

**Bonney Lake Police Department**  
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**2006**  
**Annual Report**



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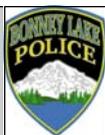
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## Message From the Chief

Mike L. Mitchell



It is my pleasure to bring to you the 2006 Annual Report. There has been many changes this past year and we have made great strides to provide the quality law enforcement the citizens of Bonney Lake have grown accustomed to. I am in my first year as the Chief of Bonney Lake Police. I began this journey in September, 2006 coming from the City of Mount Lake Terrace where I was an Assistant Chief.

The Bonney Lake Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency comprised of 27 commissioned officers, to include the Chief of Police, Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 3 Detectives, 13 Patrol Officer's, 2 Traffic Officer's, 1 School Resource Officer, 1 Community Service Officer. We are supported by 1 part time Crime Analyst, 1 part time Office Assistant, 1 part time bailiff, 3 records clerks, 3 volunteers, 1 chaplain and currently

have one Reserve Officer in the Academy.

Our dedicated team of men and women that make up the Bonney Lake Police Department are committed to the principle guiding values of Integrity, Commitment, Character and Pride that provide the excellent service our citizens have grown to expect.

We hired and trained 4 new commissioned officers and 1 records clerk. The Bonney Lake Police Department is committed to the training and development of our personnel. Last year our Officer's logged over 4000 hours of training and will continue to make this a top priority.

In 2006 we began the wireless progression for report writing. Officer's now upload their reports to LESA WebRMS using Enforcer. A printed copy is still utilized for permanent record keeping; however this has helped streamline paperwork and cut down on waste.

Bonney Lake continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in Pierce County. We are committed to be a proactive, approachable police department that is responsive to the growing needs and trends of our community. We are excited to continue working with the community and being involved to keep Bonney Lake a safe place to raise a family and to have a business.

The members of Bonney Lake Police Department are excited to share with you the growth we have had and the highlights of our year.

*Mike L. Mitchell*  
Chief of Police

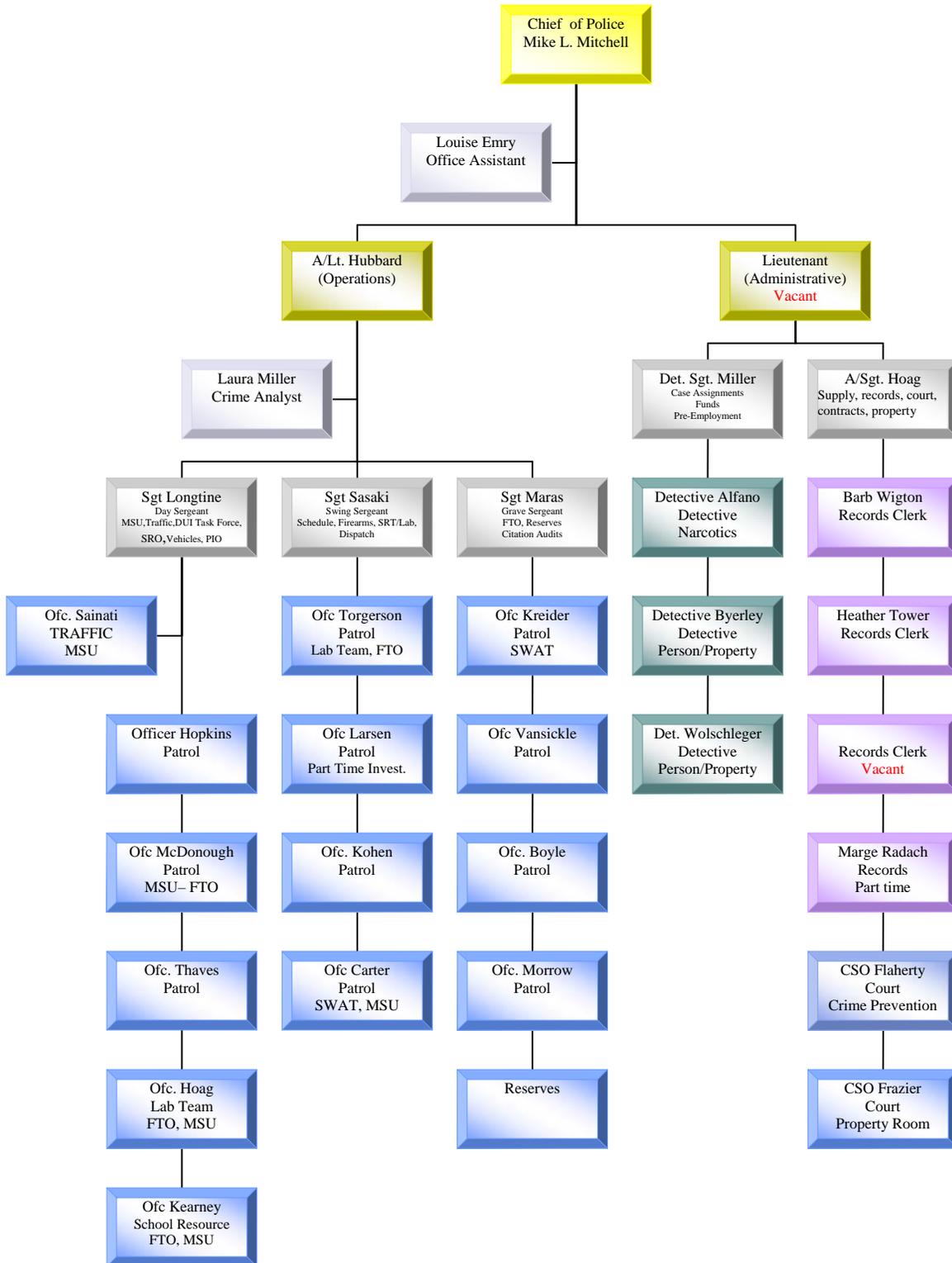
### **The Department Mission**

To provide quality police service with trust, integrity and respect, while enforcing state and municipal laws to provide a safe environment while encouraging active community participation.

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## BLPD Organizational Chart



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### Investigations Unit

Detective Sergeant Jeff Miller, Detective Brian Byerley and Detective Daron Wolschleger

In 2006, the Investigations Unit was staffed by a Detective Sergeant, two full-time general detectives, a part-time general detective and later in 2006 added another part-time general detective. The part-time detectives are assigned to the patrol division and split time with assisting in investigations. In addition, the Investigations Unit has a full-time narcotics detective assigned to the DEA task force. The Investigation Unit worked on 250 cases in 2006, most of which were felony crimes. Of those cases investigated, the detectives maintained a 39% clearance by arrest rate. The national average is 30% clearance rate.

The Investigations Unit worked on many serious felony crimes that consisted of sexual crimes, crimes against children, fraud and felony assault/domestic violence. Some of the highlighted cases from 2006 are as follows: In early February, detectives conducted undercover operations buying illegal prescription drugs from two individuals. After several weeks of operations, arrests were made and the two individuals entered a guilty plea to the charge of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and other various felony charges that stemmed from the original investigation. The individuals each received three years in prison. In May, investigations assisted patrol officers in an investigation of a domestic violence arson. The suspect is in custody awaiting trial. During the summer months into early fall, there was a rise in residential burglaries and motor vehicle thefts. Through cooperative work with patrol officers and the crime analyst, the detectives were able to identify suspects in each of the cases and obtain confessions on ten motor vehicle thefts and five residential burglaries. Some property was also recovered from the burglary suspects and returned to its owners. One suspect in the motor vehicle theft case entered a guilty plea to five vehicle theft related felonies and the other suspect is pending trial. In the burglary case, the two juveniles arrested are still pending trial. In November through the end of the year, Ford Ranger trucks were the target of vehicle prowls in several business parking lots. Investigations conducted undercover operations and surveillance. A suspect was identified and arrested through this operation. A confession was obtained and a guilty plea was entered on seventeen counts of vehicle prowling and theft. The Investigations Unit also participates in the Crime Response Unit (C.R.U.), a multi-jurisdictional investigations team for major crimes. Detectives assisted in four homicide/suspicious death cases in Lakewood, Puyallup and Sumner police departments.

With the increased intake of video evidence from surveillance cameras, the investigations Unit purchased a forensic video analysis computer system. The system is a high tech, powerful computer system that analyzes analog and digital film media for the purposes of collecting evidentiary data from the video. The Detective Sergeant and a Detective were sent to Baltimore, Maryland for a 40 hour training course on how to effectively use the system. The Investigations Unit analyzes approximately 100-150 videos per year. The system has proven to be a valuable tool to allow detectives to stay current with advanced investigations technology.

#### 2006 Investigations Statistics

**Cases referred to investigation– 246**  
**Investigations cases closed– 194**  
**Investigations cases charged-Felony– 68**  
**Investigations cases charged-Misdemeanor– 29**  
**Registered Sex Offenders Monitored– 24**  
**Clearance by arrest rate = 39.43**  
**(National average = 30)**

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### Records Division

Louise Emry, Barb Wigton, Heather Tower and Margie Radach

In 2006, the records division welcomed a new clerk and said goodbye to another. Heather Tower joined the department in July and has proved to be an excellent addition to the team. In August we said goodbye to Rose Kessner after 30 years with BLPD.

Last year the records division continued to contract with LESA (Law Enforcement Support Agency) to use the WebRMS and Enforcer programs. The WebRMS program is a web based records management program and the Enforcer program is a web based report writing program. A police officer writes a report in the Enforcer program and uploads the report into the WebRMS program transferring the information. This is an extremely efficient use of manpower since the information only needs to be entered once instead of twice as with other programs. Records personnel now can focus on Uniform Crime Reporting, validation of the cases and entry of non Enforcer generated case reports such as Motor Vehicle Accidents. Additional benefits to the LESA program is that officers and records personnel have access to information from all agency in Pierce County that also contract with LESA to include Tacoma P.D., Pierce County Sheriff, Puyallup P.D., Sumner P.D., Lakewood P.D., University Place P.D., Gig Harbor P.D., Steilacoom P.D., Fircrest P.D., Dupont P.D. and any other agencies that join in the future.

Records continues to give the public outstanding service when they walk up to the counter and also by telephone. They are conscientious, hard working individuals that continue to keep up with the case demand and security of the original records.

<u>2006 Records Totals</u>	
<b>Case Reports</b>	<b>3,601</b>
<b>Concealed Pistol Licenses</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Fingerprint Service</b>	<b>259</b>

### New Faces and Retirements for in 2006

In 2006 Bonney Lake Police went through many changes. We hired two lateral officer's from WSP. Anthony "Tony" Rice had nine years with the State Patrol and John "Brody" Ford had a little over two years prior to making the big switch.

July was a very busy month, hiring two lateral officers, one records clerk and saying good bye to our Lieutenant. Thomas "Tommy" Jenkins retired after 28 years with BLPD. During his career he was the first K-9 officer in Bonney Lake, a Patrol Sergeant, a Detective Sergeant and at the end of his distinguished career he was our Lieutenant. Tommy was a well respected member of this department and has been sorely missed. We hired two lateral officer's, one coming up the hill from Sumner PD, Chad Kiblinger and the other from Black Diamond, Nathan Vance. Heather Tower was hired as our Records Clerk supporting the front office.

In August we said goodbye to Records Clerk, Rose Kessner after 30 years with BLPD. Rose started as a Communication Officer and became our first full time Records Clerk.

In September we said goodbye to Interim Police Chief A.W. "Buster" McGehee and hello to our new Police Chief Mike L. Mitchell. Chief Mitchell came from Mount Lake Terrace where he was the Assistant Chief.

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## Crime Prevention and Community Events

Community Service Officer Stephen Flaherty

2006 has been an exciting year for . There continues to be more than enough prisoners and felons to transport to Pierce County Jail and Bonney Lake Municipal Court. We have also expanded our court security on Monday due to increased number of review hearings and added additional court sessions to accommodate photo enforcement. In March the Department added a new 15 passenger Ford van for prisoner transport allowing for more efficiency for transports on In Custody hearing days, Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

Other areas of CSO responsibility include Electronic Home Monitoring, Crime Prevention, Community Block Watch, National Night Out, Citizens Academy support, Volunteers, Radar Trailer/Neighbor Speed Watch BLPD officer support. In May responsibility for the BLPD Property Room was returned to the Community Service Officer.

The radar trailer was used in support of the Street of the Week and was deployed. It was also used to conduct traffic studies at the new Bonney Lake High School, Angeline Road, and the completed Sky Island Drive. Although in repair now it should be back in service soon.

The EHM program through in 2006 provided 212 days of monitoring for a savings of \$18000 in jail costs. Our crime prevention efforts included annual safety meetings with local banks regarding alarm procedures. In February a door to door canvas of the Interlake Islands neighborhood was completed in response to thefts in the area. The CSO with the help of BLPD volunteers attended numerous Safety Fairs including sponsored by local schools and businesses providing crime prevention information and instruction and practice for kids on our 911 Simulator. Crime prevention info and tours were also a part of the Open House of the Public Safety Building in September over 200 children used our 911 Simulator during the Open House.

Efforts to gather information on Home Owner Associations has resulted in a contact list which was used to contact and develop more Block Watch Neighborhoods in 2006. Using our local Home Owner Associations as the core of our Block Watch program 8 new Neighborhood Block Watch's were formed. Combined with e-mail addresses from these areas we can now provide timely proactive crime prevention information to these neighborhoods. Our Volunteers have also been building a similar list for Business Community to provide them business related crime prevention information.

Thanks to the generous support of the Bonney Lake Senior Center and City Hall, McGruff the Crime Dog rejoined the BLPD Crime Prevention Team. McGruff rejoined the PD in July and was a big hit at National Night Out and Bonney Lake Days in August, and in September he participated in the joint Police Department/Fire Department Open House. McGruff has attended all of our major crime prevention and safety events since July.

National Night Out was held on the first Tuesday in August. We had 15 graduates from the Citizen's Academy volunteer and staff the Police Department's booth, combined with the help 27 local businesses and community agencies participating with either booths or donations made for an excellent family event. During Bonney Lake Days, McGruff and I provided crime prevention, safety tips and security.

The Volunteer program grew from 2 to 5 in 2006 and will continue to expand in 2007 taking more crime prevention programs to the Bonney Lake Community.

Our program also received two Grants in support of the crime prevention program. Wal\*Mart donated \$1000.00 and Fred Meyer donated \$500.00.



### 7th Annual National Night Out Softball Tournament PD win streak stretches to 2

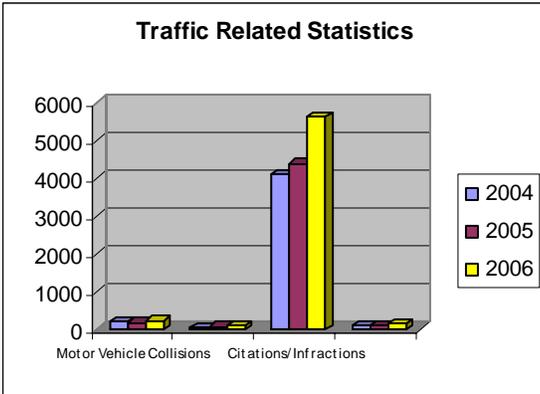
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## Traffic Unit

Officer Vince Sainati and Officer Kyle Torgerson

**Traffic Related Statistics**



2006 was a busy year for BLPD's Traffic Units. A second dedicated traffic officer position was added in July. This position was filled by Officer Kyle Torgerson who was transferred from the Patrol Division. Officer Torgerson normal shift is 3:00pm to 1:00am, as opposed to Officer Sainati's normal 7:00am to 5:00pm shift. Officer Torgerson is not motor qualified and works in a standard patrol car.

The two traffic officers wrote a total of 1577 infractions and citations in 2006, even with one officer only working 6 months of the year in traffic. The Street of the Week program continued through the year. BLPD continued supporting the Pierce County DUI Task Force, by continuing participation in monthly DUI Emphasis Patrols. Unfortunately, reimbursement of overtime costs for these patrols from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, was lost to all agencies. This requires an on-duty officer to participate,

instead of overtime shifts. This of course reduces our level of participation from past years. New this year was the implementation of a pilot Speed Emphasis Patrol administered by the WA Traffic Safety Commission. This emphasis is taking place in the South Hill, Fredrickson, and Spanaway areas of Pierce County. BLPD Officers cited nearly 1000 violators in the first of these patrols in the month of October. WTSC was so pleased with our performance that they bought BLPD two Lidar units (about \$6000) for traffic speed measurement. The department had bought one earlier in the year for a total of three. Lidar uses laser light to measure speed as opposed to Radar using radio waves to measure speed. This allows for officers to measure speed in heavier traffic environments, due to the ability to use the laser beam to pick out specific violator vehicles from the crowd. A radar usually does not allow this.



Traffic Officer Vince Sainati

	Motor Vehicle Collisions	Hit & Runs	Citations/Infractions	DUI Arrests
<b>2004</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4095</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>4386</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5625</b>	<b>147</b>

## Reserve Police Officer Program

In early 2006 the Bonney Lake Police Department's Reserve Officer Program was put on hold. This was due to a lack of Reserve Officers and the need for the Department's Field Training Officers to focus their attention on new full time Patrol Officers.

In late 2006 the Reserve Officer Program was restarted. The Department began taking applications and hopes to add up to four Reserve Officers. Several candidates are currently going through the hiring process

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## Marine Services Unit

Sergeant Dana Hubbard

In March 2006 we had a meeting and introduced the new Marine Services Unit (MSU) members to the program. We outlined our goals for the season which consisted of filling of shifts and maintenance of buoys and our boat. We went over protocol, and standards for both the water patrols and instructions for the water safety classes our officer's teach.

We had 12 school presentations and 14 classes all together. There were 198.5 patrol hours which equates to 402 officer hours. This is up from last years patrol hours of 68.95 (137.9 officer hours). There were 92 ramp inspections, up from 16 in 2005 and 262 written vessel inspections, up from 120 in 2005. There were 169 vessels that failed inspection, with only 93 passing. Our officer's issued 52 citations in 2006, up from 22 in 2005. In 2006 there were 23 complaints (call for service) compared to 67 complaints in 2005. In 2006 there were 5 theft investigations where in 2005, none was documented. We maintained 45 buoys in our waterways and placed a total of 6. We have ordered solar powered lights for the entrance of the Interlake Island Coves. The officer's educated more people this year with more school presentations, more media contacts and a presentation at National Night Out.



Officer Vince Sainati and Sgt. Dana Hubbard patrol Lake Tapps

There were 5 accident investigations in 2006, where there were only 2 in 2005. In 2006 there was on collision where the operator was critically injured and another collision a passenger was killed. The Marine Service's Unit patrolled at night during the month of August to enforce the excessive speed that occurs after dusk.

Our goal next year is to patrol the water more and later at night to decrease reckless and negligent boating operations. We are committed to provide more education and look into providing a boating course for the citizens of Bonney Lake.

Equipment goal for next year is to get a boat lift to prevent further damage to the boat. We are also looking into the purchase of two personal watercrafts for assisting water patrol.

	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Patrol Hours</b>	198.5	69	160	50.5
<b>Ramp Insp. Hours</b>	92	16	48.5	35
<b>Written Inspections</b>	262	120	237	111
<b>Passing</b>	93	44	64	30
<b>Failing</b>	169	76	173	81
<b>Citations</b>	52	22	33	15
<b>MSU complaints</b>	23	67	14	
<b>Search &amp; Rescue</b>	20	6	9	10
<b>Collision Investigations</b>	5	2	6	2

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### School Resource Officer Officer Tony Rice

The Bonney Lake Police Department has one police officer currently on special assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) working directly with the Sumner School District. SRO Tony Rice, who was a lateral hire in March of 2006, works daily with students and staff in the City's four schools.

In 2006 Bonney Lake Schools experienced an increase in student enrollment in local schools. The High School alone having seniors for the first time, experienced a increase of almost 22%.

Our SRO position is consistent with the Federal requirements of the position, and is partially funded from a federal grant. More and more police officers nationwide are being assigned to Schools for safety reasons. SRO's have a wide variety of duties including: assisting schools in locating truant students, talking with students and parents about negative school behavior, student mentoring, working with Juvenile Court, and Probation officers. Having Officers present at our schools is a way for students to keep in contact with officers in a non-confrontational and supportive manner. The SRO program is one example of the Bonney Lake Police Department's commitment to community partnerships.



Bonney Lake High School

### Domestic Violence Community Advocate

In 2006, the citizens of Bonney Lake still have access to the services of a Domestic Violence Community Advocate. Thanks in part to a Federal Grant, entitled, Grant to Encourage Arrest is funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The Community Advocate program offers assistance to domestic violence victims in multiple ways. These services include safety planning, court support, assistance with obtaining protection orders, providing resources and making outreach calls to domestic violence victims that are listed on Bonney Lake Police reports. The advocate, works one day a week out of the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building. She can be contacted in person each Wednesday from 8:30 am—2:30 pm or by phone at 253-863-2218. She can also be reached throughout the week at the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center at 253-798-2923.

We also added a kiosk at City Hall to assist victims of domestic violence receive protection orders without having to travel to Tacoma to begin the process of protection.



## Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT)



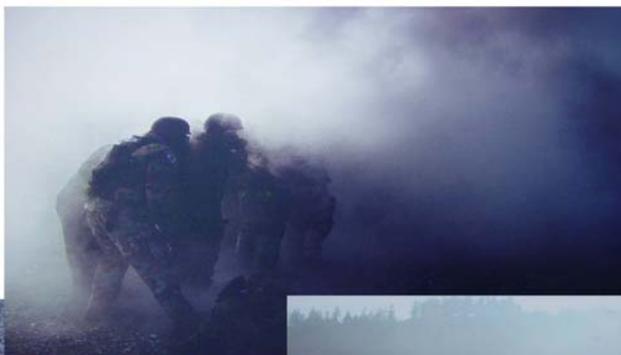
Members of Metro SWAT

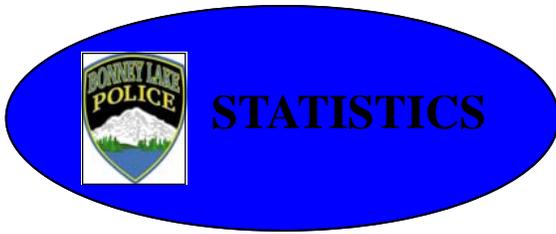
The Metro SWAT team is a multi-agency tactical team which consists of officers from the Bonney Lake, Buckley, Dupont, Fife, Lakewood, Milton, Puyallup, Steilacoom, and Sumner Police Departments as well as tactical medics from American Medical Response.

The Metro SWAT team completed 28 missions in 2006, which included 12 barricaded subjects, 10 high-risk warrants, 4 narcotics search warrants, assistance with a homicide investigation, and one security detail. One of the narcotics search warrants was served at the request of the DEA and one of high-risk warrants was served at the request of the Washington State Patrol.

In addition to responding to high-risk situations, Members of the Metro SWAT team also provide tactical training to police agencies in the area.

The Bonney Lake Police Department currently has two officers who are members of the Metro SWAT team.





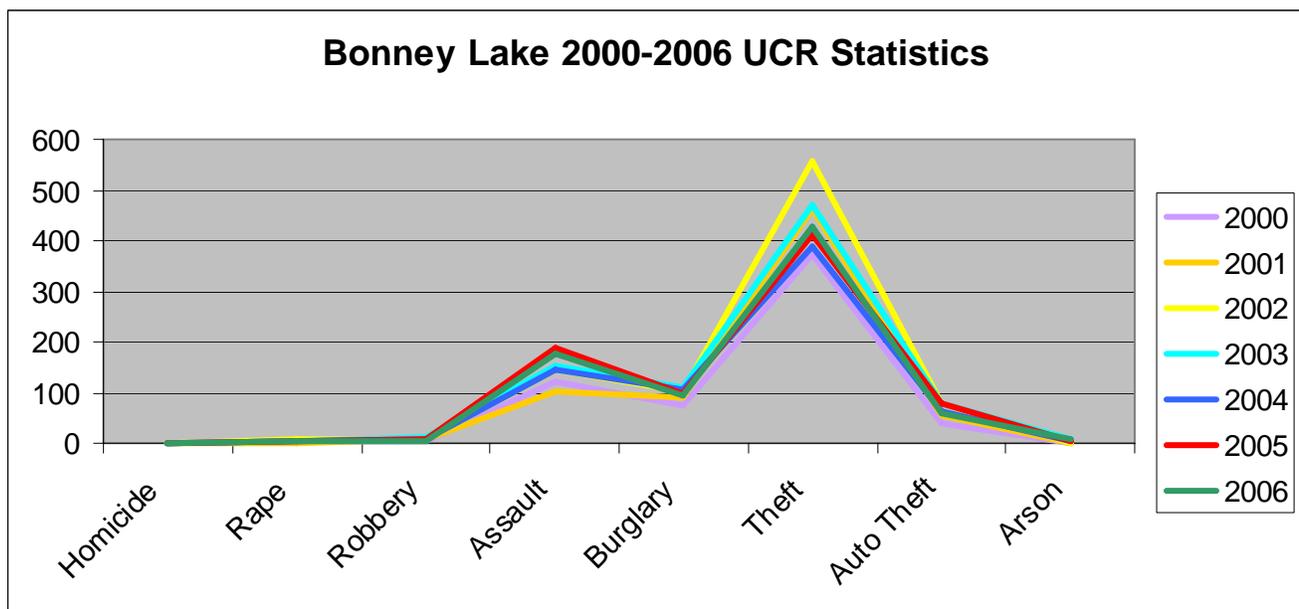
## Bonney Lake Police Department 2006 Crime and Statistics

Overall, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics were down by 2.8 % in 2006 compared to 2005. These crimes include Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Arson, Auto Theft, Burglary and Theft. The population of Bonney Lake increased from 14,370 in 2005 to 15,230 in 2006 while the UCR crimes decreased from 797 reported in 2005 compared to 775 reported in 2006. This comparative actually reveals an even lower rate of victimization of 8.25%.

While overall crime rates are down in Bonney Lake, there are several specific areas in which an increase is noted. Although the overall numbers are very low, an increase from 3 to 5 reported Rapes show an increase of 66.7%. Residential Burglaries are up by 33.3 %, however, Commercial Burglaries decreased by 38.5%. Domestic Violence cases are slightly up showing a 13.7% increase. The most noted increase is for Theft from Vehicles with 109 crimes reported in 2005 compared to 158 in 2006 which resulted in a 45% increase. Two significant crimes sprees with multiple victims most likely contributed to this increase and in both cases the offenders were apprehended and prosecuted.

The number of individuals arrested in Bonney Lake continued to show an increase. 883 individuals were arrested in 2006 compared to 488 arrested in 2005, which resulted in an increase of 81%. Likewise, juvenile arrests showed an increase of 44% with 106 juveniles arrested in 2005 and 153 arrested in 2006.

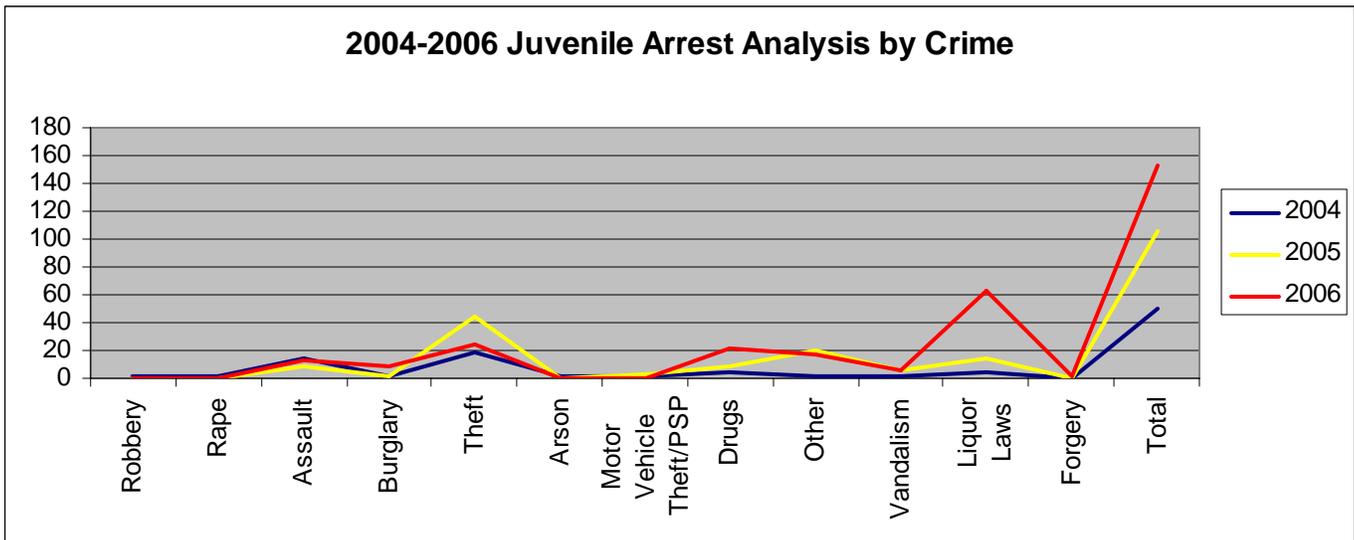
	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson	Total
2000	1	3	3	121	73	373	41	0	615
2001	0	1	8	102	91	463	54	0	719
2002	0	6	7	144	102	555	80	0	894
2003	0	3	11	154	111	472	80	6	829
2004	0	5	7	144	107	390	61	4	718
2005	0	3	6	188	100	412	78	3	797
2006	0	5	5	178	96	427	57	7	775



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Year	Population	UCR Crimes	Rate Per Resident	Increase/Decrease in Crime Rate Per Resident Rate
2000	9687	615	0.063487	
2001	9980	719	0.072044	13.48%
2002	12360	894	0.07233	0.40%
2003	12950	829	0.064015	-11.50%
2004	13740	718	0.052256	-18.37%
2005	14370	797	0.055462	6.14%
2006	15230	775	0.050886	-8.25%

## Juvenile Arrests



Juvenile Arrests	2004	2005	2006	Percentage change from 2005 to 2006
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0
Assault	14	9	13	44.44444444
Burglary	1	2	8	300
Theft	19	44	24	-45.45454545
Arson	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft/PSP	2	3	0	-100
Drugs	4	8	21	162.5
Other	1	20	17	-15
Vandalism	1	6	6	0
Liquor Laws	5	14	63	350
Forgery	0	0	1	N/C
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>44.33962264</b>

# Bonney Lake Police Department 2006 Annual Report

## 2006 Awards

Police Officer of the Year ~ Officer Ryan Boyle  
Support Person of the Year ~ Barb Wigton  
Reserve Officer of the Year ~ Vacant  
Outstanding Service Award ~ Traffic Division  
Medal of Valor Awards ~ Officer Ryan Boyle  
Officer Chad Kiblinger



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