



Bremerton Police Department

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CHIEF TOM WOLFE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Greetings:

It is my privilege to present the Bremerton Police Department's 2024 Annual Report to the Community. This report provides detailed operational data and highlights the enormous level of community engagement, care and commitment from the men and women of this police department.

For the past several years, the Bremerton Police Department has focused on hiring a qualified and diverse group of officers dedicated to our mission of maintaining a safe, desirable place to live, work and visit. I am proud of what these new officers – twenty-six of whom were hired in the past four years and comprise most of our patrol division – have been able to accomplish. They have demonstrated an understanding of the role they play in law enforcement in Washington State and in their community. This group has enjoyed a tremendous amount of community support which I attribute to how they treat the public and youthful zest for the job. I am very proud of the work our officers do day in and day out.

Responding to community concerns and issues of public safety associated with homelessness persists in Bremerton. In addition to exercising traditional law enforcement powers, the Bremerton Police Department has partnered with public and private service providers and community stakeholders to support innovative responses. Our behavioral health navigators work in tandem with patrol officers to assess individual needs and guide homeless individuals to services. Following a pilot program, the City of Bremerton also partnered with Commonstreet Consulting in 2024 to provide homeless response management. Officers work together with Commonstreet to support their mission of providing individuals with resources which have had significant impacts. We also continue to support meaningful drug, alcohol and mental health treatment options which are sorely lacking in our community.

Highlighting the Bremerton Police Department's commitment to integrity and transparency, this year we created and implemented the Office of Professional Standards (OPS). Under the supervision of the Support Services Captain who reports directly to me, OPS is responsible for investigating all complaints, use of force incidents and officer involved collisions as well as reviewing pursuits. Staffed by a Lieutenant and Sergeant, OPS will also help us identify policy, training and supervisory issues to guide growth and transformation.

Finally, I want to say thank you to all our citizens for your letters and emails of support. They are very appreciated and keep us going. We work for you and do our best to keep you safe each day so thank you for recognizing your officers.

Sincerely,

Chief Tom Wolfe



Accreditation

The purpose of law enforcement agency accreditation is to professionalize the law enforcement industry by providing a review process for agencies to be certified as operating under industry best practices and standards. The current accreditation program was created in 2007 and is overseen by the WASPC Accreditation Committee, Accreditation Commission, and Board of Directors. The Committee is responsible for maintaining accreditation standards. The Commission is responsible for reviewing accreditation on-site reports and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for conferring accreditation. There are no changes for 2024.

Bremerton Police Department’s Accreditation Timeline:



Accreditation Standards:

The purpose of the WASPC Accreditation Program is to recognize agencies operating under industry best practices and standards. There are 144 accreditation standards covering nineteen major law enforcement areas:

1. Goals and Objectives
2. Role and Authority
3. Use of Force
4. Management, Staffing, Organization and Utilization of Personnel
5. Records Management
6. Information Technology
7. Unusual Occurrences
8. Health and Safety
9. Fiscal Management
10. Recruitment and Selection
11. Training
12. Performance Evaluation
13. Code of Conduct
14. Internal Affairs
15. Patrol Function
16. Traffic Function
17. Investigative Function
18. Evidence and Property Control Function
19. Prisoner Security

Benefits of Accreditation:

- Increase public confidence in the agency
- Increase credibility
- Provide a systemized agency self assessment
- Broaden perspectives
- Intensify administrative and operational effectiveness
- Ensure recruitment, selection, and promotion processes are fair and equitable
- Strengthen understanding of agency policies and procedures by agency personnel
- Improve agency morale and pride to decrease susceptibility to litigation and costly civil court settlements
- Potentially reduce liability insurance costs
- Provide state and local recognition of professional competence





Calls For Service

40,729



Cases

7,460



Arrests

1,411



Uses Of Force Reported

114



Citizen Complaints Investigated

68



Use Of Force

In accordance with the WA State Attorney General's Model Use of Force Policy, the Department defines physical force broadly as any act reasonably likely to cause physical pain or injury or any other act exerted upon a person's body to compel, control, constrain, or restrain a person's movement. Physical force does not include pat-downs, incidental touching, verbal commands, or compliant handcuffing where there is no physical pain or injury.

De-escalation tactics are defined as actions used by officers intended to minimize the likelihood of the need to use force during an incident. When possible, officers are required to use available and appropriate de-escalation tactics prior to using force.

Beginning in 2020, the Bremerton Police Department participated in a voluntary data collection program managed by the FBI. This program is intended to provide more accurate and reliable nationwide statistics and promote transparency. Qualifying uses of force include an officer's actions that result in the death or serious bodily injury of a person, or the discharge of a firearm at or in the direction of a person. **BPD reported zero incidents that fell into either category in 2024.**

In 2024, the Department developed and implemented the Office of Professional Standards ("OPS") which is managed by the Support Services Captain and comprised of a Lieutenant and Sergeant to review all use of force incidents that do not involve serious injury, death or the discharge of a firearm. The review examines whether the officer's actions comply with the law, training and Department policy. In addition to conducting individualized reviews, OPS examines body worn camera footage, officer reports and crime statistics to determine trends and make training recommendations.

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF USE OF FORCE:

In 2024, Bremerton Police Officers employed physical force in 113 incidents. In all but one instance, the internal review process determined the force complied with policy and the law. The out-of-policy incident pertained to an officer's Taser deployment and was addressed with counseling and retraining.

Bremerton Police Officers initiated or responded to 40,729 calls for service in 2024 and used physical force in approximately .28% of the calls. For comparison, in 2023 officers used force in approximately .23% of their calls.

Through a review and analysis of each incident and associated data, we did not identify force patterns against minorities or particular officers using force unreasonably more often than anyone in their peer group. Further, the review and analysis of the data collected revealed no other evidence of bias, concerning patterns, or signs of improper force.



Pursuits

VEHICLE PURSUIT: An attempt by a uniformed officer in a vehicle equipped with emergency lights and a siren to stop a moving vehicle where the operator of the moving vehicle appears to be aware that the officer is signaling the operator to stop the vehicle and the operator of the moving vehicle appears to be willfully resisting or ignoring the officer's attempt to stop the vehicle by increasing vehicle speed, making evasive maneuvers, or operating the vehicle in a reckless manner that endangers the safety of the community or the officer.

ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE: Refers to the actions of a vehicle operator who, after being given a visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop, fails or refuses to immediately stop the vehicle and drives in a reckless manner while attempting to elude a uniformed officer operating a pursuing police vehicle that is equipped with emergency lights and siren (RCW 46.61.024).

In 2024, the Bremerton Police Department established the Office of Professional Standards (OPS). OPS looks at every incident where a driver refuses to stop, which may include:

- Instances where a driver does not yield but does not actively flee.
- Cases where officers initially attempt to stop a vehicle but self-terminate.
- Pursuits, including their initiation, duration, and termination.

This comprehensive approach ensures accountability across the full range of encounters, whether an officer chooses to pursue, self-terminate, or simply disengage.

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF VEHICLE PURSUITS AND VEHICLES FAILING TO STOP:

Data from 2024 shows that while 55 drivers failed to stop for officers, the vast majority of these did not result in pursuits. In fact, only six pursuits occurred all year, reflecting both officers' restraint and their prioritization of community safety. Compared to 2023, there was a 40% decrease in suspects attempting to elude, a positive trend linked to changes in state pursuit laws.

Category	Number of Cases	Notes
Total failures to stop reviewed	55	Includes all types of incidents, not only pursuits
Non-reckless failures to yield	3	Drivers did not attempt to flee
Pursuits initiated	6	Only 11% of total incidents
Pursuits resulting in arrest or probable cause	5 of 6	Nearly all led to resolution
Self-terminated attempts	72% of cases	Officers ended engagement to protect community safety
Out-of-policy incidents	9	Most occurred during transition to new laws
Out-of-policy incidents (final quarter)	2	Addressed with counseling and retraining

The data indicates that pursuits are rare. Out of 55 failures to stop, only six cases (11%) escalated into pursuits. In nearly three-quarters of all incidents, officers ended their attempt to stop the vehicle on their own initiative. This demonstrates that officers are actively applying restraint, weighing safety risks carefully, and aligning with updated state laws.



Pursuits

TRAINING AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT: Early in the year, OPS identified nine out-of-policy incidents, largely during the transition to new pursuit standards. The Department responded with updated training that reinforced two guiding principles:

- Pursuits should only occur when the suspect poses a clear danger to public safety.
- The risks of allowing a suspect to flee must be greater than the risks of pursuit.

Following this training, only two out-of-policy incidents occurred in the final quarter of 2024, showing meaningful progress.

CONCLUSION: The 2024 data highlights two important points:

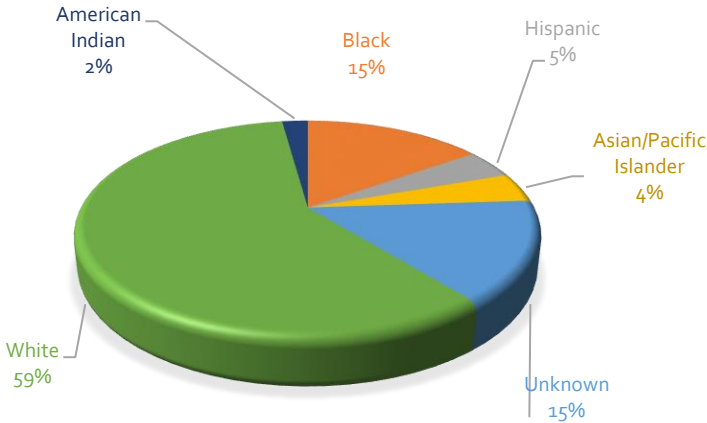
- The Department is tracking more than pursuits — every failure-to-stop incident is reviewed for compliance, regardless of outcome.
- Actual pursuits are rare, and when they occur, they are subject to close oversight.

By combining accountability, training, and restraint, the Department continues to improve its practices, with public safety as the top priority.

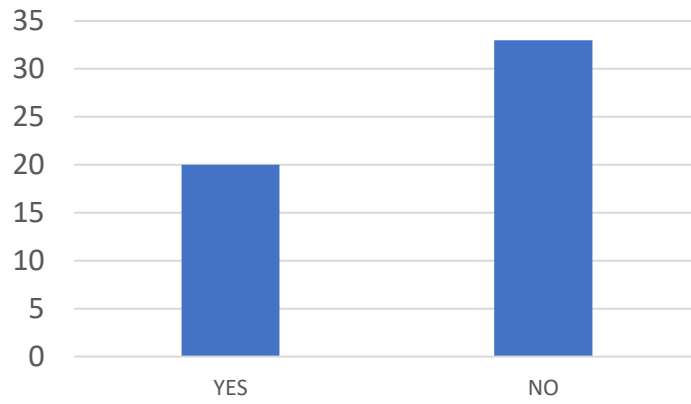


Pursuits and Failure to stop/obey

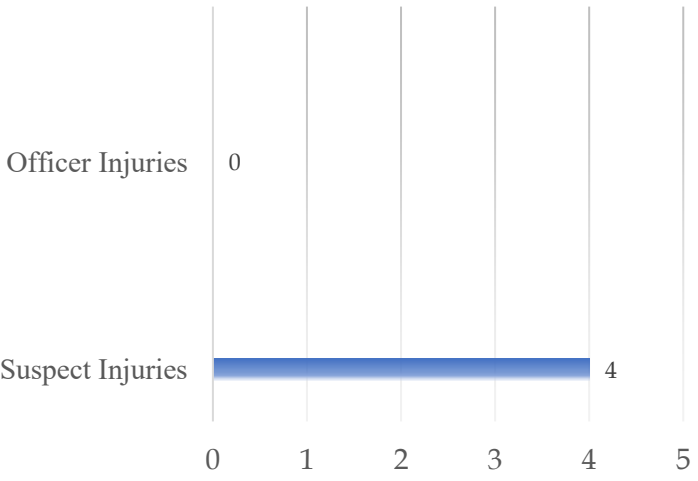
Suspect Race



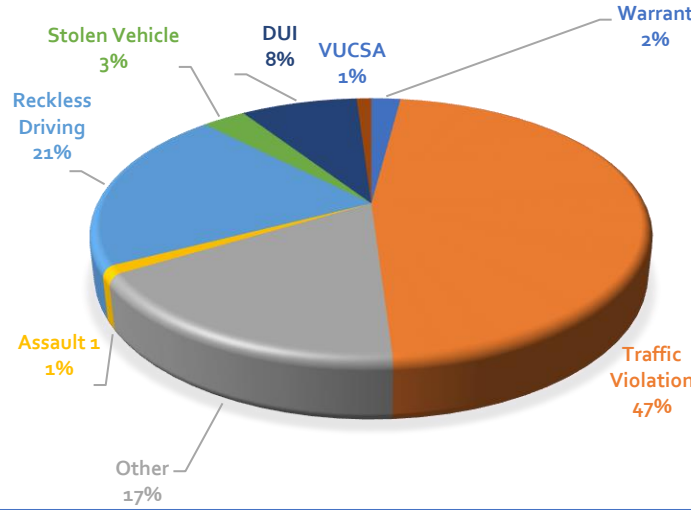
Probable Cause or Arrest of Suspect



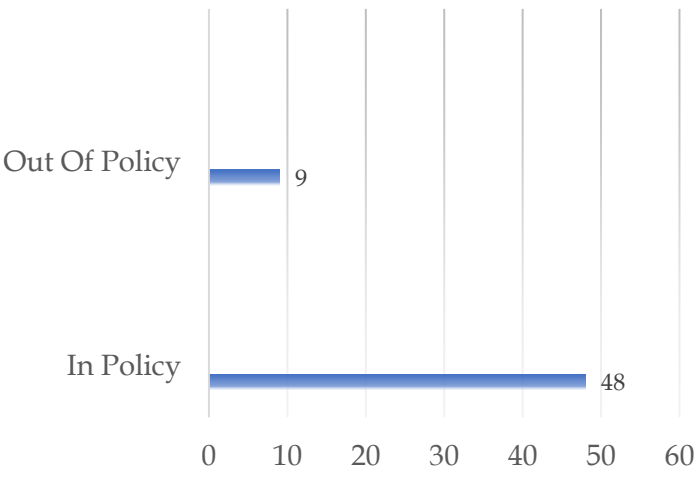
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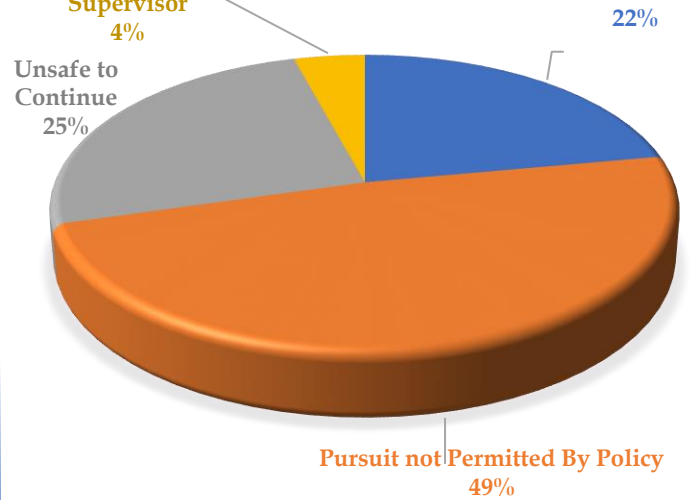
Reason For Vehicle Stop



BPD Policy



Termination Reason





Accountability- Complaints

In 2024, the Department developed and implemented the Office of Professional Standards (“OPS”) which is managed by the Support Services Captain and comprised of a Lieutenant and Sergeant. OPS is specifically charged with receiving all complaints regarding Department personnel and operations. In consultation with the Support Services Captain and Chief of Police, OPS determines the type of investigation required and is charged with overseeing all investigations. The Department takes complaints in any form and from anyone, including anonymous complaints, and investigates them to the extent possible, even if the subject of the complaint is no longer employed. To enhance transparency, OPS provides complainants with their investigative findings which include one or more of the following determinations:

Unfounded - When the investigation discloses that the allegation was false or not factual or that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve Department personnel.

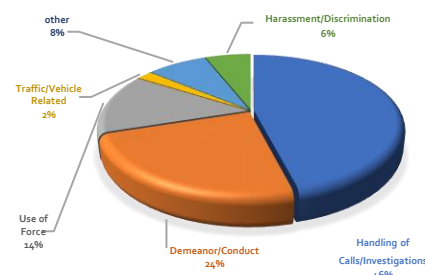
Exonerated - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

Not Sustained - When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.

Sustained - When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.

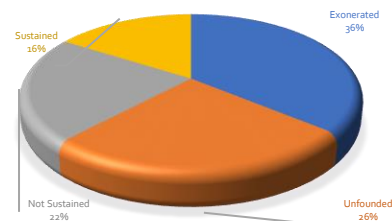
In 2024, the Department investigated 67 complaints with a total of 73 allegations. A detailed summary of the complaints, dispositions and corrective action/discipline imposed is set forth below:

Neglect of Duty/ Respondents were dissatisfied with the handling of calls, investigations, or reports.	34
Demeanor / courtesy / rudeness/Conduct	10
Use of Force/Detainment/ Abuse Of Authority	12
Traffic Violations / Vehicle Use by Officer	3
Harassment/ Discrimination	4
Other/Not Specified	16



*Some complaints fit two or more categories (ex. "I didn't like getting a ticket and the officer was rude." Judgments are made as to the best category fit for such complaints.

	Explanation of Dispositions	# of Complaints
Exonerated	The alleged act occurred, but that the action was justified, lawful, and proper.	31
Unfounded	The allegation was false or not factual or that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve Department personnel.	48
Not sustained	There is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	11
Sustained	The act occurred, and it constituted misconduct.	13
Other	Ex.- Referred to other agency/department	4



Complaint #	Date	Issue / Complaint	Resolution
2024-001	1/5/2024	Rudeness	Unfounded
2024-002	1/12/2024	Handling of collision investigation (10 specific allegations)	4 unfounded 3 exonerated 2 not sustained Minor typographical errors in report found to have occurred, but no misconduct identified to sustain allegation. Officer received supervisor counseling and corrected the errors
2024-003	1/24/2024	Use of force complaint	Exonerated
2024-004	2/2/2024	Unlawful arrest, unlawful search and misc. complaints	Unfounded
2024-005	2/8/2024	Dissatisfied with handling of call/report – Officer misidentified a shoplifting suspect when they presented the complainant’s ID. Charges were forwarded, and ultimately dropped by the prosecutor upon learning of the error.	Sustained – counseling to address adequacy of investigation
2024-006	2/13/2024	Unlawfully prevented from boarding a ferry	Unfounded



Accountability- Complaints

2024-007	2/14/2024	Complained about the treatment of her mother	Unfounded
2024-008	2/15/2024	Driving – driving slow and using spotlight	Exonerated
2024-009	2/20/2024	Gave personal insight in public forum	Not Sustained-counseling eval comment log
2024-010	2/5/2024	Complained of dishonesty/false report Complained failure to provide exculpatory evidence	1. Dishonesty/false report-Unfounded 2. Failure to provide evidence-Unfounded
2024-011	2/28/2024	Use of force complaint	Unfounded
2024-012	2/29/2024	Complained officers took laptop.	Unfounded
2024-013	2/29/2024	Submitted informational statement online about new encampment (no allegations of misconduct)	Unfounded
2024-014	2/27/2024	Allegations of excessive force against officers for DUI/hit and run arrest. Additional allegation of planting evidence during a case several years earlier.	1. Excessive Force- Unfounded 2. Planting Evidence- Unfounded
2024-015	1/18/2024	Allegation of special treatment and failure to properly investigate and arrest subject	Unfounded
2024-016	2/26/2024	Complained about communication with persons with disabilities (hearing)	Exonerated
2024-017	3/4/2024	Dissatisfied with department's response to calls involving son – specifically to not detain, ITA and provide specific care.	Exonerated
2024-018	3/25/2024	Complained Officer failed to contact her about her breach of trust vehicle.	Exonerated
2024-019	3/24/2024	Allegation Sgt was rude during a traffic stop and harassed her son while off duty	1. Rudeness-Exonerated 2- Harassment- Unfounded
2024-020	3/30/2024	Officer failed to submit evidence and complete a report.	Sustained
2024-021	3/22/2024	Stemming from arrest for driving offense, alleged officer was rude and suspect was assaulted when taken into custody.	1. Rudeness- Unfounded 2. Use of Force- Unfounded 3. Reimbursement for phone- Directed to Risk Management
2024-022	4/7/2024	Stemming from arrest for driving offense, complainant alleged arrest unlawful and officer used racial slur.	1. Unlawful Arrest- Exonerated 2. Racial Slur- Unfounded
2024-023	4/7/2024	Allegation officer used complainant's credit cards and allegation department did not properly investigate prior burglary.	Unfounded
2024-024	4/10/2024	Complained no report was taken and complainant was made to leave the residence.	1. No report taken- Not Sustained 2. Made to leave residence- Unfounded
2024-025	4/18/2024	Reported Ofc. failed to stop at a stop sign and he laid down his m/c because of this	Sustained
2024-026	4/30/2024	Overall complaint on BPD, KMH and Pendleton Place	Unfounded
2024-027	5/1/2024	Complained BPD failed to secure his residence after his arrest	Exonerated
2024-028	5/6/2023	Complained about Ofc obtaining PC via a witness	Exonerated
2024-029	5/9/2024	Officer alleges a policy violation by Sergeant after a text was sent	Unfounded
2024-030	5/7/2024	Complained report lacked detail and photos sent to Axon were not in report	Not sustained
2024-031	5/19/2024	Accused Ofc. of sex while on duty	Unfounded
2024-032	5/22/2024	Complained Officer was rude to her daughter during accident investigation.	Unfounded
2024-033	6/2/2024	Allegation of racial discrimination, harassment, no permission to search, no PC to remove passenger, unlawful search	1. Racial Discrimination-Unfounded 2. Harassment-Unfounded 3. Permission to Search-Unfounded 4. PC to move passenger- Unfounded 5. Unlawful Search-Sustained
2024-034	6/3/2024	Officer made alleged advances towards fellow officer.	Not Sustained
2024-035	6/13/2024	Alleged several issues from homeless to BPD's poor response to assaults	Unfounded
2024-036	6/14/2024	Complained of rudeness	Unfounded
2024-037	6/17/2024	Complained "nothing was done about it" on a Burglary call	1. Nothing done-Unfounded 2. Rules-reg's-Sustained 3. ROD for BWC, seizing evidence w/no documentation.
2024-038	6/24/2024	Issud in error	Issued in error
2024-039	5/17/2024	Officer missed his 3 rd ferry assn. since December.	Counseling memo + suspension off-duty 3 mo's.



Accountability- Complaints

2024-040	6/3/2024	Complained she was not provided hearing impaired interpreter.	1. Officer-Sustained 2. Office Staff- Unfounded
2024-041	6/11/2024	Complained officers failed to contact his sons after their truck was nearly stolen.	Unfounded
2024-042	7/15/2024	Complained about a 2003 SOG case re: pre-text stop, seizure, damage to vehicle, racism and corruption	1. Pre-Text Stop-Sustained 2003 2. Theft/Seizure-Not Sustained 3. Damage to vehicle-Not Sustained 4. Racism/Corruption-Not Sustained See CMPT 2024-042
2024-043	8/5/2024	Duplicate complaint of CMPT 2024-042	
2024-044	7/18/2024	Complained Officer did not contact her after her son was arrested and intoxicated.	Exonerated
2024-045	7/26/2024	Complained ofc's woke up his elderly parents to view their Ring camera	Exonerated
2024-046	7/29/2024	Complained about the arrest of his g/f for DV, officer shining flashlight in his eyes and officer threatening arrest for Obstruction of a victim, aid rendered.	1. Arrest-Exonerated 2. Flashlight-Exonerated 3. Obstructing-Sustained E/C + retraining. 4. Aid-Exonerated
2024-048	7/17/2024	Complained Officer was rude and failed to investigate a Theft of a phone belonging to unknown person.	Not Sustained
2024-049	8/1/2024	Claimed Officer was rude, acted inappropriate and called her a liar.	1. Rudeness-Unfounded 2. Inappropriate- Unfounded 3. Called her a liar-Unfounded
2024-050	8/2/2024	Complained about his arrest	Unfounded
2024-051	7/31/2024	Complained about police cars following her.	Unfounded
2024-052	8/6/2024	Complained about report	Exonerated
2024-053	8/1/2024	Complained on behalf of his son for false arrest	1. False arrest-Exonerated X2 2. BWC muting-Sustained
2024-054	8/2/2024	Complained about the impound of his vehicle	Exonerated x 5
2024-055	8/6/2024	Complained he was arrested for DUI due to his age and race.	Unfounded
2024-056	8/22/2024	Initially complained then wished to recant her complaint.	Exonerated
2024-057	8/9/2024	Complaint on NBK, only included BPD due to jurisdiction	Unfounded
2024-058	8/27/2024	Complaint again about BPD, KMH and P.P. See CMPT 2024-007 and 058 for details.	Unfounded
2024-059	9/3/2024	Complaint Officer cited at fault driver for NVOL not DWLS.	Exonerated
2024-060	9/4/2024	Issued in error	Issued in error
2024-061	9/9/2024	Complained she was served an order too late at night, 2347 hrs.	Exonerated
2024-062	9/12/2024	Officer missed two off-duty assignments	Sustained-Eval Comment Log
2024-063	9/17/2024	Issued in error	Issued in error
2024-064	9/23/2024	Issued in error	Issued in error
2024-065	9/23/2024	Duplicate complaint of CMPT 2024-042	See CMPT 2024-042
2024-066	9/23/2024	Duplicate complaint of CMPT 2024-042	See CMPT 2024-042
2024-067	9/24/2024	Complained incident was not investigated properly.	Unfounded
2024-068		Issued in error	Issued in error
2024-069	9/27/2024	Officer complained fellow Officer made what appeared to be a racial comment.	Sustained-Eval Comment Log
2024-070	10/16/2024	Officer was insubordinate after being ordered to serve a pick up order	Sustained-IA 24-04 Letter of Reprimand
2024-071	10/18/2024	Complained Officer was rude and did not have the authority to remove her from her mother's apt	1. Rudeness – Unfounded 2. Illegally trespassed - Sustained
2024-072	10/21/2024	Complaint on KCSO for impounding a vehicle without notification.	Sent to KCSO to handle
2024-073	11/14/2024	Complained Officer groped her during her arrest	Exonerated
2024-074	11/14/2024		Issued in error
2024-075	11/16/2024	Complained he was unhappy with service	Unfounded
2024-076	11/14/2024	Complained her vehicle was towed illegally	Exonerated
2024-077	11/14/2024	Alleges officers/detectives of stealing \$4000 and misc. jewelry during the execution of a search warrant.	Unfounded
2024-078	11/20/2024	Complained that the police “didn’t do anything” when she called 911, and the report was taken by Cpl was incorrect.	1. Police didn’t do anything - Not Sustained 2. Incorrect info in report - Unfounded – Eval Comment Log
2024-079	12/11/2024	Complained Officer “came up on him fast” and drove reckless without using his emergency lights/siren	Exonerated



Accountability- Internal Investigations

Serious complaints and allegations are investigated through an internal investigation process. These allegations include, but are not limited to criminal conduct, complex and time-consuming investigations, allegations of serious misconduct, habitual minor misconduct or patterns of minor infractions or any other investigations directed by the Chief. In 2024, the Department initiated seven internal investigations and assisted a neighboring agency with one of their investigations. A detailed summary of the underlying complaints and final resolutions are set forth below:

I.A. #	Date	Issue / Complaint	Resolution
24-01	6/17/2024	Complained nothing was done at problem house	Sustained. ROD
24-02	7/30/2024	Discovered Officer took 1 week leave while on Admin. Leave w/o approval.	Sustained. Resigned in lieu of termination
24-03	9/5/2024	-	-
24-04	10/16/2024	Officer was insubordinate during an MHP pickup incident	Sustained. Letter of Reprimand
24-05	11/25/2024	Use of THC gummies	Sustained. Letter of Rep + 6 mo's extended Sgt. probation
24-06	12/30/2024	Sgt initialed and participated in a pursuit, which entailed traveling at a high rate of speed through a residential area	Sustained. Letter of Reprimand
24-07	12/30/2024	Cpl. initiated a pursuit, which ended with a PIT, Sgt. approved the use of PIT to stop a FTY with little info	Sustained. Letter of Reprimand
24-08	12/30/2024	Complained BPD stole \$4K from friend's residence when conducting a search warrant	Theft – Unfounded Officer given ROD for failing to activate BWC



Accountability- Civil Claims

Claim #	Inc.Date	Cause	Effect	Demand Amt.	Check Amount	Status
20240021	7/7/2023	K9 jumped out of kennel	Damaged personal vehicle rear seat	\$483.32	\$483.32	CWP
20240039	7/1/2023	Struggle with suspect on roadway	Lost prescription glasses	\$690.49	\$690.49	CWP
20240045	4/29/2024	Police broke front door	Damaged front door	\$849.87		CPD
20240085	2/27/2024	Arrest for unlawful discharge of laser	Unlawful arrest, search/seizure & imprisonment	\$0.00	\$1,649.06	CPD

Status Key: CWP – Closed with Payment, CPD – Closed Payment Denied, O – Open, OLIT – Open Litigation

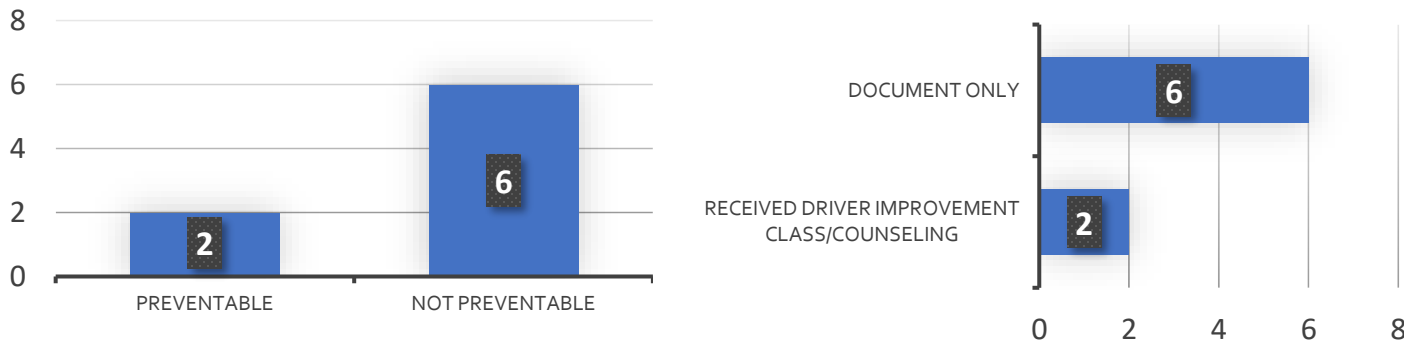
Accountability- Employee Collisions

In 2024, the Department developed and implemented the Office of Professional Standards (“OPS”) which is managed by the Support Services Captain and comprised of a Lieutenant and Sergeant. OPS investigates all collisions involving Department employees regardless of damage amount. The Washington State Patrol or another outside law enforcement agency will investigate any collision involving an employee meeting the legislative reporting threshold. Those investigations are then reviewed by OPS.

Following the review, OPS issues a finding as to whether the collision is preventable or non-preventable. Collisions which are preventable are presented to the Chief of Police who then determines a course of action considering the employee’s previous driving history, amount of damage and the degree of inattention.

Department employees were involved in eight collisions in 2024. Below is a detailed summary of those collisions:

In 2024, there were 8 accidents involving police department employees.



Accountability- Title ii claims

In 2024, the Department reached a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) stemming from a 2023 complaint pertaining to an interaction with an individual who was deaf or hard of hearing. The department fully cooperated with the DOJ’s investigation and voluntarily agreed to several policy and procedural changes as well as providing training to employees and updating the Department’s website to more effectively serve our deaf and hard of hearing community members.



Biased Based Policing- Traffic Citations/Arrest

Race	Criminal Traffic Infractions (Ex., DUI, Driving While License Suspended, Reckless Driving)		Traffic Infractions (Ex., Speeding, Failure to Yield, Cell phone violation, Seatbelt Violation)		Demographics (US Census 2019)	
	# By Race	% By Race	# By Race	% By Race	Bremerton (est. 43,505)	Navy* (est. 15,601)
White	3	75%	1360	71%	72.3%	58.2%
Black	1	25%	211	11%	6.2%	19.1%
Asian/Pacific Island	0	2%	100	5%	.6%	5.6%
American Indian	0	2%	8	.4%	.9%	3%
Unknown	0	13%	225	12%		
Total	4		1,904			

*The impact that the military presence in and around Bremerton has on the Police Department's enforcement statistics is unknown. Naval Base Kitsap employs 15,601 active-duty members who are not included in Bremerton MSA population or demographic statistics. They do, however, live, work, and play here while traveling our roads. The military's presence must be considered in the Bremerton Police Department's enforcement statistics' overall calculus.

Analysis:

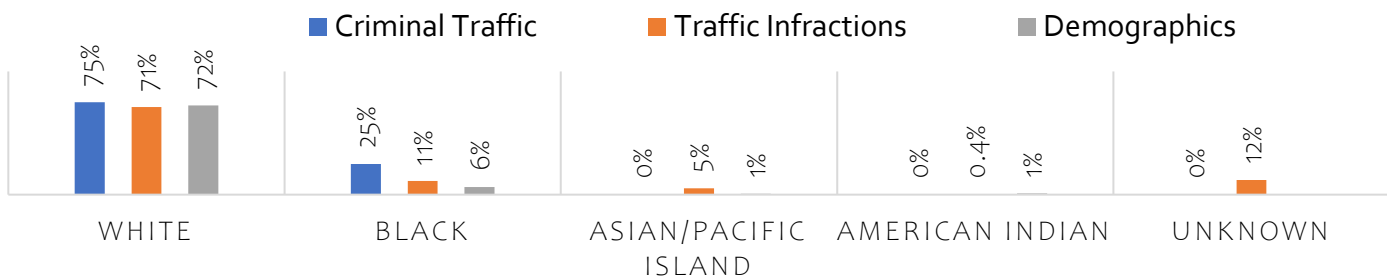
The Bremerton Police Department prohibits race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, economic status, age, cultural group, disability, or affiliation with any other similar identifiable group from being used as the basis for providing different levels of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law.

Police agencies use a best practice to learn if bias-based policing is systematically occurring via analysis of discretionary traffic stops. The Bremerton Police Department can track infractions issued by race through the electronic capture of SECTOR (Statewide Electronic Collision and Ticket Online Records) data.

In reviewing the data collected from citations issued and arrests, there are no concerns of bias.

The Operations Captain and the Support Service Captain individually reviewed each report of the use of force involving any minority. They looked for overuse, abuse, and any patterns suggesting issues with any employees using force. This fourth layer of scrutiny of the use of force showed no patterns of bias.

The police department received no complaints of racial or bias policing involving race for 2024.





K9 Applications

Generalist K9 Applications by Type for K9 Nox and Officer A. McComas



Track Search	Area Search	Building Search	Evidence Search	Total Applications	
26	0	4	1	34	
Captures No Contact	Captures W/Contact	Surrender Due to Presence		Agency Assists	Demos
16	1	3		6	2

Highlights/Summary:

- B24-000446 – Nox tracks K9 suspect from eluding vehicle to an apartment. Results of the track aid in obtaining a search warrant. Multiple suspects arrested inside the residence including the eluding driver, narcotics and firearms.
- B24-000763 – Track of a DV suspect leads to his arrest in Silverdale. Items dropped by the suspect located along the track.
- B24-001596 – Nox performs a confirmation track for a homicide suspect, tracks to where suspect was detained. New blood stains located along the track.
- B24-004718 – Assist in apprehending a suspect who had pointed a loaded firearm at victims and deputies.
- B24-006334 – Nox tracks suspect to residence where he is located inside.



Behavioral Health Navigators

- In 2024, there were a total of 1,858 calls that were behavioral health in nature.
- The Navigators contacted 913 people (duplicates every month of about 10 people).
- Navigators had 5-10 meetings every month continuing to work with the community, as well as hoping to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the behavioral health world.
- 698 people agreed to talk with Navigators to get information on resources (If they made it to those resources that is unknown).
- Call volume of Behavioral Health calls have decreased by 423 calls in comparison to 2023.

Records Division

- In 2024, Records responded to 2,252 requests. Requests for records can come from anyone, including law firms, private organizations, insurance agencies, other law enforcement agencies, and media.
- Records staff spent a total of 3049 hours completing these requests (This equates to about 381 workdays spent on public disclosures!)
- Approximately 88% of all public records requests were handled within the first 5 business days upon receiving.

Warrants Division

- The BPD Electronic Home Detention program had 26 participants in 2024. Defendants pay the court to be enrolled in the program 10.00 per day. The EHM Bill is paid for out of that line item and not borne by the departmental jail budget.
- In 2024, the Warrants Division cleared 1,039 arrest warrants, received and processed 535 protection orders.
- In addition to that, they also conducted 60 level 3 sex offender address verification checks.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The following resources are just some of what is available in Bremerton and Kitsap County.

Please- if you have an emergency, call 911.

Kitsap County Crisis Line- 1-888-910-0416

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline- 988

The Coffee Oasis- Teen Crisis Text Line 1-360-377-5560

Text line is for any youth age 13-25 years old who is experiencing a crisis or just needs to talk.

YWCA 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline- 1-800-500-5513

or Text Line 360.277.7607

Scarlet Road's Survivor Support Line- 360-362-5143

Survivor's Support Line for anyone who is or has experienced sexual exploitation.

Veterans Crisis Line- 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)

The Salvation Army- 832 6th St. Bremerton. *(Services for homeless)*

Peninsula Community Health Services- 1-360-377-3776

Medical, Dental, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Health, and Pharmacy Services.

KITSAP RECOVERY—661 Taylor St. PO. 1-360-337-4625.

Inpatient & Withdrawal Management

Drug Court & Outpatient Services—1026 Sidney Ave. PO. 1-360-337-5724.

Kitsap Sexual Assault Center—600 Kitsap Street #103. PO. 1-360-876-3282.

(24-hour support lines) 1-360-479-8500 & 1-866-831-2050.

Advocacy & Therapy. Services provided-no cost.

NO HOME? WANT TO KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT? Call 2-1-1 or the **HOUSING SOLUTIONS CTR:** 1201 Park Ave. B. 1-360-473-2035 2021. HSC coordinates placement for Homeless Shelters & Provides Rental Assistance as available.