Annual Report 2013
~ OUR MISSION ~

THE MISSION OF THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO MAINTAIN A SAFE CITY BY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME, PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, HELP RESOLVE NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL.
To the Portland Community:

On behalf of the entire Portland Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report. This, my first full year as Police Chief, was marked by successes – violent crime is down 28% since 2011 – and challenges – like many law enforcement agencies, we are struggling to hire qualified police officer candidates. Above all, however, I continued to witness first-hand the dedication and service of the men and women of the Portland Police Department.

The statistical data included in the second section of this report will demonstrate that Portland remains one of the safest small cities in the United States. The first section of the report outlines some of our programs and initiatives and highlights some of the extraordinary acts of bravery and service performed by officers, civilian employees and citizens in 2013. While crime has decreased in Portland, we continue to face serious challenges including the surge in heroin use and a corresponding increase in crimes associated with drug abuse. And despite our nationally recognized Behavioral Health co-responder program, we continue to seek tools to better respond to the increasing number of calls for service involving citizens suffering from serious mental illness.

Administratively, we continue to face budget limitations requiring ongoing vigilance of resource allocation. We are increasingly turning toward technology to help bridge the gap and maintain the high levels of service necessary to keep the city safe. And we continue to seek out highly qualified candidates to serve as police officers.

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Portland Police Department. We are here to keep Portland safe, but we need the assistance and support of the community to be successful.

Thanks....Mike
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Portland at a Glance

CITY OF PORTLAND
Incorporated: 1876
Government: City Council/Mayor/Manager
City Budget: $215,242,578
Population: 64,249
Area: 21.2

PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Organized: 1848
Chief: Michael J. Sauschuck
Sworn Officers: 163
Civilian Employees: 59
Headquarters: 109 Middle St
Budget: $13,767,948

2013 STATISTICS
Calls for Service: 83,798
R.C.C. 911 Calls: 65,561
Arrests: 3019
Charges: 4386
Motor Vehicle Stops: 9502
Citations: 5429
With an authorized strength of 163 sworn officers, the Portland Police Department is the largest municipal law enforcement agency in the State of Maine. In addition to responding to more than 80,000 calls for service each year, the Department fields an experienced Criminal Investigations Division including a forensics component, a robust Community Policing Unit, a regional Emergency Communications Center and a substantial number of specialty teams/special capabilities. Specialty teams include a Hazardous Devices Unit, Dive Team, Crisis Negotiators, Special Reaction Team, and a Canine Unit. Special capabilities include a nationally recognized Mental Health Co-Responder Program as well as accident reconstruction, arson investigation, and victim services capabilities. The Department also provides patrol services on Peaks Island and at the Portland International Jetport and assigns personnel to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and an FBI Safe Streets Task Force.

Additionally, the Department is staffed by a number of support personnel including human resources professionals, financial and legal services, property and evidence handling, and administrative support. A training unit ensures that all personnel, sworn and civilian, receive state mandated training as well as advanced training in order to best serve the community.
Inside the Department

Uniformed Operations: The Patrol Division is the largest and most visible component of the Police Department. More than 80 uniformed officers patrol the City 24/7 responding to calls for service and proactively preventing problems. Additional officers are assigned to perform traffic enforcement and accident investigations, Jetport patrol, and Peaks Island patrol. A Major and six Lieutenants run the day-to-day operations of patrol. Officers are assigned to one of six teams and work a hybrid schedule of four 10-hour and five 8-hour shifts allowing for a concentration of personnel during the busiest time periods. Each team plays an important role in serving the community. The dedication of these officers to serve their community is not only demonstrated in their daily responsibilities, but in their desire to be involved and active members of the Department.

The Community Policing Division is responsible for a number of important services and tasks within the Department. This division offers direct support to Patrol through its proactive Senior Lead Officer program—an enhancement of the Department’s widely recognized community policing efforts. Senior Lead Officers are assigned to neighborhood sectors throughout the City and on Peaks Island. They work closely with residents, businesses, patrol officers, community policing coordinators and other City departments to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for citizens and businesses in their assigned areas. This division also houses the Youth Services Officer who focuses solely on youth outreach and development of youth-oriented programs. It also includes the school resource officers assigned to Portland, Deering, and Cheverus High Schools.
INVESTIGATIONS: After patrol officers respond to a crime scene, they forward their preliminary findings to the members of the Criminal Investigations Division. This division includes 16 detectives, four evidence technicians, administrative personnel, and three sworn officers assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. The division is divided into six specialty areas: Crimes Against People, Crimes Against Property, Forensic Services, Property and Evidence, and Court Services. Detectives interview victims and witnesses while evidence technicians collect and process evidence in an effort to develop information that leads to the identification, and ultimately, the arrest of a suspect. Of note, Portland’s Criminal Investigations Division is one of only three in the state that conducts its own homicide investigations.

The Crime Reduction Unit targets emerging trends such as robberies, burglary sprees or street-level drug trafficking. The unit was designed to be agile and responsive to issues identified through the Department’s COMPSTAT system. CRU members also conduct bail checks, investigate crime tips, and work closely with detectives to identify and arrest suspects.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: The Portland Police Department serves as the host agency for the Portland Regional Communications Center which provides emergency communications services to the Cities of Portland and South Portland and the town of Cape Elizabeth. A total of 37 telecommunicators working 8 or 12 hour shifts answer 911 and non-emergency calls and dispatch police, fire and ems units. Telecommunicators juggle multiple tasks including maintaining telephone and radio communications and accurately documenting information and activity in complex software programs while maintaining situational awareness of multiple simultaneous emergencies. They provide life-saving medical instructions, obtain and convey officer safety information, and coordinate multi-jurisdictional responses to major incidents. In 2013, the Portland Regional Communications Center received and coordinated response to 63,561 911 calls—a 4% increase from 2012. They also field numerous requests for information and referrals to other city departments and outside agencies.

CRIME ANALYSIS: As resources decline and demands for service increase, police departments have become increasingly reliant on data collection and analysis to guide operations in a more effective and efficient manner. The Portland Police Department employs a full-time crime analyst who provides ongoing, systematic analysis of crime and disorder. Her findings often form the basis for tactical resource deployment decisions and the development of new programs and initiatives.
Programs and Initiatives

Active Shooter Training

From elementary schools to malls and office buildings, the epidemic of mass shootings continues. In order to better prepare Portland Officers to respond to such an event, the Department provided all sworn officers with Active Shooter Training in 2013. Utilizing funding from the Department of Homeland Security, six PPD officers received training in the latest active shooter response tactics. The officers then delivered a two day classroom and high-tempo scenario based training to the entire sworn force. Though we hope to never need it, this training improved our readiness to respond to an active shooter incident.

Community Survey

In 2013, the Portland Police Department partnered with the University of New England School of Social Work to conduct a community survey. The survey gauged public perceptions of crime and safety as well as community satisfaction with the Department. The results of the survey indicated that residents are generally satisfied with the Department—those who had greater contact expressed greater satisfaction—but also revealed that the Department needed to do a better job of making community members aware of available programs. The results of the survey and strategies developed to resolve issues identified by the survey will be announced in early 2014.

Command Staff Reorganization

Chief Sauschuck implemented the second and final phase of a command staff reorganization in 2013 with the selection and appointment of a police major. The Major serves as the Commander of the Patrol Division and replaces the former position of Captain. Although the major is selected from the ranks of the Senior Officers Association, the actual position is non-union. This change is expected to strengthen accountability and reduce the perception of a conflict of interest. After a highly competitive process, Don Krier, a 23 year veteran of the Department, was selected to be the first Portland PD Major.
Programs and Initiatives

Crisis Intervention Training
As one of just six nationally recognized Law Enforcement/Mental Health Learning sites, the Department continued to enhance its response to people with mental illness reaching a notable milestone in 2013: every one of the Department’s sworn officers has completed Crisis Intervention Training—a 40 hour course to prepare officers to recognize and respond to people suffering from a wide-array of mental illness. This achievement comes as calls for service related to mental health climb and funding for mental health services and treatment declines.

Regional Mobile Command Center
In December 2013, the Department took delivery of a Regional Mobile Command Center on behalf of the Portland and South Portland Police and Fire Departments. PPD obtained a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase the vehicle which provides a climate controlled work space outfitted with the communications gear necessary to coordinate emergency response to a natural disaster or public safety incident. The vehicle can also serve as a backup emergency communications center in case of a power failure or evacuation of the primary center. The new command center replaces a 1980’s vintage trailer which offered little more than a box to stand in.
Six new officers were sworn in on January 13, 2013: Joseph Jaynes, Kyle Brake, Jennifer Lamperti, Erik Richard, and Nicholas Gowen. Seven additional new officers completed training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in December 2013: Graham Hults, Adam Morin, Ian Geib, Chris Maher, Brian Truax, Jakob Demchak, and Jonathan Lackee. Jason Nadeau (below), a 13 year veteran of the Lewiston Police Department was sworn in as a Portland officer on August 30, 2013.

The Department also hired five new Emergency Telecommunicators in 2013. All are pictured below.
Promotions and Retirements

On May 12, 2013, Chief Sauschuck was honored to promote Glen McGary to the position of the Lieutenant and Jeff Viola to the position of Sergeant.

Chief Sauschuck was pleased to announce the following promotions, effective December 15, 2013:

To Sergeant: Anthony Ampezzan, Jacob Titcomb, and Jason King

To Lieutenant: Robert Martin

To Major: Donald Krier

The Portland Police Department bid farewell to three veteran officers in 2013. We thank them for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Lieutenant Scott Pelletier  
Evidence Technician John Halpin  
Patrol Officer John Morin
Commendations and Awards

HARRIS AVENUE TRAIN ACCIDENT
Awarded for their efforts in assisting and delivering life-saving first aid to a young man who suffered devastating injuries when he fell from a moving train.

Award of Merit
Sergeant Michael Rand

Unit Commendation
Hiram Del Rio, Jessica Ramsay and Kimberly Pavlis

CITIZEN AWARD
Adriane Williams, Ann Marie Bouchard, Sandra Bailey, Donato Tocci, Dante Tocci, Dominick Tocci, Zachary Vickerson, Nick Vickerson, Payson Harvey, Zackay Harvey, Jack Lowe and Mitchell Bailey

LARGE-SCALE COCAINE SEIZURE
For the investigation and subsequent seizure of 8 lbs of cocaine, two loaded handguns, and $13,700 in U.S. currency.

Unit Commendation
Kevin Cashman, Andrew Hagerty, Christopher Mitchell, and Mark Keller

Law Enforcement Award
Seth Page, Jake Hall, Brad Rogers, Steve Goldberg, Brian Olsen, Jerry Carr, Adam Fillebrown

HALL SCHOOL BURGLARY
For the arrest of three subjects and recovery of 15 computers taken from Hall School.

Unit Commendation
Jeffrey Viola, Daniel Hayden, Kevin Murphy, Jeff Ruth, Ryan Gagnon, Zachary Finley, Edward Iretton, Matthew Dissell, Kevin McCarthy, and Bryan Letarte

DEERING AND MUNJOY HILL BURGLARIES
For the identification and capture of a suspect in a string of residential burglaries.

Unit Commendation
Kevin Cashman, Jeffrey Tully, Mary Sauschuck, Christian Stickney and K9 Taz, Victor Cote, and Kevin McCarthy

Law Enforcement Award
Lenny Bolton

CASCO BAY BRIDGE SUICIDE THREAT
For locating and safely recovering a man who threatened to commit suicide.

Award of Merit
Matthew Rider, Stephanie Nowicki, and Robert Rockett

Unit Commendation
Robert Martin, Tim Farris, Jacob Titcomb, David Cote, Les Smith, Jeff Hawkins, Nick Goodman, Chris Stearns, Kim Pavlis

DISRUPTED SUICIDE ATTEMPT
For the disruption of an active suicide attempt.

Unit Commendation
Robert Martin, David Cote, Martin Ney, Thien Duong

FELONY SUSPECT ARREST
For the identification and arrest of a robbery suspect who was subsequently determined to have committed additional felonies.

Award of Merit
Sean Hurley and Josh McDonald

Unit Commendation
David Cote, Les Smith, Christian Stickney and K9 Taz, Daniel Hondo, Nick Goodman, Jacob Titcomb, and Frank Pellerin

HOMICIDE ARREST
For the investigation, suspect identification and arrest in the homicide of Margarita Fisenko Scott

Unit Commendation
Scott Pelletier, Dean Goodale, Michael Rand, Rich Vogel, Scott Dunham, Karl Rybeck, Maryann Bailey, Lisa Sweatt, Mark Gibbons, Kelly Gorham, Jeff Tully, Bryan Letarte, Paul Murphy, Nick Goodman, Jacob Titcomb, Kevin McCarthy, Chris Stearns, Victor Cote, Frank Pellerin, Vincent Rozzi, Matthew Pavlis, Andrew Hagerty, Janice Hackett, and Lisa Reagan

KEY BANK ROBBERY
For the investigation, identification, and subsequent arrest of a suspect in the robbery of the Forest Ave Key Bank.

Letter of Commendation
Christopher Giesecke

Law Enforcement Award
Pat Clancy

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Commendations and Awards

**Irving Street Train Accident**
For providing first aid to a man struck by a train in the vicinity of Irving Street.

*Letter of Commendation*
Christian Stickney and David Schertz

*Citizen Award*
Raymond Gauvin

**Motor Vehicle Burglary Arrests**
For investigating and identifying two suspects in a motor vehicle burglary spree.

*Letter of Commendation*
Robert Hawkins and David Schertz

**Theft Suspect Arrest**
For assisting in the identification and eventual capture of a suspect in a series of thefts from vehicles.

*Citizen Award*
Tom Fenderson

**Emergency Medical Dispatch**
For providing emergency medical instructions to a woman aboard a vessel in Casco Bay.

*Award of Merit*
Stephanie Nowicki

**Plaque Restoration Project**
For volunteering time and services to restore a plaque honoring PPD officers who died in the line of duty.

*Citizen Award*
Nancy Carroll and Steve Hagyari of Trophy Warehouse

**Handgun Recovery**
For safely recovering a loaded 9 mm handgun during a struggle with a man on Fore Street.

*Letter of Commendation*
Michael Bennis, Brent Abbott, and Dan Aguilera

**Life-Saving CPR**
For administering life-saving CPR to an overdose victim.

*Award of Merit*
David Cote

**Firearms Recovery and Arrest**
For recovering a cache of stolen firearms and locating and arresting a suspect in the theft.

*Unit Commendation*
Nick Goodman, Jacob Titcomb, and Jeff Tully

**Kidnapping Investigation and Arrest**
For the investigation of an inter-state kidnapping case which culminated in the arrest and federal prosecution of a suspect.

*Award of Merit*
Paul Murphy

*Law Enforcement Award*
Pat Clancy

**Accident Response**
For responding to and investigating a motor vehicle accident despite a serious personal injury.

*Letter of Commendation*
Robert Bickford

**Veteran’s Memorial Bridge Suicide Threat**
For rescuing a woman attempting to jump from the bridge.

*Commendation of Merit*
Christopher Sibley

**Heroin Investigation and Seizure**
For an investigation leading to the seizure of 67 grams of heroin and a firearm along with the arrest of a suspect.

*Unit Commendation*
Dan Hondo, Nick Goodman, Mark Keller, Andy Hagerty, Christopher Mitchell, Rick Ray, Joshua MacDonald, Eric Johnson, and Kevin Cashman

**Drug, Weapon, and Currency Seizure**
For an ongoing drug investigation which resulted in the seizure of heroin, cocaine, handguns, and currency.

*Unit Commendation*
Joshua McDonald, Eric Johnson, Christopher Mitchell, Andrew Hagerty, Tom Reagan, Matthew Morrison, and Benjamin Noyes,
## Commendations and Awards

**Boating Accident**
Awarded for the dispatch of units and delivery of emergency medical instructions in response to a boating accident on Casco Bay.

*Unit Commendation*
Susan Gorham, Sidney Doyle, Heather Grant, and Gennette Cardullo-Branco

**Suicide Threat**
For recovering a man who threatened to commit suicide.

*Award of Merit*
Kristan Steele

**Fugitive Arrest**
For the investigation of a domestic violence incident leading to the capture of a dangerous fugitive and seizure of a firearm.

*Unit Commendation*
Matthew Rider, Charles Libby, Nicholas Goodman, Daniel Hondo, and Jacob Titcomb

**Arson Evacuation and Arrest**
For assisting in the evacuation of a burning building and identification of an arson suspect.

*Award of Merit*
Ryan Gagnon and Christopher Coyne

**Lifesaving CPR**
For administering life-saving CPR to an overdose victim.

*Award of Merit*
Daniel Aquilera

**Sex Offender Plea**
For their persistence in identifying a juvenile sex assault victim and convincing her to testify against her father.

*Letter of Commendation*
Coreena Behnke and Janice Hackett

**Drug Arrests**
For street level drug investigations leading to the arrest of two significant drug dealers.

*Award of Merit*
Joshua McDonald and Daniel Townsend

**Heroin Seizure and Arrest**
For observations leading to the seizure of more than 160 bags of heroin and the arrest of a suspect.

*Award of Merit*
Matthew Rider and Sean Hurley

**Alternative Enforcement**
For the implementation of a wide range of non-traditional enforcement actions to improve the quality of life in the city.

*Administrative Award of Merit*
Trish McCallister

**Public Assistance**
For assisting in the recovery of stolen goods.

*Citizen Award*
Michael Fink

**Robbery Investigation and Arrest**
For the investigation and arrest of a suspect in a robbery.

*Unit Commendation*
Kevin Haley, Nicholas Goodman, Jacob Titcomb

**Cocaine Investigation and Seizure**
For an investigation leading to the seizure of 60 grams of cocaine and close to $400,000 in drug sale profits.

*Law Enforcement Award*
Brad Rogers

**Child Pornography Investigation and Arrest**
For the complex investigation and arrest of a suspect in a horrific child pornography case.

*Award of Merit*
Mary Sauschuck and Eli Chase
Commendations and Awards

2013 Officer of the Year
Officer Daniel Townsend

Civilian Employee of the Year
Clarkson Woodward
The Portland Police Department participates in the federal Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program, a system which provides a reliable and uniform method of tracking crime across the nation. The UCR program requires only the most serious offense in a multiple-offense criminal incident to be reported to the U.S. Department of Justice. The FBI collects, publishes, and archives the Portland Police Department’s UCR data, along with participating agencies so that viewers can easily compare Portland’s crime with other cities of similar sizes.

The Portland Police Department also uses these specific crimes (known as Part 1 Crime) to generate a Comparative Statistics Report (COMPSTAT) as part of the effort to effectively measure, predict, and map crime throughout the city of Portland. Part 1 Crimes are defined as either Property Crime or Violent Crime. Violent Crimes consist of Murder, Aggravated Assault (to include Elevated Aggravated and Criminal Threatening With A Dangerous Weapon), Gross Sexual Assault, and Robbery. Property Crimes include Larceny (Theft by Unauthorized Taking, Theft By Deception, Motor Vehicle Burglary, Attempted Burglary), Commercial Burglary, Residential Burglary, Unauthorized Use of Property (Motor Vehicle Theft) and Arson. Measuring the frequency at which these crimes occur within a year paints an accurate picture of crime trends and assists in predicting what the crime trends will look like in the years to come. This data assists with resource allocation and provides the basis for intelligence-led policing efforts.

Each week members of the Department’s Command Staff and representatives from Patrol, the Community Policing Division and the Criminal Investigations Division meet to discuss current COMPSTAT numbers and develop strategies for reducing crime. For more information on COMPSTAT, please visit: http://police.portlandmaine.gov/
Chart 2 displays the Part 1 Violent Crime statistics for 2013 and compares 2013’s data to 2012 and 2011. There was a total of 181 Violent Crimes in 2013, which is a 6% reduction in Violent Crime since 2012 (192 crimes). Since 2011 there is a 28% reduction in Violent Crime falling from 253 Crimes to 181 Crimes.

There was a total of 2580 Property Crimes in 2013 (including the Arsons which appear in Chart 2) which is a 0% change in Property Crimes since 2012 (2578 Property Crimes) and a 2% reduction since 2011 (2,622).

Overall, Part 1 Crime had a 0% change from 2012 to 2013 (2770 Crimes to 2761 Crimes [-0.3%]) and is down 9% since 2011(3025 Crimes to 2761 Crimes).
Chart 4 compares CFS by day of the week in the years 2011–2013. In 2013 the busiest day of the week was Friday which had a total of 13,054 CFS. Friday is traditionally the busiest day of the year, which averages to be 252 CFS per Friday. Friday is followed by Saturday which had a total of 12913 CFS. This averages out to be 249 CFS per Saturday. The slowest day of 2013 was Sunday which totaled 10947 CFS and averages to be 218 CFS on Sunday’s. The Portland Police Department has averaged 230 CFS per day since January 1, 2011.

Chart 5 displays the CFS cycle per half hour in a 24 hour time span from 2011-2013. In 2012 there was an uptick in CFS between 17:30-19:00 hours and 13:30—14:30 hours, these upticks did not occur in 2013. In 2013 CFS steadily increased between 07:30 and 14:30. In addition, 2013 saw a decrease in CFS between 14:30-19:00.
Historically, July is the busiest month for the Portland Police Department, averaging 266 CFS per day. In 2013 July averaged 265 CFS per day which is a 5% decrease from the 279 CFS per day in July in 2012.

In 2013 Domestic Disputes (CFS where officers were dispatched and no assaults occurred) decreased by 24% since 2012. As compared to 2011 Domestic Disputes have decreased by 27% in 2013. In 2013 Domestic Assaults have decreased by 14% since 2012 and has decreased by 10% since 2011.
When comparing 2013 to 2012, Drinking in Public incidents increased by 6%, Drug Overdose increased by 13%, Drug Possession increased by 33%, Incapacitated Persons decreased by one incident*, and Incapacitated / Layouts (resulting in the dispatch of an ambulance) decreased by 64% or by 11 incidents*. Since 2011 Drinking in Public increased by 2%, Drug Overdose increased by 20%, Drug Possession increased by 37%, Layouts / Incapacitated Person decreased by 2%, and Layouts/ MedCu decreased by 68% or by 13 incidents.

*In 2010, a coalition of social service agencies and city departments launched the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement Team (HOME TEAM) in an effort to reduce public drunkenness and inappropriate behavior by homeless individuals in the downtown business district and Bayside neighborhood. Street outreach workers provide direct intervention with individuals who are engaging in disruptive behavior and provide ongoing support, education, and information to individuals living on the streets in hope of attracting these individuals to engage in needed services and meaningful behavior change. The success of the HOME team has manifested in the decrease in CFS involving layouts/ incapacitated persons. A procedural change in which MEDCU is dispatched in place of a police officer also contributed to the significant decrease in Layout/MedCu CFS for the police department.
In 2013 Behavioral Health CFS showed a significant decrease from 2011 and 2012. This is due to the loss of a grant funded project which allocated resources to manually review each call for service and make changes to the CFS type to accurately reflect a Behavioral Health disposition when necessary. This change makes it impossible to compare our 2013 data to the previous years but it does serve to underscore the fact that accurately tracking these types of calls is incredibly difficult. The department will be working to reinstitute a similar Behavioral Health CFS tracking model which should allow us to continue our best practices approach to these types of calls.

The graph above represents the Behavioral Health CFS data only and is not a representation of the total Behavioral Health Calls for Service handled by this department in 2013.