MESSAGE FROM CHIEF BILL PIERSON

On behalf of the men and women of the Auburn Police Department who serve the citizens of Auburn, it is my honor to present the 2018 Annual Report. Through a collaborative effort with Mayor Nancy Backus, city council, community leaders and unwavering community support, we have worked hard to provide the highest level of professional work and premier services to the citizens of Auburn. Every member of your police department strives to demonstrate a commitment to our Vision and Mission through the guidance of our Core Values of Courage, Honor, Integrity and Professionalism.

This report highlights the hard work of police department professionals you have asked to serve. In this report, you will find information on crime statistics, accomplishments, divisions within the department and other services we provide.

We continue to make the citizens of this great city our largest asset and partner. Through our partnerships, we believe in a philosophy of community based policing and problem solving. It is based on the idea that both the police and the citizens of Auburn work together to prevent crime, hold criminals accountable and in doing so, this partnership sets the stage for trust and transparency.

The City of Auburn, and the police department, have a strong reputation in the region for setting the standards and really demonstrating community by working together to make Auburn exceptional. This report only highlights one year of over a hundred years of police services that have occurred in this great city. As this current year moves on to the next, I can assure you we will continue to meet the needs of our citizens and do so with a professional and dedicated staff.

I welcome you to visit our website www.auburn.gov and become a follower of the Auburn Police Department Facebook page.

William Pierson
Chief of Police
Auburn Police Department

OUR VISION

To be a premier law enforcement agency that is trusted, supported and respected.

OUR MISSION

To provide professional law enforcement services to our community.

CORE VALUES - CHIP

COURAGE
Bravely standing up to danger and adversity

HONOR
Serving a noble purpose, we hold this profession in high esteem

INTEGRITY
Our decisions and actions are based on trust and honesty

PROFESSIONALISM
Our sense of duty to conduct ourselves to the highest level of competence and character
Assistant Chief Mark Caillier began his law enforcement career in 1991 as a deputy sheriff in Whitman County. He was hired by the City of Auburn in 1994 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. During his career he has been assigned as a Field Training Officer, SWAT Team member, Civil Disturbance Unit member and a Detective in the Major Crimes Unit. In 2004, he was assigned as a K9 Handler with his police service dog, Roy; a position he held until his promotion to Sergeant in 2007.

As a sergeant, Mark served in the Patrol Division supervising the K9 Unit and Field Training Unit. In 2010, he was assigned to the Investigations Division supervising both Major Crimes and Property Crimes. As a sergeant, he was also a team leader for the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit and Valley Investigation Team.

In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Commander serving in both the Patrol Division and Inspectional Services Division. As a Patrol Commander, he managed Field Training, Firearms and Defensive Tactics Training, and managed the armory. As the Inspectional Services Commander, he was responsible for State and Federal grants, media relations, and Internal Affairs.

He was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police in 2018. Mark has twice been awarded the department Medal of Distinction and is a past recipient of the American Red Cross Hero Award.

He is a graduate of Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He is a 2018 graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Heather Shaw started with the Police Department in 2012 and Sue Van Slyke in October of 2014. They are responsible to providing direct support to Chief Pierson and Assistant Chief Caillier, as well as the department’s Command Staff. They have a variety of duties that span from payroll, purchasing, training and travel and all responsibilities associated with administrative assistance to the department.

Kathy Divelbiss began her career 16 years ago with the Auburn Police Department and is the Investigations Administrative Assistant. She reports to the Investigations Commander.
Commander Steve Stocker leads Inspectional Services. This department is responsible for managing commendations and allegations of misconduct. The Inspectional Services Commander is also responsible for staff inspections and serves as the Public Information Officer. The Inspectional Services Commander reports directly to the Chief.

Commendations, Inquiries and Allegations of Misconduct (CIA) investigations are designed to allow the agency to look at our department from the eyes of our community members. To meet these demands, we must be a disciplined and well-regulated organization. The report on the next page illustrates how well the Auburn Police Department is perceived to be following our Vision and Mission statements, as well as our stated Manual of Standards.

In 2018, Auburn Police Officers responded to 96,884 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) incidents and completed 18,161 case reports. Officers made 5,092 arrests, with 3,208 of those arrestees being booked into the SCORE Jail, and officers issued 16,784 infractions/citations. All of this activity accounts for only a portion of the personal contacts with our community members that are made by our police officers throughout the year.

As outlined in the Auburn Police Department Manual of Standards (MOS), the CIA system provides a uniform means of reporting, investigating, and documenting Commendations, Inquiries, Allegations of Misconduct and Collision Reviews.

A Commendation is used to recognize actions or performances by members of the police department who act or perform in a manner that is outstanding or beyond what is normally expected. The Commendation process recognizes employees for Professionalism, Exemplary Job, Exemplary Actions, Life Saving and Heroism.

During 2018, there were 71 commendations awarded to a total of 88 employees. Of those, 7 were generated from within the department, and 64 were generated from citizens, businesses and those in the law enforcement community. The commendations included 5 Life Saving Medals, 1 Letter of Commendation, and 1 Medal of Valor.

A Supervisory Inquiry involves a complaint made regarding the quality of service delivery. These complaints vary in degrees from regarding an employee’s demeanor, tardiness, related to customer service, or the nature of a department practice. The employee’s immediate supervisor typically handles this type of complaint. At times, the outcome of the inquiry will be forwarded to the Inspectional Services office, but many times it is not. If an employee has multiple service delivery complaints where the conduct has been determined to be unacceptable then the complaint may be handled and documented as an Internal Investigation.
An Internal Investigation involves a complaint of a possible violation of department standards, written directive, City policy or applicable Civil Service Rules. These allegations include, but are not limited to, complaints of bias based profiling, excessive force, alleged corruption, insubordination, breach of civil rights, false arrest, and other types of allegations of serious misconduct. Below are the 2018 Investigations and Findings:

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<td>No. of Employees Investigated</td>
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A Collision Review is conducted whenever an Auburn Police Department employee is involved in a collision while the employee is the driver and on duty, or in a city-owned vehicle while driven by a police department employee. Below are the results of collision investigations:

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The number of sustained allegations compared to the number of contacts that employees make every year is extremely low.

The Auburn Police Department works diligently to maintain an open environment where our community members can freely tell us when they are pleased or dissatisfied with our performance. When we receive Commendations, Inquiries, Allegations of Misconduct or an officer is involved in a collision we thoroughly investigate the incident to determine the merit and appropriate response.

Although there is always room for improvement, we believe it can be concluded that we have been successful in fulfilling our Mission and Vision statements and have been providing the utmost in quality law enforcement service to our community.
The Patrol Division is the Department’s largest division. In 2018, Commanders O’Neil and Douglas led a staff of 8 Patrol Sergeants, 1 Traffic Sergeant, 55 Patrol Officers, 5 Motor Officers, 3 K-9 Officers, 4 Bicycle Officers, 2 Mall Officers, 2 School Resource Officers, 2 Animal Control Officers and 2 Parking Enforcement Officers.

The Division is primarily responsible for handling 911 calls for service, traffic enforcement, as well as pro-active crime prevention in the City.

Commander O’Neil has served 20 years with the Auburn Police Department. Dan oversees 4 patrol crews, the K9 Unit and SWAT. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminology and a Master’s Degree in Public Safety Executive Leadership. Dan has also completed the International Association Chiefs of Police, Leadership in Police Organizations course, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce South Puget Sound Leadership Institute and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Commander Douglas has been a Law Enforcement Officer since 1998. He joined the Auburn Police Department in October, 2000. Jamie oversees 4 patrol crews, the Bicycle unit, Traffic unit, Parking control, and Animal Control units. Jamie also commands the Civil Disturbance Unit and Field Training Program. Jamie is the Operations Board Vice-Chair for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network. In addition to his formal education, Jamie is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the National Emergency Management Academy.
PATROL SERGEANTS

Patrol Sergeants supervise a shift of officers and are responsible for developing strategies to address on-going crime and related concerns in their respective districts.

CRISTIAN ADAMS
DAY SHIFT A | 8 OFFICERS
Sergeant Adams began his career with the Auburn Police Department November 21, 2005. He has served as a Detective, Defensive Tactics Instructor and Field Training Officer during those 12 years. He was promoted to Sergeant on July 1, 2018 where he is currently assigned to the patrol division. Sergeant Adams holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law, Society and Justice from the University of Washington.

JON THORNTON
EARLY SWING SHIFT A | 3 OFFICERS, 1 K9 OFFICER
Sergeant Thornton has been with the department for over 28 years. He is currently a Team Leader on the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit and is the Sergeant for the Auburn PD Honor Guard. Jon had attended classes for Crime Scene Management for Patrol Supervisors, Homicide Investigations, Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings, Tactical Science and Leadership in Police Organizations.

BRANDON SKEEN
LATE SWING SHIFT A | 7 OFFICERS
Sergeant Skeen has been with the Auburn Police Department since 2008. Before joining the department, he was active duty Army for 4.5 years as a combat medic, and completed one deployment to Iraq in 2007. Brandon has been a member of the civil disturbance unit, a field training officer, Auburn Police Guild Executive Board member, master police officer, and member of the Valley Regional SWAT Team. In August 2018, Brandon was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Auburn PD. Brandon holds a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Southern New Hampshire University.

JOSH MATT
GRAVE SHIFT A | 8 OFFICERS, 1 K9 OFFICER
Sergeant Josh Matt started his career as a patrol officer with the Auburn Police Department in March of 2007. While in patrol he was part of the Crime Scene Response Team, Valley Civil Disturbance Unit, and was a Field Training Officer. In 2013 Sergeant Matt was assigned to the property crimes unit as a detective specializing in burglary and arson investigations. In 2015 he moved to the major crimes unit and became a part of the Valley Investigations Team. In 2017 Josh was assigned to investigate cold-case homicides and long-term missing persons cases. Sergeant Matt was selected to receive training to be a certified fitness instructor and provides support to officers in fitness and nutrition. Sergeant Matt holds a bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the University of Washington. Josh has been a life-long Auburn resident and is proud to raise his family in the community.
## PATROL SERGEANTS

### JAMES HOPPER
**Day Shift B | 8 Officers**

After graduating from North Thurston High School, Sergeant James Hopper served in the United States Army for five years as an intelligence analyst and Arabic linguist. After military service, he earned a BS degree from Regents College (Albany, NY). He attended graduate school at Loyola College, Baltimore, MD, earning an M.Ed. in School Counseling. He worked in public schools for 10 years, and began his police career in 2008. Since that time, James has been a bicycle officer, field training officer, property crimes detective, and master police officer. He has been an active member of the Valley Civil Disturbance Unit, participating in annual trainings and crowd control events, such as Seattle’s May Day protests. James was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in June 2018 where he is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

### JAMES FRITH
**Early Swing Shift B | 4 Officers**

Sergeant Frith has been with the Auburn Police Department since 1997. Before joining the department, he served in the United States Army as a Flight Engineer, and as a Department of the Army Civilian Aircraft Mechanic with the Washington Army National Guard. In addition to working patrol, James was a member of the Honor Guard, the Civil Disturbance Unit and the Valley SWAT Team. He also served as a Narcotics Detective with the Special Investigations Unit and as a Field Training Officer. Sergeant Frith was promoted in 2010 and has been assigned to Patrol, Property Crimes, and Major Crimes. James is also a Defensive Tactics Instructor and an Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor. Sergeant Frith holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Central Washington University. He completed the IACP Leadership in Police Organizations course, and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command class #422.

### SHAUN FEERO
**Late Swing Shift B | 7 Officers**

Sergeant Shaun Feero has been with the Auburn Police Department since 2007. Officer Feero graduated from American Military University with a Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and additionally received a Graduate Certificate in Executive Law Enforcement Leadership at AMU after attaining undergraduate degrees from Portland State University and the Community College of the Air Force. Sergeant Feero spent time on the Crime Scene Team, was part of the Auburn Police Guild Executive Board, Valley SWAT Team, Valley Civil Disturbance Unit, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Bicycle Unit, and was recognized as a Master Police Officer (MPO) in 2016. He is currently part of the APD Honor Guard. Officer Feero is Auburn PD’s Military Liaison, providing resources to veterans and keeping the APD administration appraised of current reserve and guard commitments. Officer Feero is also a Master Sergeant serving in the Air Force Reserve as a First Sergeant in the 446th Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

### TODD BYERS
**Day Shift B | 8 Officers, 1 K9 Officer**

Sergeant Byers started his law enforcement career in 1987 when he became a Police Officer for the City of Las Cruces, NM. He transferred to the Auburn Police Department in November 1996. While working in the Patrol Division, Sergeant Byers became a Field Training Officer in 1988 and trained several Officers for the Department. Byers moved to the Traffic Division as a motorcycle Officer and worked in that capacity until early 2000. In 2000, Sergeant Byers became a TAC Officer at the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission and remained there until 2003 when he returned to the Auburn Police Department Traffic unit. Byers rotated back to the Patrol Division in January 2014 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant this year. Todd has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University and is currently attending the Leadership in Police Organizations program.
TRAFFIC UNIT

The primary responsibility of the traffic officers is traffic enforcement and collision investigations. Advanced expertise includes Technical Collision Investigation, Collision Reconstruction, and Drug Recognition Enforcement. Patrol’s Traffic Division investigated 1,518 traffic collisions in 2018.

BRIAN WILLIAMS

Sergeant Williams has been with department since 1996. He has a B.A. in Sociology from WWU and returns there yearly to help teach criminal procedure and search and seizure classes. He has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Special Operations Unit, Special Investigations Unit and was promoted to Sergeant in 2007. As a Sergeant, he has been the supervisor for Property Crimes, Special Investigations, Administrative Services and as of September 1st, 2015, he is the newest Sergeant to the Traffic division. Sergeant Williams has been a member of the Civil Disturbance Unit and the Crime Scene Team. Brian is a department instructor for Emergency Vehicle Operations and Taser Gun Operations. Brian is active with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and has assisted with fundraising for various local charities since 1999.

Traffic Unit Officers include Brian Williams, Derek Anderson, Darrell Jones, Tyson Luce and Patrick Douglas.

Parking Control Officers Ron Reardon and Suzette Conner. Their primary responsibility is to enforce the parking ordinances of Auburn and respond to abandoned vehicle complaints. In 2018, the Auburn Police Department wrote 3,477 parking tickets in the City of Auburn.
Definition of Response Times Priority ratings
PRI 1 = Highest priority, confirmed hazard which could result in extensive loss of life or property
PRI 2 = Minimal hazard with considerably less potential for loss of life or property
PRI 3 = Low hazard, non-life threatening
PRI 4 = Police reports or cold calls

Our Bike Unit consists of Officer’s Sedillo, Feero, Kapule, and Pakney
Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) calls for service have increased approximately 50% over the past 6 years. Auburn police received 96,884 calls in 2018.
Larceny accounted for the largest number of reported property crimes in 2018. Larceny is defined as theft, which includes crimes like theft from vehicle, shoplifting, a bicycle being stolen, etc. Vehicle theft continues to be a hot topic for every agency, the prosecutor’s office, and the legislature.
Total Arrested Persons

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MAJOR CRIMES SERGEANT

SAM BETZ

Sergeant Sam Betz has been with the Auburn Police department since 2006. His duties and experiences have included positions such as a narcotic detection K9 handler, being a member of the Crime Scene Team and a Special Investigations Unit detective. Sergeant Betz currently is an active member of the Valley Regional SWAT Team. He has also participated as president of the Auburn Police Officer’s Association and a member of the Auburn Police Guild Executive Board. Sergeant Betz has a bachelors degree from Azusa Pacific University in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministries.

PROPERTY CRIMES SERGEANT

ANDY CLAPP

Sergeant Andrew Clapp graduated from Seattle University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Andrew began his career in Law Enforcement in 1996 when he was hired by the Auburn Police Department as a Police Service Specialist. Sergeant Clapp became a commissioned Auburn Police Officer in 2000. Andrew joined the Crime Scene Team in 2007 specializing in photographing major crime scenes. The same year Andrew became a Field Training Officer. In 2010 he became a member of the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) staff as an instructor of both driving and Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT). He is also part of the Peer Support Team.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) SERGEANT

TYLER CHRISTIAN

Sergeant Christian was hired by Auburn Police Department in June, 2002. He holds the title of Range Master for the Department. Tyler’s other assignments have included Patrol, Civil Disturbance Team, SWAT, Firearms Instructor, M16-AR-15 Armorer, Colt 1911 Armorer, Sig Sauer Armorer and Narcotics Detective. He hold instructor certifications from various organizations to include the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center and the National Rifle Association. Tyler has a BA in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University and has attended the Leadership in Police Organizations program.
The Investigations Division remained very busy in 2018. All felony cases are assigned to a detective for review whether or not there is actual suspect information.

**ALL FELONY INVESTIGATIONS CASES ASSIGNED**

![Bar chart showing the number of all felony investigations cases assigned from 2012 to 2018.](chart)

**MAJOR CRIME CASES ASSIGNED**

![Bar chart showing the number of major crime cases assigned from 2012 to 2018.](chart)
The Property Crimes Unit investigates the crimes of auto theft, felony theft, burglary, fraud, and forgery.

The Special Investigations Unit is responsible for investigating drug and vice complaints as well as directed enforcement for specific problems.
Commander Dave Colgazier has over 24 years of law enforcement experience. Along with his duties as the Administrative Commander, he is the Commander over SWAT, K9, and Peer Support. Dave has a BA in Psychology from the University of Washington. He has attended the Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound and the Leadership in Police Organization program.

Sergeant Nordenger began his law enforcement career in 1993 in the City of Newport, Washington. He transferred to the Auburn Police Department in 1999 and has held many positions within the department. James was promoted to Sergeant in 2006. He holds a degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the Leadership Institute of Puget Sound and Northwestern Command College.
Training by the different divisions in 2018 was comprehensive. All commissioned staff are tasked to achieve a minimum of 30 training hours per year. Non-commissioned staff receive a minimum of 20 hours per year. The patrol hours also include training provided to new recruits at the State Basic Law Enforcement Academy and post academy training.

**TOTAL TRAINING HOURS**

The Department demonstrated its commitment to maintaining a high level of competence and professionalism to serve the Auburn Community.
The Auburn Police Volunteer Program remained very vibrant and supportive in 2018. 31 volunteers contributed 4,053 hours throughout the year supporting numerous community program events, as well as many of the above listed Citizens on Patrol missions. The Citizens on Patrol (COP) division of the volunteer program drove 8,359 miles in 2018.

Along with the Citizens on Patrol division, we also have volunteers who help with events and fingerprinting. Volunteers also assist the department with projects of many different levels. We are actively seeking new volunteers. For more information on volunteering with the Auburn Police Department, visit auburnwa.gov/police.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OFFICER
DOUG KOCH

Officer Koch began his law enforcement career with the Auburn Police Department in 1989 and has over 29 years of law enforcement experience. Officer Koch has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor and Armorer. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University. In his current assignment as the Community Services Officer and Accreditations Manager he maintains the accreditations files with WASPC, oversees the police volunteer program, attends career and recruitment fairs, assists with the Citizen’s Academy and organizes police department events held outside of the department.

The following are some of the 2018 event highlights:

- Career Fairs
- Recruiting Events
- Love Your Community Event
- S.A.F.E.R. Program
- Clean Sweep
- YMCA Healthy Kid’s Day
- Relay for Life
- Petpalooza
- Community Picnics
- Family Health Fair
- Kid’s Day
- 4th of July Festival
- National Night Out
- Barkfest
- Law Enforcement Memorial
- Auburnfest
- Operation Clear Truck
- Coffee With Cops
- Auburn Civics Academy
- Trunk or Treat
- Citizens Academy
- Shop With a Cop

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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The Community Response Team is a significant resource within the police department to problem solve issues that arise within the city. Problem solving and reducing crime is addressed through tracking all rental properties throughout the city and taking an active role in enforcing the Multi-housing ordinance. CRT Officers review police activity through reports and crime analysis to identify on-going difficulties and coordinate efforts utilizing all city, county and state resources. CRT Officers make every effort to initiate contacts in the city through community meetings and Blockwatch efforts. Additionally, CRT Officers play a large role in collecting and tracking gang intelligence and activity.

CRT Officers perform a slightly different role from officers in the Patrol Division, as they are able to be more pro-active in their duties. They are, however, in uniforms and assigned patrol vehicles. CRT Officers are visible in the community and take an enforcement role to address problems that are identified and will work with the Patrol Division in a collaborative effort.

The Auburn Police Department has hosted a Citizens Academy for over 20 years. Each session we invite citizens to apply to attend this 13 week (40 hour) course that allows people living and/or working in Auburn, to see and experience what our officers and detectives do on a daily basis. The class covers everything from laws and policies, to investigations, K9, Response to Resistance, Police Pursuits, and much, much more. There is usually a waiting list to attend and citizens are encouraged to apply early in order to reserve a spot. People attending must pass a background check prior to acceptance and must be over 18 years of age. Citizens that complete the academy receive a certificate of completion from Chief Lee and Mayor Backus. The feedback from the academy has been overwhelmingly positive.

32 people attended the 2018 Citizen’s Academy which was lead by Sergeant James Nordenger.
The intent of law enforcement exploring is to educate and involve youth in police operations, to interest them in possible law enforcement careers and to encourage community involvement. The education aspect provides knowledge of patrol operations, the justice system, and corrections operations. The intent of exploring also encourages involvement in the community by assisting in street fairs and events, traffic control, and security. The Post is committed to the philosophy of community oriented policing and the vital role that young people have in the concept. Being an Explorer offers many opportunities to learn valuable leadership and life skills, make new friends, interact with the public and most of all, have fun!

**Skills Acquired**
- Leadership
- Confidence
- Situational Awareness
- Public Speaking
- Discipline

**Meeting Activities**
- Practice Mock Scenes
- Learn Washington State Criminal and Traffic Laws
- Learn Basic Police Patrol Skills
- Team Building Skills
- Event Planning

**Community Activities**
- Traffic Control
- Security at Local Events
- Child Fingerprinting
- Assist in Training
- Participate in Competitions

**APD Advisors**
- Officer Ren Kapule
- Officer Chris Burger
- Officer Charlene Hoch
- Officer Danny Benavente
The Records Division consists of a manager, 2 supervisors, 8 specialists, and 2 evidence technicians. The Records Division processed over 20,648 police reports in 2018 and is responsible for records retention along with providing statistical data for the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). In addition, they process warrants and court mandated orders. They administered 1,038 concealed pistol licenses, 1,881 firearm transfers, and 10 dealer’s licenses.

The evidence room is staffed by evidence technicians Lisa Davies and Beth Bergeon who are responsible for the proper storage, disposal, and destruction of all the evidence and property taken into custody by the Auburn Police Department. The evidence technicians received 8,595 items in 2018 and disposed or destroyed approximately 3,237 items.
In addition to the 18,161 case reports, the Records Division processed thousands of citations, infractions, arrest warrants and protections orders.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

Gathering information for Public record requests has become a large part of the Records Division duties.
The Auburn Police Department supported the City and greater law enforcement community with a variety of well trained and equipped specialty units. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

- SWAT team
- Crime Scene Response Team
- Bicycle Unit
- Crisis Communications Unit (CCU – Hostage Negotiator)
- Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU – Riot Control)
- Honor Guard
- K-9 Officers
- VIT - Valley Investigations Team (Officer Involved Incident)

**SPECIALTY UNITS**

**SWAT TEAM**

The SWAT team trains three times a month and completes a team training week every year. The team was called out to execute 45 actual missions during 2018.

**Types of Missions Executed (SWAT) 2018**

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Officers during a recent SWAT training exercise at the Auburn shooting range. These Auburn SWAT team members are part of the Valley SWAT team which is comprised of Auburn, Tukwila, Renton, Port of Seattle, Kent and Federal Way.
The Auburn Police Honor Guard performs in numerous community events such as:

- Auburn Days Parade
- Veterans Day Parade
- Officer’s Funerals

The Auburn Police Department has three K-9 Units. All are generalists (tracking dogs).

The Auburn Police Department partners with Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle Police Departments to provide a well trained and equipped civil disturbance/civil disobedience response for South King County and the region. This unit has a fully equipped “Cut Team”, skilled and equipped to defeat obstacles and locking devices commonly used by demonstrators.

CDU SART team members during their unified training.
Animal services in the City of Auburn are provided by the Auburn Police Department’s Animal Control officers. If you are experiencing a life-threatening animal-related emergency, call 911. For non-emergency animal control service, please call 253-931-3062 or the non-emergency police line at 253-288-2121. The Animal Control Officers respond to the following requests:

- Vicious animal complaints
- Animal complaints/bites
- Disruptive animals
- Injured wildlife
- Injured animal rescues
- Dead-on-arrival livestock/cats/dogs
- Police department calls for assistance
- Loose livestock on roadways
- Aggressive or sick animal pickup
- Animal cruelty investigations
- Wildlife in the living area of a home

The Auburn Police Department continues a positive relationship with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe with its law enforcement partnership. The department has an officer assigned full time as the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Officer who acts as a liaison between the Auburn Police, the Tribe and the King County Sheriff’s Office Muckleshoot Detachment.

Officer Andy Gould has been the department’s MIT liaison officer since September 9, 2018.

Officer Gould is primarily responsible for incidents involving tribal members inside the city limits, but also assists the King County Deputies outside the city limits with Muckleshoot related matters. Some of his daily responsibilities include working with the King County Deputies on joint projects, as well as interacting with the Muckleshoot Tribal Council, Child and Family Services, Elder Services, Security, Code Enforcement, and Housing. Officer Gould’s office is located in the Muckleshoot Community building at Auburn Way S and Fir St SE.
CJTC OFFICER

Officer Bennett is currently assigned as a TAC Officer (Teacher, Administrator, Counselor) at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) in Burien. The CJTC provides law enforcement and corrections training to all Police Officers, Corrections Officers, Fish and Wildlife Officers and Indian Tribal Police who are hired in the State of Washington. Officer Bennett is a full time instructor for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) where she is assigned as the lead instructor for Criminal Investigations. Officer Bennett is also a part of the Skills Team which includes the instruction of scenario based/reality based training to recruits.

Officer Bennett has been assigned to the CJTC since April, 2018 and currently is fulfilling a three year contract with the BLEA Basic Training Division.

Officer Bennett has been with the Auburn Police Department since 2011 and serves on the board of the Auburn Police Officers Association. Officer Bennett is also a member of the Crime Scene Response Team and is on the Auburn Police Department Honor Guard.

FALSE ALARMS

Scarce resources combined with an increased demand for services make responding to false alarms an extreme burden for public safety agencies. Non-critical calls for service, such as false alarms, decrease the amount of time officers spend responding to true emergencies and reduce the number of staff available for crime prevention. Without effectively managing false alarms, the number of false alarms continues to increase every year. With the comprehensive false alarm ordinance in place by the City of Auburn, our officers are freed to spend more time proactively patrolling their districts.

FALSE ALARMS

![Graph showing false alarm data from 2012 to 2018]

- 2012: 858
- 2013: 1,070
- 2014: 1,069
- 2015: 1,177
- 2016: 1,160
- 2017: 1,278
- 2018: 1,152
THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL JOINED THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2018

PATROL OFFICER KOREY WILLIAMS
PATROL OFFICER ALEX STOCKNER
PATROL OFFICER AARON PITTMAN
PATROL OFFICER BRYCE BARAGER
PATROL OFFICER ANDREW BRYANT
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER RAY PECKHAM
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SARAH CATTANEO
RECORDS SPECIALIST AMY FREEMAN
RECORDS SPECIALIST LESLIE COREY
RECORDS SUPERVISOR TRACEY CARTER

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL DEPARTED THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2018

Don Evans, Jamie Heslin, Christina Warner, Stan Adamski, Dave Christensen, Melanie Jay and Darrell Jones.

Chief Bob Lee retired on June 22, 2018 after 37 years with the Auburn Police Department. Chief Lee began his law enforcement career in 198. He spent over six years in Patrol and more than two years as an Investigator before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1990. As a Sergeant, Bob was in the Patrol Division for two years, spent two years as the Special Investigations Unit Sergeant and two years as the Sergeant for the South King County Narcotics Task Force where he supervised a regional team of four narcotics detectives and a King County Prosecutor. In 1996, Bob was promoted to the rank of Commander and was assigned to the Patrol, Investigations and Administrative Divisions. During his last two years as a Commander, he was concurrently assigned as the Commander for the Valley SWAT Team. In 2002 he was promoted to Assistant Chief and on October 1, 2010 became Chief of Police.

Bob earned his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, and is a graduate of both the FBI National Academy and Leadership Institute of South King County. He was a member of the Auburn Rotary, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and the FBI National Academy Associate (Washington Chapter).
The Auburn Police Department is actively looking for volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of our volunteer program please visit our website at www.auburnwa.gov/police