



Corporal Chris LeBlanc



Officer John Key

2009 Washington State Medal Of Honor VPD Recipients

In July 2007, members of the SW Washington Regional SWAT Team responded to a barricaded hostage incident in which a gun battle ensued and Vancouver Police Corporal Chris LeBlanc was shot and injured. Three other members of team, Vancouver Police Officer John Key, Clark County Sheriff's Office Deputy Scott Holmes, and Clark County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Scott Schanaker continued in their rescue attempts of the hostage and shielded Corporal LeBlanc from further harm. The four members of the SWAT team were presented the Washington State Medal of Honor on May 8, 2009.

Vancouver Police Department 2009 Annual Report



Administrative Services

(includes Technical Services and Staff Services)

Administration

The City's budget deficit remains the most critical issue the Vancouver Police Department faces. The deficit will have negative impacts on future staffing and the range of services VPD will be able to continue to provide the citizens of Vancouver. In 2010 the City of Vancouver is facing a \$6 million projected deficit with a \$10-12 million projected deficit in 2011. This is concerning given the low staffing levels VPD is currently experiencing.

- FBI national average* 2.4 Ofc./1000
 - FBI regional Average* 1.3 Ofc./1000
 - Vancouver Police 1.1 Ofc./1000
- *2007 data

VPD 2009 Annual Budget - \$32million

Background Unit

- Number and percentage of entry level candidates tested 473
- Number of lateral candidates tested 137
- Entry level candidates hired 2
- Lateral candidates hired 2
- Sworn candidates that didn't finish probation 0
- Number of informational meetings held 4
- Percentage of candidates who tested from informational meetings 25%
- Number of sworn background investigations completed 76
- Number of civilian backgrounds completed 8

Professional Standards Unit

- Total complaints & incidents 422
- Major (handled by PSU) allegations Investigated 27
- Cases unresolved (pending) as of report date 13
- Major allegations sustained 9%
- Minor (handled by precincts) allegations reviewed or investigated 395

Evidence

- Items in inventory 39,119
- Items entered 10,297
- Items out (released/destroyed) 8,712
- Bikes donated to charity (unclaimed) 53
- Items shipped to labs 1366

Training Unit

2009 was a year of technology improvements in an effort to increase efficiency. A new software system allows the Training staff to maintain training records electronically, track and run Field Training Officer evaluations electronically, inventory and track weapons and schedule classes and complete class rosters on line. Officers now sign up for elective training classes which correspond with their development needs. A video taping/editing program was also implemented which allows many mandatory training subjects to be put into a video format to be viewed online through a city intranet page. Implemented an online language learning program for officers to learn Spanish and Russian.

Alarms

False alarms responded to 1597
False alarms rate 94.5%

Operational Support

(Includes various Investigative and Specialty Units)

Investigations

This division includes detectives from Major Crimes (person), the Career Criminal Apprehension Team, Clark/Skamania Drug Task Force, Domestic Violence Unit, Sex Offender Tracking, Arson, Children's Justice Center, Computer Forensics, Safe Streets Task Force, Auto Theft Task Force and Special Investigations.

Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT)

The interagency Career Criminal Apprehension Team is comprised of investigators from the Vancouver Police Department, the Clark County Sheriff's Office, the Washington State Department of Corrections, the United States Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

- Arrests 329
- Firearms seized 40
- US currency seized \$32,269
- Vehicles seized 6
- Methamphetamine seized 3.2 lbs
- Marijuana seized 87.5 lbs
- Cocaine seized 1.5 lbs
- Heroin seized 85 grams
- Marijuana grow (indoor) 1 with 352 plants
- Search warrants served 20

Domestic Violence Unit

- DV Unit Cases Opened 729
- Arrests(by DV Detectives) 173
- Patrol Reports reviewed 5184
- Follow up reports 926

The VPD DV unit was named as Community Partnership of the Year by the Washington State Department of Corrections and is featured on the Battered Women's Justice Project for their promising practices and strategies in DV investigation.

Person Crimes

- Cases Assigned 348
- Homicide 6
- Other Deaths 207
- Robbery 49
- Sex Crimes 40
- Search Warrants 42
- Felony Arrest 31
- Misdemeanor Arrests 17

Children's Justice Center

- Reports 2035
- Investigations 331
- Charging 229
- Convictions 187
- Pleas 174
- Trials 13
- Children received advocacy services 658
- Children medical sexual assault exams 71
- Children referred for mental health services 68

In 2009 CJC had one vacant detective position. Referrals were up by 26%. Staffing was reduced by one position; the Social Service Liaison's position, eliminated due to budget. A medical examination room was opened in 2009 with funds dedicated from the state in July

Digital Evidence Cybercrime Unit

This unit is comprised of 3 Investigators (2 from the Vancouver Police Department and 1 from the Clark County Sheriff's Office) who examine evidence for cases including crimes against children, homicide, domestic violence, fraud, forgery and cyberstalking. The number of investigations in 2009 reflects an increase of 90 cases from the previous year.

- Cases 273

Clark/Skamania Drug Task Force

- New Cases 115
- Search Warrants Served 44
- Arrests 65
- Narcotics seized 32,467 grams
- Marijuana Plants 9000
- Firearms Recovered 32
- Cash/Real Property/Vehicles \$294,133

Operational Support

(Includes various Investigative and Specialty Units)

Special Operations

Auto Theft Task Force

In July 2009 the Vancouver Police Department received a grant through the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority which funded one full time Detective assigned to the Auto Theft Task Force.

- Stolen vehicles recovered 21
- Arrests 26
- Search Warrants 11

Safe Streets Task Force

The Safe Streets Task Force was developed in the Spring of 2009 to address issues around gang violence. It started with one full time Vancouver Police Detective. By the end of the year we received commitments from the Washington State Department of Corrections, Clark County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. The unit currently has nine full time employees.

- Cases referred 31
- Cases Assigned/Opened 58
- Self-Initiated Cases 158

Missing Persons Unit

This unit consists of 1 VPD Detective.

- Cases Assigned 117
- Cases Cleared (some from 08) 120
- Felony Arrests 7

Sex Offender Tracking

This unit consists of 1 VPD Detective.

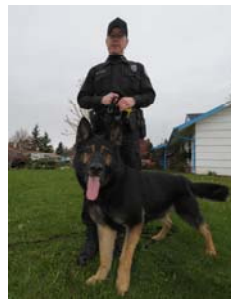
- Attempted Contacts 990
- Contacts 647
- Failure to Register Arrests 25
- Arrests other than FTR 26

Special Operations

Traffic Unit

- DUI arrests 81
- Major investigations 20
- Traffic stops 3912
- Citations issued 1739
- Traffic Safety Grants Awarded \$36,498
- Commercial vehicle inspections 306

K9



Deployments	500
Tracks/area searches	129
Building searches	80
Captures	82
Narcotics searches/sniffs	45
Demonstrations	11
Calls for service	2303
Bites	9

Metro Explosive

Disposal Unit (MEDU)



In 2009, the City of Portland had 124 MEDU calls. Region IV (Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania Counties) had 115 calls. For the years 2007 and 2008, the jurisdiction of the City of Vancouver was second only to Portland in activations of MEDU. In 2009, the City of Vancouver was third behind Portland and

unincorporated Clark County. VPD has 1 Detective assigned to this unit.

Civil Disturbance Team (CDT)

Training Hours 50
No live deployments in 2009

SWAT

This regional unit consists of officers from VPD, the Clark Co. Sherriff's Office and Battleground Police.

Missions:	32
High warrant service:	17
High risk apprehensions:	12
Marijuana eradications:	1
High risk building clear:	1
Security detail:	1
Demonstrations:	6

Tactical Emergency Medical Support

The Unit currently consists of 6 members with EMS training and certification: 4 EMT - Paramedics and 2 EMT - IV Tech. In addition two volunteer emergency physicians provide medical QA (quality and assurance) oversight. In 2009, TEMS officers evaluated 17 patients for potential injuries.

Field Services

(Includes East and West Precinct Patrol and Specialty Patrol Units)

The Vancouver Police Department operates out of two precincts. East and West. Each precinct is staffed with Patrol Officers that work within their precinct districts as well as Neighborhood Police Officers, a Crime Analyst and Civilian Support Staff.

West Precinct

The newly remodeled West Precinct officially opened on September 24, 2009. In addition to Patrol Officers, West Precinct also houses Investigations, The Digital Evidence Computer Unit, The Traffic Unit, The Training Unit and Special Operations. This allows increased internal communication between staff who previously worked out of various facilities. Staff members often interact professionally to solve cases. Working in the same building increases their efficiency.



Volunteers In Police Service Program

The Vancouver Police Department has a very active volunteer program. One of the largest groups is the Neighbors On Watch . These citizens patrollers work in teams of 3 to patrol their neighborhoods and other areas of the city using observation skills to identify and report crime.

NOW volunteers	55
NOW graduates (2009)	28
New support volunteers (2009)	4
Total support volunteers	23
Total Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)	78



School Resource Officers (SRO's)

During the 2008-2009 school year, four school resource officer positions were assigned (3 for the Evergreen School District, 1 for the Vancouver School District). Each SRO is assigned to a specific high school and provides youth mentoring, supports positive relationships with youth, teachers, parents, and the school community. They also support the reduction of juvenile crime and delinquency on campus and near schools. These positions are funded by the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts.

Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO's)

Both Precincts have two NPOs, one assigned to each district. The NPOs are the main contact person for a citizen within a district to go to when there are crime issues or other concerns that the police department can assist them with. These officers work cross-departmentally as well to assist citizens with problem-solving strategies



These Neighborhood Police Officers won the Spirit of Vancouver Award at the 2009 Employee Recognition. From left: Drue Russell, Charlie Ford, Duane Boynton, and Doug Rickard.

Field Services

(Includes East and West Precinct Patrol)

Patrol

The Patrol Division makes up the largest portion of staff in the Vancouver Police Department and is comprised of 120 Officers on 3 shifts (Day, Swing and Graveyard). Patrol Officers work out of both East and West Precinct. The main duties of Patrol Officers is to respond to dispatched calls for service from 911. In addition, Patrol Officers handle many self-initiated calls. In 2009 the Vancouver Police Department moved all Property Crimes Detectives back into Patrol due to significant staffing shortages in Patrol. Currently the Vancouver Police Department has no Property Crimes Investigators, therefore, Patrol Officers are now responsible for all property crimes investigations. Many Patrol Officers also have collateral duty assignments such as negotiators, on duty PIO's, and SWAT. Patrol Officers may also have assignments that are specialized and although are still considered part of the Patrol Division, their duties may be unique to their positions such as School Resource Officers or Neighborhood Police Officers.

2009 Patrol Statistics

- Total Arrests **6,505**
- 911 Calls for Police with dispatch **57,584**
- Officer-initiated calls (proactive) **17,234**
- Police responses to security alarms **1,691**
- Number of valid security alarms **94**
- Officer on duty injuries **36**

