# KEIZER POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



Chief of Police H. MARC ADAMS

# **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

# QUALITY POLICE SERVICES FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

Welcome to the 2012 Keizer Police Department annual report. It was a busy and challenging year for us, but the fine men and women of the KPD came through and continued to be there when needed to meet the needs of our community.

Our staffing shortage continues with four vacant police officer positions. The City Council has identified filling our vacant positions as a top priority. As the economy recovers, the City Council will monitor the budget for the necessary funds to do so.



The crime rate rose slightly in Part I, II, and III crimes. We investigated five heroin overdose deaths and the lack of a drug investigations team continues to be a weak spot in our mission. Our Traffic Safety Unit continued to work hard; we had no auto accident related fatalities and our accident rate remained low.

The entire KPD team, from police officers to non-sworn support staff and volunteers, performed wonderfully this year. Operating with an understaffed police force put us under a strain, but we maintained our mission. We continue to work hard every day to find ways to operate more efficiently, effectively and provide safety for our community.

2013 will be my last year as your Chief of Police as I am retiring soon. It has been a pleasure to serve you and to work with such a professional staff. The Keizer Police Department will continue to provide the very best service we can based on the resources we are provided.

H. M. Adams

H. Marc Adams Chief of Police

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# **COMMAND STAFF**



H. MARC ADAMS Chief of Police Hired in 1997

JEFFREY KUHNS Captain Hired in 1989

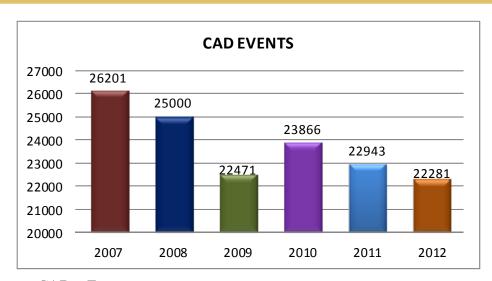




ALAN MCCOWAN
Lieutenant
Patrol Division
Hired in 1987

JOHN TRONCOSO
Lieutenant
Criminal Investigations
Division
Hired in 1989





CAD Events = events generated in CAD (Computer Assisted Dispatch) such as officer initiated calls, 911 calls, criminal incidents, noncriminal incidents, traffic stops, DUII stops.

# **Total Case Numbers Assigned**

2012 = 12,866 2011 = 12,038 2010 = 12,609 2009 = 12,426 2008 = 13,6072007 = 13,305

	2012	2011	2010
Part I Crimes:	929	853	944
Part II Crimes:	2,859	2,778	2,978
<b>Part III Crimes</b> :	584	558	654

**Part I** — <u>violent person and serious property crimes</u> (aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, robbery, arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft)

Part II — non-violent person and less severe offenses (simple assault, curfew violations and loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, DUII, drug offenses, fraud, gambling, liquor offenses, offenses against the family, prostitution, public drunkenness, runaways, sex offenses, stolen property, vandalism, vagrancy, and weapons offenses)

Part III — <u>least serious, mostly preemptive</u> (focused on proactive crime prevention, peace keeping and public safety in general)

#### **COMINGS AND GOINGS**



Officer **Brian Hunter** retired in July after almost 28 years of service with the Keizer Police Department. He first joined the department as a reserve officer in 1984 and was hired full time in 1986. Although a number of officers have left over the years, Officer Hunter is the very first to put in a full career with and officially retire from the department.

Brian served as a patrol officer, a detective, and as a school resource officer on two separate rotations. Brian's assignments during the course of his service included field training officer, polygraph examiner, and K-9 handler. He was also the department's first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE program) officer. It's interesting to note that one of Brian's first students in the DARE program is now a Keizer police officer. Brian was awarded the distinction of Officer of the Year in 1992 and 1993.

Officer Andy Phelps was hired at the end of November to fill the vacancy created by Officer Hunter's retirement. Andy was a reserve officer at Keizer PD and applied for the full time position when the recruitment was held. Officer Phelps possesses a law degree and has passed the Oregon State Bar — an additional tool in the skill set that he brings to the department.





Police Support Specialist **Prajedes Martinez** retired in June after just over 13 years of employment.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### **Continuous Service Awards**

<u>5 YEARS</u> <u>15 YEARS</u>

Kevin DeMarco Chief Marc Adams

Scott Keniston

Stephen Richardson <u>20 YEARS</u>

David LeDay

<u>10 YEARS</u> Juan Mendoza Scott Bigler Tyler Wampler

Andrew Copeland

25 YEARS

Alan McCowan

Sgt Andrew Copeland and Officer Rodney Bamford received recognition for their actions in saving the life of a citizen. The citizen had crashed his vehicle into a power pole, which ignited a fire. The vehicle landed upside down in close proximity to the fire and an active downed power line. The officers risked their personal safety to extricate the disabled driver from the vehicle and no one involved suffered any injuries.

In addition to receiving a Medal of Valor from the Department, the officers received awards from the American Red Cross at the Real Heroes Award ceremony, from the Oregon Peace Officers Association, and were recognized in the FBI Bulletin for their heroic efforts.

Sgt Copeland and Officer Bamford truly put their lives on the line that night – something each of our officers are prepared and willing to do every time they come to work.

# DPSST Certification Achievements

**ADVANCED** 

Stephen Richardson

**SUPERVISORY** 

Sgt Andrew Copeland



#### PATROL DIVISION

In 2012, the Patrol Division was commanded by Lieutenant Alan McCowan. The Patrol Division is the largest of the three divisions in the Keizer Police Department and is comprised of five units: Patrol, K-9, Traffic Safety, Reserve Officer and Cadet.

Patrol officers work 12-hour shifts on a two-days on/two-days off, three-days on/two-days off shift rotation schedule to provide 24-hour coverage each and every day of the year. Patrol officers are exposed to the greatest potential for danger while working in the field.

The public is more likely to encounter officers assigned to the Patrol Division than officers from other divisions. Patrol officers are often the first to arrive on the scene of an incident and can greatly influence the outcome of subsequent investigations.

The Patrol Division maintains public order by responding to and investigating police incidents, detecting and deterring crime through self-initiated activity, providing a visible presence of law enforcement authority in the community and assisting the public with non-criminal matters as appropriate. The primary duty of the Patrol Division is to protect the safety and property of the citizens of Keizer. This is accomplished by responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, apprehension of criminals, enforcement of traffic laws, crime prevention through outreach and utilization of effective patrol strategies. The Patrol Division provides an essential service to the citizens of Keizer.

The patrol officer's shift is comprised of two types of patrol time – obligated and non-obligated. Obligated time is spent responding to dispatched or initiated calls for service including the investigation, processing of evidence, arrest, prisoner transport and completion of required police reports. Non-obligated time is routine and strategic business and neighborhood patrols, policing contacts and crime prevention efforts. The *optimum* non-obligated patrol time for each patrol officer is approximately 30 minutes per hour.

According to a Patrol Allocations and Deployment Protocols study of the Keizer Police Department, 26 officers (four patrol supervisors and 22 patrol officers) assigned to patrol duty are needed to meet optimum, non-obligated patrol staffing levels. Unfortunately, at the end of 2012 only four patrol supervisors and 15 patrol officers were assigned.





#### **Patrol Unit**

The Keizer Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency. We respond to every call, every time. The public will not be directed to complete reports on line.

The Patrol Unit is supervised by four sergeants. Their main duties are to supervise day to day operations and assist with calls for service and investigations when needed.

The Patrol Unit regularly responds to emergency and non-emergency calls. The unit is often referred to as the backbone of the department because the assigned officers are regularly the first on-scene contact the public has with the department.

When patrol officers are not taking calls, they are actively patrolling in order to deter crimes and traffic violations.

The Patrol Unit investigated 10,182 calls for service in 2012. These were handled among 20 patrol officers who averaged 509 calls each. Additionally, patrol officers issued 1,870 traffic violations and 2,248 traffic warnings. Of the traffic violations observed, 55 percent resulted in warnings. The Patrol Unit issued 60 percent of all traffic citations for the department. The Keizer Police Department places an emphasis on voluntary compliance with traffic laws.

Of the 1,591 incidents resulting in arrest, 77 percent were made by the Patrol Unit. This is one of many reasons why the Patrol Unit provides an essential service to the citizens of Keizer.



Patrol supervisors are assigned to drive SUVs which are capable of carrying the extra equipment necessary for mobile command response in the field.



Sgt Greg Barber



Sgt Andrew Copeland



Sgt Jeff Goodman



Sgt Trevor Wenning



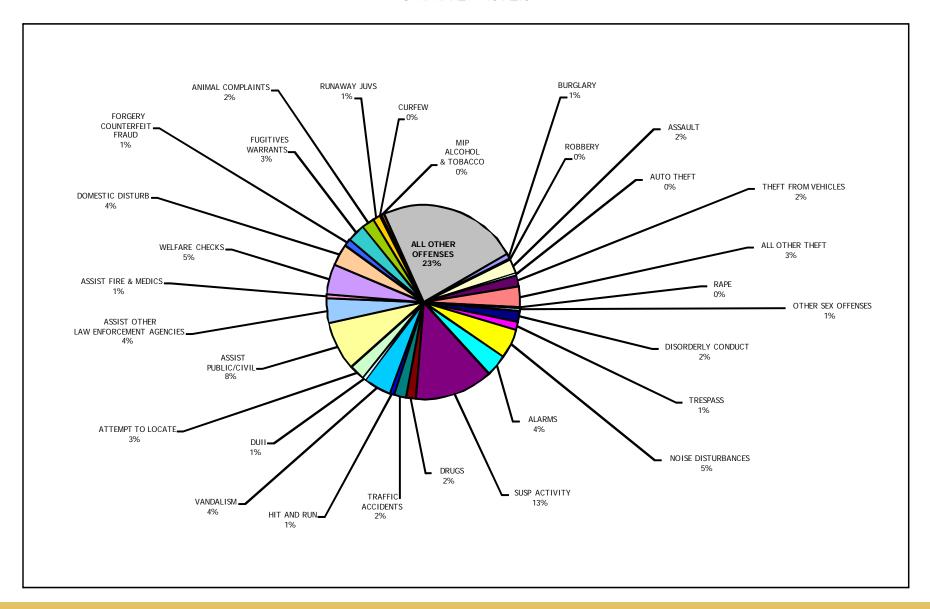
# CITY WIDE YEAR END COUNT FOR THESE SELECT OFFENSES

ROBBERY	9
RAPE	10
CURFEW	33
AUTO THEFT	49
MINOR IN POSSESSION-ALCOHOL/TOBACCO	61
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	68
DUII	78
ASSIST FIRE AND MEDICS	91
HIT AND RUN	108
BURGLARY	123
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT/FRAUD	156
RUNAWAY JUVENILES	163
TRESPASS	188
DRUGS/NARCOTICS	203
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	228
THEFT FROM VEHICLES	244

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	254
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	269
ASSAULT	311
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	329
FUGITIVES/WARRANTS	383
ALL OTHER THEFT	445
FALSE/ACCIDENTAL ALARMS	463
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES (non-criminal)	473
ASSIST OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	528
VANDALISM	577
NOISE DISTURBANCES	627
WELFARE CHECKS	640
ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO PUBLIC/CIVIL	1052
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1693
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	3010

Statistics compiled from PRIORS RMS entries

# **OFFENSES**



#### K-9 Unit

Working as loyal members of a team with their human partners, K-9s have proven to be invaluable in searching for criminals and keeping their human partners and others safe. These frontline assets in the fight against crime risk their lives every day, just as their human partners do. In many ways, dogs contribute more to achieve law enforcement objectives than sophisticated technology. The dogs work much faster in a building search than officers can. As a detector, the dog is unsurpassed because he is able to distinguish odors in unusual situations and new environments. At night, the K-9 sees more clearly than humans; their senses alert them to the suspect

The working lifespan of a K-9 partner is not very long – usually only 5-6 years. Much of the expense to purchase and train a new K-9 – approximately \$16,000 – is made possible through generous donations from the community. When these tax deductible donations are made, they are held in a separate fund specifically for K-9 use; the donations do not become part of the general fund revenue. In addition to donations, our K-9 unit sells t-shirts and sweatshirts locally to help offset the cost of mandatory training and also the costs of equipment. The t-shirts and sweatshirts are available at the Iris Festival, Oregon State Fair, Petco, and 911 Supply.

At the end of 2012, the Keizer Police Department held a ceremony to retire K-9 **Axel**. K-9 Axel joined the department in July 2009.

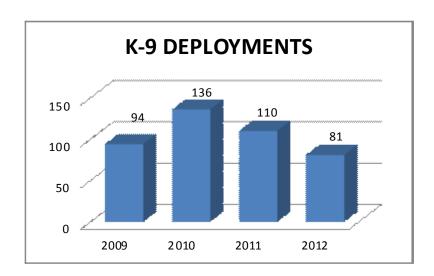


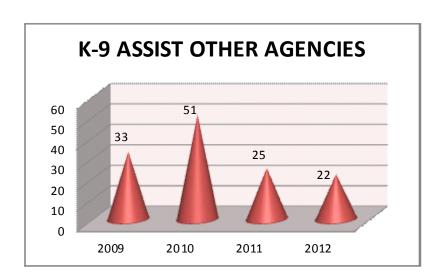
City Councilor Cathy Clark presented a golden bone to Axel upon his retirement.



Axel enjoying his retirement — he gets to sleep inside now!

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At the end of 2012 Keizer Police purchased our first ever dual purpose K-9. A dual purpose K-9 has the ability to detect narcotics such as heroin, methamphetamine, marijuana and cocaine, as well as track suspects. This is monumental for our department and helps us get two great attributes of a K-9 with the cost of only one dog and one handler.

The purchase of K-9 **Buster** was funded entirely through donations. Significant donations were made by the Jacobson family and the Kevin Butler Memorial Trust. Pictured above with Officer Stephen Richardson and K-9 Buster is Kevin's family: Pastor Randy Butler, Kristi Weathers and Joanie Butler. Buster was commissioned on what would have been Kevin's 26th birthday.

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# **Traffic Safety Unit**

In 2011 the Traffic Safety Unit received a grant from Oregon Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Division, to develop software that would give real time information for traffic crash issues and crimes. The project was expected to be online by the end of 2012, however, as with most software development projects, there were additional modifications and the time line has been pushed out to June 2013. The department received software modifications worth \$30,000 from the developer.



As part of the three Es – Education, Enforcement, and Engineering – Officer Eric Jefferson participated in a car seat clinic. Educating citizens helps keep everyone safer.



57% of all traffic stops in 2012 resulted in a written warning instead of a citation.

#### **Traffic Statistics**

	2012	2011	2010
STOPS	7,204	7,660	6,114
CITATIONS	3,131	3,530	2,980
WARNINGS	4,073	4,130	3,134
TOWS	332	318	350
CRASHES	254	323	295

There were 108 reported parking lot hit and runs.



The driver of this vehicle suffered a medical issue and crashed into a fire hydrant, severing the pipe below ground level. The Traffic Safety Unit, Public Works, and Keizer Fire District personnel responded to the scene. Interdepartmental and interagency support is critical to accomplishing our mission.

#### **QUALIFYING TOW OFFENSES:**

(Some drivers may have multiple offenses)

TOTAL VEHS TOWED:	339
DUII (18 vehicles not towed + 1 bike)	78
No Drivers License	46
No Insurance	220
Driving While Suspended	148



Sometimes the Traffic Safety Unit has to investigate motor vehicle crashes involving our own police vehicles. In this instance, the K-9 vehicle involved was stopped at an intersection when two cars crashed in front of and into it. Wrong place at the right time = zero delay in police response time.



One truck driver—15 citations.

#### **Reserve Officer Unit**

Reserve Police Officers (Reserves) assist full time sworn officers in the performance of law enforcement duties. The selection process for Reserves is identical to the process that full time officers undergo – application, written test, physical test, oral interviews, background investigation, psychological evaluation, and then a physical exam. Upon successful completion of these steps, Reserve applicants attend the Mid-Valley Reserve Training Academy several nights and weekends per month over the course of seven months. Upon graduation from the academy, Reserves complete a field training evaluation program (FTEP), just as sworn officers do. All of this to become an unpaid volunteer!

The Reserve Officers at Keizer Police Department generally serve for one of two reasons: to get their foot in the door for a career in law enforcement or as citizens who want to contribute to the safety and well-being of their community. Either way, the police department and citizens of Keizer benefit from their involvement. In 2012, the Keizer Police Department hired one of our reserves as a full time officer; that officer is currently in the police academy.



Reserve Officer Chris Short at the Festival of Lights Parade



Reserve Officer Sandy Benninger at the range

#### **Cadet Unit**

The presence of a cadet program within any agency can be a positive factor in influencing departmental attitudes, both internally and externally. Cadets are given an opportunity to see firsthand the efforts of sworn personnel. Additionally, sworn personnel normally exposed to youth involved with criminal offenses can observe and experience the positive side of young America. Cadet units provide the law enforcement community an opportunity to further an investment in its own future through relationships with fit and capable young adults.

In 2012 the Cadet Unit sent five members to the Law Enforcement Challenge at Camp Rilea. The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition that allows cadets to compete against other cadets from across the state in real police situations in a controlled environment. The Keizer Police Cadets train year round for this event. Some of the events include responding to a domestic disturbance, operating a patrol vehicle in a driving course, conducting a DUII investigation, collecting evidence at a crime scene, and firearms qualifications.



The Cadet Unit also sent a team to participate in the Oregon National Guard High School Challenge, which was also held at Camp Rilea. This competition pitted teams of high school age students in events which included a one mile run, push-ups and sit-ups, a cycle through the obstacle course and pugil pit arena, a rappel event, and a paint ball force-on-force tournament. These events were timed and scored on individual ability and teamwork. The Keizer team brought home the competition champion trophy.

Because cadets can serve only until they reach 21 years of age – the age at which they could potentially be hired full time – we lost two valuable members of the Cadet Unit in 2012. We will be looking to add to our unit in the coming year and also continue to improve skills through on-going training.



# **Support Services Unit**

The communications, data and evidence collection center for the Keizer Police Department

The Support Services Unit consists of five non-sworn employees who are part of the Support Services Division. Their function is to receive and disseminate information and data accurately and promptly. They are responsible for all mandated data entry into regional, state and federal law enforcement systems. Additionally, the data collected from all police reports generated provide statistical and analytical information which support the administration of police resources both in terms of budget and personnel. Support staff are frequently the first contact the public has with a police agency. They also assist the Oregon State Police in the registration of sex offenders. The unit registered 100 offenders in 2012.

Police Support Specialist Ronna Price is the department's primary receptionist. She answered and routed thousands of calls and greeted numerous customers in 2012. Her ability to listen attentively and offer help and resources is just the beginning of providing quality law enforcement service to Keizer citizens.

Keizer officers responded to 12,866 calls for service in 2012. That translates into the same amount of police reports as well as additional associated documents. Once the reports are written, approved and submitted, it is up to Police Support Specialist **Laurie Phillips** (previously Prajedes Martinez who retired in July 2012) to make sure the courts and other government agencies receive the documentation necessary to prosecute offenders, provide victim assistance and ultimately bring justice and closure to the victims of crime.

Police Support Specialist **Beverly Birr** is primarily tasked with processing the required notifications to vehicle owners/lessees and to tow companies. She logs and releases most of the vehicles which are towed as a result of certain ordinance and state statute violations. In 2012 there were 339 vehicles towed, far less than in previous years. Bev assists with court ordered criminal record expungements, performs routine data entry, routes some traffic violations and also assists our customers.



Ronna Price, Laurie Phillips, Rita Powers, Donna Hill, Bev Birr

#### **Property and Evidence**

Another vital arm of the Support Services Unit is property and evidence control, which carries significant responsibility in protecting the chain of custody for all property and evidence collected and stored and/or sent for forensic analysis. This responsibility is critical to the successful prosecution of offenders. Property and Evidence Specialist **Donna Hill** single handedly keeps meticulous records of nearly 16,000 items currently in custody, keeping them categorized for prompt retrieval as needed. Donna is also tasked with disposal of items which are no longer needed, cannot be returned by law, or are unclaimed. She must continually work to move property out of storage as well as receive incoming items to avoid storage issues.

Rita Powers supervises and directs the Support Services Unit. She oversees and coordinates the support staff to work in conjunction with the goals and needs of management, patrol and investigations. Preparing statistical data, ensuring the quality and security of confidential information and meeting the deadlines for record entry is her focus. In addition, Rita is the Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) representative for the Police Department. She is responsible for making sure all employees are trained and certified in the use of the CJIS system and in compliance with the State of Oregon's rules and regulations pertaining to its use and dissemination of information.

Rita also supervises the Property and Evidence Specialist, overseeing the process and functions associated with property and evidence. She acts as a backup when necessary.

The Support Services Unit relies heavily on three citizen volunteers—Mike Hood, Dee Rexroad and Debbie Layman. In 2012, these generous citizens volunteered a total of 409 hours of service. Volunteers help with a wide range of duties such as case filing, some types of computer entry, copying projects, property records and disposal and insurance company correspondence. We are continually grateful for their help.



Community Service Officer Lynn Halladey, Volunteer Ted Plumb and Property and Evidence Specialist Donna Hill at the burn plant in Brooks where they took items to be disposed.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



Lt John Troncoso, Sgt Bob Trump, Detectives Tim Lathrop, Vaughn Edsall, Dmitry White, Ben Howden

2012 was a very different year for the Criminal Investigations Division than was 2011. While Keizer officers saw three homicides occur within the city in 2011, fortunately 2012 gave detectives from the Criminal Investigations Unit a break – from new homicide cases, that is. The year began with detectives finishing work on the last homicide from the previous year, a process that usually takes several months. During the latter part of the year, detectives also began to prepare for trial in another homicide case from 2011. Along with wrapping up work in those two cases, they were assigned 142 new cases, clearing 69 percent of them during the calendar year and carrying others over into 2013. Major cases included robberies, a stabbing, a drive-by-shooting, and numerous sex crime investigations.

Our detectives also serve on the Marion County Homicide and Assault Response Team (HART), which is made up of numerous personnel from local law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's office. Interagency assistance is vital on homicides and other major cases, especially for an agency the size of the Keizer Police Department. Unlike 2011 when our detectives received many investigative hours from other HART investigators for the three homicides in our city, this year our detectives assisted Marion County area investigators with five homicide investigations. There were also a large number of officer-involved shootings in the county and our detectives assisted with the investigation of five of those incidents in compliance with Senate Bill 111 and the Marion County Deadly Physical Force Response Plan.

#### **Community Response Unit**

Two of the Community Response Unit's (CRU) three allocated investigator positions remained unfilled in 2012 because of budgetary cuts made in the past several years. That again left the CRU, which is responsible for investigating street-level drug investigations, with only one assigned investigator. Nonetheless, the Keizer Police Department received 46 drug activity complaints. The one investigator wrote nine search warrant affidavits and 13 arrests were made in connection with local drug investigations. In the absence of more personnel assigned to the unit, the CRU investigator has to rely on assistance from the CIU detectives and other local agencies in order to successfully investigate criminal drug activity.

Most notable for the year was that the number of heroin-related deaths rose significantly – seven of eight drug overdose deaths in Keizer were a result of heroin use. This appears to be a disturbing statewide trend, which has kept the lone CRU investigator more than busy. While all such cases are tragic, one was particularly notable in that investigators, with the assistance of the local Drug Enforcement Administration task force, made six arrests in connection with the heroin overdose death of a local 20 year old woman.

Also during 2012, Detective Ben Howden spent a significant amount of time working towards becoming a certified computer forensics examiner, a specialist that our agency simply cannot afford to be without in this age of information technology. The process takes hard work and months of training to complete all required assignments and tests.





Investigation Support Specialist Laurie Phillips with money seized following service of a search warrant.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT**

The Community Services Unit (CSU) is supervised by Sergeant Lance Inman and is comprised of two sworn officers, one non-sworn Community Service Officer and several volunteers. The School Resource Officer program, graffiti abatement, and crime prevention (which includes the Neighborhood Watch Program and National Night Out) are part of this unit. The department sponsors and provides support for over 65 neighborhood watch groups throughout the city and coordinates the annual National Night Out block party events.

The Community Services Unit coordinates the department's social network efforts such as the Electronic Notification Service. More information can be found on our website at www.keizerpd.com.

The Community Services Unit also tracks gang and graffiti activity.

#### Electronic Notification Service

The Keizer Police Department's Electronic Notification Service is a means of notifying community members about public safety alerts, media releases, crime trends and crime prevention information. Citizens choose how to receive the information (by e-mail and/or text message) - everything from urgent police alerts to advisory and community safety information. An informed citizen is a safer citizen.

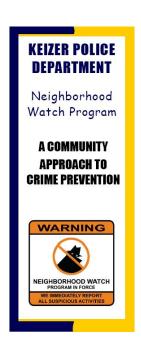
# ROAD CLOSURE LOCKHAVEN DRIVE CLOSED BETWEEN RIVER RD AND NEWBERG DR FOR UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME

# Email Notification REIZER POLICE INVESTIGATE BUSINESS BURGLARIES The Keizer Police Department is investigating several recent forced entry burglaries that have occurred at various Keizer businesses. As a police department, we are focusing on this problem through investigation, including analyzing data collected at the crime scenes. You can help us stop this trend by doing the following: 1. Leave lights on inside and outside the business or at least have those that are motion activated. Brightly illuminate all entrances with vandal-proof fixtures. 2. Install a monitored alarm system. 3. Keep landscaping (trees and shrubs) well maintained, especially near doors and windows; don't give burglars places to hide. Don't provide concealment or climbing platforms for burglars. 4. Use deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Ask a professional locksmith which types of deadholts are best for your business. Secure all points of entry and replace hollow-

#### CrimeReports.com

In 2009, the Keizer Police Department began publishing crime and incident data to <a href="https://www.CrimeReports.com">www.CrimeReports.com</a>, an online communication venue for law enforcement to disseminate neighborhood crime information quickly and efficiently. With CrimeReports.com, citizens can view crimes and incidents within 24-72 hours of being reported. Citizens can also narrow their search to pinpoint the type of crime such as burglaries or theft from vehicles. Crime details and victim identification information are removed as part of the data publishing process, but case numbers are available should a citizen want to request a copy of the report. Citizens can also sign up to receive e-mail crime alerts. By making this information available to the public, residents can respond by taking action to prevent becoming victimized.





#### Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a citizen organized and maintained program within neighborhoods to prevent or reduce crime. The program uses citizen involvement to secure their own homes and personal property and to report suspicious activity to the police. Block organizers initiate the program with the assistance of the Keizer Police Department.

Neighborhood Watch operates to educate participants in the principles of deterrence, delay and detection. The program depends on a communication network organized with three levels of participants – residents, block captains and the police department. More arrests come from neighbors reporting suspicious circumstances to the police than from routine police patrol. If every person who saw suspicious activity in their neighborhood contacted the police, more criminal activity could be prevented and more crimes could be solved.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and cost efficient crime prevention programs in the country. By detecting crime before it occurs and adopting sound preventive techniques, we can work together to reduce it. Since its creation in 1972, the program has brought a dramatic drop in crime rates.

#### **School Resource Officers**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program establishes a positive working relationship with youth in a cooperative effort to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist in student development. The program also maintains a safe and secure environment on school campuses and promotes positive attitudes about the police role in society. School resource officers also present various topics in the classroom such as law, the role of law enforcement, drug and gang awareness and other law enforcement disciplines. School resource officers conduct criminal and other investigations in Keizer schools and serve as the liaison officer for the schools' Youth Services Team and interagency youth gang meetings. In cooperation with the school district, school officers also investigate truancy violations and issue citations for attendance and truancy issues. During the summer break SROs are typically assigned to special details such as gang and graffiti enforcement, investigations and routine patrol depending on operational needs.

The Salem-Keizer School District pays 50 percent of the personnel costs to staff police officers in Keizer schools and 25 percent of an SRO supervisor on a full-time basis. Facing drastic budget cuts in 2011, the Salem-Keizer School District eliminated funding for one middle school SRO. Whiteaker and Claggett Creek middle schools are now serviced by one SRO. The seven remaining grade schools in Keizer receive law enforcement service on a response-only basis.



Sgt Lance Inman at a Read Across America event



At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, School Resource Officer **Brian Hunter** retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Keizer Police Department and citizens of Keizer. He provided security at McNary High School for 2,100 students and staff. Officer Hunter investigated 163 calls for service last school year.

School Resource Officer **David Zavala**, formerly assigned to Whiteaker Middle School, was reassigned to provide school resource officer services to McNary High School after SRO Hunter's retirement.



School Resource Officer **Jay Prall** is assigned to Claggett Creek Middle School and Whiteaker Middle School. Officer Prall provides security for 1,947 students and staff. He investigated 206 calls for service last school year. Officer Prall is the department's Youth Gang Officer, an advisor for the Keizer Police Cadet Unit, and department representative on the CERV (Committed Enforcement of Responsible Vendors) Task Force.





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#### **Community Service Officer**

The Community Service Officer (CSO) is a civilian position which assists the department in several areas. CSO Lynn Halladey assists sworn officers by obtaining information on non-emergency crimes or incidents that do not require the enforcement authority of a sworn officer, such as parking complaints, neighborhood problems, code enforcement, graffiti vandalism, theft cases or directing traffic at the scene of motor vehicle crashes. CSO Halladey transports evidence and paperwork to the Oregon State Police Crime Lab, District Attorney's office and other law enforcement agencies. CSO Halladey is responsible for maintaining our vehicle fleet by tracking and scheduling maintenance, arranging for repairs and working on our mobile data computer systems.

The department provides vacation residence security checks for residents who submit a form notifying us they will be gone for extended periods of time. During one such residence check — the fifth while these particular residents were absent — CSO Halladey discovered that a home had been burglarized. Only small items of easy opportunity had been stolen; however, there was evidence that suggested the thieves may have planned to return to steal additional items. The security checks of this residence probably prevented further loss to the victims.

The Community Services Unit is primarily responsible for handling and abating graffiti vandalism incidents throughout the city. Vandalism was the second most reported crime in the city. In 2012, 574 vandalism cases were reported with nearly half involving graffiti. The majority of the graffiti involved public and utility company owned property. While graffiti abatement is largely performed by longtime department volunteer **Ted Plumb**, nearly all graffiti to public and public utility property was cleaned up by juveniles performing court-ordered community service. A vast majority of the graffiti cases were not gang related.

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