



2013

Sunnyside Police Department



Annual Report

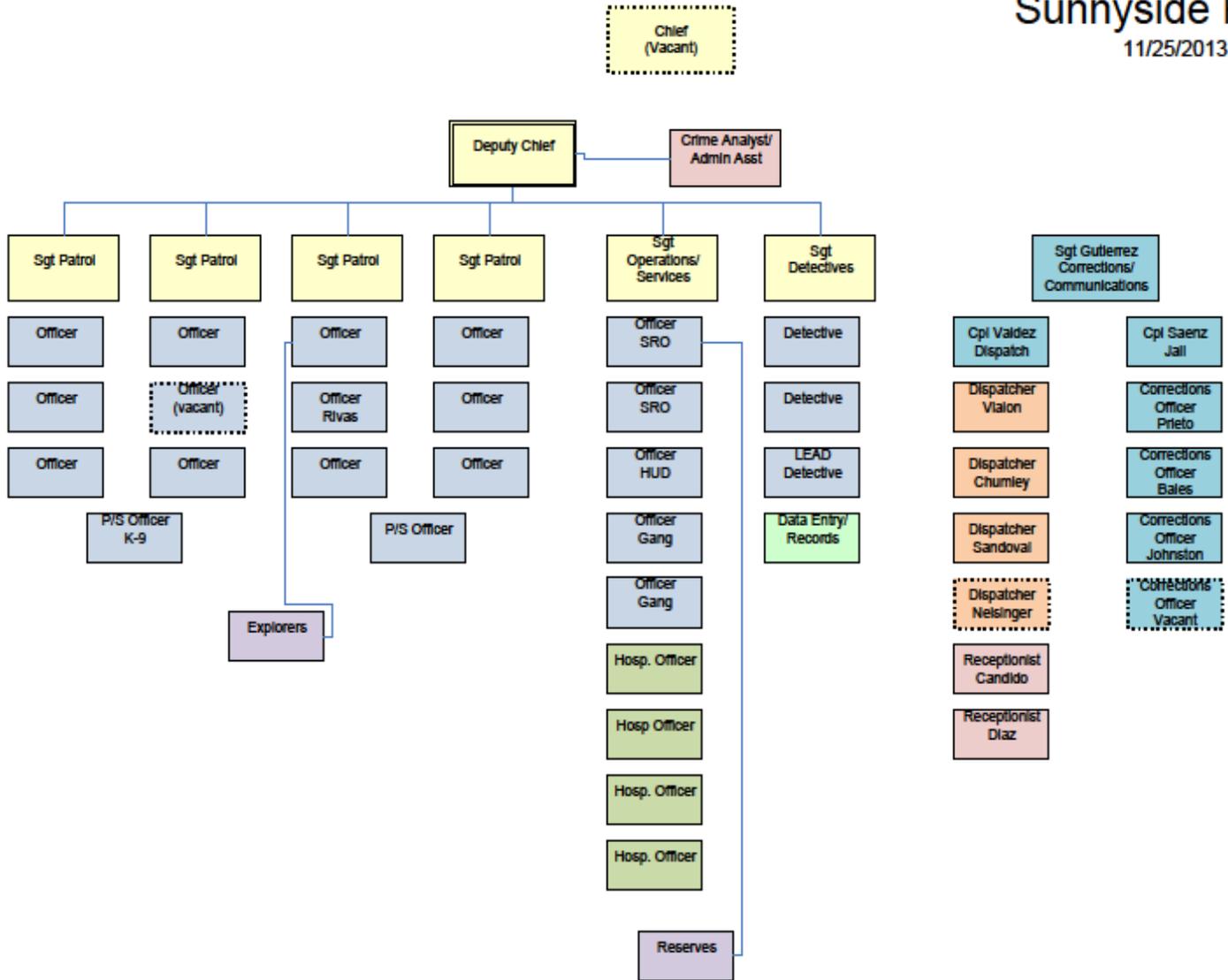
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Sunnyside Police
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Sunnyside Facts

2013 Population
Approximately 15,858

Second Largest City
in Yakima County

Area of Sunnyside
6.63 square miles
4243 acres

Sunnyside Police Department

Mission Statement

The Sunnyside Police Department's mission is to serve and protect the community.

Vision Statement

It is our vision that Sunnyside become the safest community in Washington State.



The Sunnyside Police Department operates under three core values; trust, integrity, and customer service. Our employees honor these values and strive to convey these principles to the community on a daily basis. Authorized department staffing in 2013 consisted of 31 sworn officers, which included the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief. Various divisions within the police department include; patrol, school resource officers, gang unit, HUD, detectives, hospital officers, SWAT, K9, reserve officer program, explorer program, and support services. All of these employees work together and with the community in order to aggressively fight crime and to provide the highest level of safety and customer service within the community.

Annual Crime Statistics

The Sunnyside Police Department addresses crime and community issues through a comprehensive Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) model. Intelligence-Led Policing is a data-driven strategy that aims to maximize the efficiency of police through effective resource allocation. Crime statistics are reviewed on a monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, and annual basis in order to detect trends in criminal activity.

| Offense Description (NIBRS) | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|------|------|----------|
| Aggravated Assault | 21 | 18 | -16.7% |
| Arson | 1 | 2 | 50.0% |
| Bribery | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Burglary | 110 | 100 | -10.0% |
| Drug Equipment | 136 | 96 | -41.7% |
| Drug Offense | 153 | 91 | -68.1% |
| Forcible Fondling | 20 | 8 | -150.0% |
| Forcible Rape | 4 | 9 | 55.6% |
| Forcible Sodomy | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Forgery / Counterfeiting | 9 | 1 | -800.0% |
| Fraud / Credit Card / ATM | 4 | 6 | 33.3% |
| Fraud / False Pretenses | 34 | 36 | 5.6% |
| Fraud / Impersonation | 15 | 14 | -7.1% |
| Fraud / Welfare Fraud | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Fraud / Wire Fraud | 1 | 2 | 50.0% |
| Intimidation | 47 | 34 | -38.2% |
| Kidnapping | 1 | 2 | 50.0% |
| Larceny & Theft / All Other | 107 | 113 | 5.3% |
| Larceny & Theft / From Building | 27 | 35 | 22.9% |
| Larceny & Theft / From Coin Operated Machine | 4 | 3 | -33.3% |
| Larceny & Theft / From Motor Vehicle | 133 | 127 | -4.7% |
| Larceny & Theft / MV Parts and Accessories | 6 | 5 | -20.0% |
| Larceny & Theft / Shoplifting | 115 | 117 | 1.7% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 83 | 96 | 13.5% |
| Murder-Nonnegligent Homicide | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Nonforcible Sex Offense / Incest | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Nonforcible Sex Offense / Statutory Rape | 2 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Prostitution | 1 | 0 | -100.0% |
| Robbery | 9 | 9 | 0.0% |
| Sexual Assault with an Object | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |

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|--|-----|-----|--------|
| Simple Assault | 176 | 181 | 2.8% |
| Stolen Property Offenses | 3 | 6 | 50.0% |
| Vandalism / Destruction of Property | 432 | 370 | -16.8% |
| Weapon Law Violation | 56 | 30 | -86.7% |

*** Statistics compiled on 1/29/2014

Patrol

The Sunnyside Police Department has four patrol squads composed of three officers and a sergeant. Each squad works a 12-hour shift rotating four days a week. The patrol division officers are the first responders to a wide variety of calls each year.

| | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Total Reports | 12158 | 11407 | -6.2% |
| <i>Reports w/ Adult Arrest(s)</i> | 2293 | 1998 | -12.9% |
| <i>Reports w/ Juvenile Arrest(s)</i> | 160 | 142 | -11.3% |
| Criminal Citations -Non Traffic | 1020 | 834 | -18.2% |
| Traffic Citations- Infraction | 2420 | 1971 | -18.6% |
| Traffic Citations- Criminal | 1084 | 968 | -10.7% |
| Infraction- Non Traffic | 96 | 130 | 35.4% |
| Traffic Stops | 8438 | 7122 | -15.6% |
| Traffic Accidents | 312 | 332 | 6.4% |

*** Statistics compiled on 1/29/2014



Photo: Sgt. O. Hernandez, Patrol Officer T. Orth, Patrol Officer J. Tucker, K9 Helios, K9 Officer S. Lemmon, Patrol Officer J. Gilbert

Detectives

In 2013, the Sunnyside Police Department had three detectives and one sergeant dedicated to investigating major crimes in the city. One detective is assigned to Yakima County's LEAD Task Force which is dedicated to investigating narcotic related crimes. The remaining detectives investigate crimes such as: homicide, major assaults, robbery, sex offenses, fraud, and other types of property crimes. These cases are often complex and require extensive follow-up and coordination with the prosecutor's office. In some cases, Sunnyside detectives must also coordinate with federal authorities to ensure the maximum prosecution of offenders. These federal agencies include; FBI, DEA, ATF, USMS, and others.



Photo: Detective Jamie Prieto, Detective Sergeant John Chumley, & Detective Rob Layman

| Assigned Case Type (NIBRS) | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Aggravated Assault | 6 | 5 | -20.0% |
| Burglary | 4 | 3 | -33.3% |
| Forcible Fondling | 12 | 3 | -300.0% |
| Forcible Rape | 2 | 7 | 71.4% |
| Forcible Sodomy | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Fraud / False Pretenses | 1 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Fraud / Impersonation | 2 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Larceny & Theft / All Other | 1 | 5 | 80.0% |
| Larceny & Theft / From Building | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Larceny & Theft / From Motor Vehicle | 1 | 0 | - |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Murder-Nonnegligent Homicide | 1 | 0 | - |
| Nonforcible Sex Offense / Statutory Rape | 1 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Robbery | 3 | 2 | -50.0% |
| Simple Assault | 1 | 0 | - |
| Vandalism / Destruction of Property | 0 | 1 | 100.0% |
| Weapon Law Violation | 6 | 2 | -200.0% |
| TOTAL ASSIGNED CASES | 41 | 34 | -20.6% |

***STATISTICS COMPILED ON 1/29/2014

Gang Unit

The Sunnyside Police Department Gang Unit is a specialty unit established to proactively suppress criminal gang activity, investigate gang related crimes, and gather intelligence of known and suspected gang members. Gang Unit duties include first and foremost gang suppression. It also encompasses street-level narcotics enforcement, weapon enforcement, criminal investigation, and special operations. The Gang Unit assists patrol officers by providing additional support to combat gang activity in high crime areas. In addition to these activities, the Gang Unit provides local police departments with personnel, intelligence, expertise, and training specific to battling gang related crimes. The Gang Unit works with and fosters an open dialog with surrounding jurisdictions in an effort to identify and suppress gang activity that threatens to overflow into the City of Sunnyside. Overall, the Gang Unit strives to improve the quality of life of all citizens adversely affected by gang activity.

In 2013, there were approximately 182 documented gang members in Sunnyside, and an additional 116 gang associates. The Gang Unit took over 130 reports, issued over 154 citations, and arrested over 70 individuals.



Photo: Gang Officer K. Berry & Gang Officer A. Russell

SWAT

The Sunnyside SWAT team is a highly trained and specialized unit that is an integral part of the Sunnyside Police Department's mission for public safety. The SWAT team supports the objectives of the Patrol and Detective Divisions during major incidents and dangerous situations. By supporting these units, the team aids in the successful arrest and apprehension of armed fugitives, barricaded suspects as well as search warrants and vehicle assaults. The SWAT team not only supports the operations of the Sunnyside Police Department, but renders consistent support to the LEAD Task Force, mid-Columbia law enforcement, as well as State and Federal Government Agencies. The SWAT team is led by a team commander and team leaders who oversee training, equipment and coordinate SWAT callouts.

Team members are comprised of officers and firemen of the City of Sunnyside, who have passed a rigorous training course through the Criminal Justice Training Commission as well as maintaining proficiency in firearms and physical fitness. Team members also must attend monthly training and receive instruction on chemical munitions, firearms, tactical medicine and team tactics. In 2013, the SSPD SWAT team completed 201 hours of training and responded to 4 call-outs. These training hours and call-outs mostly occurred in the second half of the year.



Photo: SSPD SWAT Team members at a 2013 summer training session

K9 Unit

The Sunnyside Police Department K9 program was established in 2011 to support police field operations. The canine is a valuable addition to police services assisting in locating suspects, evidence, and/or narcotics. The K9 unit receives regular training and frequently attends community events.

2013 Manwork

| Activity | Count |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Training | 15 |
| Burglary | 22 |
| Tracks | 6 |
| Felony Warrants | 6 |
| Eluding | 4 |
| Building Search | 3 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Alarm | 2 |
| Attempted Auto Theft | 1 |
| Assault | 3 |
| Weapons Offense | 2 |
| Shots Fired | 1 |
| Barricaded Subject | 1 |
| Total Manwork | 67 |



Photo: K9 Officer S. Lemmon and K9 Helios

2013 Narcotics Work

| Activity | Count |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Sniffs | 249 |
| Finds | 74 |
| School sniffs | 3 |
| Total Narcotics Work | 326 |

School Resource Officers

Sunnyside PD has two commissioned officers who serve in the position of School Resource Officer (SRO). One officer is assigned to Sunnyside High School, and the other is assigned to the middle and elementary schools in the Sunnyside School District. The primary duty of an SRO is to protect the students and staff within the school. Although they are assigned to the school, they are responsible for investigating accidents, thefts, robberies and all other crimes that may take place on or near school grounds. SRO's also assist with investigations involving students. SRO's stay visible in and around the schools so the students, staff, and community members can feel safe. SRO's provide an immediate response to like threatening situations. SRO's work closely with school administration to problem solve issues that may affect the safety and wellbeing of the students and staff.

School resource officers work to build rapport with the students and take time to get to know them so they can be supportive during difficult situations. They frequently mentor students and work to help them see the human side of police officers and police work. Additionally, SRO's work as a liaison between officers and students to answer law related questions. Other duties of the school resource officers include: truant students, classroom presentations, monitoring hallways, participating in lockdown drills, assisting with traffic flow on and off of the campus, and attending special activities throughout the year.

| | August 2011-July 2012 | August 2012-July 2013 | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Reports | 785 | 789 | 0.51% |



Photo: SRO Melissa Rodriguez

HUD Officer

The HUD Officer is responsible for patrolling all Sunnyside Housing Authority properties, by both vehicle and on foot. He investigates all criminal, traffic, and parking offenses, identifying and removing unwanted persons from the housing sites. He is responsible for crime prevention activities such as National Night Out. The HUD Officer coordinates assistance with other law enforcement officers and agencies as needed. The HUD Officer strives to create relationships with the tenants and their families helping to create an atmosphere of safety and peacefulness. This relationship often results in tenants tending to be more comfortable in reporting criminal activities. This position has been funded for years through a grant from Sunnyside HUD. This grant expires in 2014 and we are sorry to see this position come to an end.

| | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|--|------|------|----------|
| Total Reports at HUD Properties | 74 | 91 | 23.0% |
| Citations | 48 | 36 | -25.0% |



Photo: HUD Officer Chico Rodriguez

Crime Free Rental Housing

The Sunnyside Police Department has worked with landlords and property managers to reduce crime occurring on rental properties throughout the city. In 2010 SSPD began a Crime Free Rental Housing program that requires landlords to register their rental properties and for tenants to submit to a background check prior to renting a residence in the City of Sunnyside. The cost for the program is \$100; however, the fee is waived by attendance at one of our Crime Free Rental Housing classes and compliance with the program. Overall, the CFRH program has built a solid partnership between landlords and the police department that seeks to make Sunnyside a safer community. This program has been a huge success and is instrumental in helping us work to make Sunnyside the safest community in Washington State.

| | 2012 | 2013 | % Change |
|---|------|------|----------|
| Total Reports at Rental Properties | 1134 | 993 | -14.2% |

Explorer Post #685

The purpose of the explorers is to provide teenagers from the age of 14-20 the opportunity to experience the daily job functions of police officers. Explorers are able to ride with police officers and assist in some of the job functions such as report writing, traffic control, and certain security events. Through their experience and training, the explorers make themselves more marketable to enter the law enforcement profession. We have also seen significant improvement in these students' grades after serving in this capacity.

Explorers are able to attend a police academy, which is similar to that of regular police officers. This training is a week-long and provides them with training in report writing, traffic stops, building searches, traffic accident investigations, and numerous other topics. Above all, it provides an opportunity to meet others from around the state. The Sunnyside Police Explorer Post #685 in all of their activities managed to volunteer over 500 hours to City of Sunnyside events in 2013.

The Sunnyside Police Explorers have assisted with the following events:

- Two separate Document Shred Days
- Sage Rat Run
- Canyon Bicycle Ride
- Prosser Mock Scenes (2 Days)
- Springfest (3 Days)
- Swim meets
- Summer Explorer Academy (7 Days)
- Sunshine Days
- Lighted Implement Parade (3rd place for 2013)
- Sunnyside Explorer Toy Drive
(Over 200 toys & 10 bikes donated)
- Trunk or Treat
- Winter Academy (7 Days)
- Active Shooter Officer Training (2 Days)



Reserve Program

A Reserve Police Officer is a citizen volunteer who devotes his or her valuable time and effort towards creating a safer community. Prospective reserve police officers must complete at least 249 hours of training before they can serve in an officer role for the Sunnyside Police Department. Once this training is complete, reserve police officers wear the same uniform and badge that full-time Sunnyside police officers wear and perform many of the same duties that a full-time officer does. In 2013, the Sunnyside Police Department had 8 reserve police officers.

Community Events

National Night Out

