

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Operations Bureau



Each precinct is staffed with patrol squads, non-sworn Police Service Technicians, Support Specialists, two Neighborhood Police Officers, a Neighborhood Response Team and a Community Policing Specialist. In July 2007, Vancouver's 48 square miles were geographically reorganized into two precincts, four districts, and 16 patrol beats, which are constructed around existing neighborhood boundaries. This 'territorial command' is part of a new focus on Community Policing and increased accountability. This geographic assignment of patrol areas has many benefits, including:

- Defines areas of responsibility
- Supports ownership and accountability
- Improves contact with the community
- Promotes effective problem solving.



West and East Precincts

This precinct, formerly known as Central, is now called **West Precinct**. This name change is important as it allows for future precincts that better describe their geographical locations in relation to the existing precincts.



Artist rendering of proposed new West Precinct facility

Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)

Each precinct NRT consists of one sergeant and three officers who proactively address chronic quality of life and safety issues. These teams are trained and equipped to address a variety of issues, and their project-oriented focus supports patrol by resolving issues surrounding problem houses or locations.

Category	2007
Arrests	268
Search Warrants	94
Money Seized	\$44,309
Problem Houses Closed	52

School Resource Officers (SROs)

During the 2007-08 school year, four new school resource officer positions have been 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.



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Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs)

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.





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Investigations

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

Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT)

- Number of DOC Warrants Assigned **134**
- Total arrests **473**
- Number of arrests of offenders with firearms **34**
- Number of weapons seized **82**
- Number of offenders in possession of drugs **136**



Arson Unit

- Fires Investigated **210**
- Explosive Incidents Investigated **11**



Drug Task Force

- Cases Completed **51**
- Search Warrants Served **50**
- Arrests **43**
- Marijuana Grows **33**
- Meth Labs **6**
- Weapons Recovered **32**
- Meth Removed **12.3 lbs.**
- Heroin Removed **3.5 lbs.**
- Cocaine Removed **2 lbs.**
- Marijuana Bulk **206.5 lbs.**
- Cash Recovered **\$659,981.00**
- Property Seized **\$125,000.00**

Domestic Violence Unit

- Reports reviewed **3,723**
- Arrests made **120**
- Follow up reports **808**

Property Crimes Unit

- Warrants / Special Inquiries **56**
- Assists **78**
- Property Crimes Reported **12,672**
- Cases Assigned **216**
- Cases Closed **209**

Sex Offender Tracking

- Sex Offender contacts **410**
- Other Field Contacts **24**
- Assist Patrol **25**
- Felony Arrests **19**
- Misdemeanor Arrests **7**

Children's Justice Center

- Cases Assigned **415**
- Cases Cleared **361**
- Cases Sent to Prosecution **368**
- Conviction Rate (criminal) **90.5%**
- Referrals for investigation **1,331**

Person Crimes

- Cases Assigned **296**
- Homicide **7**
- Other Deaths **148**
- Robbery **43**
- Rape **39**
- Felony Assault **29**
- Search Warrants **46**
- Felony Arrest **37**
- Misdemeanor Arrests **8**

Evidence

- Items entered **13,687**
- Items destroyed, returned, sold **10,418**
- Lab requests processed **1,440**
- Marijuana tests **275**

Computer Forensics Investigations

- Gangs/Drugs/Firearms **10**
- Persons Crimes **44**
- Property Crimes **25**
- Child Exploitation **64**
- Technical Assistance **10**

Community Supporters



Police Activities League (PAL)

Vancouver PAL is dedicated to bringing Cops, Kids and Community together. PAL offers year-round mentored activities for youth of all ages including Boxing, Literacy, Basketball, Strength/Fitness training, and an annual fishing derby, to name a few. Vancouver PAL is a 501(c)3 organization and has a volunteer board of directors and a paid Executive Director. The biggest challenge that Vancouver PAL faces is lack of facilities and funding for storage. For more information on Vancouver PAL or to donate time or funding please contact Executive Director Curtis Kimbrough at (360) 487-7487.



Thank you to our community supporters:

- The Community Foundation
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- Evergreen School District
- Vancouver School District
- Washington State School for the Blind
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- Beaches Restaurant
- Safeway
- Target
- Bow-Tie Vettes
- VPOG
- Friends of the Mounted Police



In Memory of Dakota



July 19, 2002 — Oct. 23, 2007

Join the Vancouver Police Dept.

Currently, the Vancouver Police Department serves the citizens of Vancouver from two Precincts, one Investigations and Special Operations building, one Training facility and one Administrative office. The precincts are located in the West and East areas of the city to provide better access for our residents. Staffing consists of 207 sworn officers and 39 civilian personnel.

The Vancouver Police Department practices Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving, or COPPS. The goal of COPPS is to increase the involvement of the community in personal safety and problem-solving, while shifting the role of the police officer from primarily a reactive, dispatch response to a more proactive community problem solving approach. COPPS focuses on community partnerships that assist in identification of chronic issues to develop effective solutions; targeting the source of the problem rather than the symptom.

VPD Sworn and Specialty Unit Positions

Patrol Officers
Motorcycle Officers
Honor Guard
Mounted Patrol
Child Abuse Investigations
Civil Disturbance Team
School Resource Officers
Neighborhood Response Team
Major Crimes Unit
Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)
Traffic Unit
Training Unit
Drug Task Force
Hostage Negotiators
Public Information Officers
Career Criminal Apprehension Team
Domestic Violence Unit



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