

New OPD Patrol Vehicles

You may have noticed lately that our patrol cars have a new look. So, what's the story behind the vehicle model and graphic design?

Well, several years ago Ford stopped making the Crown Victoria. This created an opportunity for the department to consider new models and designs. For some time, officers had asked for an updated look, so a committee was formed to discuss possibilities. Also, the EVOG (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) training team was asked to evaluate the newest purpose-built law enforcement models offered by Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge. They focused on specific factors such as braking, acceleration, internal space and overall performance.

The work of those two groups resulted in the new vehicles being seen today. The Ford Interceptor, both sedan and SUV, will begin replacing the old patrol cars as they rotate out. This year, six have been brought online, with another six planned for 2014.



New Ford Interceptor SUV and Officer Recruit Paul Frailey

Patrol vehicles at Olympia PD have a 5 year life span. Vehicle budget and maintenance is managed by Public Works. When a car is up for replacement, they notify us and we work with them to order a new one using State contract prices. After a vehicle is purchased, a separate vendor installs the radio, lights, cage and equipment mounts. Before delivery, the crew at the City Maintenance Shop performs a final safety check.

Safer and more efficient, these new vehicles will be another improvement that better allows us to accomplish our mission.

Message from

Chief

Roberts



Hello everyone, I hope you've had your gutters cleaned out. It looks like Fall is upon us!

I didn't expect to be writing a note because I was scheduled to attend the FBI National Academy. I was recently nominated and selected with police leaders from 24 countries to attend the prestigious 11 week police leadership program in Quantico, VA. One week after I arrived, Congress decided to have their budget debate which closed the Academy and sent all of us back home. This is the first time since 1935, when the FBI National Academy started, that a session was cancelled. While it was very disappointing, it always feels good to be back home.

We continue to hire more officers to fill vacancies. We have two new officers with their training officers, two more headed to the police academy and several others being released into patrol on their own in the coming weeks. We also have several more in background. All told, 13 new police officers since I came aboard.

Exciting and scary at the same time, the police department is working hard to meet service level demands.





Have an Amazing Halloween

Crime Prevention Tips

Halloween Safety

Participate in an organized event at a church or shopping area

Avoid costumes that block visibility or hamper movement

Get an early start and be done before dark

Stay on the sidewalk and obey traffic laws

Walk in a group and carry a cell phone

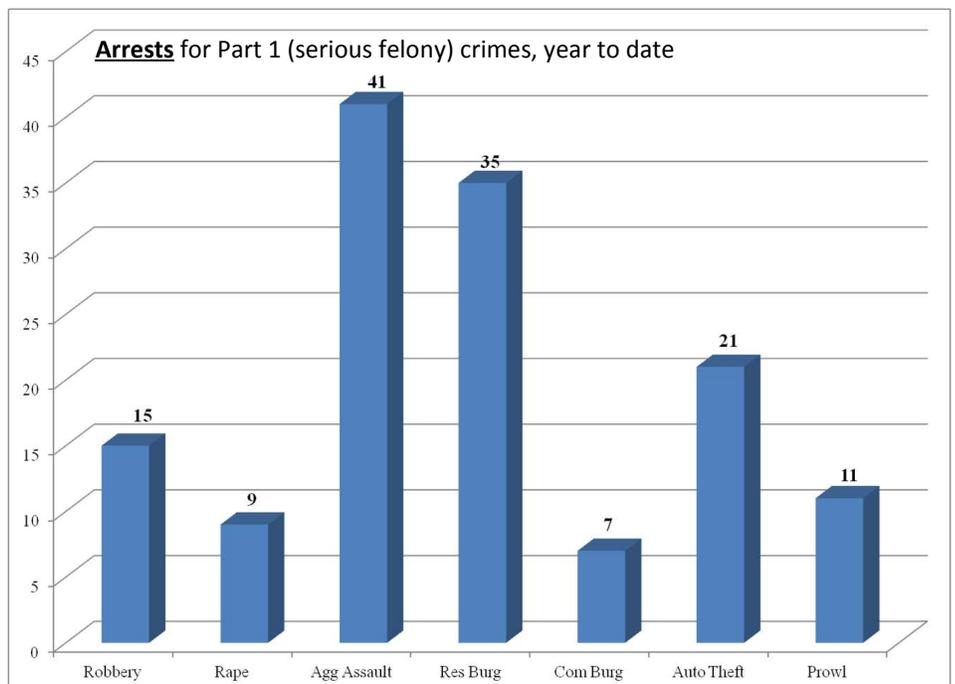
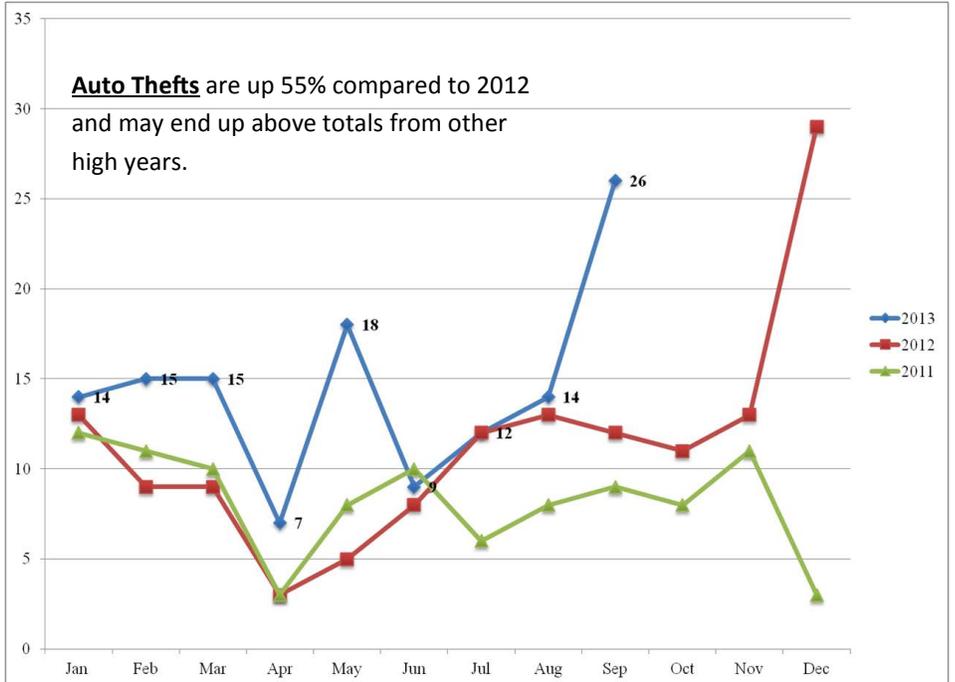
Wear reflective items and carry a flashlight if you'll be out after dark

Only go to houses with the porch light on or where you know the residents

Report Suspicious Activity to 9-1-1

Crime Statistics

We analyze crime statistics and maps weekly, with the goal of using resources most effectively, sharing information and assisting citizens with preventative measures. In the past few months, we've noted a continuing upwards trend in auto thefts. Detectives are focusing on known criminals and working with other jurisdictions to find those responsible.





Police Explorers
 Post 717 -Join Our Team
 Call 360.753.8049

Question Corner

How do I....request a vacation check?

The Olympia Police Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) offer free vacation check services to City of Olympia residents.

Applicants must appear in person at the Olympia Police Department. We try to accommodate every request, but will not accept any under 5 days in length or without a local emergency contact.

While you're gone, the VIPS will do a brief security check at your home about 3 times per week. They'll notify the emergency contact about any unusual findings or call a police officer if a crime is discovered. VIPS wear uniforms identifying them as police volunteers and drive a marked vehicle.

We believe our presence and observation will deter or quickly detect criminal activity.

Inside OPD

Olympia City Jail by Jail Manager Chandra Brady

The Olympia City Jail is a 28-bed facility operated by the Olympia Police Department. Officers working in the Olympia City Jail are responsible for the care and custody of inmates charged with a misdemeanor crime in the City of Olympia.

Corrections Officers must successfully complete the 4-week Corrections Academy at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center in Burien, Washington as well as additional on the job training with certified Corrections Officers. We rely heavily on a Corrections Officer's ability to respond to and control high stress situations, communicate effectively, assess the needs of offenders, and complete necessary documentation. This year, Corrections Officer John Minshall successfully completed his training program and we look forward to getting another Corrections Officer hired and trained.



Olympia City Jail Staff

We're Growing!

While the Olympia City Jail's rated capacity is holding steady at 28 beds, this year we completed a small project that will eventually allow us to house more prisoners. In May 2013 we emptied out the jail and housed all of our prisoners in another facility. We pressure washed the inmate areas of the facility, cleaning away years of graffiti and other markings, and we repainted with institutional grade paint. We ordered new bunks to replace old ones (which were also decorated with graffiti), and added beds to the facility.



While we now have 39 bunks, we won't be able to use the new space until next year when other upgrades make it possible to increase our capacity!

← Before

After →



Just the Facts

- OPD Explorers competed with 13 other posts in the Federal Way Challenge. Our team made the top three in 3 of the 13 events.
- Officer Herbig led an investigation into heroin dealing on Franklin St SE that led to the arrests of 6 people.
- Officer Nutter tracked a stabbing victim into a tunnel and provided immediate first aid, probably saving his life.
- Officer Gabor investigated a series of locker room thefts at Westside gyms, identifying a suspect which led to an arrest.
- Bryan Wyllie was promoted to Patrol Sergeant.
- Officers Caveliere and Henrichsen completed their training, about a year after they were initially hired.
- OPD VIPS, Harbor Patrol and Explorers were honored at City Council during National Volunteer Appreciation week for their 9,000 hours of service.
- Through August, the Records Division processed 2,370 public records requests.
- Detective Johnstone was honored as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by Olympia Kiwanis.



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Next Issue Sneak Peak

Several years of planning, development and training by a multi-jurisdictional committee has resulted in the implementation of a new records management system. Learn more about how this program helps us be more efficient and share information.

Contact Information

Emergency— Call 9-1-1

Non-emergency Dispatch (24 hours) - Call 360.704.2740

Business Office—Call 360.753.8300 or visit us at 601 4th Ave E, Monday-Friday, 9 AM—4PM

