or loss of life to the people involved. Often called *Hostage Negotiators*, the VCCU's role is far more encompassing than negotiating only hostage situations. Additionally, the team regularly responds to and negotiates with barricaded subjects, high risk search warrants, suicidal individuals, and other situations that may call for trained crisis negotiators.

The VCCU is made up of the same six police agencies as the Valley SWAT. However, the unit also enlists the assistance of the FBI and a team psychiatrist. Tukwila's team has five members, consisting of a police commander, sergeant, and three officers. The individuals that serve on the Valley Crisis Communication Unit are highly trained negotiators and team leaders. Working together with Valley SWAT, they help keep the peace and create a safer community.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



#### D.A.R.E.

The 26th year of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), was completed with a graduation held at Foster High School in the Performing Arts Center. Two hundred and seventy five fifth graders from Tukwila, Thorndyke, and Cascade View Elementaries were recognized for completing 12 weeks of the D.A.R.E. Program.

To graduate, each student was required to write an essay on what they learned in D.A.R.E. and their personal commitment to stay drug free. Nine students were selected to read their essays at graduation. Seattle's Biggest Sports Fan Big Lo talked to the graduates about staying drug free.

Assistant Chief Bruce Linton addressed the D.A.R.E graduates and spoke of the strong partnerships between the Tukwila Police Department, the Tukwila School District, and the citizens of Tukwila, which makes the D.A.R.E. Program a huge success in our community. The Honorable Mayor Jim Haggerton also delivered a message to the graduates and reminded them that they will be faced with many choices in life. Because of D.A.R.E. they have the tools to make the right decisions.

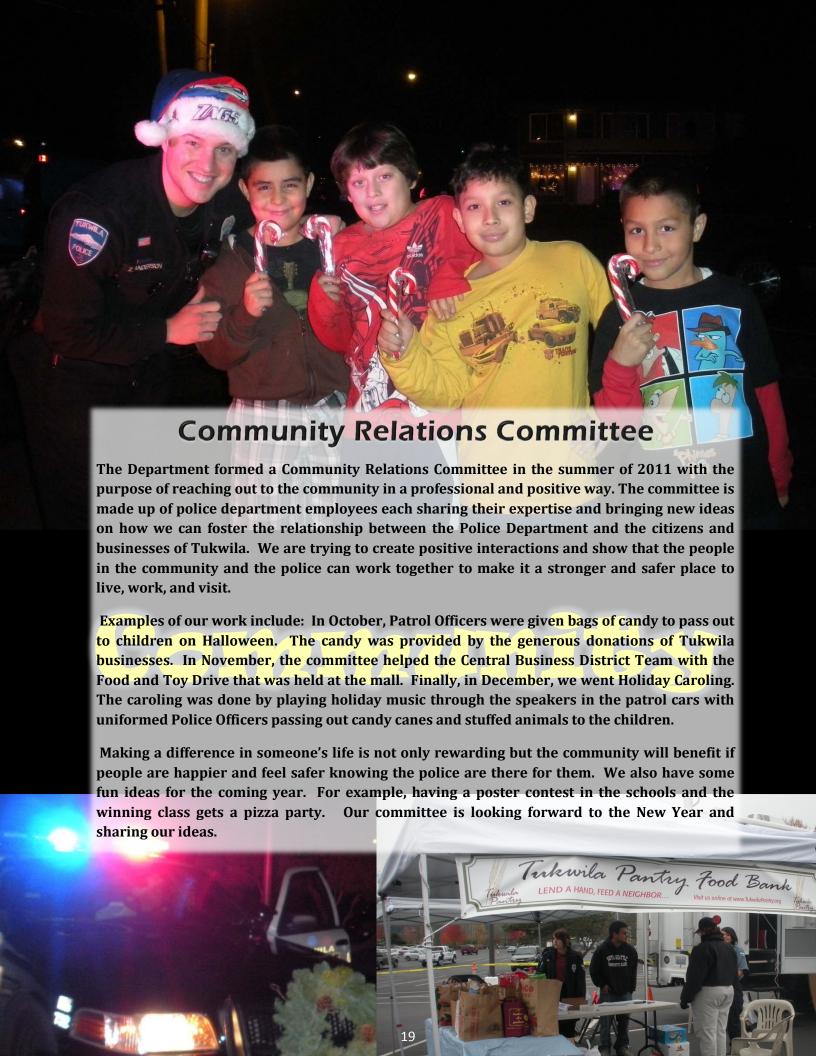
#### **Special Olympics**

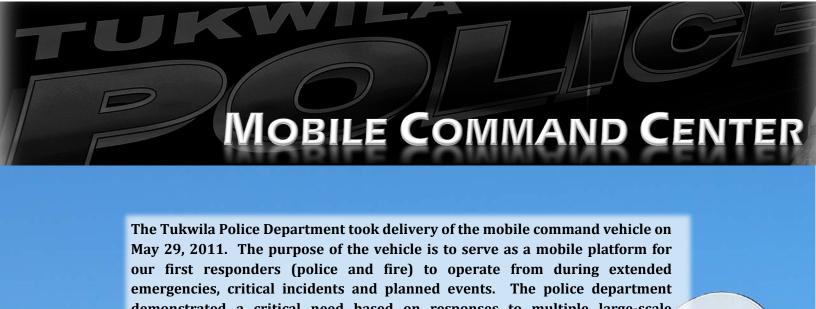
Once again, the Tukwila Police Department was among the leaders in our State in fundraising for 2011. The Police Department raised over \$45,000 through the Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign. The events this year included a Polar Bear Plunge, Tip-a-Cop at Claim Jumper and Red Robin restaurants, Krispy Kreme Cops on Doughnut Shops roof-sit for three days, the World's Largest Truck Convoy, and a Mall Toll where customers of Southcenter Mall placed donations in a traffic cone. The Tukwila Police Department has been involved with Special Olympics for over 20 years, and would like to invite you to volunteer your time at one of our events.

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES PLEDGE

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt"







demonstrated a critical need based on responses to multiple large-scale incidents and events over the years. The vehicle was purchased upon approval of the Tukwila City Council and was financed with a combination of stimulus grant funding, emergency management bond funding, and seizure monies.

The mobile command vehicle was custom-designed by police department employees along with design input from other city departments. The mobile command vehicle was manufactured by Farber Specialty Vehicles in Columbus, Ohio.



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#### VOLUNTEERS

We responded to 47 calls for service last year. We were in eight different cities and two hospitals. We spent 535 hours attending to those in need. What this indicates is that we are prepared to respond wherever needed.

We officiated at two funeral services. One was for a Tukwila police officer's family member and the other was an internment service for a Tukwila veteran at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA. We also attended several training programs during the year: 1) Building Resilient Children for Brighter Futures, a domestic violence project to help children; 2) How to Cope with Grief and Accumulated Loss; Washington State Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.). These families have lost their first responders in the line of duty.



In April, we attended D.A.R.E. graduation. In May, we participated in a memorial service to honor all law enforcement personnel who lost their life in the line of duty. We gathered with other officers and city employees at the flagpole at City Hall.

We continue to visit police and fire stations to meet with and encourage these dedicated people that protect and serve our communities. We also meet with the other area chaplains to pray and debrief.

We want to say thank you to all those that have shown an interest in our volunteer ministry. We both work through Charteris Foundation P.O. Box 24766, Federal Way, WA 98093. Financial donations may be sent with a small note attached stating that it is for Chaplain Alfred E. Patterson or Chaplain Lowell Welker, and it will go directly into our account. We receive 100% of the donation and you receive a receipt, which may be considered a tax deduction. We both benefit from your kind generosity.





The police department has been blessed over the years by many citizens willing to volunteer their time and talents to the department, and 2011 was no exception.

Dottie Sangl and Joanne McManus continued their devotion to the department's goals, working several hours a week. Dottie takes fingerprints of people who wish to apply for a concealed weapons permit or who are applying for a job where they must submit their fingerprints. She also performs basic office tasks. Joanne comes in twice a week and gives reminder phone calls to everyone scheduled for an upcoming appearance in the Tukwila Municipal Court.

Our Traffic Unit has a whole stable of volunteers! Abdi Abdullahi, Enad Alfaouri, John Bush, Lynn Churchill, Daniel Elijah, Kaise Jibril, David Mann, Bob McManus, and Larry Smith devote their time to issuing parking tickets throughout the city and tagging abandoned cars for future impoundment. As a group, they put in about 20 hours per week.

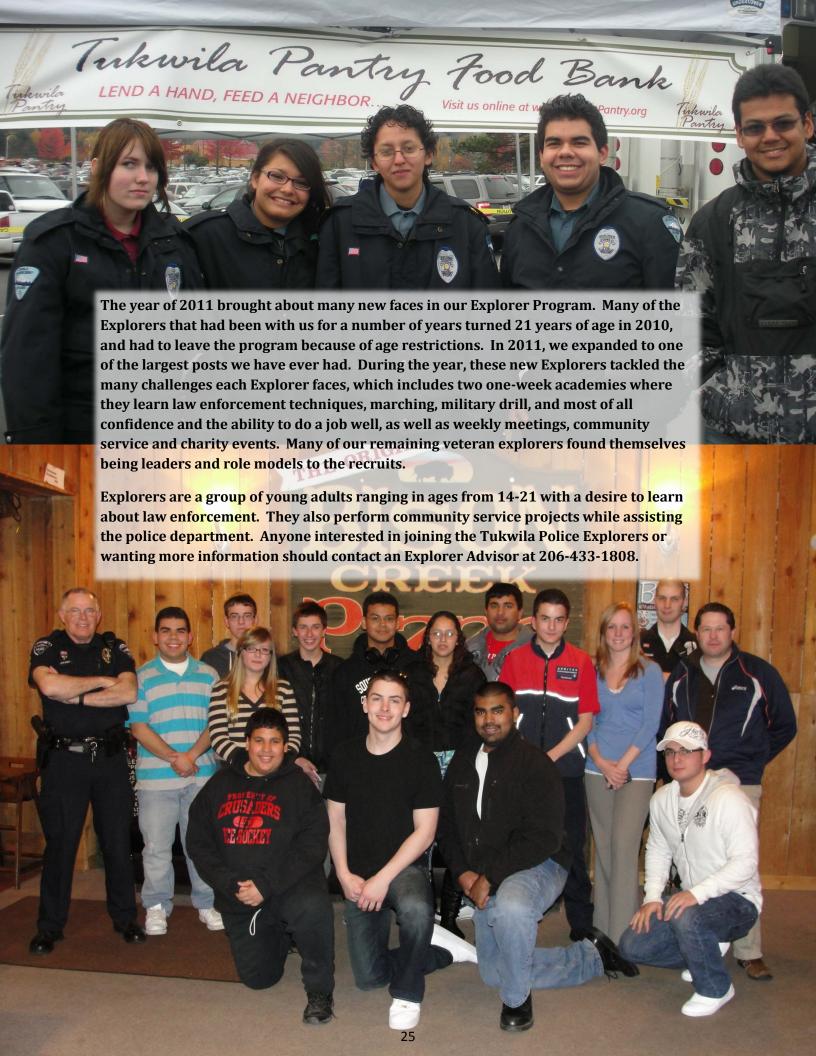
Jessica Villa put in about a day a week, performing clerical duties in the Chief's office and in the MCU.











## RECOGNITION & PROMOTIONS





#### **Dan Lindstrom** 2011 Employee of the Year

#### 2011 Employees of the Quarter



**Mark Schutt** 



Randy Rusness



**Brendan Kerin** 



Erik Kunsmann



**Tom Stock** 



**Ted Rutt** 



**Keith King** 



Mike Murphy



#### **Chief Michael Villa**

#### Sergeant Todd Bisson



# Todd Bisson was promoted to Sergeant effective 5/20/11

#### Sergeant Rory Mettlin

#### **Service Pins**

Eric Hines (20 years) Kraig Boyd (15 years) David Cruz (15 years) Keith King (15 years) Eric Lund (15 years)

Ana Beard (10 years) Beth Adams (5 years) Sanjay Prasad (5 years) Jason Wollan (5 years)

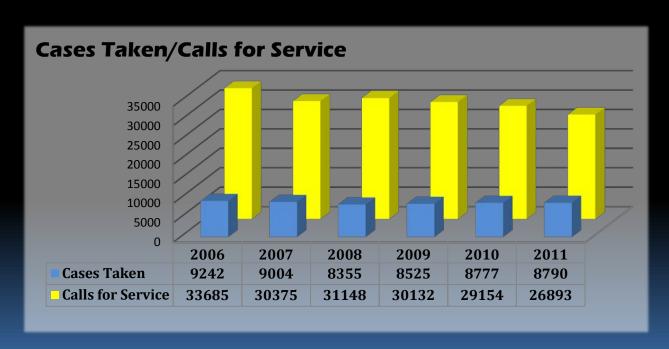
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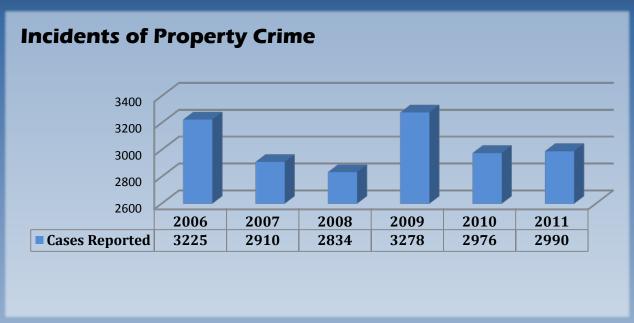
#### Crime in Tukwila

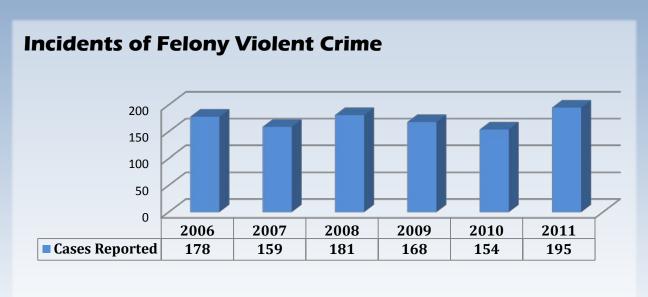
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Population	19,050	19,107	17,092	18,080	17,930
Calls for Service	26,893	29,154	30,132	31,148	30,375
Violent Crime:					
Murder	0	0	1	7	2
Rape	17	13	22	15	13
Robbery	97	90	88	91	80
Aggravated Assault	85	51	57	68	64
TOTALS	199	154	168	181	159
Property Crime:					
Arson	6	9	11	13	2
Burglary	319	377	327	374	298
Theft	2,224	2,096	2,584	2,038	1,976
Auto Theft	441	494	356	409	634
TOTALS	2,990	2,976	3,278	2,834	2,910
Total Part 1 Crime	3,189	3,133	3,446	3,015	3,069
Crime Clearances	348	406	389	456	403

#### **Clearance Rates**

	2011 Crime Totals	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared
CRIME:			
Murder	0	0	NA
Rape	17	6	35%
Robbery	97	25	28%
Aggravated Assault	85	32	38%
Burglary	319	35	11%
Theft	2,224	236	11%
Motor Vehicle Theft	441	11	2%
Arson	6	3	50%
TOTALS	3,189	348	11%

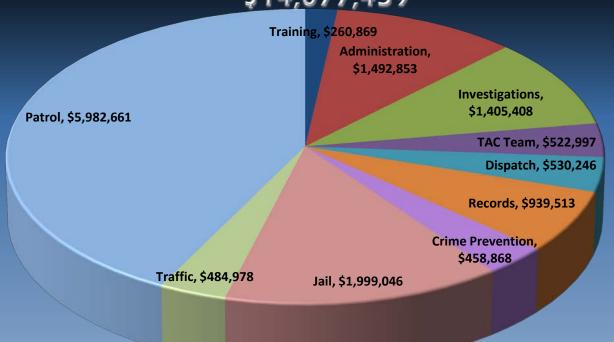








#### 2011 Total Police Budget \$14,077,439



#### **Comparative Totals**

#### With Three Year Comparison

	2011	2010	2009
Population	19,050	19,107	17,092
Budget	\$14,077,439	\$12,995,698	\$12,851,964
Police Staff:			
Commissioned	68	68	68
Non-Commissioned	16	16	16
Calls for Service	26,893	29,154	30,132
Part 1 Crime	3,189	3,133	3,446
Traffic Citations/Infractions Issued	3,046	3,585	2,894
Reported Vehicle Accidents:			
Injury	189	199	183
Fatal	1	2	2
Non-injury (not including hit-and-run)	464	509	420
Injury hit-and-run	17	24	23
TOTALS	671	734	628
Emergency Response Time (minutes):			
Priority E, 1	3.21	2.07	3.04
Priority 2	10.05	6.68	7.04
Non-Emergency Response Time (minutes)	14.04	13.82	13.78

<sup>\*</sup>The decrease in Calls for Service in 2011 was due primarily to the manner in which calls are dispatched

#### Police Officers' Prayer





#### **Tukwila Police Administration**

David Haynes, Chief of Police (through 4-30-11)
Michael Villa, Chief of Police (beginning 5-1-11)

Don Lincoln, Assistant Police Chief

Dennis McOmber, Commander

Bruce Linton, Commander

Eric Drever, Commander

Rebecca McGregor, Records Manager

Phi Huynh, Administrative Secretary

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#### Tukwila City Administration

Jim Haggerton, Mayor Steve Lancaster, City Administrator

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Joe Duffie, Councilmember
Joan Hernandez, Councilmember
Dennis Robertson, Councilmember
Verna Seal, Councilmember
Kathy Hougardy, Councilmember
De'Sean Quinn, Councilmember

