

Bremerton Police Department

2013 Professional Standards Report



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COMPLAINTS

The Department received 21 complaints in 2013

General Categories of Complaints	
Dissatisfied with handling of call, investigation or report	7
Demeanor / Courtesy / Rudeness	4
Use of Force	2
Failure to Arrest	2
Incoherent	2
Slow Response to Call	1
Didn't agree with traffic ticket	1
Corruption / Ticket fixing	1
Harassment	1
Bias	0
Traffic Violations	0
TOTAL	21

Dispositions	Explanation of Dispositions	# of Complaints in each disposition category
Exonerated	The alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.	10
Unfounded	The allegation was false or not factual or that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve Department personnel.	8
Not sustained	There is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.	1
Sustained	The act occurred and it constituted misconduct.	2
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Date	Description of Complaint	Disposition
1/4/13	Handling of a child custody / No Contact order.	Unfounded.
1/7/2013	Handling of a traffic stop and misunderstanding about a suspended driver getting a ride home.	Unfounded.
2/13/13	Complainant upset officer called him reference a child welfare check.	Exonerated.
2/19/13	Citizen banging on church door at 0100 AM. There to pray. Officers made him leave.	Sustained. Re-training of officers. Apology letter

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2/19/13	Complainant wanted her brother arrested. Officers did not arrest.	Exonerated.
3/8/13	Lack of communication by the investigating officer with the victim of a theft.	Sustained. Apology issued on lack of return phone calls by officer.
3/18/13	Demeanor during traffic stop.	Exonerated.
3/27/13	Traffic ticket.	Exonerated.
4/10/13	Rudeness / poor customer service over phone.	Not sustained.
4/16/13	Allegation that Records clerk was "fixing" her son's speeding ticket.	Unfounded.
5/19/13	Store employee felt officer hung-up on him abruptly and was rude.	Exonerated.
5/31/13	Person with probable mental health issues complained two officers tried to run him over and then refused to give their names.	Unfounded.
7/24/2013	Complainant was upset officer did not arrest someone who she suspected wrote graffiti on her motorhome.	Exonerated.
7/25/13	Complainant was upset with the way an officer wrote a report documenting a dispute between neighbors.	Exonerated. Officer counseled about procedural matter.
8/10/13	Officer shot complainant's pitbull when the dog attacked the officer.	Exonerated.
8/19/2013	Officer touched complainant's arm as he was escorting her out of the building and she stopped short. Witnessed by sergeant. Claims assault.	Unfounded.
10/8/13	Complainant dissatisfied with the officer's handling of a burglary investigation.	Exonerated.
11/14/13	Complainant felt officers were slow respond to her son's call for help. Son drowned.	Unfounded.
11/19/13	Rambling complaint form received by Community Development. Complainant has mental health issues.	Unfounded.
12/4/13	Complainant reported DV at neighbor's house. Upset that responding officers treated him like he "had done something." Officers' reports describe an intoxicated complainant trying to insert himself – becoming a nuisance.	Unfounded.
12/6/13	Landlord wanted officer to check on rental property. Officer did. Tenants upset with Landlord. Landlord upset officer didn't call him before he went to the rental.	Exonerated.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

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Date	Control Number	Description	Disposition	Result
3/14/13	01-13	Officer Insubordinate towards Sergeant	Sustained	2 days suspension Apology Counseling
10/21/2013	02-13	Lying about response to a call	Sustained	Retired in lieu of termination
11/7/13	03-13	Missed work assignment	Sustained	Letter of Reprimand. 6 mo. suspension of work permit
11/29/13	04-13	Sex on-duty	Sustained	Retired in lieu of termination. Same officer as 02-13

CIVIL CLAIMS

Inc. Date	Report Date	Cause	Effect	Demand Amt.	Status
2/1/2001	8/1/2013	Unknown police contacts	Violation of civil rights	\$160,000,000	Claim denied
3/5/2013	3/14/2013	Police and Fire medical response	Breached/broken door and jam	\$150	Claim accepted and paid
10/4/2013	12/30/2013	Public Records Act request	Failure to provide requested records	\$15,000	Claim denied

BIAS-BASED POLICING

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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 differing levels of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law.

The most frequent way that police agencies have attempted to learn whether bias based policing is systematically occurring is through analysis of discretionary traffic stops.

The Bremerton Police Department has the ability to track infractions issued by race through the electronic capture of SECTOR data. The Department also tracks citizen complaints of bias-based policing.

Citizen complaints of biased based policing in 2013: 0

	Infractions Issued	% of Infractions by Race	Bremerton Demographics
White	4065	78.1 %	74.0 %
Black	461	8.9 %	6.7 %
Asian / Pacific Islander	222	4.3 %	6.8 %
Hispanic	154	3.0 %	9.6 %
American Indian	15	0.3 %	2.0 %
Unknown	289	3.3%	N/A
TOTAL	5206		

Notes / Trends

- Infraction statistics from SECTOR
- Demographic data from 2010 US census
- Infractions include both traffic and non-traffic infractions

EMPLOYEE COLLISIONS

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Collisions by Category	
# of officer involved collisions	12
# of collisions that were ruled 'Preventable'	9
# of collisions that were ruled 'Non-preventable'	3
# of collisions that involved injury	0
# of collisions that involved pursuits	0
# of backing collisions	6

Note: Each collision is reviewed by an internal panel of Department members who evaluate all available data and then classify the collision as 'preventable' or 'non-preventable'

DATE	BRIEF	PREV.	NON-PREV.	DISPOSITION
9/29/13	A civilian vehicle pulled out onto the roadway, from a parking lot, and struck officer's vehicle.		X	No further action necessary.
1/14/2013	While stopped at a red light, officer's vehicle was struck by a vehicle that was involved in a separate collision.		X	No further action necessary.
6/22/2013	Officer backed into a concrete retaining wall while clearing a traffic stop.	X		Memo to accident file
8/11/2013	Officer backed into a building with the left side of his vehicle causing damage to the left rear quarter panel.	X		Memo to accident file
7/17/2013	Officer was backing into a parking stall at the BPD HQ and struck a concrete trash can causing minor damage.	X		Memo to accident file.
8/7/2013	While searching for suspect, officer drifted into the curb, damaging the wheel and tire.	X		Emergency Vehicle Operations instructor provided remedial training. Documented counseling.
12/19/2013	Officer backed into rock at night while looking for an address.	X		Memo to accident file
9/5/2013	Officer pulled into parking lot at night. Rolled onto some stacking stones. Officer backed in an attempt to get vehicle off of the stones. Scraped a rock that was lying next to the stacking stones.	X		Memo to accident file
3/22/2013	Officer struck a concrete post while backing.	X		Memo to accident file
9/2/2013	Officer's vehicle was struck by a citizen's car which had failed to yield.		X	No further action necessary.

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10/12/2013	Officer pulled to the shoulder to check a patrol car computer message. The shoulder of the roadway gave way and his vehicle slid off of the roadway into a ditch.	X		No disciplinary action as a result of this incident.
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Notes / Trends

- None of the collisions revealed a trend of reoccurring collisions with any particular officer.
- Backing collisions accounted for 66% of the preventable collisions.

PURSUIT

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Pursuit Statistics	
Total number of pursuits	12
Total number of fail to yield	1
Day pursuits	4
Night pursuits	8
Pursuits discontinued by officer	8
Pursuits terminated by: collision	3
spike strip	1
Pursuit Intervention Technique	1
Pursuits ruled "Within policy"	10
Pursuits ruled "Outside of policy"	2

Reason for the Pursuit / Fail To Yield	
Traffic violation / Speed / DUI	4
Felony warrants	3
Reckless	2
Stolen vehicles	2
Narcotics delivery	1
Possession of stolen property	1

Notes / Trends

- One officer initiated three of the pursuits.
- The two pursuits that were outside of policy were not initiated by the same officer.
- Officers involved in the out-of-policy pursuits were retrained.

USE OF FORCE

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Use of Force: Type of Force			
Primary Type — the first tool or tactic an officer used.		Secondary Type — used when the 1 st tool or tactic proved ineffective	
Physical controls	79	Physical controls	1
Taser: Air deployment	10	Taser: Air deployment	6
Taser: Contact deployment	2	Taser: Contact deployment	2
OC / Chemical	1	OC / Chemical	1
Impact	0	Impact	2
Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint	0	Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint	0
Firearm	1	Firearm	0
Personal Weapons	2	Personal Weapons	3
Impact Munition	2	Impact Munition	0
Other	0	Other	2
Leg Restraints	1	Leg Restraints	3
TOTAL	98	TOTAL	20

Use of Force Aggravating Factors	
Intoxicated / Drugs	38
Domestic Violence	16
Mental Health	17

Use of Force by Race	
White	67
Black	12
Asian	9
Native American	3
Hispanic	5
Multiple / Unknown / Other	2

Use of Force by Sex	
Male	70
Female	28

	Use of Force Injuries			
	# of Injuries	Treatment		
		None	On-scene	Hospital
Officer	7	3	2	2
Suspect	29	5	17	7

Notes / Trends

- Total incidents where officers used force: 98
- Total Incidents: 68,088
- % of Incidents in which force was used: 0.14%