

# PULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

# **Mission Statement**

# "Policing Our Community with Compassion and Professionalism." Integrity - Dedication - Courage - Trust - Respect

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# **Message from the Chief**



It is with great pride that I present to you the Pullman Police Department 2016 Annual Report. We continue to move forward with our Community Policing practices through community outreach, employee professionalism, and a department that is responsive to the community. Our staff strives to adhere to our mission statement, "Policing Our Community with Compassion and Professionalism," and our values, "integrity, dedication, courage, trust, and respect." The Pullman Police Department staff is committed to the safety of our community, and we share our successes with supportive city leaders and a supportive community.

Gary Jenkins Chief of Police

# **Crime Statistics**

#### **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)**

Since 1930, the FBI has collected and compiled data to best depict total crime and to provide the most meaningful data to police administrators through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Originally designed as a summary system to collect only the most serious offense within an incident, the FBI UCR Program has been the national standard for reliable crime statistics. The UCR system utilizes ten crimes, identified as "Part I" offenses, that are the crimes most likely to be reported and most likely to occur with sufficient frequency to provide an adequate basis for comparison.

#### National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The FBI initiated the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 1989. Through NIBRS, law enforcement agencies report data on each offense and arrest within 25 offense categories made up of 49 specific crimes called "Group A" offenses. In comparison to UCR data, the NIBRS data provides a more comprehensive analysis of reported crime. For example, NIBRS collects data on multiple crimes that occur during a single event, while UCR collects data on only the most serious crime that occurs during a single event.

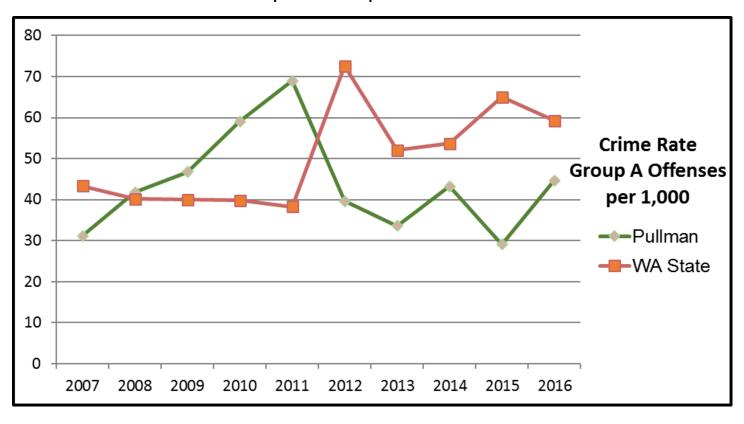
#### Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)

Law enforcement agencies in Washington State submit their crime data to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), who in turn submits the data to the FBI. WASPC has championed an effort to obtain NIBRS participation from all Washington State law enforcement agencies and has achieved a 99% law enforcement agency compliance rate, which represents 93% of the population. NIBRS data for the Pullman Police Department is available from 2006 forward.

#### NIBRS Crime Data Overview: Pullman & State of Washington Comparisons

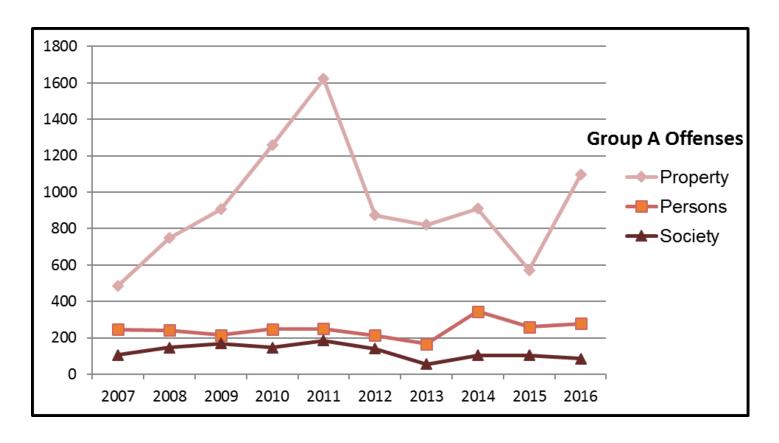
	Change from	n 2015
Group A Crimes 2016	Pullman	Statewide
Crimes against person offenses	+7%	+13%
Crimes against property offenses	+92%	+16%
Crimes against society offenses	-17%	+25%
Total crimes	+56%	+16%
Crime rate (per 1,000 population; pop. 32,660)	+54% (44.7)	-9% (59.2)
Offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means	No Change (33%)	+8% (25%)

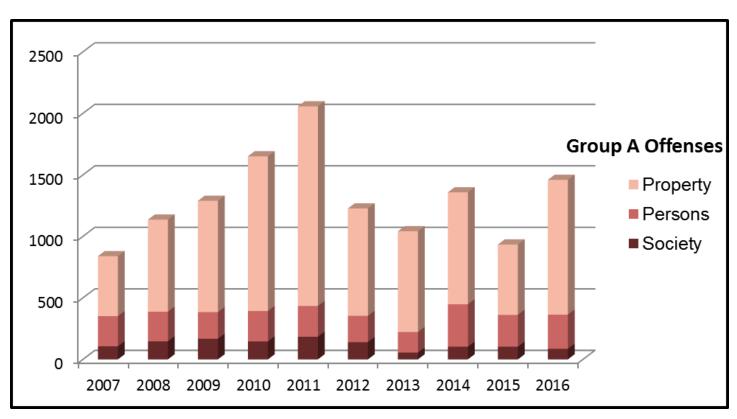
#### NIBRS Crime Data – Pullman Police Department – Reported Crimes





#### NIBRS Crime Data - Pullman Police Department - Reported Crimes (Continued)





## NIBRS Crime Data – Pullman Police Department – Reported Crimes (Continued)

Group A Offenses - Persons	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	10	10	11	12	14	21	11	25	16	29
Assault & Intimidation	232	231	202	231	234	193	152	318	242	249
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	3	0	2	2	2	0	3	2	0	0
Kidnapping	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Viol No Contact/Protect Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Group A - Persons	246	241	216	247	250	214	167	345	259	278
Persons Clearance Rates	59%	49%	65%	51%	51%	36%	61%	57%	46%	63%
Group A Offenses - Property	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Robbery	3	2	2	9	2	4	4	5	5	7
Burglary	88	109	101	203	104	98	117	136	129	132
Larceny	203	339	360	513	431	267	343	400	251	446
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	11	14	16	15	5	13	17	11	19
Arson	3	1	2	1	8	0	0	1	2	1
Vandalism	126	207	244	346	293	286	226	197	127	264
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	1	15	1	7	4	7	10	0	5
Fraud	50	71	150	151	750	198	99	116	27	209
Embezzlement	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	6	15	18	13	11	11	27	17	11
Total Group A - Property	487	748	905	1258	1623	873	820	910	572	1096
Property Clearance Rates	22%	13%	18%	10%	7%	10%	15%	28%	25%	22%
Group A Offenses - Society	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	94	129	146	120	161	121	46	79	86	58
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	3	4
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Weapon Law Violations	12	18	21	25	21	19	8	22	14	21
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Group A - Society	106	147	168	146	184	140	55	103	103	86
Society Clearance Rates	81%	54%	81%	66%	77%	58%	73%	64%	50%	76%
Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Group A Offenses	839	1,136	1,289	1,651	2,057	1,227	1,042	1,358	934	1460
Group A Clearance Rates	40%	26%	34%	21%	19%	20%	25%	39%	33%	33%
Crime Rate (per 1,000 population)	31.2	41.8	46.7	59.1	69.0	39.6	33.6	43.2	29.1	44.7

# **Activity Statistics**

Calls for Service – Top 12	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL Calls for Service	10,809	11,659	11,070	10,975	11,712	11,682	12,015
Airport Security	742	935	777	684	748	964	1,042
Noise Complaint	684	614	771	829	923	842	828
Animal Related	683	657	742	681	816	811	765
Traffic Collisions	626	581	585	626	643	676	761
Parking Problems	446	428	439	478	477	588	664
Suspicious Persons/Circumstances	530	491	437	543	544	639	622
Disturbance/Disorderly/Dispute	398	468	399	443	490	564	568
Welfare Check	260	280	277	304	310	389	513
Civil Calls	291	302	308	319	354	411	424
Theft Other	347	409	356	415	456	460	399
Traffic Violation	342	320	296	312	388	418	363
Alcohol/Intoxicated Related	497	454	392	317	323	377	338
Parking Enforcement	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Notices of infractions issued	4,792	4,489	4,161	3,847	4,315	5,742	5,568
Overtime downtown - Infractions	1,882	1,609	1,725	447	649	808	921
Overtime downtown - Warnings	n/a	n/a	n/a	650	1,008	1,055	1,177
Parking in handicapped spot	93	82	85	139	115	154	143
3 AM to 6 AM	468	259	97	83	38	68	35
168 hour incidents	42	61	57	76	73	113	101
Chain parking downtown	40	27	55	11	14	25	22
168 hour impounds	6	10	10	14	7	21	17
Fire lane violations	11	8	2	9	1	19	23
Parking without a residential permit	520	640	375	651	630	836	534
Hearings	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mitigation hearings	87	124	80	100	87	118	106
Contested hearings	63	81	77	73	44	78	64
Total Hearings	148	205	157	173	131	196	170
Parking Permits Sold	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential	210	195	186	200	199	194	185
Downtown	81	86	87	82	86	89	80
Investigations, Arrests, Citations,							
& Infractions	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Officer Case Reports	2,001	1,975	1,861	1,541	1,398	1,537	1,493
Physical Custody Arrests	691	647	516	403	410	421	425
Criminal Citations	283	360	332	195	178	462	193
Cases Submitted to Prosecutor	352	345	330	352	428	487	427
City Code Investigations	164	208	202	189	203	104	101
Traffic Infractions	831	699	600	618	775	1,015	1,080
Traffic Warnings	5,645	4,610	3,222	2,731	2,921	3,249	3,410
DUI	123	132	107	111	114	103	99
Cases Assigned to Detectives	213	701*	488	311	265	253	328

### **Awards**

#### 2016 American Legion Officer of the Year Award: Officer Alex Gordon

The 2016 Officer of the Year Award was presented during a Pullman City Council meeting in 2017. Officer Alex Gordon was selected for consistently producing the highest quantity of investigations and arrests in the department. The high quantity is equally matched with high quality. Although he is assertive, Officer Gordon is also respectful and fair with the public, and uses his discretion judiciously. Alex's teamwork approach is outstanding; he is always willing to assist his fellow officers. Alex pursues excellence in all aspects of his work and exhibits dedication to the highest standards and values of police work. His physical and mental fitness serve as an example for others. Officer Alex Gordon exemplifies the Pullman Police Department mission statement of "Policing Our Community with Compassion and Professionalism". Officer Gordon has been a Pullman Police Officer for six years.



# **Grants**

#### American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

The Police Department received \$2,250 from the ASPCA to fund Code Enforcement Officer Emily Johns' attendance at the 2016 Animal Control Academy in Burien, WA. This grant covered tuition and per diem expenses, as well as several approved animal-related supplies for the department.

#### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant**

Department of Justice issues grants to reimburse up to 50% of the cost to replace expired bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers. Bulletproof vests have a life cycle of 3-5 years and must be replaced before they expire. We received \$2,749 in reimbursements during 2016.

#### **Department of Justice Drug Task Force**

The Police Department is a sub-grantee of a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant that seeks to offset a portion of salary, benefits, and other costs associated with the assignment of a detective to the Quad Cities Drug Task Force (QCDTF). While we received partial reimbursements in previous years, the Police Department has received grant funds for QCDTF participation since 2013 due to reduced grant funding.

#### Services Training Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) Grant

The Police Department is a sub-grantee of the Services Training Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) grant issued to the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office by the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Pullman PD received \$6,000 in reimbursements in 2016 for overtime costs associated with training and investigation related to of domestic violence, sexual assaults, stalking and harassment.

#### WA Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) Traffic Safety Equipment Grant

The Police Department received \$2,800 to fund the purchase of two new radar units, completing the patrol fleet to include one unit per patrol vehicle.

#### Washington State Traffic Safety Committee (WSTSC) Grant

The Police Department billed \$4,503 as reimbursable overtime associated with DUI, distracted driving, and seatbelt emphasis patrols from a Washington State Traffic Safety Committee (WSTSC) grant in 2016. Additionally, the department received \$387 in reimbursement from the WSTSC for overtime costs for a department trained Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) to respond and conduct driving under the influence of drugs evaluations.

# **Personnel**

#### **Commissioned Police Officers**

Commissioned officer staffing was full at 29 positions until June when Officer Perez separated from service. A recruitment was initiated and Teayana Dillon was hired as a police officer in September. She began the police academy in November and is due to graduate in March of 2017.

#### Promotions during 2016:

Officer Emerson: Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class to Senior Police Officer, August Officers Bray: Officer 4<sup>th</sup> Class to Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, October Officer Cornish: Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, October



Commissioned Officer							
Staffing (Allocated)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Officers	28	28	28	28	28	29	29
Population	27,920	29,820	31,000	30,990	31,420	32,110	32,650
Officers Per Capita (1,000)	1.00	0.94	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.90	0.89

#### Support

Employees leaving in 2016:

Records Specialist I Emily Brashear resigned in January.

Records Specialist II Dee Stiles-Elliott took a position as the Pullman Deputy City Clerk in August.

Records Specialist I Stefanie Hagemann resigned in November.

Employees hired in 2016:

Chelsea Fields-Elder was hired as a Records Specialist I in June.

Elizabeth Willits was hired as a Records Specialist in December.

Brenden McNannay was hired as the Police Technology Specialist in December.

The Police Department Information Systems (IS) Specialist position has been held vacant since Jerry Cork transferred to the City IS team as the Network Specialist in September 2015. The position was purposely held vacant while we assessed the ability of the City IS team to provide support to the Police Department. We concluded that the Police Department requires a dedicated position for police technology, particularly with increasing technology projects such as body-worn cameras. The position job description was amended to incorporate a broad range of police technology beyond computers. In December, Brenden McNannay was hired as the Police Technology Specialist.

The Police Department experienced a 205% increase in public records requests over the past three years. Additionally, the deployment of body-worn cameras in 2013 increased the amount and complexity of records to be released. Response to public records requests was limited to the two Records Specialist II's, and the workload for Records Specialist II's was becoming overly burdensome. In addition, the workload between the Records Specialist I's and II's was substantially unbalanced. In December, to address these issues, the Records Specialist I and Records Specialist II positions were combined into a single Records Specialist designation, and the 4/5<sup>th</sup> Records Specialist position was transitioned to full-time. We will be training all Records Specialists to respond to public records requests, and the workload can now be evenly distributed amongst all of the Records Specialists staff. An additional benefit of the reorganization is scheduling flexibility.

#### **Training**

Commissioned officers are required by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) to obtain a minimum of 24 hours of advanced officer training per year. We received certification from WSCJTC for training compliance in 2016. The total number of training hours received by the commissioned Pullman Police Officers in 2016 was 2,239, for an average of 79 training hours per officer. Two Reserve Police Officers received a total of 363 training hours in 2016.

In 2015, the Washington State Legislature passed the Doug Ostling Act, establishing requirements for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for all Peace Officers in Washington. In March of 2016, the CIT training was brought to the local region and most of the Pullman Officers were certified to meet the new requirements. The remaining officers received the training at a later time.

Support staff received a total of 124 hours of advanced training in 2016, for an average of 11 hours of training per person. Support Services Manager Penni Reavis and Records Specialist Carey Murphy are continuing to work toward certification from the Washington Association of Public Records Officers (WAPRO).

# Drug Abuse Resistance Education / School Resource Officer

The Police Department has presented the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program to Pullman School District students since 1989. The DARE / School Resource Officer (SRO) has an assigned office at Pullman High School, but works with students, faculty and staff from all Pullman schools.

Officer Scott Patrick has been assigned to the SRO/DARE position since July 2013. In 2016, Scott presented approximately 80, one-hour DARE lessons to approximately 220 fifth-grade students from Jefferson, Franklin, and Sunnyside elementary schools. The culmination of the lessons was an all school graduation event held at Lincoln Middle School. The event was emceed by Mayor Glenn Johnson and included special guest presenters LMS student Sara Thistlewaite, and WSU Football players Kaleb Fossum and Hunter Dale.

Officer Patrick was the lead officer on 103 cases and assisted in an additional 110 cases involving students. Scott was the lead investigator for a serious felony level assault where more than 60 individuals were interviewed, leading to criminal charges for two suspects. Scott also provided over 20 community outreach and programming related presentations involving a variety of topics to multiple community groups, including online safety, drugs of abuse, school crossing guard training, and bicycle safety.









# **Quad Cities Drug Task Force**

The active participants in the Quad Cities Drug Task Force in 2016 were Pullman PD, Clarkston PD, Whitman County SO, Moscow PD, and the Washington State Patrol. During 2016, the Task Force initiated 78 investigations and made 56 arrests.

QCDTF Cases Investiga	ited	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Marijuana Delivery/Po	ssession	36	21	15	11	4	7	2
Methamphetamine De Possession	livery/	44	31	38	64	44	54	30
Prescription Diversion		21	5	7	13	7	16	6
Marijuana Grow		8	4	4	2	2	0	0
Cocaine Delivery/Posse	ession	4	2	1	4	3	7	4
MDMA Delivery/Posse	ssion	3	2	4	2	0	3	0
Heroin Delivery/Posses	ssion	3	4	7	4	4	5	12
Methamphetamine Labs		3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs Seized		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Marijuana	Grams	7,983	5,307	907	44,316	51,285	397	17,917
	Pounds	17.6	11.7	2.0	97.7	113.1	0.9	39.5
Methamphetamine	Grams		5,578	1,830	2,040	1,263	845	2,516
	Pounds		12.3	4.0	4.5	2.8	1.86	5.5
Cocaine	Grams	38	1,843	1,814	472.6	207	99	76
	Pounds	0.1	4.1	4.0	4.5	0.5	0.22	0.16
Prescription Drugs (un	its)	946	1,003	974	205	485	618	N/A
MDMA (in units)		265	3.7	463	191	0	0	
Marijuana Plants		315	57	184	46	410	0	0
Heroin	Grams	0	91	16	47.92	260.74	25	592

# **Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team**

The Pullman Police Department continues to participate in the multi-agency Whitman County Regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. The SWAT team consists of 17 tactical officers from the Whitman County Sheriff's Office, Washington State University Police Department, and Pullman Police Department. Officer Todd Dow resigned from his SWAT position after eight years of excellence and proven teamwork. In November, Pullman Officers TJ Cornish and Josh Bray were selected to serve on SWAT, increasing Pullman PD SWAT officers from five to six.

Officers assigned to the SWAT team (tactical officers) complete 150 hours of specialized training annually. Many of the tactical officers have instructor level certifications in disciplines such as defensive tactics, firearms, first aid, and less lethal force options. The team works closely with crisis negotiators from Pullman PD and area agencies. Some examples of the types of incidents in which the team is deployed are: apprehension of violent offenders, barricaded suspects, hostage and sniper situations, and service of high risk warrants.

# **Other Programs**

#### **Airport Security**

Pullman Police Officers provide the law enforcement presence for departing flights at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport, as required by the Code of Federal Regulations. During 2016, Pullman Officers provided 287 ½ hours of law enforcement service at the airport for 758 departing flights.

#### **Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)**

We continued our body-worn camera program that was initiated in March 2013. Improvements made with video redaction tools by our BWC vendor improved efficiency in responding to public records requests.

<b>Body Worn Cameras</b>	2013	2013 2014		2016
Number of Videos	12,523	17,560	21,302	22,013
Hours of Videos	1,959	3,207	3,834	3,824
GB of Video	1,753	2,419	2,890	2,983

#### Community Relief Fund (CRF)

The Poverty Awareness Taskforce (PAT) developed the Community Relief Fund (CRF) for individual emergencies in our community that were not being met by government funds which have various restrictions and conditions on their use. The PAT gathers private donations which can be used for a short term, one time need to solve local small problems. The fund has been used to purchase bus tickets, pay for emergency housing in local motels, and to buy gasoline for stranded motorists. The Police Department works with the Community Action Center to disperse funds after hours and in emergency situations. The Pullman Police Department assisted individuals by distributing funds in six situations in 2016.

#### **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)**

Drug Recognition Experts are law enforcement officers specially trained in recognizing the signs of drug impairment. DREs in Washington State are called to assist officers who have stopped or arrested a driver who is suspected to be impaired by drugs. DREs also assist with serious injury and fatal collision investigations. Initial training consists of 80 hours of classroom training, followed by a week of field certifications. Re-certifications are required every two years. The DRE program is overseen by the impaired driving section of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

The Police Department has participated in the DRE program since 2004. Currently, Detective Heidi Lambley is a certified DRE, and a certified instructor for DRE, Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) courses. DREs also provide mutual aid to other regional agencies when needed, and personnel costs are reimbursed by the State. In addition to Pullman PD, other regional agencies with DREs are: WSU PD, Moscow PD, Idaho State Patrol, and Lewiston PD. In 2016, Detective Lambley provided DRE assistance for five drug DUI investigations and investigated two traffic fatalities. Detective Lambley assisted with teaching the 32<sup>nd</sup> DRE course in the summer of 2016.

#### **Emphasis patrols**

In 2016, the Pullman Police Department participated with other local agencies in the Target Zero High Visibility Statewide patrols, which target speeding, distracted driving, seatbelts, and DUI. Pullman Officers participated in 14 events, which led to 92 traffic stops resulting in 70 warnings, 26 traffic infractions, and 4 arrests.

#### **Emergency Management**

The Police Department participates in quarterly meetings with the Whitman County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), as well as quarterly meetings with the Region 9 (Eastern Washington) Coordinating Group for Emergency Managers. Chief Jenkins continues to serve as the Chair of LEPC since 2015, and is the law enforcement representative on the Regional 9 Coordinating Group (Eastern Washington) for emergency management.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mandates emergency management training for employees of federal, state, county and local governments. The type and scope of the training required of each employee is based on their potential responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. The Police Department coordinates efforts to ensure training compliance for all City of Pullman employees, and submits compliance reports to FEMA through the County and State.

Chief Jenkins continues to serve as the Small Cities Representative to the Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG) since his appointment in April 2015 by the Director of the Washington State Emergency Management Division. The EMAG serves as a collaborative forum to advise the Director and the State Emergency Management Council on emergency management issues of statewide concern. The Small Cities includes the 40 cities in the State with populations under 50,000.

#### **Holding Facility**

The Police Department maintains and operates a booking and holding facility that includes five holding cells; four are individual cells and one cell can hold four to six people. All holding cells are both video and audio monitored. Arrestees are held for a maximum of six hours. Adults not released within six hours are transported to the Whitman County Jail in Colfax, and juveniles not released within six hours are transported to Martin Juvenile Hall in Spokane.

Arrests Booked in Holding Facility	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pullman PD	403	410	421	377
Colfax PD			1	2
Palouse PD			0	1
Quad Cities Drug Task Force			8	2
Washington State University PD	179	100	86	59
Whitman County Sheriff's Office	63	41	17	6
Washington State Patrol	9	5	1	2
TOTAL	654	556	534	449

#### **Online Reporting**

In October 2011, we added the ability for the public to report graffiti, nuisances, and credit card fraud online through our website.

Online Reporting	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Credit Card Fraud	217	29	3	6	10	4
Graffiti	26	19	8	1	0	0
Nuisance	0	1	12	54	56	59

#### Poverty Awareness Taskforce (PAT)

The Poverty Awareness Taskforce is a group made up of representatives from Pullman and Whitman County social welfare services, churches, and public safety organizations. The Taskforce focuses on local poverty issues, sharing information and seeking to decrease poverty and to alleviate its hardships. Commander Chris Tennant represents the Pullman Police Department on the PAT and meets regularly to discuss recent issues and events, and facilitate their mission.

#### **Prescription Drug Collection Program**

A prescription drug drop box was installed in the Police Department lobby in June 2010 as part of the Whitman County Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Disposal Plan.

Rx Collected & Destroyed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pounds	31	106	208	292	302	302	426

#### Summer Reading Program

Officers Heidi Lambley and Scott Patrick, and Chief Gary Jenkins, participated as preschool story time guest readers at the Neil Public Library Summer Reading Program in July. This program provides a great opportunity for police officers to interact with the community and build positive relationships with our youth.

#### Website & Social Media

Efforts to expand and improve the content of the Pullman Police Department website and social media pages continued in 2016. We continued to make improvements to the website, updating and adding information while improving the user experience and layout. Social media was used to share information including press releases, road closures, safety tips, and awareness events, as well as to drive traffic to the Police Department website for more detailed information.

The Police Department Facebook page "Likes" saw a 70% increase in 2016, from 2,444 to 4,148. Our weekly reach and engagement numbers continue to increase dramatically, enabling us to deliver messages to thousands of people at the click of a button. In September of 2016, the Pullman Police Department used Facebook Live to stream in real-time a press conference addressing an assault case involving members of the WSU Football team. This live stream reached more than 40,500 users. There was also an increase in the number of people who "follow" us on Twitter during 2016, from 2,158 to 2,938, an increase of 36%. The average tweet posted by PPD reaches more than 2,000 users in a single day.

Social Media	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Facebook "Likes"	254	821	1,281	2,444	4,148
Twitter Followers	608	1,233	1,824	2,158	2,938

In addition to Facebook and Twitter, the Pullman Police Department began to leverage additional tools in order to reach and interact with citizens. The MyPD mobile application launched in July of 2016. This free app allows citizens to submit tips, access resources, and connect with our agency at any time, from any mobile device. The app was downloaded by more than 470 users in 2016. Pullman PD was the first agency in the State of Washington to leverage the MyPD mobile app for connecting with citizens.





The NextDoor website allows PPD to connect with local households, by sharing information related to crime and safety topics, community events, and more. Information can be directed based on geographic location in the City. There are currently 265 households using the NextDoor platform.



In August, Pullman Police teamed up with TrackMole, a free service that helps recover lost and stolen property. Through TrackMole, we are able to post photos of found and unclaimed property online to be identified by their owners. Additionally, residents can enter serial numbers of their property, and if the property is recovered by the police or is found by anyone who enters the serial number in the system, the property is connected to the rightful owner.

# **Special Emphasis**

#### **Fighting**

A fighting and disorderly conduct ordinance was adopted in April 2008. The ordinance created a civil infraction for causing, invoking, or engaging in any fight, brawl, or other violent or threatening behavior. In addition, the ordinance prohibits any act which tends to create or incite either a violent response and/or an immediate breach of the peace. First offenders are fined \$250; subsequent offenses require a mandatory court appearance and carry a minimum \$500 fine and a maximum \$1,000 fine

We utilize a number of variables to measure the impact of our efforts to control fighting. Those variables are reported assaults, disorderly conduct incidents, and citizen dispute incidents. The table below displays those reported incidents annually from 2008 through 2016.

Disturbances	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Assault	209	175	209	203	171	174	273	102	99
Disorderly Conduct	190	146	129	153	125	228	129	115	157
Citizen Disputes	99	67	122	116	91	117	135	146	128
Fighting Infractions Issued	15	13	21	34	18	15	18	12	7

#### **Taxi Licensing**

An ordinance requiring taxicab owners and operators to obtain a license from the City was adopted in 2010. Background investigations are conducted for each applicant, which can result in a denial or revocation of licenses based upon criteria specified in the ordinance.

Taxi Permits Issued/Renewed	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Owner	3	1	3	5	10	8	9
Operator	23	31	17	34	16	37	32
Denied/Revoked	2	2	1	1	4	1	0

#### **Fireworks**

A fireworks ordinance was adopted in April 2006. The Police and Fire departments have been working together to provide both education and enforcement. Below is a summary of the Police Department's enforcement efforts during July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday periods (7 a.m. June 28 to 7 a.m. July 6) since the fireworks ordinance was adopted in April 2006.

	Total	Total fire-	Dispositions					
Year	police Calls	works Calls	Unable to locate	Unfounded	Enforcement action taken	Warning		
2006	221	47	23	6	8	11		
2007	232	28	16	4	1	7		
2008	219	32	17	1	5	9		
2009	175	29	12	3	1	13		
2010	200	24	11	6	1 (3)*	6		
2011	209	16	5	5	1	5		
2012	197	29	9	1	1	18		
2013	228	24	10	6	3	5		
2014	202	17	8	3	0	6		
2015	237	20	9	6	0	6		
2016	241	16	11	1	0	4		
*One case with three individuals cited for illegal possession of fireworks								

#### **Open Container in Public**

In 2007 the City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting any person to consume any alcohol or have in their possession any opened alcohol containers on any sidewalks, streets or public place within the city or in any vehicle on public streets. This was in response to recognition that alcohol abuse is directly related to community safety issues including assaults, disorderly conduct, and citizen disputes. The first violation results in a fine of no less than \$250 and a fine for a second and subsequent violation is no less than \$500. The table below displays infractions issued annually from 2008 through 2015.

<b>Open Container</b>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Infractions Issued	21	23	29	27	13	9	11	13	7

#### **Residential Rental & Commercial Business Registration**

The ordinances requiring residential rental unit and commercial business registration with the Police Department became effective January 1, 2010. The management of these programs was added to the responsibilities of the Police Department Records staff. Beginning in 2014, we were able to receive State business license renewal information directly from the State Bureau of Licensing Services. This has proven to be a more efficient and effective method of obtaining business registration information, resulting in a 145% increase in business registrations.

Type of Registration	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential Rental Units	1,121	1,288	1,329	1,003	1,464	1,260	1,333
Commercial Businesses	322	319	349	334	818	806	930

# **Police Advisory Committee**

Since its formation in 1992, the Pullman Police Advisory Committee (PAC) has met regularly to represent and communicate the public health and safety concerns of the Pullman community to the Chief of Police. The Pullman Police Advisory Committee is an important resource to the Chief and the committee constantly strives to find new and better ways to connect with, and represent, their constituencies and to provide education about policing issues in Pullman. The PAC meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council chambers at 5:30 pm.

#### 2016 PAC Committee Membership

Constituency	Primary Member	Alternate Member
WSU Faculty/Staff	Korey Woodley, Chair	Berto Cerrillo
College Hill	Barbara Hammond	Matthew Sutherland
Military Hill	Vacant	Vacant
Pioneer Hill	Richard Hume	Greg Wilson
Sunnyside Hill	Phyllis Stallcop	Adam Williams
Business Community	Justin Stewart, Vice Chair	Eric Tetzlaff
Multicultural	Adrian Gonzales	Vacant
ASWSU	Samantha Kieling / Emyly Hall	Vacant
Pullman School District	Dan Hornfelt / Bill Holman	Joe Thornton
Pullman School District Parent	Marcie Gilliland	Gregory Bloom
Pullman High School Student	Vacant	Vacant
Pullman At-Large	Charlene Jasper	Alexis Nordman

#### Topics addressed by the committee in 2016

- · Selection, hiring and training of new officers and staff at Pullman PD
- · Regular updates on cases, including several cases involving members of the WSU Football team
- · Evolution of law enforcement
- WSU Graduate & Professional Student Association and its role within the university and community settings
- · Theft awareness and prevention
- · Addressed issues relating to heavy snow and winter road conditions
- · Brainstorming ideas to promote better communication between the Committee and the public including creating fliers, recording meetings, and recruiting new members to create awareness of the committee
- · Discussion and preparation for booth at Lentil Festival

Special interest topics were selected for several monthly meetings, and included presentations by special guests. Topics included:

**University Policing** 

Corrections

Pullman City Code

Police/Fire Interactions

New membership applications were discussed when received. New members in 2016:

Charlene Jasper

Berto Cerrillo

Alexis Nordman

#### 2016 Lentil Festival

For years, the Pullman Police Advisory Committee has sponsored an information booth at the annual Lentil Festival Friday Night Street Fair. This provides the committee with an opportunity to be more visible to members of the community; to solicit citizen comments, suggestions and concerns; and to provide educational materials of interest to Pullman citizens.

In 2016, the PAC again joined with the Police Department to run a booth at the Lentil Festival. The booth was set up to create awareness of PAC's presence in our community. The booth and tabling display and brochures provided information about a variety of public health and safety issues within the community, while ultimately increasing awareness about the committee and its purpose. Committee members reported many meaningful contacts with citizens during this year's event.

# Volunteers

#### **Reserve Police Officers**

We began 2016 with three Reserve Police Officers: Emily Johns, Derek Lambert, and First Class Reserve Police Officer Dennis Pratt. Emily Johns resigned as a Reserve Officer in August (Emily continues to work for us as a Code Enforcement Officer), and Derek Lambert resigned in September. First Class Reserve Officer Pratt volunteered 798 hours and received 138 hours of training. The Reserve Officers have been a great help in supplementing our law enforcement presence with bike patrols, football game weekend emphasis patrols, and special events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Lentil Festival. Sergeant Sam Sorem is the Reserve Officer coordinator.

#### Chaplain

Pastor Matthew McNelly (Pullman Presbyterian Church) has been the Pullman PD Chaplain since February 2010. Pastor McNelly is a volunteer resource for the Pullman community as well as police department support staff, officers, and their families. In their work, law enforcement officers are called to respond to a variety of situations that may place considerable emotional and mental stress on the officer and their families. Chaplain McNelly provides emotional and spiritual support for officers, non-commissioned support staff, and families through various forms of counseling. Counseling visits may occur as Matt accompanies an officer in their vehicle during a patrol shift, meeting at the police station before or after a shift, or outside of regularly scheduled work hours, when the need arises.

Another primary role Matt serves as Chaplain is to make death notifications to next of kin when a loved one has been involved in a fatal accident or a sudden/unattended death. He also offers assistance to crime victims and their families when police are responding to a call or actively investigating a crime. Chaplain McNelly is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to assist officers in any incident where they feel community members affected by a crime or emergency may benefit from a caring, empathetic, and non-anxious presence. Matt volunteered 37 hours in 2016.

# 2016 Significant Events

#### Burglary/Assault with a bat

January 17. A 25-year-old male was arrested for breaking into a residence on SE Jackson Street and assaulting the occupants with a baseball bat. The victims sustained only minor injuries. Charges requested were burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree, assault 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and disorderly conduct. The burglary charge was dismissed, the assault charge was amended to assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and the Prosecuting Attorney declined to charge disorderly conduct.

#### **Strong Arm Robberies**

January 26 and 30. Officers investigated reports of a group of males assaulting male victims, stealing their wallets and causing injuries. The robberies occurred on SE Jordan Street and NE Maple Street. No suspects were identified.

#### Assault with a firearm

February 2. An argument on NE Fisk Street led to one male shooting another male in the face, resulting in non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was arrested for assault 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. The Prosecuting Attorney believed the shooting was in self-defense and declined to file charges.

#### Harassment/Threats to Kill

February 29. A local male posted threats on Craigslist's online "rants and raves" section. The threats created public fear and the investigation was submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney with a recommendation for charges of harassment. The Prosecuting Attorney declined to file charges.

#### Strong-Arm Robbery

May 23. Two females reported that their purses were forcibly stolen in the parking lot of Safeway by a male and female who jumped into a car and sped away. The two suspects were later located and arrested after a vehicle pursuit in Latah County by Idaho Officers. Both suspects found guilty of robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

#### Assault with a gun

May 20. A 26-year-old male was arrested for DUI, felony assault, and harassment after he pulled a gun and made threats to kill during an argument in the parking lot of a College Hill bar. The gun was later determined to be an air pistol. Charges requested were assault 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, weapon offense, DUI, and disorderly conduct. The suspect ultimately plead guilty to DUI and all other charges were dropped.

#### **Eluding/Reckless Driving**

May 30. Officers attempted to stop a 30-year-old male who was reportedly driving recklessly. The suspect led officers on a high-speed chase into the county and was arrested for eluding and reckless driving. The Prosecuting Attorney declined to file the eluding charge and the suspect was found guilty of reckless driving.

#### **Arson Fires**

July 7. A 40-year-old male set his room on fire at the American Travel Inn on South Grand Avenue after an argument with his roommate. He was later arrested for arson and transported to the Whitman County Jail. The suspect was charged with arson 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; the court case is pending.

#### **Arson**

October. After WSU football games, over a period of several weekends, old furniture was lit on fire in streets in the College Hill area. No suspects were ever identified.

#### **Facebook Threats**

October 5. A 55-year-old male was arrested for making threats to kill over Facebook to numerous victims in Pullman. Suspect plead guilty to four counts of harassment; a request for a protection order was rejected.

#### **Hate Crime**

November 10. Anti-gay slurs were painted on a victim's car on NW Anthony Street. The Pullman Community established an Anti-Hate Fund as a reward for information leading to the identity of those responsible. No suspects were identified.

#### Prostitution

July 7. Officers checking suspicious activity at a local motel resulted in the arrest of three suspects for prostitution. A 25-year-old female was arrested on prostitution and drug charges. A 24-year-old male was arrested for promoting prostitution, and a 31-year-old female was arrested on drug charges. The male was later charged by the Prosecuting Attorney with permitting prostitution. The female was found guilty of possession of heroin, negligent driving (reduced from DUI); the Prosecuting Attorney declined to file prostitution charges.

November 15. A 29-year-old female was arrested for prostitution after an investigation was initiated from advertisements on Backpage.com. Prostitution charges were requested; case is pending.

#### **Falls**

August 23. A 21-year-old male fell down an internal staircase at 910 NE Colorado and was transported to Pullman Regional Hospital (PRH).

August 24. A 22-year-old male fell off the roof of NE 805 Ruby Street and was transported to PRH.

September 10. A 19-year-old male fell off the balcony at 800 NE Monroe and was transported to PRH.

#### **WSU Football Related Arrests**

Three investigations occurred involving WSU Football Players.

June 4. A male victim reported that he was assaulted and his beer taken by a group of men in the 800 Block of NE California Street. After an investigation, one 19-year-old male suspect was identified and later found guilty of robbery and assault.

July 23. A party in the 400 Block of NE Oak Street resulted in numerous fights. Victims sustained injuries of a concussion and a broken jaw. A lengthy investigation ensued resulting in recommendation of charges forwarded to the Whitman County Prosecutor, charging a 22-year-old male with a felony assault. A jury later found the subject not guilty.

August 24: A 22-year-old male was arrested for assault after an altercation outside of Domino's Pizza left the victim in PRH with a broken nose. The Prosecuting Attorney believed that self-defense was a factor and declined to file charges.





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