



2025 Vancouver Police Annual Report



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Mission

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

Vision

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

Values

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 outcome

A Message from Chief Price



To the residents, business owners, and community partners of Vancouver

As we reflect on the milestones of the past year, I am honored to present the 2025 Annual Report. This document is far more than a summary of statistics; it is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our department members and the enduring strength of the partnership we share with you. Our success is rooted in the trust you place in us—a bond that has grown even stronger this year through historic community support and vital internal growth.

The Impact of Proposition 5

The most significant turning point of 2025 was the community's overwhelming support for Proposition 5. Your vote sent a clear and compassionate message: public safety and the well-being of our officers are top priorities.

This measure allows us to expand our operational capacity in two critical areas:

Enhanced Patrol Staffing:

Historically, we have met the rising demand for 911 services by relying heavily on overtime.

By adding an additional officer to each of our 12 patrol shifts, we will reduce the need to force officers to work on their scheduled days off. This change is not just about numbers; it is about the health of our people, ensuring our officers receive meaningful rest so they can serve you with the focus and care you deserve.

Children's Justice Center:

Proposition 5 will also fund an additional, dedicated Detective position within the Children's Justice Center. This role is essential for providing specialized, trauma-informed investigative support for our most vulnerable victims, ensuring they receive justice and compassionate care during their most difficult moments.

Internal Stability and Excellence

We recognize that internal stability is the backbone of exceptional external service.

In 2025, we undertook a comprehensive restructuring of our Records Division leadership. Through the collaborative efforts of the Records Team and our Command Staff, we have successfully stabilized the division and fostered a culture of excellence. For the first time since its inception, I am proud to report that the Records Division is once again fully staffed.

The "People Business"

I firmly believe that we are in the "people business." Our mission and commitment are focused entirely on the human connection. We understand that relationships should not be built in the midst of a crisis, but ahead of it.

In 2025, we purposefully increased our engagement in non-enforcement capacities—strengthening trust and forging genuine connectedness. We are deeply grateful for the invitations to your social events, National Night Out gatherings, naturalization ceremonies, and neighborhood celebrations. Hearing what matters most to you allows us to serve with greater empathy.

Our partnerships with organizations such as NWCAGE, Shared Hope, The Foundation, NAACP, YWCA, LULAC, SHARE, and PAL of SW Washington remain invaluable. These groups keep our finger on the pulse of our residents' lived experiences, helping us remain a responsive and inclusive department.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2026, we are committed to leveraging our new resources to address the root causes of crime and further expanding our community presence.

The badge we wear is a symbol of public trust—a responsibility we do not take lightly. Thank you for your continued support, your vigilance, and your commitment to making Vancouver a wonderful place to live, work, and call home.

Police Staffing Levels

Washington State has the lowest police to 1,000 residents staffing in the United States and Vancouver has the second-lowest staffed police department in Washington among cities of its size with 1.19 officers per 1000 residents.



With the passing of the Vancouver Police levy lift, Proposition 5 last November, the Vancouver Police Department will be adding 13 additional police officer positions to our authorized staffing in 2026. Prop 5 funding is the first step to increasing police staffing levels to better meet the needs and expectations of the community. **With the 13 additional officer positions, our ratio of officers per 1000 increases to 1.24**, leaving Vancouver the third lowest staffed police department in Washington compared to cities of our size.

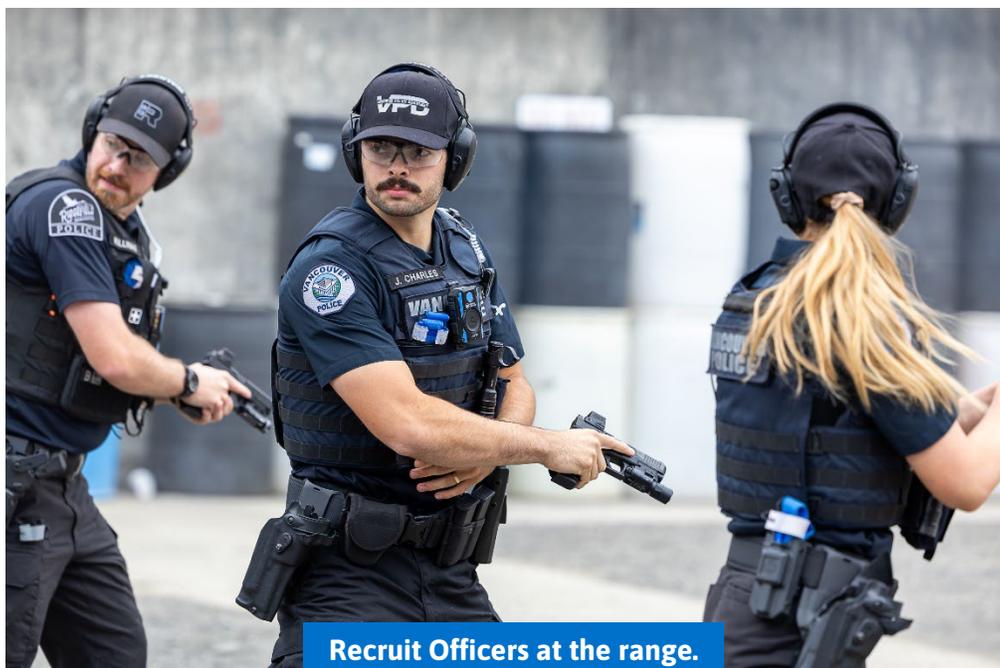
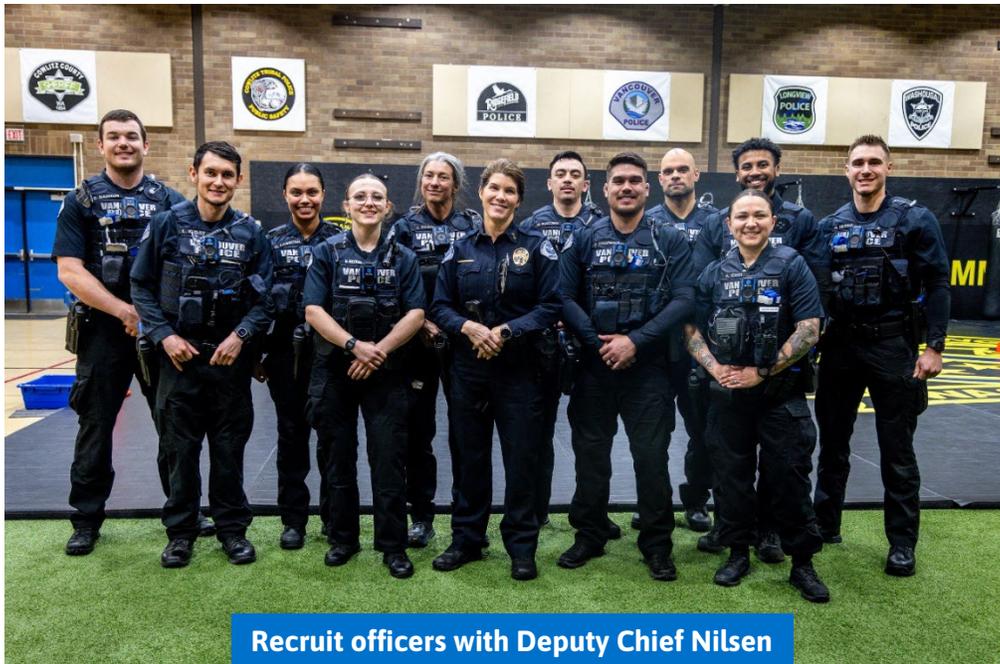
There is still much work to be done to get police staffing up to the levels needed and the Department continues to work with the City to implement future strategies to achieve optimal staffing levels.

Background Unit and Basic Law Enforcement Academy

In 2025, the Vancouver Police Department Background Unit hired 25 police officers and 13 professional staff.

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center SW Washington academy opened in 2024. This local academy provides entry-level training for police officers. The Vancouver Police Department has one Sergeant assigned as the TAC Officer at the SW Washington Academy. This Sergeant is responsible for delivering lectures, and scenario and reality-based instruction to the academy participants.

In 2025, the Vancouver Police Department had 14 officers graduate from the SW Washington Criminal Justice Training Center Academy and has 12 recruit officers in the current class that is set to graduate in April 2026.





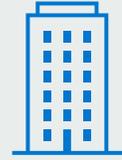
SWORN STAFF

241



POPULATION SERVED

205,100



BUILDINGS

Two Precincts

About the Vancouver Police Department

Founded in 1883, the Vancouver Police Department provides public safety services within the city limits of Vancouver which cover 51.84 square miles, serving a residential population of 205,100.

The Vancouver Police Department employs 241 sworn staff, which includes ranks from Police Officers to the Chief of Police, and 57.5 professional (non-sworn) staff which serve in a variety of roles within the Department. Our professional support staff members work often behind the scenes and perform critical duties in support of the mission of the entire department.

In addition to the 205,100 residential population of Vancouver, our community grows significantly on a day-to-day basis due to factors including visitors, especially in the downtown corridor and along the waterfront. The Vancouver Police Department is responsible for the safety of everyone in our community, not just our residents.

The Vancouver Police Department serves the public out of two precincts, West and East. Both precincts offer front-counter service where the public can make a police report in person, pick up crime prevention materials, and drop off unwanted medications.



Records Division

The Records Division operates 24/7 providing Vancouver Police Officers vital support.

In addition, Records Unit personnel issued or renewed over 1,200 Concealed Pistol Licenses and processed over 7,500 Public Disclosure Requests for members of the public. The Records Unit counter is located at the West Precinct.

Evidence Unit

This unit consists of one Evidence Supervisor and four Evidence Technicians who are responsible for maintaining the integrity of evidence and property in accordance with state laws and departmental policies and procedures.

Total Items	77,403
Items Entered	13,306
Items Dispositioned	8,206
Items Sent to Labs	1,573



114,000 Calls for Service

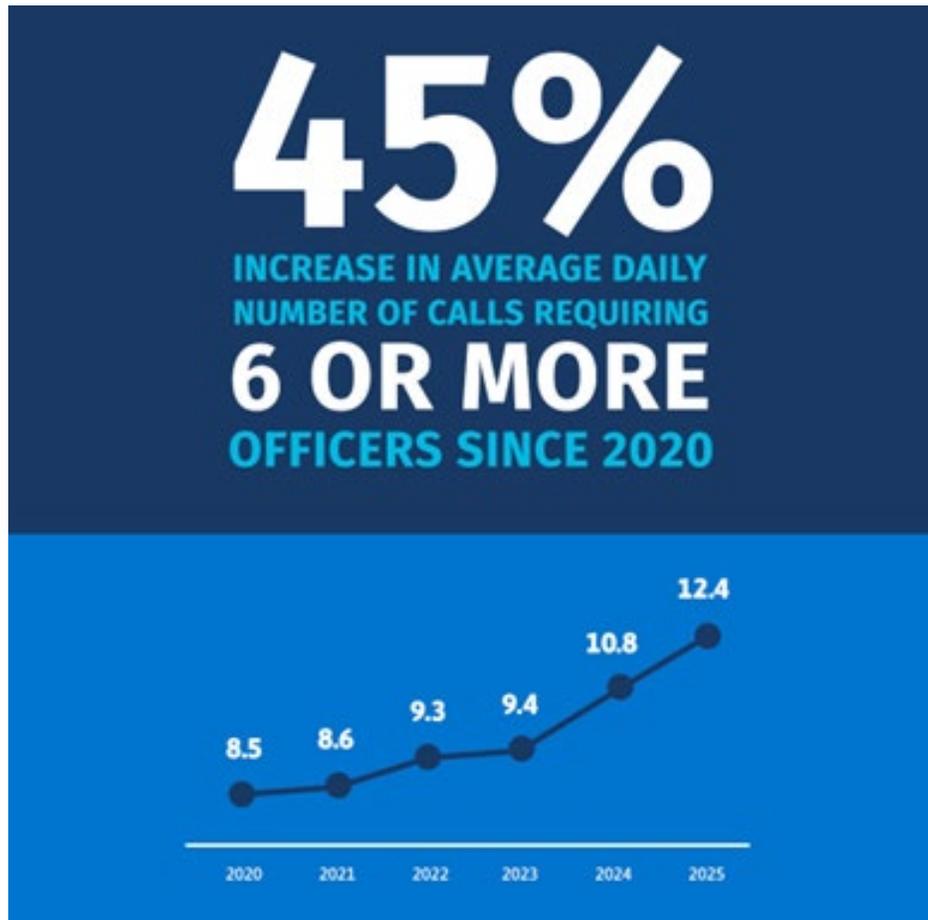
Patrol Bureau

In 2025, Vancouver Police Officers responded to just under 114,000 calls for service. Calls are prioritized based on protection of life first and foremost, followed by protection of property. Priority 1 calls are the most urgent and usually require multiple units to respond. These calls often involve people in extreme danger, armed individuals or other situations that are dangerous and can take considerable time to safely resolve. Over the past 5 years, the number of calls per day requiring a multiple-officer response has significantly increased.

As a growing community, and destination spot for visitors, the number of large-scale events happening in the city also continues to increase. Vancouver Police are frequently utilized to maintain safety for both permitted and non-permitted events and gatherings.

In 2025, Vancouver Police Officers dedicated approximately 850 hours to downtown emphasis patrols and an additional 550 hours to special events, not including public order events.

Officers from the CHAT team, which stands for Cops Having a Talk were present at 25 public-order-related events. CHAT is a group of five officers and one sergeant who work collaterally as part of VPD's Public Order Specialist Team (POST). CHAT team members wear a distinct vest that identifies them as a dialogue officer. Their mission is to attend public events and communicate with participants with the goal to Protect First Amendment Rights, Maintain Peace and Safety and use De-escalation when needed.





Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO)

Each precinct also has two Neighborhood Police Officers assigned. The Neighborhood Police Officers work closely with neighbors, neighborhood associations, businesses and other community stakeholders to collaboratively address issues around livability.



District 1 NPO
Lee Gelsinger

District 2 NPO
Jeremy Vanroyce

District 3 NPO
Cole Larson

District 4 NPO
Jordan Rasmussen

HART Officers

The Vancouver Police Department has one Corporal and one Officer assigned to the City of Vancouver Homeless Assistance and Resource Team (HART). This team provides outreach and assistance to those living unsheltered. The following statistics apply only to the two Vancouver Police personnel assigned to this team. The citations noted are primarily referrals into Community Court.

Total Arrests	866
Citations Issued	410
Suspects Booked into Jail	341

Police Service Technicians (PST)

This unit of nine non-sworn personnel who have a limited commission and take police reports both in the precincts and in the field for crimes without suspect information. PST's who work in the field also assist patrol officers with retrieving property and evidence and issue parking violations for abandoned vehicles in neighborhoods outside the downtown corridor. PST's who work in the precincts take in-person and phone reports.

Non-Sworn PSTs	9
Incidents Responded to	6,830
Reports Written	4,368

Special Operations Division

SWAT

The Southwest Washington Regional SWAT Team provides a highly trained and skilled Tactical Team as a resource for the Southwest Washington Regional area in the handling of critical incidents.

The SW Washington Regional SWAT Team consists of SWAT Commanders, Tactical Operators, TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Specialist), CNT (Crisis Negotiation Team), MEDU (Metro Explosive Disposal Unit), K9 and UAS.

2025 Mission information

Total Missions	50
Callout	28
Pre-Planned	22

Mission Breakdowns

High-Risk Apprehension	39
High-Risk Search Warrant	2
Barricaded Suspect	7
Special Situation	2
Hostage Rescue	0

Tactical Services Unit

This unit is comprised of two supervisors and five officers who represent a small cadre of SWAT that are available to assist patrol and VPD investigative units for high-risk operations that do not meet the criteria for the full SWAT Team deployment. When not conducting SWAT related activities, they are available to respond to 911 calls for service as a supplement to patrol.

Total Dispatched Events	3,011
Officer-Initiated Events	1,001
Pre-Planned/Callout Operations	50
Traffic Stops	109
Specialty Unit Assists	68
Reports Written	640

Traffic Unit

This unit consists of one Sergeant, one Corporal and five Officers who focus on investigation of major collisions (including fatalities and/or serious injury collisions), DUI Enforcement, Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) inspections/enforcement, Tow yard inspections, and assisting Patrol Officers with collisions and DUI investigations. Two of the Traffic Unit officers assigned to the Traffic Unit are certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and one is a DRE Instructor. Both DRE Officers are instructors in various impaired driving courses to include the SW Washington Criminal Justice Training Center.

Total Traffic Stops	3,914
Fatality Collision Investigations	5
Serious Injury Collision Investigations	21
Crime Scene Documentation via UAS	6
Citations and Criminal Tickets Issued	2,331
Collision Reports	396
DUI Reports	207



Officer processing DUI



Traffic stop - Speeding

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS)

The Vancouver Police Department started using Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) platforms in 2019 and over the years this program has grown significantly. There are currently 24 officers who have completed a 40-hour class to get their FAA part 107 (UAS) license and are able to deploy a UAS for the Vancouver Police department as a collateral duty assignment.



2025 UAS Stats:

575 Flight Hours	557 Missions	271 Captures
Mission Type	Events	Percentage
Crash Scene Reconstruction	15	3%
Crime Scene Reconstruction	9	2%
Exigent Circumstances	448	80%
Search and Rescue	10	2%
Warrant	75	13%

K9 Unit

The Vancouver Police Department K9 Unit has five teams that consist of a handler and a police K9. Police K9's are utilized to locate suspects, controlled substances, or evidence at crime scenes and to provide protection or backup for the officers in support of the operations of the police department.

In September 2025, VPD K9 Oso retired and in anticipation of that, Officer Corey Rose and his K9 Loki completed the required 400 hours of patrol work and 200 hours of narcotics work and were certified and placed into service in December. Two of the five VPD K9 teams are also assigned to work with the regional SWAT team.



**Sgt. Starbuck and
K9 Tex**

**Ofc. Suarez and
K9 Midas**

**Ofc. Grose and
K9 Red**

**Ofc. Haigwood and
K9 Remi**

**Ofc. Rose and
K9 Loki**

2025 Stats:

Suspect Searches	Suspect Captures	Suspect Captures (bite)	Narcotics Searches	Narcotics Finds	Evidence Searches	Evidence Finds
393	204	13	92	54	17	7

The K9 unit also conducted over 17 public demonstrations which consisted of narcotics searches, bite work, control work and community meet and greets for various organizations to include schools, summer camps and community events.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

This unit is comprised of one Sergeant, one Detective, three Crime Analysts and one IT Computer Technician. The Special Investigations Unit’s mission is to provide timely and accurate tactical, strategic, administrative, operational intelligence analysis relating to crime and criminal offenders and is responsible for determining and monitoring criminal activity in the City of Vancouver for the suppression of criminal activities, aiding the investigative process, and increasing the apprehension of offenders.

SIU is also responsible for criminal investigations such as human trafficking, threats/crimes against public officials, mass casualty threats, and bias crimes.



Cases Reviewed	160
Cases Assigned or Referred	15
Outside Agency Assists	50+
Patrol/Specialty Unit Assists	185
Technical Deployments	224
Bulletins Created	73
Photo Laydown	57
Intel Workups	32

Investigations Division

Children's Justice Center

VPD has three Detectives assigned to this unit which focuses on investigating and prosecuting crimes against children. They work as part of a multi-agency team that includes Detectives from the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Prosecutors, a forensic interviewer and advocates.

Total Cases Assigned	182
Arrests	56
CPS Intake Reviews	1,624
Forensic Interviews	47

Elder Justice Center

VPD has two Detectives assigned to this unit which focuses on preventing, investigating, and prosecuting the abuse and neglect of the elderly and vulnerable adults. This unit also provides community education on prevention of scams involving the vulnerable.

Total Cases Assigned	71
Arrests	13
Search Warrants	29
Adult Protective Services Intakes Reviewed	1,413

Digital Evidence Cybercrime Unit

This unit consists of three Detectives in the Child Predator Unit and two Digital Forensic Investigators who focus on work involving digital evidence, missing persons, internet crimes against children, monitoring compliance with registered sex offenders and providing community education.

Total Criminal Investigations	143
Arrests	46
Devices Examined	346
Sex Offenders Monitored	509
Search Warrants Served	250



Domestic Violence Unit

The Domestic Violence Unit is dedicated to protecting individuals and families from the harm of intimate partner and family violence. We work to ensure victim safety, hold offenders accountable, and break the cycle of abuse through compassionate support, thorough investigations, and strong partnerships with community resources. Our mission is to respond with urgency, empathy, and professionalism—empowering survivors, preventing future violence, and fostering a safer, healthier community for all. This unit consists of three Detectives and one Sergeant.

Total Arrests	164
Search Warrants Served	125
Cases Assigned	472
Reports Written	1,055



Major Crimes Unit

This unit consists of one Sergeant, one Corporal and five Detectives who investigate serious persons-crime offenses that occur in the City of Vancouver, and those criminal offenses that occur outside the jurisdiction of the City of Vancouver in cooperation with the Regional Major Crime Team (RMCT).

Cases Reviewed	616
Cases Assigned for Investigation	86
Reports Written	678
Search Warrants Written	63



Major Crimes Unit Detectives

Property Crimes Unit

This unit consists of one Sergeant and two Detectives who focus on crimes including fraud, identity theft, cryptocurrency crimes, financial scams and stolen property.

In one notable case, Vancouver Police Property Crimes Detectives were investigating a cryptocurrency fraud case and located \$2 million in an account in Arizona that police in that area were able to successfully recover. In 2025, Property Crimes Detectives recovered and returned approximately \$370,000 to victims.

Total Cases	478
Search Warrants Served	100
Reports Written	991

Crime Reduction Unit (CRU)

The mission of the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) is to identify and focus on criminal groups and individuals responsible for crimes of violence to include firearms related incidents such as: felony assaults with firearms, robbery, unlawful possession of firearms, trafficking of firearms, in addition to controlled substance distribution, stolen vehicles, as well as a focus on the apprehension of fugitives. This unit is comprised of one VPD Sergeant, six VPD Detectives and one VPD Detective assigned as part of the US Marshals Service Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force.



Total Arrests	172
Search Warrants Served	46
Firearms Recovered	50
Fentanyl Seized	1955 grams (69 oz. or 4.3 lbs.)
Heroin seized	715 grams (25 oz. or 1.6 lbs.)
Methamphetamine seized	6221 grams (219 oz. or 13.7 lbs.)
USD seized	\$150,128

Peer Support and Resilience Program

The Vancouver Police Department Peer Support and Resilience Program continues to grow in both scope and impact. Throughout 2025, the program focused on expanding training opportunities, strengthening internal and regional partnerships, and enhancing clinical support services. The team consists of 47 members representing both sworn and professional staff.

Through proactive outreach and continued program development, the Peer Support Team has remained committed to fostering resilience, reducing stigma surrounding mental health, and supporting the overall wellness of department members and their families. The Peer Support team members made dozens of contacts and provided many hours of support to sworn officers, professional staff, and family members including one-on-one peer contacts, crisis response, resource referrals, wellness check-ins, and family support. Mental Health Consultations with Drew Prochniak, LPC/LMHC were formally integrated into the program and required for peer support team members.

Through the Resilience Committee, the department successfully implemented a Wellness Dog Program as a proactive and innovative initiative designed to support employee mental health, emotional regulation, and stress reduction. The program goal is to provide sworn and professional staff with access to a wellness dog during high-stress periods, critical incidents, trainings, and daily operational environments by offering emotional comfort, grounding, and connection.



VPD Volunteer Programs

Our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program is the overarching volunteer umbrella for the department and our VIPS volunteers bring their time and talent to VPD through in many unique ways. Volunteer projects include helping with administrative tasks, delivering inter-office mail or working on specialized projects with various police units through our Neighbors on Watch program.

In 2025 our VIPS volunteers contributed 4667 hours to helping the Vancouver Police Department.



