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ANNUAL REPORT

HERMISTON
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



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HERMISTON POLICE MISSION STATEMENT

Without fear or favor and in partnership with our diverse community, we will create and maintain a safe environment with the reduction of crime through problem-oriented and community-based policing strategies. The quality of life for those we serve takes precedent over our individual needs.

CITY OF HERMISTON VISION

A COMMUNITY WHERE FRIENDLINESS AND OPPORTUNITY ABOUND
Welcome to Hermiston. Where life is sweet and our future is sweeter.

In 2040, Hermiston is a community where everyone is welcome - whether you're visiting or looking for a place to call home, we provide a safe, beautiful, and close-knit community where neighbors help one another, and friendliness and opportunity abound. From a booming economy to recreational amenities, we have big city services rooted in small-town values.

CITY OF HERMISTON VALUES

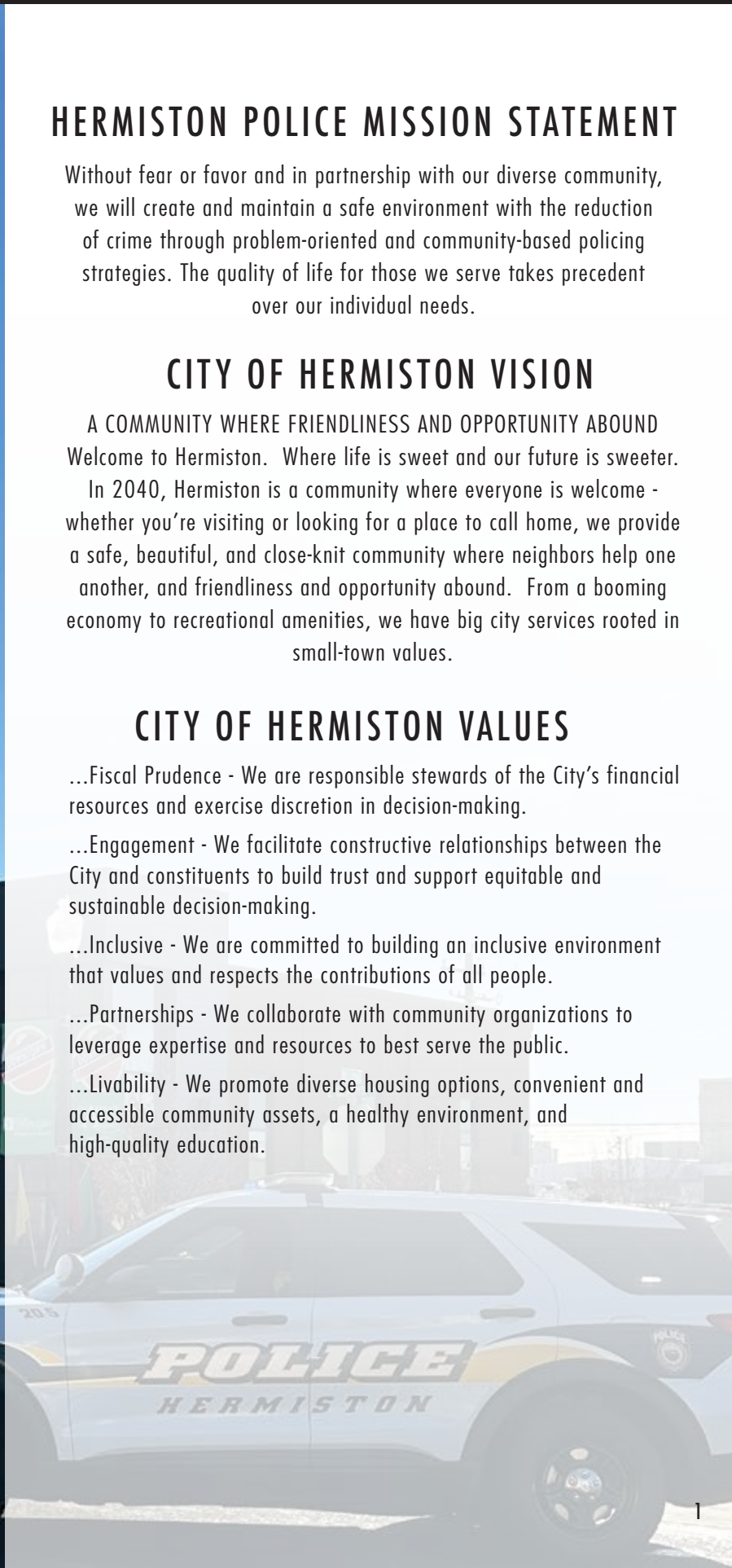
...Fiscal Prudence - We are responsible stewards of the City's financial resources and exercise discretion in decision-making.

...Engagement - We facilitate constructive relationships between the City and constituents to build trust and support equitable and sustainable decision-making.

...Inclusive - We are committed to building an inclusive environment that values and respects the contributions of all people.

...Partnerships - We collaborate with community organizations to leverage expertise and resources to best serve the public.

...Livability - We promote diverse housing options, convenient and accessible community assets, a healthy environment, and high-quality education.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Jason Edmiston - Chief of Police



To the citizens we serve,

As your chief of police, I assume the responsibility of implementing policies and procedures consistent with observable best practices across the state and nation. I am lucky to have a dedicated staff of 30 full-time sworn officers and 10 (mostly volunteer) support positions. Of our full-time staff, 20% are bilingual meaning we can communicate with the majority of those we serve.

We were anxious and optimistic to see 2022 finally bring us out of the pandemic. Our department continued to experience some "life curveballs" with several long-term injuries adversely affecting our ability to provide the best service possible to those who have entrusted us. In what I can only describe as true professionalism, the women and men of this department came together and powered through the adversity. Many shifts during the year operated at minimum staffing levels, but everyone put their best foot forward and did the job.

Hermiston continues to be an amazing place to live and work as the community is very accepting of diversity and there are countless displays of compassion, generosity, and reluctance to accept the status quo. We are excited to see what 2023 has in store for us especially considering the population of Hermiston is just 27 people shy of 20,000.

I have a great deal of respect and adoration for our supportive citizens and for those people who visit our community. I feel deeply honored and blessed to serve this community as your chief of police.

Sincerely,

Jason Edmiston - Chief of Police
541-667-5107 - direct line





DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATORS



Administration Captain Travis Eynon



Chief Jason Edmiston



Operations Captain Scott Clark



Lieutenant Robert Guerrero



Communications Manager
Amanda Hartsteen



Sergeant Chris Martin



Sergeant Bryan Maess



Sergeant Bill Osborne



Sergeant Leonard Stokoe

HERMISTON POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Scott Clark

Patrol consists of four teams working 12-hour shifts. Each team has a sergeant responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the shift. The sergeant is also responsible for monitoring crime trends and specific public safety concerns. Additionally, the sergeant manages the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Hermiston Police Department. The sergeants report to the captain, who then reports directly to the chief of police.



Operations Division

In many police agencies across the United States, the Operations Division is often referred to as “the backbone” of the department. Officers within this division are the first line of response/defense in the struggle of managing public safety. Police officers must be ready to handle every situation they encounter with reasonable and sound judgment; often needing to be quick thinking, but even quicker with actions.

Police officers can enforce all state and local laws and are expected to properly and professionally handle any emergency and routine calls for service, traffic collisions, or criminal investigations. In a typical day of work, police officers will interact with the community, make public contacts, help solve problems and disputes, write reports, testify in court, and provide any assistance or information in the area of crime prevention.



In 2022, the Hermiston Police Department Operations Division was structured to consist of 19 sworn personnel, each of whom perform various functions within the agency. The structured breakdown of the Operations Division includes a captain, four patrol sergeants, four patrol corporals, and ten patrol officers.

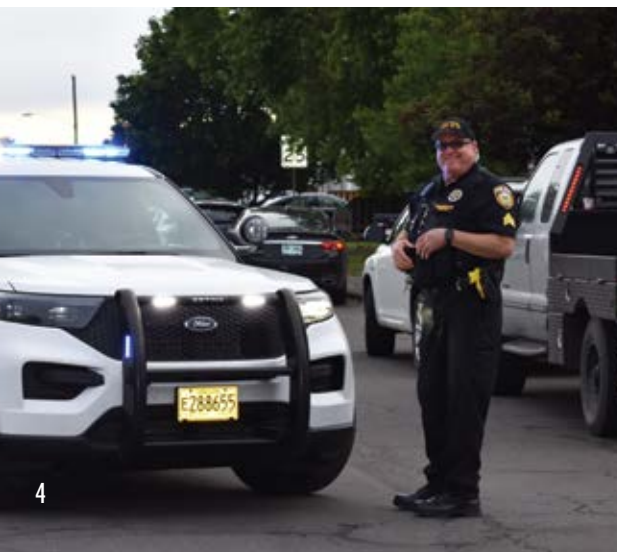
Outside of the basic patrol functions and responsibilities, the Operations Division has the following specialty programs:

- **Field Training**

The Hermiston Police Department has specifically trained members who are utilized as Field Training Officers (FTO’s), in order to train new members in an established 14-week program called the Field Training Evaluation Program (or FTEP for short). Six personnel (most of whom are currently FTO’s), also received training as Police Training Officers (PTO’s), should the department decide to transition to this very popular and widely used 15-week program, which focuses on coaching and mentoring the recruit’s learning style by developing problem-solving skills within a community-based policing environment, rather than just strictly evaluating them on their performance.

- **Special Events**

The Operations Division oversees and participates in numerous special events throughout the calendar year. In 2022, patrol officers assisted with the following: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Event, Hermiston High School Seniors’ Pre-Graduation Walking Parade, 4th of July Celebration Event, Umatilla County Fair Parade, Umatilla County Fair Security Patrols, Good Shepherd Health Care System - Active Shooter Preparedness Drill, Halloween and New Year’s Eve (extra patrols), along with numerous funeral escorts.





OPERATIONS DIVISION

Grants/Agency Sponsored Programs

Over the last several years, the Hermiston Police Department has continually sought out alternative sources of funding and/or equipment to accomplish our mission in an effective and efficient manner. A total of \$165,177.50 was granted to/or received by the Hermiston Police Department in 2022; with utilization towards specific programs and training, or directed enforcement efforts for officers to work in an overtime capacity. HPD has had continued success in utilizing grants and other funding received throughout 2022, with the following major contributors deserving special mention: U.S. DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant \$125,000 (over three years), Oregon Impact High Visibility Enforcement/ Impaired Driving Grant (\$5,000), Oregon Impact Distracted Driving Grant (\$5,000), Oregon Department of Transportation Speed Grant (\$5,000), Umatilla Commission on Children and Families Community Accountability Board (CAB) Grant (\$5,000), Rotary International Club, Kiwanis International Club, and numerous individual/business community partners for Christmas Express totaling (\$20,177.50).

Directed Patrol Requests/Vacation House Check

In an attempt to be as receptive as possible to the wants and needs of our community, the Hermiston Police Department offers Directed Patrol Requests and Vacation House Checks. Directed Patrol Requests address specific complaints regarding traffic, suspicious and/or criminal related issues. Throughout a 2-week (minimum) period, officers direct their patrol efforts and document those efforts regarding a specified area of concern. Officers completed (53) Directed Patrol requests in 2022. Vacation House Checks can be requested by a Hermiston resident if they will be out of town for a protracted period of time. A request form regarding the residence, the reason for the absence and any personal/responsible contact information, is completed for our officers to check on during the specified period the resident will be gone. In 2022, officers facilitated (15) Vacation House Checks.





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Travis Eynon

The Administrative Services Division (ASD) is distinctly different than the Operations Division. The ASD is made up of both sworn and non-sworn staff. Records, Investigations, and School Resource Officers are specific sections within the ASD.

Most officers assigned to the Administrative Services Division usually have the luxury of time to methodically work their assignments. This is a much different dynamic than officers assigned to the Operations Division. On the other hand, arduous investigations, strategic planning, analysis, presentations, collaboration and facilitating meetings are a large part of the work the officers and other employees within the ASD do.

We have had a few changes to the division this year. In April Lieutenant Randy Studebaker made the difficult decision to retire from law enforcement. Robert Guerrero was promoted to the Investigations Lieutenant position.

In May we were able to hire Randy Studebaker's wife from the Pendleton Police Department. She made the move to be closer to home and properly care for Randy. She is a fantastic detective and we are extremely fortunate to have her join us. She has been a huge asset.

In June, we re-assigned Riley Studebaker from Patrol Corporal to Detective. He hit the ground running and has quickly made a very positive impact on our unit.

Also, in June, Detective Victor Gutierrez was re-assigned to be our representative on the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT).

In July, Officer Carlos Balli made the decision to leave our department for a position with the Yakima School district. Yakima is his home town and he was given the opportunity to work there. Officer Mario Cobian was selected to replace Officer Balli when the new school year began in late August.

In the year 2022, the Hermiston Police Department Administrative Services Division was made up of the following: (1) Captain, (1) Investigations Lieutenant, (4) Detectives, (3) School Resource Officers, (1) Communications Manager, and (3) Police Records Specialists.





The detective division of the Hermiston Police Department falls under Administrative Services, and works in support of the patrol division. The lieutenant assigns cases to the detectives that require specialized, extensive, or out-of-the-area follow-up investigation, regional major crimes team activities, follow-up investigations in the local area for crimes committed outside of Hermiston, and other cases as deemed appropriate.

Detectives also work in cooperation with other agencies including local, state and federal law enforcement, as well as non-law enforcement entities such as the Department of Human Services Child Welfare and Adult Protective Services. Some of the investigations assigned can span for months to years.



Lieutenant
Robert Guerrero



Detective Freddy
Sotelo



Detective
Victor Gutierrez



Detective
Riley Studebaker



Community Services Detective
Shelly Studebaker

Lieutenant Robert Guerrero

Lieutenant Guerrero, a US Army veteran, has over 20 years of law enforcement experience during which he has held several positions including patrol officer, canine handler, narcotics detective, and major crimes detective. Lieutenant Guerrero is currently supervising investigations, He is also responsible for various administrative tasks, such as applicant background investigations, and on-call supervisor, with additional duties as a Medicolegal Death Investigator and crisis/hostage negotiator.

Detective Freddy Sotelo

Detective Sotelo became a reserve officer with the Hermiston Police Department in 2010, and he was hired as a full-time police officer in 2012. He began as a patrol officer and was assigned to the detective division in 2016. He has an additional duty as a member of the regional, multi-agency SWAT team. He is also a Sergeant First Class in the Oregon Army National Guard, where he's served for 20 years.

Detective Victor Gutierrez

Detective Gutierrez started as a reserve officer with the Boardman Police Department in 1996, and he was hired as a full-time officer three years later. He started with the Hermiston Police Department in 2004. He was assigned to the detective division in 2017. His past assignments were patrol officer, motorcycle/traffic officer, gang officer, and drug recognition expert. He is currently the department's representative on the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team. He has an additional duty of being a deputy medical examiner. Detective Gutierrez is a military veteran, having previously served in the Oregon Army National Guard.

Detective Riley Studebaker

Detective Riley Studebaker is a US Army veteran having served in combat while on active duty. After 10 years of active duty, he transitioned to the Washington National Guard where he has served for the past 10 years. He started with the Hermiston Police Department in May of 2014. He has served as a patrol officer and as a patrol Corporal before being assigned to the Detective Division.

Community Services Detective Shelly Studebaker

Detective Shelly Studebaker came to work for the Hermiston Police Department in May of 2022 in what was a brand-new position for us. Detective Studebaker has previous experience as a Deputy Sheriff in Gilliam County, at the Pendleton Police Department she had experience as a patrol officer, in a similar community services position and as a general law detective. She came with a great deal of outstanding experience and we are very grateful she joined our team.



SIGNIFICANT CASES IN 2022

In 2022, the detective division handled, or assisted with, several types of investigations, including but not limited to the following:

- Homicide
- Armed Robbery
- Sexual Assault
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Child Physical Abuse
- Online Sexual Exploitation
- Human Trafficking
- Complex financial crimes including embezzlement, fraud, and forgery
- Cases which required forensic interviews or polygraph examinations
- Residential and commercial burglaries

Major Crime Team Activities

Detectives assisted regional agencies with major investigations throughout the region.

Homicide/Suspicious Deaths

Our Detectives assisted with two Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) at the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) involving only their police department in one case and the CTUIR Police Department along with the Pendleton Police Department in another case.

Child Abuse/Neglect:

Under Oregon law, child protective services are required to report all suspected incidents of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement, and vice versa. The vast majority of these complaints are unfounded or not criminal in nature, however, it is absolutely crucial that each report be reviewed and investigated accordingly to ensure the safety of children and determine if a crime has been committed. Detectives handled several child physical abuse investigations in 2022, to include an investigation into the serious parental abuse of a one-year-old child. This investigation is on-going.

Sexual Crimes:

At any given time the detectives have many open investigations involving sexual offenses. In the vast majority of these cases the suspect and victim know each other. Many of the cases are reported long after the crime was committed and physical evidence is gone, so they require extensive interviews and other investigative techniques. In 2022, detectives successfully resolved several significant cases, some involving multiple victims, which led to successful prosecutions.

Violent Crimes

Detectives investigated, and continue to investigate, violent crimes that occur in Hermiston and throughout our region, in partnership with the primary jurisdiction.

Detectives investigated multiple shootings that occurred throughout the year. We are fortunate none of the shootings resulted in death. There were a few gunshot injuries but none were life threatening.

In January, Detectives made an arrest in the case of the murder of Alonso Madrigal-Garcilazo. From March of 2015. This case has been a very long and arduous investigation.

In September, Detectives worked with patrol to solve an armed robbery. This case resulted in the arrest of a suspect who is currently being held in the county jail awaiting trial.

Violent Sex Crimes

In August, Detectives worked on a rape in a domestic violence situation and helped see it through to conclusion when it was resolved by the arrest of the perpetrator.

In October, Detectives worked on a stranger on stranger rape case, which is very rare in our community. Detectives dedicated a great deal of time and resources to this case and saw it through to conclusion with the identification and ultimate arrest of the perpetrator.

HPD STATISTICS



CRIME STATISTICS

Incident Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg	Normal Range	2022	% Change Avg-'22	% Change '21-'22
Homicide	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	0-2	1	0%	-67%
Rape	5	2	4	7	4	6	3	8	6	5	0-2	8	60%	33%
Robbery	7	14	4	4	5	7	8	8	14	8	5-11	11	38%	-21%
Aggravated Assault	4	8	12	22	36	30	34	19	27	21	15-27	35	67%	30%
Burglary	95	75	53	59	59	84	66	58	68	69	59-78	44	-36%	-35%
Larceny	617	388	413	395	412	471	460	357	414	436	396-477	515	18%	24%
Auto Theft	72	34	36	27	41	42	31	35	38	40	36-44	49	23%	29%
Arson	1	2	1	0	2	3	2	5	2	2	1-3	3	50%	50%
TOTAL	801	523	524	515	560	644	604	493	572	582	532-632	666	14%	16%
TOTAL VIOLENT	16	24	21	34	46	44	45	38	50	35	31-39	55	57%	10%
TOTAL PROPERTY	785	499	503	481	514	600	559	455	522	546	498-595	611	12%	17%
POPULATION	17240	17345	17520	17730	17985	18200	18775	19354	19696			19973	10%	1%

Hermiston Police Department 2013-2022 Crime Stats
10 Year Trends

PATROL STATISTICS

Incident Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg	Normal Range	2022	% Change Avg-'22	% Change '21-'22
Total Incidents	24218	23100	23238	21697	23002	21408	22708	21480	21660	22501	21834-23169	21052	-6%	-3%
Calls for Service	14953	12130	10032	10070	10850	11267	11558	10549	11318	11414	11053-11775	11882	4%	5%
Officer Initiated Activity	9265	10970	13206	11627	12152	10141	11150	10931	10342	11087	10379-11796	9170	-17%	-11%
Traffic Stops	4840	5236	6595	5747	5346	4103	5576	4958	5025	5270	4768-5771	4204	-20%	-16%
Case Investigations	2626	2888	3160	3000	3194	3263	3098	2436	2704	2930	2613-3247	2954	1%	9%
Total Arrests	1359	1274	1348	1281	1295	1205	1249	809	865	1187	982-1392	1118	-6%	29%
Misdemeanor Arrests	936	886	1029	964	878	852	910	550	629	848	703-994	849	0%	35%
Felony Arrests	423	388	319	317	417	353	339	259	236	339	273-405	269	-21%	14%
Total Citations	5582	6057	6784	5710	6535	5122	6593	4392	4367	5682	4695-6670	4199	-26%	-4%
POPULATION	17240	17345	17520	17730	17985	18200	18775	19354	19696			19973	10%	1%

Hermiston Police Department 2013-2022 Patrol Stats
10 Year Trends



CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 2011, a chaplain program was established at the Hermiston Police Department. The Hermiston Police Department Chaplain Program is a non-denominational, ecumenical ministry established for the purposes of providing spiritual and emotional support to all members of the department, their families and members of the public. The chaplains in the program are volunteer clergy and participate without financial compensation.



Chaplain
Hector Ramirez



Chaplain
Terry Cummings



Chaplain
Aaron Johnson



Chaplain
Rich Finn

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Hermiston Police Department Chaplain Program (HPDCP) shall exist to provide biblically-based chaplain services, both personal and professional, to all law enforcement and emergency services personnel and their families within Hermiston. HPDCP is not a church. This is a Christian ministry that exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and is not in the business of seeking converts to any particular church group or denomination. HPDCP is non-denominational in emphasis, providing unrestricted service regardless of personal faith or beliefs.

It is our mission, while in contact with the community, to care for the troubles of those who have endured loss, been victimized by the events and tragedy that have left them abandoned, helpless, and without hope. We provide professional training for our chaplains and consistent care and counseling for our officers. A healthy officer is identified by a healthy community.

The chaplains provide a support for the officers in-house either by counseling, prayer, one-on-one meetings or just their presence. They assist officers (and other first responders) with call-outs for death notifications, support for victims of crime, they ride along with officers on shift, as well as, participate in different trainings. In addition to assisting officers within the department, our chaplains participate in city events and other safety-oriented community groups. In 2022, our chaplains collectively completed a total of 1,453 hours, which were accrued either in house or attached to day to day incidents. In addition to those hours, the chaplains participated in 37 hours of community related activities, bringing the grand total hours worked by our chaplains to 1,490 hours. Their assistance and presence has repeatedly made a difference in the Hermiston Police Department and the City of Hermiston.





SERVICES COORDINATOR

Chaplain / Services Coordinator Terry Cummings

In 2014, the Hermiston Police Department developed the position of a Services Coordinator to coordinate chaplain services and the new mentorship program called, "It's Just Dinner" (IJD). IJD is a program that assigns juveniles from the Hermiston Community Accountability Board (CAB) to be paired with a set of volunteer mentors from the Hermiston community. These at-risk teenagers who are assigned to IJD and their paired mentors, meet at a local restaurant for the dinner to acquaint themselves with each other. The mentor couple does their best to build a relationship with that teen by being positive role models and giving guidance and direction in different areas of their lives. The goal is to provide the family AND the juvenile another resource for guidance. The dinner and costs is provided by the City of Hermiston.

The Services Coordinator also tracks and maintains records of the approved mentor couples and the activity of those actively assigned. In 2022 Chaplain Terry Cummings functioned as a part-time contracted employee, working also with the CAB and "It's Just Dinner" programs.

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

The Hermiston Community Accountability Board (CAB) began in September of 2008, holding its first Board meeting in October of 2008. The Hermiston CAB creation began as a result of several conversations between the Hermiston Police Department, the Hermiston School District, and the Youth Violence Roundtable group. The CAB was put in place to process first time juvenile offenders with minor violations and some misdemeanors, adjudicate their cases, and offer a variety of sanctions. The Board's job is to interview the offender, review the case, and determine reasonable requirements which the community can expect of the offender as consequences for irresponsible behavior. These requirements may include community service hours, report writing, topic research, restitutions, and counseling. One of the goals of the Board is to impress on the offender the connection between their behavior and the effects it has upon the community and themselves.

The Board is made up of five members, with a minimum of three members present in order to operate. The Board is guided by Hermiston School Resource Officer Betty Nava. The Board is comprised of:

- Two members representing the Hermiston School District
- Two members representing the Hermiston City Council
- One citizen (at large) of Hermiston

Through this program, the juvenile will be held accountable for their criminal actions, by imposing swift and appropriate consequences. It allows the parent/guardian(s) to share responsibility in the minor's actions. The counseling helps the juveniles and their families find solid healthy solutions to everyday problems.





RECORDS DEPARTMENT

Amanda Hartsteen

Our records department consists of three records personnel and a communications manager. The records department staff maintains records and other associated duties for the police department in addition to helping citizens who visit the police department's public lobby. The public lobby hours of operation are 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.



Tracy Johnson



Liliana Gomez



Shannon Robinson



2022 RECORDS PROCESSED

2148 RIMS CAD incidents. This includes phone calls made directly to our records personnel and lobby walk-ins.

◦ 2021 = 1816

4355 requests for information.

- Open Records Requests = **1001**
- Other Agency Requests = **3260**
- Local Background Checks = **94**

◦ 2021 Total Requests = 4603

- Open Records Requests = 891
- Other Agency Requests = 3629
- Local Background Checks = 83

1153 case reports were sent to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office, Hermiston City Prosecutor's Office and Umatilla County Juvenile Department electronically.

◦ 2021 = 1243

366 non-criminal fingerprinting appointments

◦ 2021 = 108

139 registered sex offenders

◦ 2021 = 98

1015 subpoena notices for officers to appear in court

◦ 2021 = 773

409 Hermiston Municipal Court warrants entered

◦ 2021 = 112

4199 citations entered

◦ 2021 = 4367

39 Rental Property Cards disseminated to property owners

◦ 2021 = 104



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Officer Mario Cobian



Officer Betty Nava



Officer Derrick Williams

With the pandemic mostly behind us, we are finding students being able to just be students/children again. This has been refreshing for our SRO's . With Officer Balli leaving us after last school year, we have assigned Officer Mario Cobian to the SRO position. We have made a few changes in how we assign our SRO's to the schools. We have taken a geographic approach.

Assignments

School Resource Officer (SRO) Mario Cobian is primarily assigned to the four schools on the east side of town, One middle school (Sandstone) and three elementary schools (Highland Hills, Sunset and Loma Vista).

School Resource Officer (SRO) Betty Nava is primarily assigned to the four schools on the west side of town. One middle school (Armand Larive) and three elementary schools (Desert View, West Park and Rocky Heights).

Both Officer Nava and Officer Cobian have very similar roles. They both assist building principals as needed. They participate in meetings with staff and parents, participate in lockdown/lockout drills, fire drills, address traffic and safety issues at each school. The SRO is often the first officer involved in a report of abuse, neglect or mistreatment of a child. The SRO's also occasionally conduct presentations to all grade levels. Officer Nava also facilitates the Community Accountability Board (CAB).

School Resource Officer (SRO) Derrick Williams is primarily assigned to the high school. This assignment has been a bit more reactive in the past. This was due in part to the call load coming from the High school and the two middle schools. Now that the middle schools are separate, we are hoping to return to a more proactive and outreach kind of position

In addition to his normal law enforcement responsibilities in the schools, The High School SRO participates in lockdown/lockout drills, fire drills, attends staff and parent meetings, attends sporting events and as time allows teaches or presents on safety topics.

All three SRO's are focused on building trusting and lasting relationships with the students they serve. The Hermiston Police Department is extremely grateful for the incredible relationship we have with the Hermiston School District.

SRO Triad

The SRO Triad is a three-pronged approach. The SRO should be a law enforcer, a teacher/educator and an informal counselor/mentor. We try to always take this approach to this partnership with our schools.





DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Corporal Tim Miers

Hermiston Police Department personnel attended 4163.75 hours of training during the 2022 year (the hours listed does not include instructor training hours). These training hours listed include training completed by the Hermiston Police Department Supervisors, Police Officers, Reserve Police Officers, Records Clerks and Department Chaplains. It also includes the employees in special assignments, and inactive or retired employees.





HERMISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

COMMAND

Chief Jason Edmiston
Captain Scott Clark
Captain Travis Eynon
Lieutenant Robert Guerrero
Lieutenant Randy Studebaker (Ret.)

SUPERVISORY

Sergeant Bryan Maess
Sergeant Chris Martin
Sergeant Billy Osborne
Sergeant Leonard Stokoe
Comm. Manager Amanda Hartsteen

PATROL LEADERSHIP

Corporal William Golter
Corporal Erica Sandoval
Corporal Jarrod Flatau
Corporal Rod Vega

PATROL

Officer Will Jons
Officer Doug Gill
Officer Nick Wallis
Officer Shawnee Rodriguez
Officer Jared Zumwalt
Officer Christian Jackson
Officer Kieron Carlson
Officer Trevor Limburg
Officer Nathaniel Jimenez
Officer Gabe Zacharias

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Betty Nava
Officer Derrick Williams
Officer Mario Cobian

INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Victor Gutierrez
Detective Freddy Sotelo
Detective Riley Studebaker
Community Services Detective Shelly Studebaker

ADMINISTRATION/TRAINING/EVIDENCE

Corporal Tim Mears

RECORDS

Police Records Specialist Tracy Johnson
Police Records Specialist Liliana Gomez
Police Records Specialist Shannon Robinson

NEWLY WELCOMED MEMBERS OF OUR HPD TEAM



Officer
Trevor Limburg
Hire Date - April 1, 2022



Officer
Nathaniel Jimenez
Hire Date - May 1, 2022



Community Service Detective
Shelly Studebaker
Hire Date - May 10, 2022



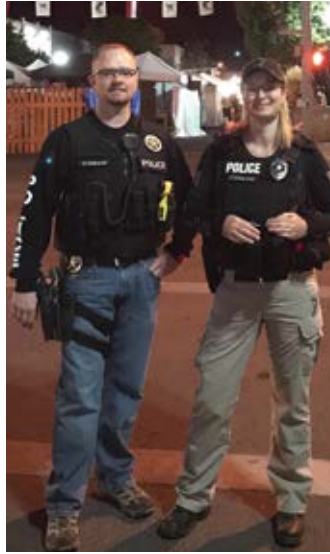
Officer
Gabe Zacharias
Hire Date - October 3, 2022



RETIRED MEMBERS

Lieutenant Randy Studebaker

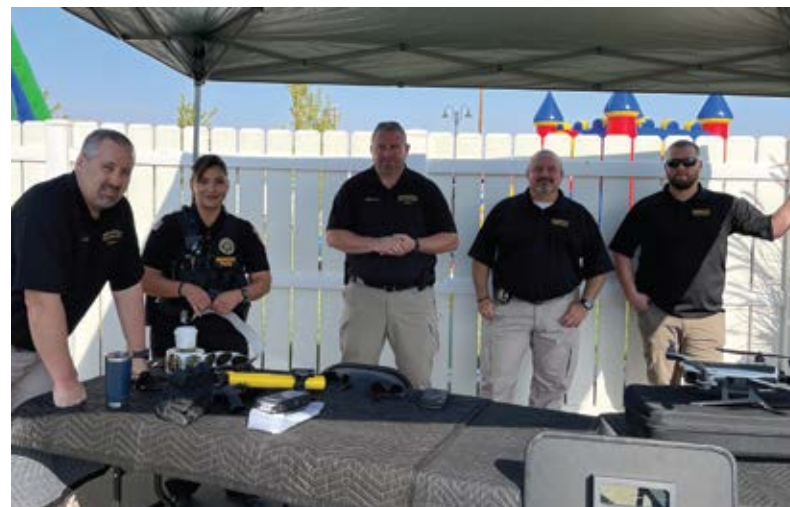
Lieutenant Studebaker's law enforcement career began with the U.S. Air Force in 1997. During his service with the Air Force, Randy worked several patrol positions, then became a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations until his commitment was complete in 2002. In 2003, Randy was hired by the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office (as a deputy sheriff), where he eventually became a canine handler and patrol sergeant. In 2012, Randy was hired by the Hermiston Police Department as a lateral transfer. He worked as a patrol officer before becoming a detective and later promoted to Lieutenant in charge of the investigation's unit. In addition to serving as the detective supervisor, Randy was responsible for arson investigations (in partnership with Umatilla County Fire District 1), and performed various administrative tasks, such as applicant background investigations, as well as on-call supervisor. He also held duties as Deputy Medical Examiner and crisis/hostage negotiator. Randy was one of the department's social media administrators and was truly the star of the show, building a very large social media following. When Randy retired in 2022, he left very large shoes to fill. We wish him well in his retirement and still very much consider him a part of the HPD family.





FAITH & BLUE

Faith & Blue was launched to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations. Communities are stronger and safer when residents and law enforcement professionals can relate as ordinary people with shared values, hopes and dreams. The partners who are a part of National Faith & Blue Weekend believe we can find ways to work together around our many commonalities instead of being divided by our differences.





2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Our 2022 National Night Out was a huge success and enjoyed more than ever. Community members, HPD personnel and city officials had great fun with the neighborhood barbeques and getting to know each other in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. As always, the department side-by-side was a highlight with all the kids. This year's scavenger hunt medallion was found by the Pollock family.





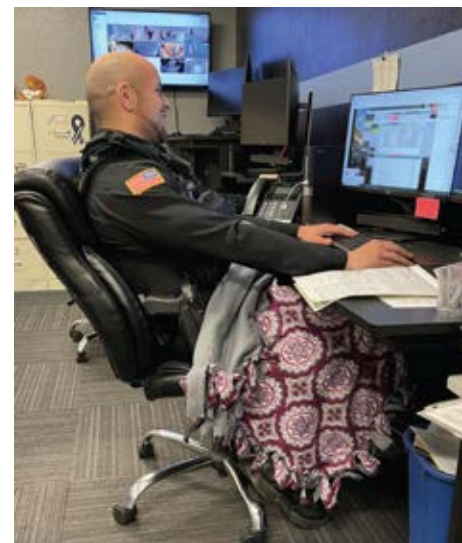
54TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXPRESS

Started in 1969, the Hermiston Police Department Christmas Express Program has evolved into a community-wide effort where tens of thousands of dollars are donated in the form of cash, gifts, produce, equipment, and volunteer hours. Each year the program serves up to 500 identified families in need in the Hermiston area. This year the program received \$20,177.50 in cash contributions and nearly 30,000 canned goods from Hermiston school-age students.





WHY SO SERIOUS?





HERMISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 GOALS

Customer Service

Provide efficient and effective police services consistent with the vision and values of our community. Serve as ambassadors of the city of Hermiston with an increased presence of employees at city meetings and functions. Place an emphasis on service delivery to our customers through the establishment of observable, measurable, targeted, and specific performance objectives for each employee of the department.

Predictive Policing Strategies

The department will utilize any policing strategy or tactic that develops and uses information and advanced analysis or technology to inform forward-thinking crime prevention. This includes the utilization of available intelligence/data and deployment of resources implementing a zero-tolerance stance for all incidents involving elements of criminal activity in a timely and targeted fashion specific to each shift or assignment. The continual nurturing of existing healthy partnerships will be critical.

Address Traffic Issues

Provide for a structured approach in dealing with the traffic-related issues experienced in the city by utilizing engineering, education, and enforcement strategies in dealing with these problems. Targeted enforcement of traffic along the Highway 395 corridor will be the priority of patrol.

Livability Issues

Focus on those issues which impact the livability of the citizens we serve will be a high priority. This includes noise complaints, animal complaints, controlled substance enforcement, and all code issues including areas of blight consistent with the Broken Windows Theory of policing.



SPECIAL THANKS

The officers and staff of the Hermiston Police Department would like to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the opportunity and privilege to serve Hermiston and its citizens. None of which would be possible without the continued support and encouragement of the following people:

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