



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Message From The Chief, Bryan Jeter



2020 was a challenging year for everyone, including the Bonney Lake Police Department. We adapted to changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, experienced civil unrest in the region and responded to a 400 acre wildland fire that greatly impacted our community. I am proud of the way our officers and community responded to these unprecedented events. Our officers adapted well, finding new ways to positively impact our community. We made several birthday drive-by appearances and assisted with a socially distant graduation parade for the BLHS Class of 2020.

There were many personnel changes in 2020. Two additional officers who were added to the department in 2019 graduated from the academy, two lateral officers were hired to replace officers, a longtime BLPD detective retired and one of our assistant chiefs took over as the chief of police for the Buckley Police Department.

Calls for service were significantly down from 2019 and most crimes continued to trend down from 2019 totals with the exception of instances of theft and domestic violence. The total number of National Incident Based Reporting System incidents (NIBRS) continued an overall downward trend as well.

We are hopeful that 2021 sees a return to normal and we can once again hold our programs in the community. While we have missed the face to face interaction, we have still felt the support from the citizens that we serve in the form of cards, messages, waves and "thank yous". We are eternally grateful for that support and will not let you down.

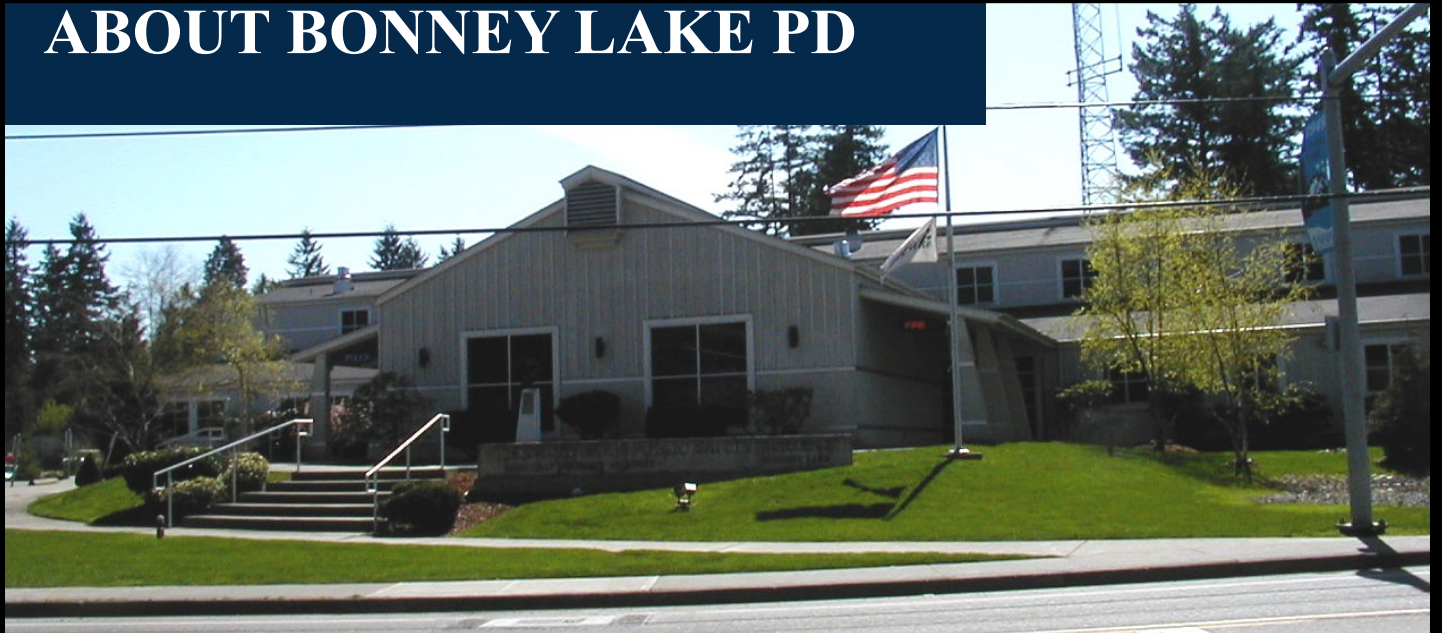
It is a privilege to serve this great community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryan Jeter
Chief of Police

ABOUT BONNEY LAKE PD

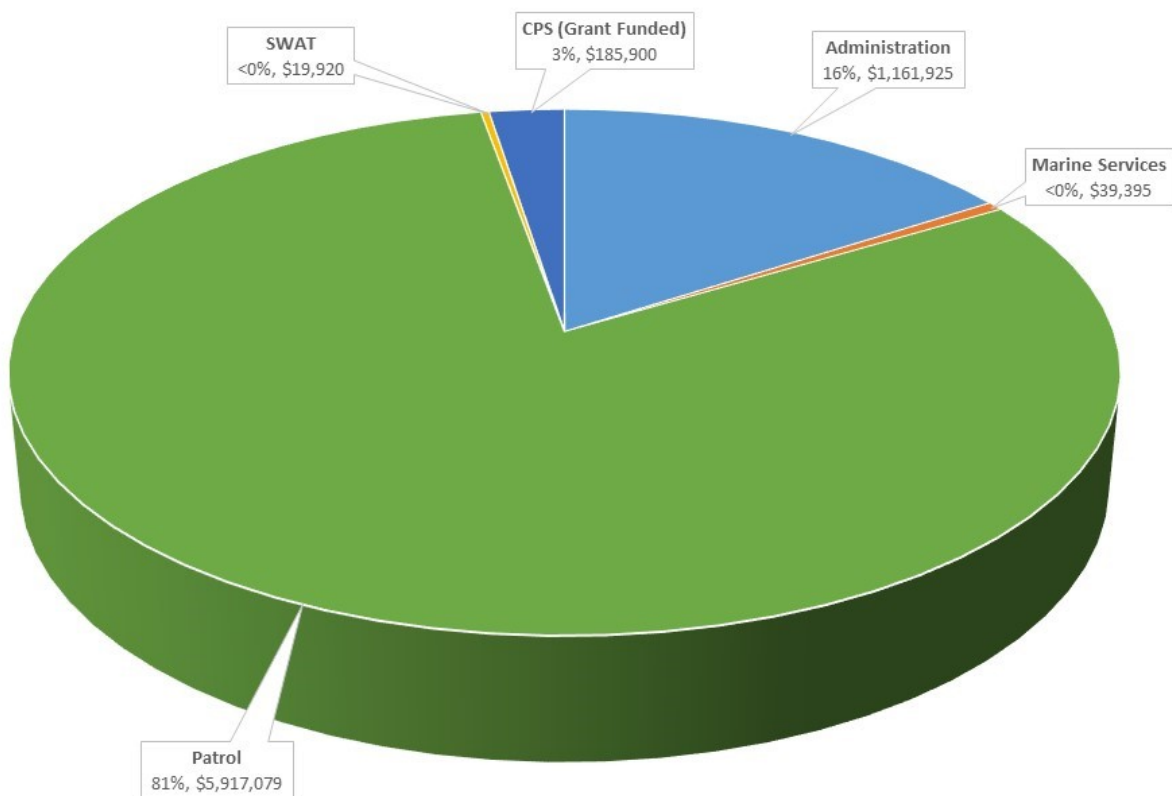


The 2020 Police General Fund Budget was \$7,324,219.00. The general fund includes salaries, benefits, operational supplies, and service charges (training costs, lodging, etc.). The budget was allocated to 5 different sections:

Administration	\$1,161,925
Marine Services	\$39,395
Patrol	\$5,917,079

SWAT	\$19,920
CPS (Grant Funded)	\$185,900

Police General Fund



ABOUT BONNEY LAKE PD Cont.

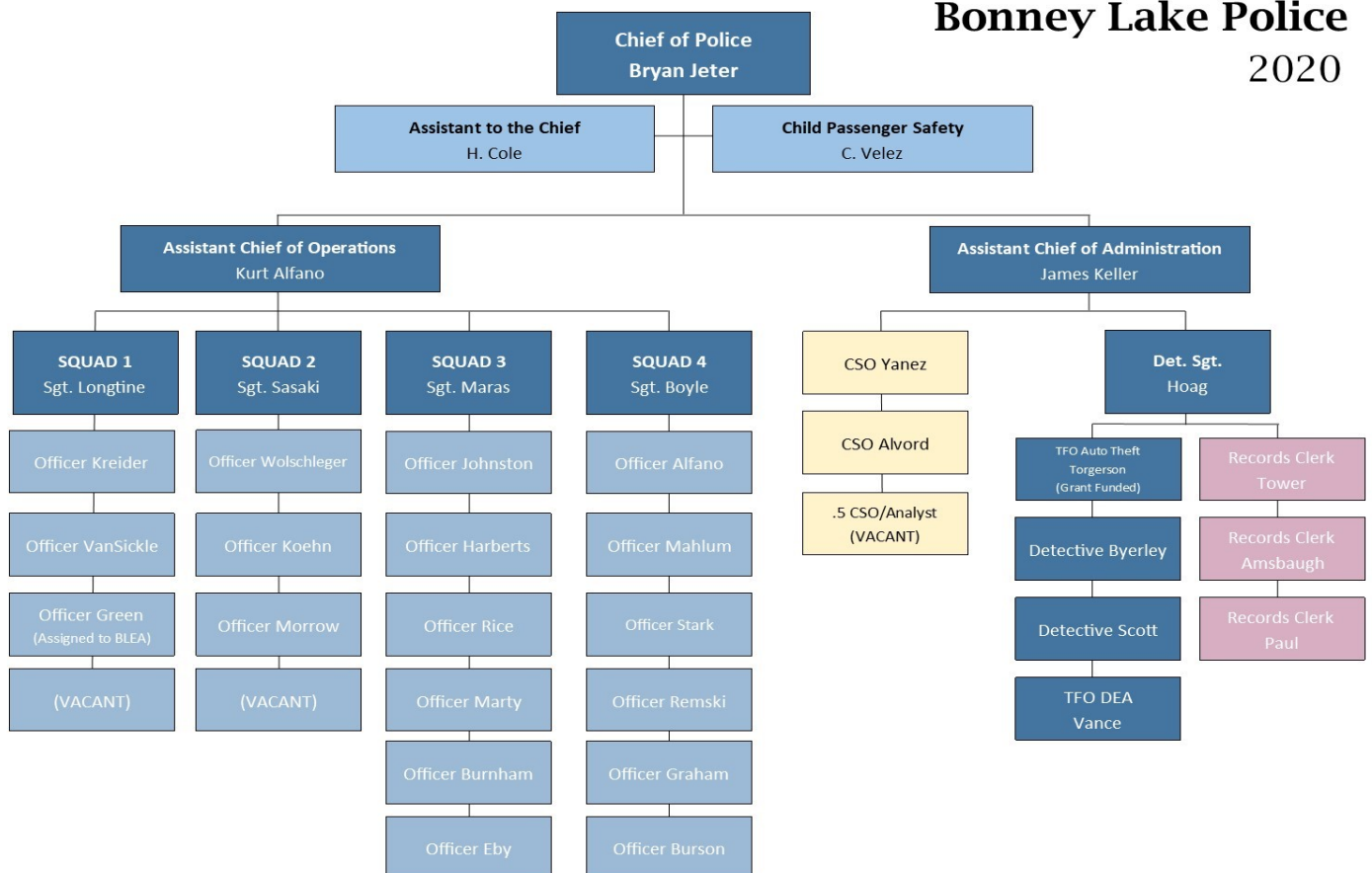
In 2020, the Police Department was staffed with 32 commissioned officers and 7.5 civilian support positions. The Bonney Lake Police Department provides the citizens of Bonney Lake with a broad range of law enforcement services. There are two core areas that provide traditional law enforcement services plus several small specialty units staffed by officers throughout the department on an additional duty basis.

The mission of the Bonney Lake Police department is to provide quality law enforcement and preserve the peace within the framework of the Constitution and enforcement of federal, state and municipal law. We embrace the highest principles of public service adhering to legislative standards of fairness, impartiality and equality.

In fulfillment of that mission, the department provides the following services:

- Patrol services, including initial response to calls and coordination of law enforcement services with external agencies;
- Criminal investigations, including investigation of criminal offenses;
- Dissemination of crime information to the public and other agencies;
- Community services, including management of and response to, domestic violence and youth related complaints, provision of education related services to include crime prevention;
- Administrative services including planning and fiscal management, crime and federal criminal justice systems; and
- Personnel management services, including internal affairs, training, and personnel services.

Bonney Lake Police 2020



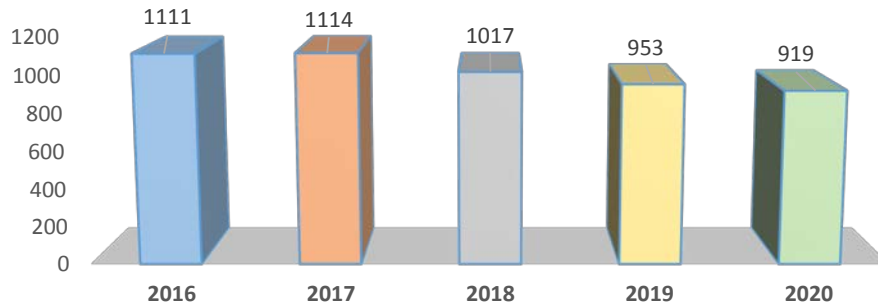


Bonney Lake Police Department 2020 Crime and Statistics Yearly Report

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is an incident-based reporting system for crimes known to the police. For each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected about the incident. These data include the nature and types of specific offenses in the incident, characteristics of the victim(s) and offender(s), types and value of property stolen and recovered, and characteristics of persons arrested in connection with a crime incident.

The total number of NIBRS offenses reported to Bonney Lake Police Department for 2020 was 919. That is a decrease of 3.69% compared to 953 NIBRS crimes reported in 2019.

NIBRS REPORTS



Overall NIBRS offenses were down in 2020. Decreases were noted for Simple Assault (-18.63%), Burglary (-15.87%), Fraud (-12.22%), Destruction of Property/Vandalism (-15.2%)

Increases in reported NIBRS offenses for 2020 included; Aggravated Assault (28.57%), and Larceny (17.65%).

Several years' worth of data is provided below for historical comparisons.

Prepared By:



**Assistant to the Chief,
Hailey Cole**

NIBRS Offenses by Year

Bonney Lake Police Department NIBRS Offenses	2015	2016	2017	2018*	2019*	2020*
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	1
Forcible Sex Offenses	13	12	17	21	19	12
Robbery	5	5	5	2	7	4
Aggravated Assault	17	20	23	22	21	27
Simple Assault	84	89	61	77	102	83
Intimidation	0	3	4	2	3	2
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	3	1	1	0	1	0
Kidnapping	1	3	0	2	1	0
Burglary	98	120	111	79	63	53
Arson	2	0	2	3	2	8
Larceny	359	420	418	368	289	340
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	50	57	45	32	32
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0	1	3	3	5
Counterfeiting/Forgery	31	22	19	30	11	11
Fraud	88	75	99	69	90	79
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	16	14	26	23	13	16
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	138	165	165	132	125	106
Drugs/Narcotics Offenses	64	58	58	79	95	78
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1	1	1	6	1
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	1	0	0
Violation of No Contact Order	28	39	29	43	55	45
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	18	14	17	15	15	14
Total NIBRS Offenses	992	1111	1114	1017	953	919

*New NIBRS reporting system statistics

Traffic Related Statistics

Bonney Lake Police Department Traffic Related Statistics					
Year	Motor Vehicle Collisions	Injury Collisions	Fatal Collisions	Citations/Infractions	DUI Citations
2015	249	56	1	5573	49
2016	251	60	0	4936	84
2017	306	74	0	4521	62
2018	289	69	0	3844	51
2019	283	63	1	3645	55
2020	247	49	0	1529	34



INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

**Detective Sergeant Robert Hoag, Detective Brian Byerley,
Detective Sean Scott, Detective TFO Vance, Detective TFO Torgerson**

The Investigations Unit is staffed by a Detective Sergeant and two general detectives. In addition, the Investigations Unit has a full-time narcotics detective assigned to the DEA task force in Tacoma and a full-time detective assigned to the Puget Sound Auto Theft Task Force. The General Investigations Unit was assigned 353 cases to investigate in 2020 and cleared 297 total cases. Of the cases that were cleared, 118 of them were forwarded to the prosecutor's office for charging. Most of the cases assigned to the Investigations Unit were felony crimes. This year saw the retirement of one of our detectives, Robert Kocher, after 26 years of service. Task Force Officer Sean Scott was promoted to the position of general detective to replace Detective Kocher. Officer Nathan Vance was assigned as the new Task Force Officer with the DEA but spent most of 2020 working with the general detectives.

A few highlights for the year by the Investigations Unit:

- Detectives responded to a homicide in the Cedar View area of Bonney Lake in September. A 47 year old male was stabbed multiple times in the front yard of his residence during a physical altercation with two men. The victim died at the scene. Bonney Lake Detectives responded to the scene and quickly developed suspect information. Three suspects were located in Auburn by Detectives from Bonney Lake and Fife. The suspects were arrested without incident, booked into the Pierce County jail and charged with the murder.
- Detectives investigated a shots fired call at the Bonney Lake Wal-Mart. A suspect was involved in a traffic dispute and fired multiple rounds at a motorist in the parking lot. The suspect and firearm were located. The suspect was charged with felony assault and reckless endangerment.
- Detectives assisted other patrol units in evacuating residents during the Sumner Grade Fire.
- Detectives responded to Fife on two occasions as part of CRU (Regional Crime Response Unit) for homicides in 2020.
- Detectives responded to two outside agency officer involved shootings and one officer involved shooting in Bonney Lake as members of CRU and assisted in the investigations.
- Detectives served a search warrant in Bonney Lake on a suspect for possession of child pornography. Mobile phones and computers were seized during the warrant that contained over 1000 images of child pornography.

Sergeant Robert Hoag, Officer Eric Alfano, Officer Buddy Mahlum



The Metro Collision Response Team is a part-time, multi-agency collision investigation team that consists of traffic investigators from Lakewood, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, Sumner, DuPont, Milton, Fife and Buckley. MCRT is responsible for responding to and conducting investigations at serious injury and fatality collision scenes in the participating cities. MCRT was also used to document scene evidence for homicides and serious felony crime scenes. MCRT responded to thirty five (35) serious injury or fatality collisions in 2020. MCRT investigated collisions and crime scenes in the following jurisdictions during 2020:

Location of Investigation	Number of MCRT Incidents
Puyallup	15
Sumner	3
Bonney Lake	1
Fife	7
Lakewood	4
Milton	4
Buckley	0
Orting	0
DuPont	0

MCRT participated in unit training in January 2020. All remaining team training in 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 Protocols.

DUI TASK FORCE

The Bonney Lake Police Department continued its participation in the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force. The task force is designed for law enforcement agencies in Pierce County to work as a cooperative group to concentrate DUI and traffic enforcement efforts throughout various locations in Pierce County. The DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force was developed in 1983 when citizens were appointed by Tacoma and Pierce County elected officials to design and implement an education, public information and enforcement program to combat impaired driving. Since that time, the program's scope and community involvement has continued to expand and has evolved into today's DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force.

Bonney Lake Traffic & Patrol Officers worked a DUI emphasis patrol in Bonney Lake/Sumner in January 2020.

Bonney Lake officers also participated in the statewide DUI enforcement campaign in December 2020.

All other emphasis patrols were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 Protocols.

The Bonney Lake Police Department continued its participation in the Washington State Patrol's Target Zero Team. Target Zero is the state's strategic highway safety plan, and calls for reducing highway deaths to zero by the year 2030. The entire plan can be found at www.targetzero.com.

Enforcement is one of four equal strategies of Target Zero, along with engineering, education and emergency medical service. Grants from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission reimburse law enforcement agencies' salaries for their involvement in these programs.

Sergeant Robert Hoag and Officer Eric Alfano continued to represent Bonney Lake as members of the Target Zero Team. Most of the Target Zero Patrols were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.



TRAFFIC

Traffic volume is on the increase in the City of Bonney Lake with the addition of new commercial and residential properties in the area. We saw a significant decrease in the volume of traffic enforcement in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions that were put in place in March. Fortunately the number of reported traffic collisions decreased in 2020 from 2019 and we did not have any fatality collisions in the City of Bonney Lake in 2020. We investigated 250 reportable traffic collisions in 2020. This was down from the 291 we investigated in 2019. The number of collisions involving injury decreased from 63 in 2019 to 52 in 2020. The Bonney Lake Police Department has not had a full time, dedicated traffic enforcement officer in 2020. Officer Alfano and Officer Mahlum remained assigned to patrol shifts throughout the year to help meet patrol staffing levels.

Officers issued 36 infractions/citations in school zones, wrote 85 distracted driving tickets, 252 speeding tickets and processed 37 impaired drivers. As an entire department, Bonney Lake Officers issued 1413 traffic infractions/citations. This was down from the 3358 issued in 2019. The traffic unit was only able to conduct three monthly emphasis patrols in 2020. These emphasis patrols generally focus on the following five traffic safety priorities:

- **Speeding**
- **Driving Under the Influence**
- **School Zone Violations**
- **Seatbelt Violations**
- **Distracted Driving**

2020 Traffic Unit Priorities & Goals:

- **Zero Traffic Related Deaths**
- Collision Investigation
- DUI Enforcement
- School Zone Enforcement
- Speed Enforcement
- Traffic Emphasis Patrols
- Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Parking Enforcement

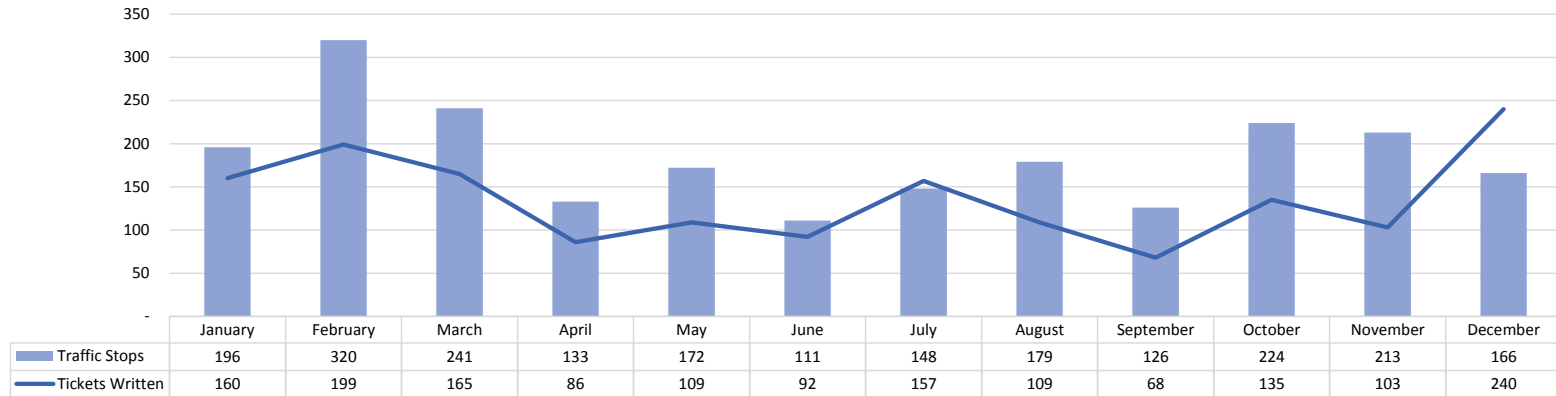
JANUARY	Traffic Safety Priorities	Speed, DUI, School Zone, Seatbelts, Distracted Driving
FEBRUARY	Speeding in School Zones & Aggressive Driving	36 School Zone/28 Aggressive Driving NOI's/Citations Issued
MARCH	SPEEDING	58 NOI'S/CITATIONS ISSUED
DECEMBER	DUI "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"	4 Impaired Drivers Arrested



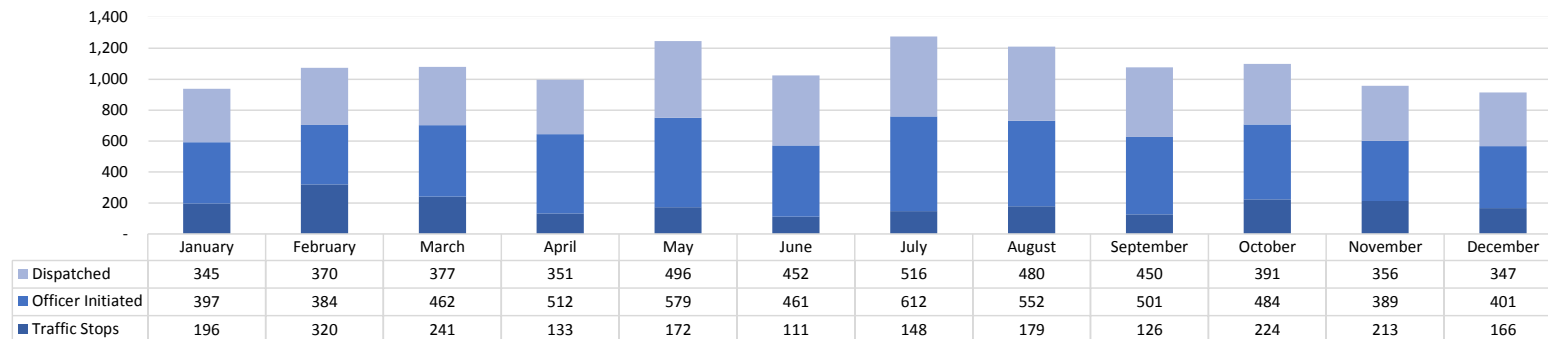


Bonney Lake Police Department - Monthly Metrics 2020

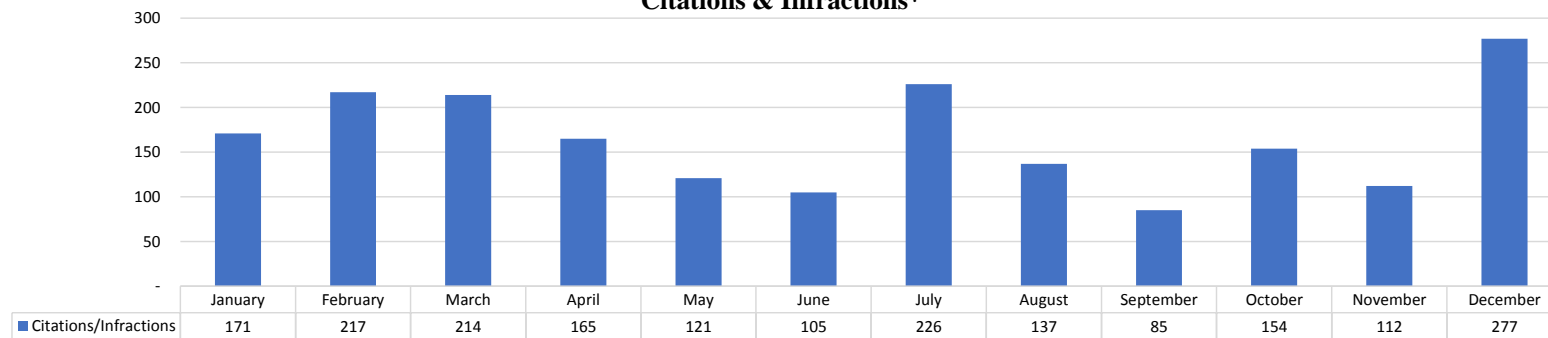
Traffic Stops and Tickets Written



Total Monthly Activity



Citations & Infractions*



*Traffic includes citations & infractions from animal, excessive speed and animal control



MARINE SERVICES UNIT

The Marine Units inspection stats are down approximately 55% from last year. In 2020 the Marine Unit completed a total of 105 inspections. The lower than usual stats were primarily due to COVID-19. Under the COVID-19 restrictions, officers made an effort to remain visible, respond to calls on the water while reducing exposure and contact with citizens. This aided in minimalizing contact and exposure with the community, equipment, vessel registration, and boater cards.

Vessel Assists	32
Vessel Collision (Minor)	1
Vessel Collision (Investigation Hours)	4

Vessel Inspections/Warnings	
Passing	21
Failing	26
Total Inspections	47

Supervisor/Coordination Hours	35.01
Boat Maintenance Hours	84.51

Community Service Officers of the Bonney Lake Police Department continued to provide excellent support working with our Patrol Officers, Sergeants and Command Staff in 2020. Community Service Officers (CSO's) also worked to promote Crime Prevention and Community Oriented Policing in both the residential and business community.

Although CSO's have a wide range of duties and responsibilities there are several which can be considered primary that includes: prisoner transports, property room management, homeless liaison, crime prevention, court security and community events.

Homeless Liaison

CSO Alvord is the Homeless Liaison for the City of Bonney Lake. He contacts people experiencing homelessness and coordinates contact with outreach services. On several occasions he has coordinated shelter space for individuals and provided transportation to the facilities, as far away as Elma.



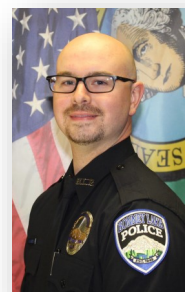
With the coordinated effort between CSO Alvord and other outreach teams we have not only helped individuals receive shelter, but also assisted in getting them help with their substance abuse and/or mental health issues as well. CSO Alvord contacted 48 homeless individuals this year with 88 total contacts. CSO Alvord also documents camps and garbage dumps in Bonney Lake's wooded parcels and coordinates the cleanup of those sites.

Speed Sign

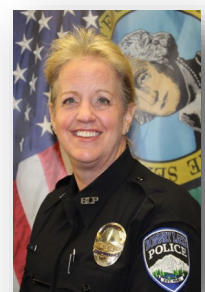
The speed sign is a mobile speed gathering device that collects speed data and sends it via Bluetooth to CSO Alvord, who generates the reports which in return are relayed to officers to assist with traffic enforcement.



CSO Alvord deployed the speed sign 21 times in 2020 with a total of 168 days gathering statistics. The speed sign provides valuable information allowing officers to target specific areas in the City for traffic enforcement.



CSO Alvord



CSO Yanez

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

The Bonney Lake Police Department houses the Project Manager for Washington's Child Passenger Safety Program. This car seat program promotes statewide media, education and training; and managing a grant process for the child passenger safety teams. It also provides support for courses to acquire national certification, a network of currently certified car seat technicians for recertification, as well as current and future car seat inspection services.

The COVID19 pandemic seriously impacted the child passenger safety program and industry. The ability to offer "virtual" car seats checks was developed in lieu of in-person inspections. Several Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) courses had to be canceled. Washington's Car Seat Awareness Class curriculum was updated and provided an online option to the public. The online law enforcement training was also updated and made available through PoliceOne. Continued development and updating of the www.wacarseats.com website.

529 Certified Car Seat Technicians (27 Instructors, 13 Proxy)

9 CPST Courses Held

75 New Technicians Trained

97 Inspection Stations Available

3,981 Car Seats Inspected

3,612 Car Seats Distributed



CPS Project Manager Velez

RECORDS UNIT

In 2020, the records unit consisted of Heather Tower, Jaime Amsbaugh and Carissa Paul.

In February, RC Amsbaugh and RC Tower held a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) Saturday event to assist citizens with a weekend day to apply for their CPL, this was set to continue quarterly when Covid-19 hit.

Due to Covid-19, the records staff rotated working from home and being in the office for six (6) weeks. After that time, records has been fully staffed, however the station lobby remained closed to the public. In July, we continued with processing of CPL's during the week by appointment only or through mail for city residents.

Fingerprinting services, other than for CPL's, has been suspended until the lobby opens back up to the public.

All public disclosures have been handled online via email.

RC Amsbaugh prepared paperwork for our 4th ACCESS WACIC/NCIC Technical Security Audit which will be completed in January 2021. She also prepared paperwork for the state ACCESS Business audit that she will be completed in February 2021.

- RC Amsbaugh continues to serve on the cities Social Media Group, which involves her posting on the Bonney Lake Police Facebook and Twitter pages.
- RC Amsbaugh and RC Tower participated in City Records Coordinator Training. RC Paul participated in City Records Training.
- All records staff participated in Remote/Back to Work Cyber Security Training.
- RC Tower attended Redacting Records in WA: What can and cannot be released.

	2019 Record Totals	2020 Record Totals
Case Reports	2,454	1,970
CPL	532	541
Fingerprint Services	375	81
Auto Impounds	90	39



Records Clerk Amsbaugh



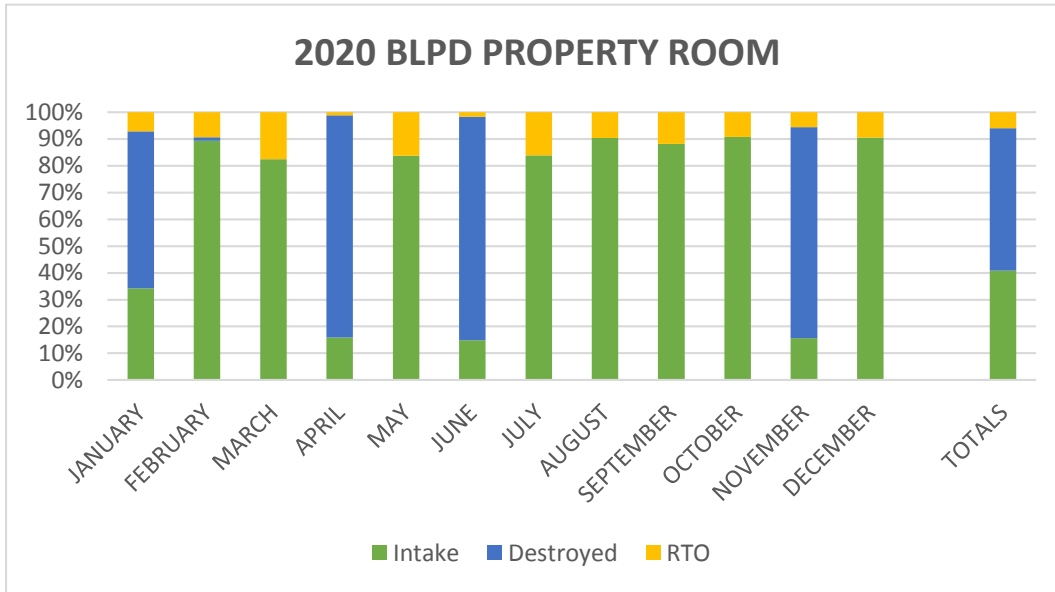
Records Clerk Tower



Records Clerk Paul

PROPERTY ROOM

The property room began the year with the annual appropriated property audit. There are **56** items appropriated to various officers or work spaces within the department. One (**1**) item was destroyed, sent to auction and/or depleted through department training with all other items accounted for.



We received approximately **1089** items into our evidence room in 2020. We processed Return of Property (RTO) requests which resulted in the release of **160** items to applicable owners/victims.

The property room has continued to strive to maintain effective property room management by the disposing of evidence that is no longer required to be retained in the evidence room. Through case research, we were able to dispose of **1418** items in 2020.

We destroyed **1407** items of property and **11** items were donated to a local charity. No firearms were destroyed or traded in 2020.

Every April and October the Bonney Lake Police Department works in partnership with the DEA and participates in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Campaign to collect unwanted prescription medications. Due to COVID restrictions no collection was held in April. The October collection yielded **147 lbs.** of unwanted medications.

No items went to Propertyroom.com for auction this calendar year though we had residual sales from last year that generated a total of **\$1,247.44** in additional revenue for the city.



CSO/Property Manager Yanez

2020 YEAR-END AWARDS



**2020 Officer of the Year
Detective Scott**

Detective Sean Scott was selected as the 2020 Police Officer of the Year. Detective Scott earned an assignment as a general detective in February of 2020. Throughout the year Detective Scott was responsive to requests from patrol for detective assistance and went above and beyond to ensure that information was shared between patrol and investigations. In addition, Detective Scott was available for call outs and was quick to respond when he was called out. Detective Scott also was active with the multi-agency Crime Response Unit and Pierce County Force Investigation Team.



**2020 Support Person of the
Year
CSO Alvord**

For the third year in a row, Community Service Officer Nathan Alvord was selected as Support Person of the Year. CSO Alvord implemented an outreach program between service providers and those experiencing homelessness which improved BLPD's response to the situation. CSO Alvord continued as president of the Washington State Organized Retail Crime Alliance in our area. He coordinated with local businesses to assist with the plague of shoplift and organized retail theft in Bonney Lake giving the businesses necessary tools to impact these crimes. In addition he found time to assist with court transports, speed sign deployment and the Citizen's Academy (until it was postponed due to the pandemic).

2020 YEAR-END AWARDS



**2020 Life-Saving Award
Officer Green**

On January 23, 2020 Ofc. Green was dispatched to a one car collision in the 19800 blk of SR 410. When Ofc. Green contacted the driver, he was unresponsive and bleeding profusely from a deep laceration on his left forearm. The wound was squirting blood which Ofc. Green quickly identified as a life threatening arterial bleed. Ofc. Green quickly applied a tourniquet to stem the bleeding. Medical personnel were able to administer advanced life support. Had Ofc. Green not quickly diagnosed the arterial bleed and applied the tourniquet, the male would have died due to the severity of the wound coupled with the significant blood loss that occurred prior to Ofc. Green's contact with him.



**2020 Platinum Service Award
Carissa Paul
Heather Tower**

The BLPD Records staff was awarded the City's Platinum Service Award for always putting the citizen's needs above their own, functioning efficiently as a team and continuing to provide outstanding service during a pandemic which changed the way they were able to interact with our citizens. They modified their practices to ensure that our citizens received essential services, such as Concealed Pistol Licenses.



**2020 Commendations
Officer Alfano & CSO Alvord**

CSO Nathan Alvord was issued a letter of commendation on April 6, 2020 for his efforts with developing a homeless outreach program for BLPD. CSO Alvord coordinated with service providers in an attempt to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to the appropriate resources. His efforts made an impact in the community.

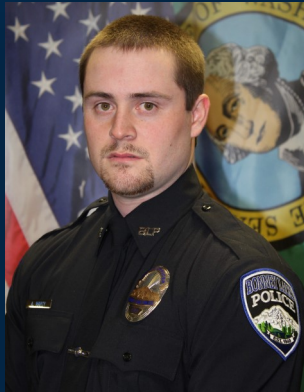
Officer Eric Alfano was issued a letter of commendation on November 17, 2020 for his performance while assigned as a part time detective. Officer Alfano was involved with the apprehension of three suspects responsible for a homicide in Bonney Lake and two suspects who were responsible for a homicide in Fife during his time as a part time detective. In addition, he developed a rapport with one of the suspects in the Bonney Lake homicide which led to the recovery of the

2020 YEAR-END AWARDS Cont.

Medal of Merit



Officer Johnston



Officer Marty



Officer Burnham



Officer Eby

On August 15, 2020, these officers responded to Safeway for a call of a male who locked himself in the bathroom with a large knife. Officers attempted to persuade the male to unlock the door but were unsuccessful. Officers were able to unlock the door with a handcuff key and discovered that the male was bleeding from three large lacerations to his arm and neck. Officers were able to apply a tourniquet and direct pressure to the wounds while keeping the male calm. When the scene was secure, medical personnel were able to treat the male for his wounds. While the injuries were not considered life threatening, the officer's quick and decisive action ensured that the male could receive the care that was needed.

2020 NEW HIRES



Lateral
Officer Burson



Lateral
Officer Irwin

2020 DEPARTURES



Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano
Accepted Police Chief position with
the Buckley Police Department



Detective Bob Kocher
Retired