



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Message From The Chief, Bryan Jeter



The theme for 2021 was “change”. COVID 19 restrictions limited the ability to book suspects into jail for crimes they had committed. In addition, the Washington State Legislature passed several changes that led to a dramatic shift in how law enforcement provides service to our citizens. Our officers quickly adapted to those changes and continued to provide excellent service to the citizens of Bonney Lake. However the changes also led to some unintended consequences. Instances of theft, burglary, motor vehicle theft and destruction of property all increased exponentially in the second half of the year. We are optimistic that legislative clarifications and the reduction of COVID 19 restrictions in the jails will increase accountability as well as reduce the instances of our citizens being victimized in 2022.

The Bonney Lake Police Department said goodbye to two officers who served 24 and 18 years respectively. The void left by these two officers was filled by the addition of two lateral police officers along with the hiring of an additional lateral police officer to fill a vacancy from the previous year. One of the retired officers returned to fill a new Community Service Officer position with BLPD. We are happy for the retired officers and also excited for the new officers to make their mark in Bonney Lake.

Our community outreach programs were once again cancelled in 2021 but we are already planning on gradually bringing them back in 2022 starting with Coffee with a Cop in the spring. We look forward to re-engaging with all of you for a chance to hear what is on your mind. The Bonney Lake Police Department continues to receive “thank you” cards, waves and public “thank yous”. We cannot begin to express our gratitude for your continued support.

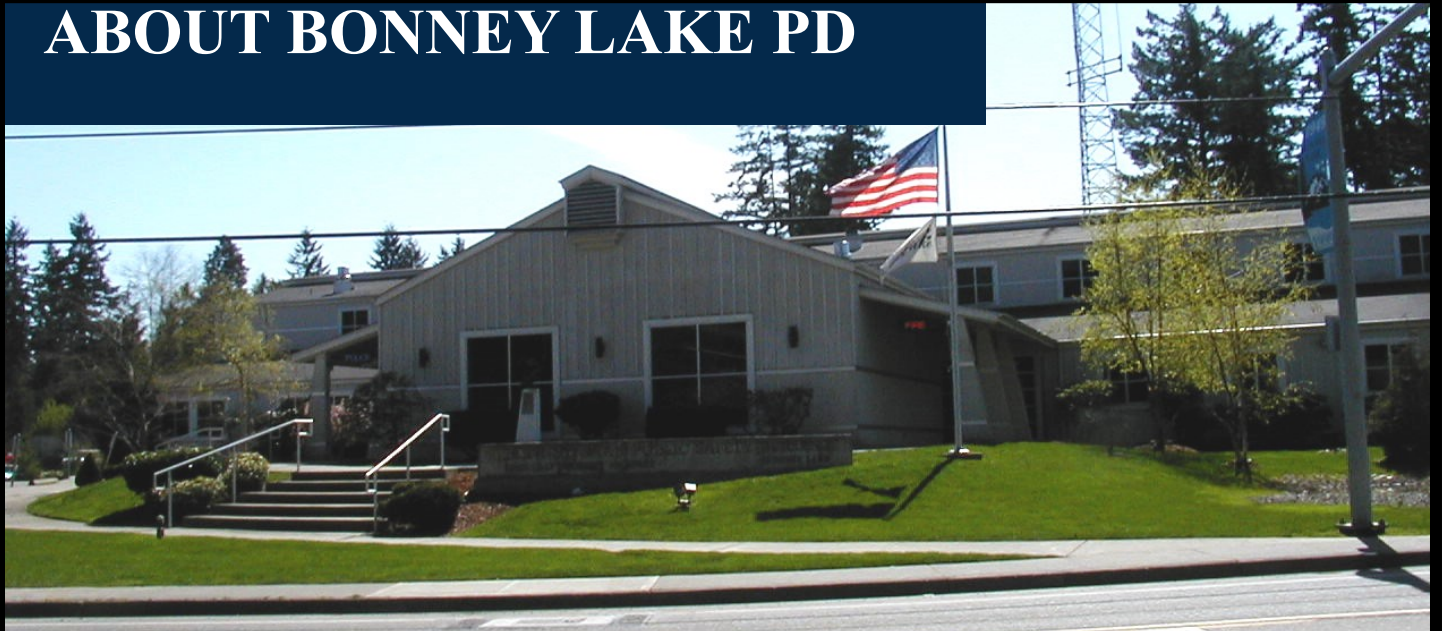
It is a privilege to serve this great community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Jeter".

Bryan Jeter  
Chief of Police

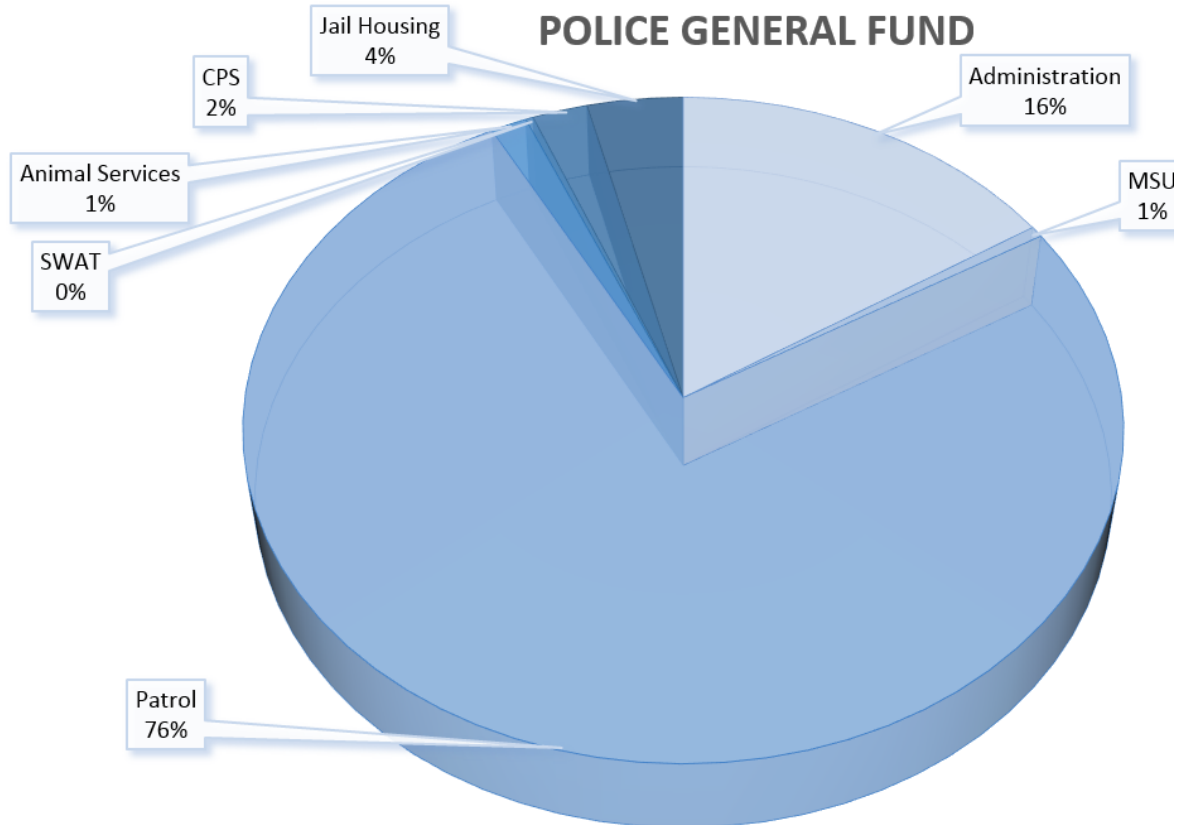
# ABOUT BONNEY LAKE PD



The 2021 Police General Fund Budget was \$7,454,359. The general fund includes salaries, benefits, operational supplies, and service charges (training costs, lodging, etc.). The budget was allocated to 7 different sections:

<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$1,182,471</b>
<b>Marine Services</b>	<b>\$39,900</b>
<b>Patrol</b>	<b>\$5,645,068</b>
<b>Animal Services</b>	<b>\$109,000</b>

<b>SWAT</b>	<b>\$22,920</b>
<b>CPS (Grant Funded)</b>	<b>\$166,600</b>
<b>Jail Housing</b>	<b>\$288,400</b>



# ABOUT BONNEY LAKE PD Cont.

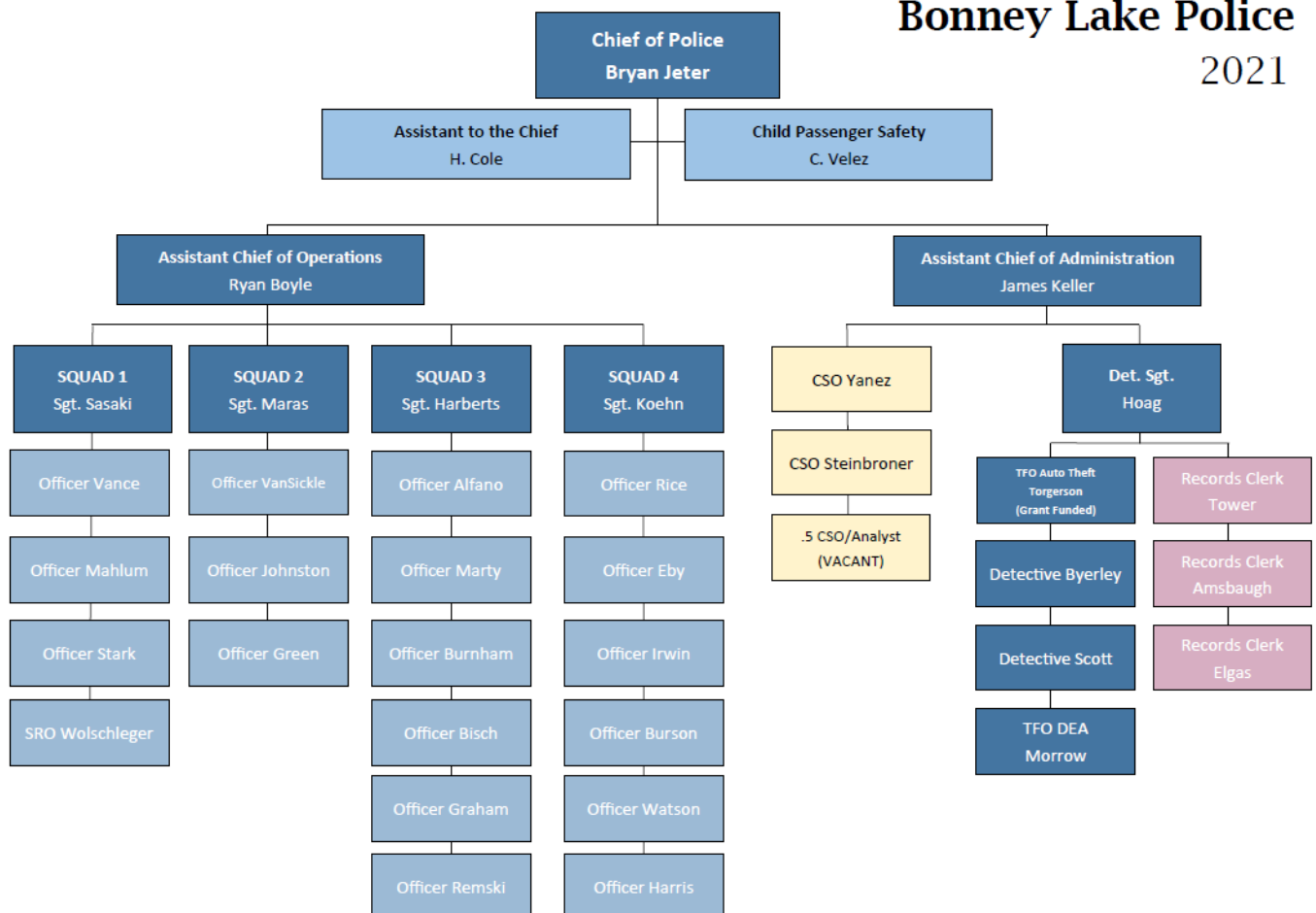
In 2021, the Police Department was staffed with 31 commissioned officers and 8 civilian support positions. The Bonney Lake Police Department provides the citizens of Bonney Lake with a broad range of law enforcement services. There are two core areas that provide traditional law enforcement services 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;
- 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 2021



# 2021 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Bonney Lake Police Department adopts and conforms to the highest standards of professional conduct. It is imperative that we earn the trust of the community that we serve. A large part of gaining and maintaining that trust involves being an open and transparent agency. Legislative reform that was passed in 2021 centered on bias-policing, officer conduct and police use of force. The professional standards section of the Bonney Lake Police Department's Annual Report measures BLPDs performance on these important issues.

## **Uses of Force**

In 2021, the Bonney Lake Police Department used force to apprehend suspects 16 times. BLPD responded to 17,166 calls for service in 2021. Force was used on 0.093% of contacts. The uses of force included two firearms discharges, one Taser deployment, one leg sweep/arm bar, one instance of strikes, five take downs and six control holds. The two instances of firearms discharges have not received a formal review by the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office as of the publishing of the year-end report. All other uses of force were found to be within department policy, lawful and proper.

Force was used on eight white males, two white females, one black male, three black females, one Native American female and one Pacific Islander male. Two instances of force resulted in treatment at a medical facility. Fire was summoned and evaluated the suspects in ten of the instances of force. Medical aid was either declined or not summoned in four of the instances of force.

There were no excessive force complaints lodged against BLPD.

## **Pursuits**

Prior to the implementation of the more restrictive pursuit laws in July of 2021, BLPD was involved in two pursuits. Both were deemed to be within policy. One was terminated by the officer due to the pursuit becoming more dangerous than the reason for the stop and the other involved an impaired driver that was stopped by a Pursuit Intervention Technique.

## **Citizen Complaints**

There were six complaints lodged against Bonney Lake Officers in 2021 for allegations of policy violations. Five of the complaints were unfounded and one was sustained resulting in an Administrative Investigation that concluded with the involved officer receiving discipline.

The unfounded complaints consisted of: Two for not wearing/improper wearing of a COVID 19 mask, one for alleged discrimination, one for alleged dereliction of duty and one for rudeness. The sustained complaint was for misconduct.

## **Administrative Investigations**

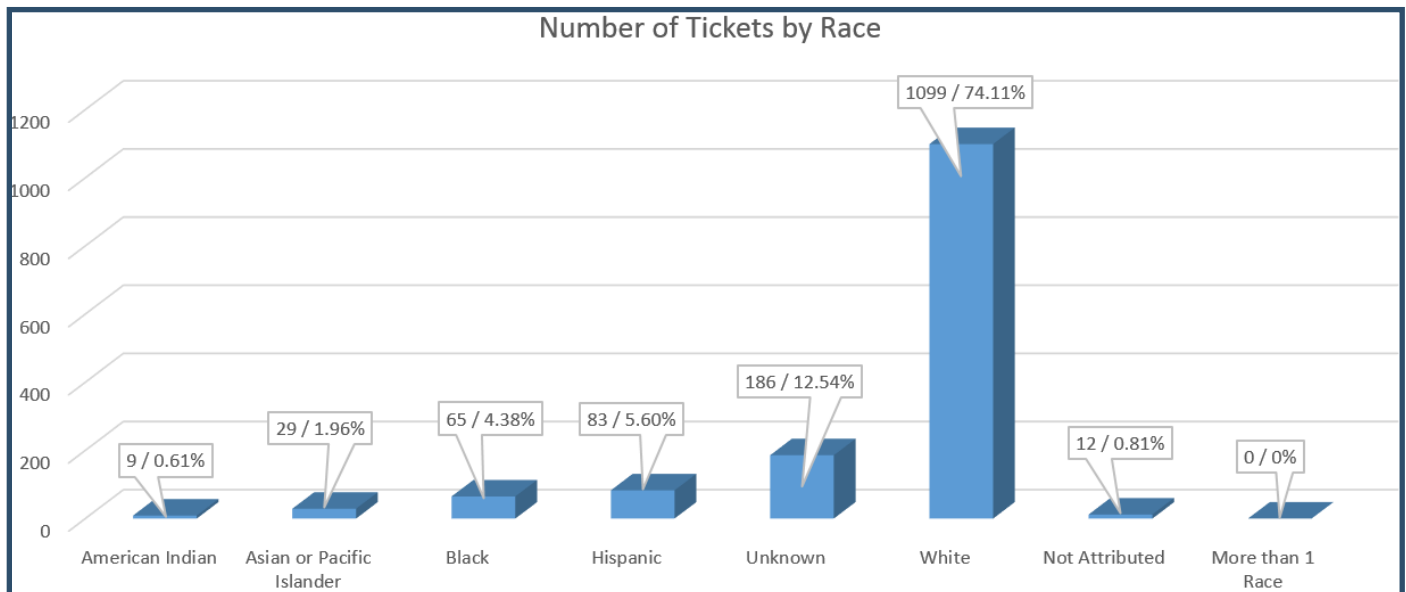
There was one Administrative Investigation that spawned from a citizen complaint for misconduct. The Administrative Investigation was sustained and the involved officer received discipline.

# 2021 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS Cont.

The Bonney Lake Police Department made 2,400 traffic stops and issued 1,483 tickets in 2021. The graph below indicates the race of the person who received the ticket. We are not able to capture the race of individuals who do not receive a ticket.

Sector, the ticket software, only tracks the races listed in the graph below. According to the 2021 United States Census Bureau, the racial composition of Bonney Lake is:

- White alone — 84.5%
- Black or African American alone — 1.3%
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone — .9%
- Asian alone — 3.5%
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone — .3%
- Two or more races — 7.7%
- Hispanic or Latino — 10%
- White alone, not Hispanic or Latino — 78.2%



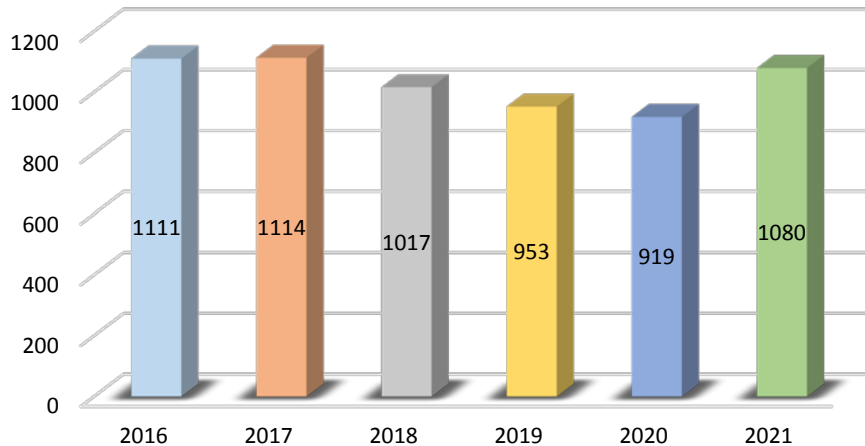


# Bonney Lake Police Department 2021 Crime and Statistics Yearly Report

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 2021 was 1080. That is an increase of 18% compared to 919 NIBRS crimes reported in 2020.

## NIBRS OFFENSES



Overall NIBRS offenses were up in 2021. Decreases were noted for Simple Assault (-7.5%), Counterfeiting/Forgery (-44.4%), Violation of No Contact Order (-25%).

Increases in reported NIBRS offenses for 2021 included; Aggravated Assault (28.5%), and Larceny (32.9%).

Several years' worth of data is provided on the following page for historical comparisons.

**Prepared By:**



**Assistant to the Chief,**

**Hailey Cole**



## NIBRS Offenses by Year

Bonney Lake Police Department NIBRS Offenses	2016	2017	2018*	2019*	2020*	2021*
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	12	17	21	19	12	14
Robbery	5	5	2	7	4	11
Aggravated Assault	20	23	22	21	27	36
Simple Assault	89	61	77	102	83	77
Intimidation	3	4	2	3	2	2
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	1	1	0	1	0	0
Kidnapping	3	0	2	1	0	0
Burglary	120	111	79	63	53	63
Arson	0	2	3	2	8	0
Larceny	420	418	368	289	340	474
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	57	45	32	32	64
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	3	3	5	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	22	19	30	11	11	7
Fraud	75	99	69	90	79	80
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stolen Property Offenses	14	26	23	13	16	20
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	165	165	132	125	106	154
Drugs/Narcotics Offenses	58	58	79	95	78	26
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1	1	6	1	0
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	1	0	0	0
Violation of No Contact Order	39	29	43	55	45	35
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	14	17	15	15	14	13
<b>Total NIBRS Offenses</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1080</b>

\*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
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
2021	263	50	0	1304	28

# POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

## INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

**Detective Sergeant Robert Hoag, Detective Brian Byerley, Detective Sean Scott, Detective TFO Morrow, 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 487 cases to investigate in 2021. This was an increase from 353 cases assigned in 2020. Detectives cleared 377 total cases. Of the cases that were cleared, 147 of them were forwarded to the prosecutor's office for charging. Most of the cases assigned to the Investigations Unit were felony crimes. Detective Todd Morrow was assigned to the DEA Task Force in 2021. This was Detective Morrow's second assignment with the DEA in his career. Officer Tobie Johnston was assigned as a part time investigator in 2021 where she was assigned cases to investigate in addition to her duties as a patrol officer.

A few highlights for the year by the Investigations Unit:

- Detectives responded to a robbery attempt where a struggle occurred over a firearm inside of a moving vehicle. One round was fired and the suspect managed to escape on foot after the vehicle they were in crashed. The firearm was recovered at the scene. The suspect was identified, tracked down and later arrested in Yakima.
- Detectives investigated a car-jacking with a firearm that occurred in the parking lot of the Bonney Lake Safeway. The victim's stolen car was located at a residence in Parkland and recovered. A suspect was identified and arrested for the robbery.
- Detectives responded to the 18600 block of State Route 410 after a suspect fired numerous rounds of ammunition from a moving motor vehicle in the direction of a following Bonney Lake Patrol Vehicle. The suspect was a passenger in the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect was later apprehended after a police K-9 track and booked into jail. Detectives helped process evidence and interview the suspect and witnesses involved.
- Detectives investigated a burglary that occurred at a residence in Bonney Lake where the elderly victim had two classic vehicles stolen out of their garage. Detectives, with the help of the auto theft task force, located the classic vehicles and were able to recover them for the victim.
- Detectives investigated a bank robbery at the Bonney Lake Bank of America.
- Detectives investigated a robbery that occurred in the Safeway parking lot after the suspect set up a meeting with the victim after responding to an advertisement on Offer-Up. The suspect pepper sprayed and assaulted the elderly victim in order to steal the victim's property that he posted on Offer-up. The suspect was identified and subsequently arrested and charged with the robbery.
- Detectives conducted 20 sexual assault investigations in 2021. Many of these investigations involved juvenile victims.
- Detectives investigated a huge volume of Organized Retail Thefts in Bonney Lake in 2021.
- Detectives responded to three outside agency officer involved shootings in Tacoma and Fife and one officer involved shooting in Bonney Lake as members of the Pierce County Force Investigation Team. Bonney Lake Detectives were assigned as the lead investigators in one of these shootings and assisted in the other investigations.
- Detectives responded to a drive-by shooting in Fife, a Homicide in Puyallup and the shooting of an off duty police officer that interrupted a burglary in progress in Puyallup as members of the Pierce County CRU (Major Crime Response Unit).

**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 at detective call-outs for homicides and serious felony crime scenes. MCRT responded to forty (40) serious injury or fatality collisions in 2021. MCRT investigated collisions, homicides and felony crimes in the following jurisdictions during 2021:

Location of Investigation	Number of MCRT Incidents
Puyallup	18
Sumner	0
Bonney Lake	2
Fife	9
Lakewood	6
Milton	2
Buckley	1
Orting	0
DuPont	0
PC FIT Team	2

MCRT participated in unit training in December 2021. All remaining team training in 2021 was cancelled due to COVID-19 Protocols.

# DUI TASK FORCE

## **Sergeant Robert Hoag, Officer Eric Alfano, Officer Buddy Mahlum**

The Bonney Lake Police Department continued its participation in the Tacoma/Pierce County DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force. The task force was formed to allow 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 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. Since that time, the program's scope and community involvement has continued to expand and has evolved into today's DUI Task Force.

Bonney Lake Traffic & Patrol Officers worked DUI emphasis patrols in Bonney Lake, Sumner and Puyallup in 2021. Bonney Lake officers also participated in the statewide DUI enforcement campaign in August and December 2021. All other emphasis patrols were cancelled in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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](http://www.targetzero.com). Enforcement is one of four 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 reduced in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

# TARGET ZERO



# TRAFFIC

Sgt. Hoag, Ofc. Mahlum

The Bonney Lake Police Department did not have a dedicated traffic officer for 2021 due to a staffing shortage on patrol. The number of reported traffic collisions increased in 2021 from 2020 but fortunately, we did not have any fatality collisions in the City of Bonney Lake in 2021. We investigated 263 reportable traffic collisions in 2021 which was up from 250 in 2020. The number of collisions involving injury decreased from 52 in 2020 to 50 in 2021.

Officers issued 7 infractions/citations in school zones, wrote 141 distracted driving tickets, 204 speeding tickets and processed 32 impaired drivers. As an entire department, Bonney Lake Officers issued 1186 traffic infractions/citations. This was down from the 1413 issued in 2020. The Bonney Lake Police Department conducted two monthly emphasis patrols in 2021. These emphasis patrols generally focus on the following five traffic safety priorities:

**Speeding**

**Driving Under the Influence**

**School Zone Violations**

**Seatbelt Violations**

**Distracted Driving**

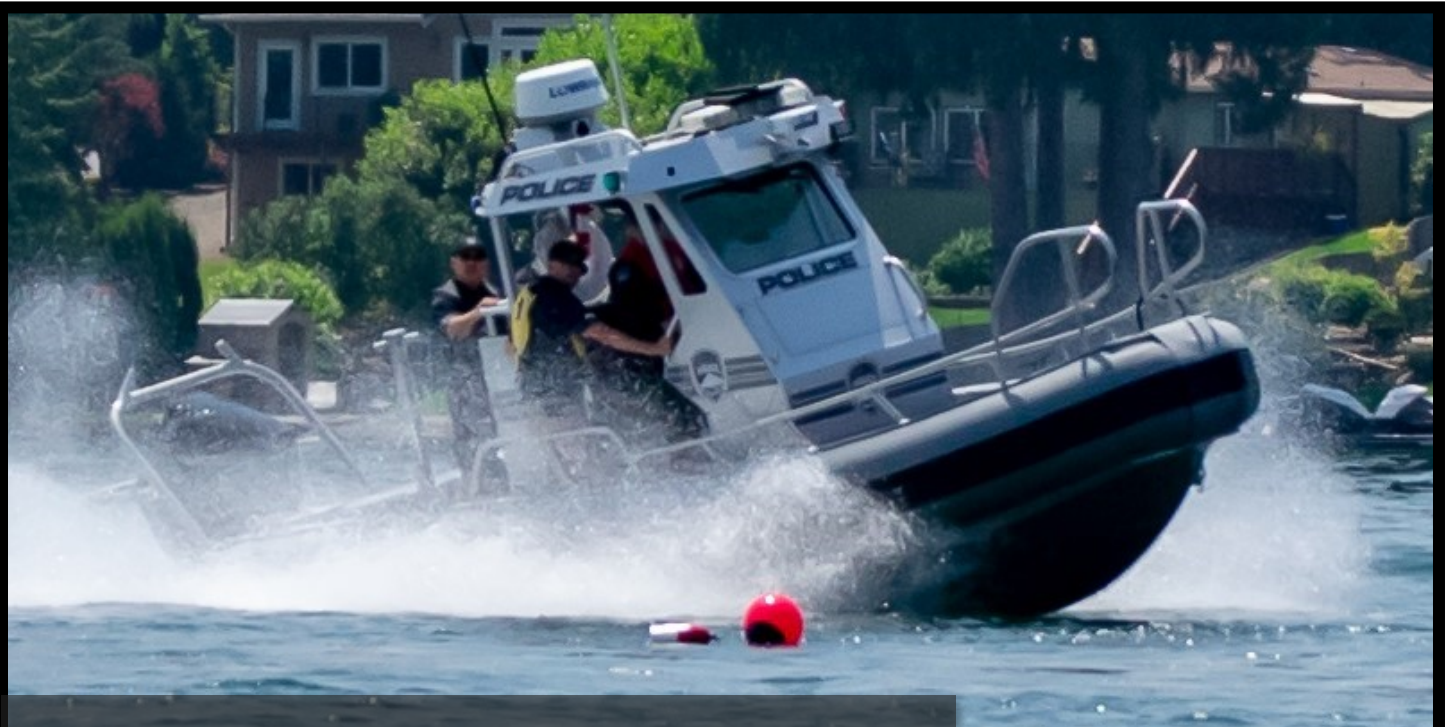
## 2021 Traffic Unit Priorities & Goals

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

In 2021 we conducted the following special emphasis patrols:

<b>APRIL</b>	DISTRACTED DRIVING	70 NOI's / CITATIONS ISSUED
<b>DECEMBER</b>	IMPAIRED DRIVING	6 IMPAIRED DRIVERS ARRESTED





## MARINE SERVICES UNIT

As we continue to work through the COVID 19 Pandemic, much of the Marine Service Unit's statistics for 2021 remained lower than usual. In addition, our annual training as well as other events were cancelled. Although the pandemic continued to influence a reduction in contacts with the community, the unit remained busy.

We hope that 2022 will be moving towards a year without COVID, which would allow us to bring back many of the necessary programs we have provided in the past, such as: School water safety assemblies, boater card training, multi-agency training, etc.

Vessel Assists	9
Drowning (Assists)	2
Distressed Vessel (Fire)	1
Distressed Vessel (Sinking)	1
Distressed Swimmer	4

Vessel Inspections/Warnings	
Passing	28
Failing	20
Total Inspections	48

Community Service Officers (CSO's) of the Bonney Lake Police Department continued to provide excellent support working with our Patrol Officers, Sergeants and Command Staff in 2021. Community Service Officers 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. Those include: prisoner transports, property room management, homeless liaison, crime prevention, court security and community engagement.

### Prisoner Transports

CSO's continued to transport inmates to and from jail. Prisoners are transported to Enumclaw Jail, SCORE, Pierce County Jail or Puyallup Jail, depending upon available bed space. CSO's transported 106 prisoners this year totaling over 232 hours' worth of drive time. This equates to over 2 hours' of drive time per prisoner.

### Outreach Liaison

CSO Alvord is the Outreach Liaison for the City of Bonney Lake. He locates unhoused citizens and provides contact information for available resources. On several occasions he coordinated shelter space for individuals and provided transportation to the facilities, as far away as Elma.

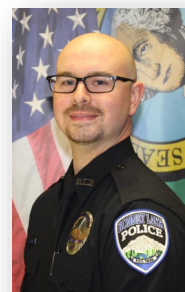
With the coordinated effort between CSO Alvord and other outreach teams we have not only helped individuals receive shelter, but have also assisted in getting them assistance with their mental health and substance abuse issues as well. CSO Alvord made 75 contacts with people experiencing homelessness this year. CSO Alvord also documents camps and littering sites in Bonney Lake's wooded parcels for cleanup.

### Speed Sign

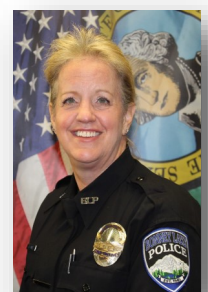
The speed sign is a mobile speed gathering unit that collects speed data and sends it via Bluetooth to CSO Alvord, who generates the reports which in return are relayed to officers.



CSO Alvord deployed the speed sign 30 times this year with a total of 305 days gathering statistics. The speed sign provides valuable information allowing officers to target specific areas in the city that require a speed emphasis.



CSO Alvord



CSO Yanez

Even though the network of technicians as a whole has decreased during the COVID pandemic, we were able to host several training courses and begin retaining our existing numbers. The network supports all of the local education and resources as well as the car seat checks services offered.

Throughout the year, the Child Passenger Safety program:

- Continued offering and utilizing the mini-grant program which has been critical in supporting local activities.
- Generated a virtual training for the mini-grant program.
- Provided reimbursement for emergency service personnel for the CPST training; increasing their attendance.
- Hosted a Safe Travel for All Children training in Spokane. Added 12 technicians with this specialized training and added an instructor to Washington State.
- Targeted outreach to tribes and other hard to reach audiences.
- Updated CPS fliers at the state printer to make them more inclusive and relatable to all audiences.
- Participated in the Equity Strategic Planning - Listening Session.
- Developed educational tools for agencies assisting placement of refugee families.
- Provided the virtual car seat check service personnel with necessary tools (training doll, child restraint, and Latch Manual).

11 CPST Courses Held

78 Newly Trained Technicians Added

105 Car Seat Check Services Listed

2,535 Car Seats were Checked

2,325 Car Seats were Provided to Families



CPS Project Manager Velez



# RECORDS UNIT

In 2021, the records unit consisted of Heather Tower, Jaime Amsbaugh and Carissa Paul.

In October, RC Paul resigned. In November RC Amsbaugh sat on the interview process for a new records clerk. In December, RC Tower and RC Amsbaugh were able to sit on the oral boards for the top three applicants. The new hire following a background check started in of January 2022.

The lobby was open to the public all of 2021 except in certain instances due to staffing issues.

RC Amsbaugh participated in the WSP ACCESS Business audit that happens every three (3) years. This audit started in January and ended in April.

RC Amsbaugh and RC Tower participated in many online training courses throughout the year.

RC Amsbaugh participated in annual Shop with a Cop.

	2020 Record Totals	2021 Record Totals
Case Reports	1,970	2,211
CPL	541	606
Fingerprint Services	81	137
Auto Impounds	39	20



Records Clerk Tower



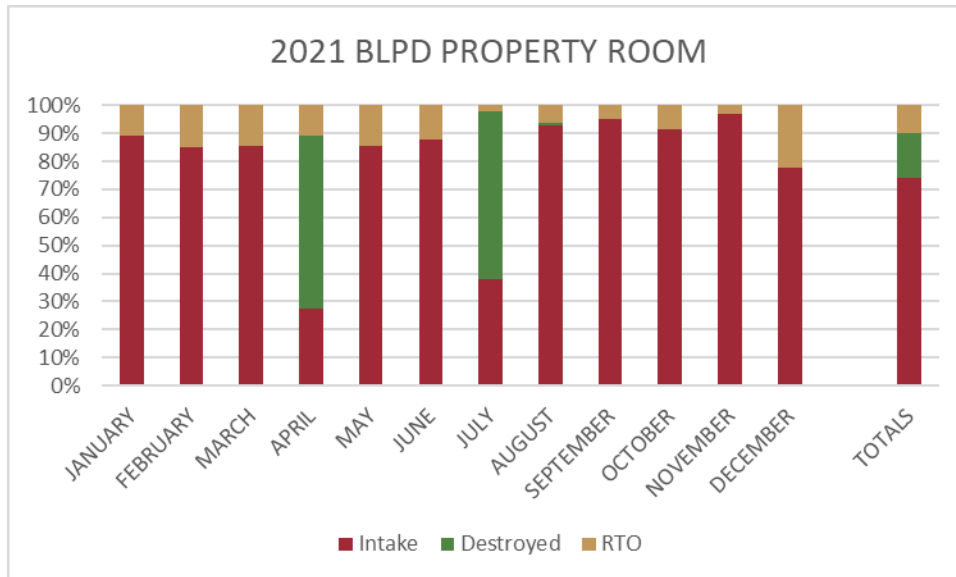
Records Clerk Amsbaugh



Records Clerk Paul

# PROPERTY ROOM

The property room began the year with the annual appropriated property audit. There are **57** 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 into our evidence room approximately **1112** items for 2021. We processed Return of Property (RTO) requests which resulted in the release of **151** 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 **240** items for 2021.

We destroyed **107** illegal narcotics, In addition, **107** items of property and **26** firearms were destroyed or traded this year.

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. This years' collection yielded **155 lbs.** of medications.

We had **12** items that went to Propertyroom.com for auction this calendar year that generated a total of **\$704.52** in additional revenue for the City.



CSO/Property Manager Yanez

# 2021 YEAR-END AWARDS



**2021 Medal of Valor  
Ofc. Eric Alfano**

On June 8, 2021, Officer Alfano was assigned as an Assistant Team Leader with the Metro Tactical Response Team. Metro TRT responded to welfare check where a male hadn't been heard from since the day before. The male's wife was not allowing relatives or officers into the residence to check the male's welfare. Metro TRT negotiators established contact with the wife but she was not cooperative. The wife exited the residence armed with a firearm, walking in the direction of Metro TRT members. Officer Alfano fired his rifle and ended the threat. The male was found deceased in a bedroom the victim of an apparent murder at the hands of his wife. Officer Alfano placed himself in harm's way to prevent the suspect from injuring anyone else displaying incredible bravery in doing so. Officer Alfano placed fellow team members and the citizen's safety above his own which is an incredibly unselfish and courageous act.



**2021 Life Saving Award  
Ofc. Kyle Burson**

On February 11, 2022, off-duty Officer Kyle Burson observed a male collapse outside of a local business. Without hesitation, Officer Burson took immediate action and rushed to where the male laid. Officer Burson quickly established that the male was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Burson directed others to call 911 and immediately began CPR. Officer Burson successfully performed CPR for several minutes. The male regained a pulse and began breathing on his own. Officer Burson continued to monitor the male until medical aid arrived. The male was transported and admitted to the hospital. Due to Officer Burson's quick thinking and immediate action, the male made a full recovery. Had Officer Burson not stepped in, the male would have died.

# 2021 YEAR-END AWARDS Cont.



**2021 Officer of the Year**  
**Det. Kyle Torgerson**



**2021 Support Person of the**  
**Year**  
**Admin Asst. to the Chief**  
**Hailey Cole**

# 2021 YEAR-END AWARDS Cont.

## Tenure Certificates



**Det. Sgt. Rob Hoag**  
20 Years



**Det. Nathan Vance**  
15 Years



**Ofc. Tony Rice**  
15 Years



**Records Clerk  
Heather Tower**  
15 Years

# 2021 NEW HIRES



**Ofc. Travis Bisch**  
Lateral from Tacoma PD



**Ofc. Ryan Watson**  
Lateral from Tukwila PD



**Ofc. Miranda Harris**  
Exceptional Entry Officer from  
Mukilteo PD



**CSO Scott Kreider**  
Retired Bonney Lake PD

# 2021 PROMOTIONS



**Assistant Chief Ryan Boyle**



**Sergeant Ryan Harberts**

# 2021 DEPARTURES



**Sergeant Tom Longtine**  
20 Years with BLPD



**Officer Scott Kreider**  
17.5 Years with BLPD



**Records Clerk Carissa Paul**  
4.5 Years with BLPD