



2021

Lacey Police  
Department  
Biennial Report

2022



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# Mission, Vision, and Values

## Mission Statement

Partnering with the community to make Lacey a safe and desirable place to live, work, learn, and play.

## Vision Statement

Protect and serve with honor.

## Values Statement

The Lacey Police Department delivers professional police services based on the following values:

### Ethics and Integrity:

Be honest

Do the right thing

Take responsibility

Be accountable

### Leadership:

Expected from all members of LPD

Show fairness and impartiality

Be consistent

Be trustworthy

Lead by example

Use open communication

### Respect:

Each other

The community

Diversity

### Professionalism and Excellence:

Team work

Community partnership

Dedication and commitment

Accessible and approachable

Quality of service

Empathy and caring

### Innovation:

Encourage and implement new ideas

# City Council



Mayor  
Andy Ryder



Deputy Mayor  
Malcom Miller



Councilmember  
Carolyn Cox



Councilmember  
Lenny Greenstein



Councilmember  
Ed Kunkel



Councilmember  
Michael Steadman



Councilmember  
Robin Vazquez



# Message from the Chief of Police



It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to our 2021/22 biennium report for the Lacey Police Department! Thank you for your interest in the Lacey Police Department and our tradition of partnership and service to the community.

In this report, you will find data, statistics, descriptions, and anecdotes detailing your police department and its efforts and accomplishments in service to the Lacey community.

2021 and 2022 presented many pandemic-related challenges which offered opportunities to innovate and improve our service delivery. Legislative changes created opportunities to reflect and ensure that our policies and procedures were consistent with new legal mandates and met the public safety needs of our community. We stayed committed to our core mission to partner with the community to make Lacey a safe and desirable place to live, work, learn, and play. We partnered with Olympic Health and Recovery Services to create clinician and peer support counselor teams that are embedded at the police department and offer a non-law enforcement response to persons in crisis when appropriate. We worked with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to address homeless encampments in state right of ways adjacent to Lacey. These efforts helped persons experiencing homelessness find better outcomes and reduced the number of persons in the encampments from 77 to only 2. This service model is quickly becoming a model for other communities to follow.

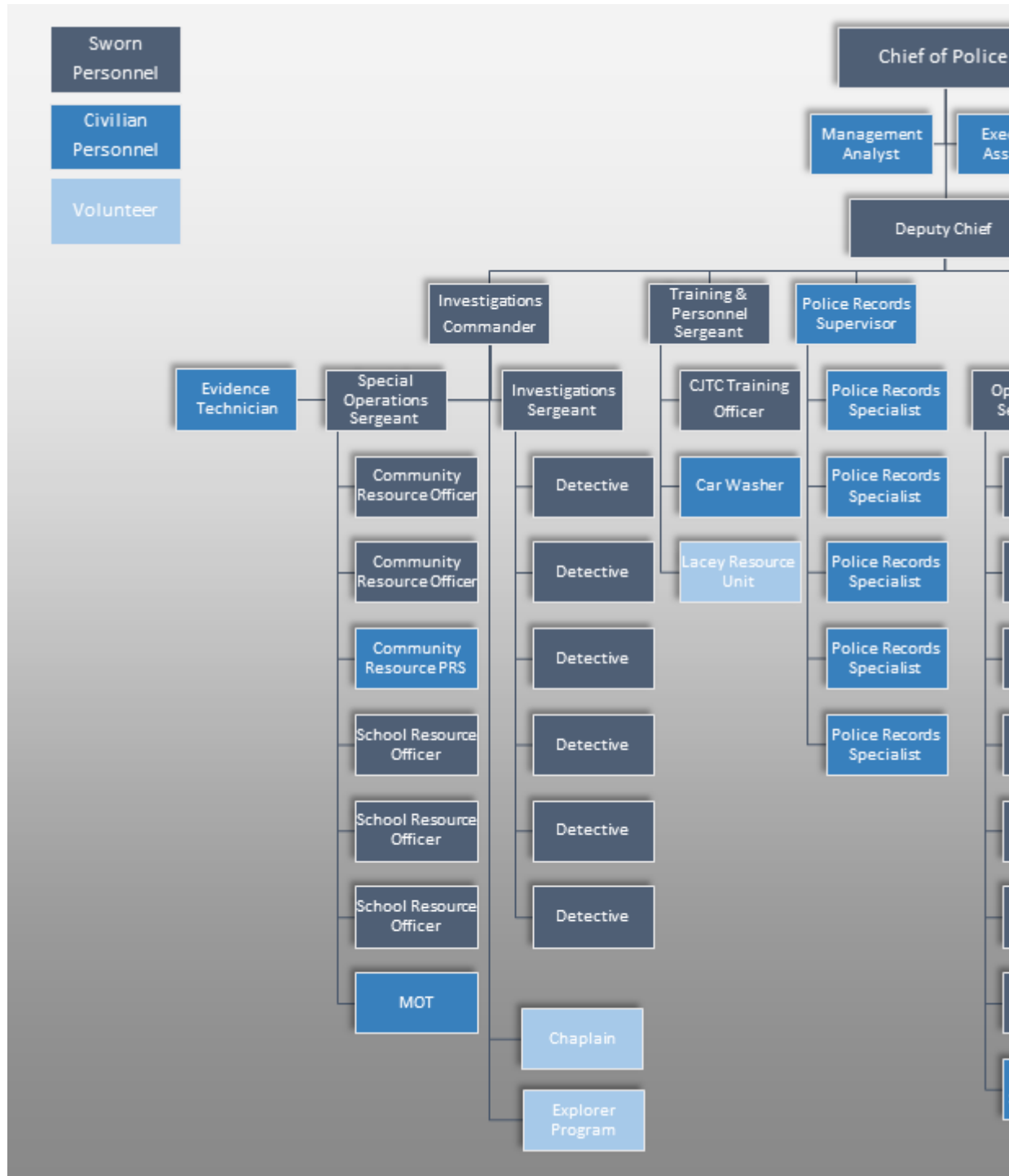
We found new ways to stay connected and engaged with the community through social media and events, ensuring transparency and accountability. As the required restrictions of the pandemic began to fade, we were able to hold more events and introduce our new service dog Trip! Trip plays an important dual role in both employee wellness and community engagement.

The population of Lacey grew significantly during 2021 and 2022, making Lacey the largest city in Thurston County. Although the number of crimes has increased during this time, the crime rate remains relatively low and below the state average. As you will see, we have stayed focused on crime suppression, investigation, and apprehension, using all the tools at our disposal to disrupt crime trends and bring predators to justice.

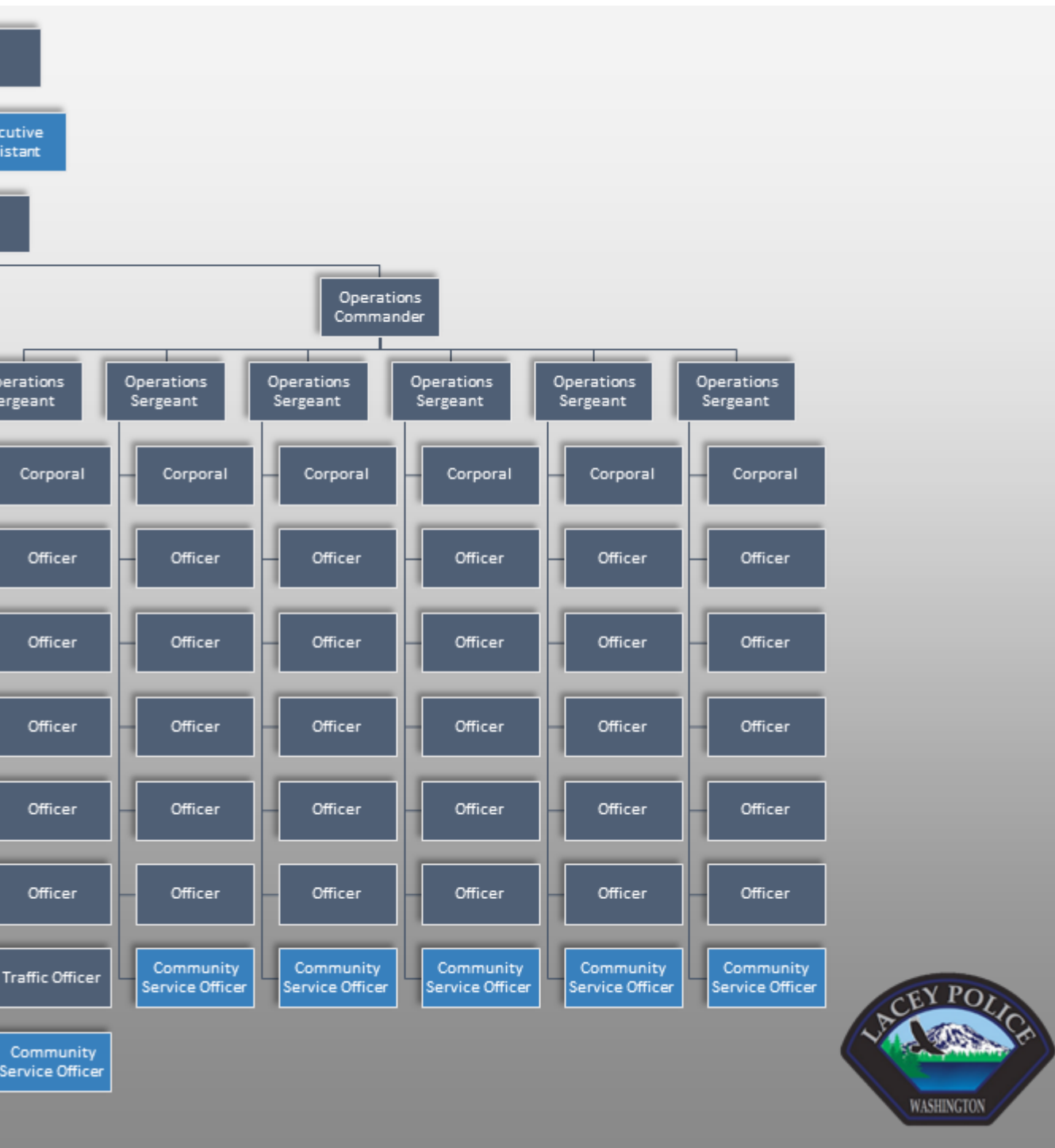
I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Department partners, and the residents and members of our community for their continued support. On behalf of the men and women of the Lacey Police Department, it is our honor and privilege to serve the Lacey community.

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# Organizational Chart



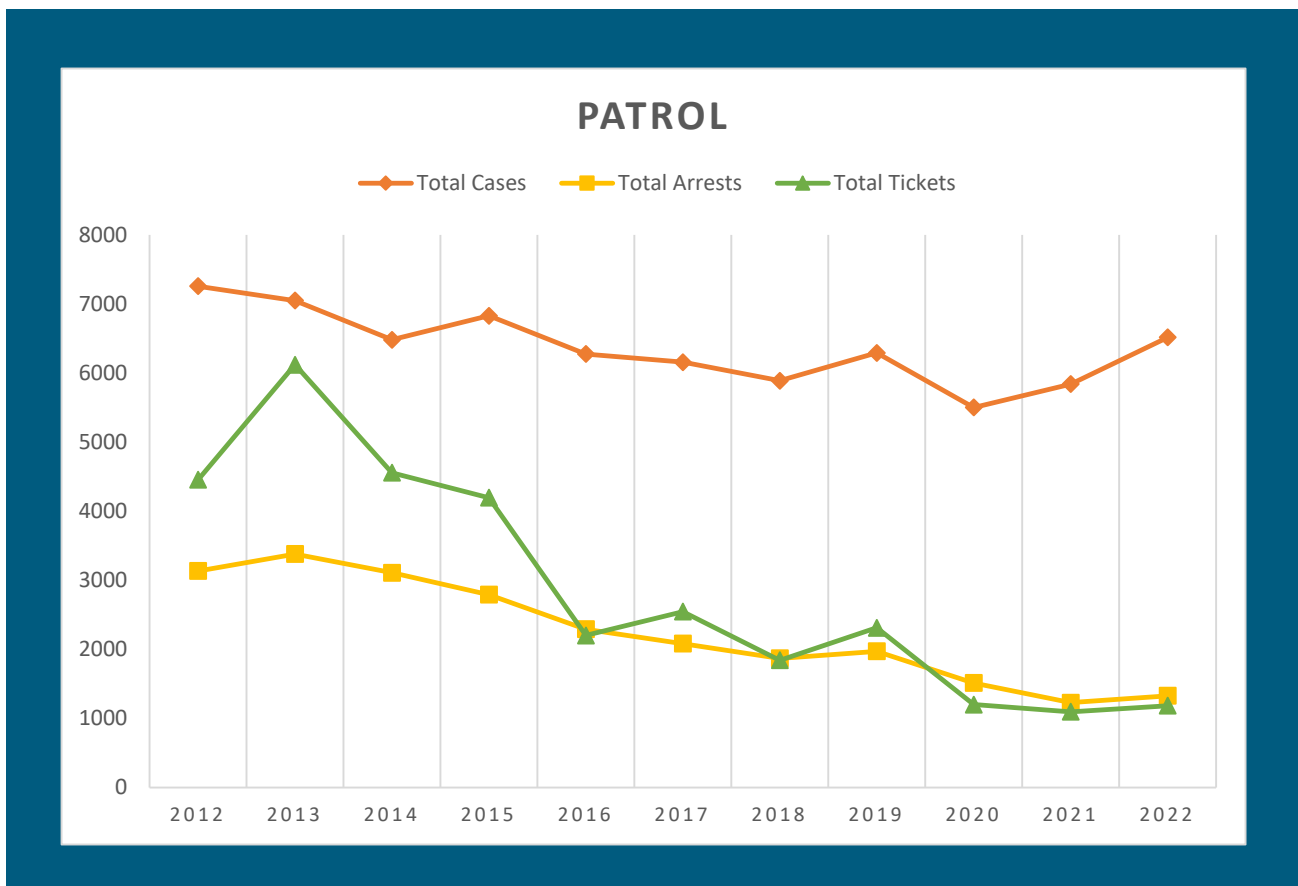




# Patrol

Uniformed patrol is currently comprised of a commander, six sergeants, six corporals and thirty-two patrol officers who are responsible for responding to all 9-1-1 as well as non-emergency calls 24 hours a day.

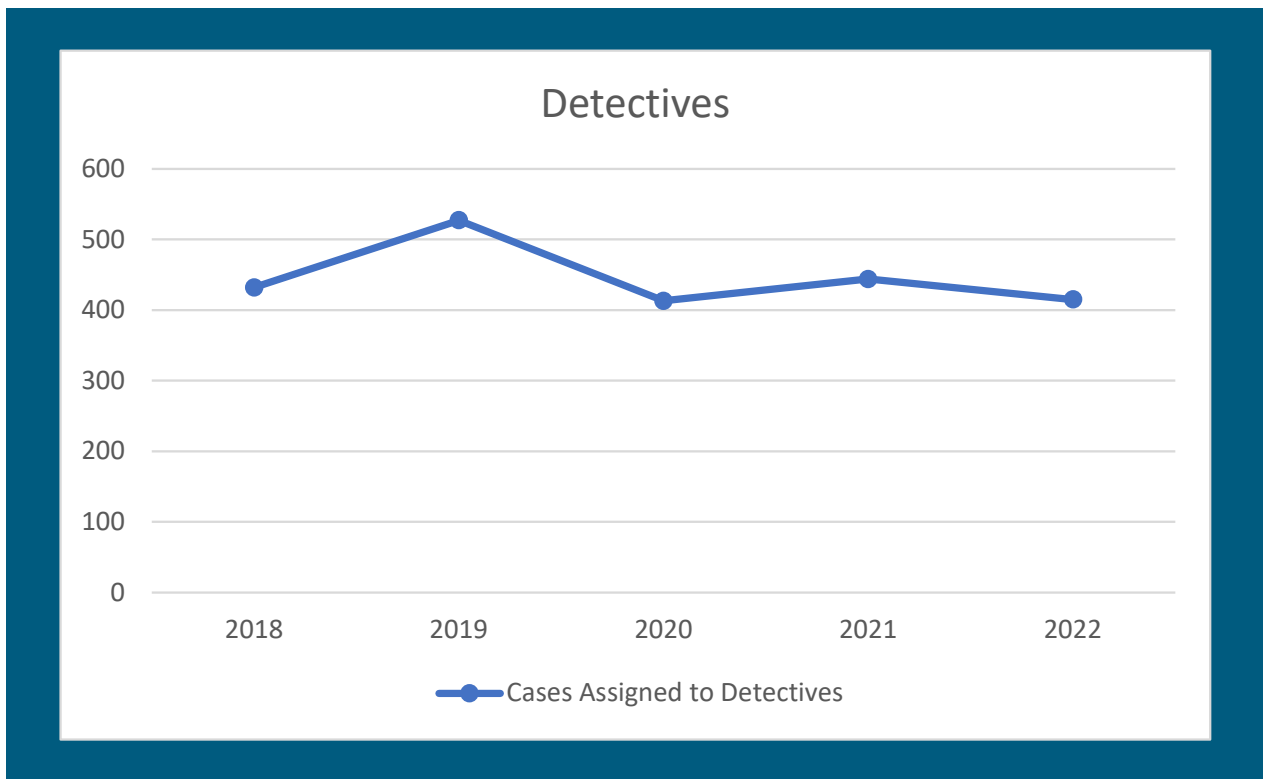
They write reports, enforce traffic laws, investigate collisions, and enforce criminal laws within the Lacey City limits through a pro-active problem solving approach to crime.



# Detectives

The Detective Unit investigates major crimes, special victim crimes, financial crimes, and crimes which require a degree of specialization or a centralized investigative approach. Their objective is to aggressively and pro-actively identify and investigate criminal activity so that crimes are solved and offenders are held accountable.

Currently, the unit is comprised of a commander, one sergeant and five detectives. The team is often called upon to assist with complex crimes and follow up on felony investigations. They also act as a liaison with the Thurston County Courts, Crime Stoppers, and other law enforcement investigative units.

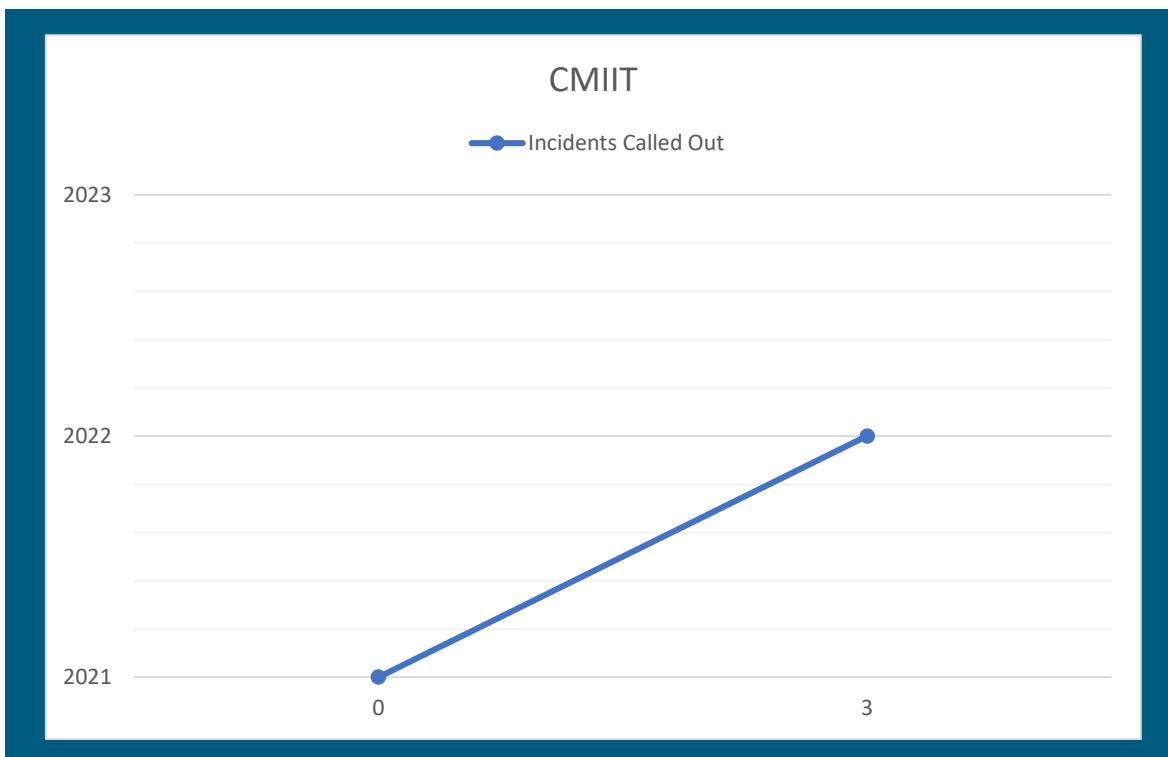


# CMIIT

The Capital Metro Independent Investigative Team (CMIIT) investigate critical incidents involving police officers and uses of force that cause a significant injury or death. CMIIT is comprised of detectives from four (4) agencies located in Thurston County; Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Yelm. These detectives receive advanced training in the areas of Use of Force, Crime Scene investigations, and interviewing techniques. They are also trained to use the latest in technology when investigating these critical incidents.

CMIIT also consists of six (6) community representatives. These representatives were selected based on their independent perspective, connections to the community, and commitment to guaranteeing legitimacy, objectivity and transparency to critical investigations.

Both the detectives and community representatives for CMIIT work together to ensure investigations are conducted in a manner that can be seen as transparent and legitimate. Once investigations are complete, CMIIT investigators will present their case to the prosecutor’s office for review. Once the presentation to the prosecutor’s office has occurred, the community members assigned to CMIIT are able to speak without restriction after the incident.



# Community Resource Unit

The Community Resource Unit is comprised of two officers, a department assistant, and in 2022, a sergeant was added. It is the goal of the Community Resource Unit to be the department's community liaison officers, who will provide pro-active, flexible, focused enforcement services to reduce person and property crimes and reduce the fear of crime in our community. This unit also heads up the department's social media channels. They actively get information out to and engage with the community on-line.

In these past three years, the unit has focused on homeless outreach in the community. From enforcing ordinances to contacting individuals to assist them in procuring social services, the unit is working hard to reduce the homelessness in Lacey.



2021 CRU



2022 CRU

# Mobile Outreach Team

The Mobile Outreach Team began in the summer of 2021 when the Lacey Police Department partnered with Olympia Health and Recovery to provide social services to the people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. The four person team is comprised of two crisis clinicians and two peer specialists who take a proactive approach to connect our most vulnerable community members to the services they need, seven days a week. They provide outreach, engagement, and liaison support to individuals seen on a recurring basis that require short term intensive case management.



2021 crew

In 2022, a Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) was brought in to work alongside MOT. The DCR co-responds with officers four days a week. They provide Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) evaluation services and assess risk and safety factors of clients in crisis.

## For the Year 2022:

Total hours for personnel: 7,788  
Total client contacts in Lacey: 1,858

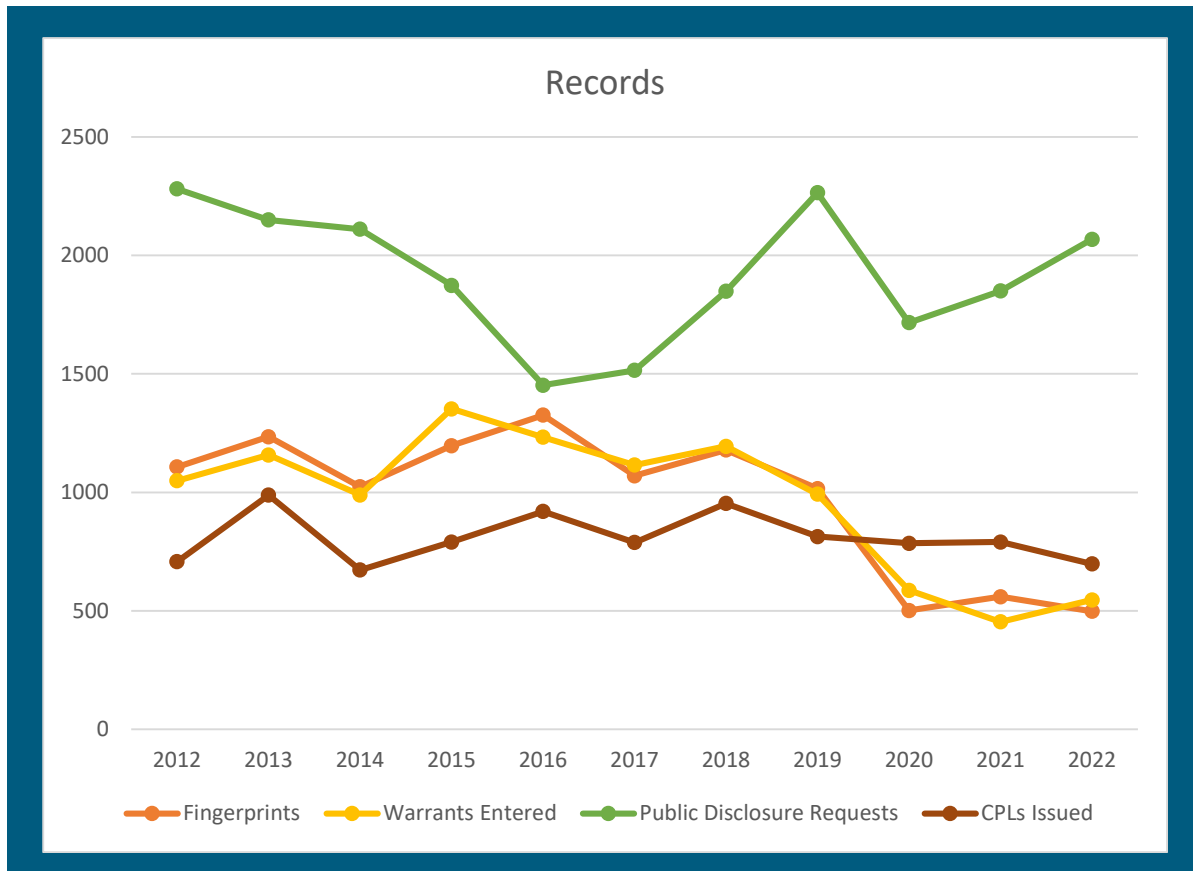
# School Resource Officers

The School Resource Officer team is comprised of three officers and are supervised by a sergeant. These officers maintain the partnership and commitment to the North Thurston Public Schools, the students, and the parents of our community.

In addition to pro-actively patrolling the schools, the School Resource Officers provide counseling, education and demonstrations on personal safety, traffic safety and law and justice. For many of the students, these officers are the first contact they have with law enforcement and the positive presence the officers provide can leave a lasting impression.



# Records



The Records Unit is comprised of the customer service supervisor and four department assistants. They are the first point of contact in the Lacey Police Department business office and are responsible for records maintenance, data entry, processing warrants and court orders, fingerprint and notary services, and all front desk and phone customer service.

They not only assist citizens, but also serve as support staff for police officers, administrative staff, detectives, community resource unit, and the Lacey City Attorney.

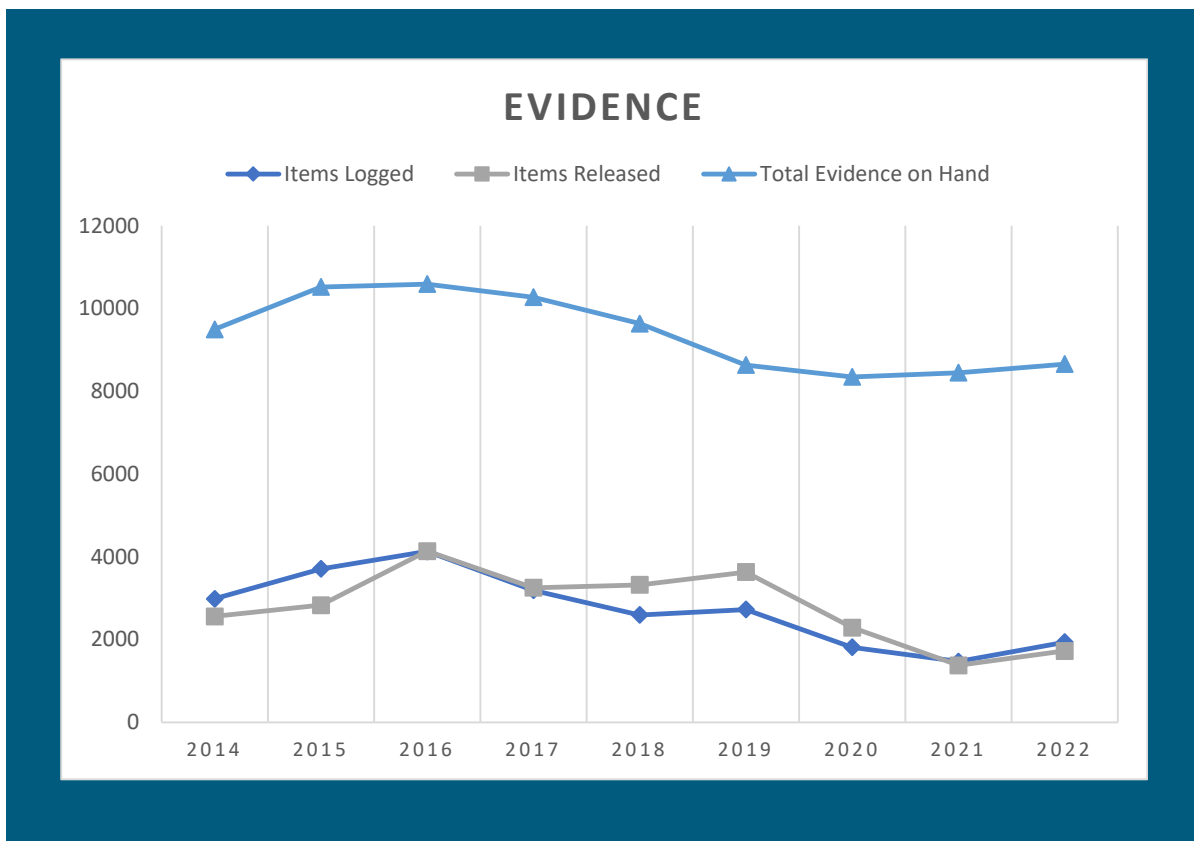


# Evidence

The Evidence Unit is comprised of one full time technician and one back-up technician. The evidence unit logs and releases numerous items a year. When items are “released” they are returned to the owner, destroyed, or auctioned.

The Evidence Technician also has a important role at crime scenes. The technician will bag all evidence items, photograph the scene, and retain chain of custody for impounded vehicles that are evidence. The current technician is also a part of the Major Accident Investigation Team and is trained to produce the reconstruction of those accidents. When asked, the technician will also give DNA or fingerprint presentation to elementary school classes.

Evidence is also in charge of the prescription drop box where citizens can dispose of their unwanted medication. Evidence also coordinates the donation of unclaimed bicycles and the destruction of voluntarily surrendered firearms.



# Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers (CSO) are unarmed, non-commissioned civilian personnel. Each of the four CSOs work on a full-time shift based schedule. The position allows them to gain knowledge of a law enforcement career and opens a greater range of opportunity should they desire to become a commissioned police officer. They augment the patrol division and support services division.

They have many duties which include: transporting prisoners, assisting with traffic control at accidents and crime scenes, tag/tow improperly parked or abandoned vehicles, complete found property reports, and log evidence. Each Community Service Officer and the assistance they provide to the citizens of Lacey and the police department is essential in achieving our mission.

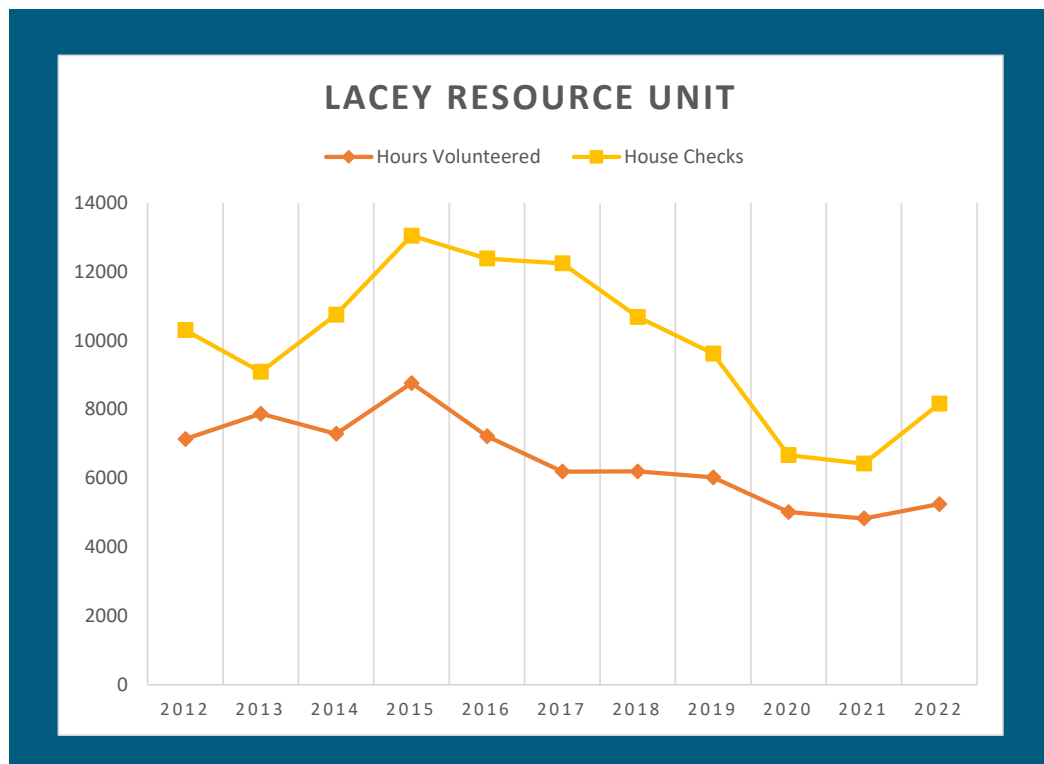
# Management Analyst

The Lacey Police Department's Management Analyst has one of the most technically demanding positions in the department. The Management Analyst handles all the crime data, crime cases, mapping, financial data, operational data, and performance data. The Management Analyst is assisted by a Lacey Resource Unit volunteer and at times an intern who help compile all the data. Among the many duties the analyst has they identify crime patterns, compile statistical graphs, charts, and analysis of data for presentations. The Management Analyst is an integral part of the department and its investigations.

# Lacey Resource Unit

The Lacey Resource Unit (LRU) consists of 14 volunteers who are over the age of 45 and volunteer a minimum of 4 hours each week. It is a uniformed position in the Lacey Resource Unit.

The Lacey Resource Unit offers Vacation House Checks, a free service which allows the citizens of Lacey to request their homes be checked while out of town. They also provided support and increased patrol for several community events including The Polar Bear Plunge, Lacey Fun Fair, Halloween Stop and Treat, Kids Day at Huntamer Park, National Night Out, multiple Crime Stoppers events, and the City of Lacey 3rd of July Celebration.

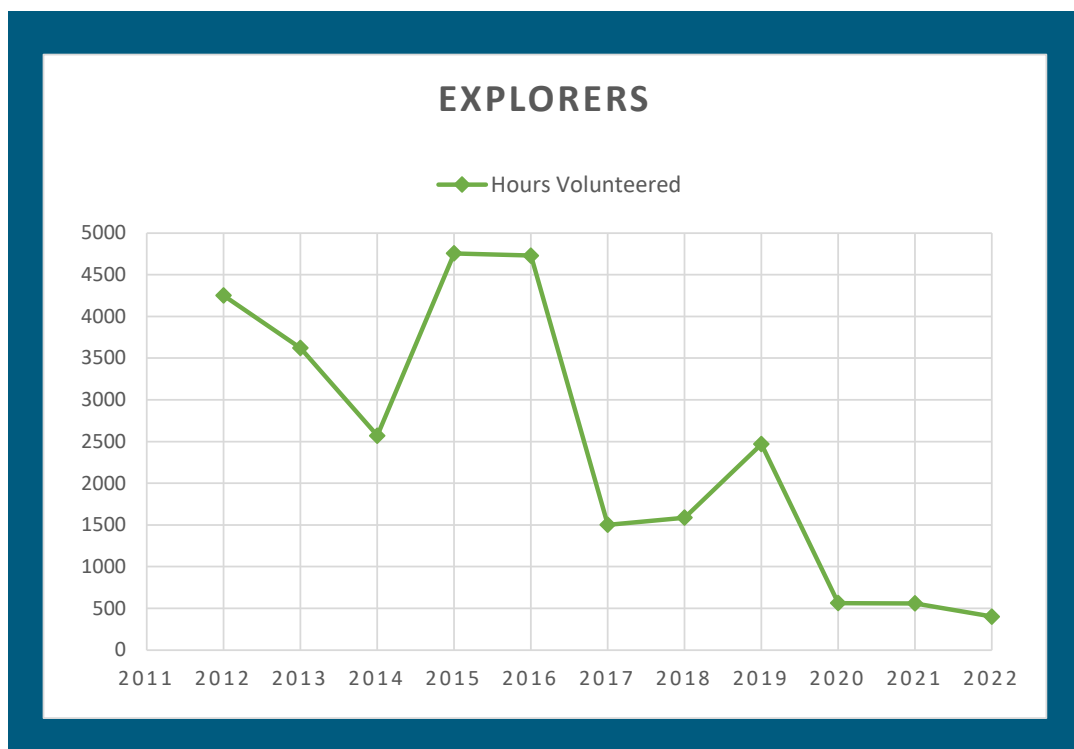


# Explorers

The Lacey Police Explorer Post is comprised of youth between the ages of 15½ and 21.

They coordinated parking and provided crowd control for numerous community events including the Polar Bear Plunge, Lacey Food and Wine Festival, Lacey Fun Fair, Family Fish In, and seven high school graduations.

The Explorer Post helps youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in law enforcement, this program offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.



# Crime Stats

## NIBRS

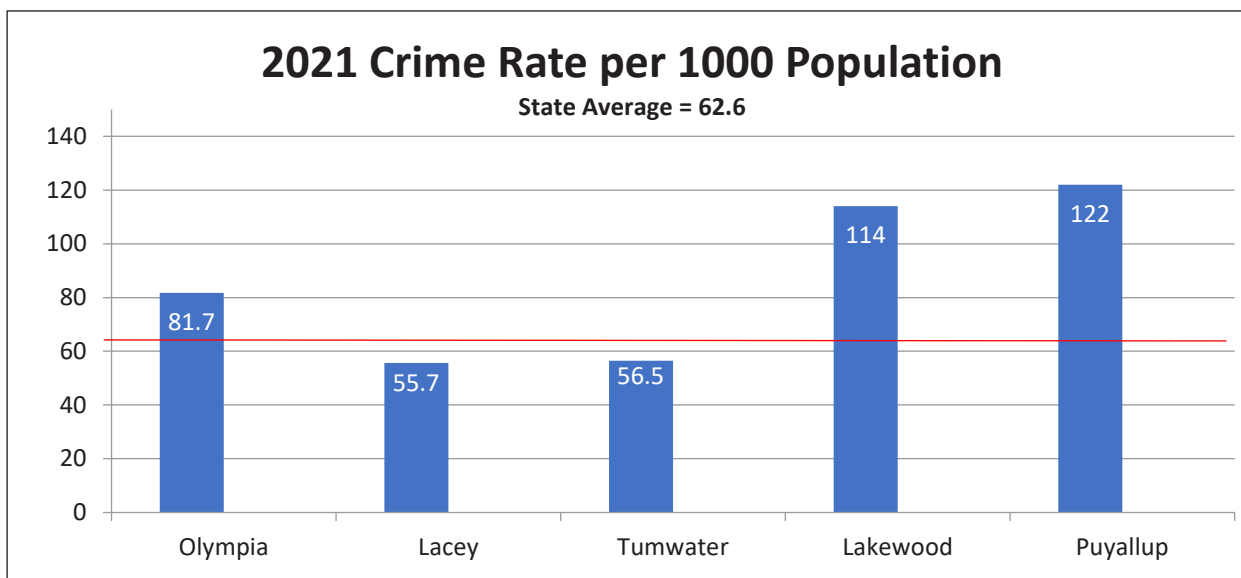
National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a reporting system used by law enforcement to collect and report data on crimes. Data is collected on every incident and arrest in a Group A offense category. Group A consists of crimes against people (i.e. assault, homicide), crimes against property (i.e. burglary, theft, auto theft), and other (i.e. narcotics, weapon violations).

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	4	0	0	0	2
Forcible Sex Offenses	64	74	53	57	44
Robbery	17	17	22	33	29
Aggravated Assault	63	62	52	60	80
Burglary	195	197	175	171	256
Larceny	1106	1155	1162	1237	1339
Motor Vehicle Theft	103	120	126	206	270
Arson	3	3	7	9	10
Total	1555	1628	1597	1773	2030
		4.7%+	1.9%-	11%+	14.5%+
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Simple Assault	275	280	251	307	305
Kidnapping	6	11	10	11	16
Counterfeit/Forgery	80	53	31	11	13
Fraud	237	268	231	214	233
Drug Offenses	155	177	68	12	13
Total	753	789	591	555	580
		4.8% +	25.1%-	6.1%-	4.5%+

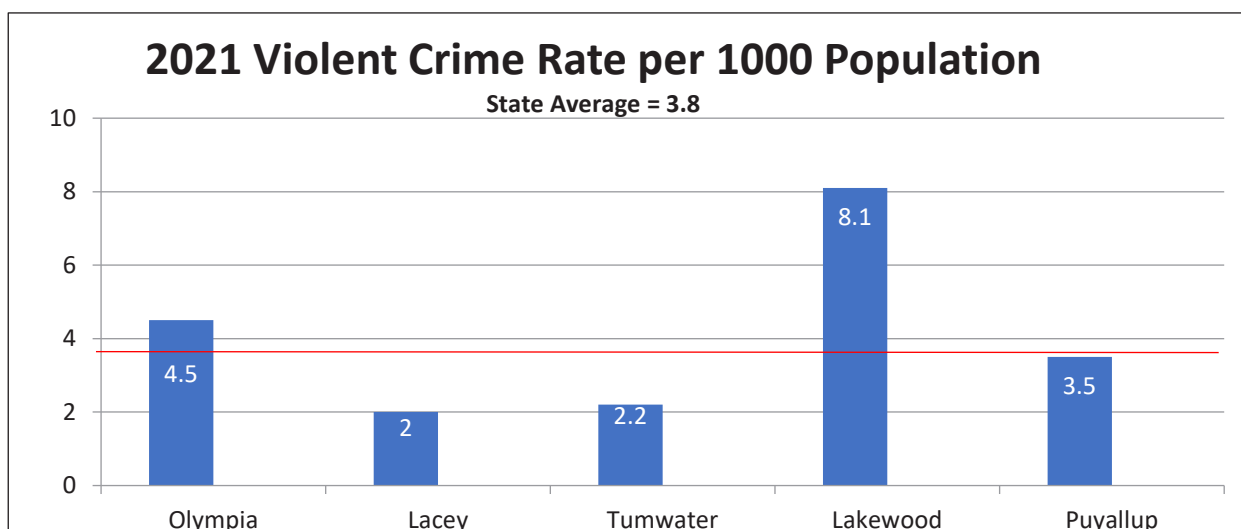
\*\* Please note 2022 numbers are subject to change until verified by WASPC in June 2023.

# Crime Stats

## City of Lacey Crime Rate



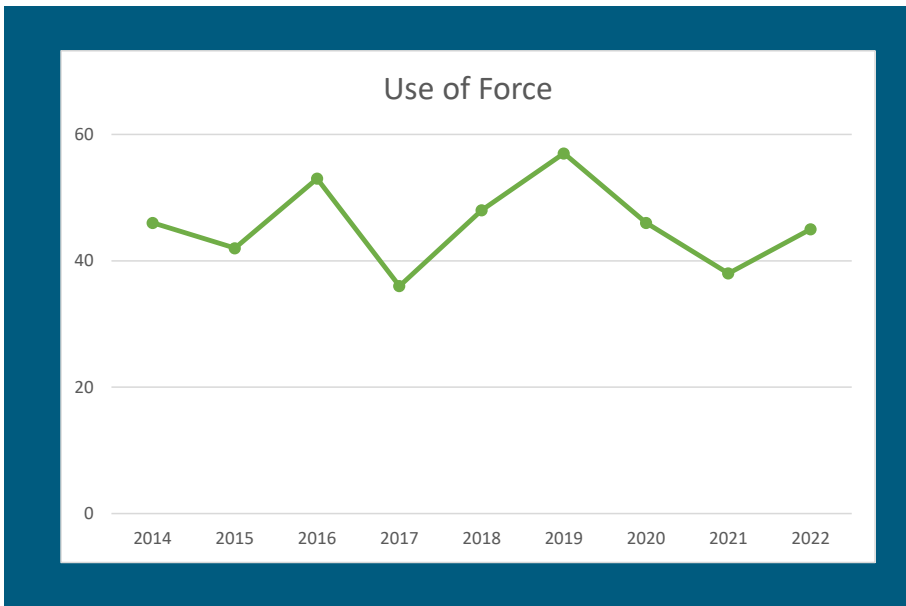
WASPC's publication, *Crime in Washington 2021*, cites Lacey's 2021 overall crime rate as 54.5 due to a revised 2022 population count of 57,293 for Lacey.



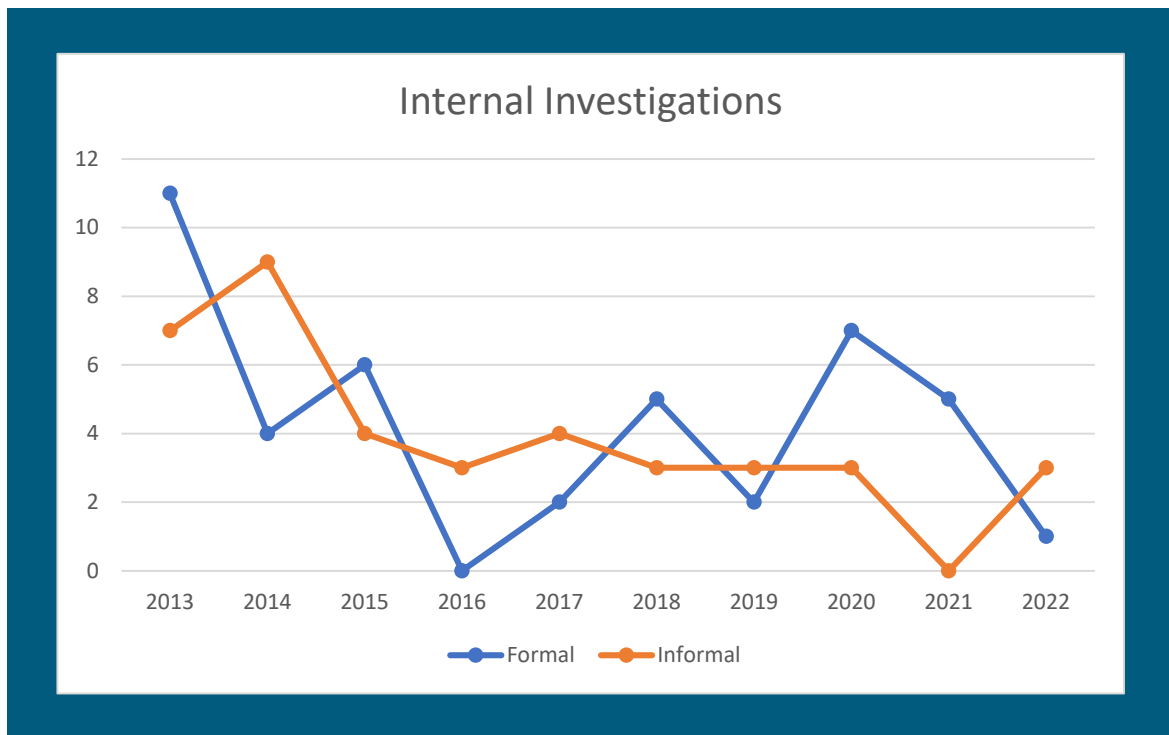
# Use of Force

The Lacey Police Department requires reporting and review of ALL force used by our officers including Level I: wrist locks, take downs to the ground, use of the WRAP restraint system (to prevent the subject from hurting himself or others), use of pepper spray, Conductive Electronic Weapon (CEW) (aka “Taser”) and Level II: punches, kicks, pointing of our firearms at a person, and actual discharge of our firearms.

Although many police departments do not document and review a use of force unless it results in an injury, we require documentation and review of all uses of force as part of our compliance with stringent accreditation standards and to ensure we are transparent and accountable for our actions.



# Internal Investigations



Internal Investigations fall into two categories: informal and formal. Informal complaints are generally service related and are investigated by the officer's supervisor. Formal complaints can range from breach of policy to alleged criminal activity and are investigated through the formal internal investigation process.



# Diversity & Community Involvement

1. The Lacey Police Department is sensitive to the interconnected issues of racial diversity, social justice, and public safety. We attend trainings regularly to help us be the best we can be, and continue to learn and listen to ways we can do better.
2. We are continuing to strive for diversity within our department.
3. When quality of life concerns in the community were raised, we created the Community Resource Unit to address homelessness in the community and provide resources for people in need.
4. Connecting with our community is important to us. We make it a priority to participate and/or host events like Shop with a Cop, Cops, Cars, N' Kids, Coffee with a Cop, Boys & Girls Club events, and National Night Out.

## Accountability

Accountability is an important aspect of the Lacey Police Department and we strive to ensure we hold ourselves to this standard by in the following ways striving to hire people rooted in and connected to the community. We comply with state law to follow best policies and practices to be an accredited police agency. Our employees are required to adhere to rigid policies and procedures regarding de-escalation whenever possible and to use the minimum amount of force necessary. We consistently train on interacting with individuals experiencing mental health crisis, medical emergencies and de-escalating potentially violent encounters to reach a safe conclusion.

We believe that training and accountability go hand in hand when teaching our officers the latest techniques. We ensure there is an ethics component in each of the training blocks our officers receive. Our training cadre ensures these techniques and tactics are understood and practiced in the training environment. Our supervisors then ensure our training is properly executed in real-time everyday situations.

# Training

The Lacey Police Department is a progressive law enforcement agency dedicated to embracing all six pillars of 21st Century Policing:

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy
2. Policy and Oversight
3. Technology and Social Media
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction
5. Training and Education
6. Officer Wellness and Safety

The 5th pillar, Training and Education is an important component of our department. Per Washington state law, police officers are required to complete at least 24 hours of training each year. Over the past 5 years Lacey Police Officers have completed nearly 4,000 hours (about 72 hours for each officer) of training in the following topics:

- Crisis Intervention Training (Identifying persons experiencing mental health crisis, reducing the potential for violent encounters, and exploring alternatives to jail for those in crisis)
- Critical Incident Response (Reducing risk for injury or loss of life)
- De-escalation of Conflicts and Potentially Violent Encounters
- Diversity Training and Fair and Impartial Policing Training
- Excited Delirium (Identification of persons in medical crisis and coordination of emergency medical response)
- First Aid, CPR, AED, and Traumatic Wound Care
- Harassment (Identification and prevention)
- Implicit Bias, Recognition and Response
- Less-Lethal Tools and Tactics (reducing the frequency and amount of force applied)
- Use of Force Training, Defensive Tactics, Legal Requirements, Documentation



# Accomplishments

## **Pillar 1 - Building Trust and Legitimacy:**

Chief Almada has a zoom discussion with business owners regarding homeless encampments in the mid-town area. (2021)

SROs provided police services to 14 public schools and several private schools.

SROs primarily assigned to Timberline, River Ridge and North Thurston.

Customer Service Supervisor Anna McBee graduated from Leadership Thurston County. (2022)

Commander Mack held the Sponsorship Chair for the Washington's Chapter of the FBINAA.

Sergeant Newcomb is a Member at Large for the Washington Chapter of the FBINAA.

Breast Cancer Awareness magnets on cars. (2022)

Movember raised \$2,160. (2022)

Community Academy. (2022)

Commander Upton is the co-chair of the statewide WASPC Accreditation committee.

## **Pillar 2 - Policy and Oversight:**

Contracted out for pre-employment backgrounds for six (6) PD candidates due to high workload in Detective Unit. (2022)

Initiated employee out-processing process and form. (2022)

Applied for and approved for \$6,087.78 in federal grant funds for ballistic vests. (2022)

Investigation of six (6) major collisions. (Note: Number may be higher, tracking code created in Q3 and that does not track all MAIT collisions). (2022)

Implemented new FTO (field training officer) software.

Commander Upton assisted with two LEMAP (Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program) studies through WASPC. (2022)

Sergeant Parker took over the Defensive Tactics Program. (2022)

Commander Upton mentored three agencies which resulted in them becoming accredited. (2022)

# Accomplishments

## **Pillar 3 - Technology and Social Media:**

9 Drone missions. (2022)

Implemented MRDS (red dot sight) training for optional carry. (2021)

Switched duty handgun from Glock .40's to Smith & Wesson 9mm's with MRDS sights. (2022)

Fleet updated with new Motorola radios. (2022)

Two new ballistic shields were deployed in the field.

Implemented paperless Use of Force reporting/tracking.

Distributed new hand-held radios. (2022)

Trip completed 3/5 training classes he needs prior to taking his Canine Good Citizen test. (2022)

## **Pillar 4 - Community Policing and Crime Reduction:**

Held Multi-Housing meetings.

Revamped active shooter training to include site evaluations and onboarded tactics cadre as instructors.

Partnered with school security to investigate and solve property crimes which occurred on school grounds.

Assisted OPD when they had all the riots downtown. (2021)

Three new members joined the regional SWAT.

Participated in regional active-threat work group to implement C3 Pathways/Hostile Event Plan. (2022)

Added two new HNT (Hostage Negotiation Team) positions. (2022)

Return of Child Car Seat Checks. (2022)

Conducted proactive business district patrols to reduce crime.

Detective Newcomb identified an arson suspect that caused over \$100,000 in damages to Komachin Middle School and was suspected in two additional arsons. The suspect was located and admitted to setting the fire in the portable toilet to keep warm but denied setting the building on fire. He pled guilty to reckless burning 1st degree and served a 3-month sentence. (2022)

# Accomplishments

CRU conducted Retail Theft Emphasis.

Detective Lever identified two homicide suspects that assaulted a man in the Super 8 parking. Investigators spent several weeks collecting and reviewing evidence. Detective Lever established probable cause and one suspect was located and arrested without incident. The other suspect fled to Nevada where he was arrested after at 59-minute pursuit. The second suspect is facing felony charges in Nevada and will be extradited to Washington to face a Murder 2nd degree charge.

CRU conducted bait bike operations, bait generator operations, retail theft emphasis, catalytic converter investigations, warrant round ups, and assisted detectives and patrol with fugitive apprehension. (2022)

HOA Academy. (2022)

CRU conducted Safety Evaluations with Businesses/Churches. (2022)

## **Pillar 5 - Training and Education:**

Detective Lever and Detective Newcomb attended a week-long arson investigation conference. (2022)

All Records staff attended at least one public records training class.

Partnered with the school district administration to make active shooter training mandatory for all Lacey.

All 14 schools scheduled to receive active shooter training in the 2022/2023 school year.

Detective Lever completed the requirements to become a Lead IIT Investigator bringing the total for the department to three.

Attended Regional Detective meetings again. (2022)

Hired and trained one new DAIII.

Detective Caranto and Detective Dumont attended shooting reconstruction training.

Commander Upton, Sergeant Barnes, Detective Caranto, Detective Dumont, and Detective Lever attended the 8-hour mandatory IIT team training in November. (2022)

Completed annual EVOG training to include PIT certification / recertification utilizing WSP vehicles and instructors for PIT. This was a huge cost savings over equipping our own PIT training vehicles and maintaining them. (2022)

# Accomplishments

Increased the number of Patrol Tactics instructors.

Commander Mack attended FBINAA National Conference. (2022)

CRU provided Homelessness Trainings for Patrol. (2022)

## **Pillar 6 - Officer Wellness and Safety:**

Hired Commissioned: 4 (3 Entry-Level, 1 Lateral) (2021)

Hired Non-Commissioned: 2 (CSOs) (2021)

Hired Commissioned: 9 (5 Entry-Level, 4 Lateral) (2022)

Hired Non-Commissioned: 2 (1 DAIII, 1 CSO) (2022)

Added four (4) LRO volunteers. (2022)

Records won best group costume in the City's Halloween celebration. (2022)

Implemented an Optional (Personally-owned) Carry Policy for Duty Handguns. (2021)

Peer Support added two (2) civilian and two (2) commissioned team members. (2022)

Peer Support facilitated four (4) critical incident briefings / debriefings. (2022)

Less lethal shotguns and 40mm were trained on and re-entered into service. (2022)

Two officers utilized the City of Lacey college tuition reimbursement program.

Promoted one Sergeant and one Corporal. (2022)

# Community Outreach

The Lacey Police Department has an active social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. It is an easy way for us to connect with the citizens of Lacey and for them to interact with us. We post anything from road closures, to asking the public's help with a case, to showing our appreciation to our wonderful community.

We also step out from behind the screen and attend multiple community outreach events. Several events we host and/or attend are Cops, Cars, N' Kids, Coffee with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, City of Lacey's 3rd of July, and Lacey Fun Fair.

In 2021, with the pandemic still making large gatherings difficult, we introduced Summer Cruisin' car parades as a way to still interact with citizens. They were a hit and continued in 2022!



Coffee with a Cop



Costume with a Cop



Summer Cruisin'

# Community Outreach



In 2022, we brought back Cops, Cars, N' Kids!



Homeless Backpacks



Costume with a Cop



National Night Out



Community Academy



# Community Outreach

## Welcome Trip!



The Goodest Boy - 3 months

Trip, a Bernedoodle, joined the Lacey Police Department in 2022. Trip is being trained as a law enforcement therapy dog and is assisting in public engagement and outreach, social media, and employee well-being. When not at the department, Trip lives with his human Lindsay, a department employee.

If you see Trip out and about at an event, he would appreciate a pet or two!



# Arriving

## **2021**

CSO Clarisse Sage  
CSO Josie Evers  
Officer Alexis Sartor  
Officer Matt Berry  
Officer Stephanie Favela  
Deputy Chief Robert Hollis  
Officer Austin Taylor

## **2022**

Officer Andrea Moore  
Officer Manuel Vilela  
Officer Josie Evers  
Officer Sebastian Housh  
Officer Zachary Gonzales  
LRO Robert Currie  
LRO Laura Currie  
Department Assistant Katie Miller  
Officer Nicole Pittelkau  
Computer Technician Austin Newnam  
LRO Ryan Cidzik  
LRO John Gordon  
Officer Kyle Peters  
Intern Railyne Clyburn  
Officer Joseph Gerkman  
Officer Jeffrey Schmidt  
CSO Arturo Echeverria

# Departing

## **2021**

Officer Hunter Heim  
Officer Ken Kollmann (Retired)  
Officer Jocelyn Uria  
LRO George Kostin  
LRO Robert Jacquot  
LRO Barbara Jacquot  
Sergeant Dave Campbell (Retired)  
Officer Chris Wenschhof (Retired)  
Officer Dave Miller (Retired)  
Officer Don Arnold (Retired)  
LRO Dave Steinberg

## **2022**

Officer Attpreet Walia  
Department Assistant Beth Basch  
Officer Dave Johansen (Retired)  
LRO Alan De Bakcsy  
Officer Jesse Hadley  
Officer Alexis Sartor  
Officer Zachary Gonzales  
Officer Roland Sapinoso (retired)  
Officer Ken Westphal (retired)  
Officer Matt Berry

# 2021 Awards



## **Employee of the Year**

Officer Justin Beltran

## **Chief's Award**

Officer Jimmy Williams

Officer Justin Beltran

DAIII Lindsay Palmer

LRO Randy Young

## **Inspirational Partner**

Officer Alexi Timmons

## **Exceptional Service**

Officer Derek Thompson

Sergeant Shannon Barnes

## **Life Saving Award**

Officer Caelan Braniff

## **Chief's Commendation**

TAC Officer Westphal

## **Distinguished Service**

Sergeant Adam Seig

## **Gerald Abernathy Award**

LRO Randy Young

# 2022 Awards

**Employee of the Year**  
Officer Derek Thompson



**Chief's Award**

Austin Newnam  
Officer Mark Eley  
Officer Rich Broeker  
LRO Jon Cox

**Inspirational Partner**

Officer Joe Gerkman  
Officer David MacLurg  
Officer Aaron McBride

**Chief's Commendation**

Telecommunicator Fritz Riddle

**Gerald Abernathy Award**

LRO Randy Young

**Exceptional Service**

Sergeant Jaime Newcomb  
Sergeant Shannon Barnes

**Medal of Bravery**

Officer Patrick Jo

**Medal of Valor**

Corporal Miguel Stansberry

**Distinguished Service**

Sergeant Terence Brimmer

# Noteworthy Calls

On January 19, 2021, at approximately 1430 hours, an armed robbery occurred at Blendz Coffee, 5770 Pacific Ave SE. A lone barista was working in the stand when two masked men jumped into the business through one of the drive up windows. One of the suspects was armed with a pistol when he entered the business. The barista fled to safety through the opposite drive through window after throwing a cup of ice at the suspects. The suspects took the businesses cash register and fled on foot N/B on Lacey St SE. A perimeter was established and a Mason County K-9 responded a short time later. Just before the Mason County K-9 arrived, the stolen cash drawer was located near the City of Olympia Public Works building, near Eastside St SE and Wheeler St. The K-9 track did not lead to a suspect, but did reveal discarded evidence at the scene. Lacey Detectives arrived and interviewed the victim and business owner. Evidence Tech Liening responded and processed the scene for fingerprints. OPD detained a subject who was located near the discarded cash register, but this subject was ruled out by a field show-up.

On February 25, 2021, at approximately 2100 hours, Lacey units responded to Durgin Rd SE for a priority assist with TCSO. Dispatch advised a TCSO Deputy had a Robbery 1st suspect out of Lacey PD at gunpoint inside a vehicle. Lacey units arrived on scene and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

On March 3, 2021, at approximately 0856 hours, TCSO Deputies contacted Lacey PD to inform that they had just contacted and detained the second Robbery 1st suspect. TCSO Deputies transported the subject to the Lacey Police Department and transferred custody. A detective was called out to interview the suspect regarding the Lacey robbery that occurred on 1/19/21. The suspect provided the detective with a statement admitting to the Lacey robbery, as well as several other robberies, and alleged accomplices. Following the interview, the suspect was transported and booked at TCSO jail for Robbery 1st Degree.

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On December 9, 2021, at 2354 hours, Lacey units were dispatched to a drive-by shooting that occurred at the Viking Tavern located at 6318 Martin Way E. Dispatch advised the shooting occurred 4 to 5 minutes prior to the initial 911 call. Dispatch also advised bullet casings were located at the scene.

Upon the arrival, officers located several spent shell casings in the roadway in front of the Viking and contacted an employee who was standing outside at the time of the shooting. The employee observed a white early model Toyota driving eastbound on Martin way with the headlights off. The employee yelled to the driver that his lights were off and the driver yelled back profanities. The driver than fired several rounds toward the employee. One round hit the Viking close to where the employee was standing by the main entrance. A second round struck a vehicle in the parking lot and no other damage was located.

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A short time later at 0002 hours, dispatch advised of a collision that occurred on Union Mills RD SE involving one vehicle which match the description of the suspect vehicle from the Viking. Officers responded to the collision and they contacted the driver. Officers observed bullet casings and a gun inside of the vehicle while standing outside. Officers detained the suspect and took him to the LPD to be interviewed by detectives.

At 2320, prior to the shooting and collision, an officer responded to the Viking for a disorderly intoxicated male. The Viking staff requested the male be removed and the officer provided him with a courtesy ride home. After further investigation it was determined the male who was provided a ride, was in fact the male who later shot rounds at the Viking employee and who was also involved in the collision.

Detectives attempted to interviewed the suspect but he declined and requested an attorney. Officers attempted to process the suspect for DUI but he also refused to cooperate. The suspect was booked into the Thurston County Jail on two counts of assault in the first degree.

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On February 2, 2022, at 0710 hours, Lacey units were dispatched to a theft located at 4936 Balustrade Blvd SE. The R/P advised they were warming up their vehicle in their driveway and someone had turned off their vehicle and stolen their keys. A neighbor of the R/P advised they had footage of the suspect approaching the vehicle and then leaving the vehicle when the event occurred. The officer investigated and developed P/C to arrest the suspect for the vehicle prowl. The officer also confirmed that the suspect had outstanding warrants for her arrest and most (if not all) of patrol have dealt with a call for service involving her in the past 1.5 years.

One of the suspect's neighbors contacted the suspect's ex-boyfriend to ask him if he was able to get the keys back. The ex-boyfriend agreed to assist and then the officer got in contact with him. The ex-boyfriend advised he would be taking the suspect food in the afternoon and advised she usually meets him in the alley driveway. With this information, officers approached the rear of the house on foot at 1220 hours and waited for her to exit the residence to meet her ex-boyfriend. Once the suspect exited her garage, she closed the garage door behind her. Officers then ran to the driveway and arrested the suspect for her warrants and the vehicle prowl. The suspect was verbal and uncooperative during the interaction, but she was detained without incident. The City Attorney was contacted and advised of her arrest and a DCR was also contacted and a mental health hold was requested. The suspect was booked at the Nisqually jail.

# Hiring



## **Interested in joining Lacey PD?**

The Lacey Police Department (LPD) provides a wide range of services on behalf of the Lacey community including citizen outreach, collaboration with schools, managing crime prevention programs, and investigating major felony crimes. The public and the police work together to ensure the overall safety of the community. This partnership is critical in maintaining the City of Lacey’s high quality of life, allowing the Lacey Police Department to respond to emerging issues confronting the community proactively.

The department prides itself on excellent customer service, a low crime rate, and a strong connection to the community. This is due to the professionalism and training of the men and women who wear the uniform and from the willingness of Lacey citizens to get involved and report criminal activity affecting their community. The Lacey Police Department will continue to strive to meet the needs of the community and enforce laws in a uniform and fair manner to preserve and maintain the safety of our neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.

The Lacey Police Department values the diversity of our community and is known for being one of the most professional and community-minded police departments in the region. The City is an equal opportunity employer in all aspects of employment, and as a result, strives to ensure that our workforce reflects those we serve. Our favorite compliment is: “Lacey Police Officers are just members of the community who happen to be wearing a uniform.”

More information can be found on our website: [www.cityoflacey.org/police](http://www.cityoflacey.org/police)







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