



# Tukwila Police Department 2010 Annual Report



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# City of Tukwila

6200 Southcenter Boulevard • Tukwila, Washington 98188

Jim Haggerton, Mayor

April 30, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Haggerton:

The year 2010 was definitely a difficult year for the City of Tukwila as a whole and for the Tukwila Police Department. The primary issue at hand was the need to address budget shortfalls. The Police Department worked together and developed a plan that would address the specified requirements and allow us to continue our service to the community at the highest possible level with the resources provided. Although the budget was an overshadowing issue during the year there were also some great things that took place.

We continued on the path to improve our emergency preparedness capabilities. We participated in the implementation of our rescue boats and completed the final details in order to purchase our Incident Command Vehicle. On a regional level we participated in the Civil Disturbance training that took place at Camp Rilea, Oregon. The training was attended by six valley agencies as well as other jurisdictions.

Two of our Sergeants retired during the year. Sergeant Suzi Sacha retired in August and Sergeant Mark Howie retired in December. Both individuals served on the Tukwila Police Department for over twenty years.

We also rolled out our new “black and white” vehicles, participated in the planning and implementation of the second Rock and Roll Marathon, and conducted school safety reviews in conjunction with Pennsylvania State University and the National Institute of Justice.

As always, the members of the Tukwila Police Department served our community with the highest level of excellence. It was a pleasure to work side by side with each and every one of them.

Thank you for the support you have provided to the men and women that serve.

Sincerely,

David W. Haynes  
Chief of Police

## VISION STATEMENT

**Law Enforcement Excellence**  
 through Leadership,  
 Philosophy and Mission

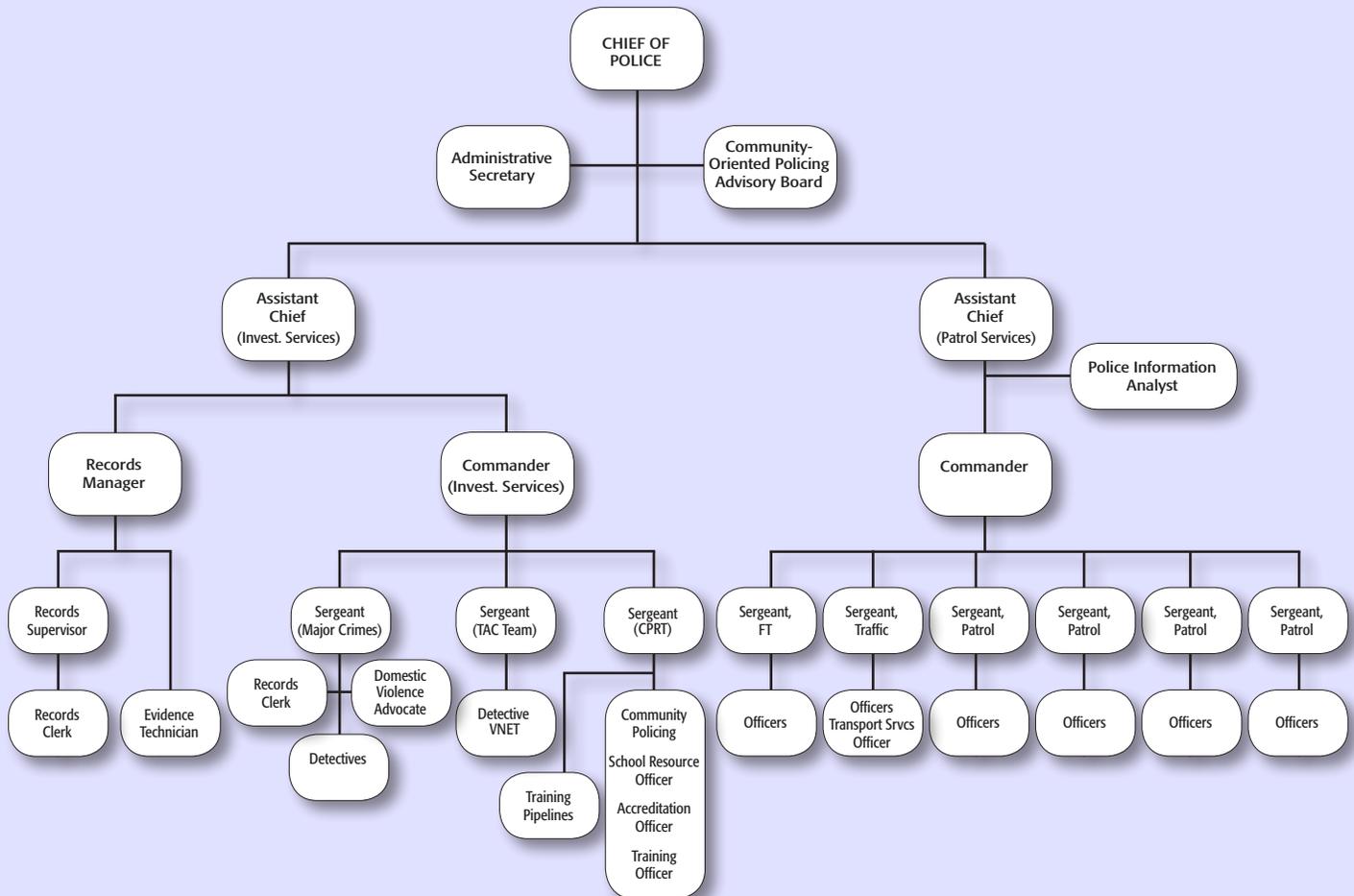
## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

## ORGANIZATION CHART



## **CITY GOVERNMENT**

2010

### **Tukwila City Administration**

Jim Haggerton, Mayor  
Steve Lancaster, City Administrator

### **Tukwila City Council**

Dennis Robertson, Council President  
Joe Duffie, Council Member  
Joan Hernandez, Council Member  
Allan Ekberg, Council Member  
Verna Seal, Council Member  
Kathy Hougardy, Council Member  
De'Sean Quinn, Council Member

### **Tukwila Police Department Administration**

David Haynes, Chief of Police  
Mike Villa, Assistant Chief  
Don Lincoln, Assistant Chief  
Dennis McOmber, Commander  
Bruce Linton, Commander  
Eric Drever, Commander  
Rebecca McGregor, Records Manager  
Phi Huynh, Administrative Secretary

## **RECORDS**

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 2010, the division processed over 100 Concealed Pistol Licenses, 135 professional licenses, received and responded to nearly 33,000 telephone calls, and processed over 5,000 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 on 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 2010, 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 Investigations.

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.

## PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

The primary duty of the Evidence Division is to ensure the proper security and chain of custody for property and evidence items taken in by the Tukwila Police Department. Once items are turned into the Evidence Division, they are tracked using a bar coding system. Maintaining and properly documenting the chain of custody is imperative to maintaining the integrity of the Department's property and evidence system. In 2010 the Tukwila Police Department took in 3,573 items of property and evidence.

Evidence personnel also offer support to our commissioned personnel by, at times, assisting with crime scene processing and the collection of evidence. Even with minimal staffing (one full-time Evidence Technician, one Evidence Technician Alternate, and the Records Manager who oversees both the Records and Evidence Divisions), Evidence personnel are available 24 hours a day to assist other divisions of the Department with any forensic or evidence packaging questions.

The Property and Evidence Division operates within a continuous cycle of receiving, storing, and disposing of items taken into custody. Items are purged when they are no longer needed as evidence due to the expiration of the statute of limitations for the associated crime. This involves a lengthy process of researching the status of related case reports, coordinating disposition approval with various officers, detectives, prosecutors and other personnel, researching court dockets, and researching sentencing information. Destruction of these items must also be done in accordance with various local, state, and federal laws. Certain new or gently used items are routinely disposed of by donating them to a non-profit organization called Treehouse. This organization supports local children in foster care. Bicycles are also donated to a non-profit organization called Bikeworks. Items may also be sent to auction, the proceeds of which go to the City's General Fund.

## PATROL DIVISION

ROLLING PATROL: The officers who make up the Rolling Patrol section are the heartbeat of the Tukwila Police Patrol Division. This section provides around-the-clock services to our community. Officers assigned to Patrol are our first line of defense, and their duty is – first and foremost – to protect our citizens from crime through proactive enforcement and rapid response. This year, the Patrol Division responded to 32,889 calls for service and generated 8,651 case reports. Our average emergency priority response time was 3:07 minutes, and our non-emergency response time was just under 14 minutes.

Our Patrol Division works hard by communicating with our citizens through information sharing, education and problem recognition. Each officer is assigned to a patrol district with geographical boundaries, and we encourage them to get to know their communities and the citizens they serve. Rolling Patrol consists of four, 12-hour shifts that are designed to provide 24/7 service to our community.

Over the last year a major Patrol Division goal was to enhance Police visibility in our neighborhoods; in doing so, the Division conducted several emphasis patrols and worked in cooperation with outside agencies to reduce crime in our city. In addition, we deployed new replacement black-and-white Patrol vehicles as part of that increased visibility initiative. You cannot miss those highly visible vehicles as they currently patrol our neighborhoods.

Rolling Patrol would not be as successful without our facilitators. These facilitators come in the form of specialty units designed to enhance the Patrol function. Rolling patrol is augmented by our Traffic Unit; two K-9 units, the Marine Unit, and our Civil Disturbance Unit that is part of the six-agency Valley Civil Disturbance Unit.



MARINE PATROL: In 2010, in conjunction with Tukwila Fire Department, the Police Department started its first Police Boat/ Marine Program. The department's Marine Unit is comprised of 11 officers and detectives who volunteered for this duty. Under the supervision of Sergeants Rick Mitchell and Bill Devlin, the unit is responsible for police related issues and flooding emergencies that may occur on or in the vicinity of the Duwamish/Green River.

These officers were initially trained during a 3-day course on the Columbia River in April of 2010. This training familiarized the officers with the many technical aspects of boat operation and handling. The officers trained throughout the year to operate the two boats on the Duwamish/Green River. The officers are trained and equipped to handle the many challenges and obstacles the Duwamish/Green River presents. The boats were specifically built and designed for this type of river and its challenges.

## TRAFFIC UNIT

During calendar year 2010, the Traffic Unit was called out 18 times for serious injury/fatality collision investigations. Traffic investigated four fatality collisions and 14 serious injury collisions, including four serious injury hit-and-run 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 was able to acquire nearly \$3,000 in free equipment in order to outfit some patrol cars and one motorcycle for electronic ticketing and collision report completion.



## PATROL CANINE

The Police Department's K9 unit serves in the Patrol Division. The unit consists of two "generalist" teams: Officer DeVries and Stryker (a 6-year-old German Shepherd), and Officer Sturgill and Gino (a 3-year-old German Shepherd). Their primary mission is tracking and locating suspects who flee crime scenes in an attempt to evade arrest. They primarily work night shift hours but are available for call-outs seven days a week. They also provide crime deterrence and an officer safety tool as well. During 2010 our canine teams were involved with approximately 200 hours of in-service training, and were deployed approximately 120 times, resulting in approximately 45 arrests. These arrests were directly attributed to their scent work. Without these invaluable teams, many suspects would otherwise evade capture.

## **TUKWILA POLICE EXPLORERS**

The Tukwila Police Explorers consist of a group of dedicated young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who have a strong desire to learn about law enforcement and the Police career field. There are currently ten members assigned to our post. An explorer can remain in the post until December 31st of the year that he or she turns 21 years of age.

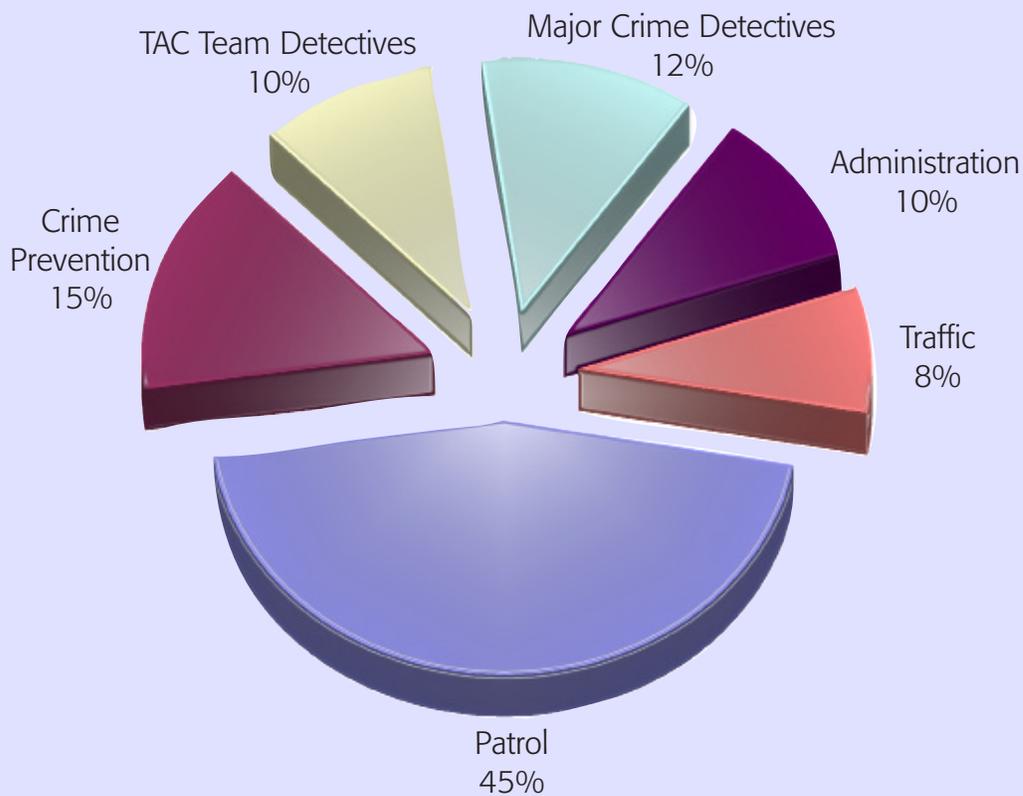
The Tukwila Police Department is proud to dedicate this portion of the Annual Police Report to Lacey McWade.

Lacey joined our Department post in 2003 when she was 14 years of age. She remained an active member and rose to the rank of Chief Explorer during her tenure. She attended several explorer academies, regional and national conferences, and local competitions where she received several awards for her performance. Lacey turned 21 in 2010 and completed a distinguished career as a Tukwila Police Explorer. Lacey is currently employed by Key Bank as a Client Services Manager.

## **TRAINING DIVISION**

2010 once again proved to be another busy training year for the Tukwila Police Department. We coordinated the in- processing and training of five new employees; and scheduled a wide variety of Departmental training.

**Utilization of 2010 Training Hours**



- Active Shooter
- Communicable Disease
- Handgun Proficiency
- HAZMAT
- Impact Weapons
- Personal Protection Equipment
- Rifle Proficiency
- TASER
- Unarmed Defensive Tactics

## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is a team of one sergeant, eight detectives, one support specialist, and one domestic violence victim advocate. The MCU detectives are assigned to investigate felony crimes including homicide, robbery, felony assaults, death investigations, theft, fraud, forgery, sexual assaults, domestic violence crimes, auto thefts and crimes against children and the elderly. Unit Detectives are available 24 hours a day for call-outs and crime scene investigations. In addition, MCU Detectives investigate missing persons, monitor registered sex offenders living in Tukwila and conduct pre-employment background investigations on people seeking jobs as police officers or support staff.

In 2010, the MCU detectives were assigned to investigate 448 new felony cases, and responded to twelve crime scene call-outs, including three officer-involved shootings and seven other shooting incidents.

MCU conducted several undercover emphasizes concentrating on crimes of burglary, auto theft and vehicle prowls. Major Crimes detectives also spent countless hours in Superior Court trial preparation, resulting in convictions for murder, robbery, assault, rape, ID theft, auto theft, burglary and various other crimes. Four murder suspects were arrested and are awaiting trial.

## TUKWILA ANTI-CRIME (TAC) TEAM

The Tukwila Anti Crime Team ("TAC Team") is a multi-faceted unit comprised of one sergeant and three detectives, with a fourth detective assigned to the Valley Narcotics Enforcement Team. The TAC Team is responsible for a diverse number of services within the City of Tukwila, including the enforcement of laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to gangs, prostitution, and narcotics offenses. Other assignments include gambling compliance inspections and adult entertainment investigations. The TAC team works closely with other local law enforcement agencies and regional drug task forces, in seeking out and actively engaging criminal activity that affects the City of Tukwila. One notable mention is the apprehension of a homicide suspect featured on Washington State's Most Wanted. The TAC Team's unique abilities and contacts were instrumental in capturing this felon whom had been on the run for two years. The TAC Team also investigates gang-related criminal activity through partnerships with surrounding law enforcement agencies. During the past year the TAC Team investigated five adult entertainer violations, made 29 prostitution arrests, and 25 drug-related arrests. The TAC Team also processed 26 narcotic-related seizures, including the seizure of six vehicles valued at over \$50,000, and over \$20,000 in U.S. currency.

## **CRIME PREVENTION RESOURCE TEAM (CPR TEAM)**

This year was a busy year for crime prevention.

In cooperation with six other South King County agencies, our team provided Tukwila landlords with three opportunities for all-day training. One of the three sessions was held at the Tukwila Community Center. This training is the first step in gaining Crime Free Multi-Housing certification for a rental property.

In partnership with many businesses in Tukwila, the Crime Prevention Team staffed informational booths at seven different local businesses in addition to participating at Tukwila Days.

Over the course of 2010, three new block watches formed and a record-breaking 26 block watches held Night Out Against Crime celebrations. Crime prevention team members also attended meetings of seven different neighborhood groups to talk about problems specific to the neighborhoods and identify solutions to them.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER**

The Neighborhood Resource Center continued to have an active year throughout 2010. With our five volunteers, the doors were open most of the work week. In fact, our volunteers logged 457 visitors who required services of some kind.

Seven cameras were added to the complement on Tukwila International Boulevard. Access to video cameras in the Light Rail Station was obtained with moderate success. We also maintained our connections to the 32 cameras in the Central Business District and the 16 cameras in the Tukwila Community Center. Altogether, this gave us access to roughly 90 surveillance cameras throughout the City – a vast improvement over the original six that we started with.

The Neighborhood Resource Center supported Patrol and the TAC Team by making 35 official evidentiary video recordings, in addition to providing a base of operations on the Boulevard for these units.

We continued to support the Marijuana Testing Facility throughout 2010.

## **2010 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

### **Employees of the Quarter**

Officer Don Ames  
Detective Tom Stock  
Specialist Ana Weichman  
Officer Bill Devlin  
Sergeant Rick Mitchell  
Specialist Trish Lawrence

### **Distinguished Service Medals**

Officer Todd Bisson  
Assistant Chief Mike Villa  
Detective Tom Stock  
Officer Greg LeCompte  
Officer Steven Donnelly  
Officer Mike Murphy  
Chief David Haynes  
Sergeant Mark Howie

### **Employee of the Year Award**

Commander Eric Drever  
Commander Bruce Linton

### **Commendation Certificates**

Officer Chris Danninger  
Officer Don Ames  
Officer Ken Hernandez  
Officer Larry Hann  
Sergeant Mark Howie  
Officer Randy Rusness  
Sergeant Suzi Sacha

### **Medal of Merit**

Officer Josh Vivet  
Officer Bill Devlin  
Officer Jamie Sturgill  
Detective Jay Seese  
Officer Marc Schutt

### **Purple Heart**

Canine "Gino"

## NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

In 2010 Tukwila celebrated its largest National Night Out Against Crime ever! There were 26 events held in neighborhoods across the City. The Mayor, City Council Members, Police Chief and many other City workers attended as many of the events as possible, but even in Tukwila, no one was fast enough to visit all of the parties.

The largest event in 2010 was held at the Rainbow Trailer Haven, located on South 152nd Street. The residents threw a party that included dancing, music and a presentation to thank the City of Tukwila employees for working with them to help solve problems in their community.



## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS WASHINGTON**

Once again the Tukwila Police Department was among the leaders in our State in fundraising for 2010. The Police Department raised over \$38,000 through the Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign. The events this year included a Polar Bear Plunge; Tip-a-Cop at the Claim Jumper and Red Robin restaurants; sitting on the roof of Krispy Kreme for three days; and the World's largest Truck Convoy.

An online video involving Special Olympics Athletes produced by the Police Department was awarded \$5,000 dollars to benefit Special Olympics of Washington. The Tukwila Police Department has been involved with Special Olympics for over 18 years, and invites you to volunteer your time at one of our events.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE'S PLEDGE**

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

## **TUKWILA POLICE DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFULLY PASSED ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT**

In October of 2010, a team of six assessors led by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs evaluated 140 processes to assure that the Department complies with industry best practice. The assessors are chosen from police agencies around the state for their expertise in different areas of law enforcement. They looked at all aspects of our practices including officer safety, training, compliance with laws and court decisions, evidence collection and storage, and record keeping. This assessment was not limited to only policies and paperwork but examined the actual work being done by Department members. Tukwila's Police Department was found to be in 100% compliance with standards. The Department was recognized for conducting business in a professional and efficient manner.

This is an ongoing process that will be evaluated again in four years. The community can be assured that we will continue to serve them with a commitment to law enforcement excellence.

## **CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT**

The Tukwila Civil Disturbance Unit is part of the multiagency Valley Civil Disturbance Unit (VCDU) that trains collectively and has deployed regionally to handle incidents of civil unrest. The team consists of officers from the cities of Tukwila, Kent, Renton, Auburn, Federal Way, and the Port of Seattle Police Department.

The VCDU Special Ammunition Response Team (SART) trains annually at the Washington Fire Training Center on the tactics and techniques for less-than-lethal impact and chemical munitions to maintain certification. The entire team trains collectively at Camp Rilea in Oregon, to integrate all the learned skills into a full-scale exercise designed to mitigate civil unrest during small- and large-scale incidents.

Members from our team have been recognized as world-class trainers and have been invited by the U.S. State Department to train the Thai Royal Police on riot control tactics.



## SWAT

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 2010, the team responded to over 60 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 at 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 largest teams in the State, and – due to its strong reputation – works closely with many of the other top teams in the region, including the Seattle Police Department SWAT. This interagency 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.



## **CHAPLAIN REPORT**

The assignment of being a chaplain for Tukwila in 2010 began with a heaviness of heart and a new realization that the evil in our society and our communities had reached a new watermark. The line of duty death of six law enforcement officers and wounding of two others in the final few months of 2009 placed a heavy sorrowful cloud over the community. A new paradigm for all first responders was now in place: Who can we trust? What areas in our community are still safe? Lowell and Al walked through this shadow cloud together within our Department. In addition, as the opportunities arose, they provided no special answers but just made themselves available, a ministry of presence, to those who needed to talk when they were ready.

The one-year anniversary has now come and gone. The anniversary of these tragic days was celebrated with great dignity and the dedication of several visual memorials that grace the landscapes in our communities. These memorials remind and reaffirm a strong resolve to be ever vigilant at all times and continue to encourage and support each other.

Al and Lowell continue to train and meet regularly with other chaplains in our South King County area. We debrief, encourage and respond for or with them to meet the needs of those in our communities. Of the 58 responses, 31 were in adjacent communities. We continue to count it a privilege to serve all of the first responder community.

All community activities come with the privilege of attending meetings and events. This list is a sampling of the meetings that Al and Lowell regularly attend or participate in: National Night Out Against Crime, Dare Graduation, Tukwila Police Officer Graduations from the Criminal Justice Training Commission, promotions and awards at City Council, National Officers Memorial Day Ceremony, Washington State Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service, Domestic Violence Regional Task Force, Review Community Effort: Domestic Violence and Children, Church of Tukwila Pastors, and others as opportunity allows.

Al and Lowell want to thank the departments we serve for their acceptance and encouragement (and the teasing) we receive as we serve. We are looking forward to 2011 and being there when you need us.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaplain Al Patterson and Chaplain Lowell Welker

## 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.

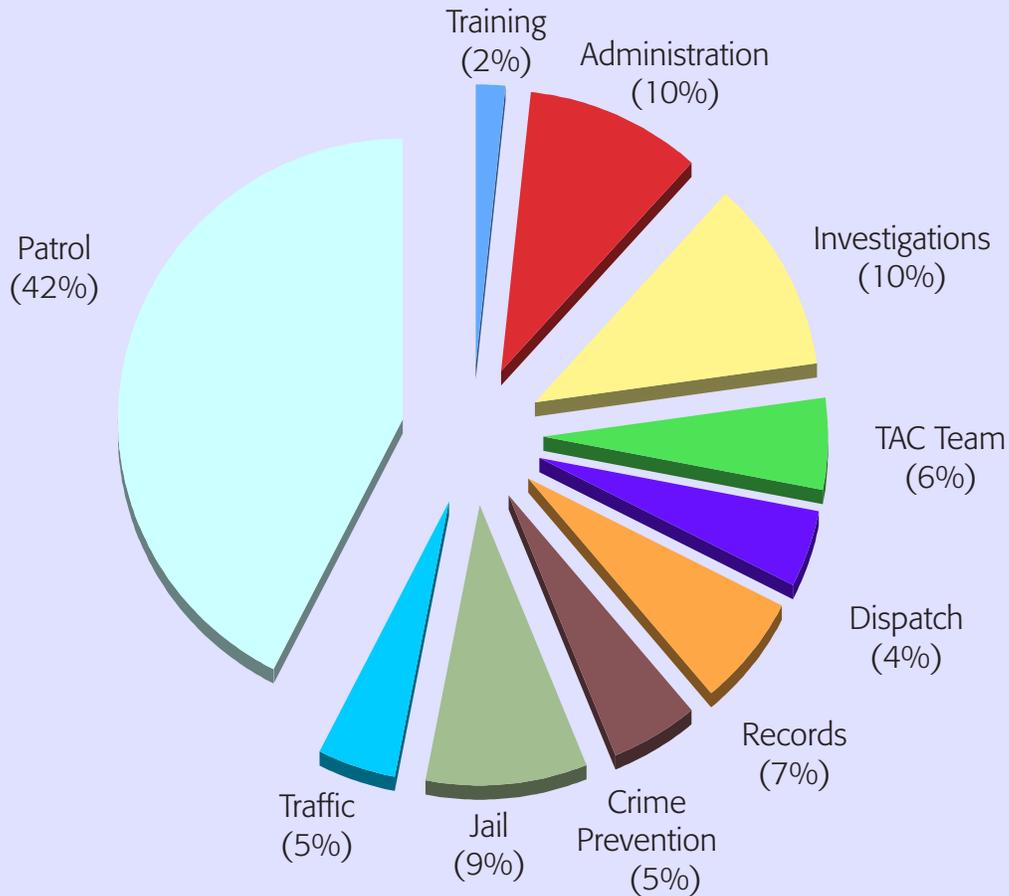
## YEAR AT A GLANCE

With Comparative Totals for 2009 and 2008

	2010	2009	2008
Population	19,107	17,092	18,080
Budget	\$12,995,698	\$12,851,964	\$12,442,964
Police Staff:			
Commissioned	68	68	68
Non-Commissioned	16	16	16
Calls for Service	29,154	30,132	31,148
Part 1 Crime	3,133	3,446	3,015
Traffic Citations/Infractions Issued	3,585	2,894	3,594
Reported Vehicle Accidents:			
Injury	199	183	191
Fatal	2	2	4
Non-injury	509	420	436
Injury Hit-and-Run	24	23	27
Total	734	628	658
Emergency Response Time ( <i>minutes</i> ):			
Priority 1	2.07	3.04	2.9
Priority 2	6.68	7.04	7.5
Non-Emergency Response Time ( <i>minutes</i> )	13.82	13.78	13.2

## 2010 POLICE BUDGET

Training .....	\$ 227,810
Administration .....	1,322,262
Investigations .....	1,284,354
TAC Team .....	832,306
Dispatch .....	526,503
Records .....	872,638
Crime Prevention .....	597,996
Jail .....	1,226,003
Traffic .....	621,004
Patrol .....	5,485,022
Total 2010 Budget .....	\$12,995,698



## Crime in Tukwila

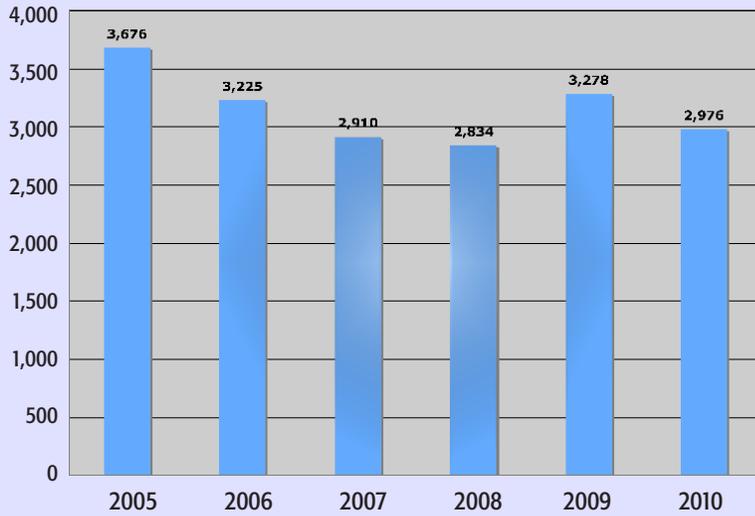
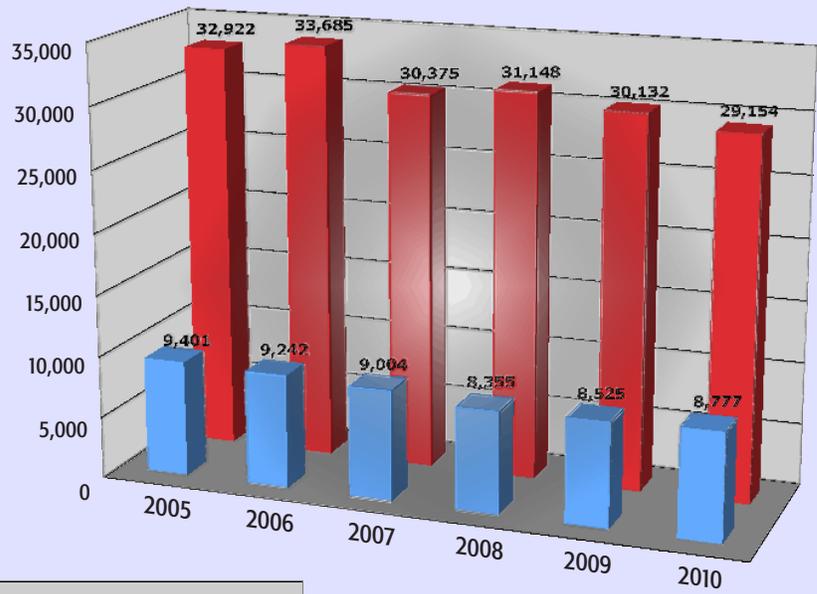
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Population	19,107	17,092	18,080	17,930	17,930
Calls for Service	29,154	30,132	31,148	30,375	33,685
<b>Violent Crime:</b>					
Murder	0	1	7	2	1
Rape	13	22	15	13	18
Robbery	90	88	91	80	91
Aggravated Assault	51	57	68	64	68
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Property Crime:</b>					
Arson	9	11	13	2	10
Burglary	377	327	374	298	312
Theft	2,096	2,584	2,038	1,976	2,271
Auto Theft	494	356	409	634	632
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>2,834</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>3,225</b>
<b>Total Part 1 Crime</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>3,403</b>
Crime Clearances	406	389	456	403	464

## Clearance Rates - Part 1

	2010 Crime Totals	Number Cleared	Percent Cleared
<b>CRIME:</b>			
Murder	0	0	N/A
Rape	13	7	54%
Robbery	90	25	28%
Aggravated Assault	51	33	61%
Burglary	377	37	10%
Theft	2,096	299	14%
Motor Vehicle Theft	494	5	1%
Arson	9	0	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>13%</b>

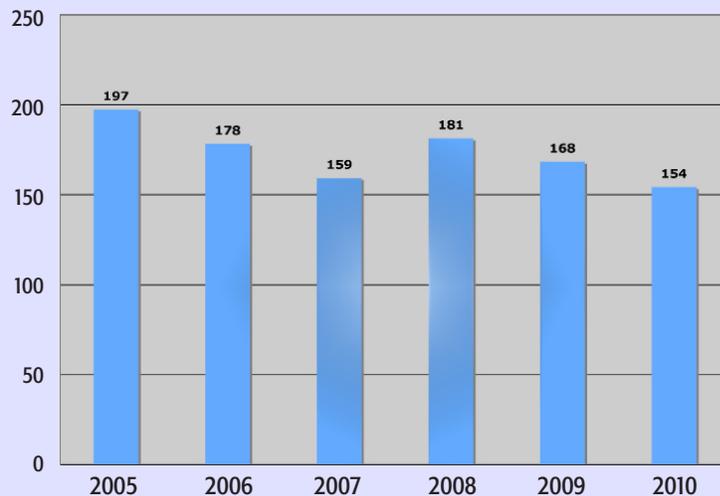
**Calls for Service/  
Case Files**

Year	Case Files	Calls for Service
2005	9,401	32,922
2006	9,242	33,685
2007	9,004	30,375
2008	8,355	31,148
2009	8,525	30,132
2010	8,777	29,154



**Incidents of  
Property Crime**

**Incidents of  
Violent Felony Crime**



## TUKWILA POLICE CARS NEW COLOR SCHEME

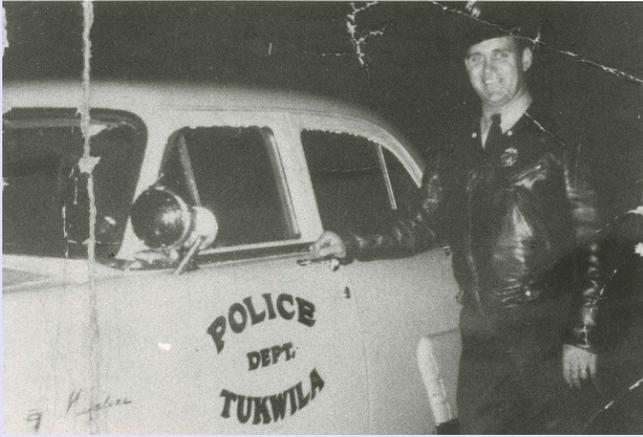
With the exception of one series of patrol cars in the 60's and early 70's, the Tukwila Police Department has maintained a single color scheme for their police cars – until now. Starting in 2010, each newly-purchased Tukwila Police patrol cars will be sporting a black-and-white color scheme.

In the early days of automobiles, police cars were generally all one color – usually black, same as other cars of the time. Around the 1920's, police car color schemes began to change to a black-and-white configuration, which makes a police car quickly and clearly identifiable from a significant distance. The term "black and white" even made it into police nomenclature when referring to their patrol vehicles, as seen on classic television shows like "Highway Patrol," "Adam-12" and "Mayberry RFD." The 60's and 70's saw the evolution of color schemes for law enforcement vehicles move toward a rainbow of different colors.

Our change in design comes with new graphics and a new sense of clear identity to the public. Studies have shown that having black and white police cars brings a greater perception of police presence.

Tukwila's Police Department is excited to join other surrounding agencies in changing vehicle colors to this scheme. They won't be hard to spot!







Tukwila Police Department  
Patrol Districts

T-9

T-7

T-1

T-5

T-3

