



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
2025 QUARTER ONE AND TWO AWARDS CEREMONY

VALOR. PROFESSIONALISM. DUTY.

September 9, 2025

3 p.m.

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14311 SE Mill Plain Blvd

Vancouver Police Department

Vision

To reflect the rich diversity of Vancouver and make it the safest city for everyone to live, work and play.

Mission Statement

We partner with the community to preserve life, protect property and enhance livability through equitable law enforcement and effective use of resources.

We Value

Ethics. Doing the right thing; maintaining self-discipline, credibility and moral behavior.

Respect. Treating all people with compassion, respect and fairness; honoring diversity of thought, experiences and opinions.

Honesty. Upholding the principles of honesty and transparency.

Communication. Communicating with openness, active listening, fostering an environment of inclusion, trust and empowerment.

Collaboration. Actively seeking collaboration with each other and the community to achieve mutually desired outcomes.

VPD Executive Team

- ◆ **Chief** Troy Price
- ◆ **Deputy Chief** Erica Nilsen
- ◆ **Assistant Chief** Darren McShea
- ◆ **Assistant Chief** Pat Moore
- ◆ **Assistant Chief** Chad Williams
- ◆ **Commander** Sean Dumas
- ◆ **Commander** Blaise Geddry
- ◆ **Commander** Mike Whitney
- ◆ **Assistant City Attorney** Taylor Hallvik
- ◆ **Human Resources Business Partner** Rob Prociak
- ◆ **Executive Assistant** Heather Abbott
- ◆ **Business Services Manager** Daphine Harris
- ◆ **Public Affairs Manager** Kim Kapp
- ◆ **Administrative Assistant** Teri Kenning

Meet our new Professional Staff



Stephanie Crane

Police Records Supervisor
Joined VPD May 1, 2025



Jahmil Johnson

Police Records Specialist
Joined VPD January 6, 2025



Angel Martinez

Police Records Specialist
Joined VPD January 27, 2025



Raichael Newman

Police Records Specialist
Joined VPD May 5, 2025



Nina Washburn

Police Service Technician
Joined June 2, 2025



Caisy Yee

Police Records Specialist
Joined VPD May 5, 2025

Meet our new Police Officers



Officer Thomas Guzman

Joined VPD October 1, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025

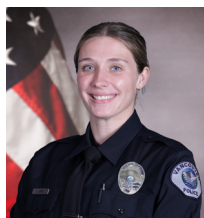


Officer Madison Martinez

Joined VPD August 26, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025



Officer Julia Quist

Joined VPD October 29, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025



Officer Brennon Ross

Joined VPD December 2, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025



Officer Riley Stockton

Joined VPD December 2, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025



Officer Asa Storm

Joined VPD December 2, 2024

Graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy: April 24, 2025

Informal Swearing In: May 5, 2025

Meet our new Police Officers



Officer Gino Bruce

Joined VPD: July 14, 2025

Previous Agency: Columbia County, WA Sheriff's Office

Informal Swearing In: July 15, 2025

Promotions



Ash Vincent

Promoted to Evidence Technician - June 16, 2025



Kara Brown

Promoted to Lead Records Specialist - April 16, 2025



Michael Bokma

Promoted to Sergeant - April 1, 2025



Cory Hogg

Promoted to Sergeant - April 1, 2025



Eric McCaleb

Promoted to Sergeant - April 1, 2025

Promotions



Brendan McMillan

Promoted to Sergeant- April 1, 2025



Christopher Douville

Promoted to Lieutenant - April 1, 2025



Jason Mills

Promoted to Lieutenant - April 1, 2025



Kathryn Savage

Promoted to Lieutenant - April 1, 2025



Christopher Simmons

Promoted to Lieutenant - April 1, 2025

Promotions Continued



Sean Dumas

Promoted to Commander - January 16, 2025

Awards and Medals

Silver Star



Medal of Valor



Medal of Distinction



Purple Heart



Lifesaving



Department Citation



Career Service



Meritorious Service



Special Service



Team Commendation



Lifesaving Award

The Lifesaving Award is given to an officer or citizen who is directly responsible for the saving of a human life. Documentation and supporting evidence, which may include statements of witnesses, physicians, or supervisors, must be included to substantiate the award. This award is also appropriate in those circumstances where the action of an officer prolonged human life to the extent of the victim being released to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim may have passed at a later time.



Officer Keith Devos
Lifesaving Award



Zachary Cline
Lifesaving Award

On May 7, 2025, Officer Keith Devos responded to WinCo Foods for a report of a medical emergency where a man was unconscious and not breathing in the restroom.

Upon arrival, Officer Devos located the man unresponsive on the restroom floor, exhibiting agonal breathing as a result of an apparent drug overdose.

Officer Devos recognized the urgency to render medical aid to the man and enlisted the assistance of Zachary Cline, the store manager, who had initially called 911 and remained with the victim. Officer Devos instructed Mr. Cline on the proper administration of Narcan while he himself began chest compressions on the man.

Following the administration of Narcan and CPR, Officer Devos reassessed the victim and noted a return of pulse and improvement to the agonal breathing. He then placed the man in the recovery position and continued to monitor him until medical personnel arrived and assumed care.

For their efforts that night, Officer Keith Devos is being presented the law enforcement lifesaving award and Zachary Cline is being presented the citizen lifesaving award.

Medal of Distinction

A Medal of Distinction is awarded for outstanding performance beyond the ordinary course of duty during hazardous situations. The officer must demonstrate alertness, perseverance, or timely judgment in the performance of a difficult task that results in the protection of life, the recovery of stolen property, the prevention or solving of a major crime, or the apprehension of an armed or dangerous person. The action of the officer must be truly exemplary, as opposed to competent and professional.



Detective Max Musich
Medal of Distinction



Detective Rodrigo Osorio
Medal of Distinction

Late last year, Detective Max Musich and Detective Rodrigo Osorio, both working in the Major Crime Unit, were investigating several take-over armed robberies in Vancouver. Additionally, a Portland Police Detective had also been in communication with VPD regarding a series of similar robberies in Portland. Detectives Musich and Osorio reviewed multiple cases between August and November 2023 involving a male suspect who entered businesses or approached individuals, pointed a firearm at the victims, held them against their will, threatened to shoot victims and robbed the businesses and individuals of cash. Based on their investigation a suspect was identified, and on December 5, 2023, SWAT served a search warrant at the suspect's residence and the suspect was taken into custody. Two firearms and multiple evidence items linking him to these robberies were located in his bedroom. On May 30, 2024, the suspect was sentenced to 13 ½ years in prison for the 10 robberies in Vancouver.

For their diligence and work in these investigations, Detective Max Musich and Detective Rodrigo Osorio are being presented the Medal of Distinction.

Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award is given to an officer for very competent and professional performance. This award recognizes an officer that performed competently in a stressful situation, in a stress position over an extended period of time, or that performed duties beyond normal expectation in the investigation and case preparation of an unusual or special case.



Officer Brian McLemore
Meritorious Service Award

On January 20, 2025, Officer McLemore responded to a residence to collect a Smith Affidavit related to a domestic violence case. Officer McLemore had not been involved in that case and the suspect had been arrested for a misdemeanor crime. While going over the affidavit, Officer McLemore learned of several unreported violent felony crimes between the suspect and the victim. These incidents took place between several years and several months prior. Officer McLemore obtained an initial statement from the victim and collected a substantial amount of evidence. During the interview, the victim described her reasoning for not initially reporting these crimes was due to the suspect threatening to kill her if he was ever arrested. While investigating the reported crimes, Officer McLemore learned that the suspect was scheduled to be released from jail the following day.

Realizing that the suspect presented a serious danger to the victim, and that time was limited, Officer McLemore recontacted the victim. With the evidence now categorized and sorted, he conducted a detailed and thorough interview and was able to develop probable cause for Assault in the Second Degree - Strangulation as well as a referral for Assault of a Child in the Third Degree. Officer McLemore's investigation resulted in the suspect being charged accordingly prior to his scheduled release from jail.

Meritorious Service Award Continued

Officer McLemore's commitment and thoroughness directly resulted in a domestic violence victim feeling safe enough to report years of previous abuse and due to the rapport Officer McLemore developed with the victim, she later provided information leading to an investigation of the suspect for Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes. Officer McLemore correctly assessed the severity of the investigation he had undertaken and dedicated hours of exceedingly competent work to ensure the victim was safe and the suspect was held accountable. Officer McLemore's performance far exceeded expectations and demonstrated the highest values as a representative of the Vancouver Police Department.

Meritorious Service & Team Commendation

A Team Commendation is presented to a group of officers, civilian personnel and/or citizens whose collective efforts significantly impact the overall service delivery for the Vancouver Police Department.



Lt. Spencer Harris
Team Commendation



Sgt. Dennis Devlin
Team Commendation



Sgt. Trent Harris
Team Commendation



Ofc. Joseph Chaney
Team Commendation



Ofc. Regan Cooke
Team Commendation



Det. Steve Forgette
Team Commendation



Ofc. Jason Haigwood
Meritorious Service Award



Det. Shane Hall
Team Commendation



Ofc. Eric Johnson
Team Commendation

Meritorious Service & Team Commendation



Det. Colton Price
Team Commendation



Ofc. Makani Schultz
Team Commendation



Ofc. Trevon Southern
Meritorious Service Award



Det. Christian Toves
Team Commendation

On February 11, 2025, K9 Officer Jason Haigwood and Officer Trevon Southern, along with other officers responded to a shots heard call. Shortly thereafter, the call was upgraded to a disturbance with a weapon, after officers in the area and several other callers heard gunshots in the area.

Officers Haigwood and Southern arrived and exited their patrol vehicles on foot, starting to search for the target address to the shots heard. While out on foot, another volley of shots rang out. Officers Haigwood and Southern started running towards the sound of the gunshots. They located two males standing in a driveway, one holding a pistol.

Both officers gave clear directions while confronting the suspects. One proned himself out, while the other dropped the gun. Officers Haigwood and Southern approached the standing male and took him to the ground. Officers Joseph Chaney, Makani Schultz, Regan Cooke, and Eric Johnson arrived immediately afterwards. They assisted in securing the scene and taking the males into custody.

Meritorious Service & Team Award

The actions of Officer Haigwood and Officer Southern led to the immediate detention of two violent subjects who were actively firing a handgun in a residential neighborhood. The actions of Officers Chaney, Schultz, Cooke, and Johnson, taking the subjects into custody and securing the scene outside, provided the opportunity for a more expeditious clearance of the residence and canvass of the neighboring residences to look for potential victims.

As Officers Haigwood and Chaney cleared the residence, they located six-gallon sized bags of methamphetamine, a second pistol, and ammunition in plain view in the kitchen. They exited the residence which was secured for detectives.

Officers in the driveway located 26 expended shell casings, plus the firearm the one suspect was holding. Officer Schultz also located a hotel key and a vehicle key fob on one suspect. He went to the hotel and confirmed that the room was registered to the two suspects.

Detectives from the Crime Reduction Unit were called and Detective Shane Hall interviewed one suspect leading to information that they were associated with a Mexican cartel. Detective Colton Price authored a search warrant for the residence and Detective Christian Toves, Detective Steve Forgette, Lieutenant Spencer Harris, and Sergeant Dennis Devlin, with the assistance of Detectives Hall and Price, served the warrant on the residence. Inside they located 12 pounds of methamphetamine, ½ pound of heroin, approximately 17,000 fentanyl pills, a money counter, money remitters, drug notes, the second firearm, and \$116,428 in cash.

Detective Price authored a search warrant for the hotel room where detectives located an additional ½ pound of methamphetamine and 3,000 more fentanyl pills.

The teamwork and actions above resulted in numerous felony charges, substantial evidence seizures, and a safe resolution to a violent incident.

Meritorious Service Award



Lieutenant Jeff Olson
Meritorious Service Award

For this award I'll read a letter that was sent to Chief Price from the Executive Director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center:

Dear Chief Price,

I request your support in recognizing Assistant Commander (AC) Jeff Olson's incredible contributions to the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) by recommending that the Vancouver Police Department formally commend his accomplishments. His unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and remarkable work ethic have transformed our facility and elevated the quality of training we offer the Southwest region.

Since his selection as the Assistant Commander of the Southwest (SW) Regional Campus in July of 2023, Jeff has played a pivotal role in our journey to establish the third academy location and continues to ensure its success as a regional training facility. His proactive approach to identifying the perfect location laid a solid foundation for our success. Despite the facility's initial condition, Jeff's commitment to improvement was evident as he cleaned and prepared it for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, reflecting his dedication to the mission and vision of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Meritorious Service Award

Jeff's exceptional work ethic consistently sets him apart. He frequently works weekends and late nights to meet critical deadlines. Notably, a pipe burst and flooded the facility on the eve of the academy's grand opening. Jeff stayed all night to resolve the issue without hesitation, demonstrating his resilience and leadership. His efforts ensured the facility launched on schedule—a true testament to his character.

After securing \$1 million in funding to upgrade the facility, Jeff personally coordinated with vendors and contractors to implement capital improvements. He meticulously tracks invoices and has even partnered with Clark County shops to secure affordable vehicles for training, showcasing his remarkable resourcefulness.

He has been invaluable in building strong partnerships with local agencies, creating a robust network of instructors, and securing ancillary training facilities to support the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

Jeff's passion for continuous improvement is evident in his efforts to enhance our academy. One example was his support in allocating a portion of the SW Regional Campus to serve as a Patrol Tactics Instructor hub for thousands of officers to receive legally mandated training.

In addition, Jeff voluntarily took on the responsibility of serving as both the AC for SW Regional BLEA and Corrections Officers Academy classes. Jeff's ability to balance his commitments to both academies while addressing all instructor and recruit concerns is unmatched.

His proactive communication style has strengthened transparency and collaboration with superiors and agency leaders. Additionally, he has skillfully organized training for Headquarters' TAC Officers (Teacher, Administrator, Counselor), ensuring their readiness for implementing our updated curriculum.

Meritorious Service Award

In addition to his operational duties, Jeff organized a fundraiser for a downed officer. He generously allowed our facility to host this important event, reflecting his genuine care for the community.

I wholeheartedly endorse Jeff for his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to the academy and law enforcement training. His contributions have made a lasting impact, and I am confident that he will continue to excel in any role he undertakes.

Thank you for considering this enthusiastic recommendation.

Team Commendation



Cpl. James Porter
Team Commendation



Ofc. Travis Brown
Team Commendation



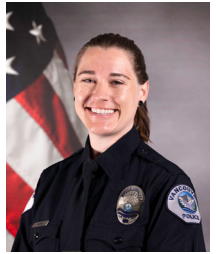
Ofc. Sean Donaldson
Team Commendation



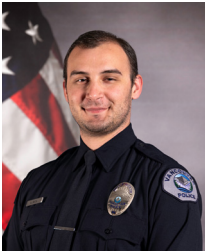
Ofc. Carl Falls
Team Commendation



Ofc. Cole Larson
Team Commendation



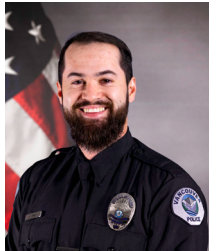
Ofc. Sierra Maxwell
Team Commendation



Ofc. Alex Rich
Team Commendation



Ofc. Colin Smith
Team Commendation



Det. Christian Toves
Team Commendation



PST Rena Bellamy
Team Commendation

Team Commendation

On March 11, 2025, District 3 patrol responded to multiple stolen vehicles and prowled vehicles in a parking lot and garage near Peace Health Medical Center and the Vancouver Clinic. Diligent follow up investigation was completed by East Precinct Officer Colin Smith, Officer Alex Rich, Officer Cole Larson, Officer Carl Falls, and Officer Sierra Maxwell, who lifted and submitted fingerprints to the crime lab which ultimately identified a suspect. Ofc. Travis Brown conducted a follow up investigation on a previously stolen vehicle out of Portland that was located at the Vancouver Clinic lot with ignition damage. Witnesses reported the same unknown suspect in this vehicle. Ofc. Brown observed, collected and submitted blood evidence from the vehicle to the lab as well. Ultimately, the WSP Lab identified the suspect from a CODIS Hit that matched the same suspect as the fingerprint hit. East officers were assisted in this investigation by Traffic Officer Sean Donaldson related to a DUI investigation, and Crime Reduction Unit Detectives Cpl. James Porter and Det. Christian Toves, who assisted with the suspect's initial apprehension in a stolen vehicle stolen out of Portland that was being tracked by Portland Police Air 1 in March. Police Service Technician Rena Bellamy responded to a follow-up call from one of the vehicle theft victims. During the call, she collected stolen credit cards and identification that had been left in the vehicle, and submitted them as evidence. Her actions led to additional charges being filed against the suspect.

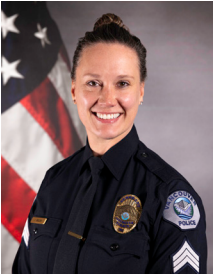
This team effort resulted in a prolific criminal being arrested and booked on over 20 charges including: DUI, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Violation of a Restricted License, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Malicious Mischief II, Attempt to Elude, Resisting Arrest, Theft III, Possession of Stolen Mail, Possession of Another's Identification X 3, Possession of Stolen Property II X 3, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Hit & Run - Unattended Vehicle and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle X2.

Career Service Medals

The Career Service Medal is awarded to officers who complete at least 20 years of active civilian law enforcement service, of which at least 15 years were served with the Vancouver Police Department. This medal is presented to eligible sworn officers.



Lieutenant McAvoy Shipp



Sergeant Julie Ballou



Officer Therman Bibens

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