



Bainbridge Island Police Department

Professional Standards Report 2020

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Remembering Police Officer Kurt Enget

Bainbridge Island Police Officer Kurtis James Enget was a Washington native, born and raised in South Kitsap. After graduating from South Kitsap High School, he attended Tacoma Community College and Olympic College, then worked at Safeway for 18 years before getting interested in law enforcement. He started out as a reserve police deputy



Enget with K9 Whitney at the BIPD Awards Gala, 2020

with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and served for about a year until being hired as a full-time officer with the Suquamish Police Department. In February 2015, after nearly 10 years with Suquamish PD, Enget applied to be an officer with the Bainbridge Island Police Department after being encouraged to do so by a friend and fellow officer who had joined the BIPD himself the year before.

At BIPD, Enget quickly gained the respect and friendship of his team members for his free-wheeling good nature. He was eager to lend a hand and worked extremely hard, signing up for overtime whenever possible and making the workday more enjoyable by injecting humor and compassion into everything he did. In 2018, as the department readied itself for the purchase of a tracking dog, Officer Enget applied for and was selected to be BIPD's K9 handler. He flew out of state twice to train with young bloodhound Whitney, and brought her to her permanent home on the island in April, 2019.

In early 2020, as the world began battling the deadly coronavirus COVID-19, Officer Enget fell ill, and fought complications caused by the virus for several weeks before succumbing on April 10, 2020. He leaves behind a wife, several children, grandchildren, numerous family members and friends, and of course his law enforcement partners throughout the region including those at BIPD.

During his career with BIPD, Enget received numerous accolades including seven commendations and two life-saving awards. In 2021, his name was added to the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial in Olympia and to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC, both memorials honoring officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty.



Enget with K9 Whitney on her first day at BIPD, 2019

Department Overview

Chief of Police	Joseph N. Clark, Jr.	
Deputy Chief of Police	Position Vacant	
Sergeants	Administrative, D. Scott Weiss Patrol, Benjamin Sias Patrol, Trevor Ziemba	
Corporals	Joseph Fastaia Gary Koon Cameron Lewis William Shields	
Patrol Officers	Jeffrey Benkert Jonathan Bingham Zachary Burnham (K9) Robert Day Mara Dominowski Eric Huska	Charles Kazer Daniel Martinez Charles McCarty Bobbie Noel Ryan Norton Michael Tovar
Detectives	Jon Ledbetter Erik Pepper	
Community Resources Officer	Position Vacant	
Parking Enforcement	Ken Lundgren	
Harbormaster	Tami Allen	
Support Services	Barbara Burns (Administrative Supervisor) Jennifer Cooper (Evidence Technician) Kelly Eisenhood (Senior Police Clerk) Lesley Hetzler (Senior Police Clerk)	
Bainbridge Island Residents	25.8K*	
Service Area	28 square miles	
Shoreline	53 miles	

* per <https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities>

Administration - The Chief and Deputy Chief of Police are responsible for strategic planning, directing department operations, and working with the city manager, council and community members to ensure peace and public safety on Bainbridge Island. They build and maintain intergovernmental relationships with other law enforcement agencies, working collaboratively on issues of security and safety. They also serve as media contacts, oversee community outreach events, represent the department at community functions, and work with community groups to shape a collective vision of policing.

Patrol - BIPD patrol officers respond to emergency calls for service 24 hours a day in the community, maintaining peace and order by protecting life and property through impartial enforcement of federal, state, and local laws. Officers address criminal activity, conduct collision investigations, direct traffic in congested areas and during emergency situations, identify and eliminate safety hazards, serve search and arrest warrants, issue traffic citations, and investigate crime scenes. Patrol officers generally perform their duties using police vehicles, but also conduct walking beats and use of police bicycles and motorcycles for patrolling congested areas and parks. The patrol section also has a K9 team and a reserve officer who provides security and protection at the municipal court.

Detectives - The BIPD's two detectives investigate major crime occurring in the community and perform follow-up investigations on cases initially handled by patrol officers. Detectives interview suspects and victims, take witness statements, collect, and process crime scene evidence, and testify in court.

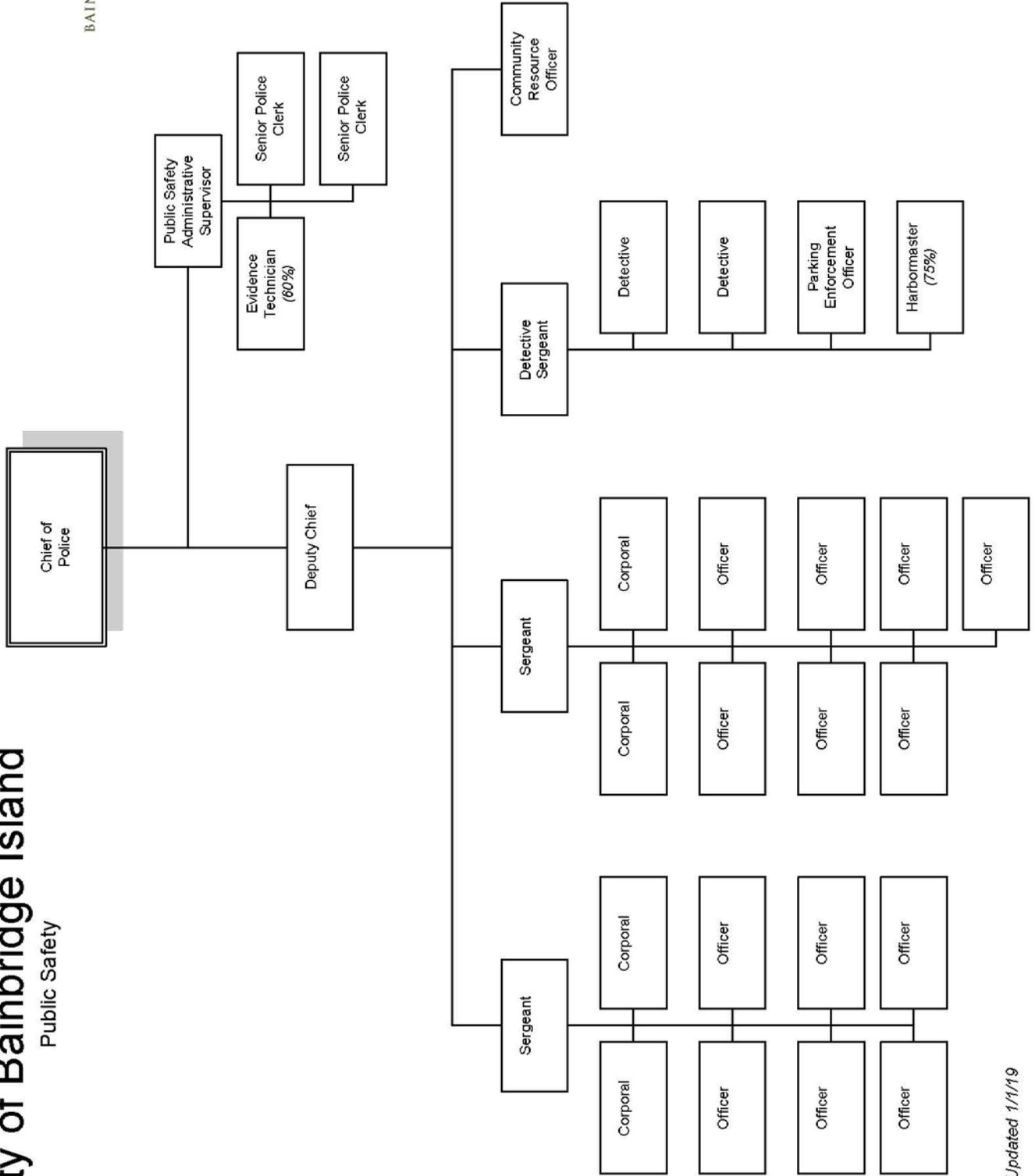
Harbormaster - The harbormaster coordinates and directs activities related to the use, operation, security, maintenance, and improvement of Bainbridge Island harbors. This includes facilitating services for commercial and recreational boaters, working closely with volunteer harbor stewards to orchestrate harbor activity, collecting fees for water-related uses, providing status reports for consideration and action, and ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local laws regulating harbor activity.

The harbormaster also works with the U.S Coast Guard and the Department of Natural Resources to address vessels that are lost, found, adrift, sinking, or abandoned, works with the executive and finance departments of the city to manage transient and long-term use of harbor buoys and city docks, and maintains records of visiting and residential boaters.

Marine Unit - With our island community's 53 miles of rugged shoreline, the BIPD's marine services unit is a critical component of public safety. Our primary vessel, M8, is a well-equipped 33-foot SAFE Boat capable of carrying 18 passengers. The vessel features high-definition imaging sonar, radar, a chart plotter, an encrypted Automatic Identification System, a micro-ROV, radiation detection equipment, VHF radios, collision and depth alarms, and an on-board computer with thermal imaging capability. The vessel and her crew perform search and rescue, vessel assistance, recreational boating enforcement, environmental response, and assist other agencies such as the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S Coast Guard, Washington State Ferries, and the Department of Homeland Security. The department's second boat, referred to as M11, was added to the fleet in 2016. An 18-foot vessel with a single outboard motor, M11 is significantly smaller and more easily maneuverable than M8, and perfect for conducting in-harbor operations such as boating safety checks and boater education. M11 was also outfitted in 2016 with a power hauler to extract derelict fishing gear from the water which cannot be conducted aboard M8 without damaging its collar.

Parking Enforcement - BIPD's parking enforcement officers (PEOs) perform field and office work related to the enforcement of parking ordinances and maintain parking records. Year round, PEOs respond to complaints, and walk and drive throughout the island to ensure compliance with parking regulations, especially in carpool areas, no parking zones, disabled parking areas, and time-limited spaces.

Support Services - The support services unit consists of two police clerks, an evidence technician, and an administrative supervisor, all civilians, who work together to support other divisions and serve members of the community by providing a variety of services and ensuring the department manages, stores, disseminates, and destroys all property, evidence, reports, and records according to law.



Updated 1/1/19

Personnel Updates

Joseph Clark Hired as new BIPD Chief of Police

Joseph N. Clark, Jr., formerly of the Norfolk Police Department (NPD), joined the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) as its Chief of Police on April 20, 2020.

A native of Norfolk, VA, Clark started his law enforcement career with the NPD in 1986. During his tenure, he served in numerous positions, beginning as a police officer, and advancing through the ranks to the role of Deputy Chief in 2017. As Deputy Chief, he led the day-to-day operations of the department, including the 24-hour field command, public information office, and coordination of community affairs. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in criminology from Saint Leo University and a Master of Science in education (with a concentration in counseling) from Old Dominion University. He is also a 2008 graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Clark collaborated with the YWCA and Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to establish a Family Justice Center (the first in Virginia); and worked with community partners to obtain grant funding to provide enhanced training and services under the End Abuse in Later Life Program. He also implemented a Spanish-speaking Community Police Academy to expand the Norfolk Police Department's existing program to new residents. In addition to his professional duties, Clark actively participated in literacy and chess programs in elementary schools in Norfolk. He was named 'Tutor of the Year' in 2017.

K9 Officer Kurt Enget is Mourned

K9 Officer Kurt Enget passed unexpectedly on April 10, 2020 at the age of 49, determined to have been a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Enget served as a Suquamish officer for nearly 10 years before joining the BIPD, where he served another five before his untimely death. During his tenure with BIPD, Enget enjoyed training as a tracking officer and for his last three years was partnered with K9 Whitney, the department's new tracking dog. The two of them became very close.



Officer Enget enjoyed heavy metal music and was occasionally heard 'rocking out' while patrolling, especially on night shift. He leaves behind a wife, 3 children, 2 grandchildren and a multitude of friends and coworkers who will never forget his smile, his kindness, his hearty laugh, and his sardonic sense of humor.

Police Officer Dale Johnson Retires

Born and raised on Bainbridge Island, Officer Dale Johnson retired on April 30, 2020 after nearly 36 years of exemplary public service, 29 with the BIPD.

Officer Johnson began working for the City of Winslow in 1984 in the Public Works Division while undergoing training as a police reserve officer. In 1991, when the City of Winslow (then just a small downtown core area) annexed the entire island and changed its name to the City of Bainbridge Island, he transferred from public works to the newly formed Bainbridge Island Police Department and began his career as a full-time police officer.



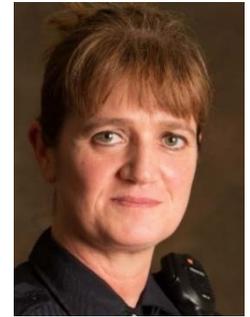
At BIPD, Officer Johnson was lead marine officer from 1995 until 2001, a member of the SWAT team since 1991, and became the BIPD's first narcotics K9 officer in 2004 with his K9 partner, Rusty, a chocolate lab mix, who served for 8 years before retiring in 2012. Officer Johnson was also an EVOG instructor, an equipment operator, motorcycle, and bicycle officer. Known for his patience, compassion, and easy-going nature, he is sorely missed.

Community Resources Officer Carla Sias Retires

While attending the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy in 1999, Officer Carla Masotti met her future husband, Benjamin Sias, and the pair served the Bainbridge Island community for more than 20 years until Carla retired from the BIPD in September 2020 (Ben is still serving as a patrol sergeant).

In addition to patrol duty, Carla developed close relationships with members of the community, and facilitated the Citizens Police Academy since its inception in 2004 to rave reviews. She also actively recruited to help fill patrol vacancies.

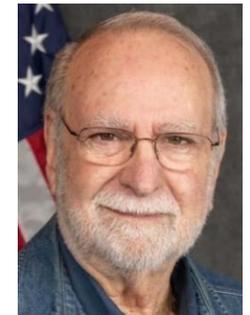
In recognition of her affinity for motivating volunteers and organizing events, Carla was appointed as the department's Community Resources Officer in 2015, a role she expanded to increase the scope of events the department hosted, notably the annual National Night Out event, Cops and Kids Summer Camp, Coffee with a Cop, and Chief for a Day. She also spent a great deal of time reaching out to island youth, visiting schools, and conducting station tours. Carla was a tremendous asset to the department and will be impossible to replace. We wish her every happiness as she begins a new chapter in her life.



Staff Psychologist Dr. Rosenbaum Retires

Dr. Theodore Rosenbaum, affectionately known as "Dr. Ted" retired in 2020 as the department's on-call psychologist. Dr. Ted was an important member of the team, providing insight, experience, and counsel to members of the police and fire departments and to the community during good times and bad.

Known for his affable nature and pragmatic outlook, Dr. Ted lent a sense of calmness to the most stressful situations, making himself available all hours of the day or night. Now he says, he is ready to spend time relaxing on a lanai somewhere, cold beverage in hand, reading trashy mystery novels.



Patrol Officer Mara Dominowski Hired

Officer Mara Dominowski is a New Yorker, born and raised in Staten Island. She holds a bachelor's degree in Music and Fine Arts from State University of New York, Purchase. After moving to Washington in 2015, Mara worked as a Correctional Officer and a Community Corrections Officer.

Shortly after graduating from the Washington Basic Law Enforcement Academy, she began the next chapter of her career serving as a patrol officer with the BIPD. Officer Dominowski and her husband currently reside in Gig Harbor. Her first day with the BIPD was June 1, 2020.



Patrol Officer Daniel Martinez Hired

Officer Daniel Martinez hails from Southern California where he served as a Los Angeles police officer for a little under two years. Prior to his career in law enforcement, Martinez worked for eight years in the healthcare field as an emergency medical technician and emergency room patient care assistant.

After accepting an offer of employment with BIPD, Officer Martinez and his family quickly relocated to Washington. They are thrilled to be in the Pacific northwest and currently reside in Sequim. In his free time, Martinez enjoys fishing, basketball, and motorcycling. His first day with BIPD was July 16, 2020.



Training and Professional Development

Officer Eric Huska Earns Boat Operator Certification

Patrol Officer Eric Huska attended 40-hour Basic Marine Law Enforcement (BMLE) training in Moses Lake facilitated by Washington State Parks and is now certified to operate the department's two vessels, M8 and M11.

Corporal Bill Shields and Officer Chuck Kazer Earn Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) and Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT) Instructor Credentials

Corporal Bill Shields and Officer Chuck Kazer both attended 40-hours of training with Washington State Patrol for instructor credentials, enabling them to teach Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) and Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuvers.

Detective Erik Peffer Attends FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute

Detective Erik Peffer attended a three-part FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership series in Lakewood, a course that helps prepare the next generation of police leaders for critical first steps in police leadership.

Corporal Bill Shields Graduates Leadership Kitsap

Corporal Bill Shields attended Leadership Kitsap this year, a program founded in 1993 by the Kitsap Chambers of Commerce and United Way of Kitsap County, and dedicated to assisting emerging leaders throughout the region expand their skills, develop professional relationships, and commit to voluntary civic responsibility.

Officer Zachary Burnham Appointed as K9 Handler

Shortly after the sudden and unexpected passing of K9 Handler Officer Kurt Enget earlier in the year, Chief Clark appointed Officer Zachary Burnham as the department's new K9 Handler. Officer Burnham and K9 Whitney traveled together to St. Cloud, Minnesota in early September for two weeks of search and rescue training with K9 Deputy Dogs. Officer Burnham is thrilled to have been selected as the team's new K9 Handler and Whitney continues to demonstrate impressive abilities.

Fire Department Cross-Training on Marine 8

During the month of September, BIPD marine operators began cross-training members of the Bainbridge Island Fire Department on Marine 8 to facilitate joint rescue operations. Twenty-two firefighters were trained over a cumulative period of about 40 hours, learning basic boat handling as well as the operation of the fire pump, backboard, and CPR positioning of the boat. Trainees also reviewed water incident plans and other aid operations.

Awards and Recognition

The department's annual awards gala took place at IslandWood on February 1, 2020 where the following employees were honored for service based on the 2019 calendar year:

Officer of the Year 2019

Corporal Cameron Lewis

Civilian of the Year 2019

Senior Police Clerk Lesley Hetzler

Life-Saving Award Recipients

Officer Jonathan Bingham, Corporal Cameron Lewis

Meritorious Conduct Award Recipients

Officer Jeffrey Benkert, Officer Jonathan Bingham, Officer Dale Johnson, Corporal Gary Koon, Corporal William Shields, Officer Michael Tovar, Sergeant Trevor Ziemba

Exceptional Police Duty Award Recipients

Officer Jeffrey Benkert, Officer Charles Kazer, Corporal Gary Koon, Detective Jonathan Ledbetter, Detective Erik Peffer, Corporal William Shields, Sergeant Benjamin Sias

Exceptional Civic Duty Award Recipients

Corporal Gary Koon, Sergeant Benjamin Sias

Commendations

Harbormaster Tami Allen, Officer Jeffrey Benkert, Officer Jonathan Bingham, Evidence Technician Jennifer Cooper, Officer Robert Day, Officer Kurtis Enget (K9 Team), Officer Erik Huska, Officer Dale Johnson, Officer Charles Kazer, Detective Jonathan Ledbetter, Corporal Cameron Lewis, Officer Ryan Norton, Detective Erik Peffer, Corporal William Shields, Sergeant Benjamin Sias, Officer Michael Tovar, Sergeant Trevor Ziemba

Letters of Recognition

Officer Robert Day, Corporal Joseph Fastaia, Detective Jonathan Ledbetter, Officer Charles McCarty, Officer Ryan Norton, Detective Erik Peffer

Safe Driver Award Recipients

Officer Jeffrey Benkert, Officer Charles Kazer, CRO Carla Sias, Corporal William Shields, Officer Michael Tovar

Fitness Award Recipients

Officer Jonathan Bingham, Officer Charles McCarty

Community Outreach

Emergency services continued round-the-clock in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, very little community outreach (other than public education regarding universal precautions and social gathering restrictions) took place. Popular events were canceled, others took place virtually, and many services were challenging, as the station itself was closed for business most of the year. Staff telecommuted as much as possible, and many services were suspended, restricted, or conducted by mail. Some of the outreach that did take place in 2020 is highlighted below.

Virtual Town Hall

On September 30, Chief Clark invited the public to attend a virtual Town Hall meeting (via Zoom) where he shared his philosophy on policing, and provided data on crime, community concerns regarding roads and traffic, crime on Bainbridge Island, use of force, calls for service, and behavioral health. The event was followed by a lively question and answer period, and Chief Clark received high marks from attendees on his thoughtful, informative answers to some very complex questions.

Raising Resilience

Sergeant Trevor Ziemba participated as a presenter for an October 27 virtual event organized by 'Raising Resilience,' a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization committed to helping build healthy, strong, communities. Events feature acclaimed speakers, and panelists where attendees learn from experts and each other. The subject of Sgt. Ziemba's presentation was teen drug use.

Pumpkin Parade

With social distancing protocol in place, Chief Clark attended the Carden Country School's annual Pumpkin Parade on October 30 and participated as a judge for the most creative pumpkin/gourd.

Listening/Healing Circle

Administrative Sergeant Scott Weiss represented the agency by participating in a virtual Listening/Healing Circle, also on October 30, organized and facilitated by the Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County. The event consisted of exercises and conversation between members of the community, elected officials, and law enforcement.

The Oatmeal Club

On November 5, Chief Clark was invited to be The Oatmeal Club's special guest where he (virtually) introduced himself, provided police statistics, and answered questions about policing. The group meets for breakfast, intellectual stimulation, and camaraderie every Thursday morning and has been doing so for 26 years. There is a long list to join.

Notable Events/Incidents

Nationwide Black Lives Matter Protests

Black Lives Matter protests across the country continued for months following the death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis. Protests in the region were numerous, including several on Bainbridge Island which were well-attended and non-violent. One march had several hundred protesters in attendance, demonstrating along Winslow Way from the police station to City Hall in June. Protests continued across the nation for most of the year, many protesters calling for the 'defunding' of police.

Sexual Assault Protests

Several student-led sexual assault protests took place on Bainbridge Island during 2020, some of which occurred at the police station. High school students and others gathered to express disappointment with the manner which schools and police have handled reports of sexual assault at the high school, the way in which some victims claim to have been treated by the police, and to voice their frustration with the prevalence of sexual assault in general.

High School Senior Graduation Parade

Graduating seniors from Bainbridge High School celebrated with a vehicle parade in lieu of a traditional graduation ceremony in 2020. The parade commenced at the high school, traveled south on Madison, then east on Winslow Way. Numerous supporters lined the streets along the route and officers assisted with traffic control. The parade lasted about 20 minutes, with minimal disruption.

Detective Eric Peffer Interviewed for Washington's Most Wanted

Hoping to generate tips from the community, October's episode of *Washington's Most Wanted* (WMW), which aired on Q13 October 30, featured multiple burglary cases that Bainbridge Island detectives have been trying to solve for months. Utilizing information gathered by patrol officers, numerous databases, witness interviews, booking photos, security camera footage, and vehicle details, Bainbridge Island detectives created suspect profiles which aired on the program.

Anti-Mask Protests

A small group of individuals organized several protests in front of Governor Inslee's home late in the year (including a potluck on Thanksgiving Day weekend) in defiance of the order to limit gatherings to members of one's own household. Several complaints were received from residents of Hawley Cove pleading for Chief Clark and the BIPD to prohibit protestors from gathering. The protests tapered off with each successive gathering and no serious issues arose.

2020

BIPD Performance Measures

ITEM	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Calls for Service (Dispatched and Self-Initiated)	1,341	1,160	780	610	791	849	800	893	854	841	740	638	10,297
Case Reports	138	117	84	97	391	141	118	130	107	105	105	126	1,659
Criminal Citations	2	2	3	0	0	1	2	4	3	3	1	1	22
Traffic Infractions	28	26	15	1	3	2	10	15	14	16	8	8	146
Traffic Collisions	24	13	10	4	3	6	9	4	13	10	14	17	127
Adult Arrests	26	16	14	6	11	17	13	14	15	22	17	15	186
Juvenile Arrests	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Domestic Violence	1	4	3	1	4	3	5	2	1	0	1	3	28
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	3	1	2	1	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	1	20
Drugs/Narcotics	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Use of Force Incidents	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	9
Complaints Against Sworn Personnel	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	8
Sustained Complaints Against Sworn*	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
ITEM	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
NIBRS Offenses: Crimes Against Persons**	9	9	8	5	9	10	13	12	3	4	2	6	90
NIBRS Clearances: Crimes Against Persons Cleared by Arrest	5	3	3	0	2	5	4	2	1	3	1	2	31
NIBRS Offenses: Crimes Against Property - Incidents***	30	41	27	37	*** 274	46	23	27	27	25	31	26	614
NIBRS Clearances: Crimes Against Property Cleared by Arrest	0	1	3	0	4	2	2	1	3	0	3	0	19

The COVID-19 pandemic affected numbers this year beginning in March. Numbers continued to climb throughout the year and returned to anticipated levels by year end

* May occasionally show sustained complaints when none were received in the same month due to the length of the investigation process (e.g. complaint was received in month prior).

** Includes Murder, Forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated or Simple Assault, Intimidation, Non-Forcible Sex Offenses, Kidnapping, Human Trafficking, Violation of No Contact Order

*** Includes Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Arson, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Extortion/Blackmail, Counterfeiting/Forgery, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property Offenses, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

**** The large spike in Crimes Against Property in May was due to a rash of unemployment fraud cases resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, which are considered crimes against property (not against persons).

Bainbridge Island Police Department

Joseph N. Clark Jr., Chief of Police

2020 Year-End Review and Analysis – Bias-Based Policing

The Bainbridge Island Police Department prohibits the use of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, age, cultural group, disability, or affiliation with any identifiable group from being used as the basis for providing differing levels of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law. We are committed to providing law enforcement services equally, fairly, objectively, and without discrimination toward any individual or group. An annual review and analysis can help ensure that members of the department perform their duties in a fair and objective manner.

The most effective way that police agencies have attempted to determine whether bias-based policing is systematically occurring is through the analysis of discretionary traffic stops using SECTOR data. The table below reflects criminal traffic citations and standard traffic citations issued during 2020. When an officer cannot distinguish an individual’s race, ‘unknown’ is indicated.

The most recent information available from <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US5303736-bainbridge-island-wa/> shows Bainbridge Island with a total population in of 24,486 in 2019.

Race or Ethnicity	Traffic Infractions		Criminal Traffic		Totals		Bainbridge Demographics	Kitsap County Demographics
	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race	# by Race	% by Race		
White	100	76.92	18	75.00	118	76.62	88%	76%
Black	2	1.54%	0	0	2	1.30%	1%	3%
Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	<1%	1%
Asian	3	2.31%	1	4.17%	4	2.60%	3%	5%
Unknown	25	19.23	5	20.83	30	19.48	<1%	
Islander*							<1%	1%
Other*							<1%	
Two or More*							5%	6%
Hispanic*							3%	8%
TOTAL	130	100%	24	100%	154	100%	100%	100%

* Bainbridge Island demographics are obtained from the Census Reporter site. The categories marked with an asterisk are identified on the site, but are not available to officers on citation forms. When an officer is unable to distinguish an individual’s race, the category ‘Unknown’ was indicated.

Analysis: While every race is not represented exactly, there do not appear to be any patterns of racial profiling or bias.

Bainbridge Island Police Department

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2020 Year-End Review and Analysis - Complaints

Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs issues are serious complaints against an officer that are either criminal in nature, or such that if proven true would amount to criminal charges or misconduct. Classifications include Crime, Excessive Force, Arrest, Entry, Search, Harassment, Serious Policy Infraction, Minor Rule Infraction, Demeanor/Conduct, Dissatisfied with Handling of Case, Driving/Traffic Related, Performance Issue, Unclear, or Other.

In 2020 there were 2 internal affairs investigations recorded:

Occurrences	Internal Affairs Category	Finding
1	Serious Policy Infraction	Sustained
1	Dissatisfaction with Handling of Case	Unfounded
2	TOTAL	

Complaints

Complaints involve events, issues or conditions directly related to a policy of the Bainbridge Island Police Department or the conduct of one of its officers. Complaints are generally not serious in nature but may rise to the level of an internal affairs event at any time during the investigation if information is discovered which if proven true could lead to criminal charges or employee misconduct.

In 2020 there were 6 complaints recorded:

Occurrences	Complaint Category	Finding
1	Dissatisfaction with Handling of Report	Withdrawn
1	Discrimination	Unfounded
1	Driving/Traffic Related	Sustained
1	Performance Issue	Sustained
1	Policy	Unfounded
1	Other	Not Sustained
6	TOTAL	

Analysis:

These complaints were against different officers and are different in nature. There does not appear to be any pattern of behavior with a particular officer, no specific policy causing concern, or any trend which indicates that the data must be further reviewed. No additional action is required.

Explanation of Findings for Complaints

- Exonerated** The act occurred, but the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.
- Unfounded** The allegation was false or not factual, the alleged act(s) did not occur, or the alleged act(s) did not involve department personnel.
- Not Sustained** There is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or to fully exonerate the employee.
- Sustained** The act occurred, and it constituted misconduct and/or a policy violation.
- Incomplete** The complaint is still under investigation and no finding has yet been issued.
- Withdrawn** The complainant withdrew the allegation.
- Other** The complaint disposition does not fit any other finding.

When a complaint is simply a disagreement over a criminal arrest, a code citation, or parking violation, the complainant may be advised that the allegation is a matter for adjudication by the proper court system and the complaint will be rejected. Complaints may also be refused if the allegation is a civil matter, non-specific in nature, the complainant is incommunicative, or when the complainant does not provide enough information to ensure a full and complete review.

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2020 Year-End Review and Analysis – Uses of Force

In 2020, there were 9 instances where force was necessary to gain the compliance of a subject:

Date	Type/s of Force*	Aggravating Factor(s)**	Gender (M/F/X)	Race	Injury / Aid	Finding
3/29/20	Physical, Draw Taser, Leg Restraints	Intoxicants	M	White	Subject	Within Policy
5/24/20	Physical, Deploy Taser	Unconfirmed	M	White	Subject Officer	Within Policy
6/9/20	Physical	Unconfirmed	M	White	None	Within Policy
7/17/20	Physical, Leg Restraints	Intoxicants	M	White	None	Within Policy
8/8/20	Physical	Intoxicants Behavioral	F	White	None	Within Policy
10/8/20	Draw Taser	Intoxicants Behavioral	M	Unknown	None	Within Policy
12/12/20	Draw Taser, Draw Firearm	Behavioral	M	White	None	Within Policy
12/23/20	Physical	Intoxicants Behavioral	M	White	None	Within Policy
12/23/20	Physical	Behavioral	M	White	Officer	Within Policy
					Total	9

* Includes physical control, draw/deploy Taser, draw/deploy firearm, leg restraints.

** Includes intoxicants, drugs, behavioral health, or unconfirmed.

Total Calls for service in 2020:	10,297
Total incidents where use of force was used:	8
Percentage of incidents in which force was used:	.08%

Analysis: No emerging trends, patterns, or specific areas of concern have been identified based on use of force events in 2020. No recommendations appear necessary regarding the need for additional training, equipment, or policy review. No further action is required.

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2020 Year-End Review and Analysis - Officer-Involved Collisions

Policy 501.2 requires that traffic collision investigation reports shall be taken whenever a City-owned vehicle is involved in a traffic collision if any damage or injury results. A general information report may be taken in lieu of a traffic collision report at the direction of a supervisor when the collision occurs on private property or does not involve another vehicle. Whenever there is damage to a City-owned vehicle, a Vehicle Damage Memorandum shall also be completed and forwarded to the appropriate supervisor.

Officer-involved collisions with City-owned vehicles are tracked and reviewed annually to ensure there are no emerging patterns or safety concerns involving a particular officer, employee or vehicle.

There was 1 collision involving a Bainbridge Island police officer in 2020.

Date	Control #	Circumstances	Finding
2/3/20	COL 2020-01	The officer was rear-ended by another vehicle in Seattle on the way to training at CJTC.	Not Preventable

Analysis: There are no patterns of officer malfeasance or any safety concerns regarding any particular City-owned vehicle.

2020 Year-End Review and Analysis - Pursuits

Policy 307.2 requires that officers may engage in vehicular pursuits only when (a) The initiating officer reasonably believes and can articulate that the violator has committed, or attempted to commit, a felony crime of violence, or (b) the officer observed such a degree of hazardous driving by the offender, prior to police involvement, that the offender will likely cause death or serious bodily harm to another person if not stopped. It is also the policy of this department that a vehicle pursuit shall be conducted only with emergency lights and siren as required by RCW 46.61.035 for exemption from compliance with the rules of the road. In recognizing the potential risk to public safety created by vehicular pursuits, no officer or supervisor shall be criticized or disciplined for deciding not to engage in a vehicular pursuit because of the risk involved.

Pursuits are tracked and reviewed annually to ensure there are no policy violations or emerging patterns involving a particular officer.

Analysis: In 2020, the department recorded no pursuits. Consequently, there are no patterns of officer malfeasance or policy violations.