



# 2012

# Annual Report



# Sequim Police Department

*'Personal Attention to our Community'*

**William M. Dickinson,  
Chief of Police**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

WILLIAM DICKINSON



Welcome to the 2012 Sequim Police Annual Report. This report is comprised primarily of statistical data to provide a perspective on the law enforcement efforts in the City of Sequim, but we have also taken a moment to reflect on a few of the outstanding staff who serve the Citizens, visitors and businesses in our community. 2012 was a challenging year for the Olympic Peninsula Justice System, and Sequim is no exception. As you will see from the statistical data, we have encountered an increased frequency of property crimes at the same time as judicial resources have dwindled at the county and state levels. I believe that the increase in criminal activity is very likely a reflection of our economic inability to prosecute, provide correction or treatment for, and/or incarcerate lawbreakers. If this proposition is correct, then we will continue to see our crime statistics climb in 2013 as these offenders continue to victimize unchecked by the criminal justice system.

On a brighter note, the Police Department has concluded work on a new 5 year Strategic Plan. This new plan reflects the current economic reality and is considerably more moderate in scope and vision than that of 5 years ago. An Executive Summary would include two major efforts led by the passage of the City of Sequim Local Option Public Safety Sales Tax in 2012. The revenues from this new local option sales tax will be utilized to help build a new police station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The vote of support shown to the Police Department by our citizens will allow the first dedicated police station in its 100 year history! The staff is extremely pleased and grateful to the Citizens of Sequim for their endorsement of our public safety efforts. The new Police Station, EOC and City Hall are scheduled to break ground in 2014. The building and occupancy of the new Sequim Civic Center is the first of our two major efforts in the 5 year plan. The second effort will be to capitalize on the new facility and pursue State Accreditation of the Sequim Police Department which has here-to-fore been precluded by our existing facility. The latter effort is intended to provide assurance to the community that our police services are second to none, and assure that our level of professionalism meets or exceeds established levels of service.

*William M. Dickinson*

# 2012 Department Overview

The Sequim Police Department, created in 1913, serves and protects the citizens of Sequim 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Eighteen commissioned officers and two reserve officers staff the three daily work shifts. The commissioned officers making up the supervisory team include the Chief, the Deputy Chief, three Sergeants, and one Detective Sergeant.

Police support services are performed by the non-sworn Police Records Specialist, a Records Clerk II, and the Assistant to the Chief. Additionally, the Sequim Police Department has twenty-two Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) who provide additional support services to the staff and the officers. The Police Department's business office is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hours calls to the office are routed to Pencom, the regional dispatch center.

The members of the Sequim Police Department are seriously dedicated to the agency's Mission Statement - "To partner with the community in preserving the peace and reducing the incidence of crime for everyone who lives, works, and visits in our city."

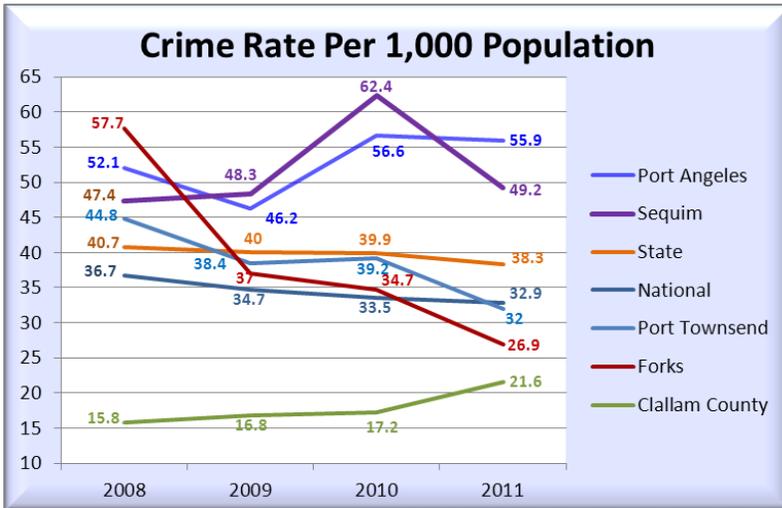


## Statistics Development

In the 1980's, responding to Law Enforcement's need for more detailed crime data, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) began development of a new National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), and moved away from the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) method. In 2010, the Sequim Police Department was one of the first police agencies in the state to make the transition to NIBRS for reporting monthly crime data to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), the state's compiling agency for crime data. The crime data presented in this report from 2010 forward is derived using the new NIBRS format and is the same information, albeit condensed, as that which is forwarded to the State of Washington and the U.S. Department of Justice. Because NIBRS does not capture non-crime reporting work load information, we also track call-load information from Peninsula Communications (PenCom) who handles our 9-1-1 phone calls and dispatching services. We also gather data from other sources such as the regional Law Enforcement Records Management System in order to capture other data such as warrant arrests, subpoena services, follow-up investigations, and so on.

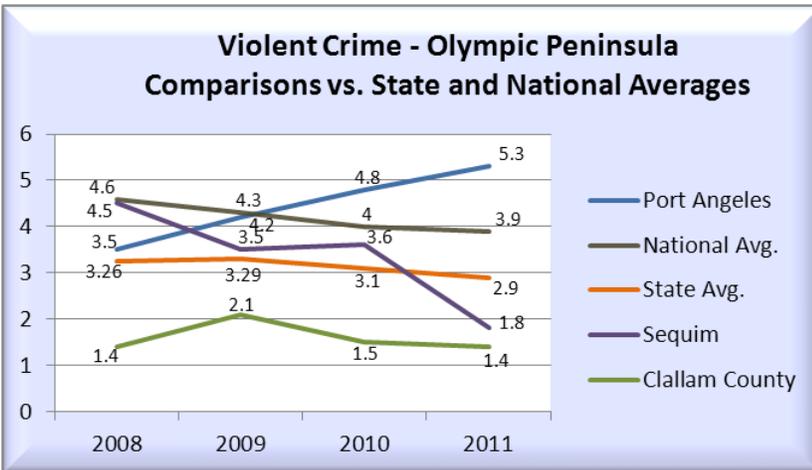
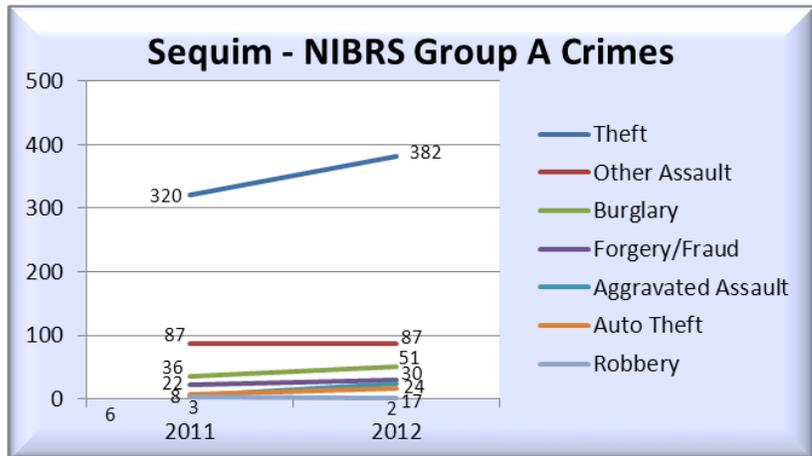
As a caveat, you will note that Sequim's crime-data work load information is complete through the end of 2012 however our crime rate comparisons with other agencies can only be represented through 2011. This is because the crime rates for other agencies are not published until half-way through the following year and we will not receive those statistics until later this year.

# 2010-2012 STATISTICS



Overall crime rate per 1,000 Population - National, State of Washington, and Olympic Peninsula Cities\*

Actual number of offenses in general crime categories\*



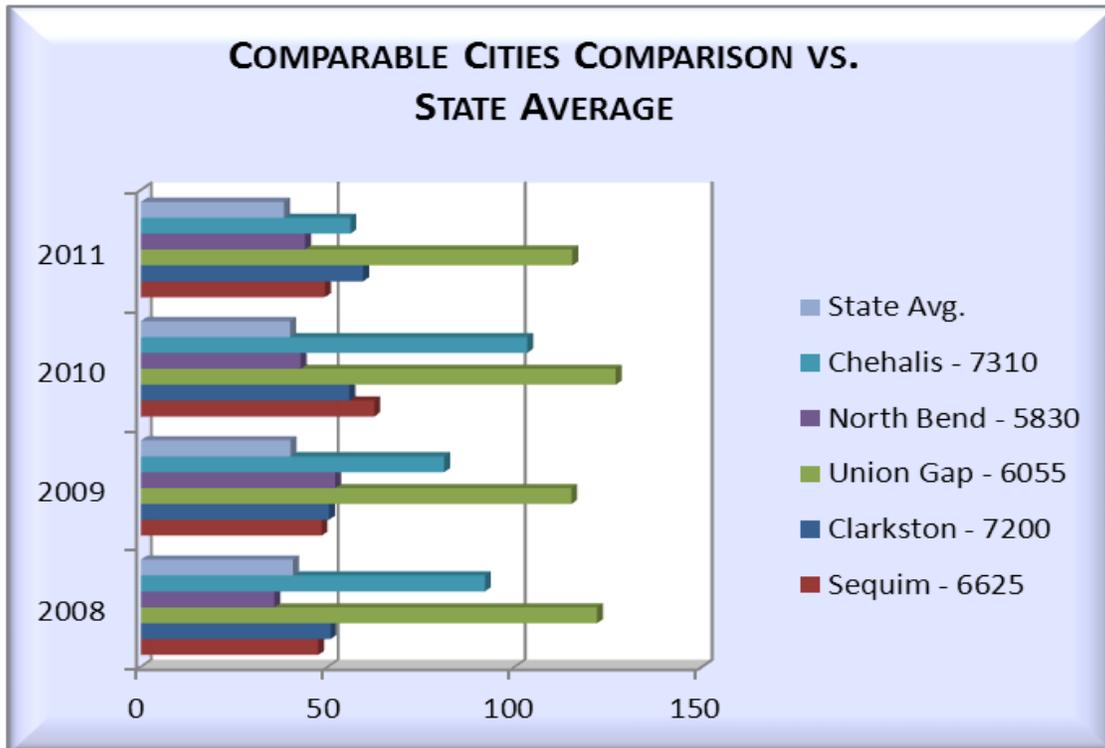
Overall violent crime rate per 1,000 Population - National, State of Washington, and Clallam County Cities\*

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

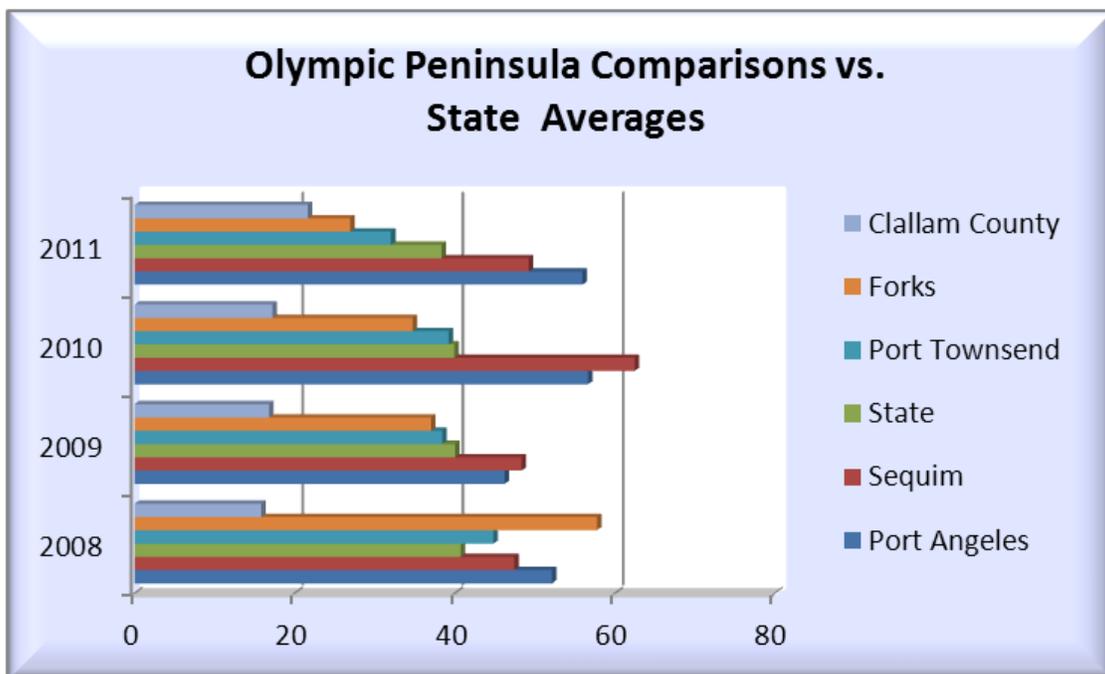
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Verbal/No Arrest	46	42	74	82	40
Physical/Arrest Made	98	121	58	59	55

\* All data compiled by Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)

# 2008-2011 Crime Rates

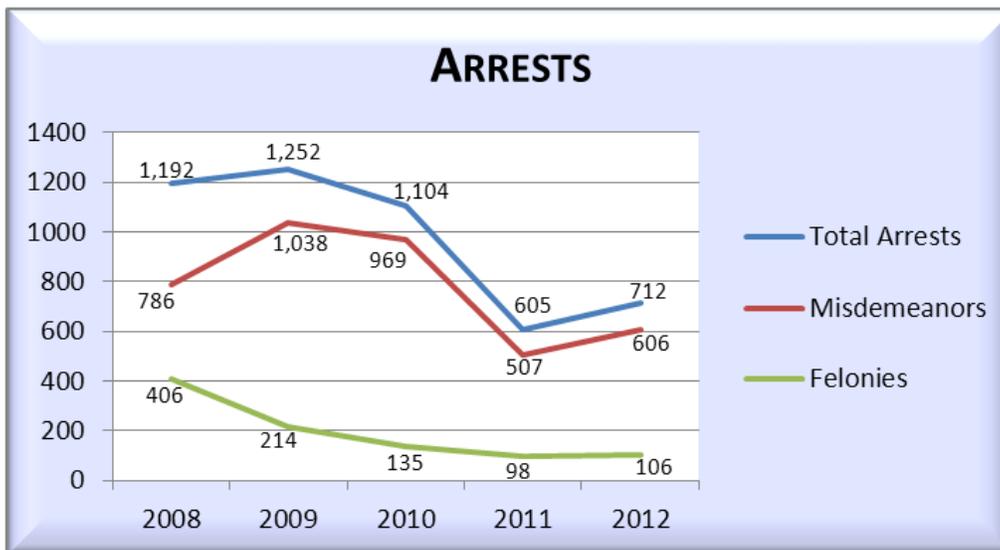
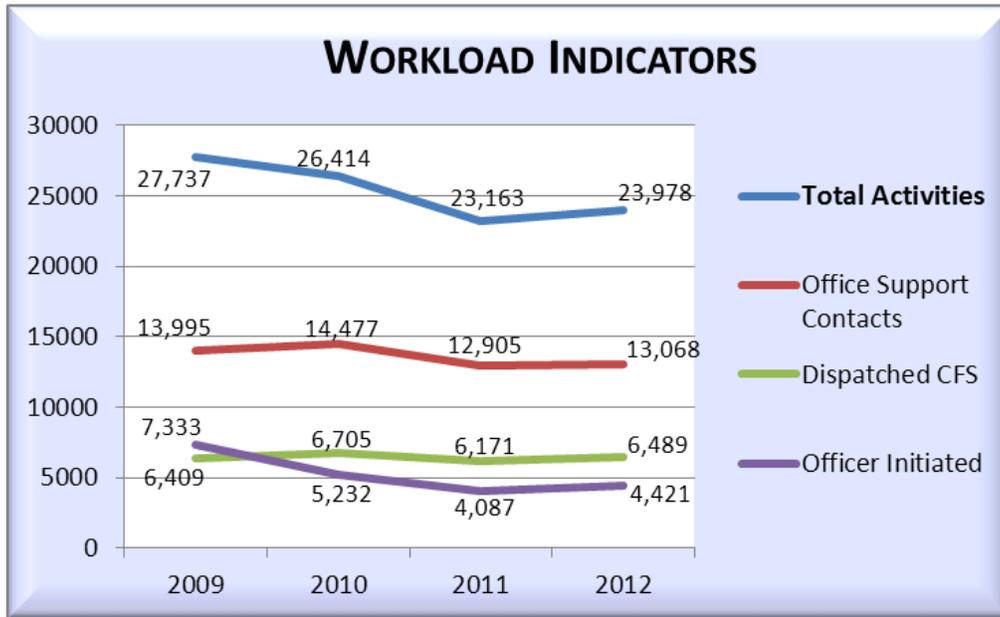


Cities comparable to Sequim's population; all are regional shopping destinations.  
State crime rate is also called out for comparison



Crime rates for cities located on the Olympic Peninsula, plus the County and State crime rates.

# Annual Activity Levels



BUSINESS OFFICE ACTIVITIES			
	2010	2011	2012
Phone calls	9,713	8,675	8,471
Walk-ins	4,764	4,230	4,597
Total Front Office Public Contacts	14,477	12,905	13,068
Number of Concealed Weapons Permits processed	55	91	115

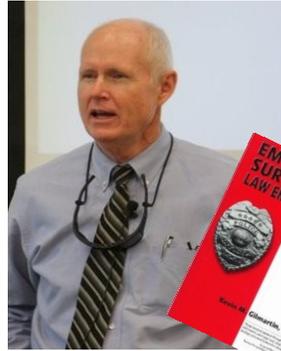
TICKET STATISTICS			
	2010	2011	2012
Criminal Citations Issued	472	327	436
Infractions Issued	443	345	375
Warnings Issued	904	208	116

# 2011-2012 Activity Highlights



## OFFICER ACTIVITIES

	2011	2012
Welfare Checks-people	236	258
Welfare Checks – 911 hang-ups	688	756
Audible Alarms	305	283
Suspicious Person/Circumstance/ Vehicles	406	481
Parking Complaints	75	62
Noise Complaints	129	125
Disturbances	203	274
Domestic Disturbance	82	72
Drug activity	96	56



## VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)

	2011	2012
Total Annual Volunteer Hours	3,677	3,932
Vacation House Checks	2,127	1,769
Subpoenas Served	96	221
Radar Trailer, hours deployed	105	98
Child Passenger Safety Seats— Installed /Inspected	72	102
Project Lifesaver Clients	24	18



# 2012 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

## 2012 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Known as a conscientious senior officer, **Detective Paul Dailidenas** can be depended upon to do a professional and thorough investigation on his cases, resulting in outstanding finished work products.

Detective Dailidenas continuously demonstrates that he is one of the most conscientious and dependable officers in the Sequim Police Department, accepting and executing all assignments with equal commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm. Det. Dailidenas is consistently willing to assist all members of his agency with any task, without needing special acknowledgment for his effort.

In appreciation for his unfailing service to his fellow officers, outside agency officers, his supervisors, and the citizens of Sequim, Detective Paul Dailidenas is recognized as the 2012 Employee of the Year.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMENDATION AWARD

**Detective Paul Dailidenas** was awarded the agency's Criminal Investigation Commendation Award for his significant involvement following the explosion and sinking of a 38-foot yacht, moored at John Wayne Marina. With much of the physical evidence under twenty feet of water, Det. Dailidenas coordinated with the Clallam County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. coast Guard, the Port of Port Angeles authorities, and private insurance investigators to determine the cause of the explosion.

In this first of its kind investigation for the Sequim Police Department, Det. Dailidenas had to develop investigative skills not commonly possessed by most officers. His dedication and thoroughness contributed greatly to the successful disposition of the investigation, determining the cause of the explosion and loss of life.

## TARGET ZERO TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS

The Target ZERO Program is a statewide program designed to eliminate all fatal traffic crashes in Washington. The department created a Traffic Safety Award Pin Program in 2007 to recognize officers who achieved a minimum of 10 drunk driver arrests and/or initiate at least 300 vehicle stops over the course of a year.

The following Sequim staff received the Traffic Safety Award for their outstanding efforts in 2012:

**Officer Grant Dennis and Officer Mike Hill**

## PARTNER OF THE YEAR (Voted by Staff)

The Partner of the Year Award recognizes the individual who the department's police officers would most want to have as a 'Partner on Patrol.' This award entails the trust and respect of the staff and embodies an individual who is professional in both action and appearance. It is designed to recognize those qualities that are most desired in any policing partner: dedication, technical competency, tactical competence; self motivation and trust. Voted to receive this year's Partner of the Year Award is **Officer Cory Hall**

## CITIZEN SERVICE MEDAL

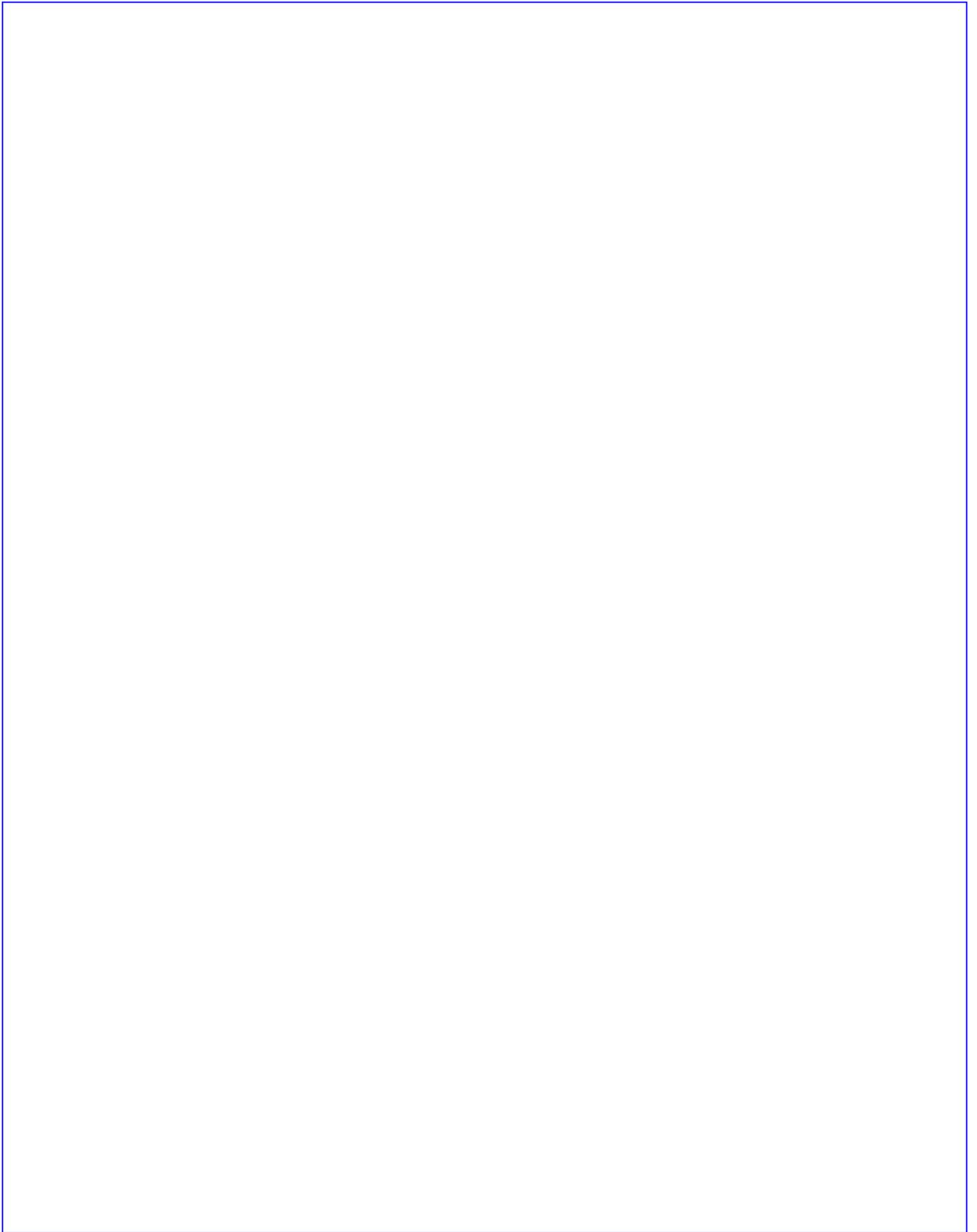
**William Hegarty** joined the Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) in 2005, and was chosen to be the VIPS Coordinator in 2008. Since then, he has lead the VIPS program in a way that has significantly contributed to its growth into a well-respected and essential partner of the Sequim Police. In large part because of Mr. Hegarty's capable direction and administrative skills, the VIPS have provided consistently reliable support, enhancing the Department's ability to function with greater efficiency and productivity, and resulting in a higher level of service to the community.

In his seven years with the VIPS, Mr. Hegarty has donated over 2,877 hours to the department and his leadership, positive attitude, and gentle humor have helped guide the Sequim VIPS to the position of responsibility they enjoy as trusted members of the Sequim Police Department family.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

For over three years, VIPS **Dave Kobunski** has conducted the Sequim Police Department's pawn tracking program. In tireless fashion, Mr. Kobunski has tracked thousands of pawn and jewelry transactions from Pawnshops, precious metal dealers, and secondhand stores on the Olympic Peninsula and reported those transaction to law enforcement throughout the region.

His efforts have led directly to the recovery of stolen property and the arrest of burglary and theft suspects, as well as providing a monitor of the business' compliance with state law. Were it not for Mr. Kobunski's dedication to this program, many crimes would go unsolved.





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