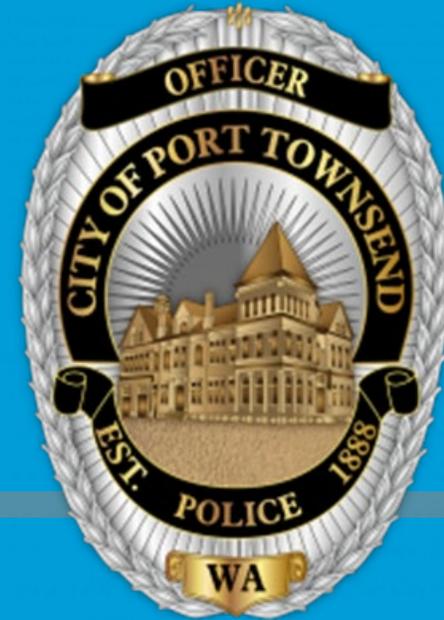


PORT TOWNSEND  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT



FEBRUARY 2024

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT – STAFFING/TRAINING/EQUIPMENT

REVIEW OF CRIME DATA - WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

REVIEW OF OUR 2023 PRIORITIES/GOALS

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT IN 2024.

# INTRODUCTION

# PORT TOWNSEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Mission Statement*

To work in partnership with our community to provide a safe and compassionate environment while reducing crime and the fear of crime.

## *Vision*

To work in partnership to improve our community while recognizing the dedication and service of our employees.

# PORT TOWNSEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## VALUES

### INTEGRITY

*We have committed ourselves to elevated standards of trust, responsibility, and discipline while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner*

### COMPASSION

*We are compassionate to the needs of the community and to those that visit our city*

### PROFESSIONALISM

*We are professional in our interactions with everyone*

# FIVE COMMISSIONED OFFICER HIRES

1 DEPUTY CHIEF

5 OFFICERS (2 ENTRY LEVEL AND 3 ACADEMY TRAINED)

# FOUR COMMISSIONED OFFICER RESIGNATIONS

2 FAILED TO MEET ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS

1 WENT TO ANOTHER AGENCY

1 PERSONAL REASONS

# NAVIGATOR POSITION NOT FILLED

4 APPLICATIONS (NONE QUALIFIED)

**FULLY TRAINED OFFICERS**    **JANUARY 2023 - 9**    **JANUARY 2024 – 10 (4 FTO)**

# STAFFING



Jeff Thaxton  
Deputy Chief



Zane Berteig  
Police Officer



Juan Vallejo  
Police Officer

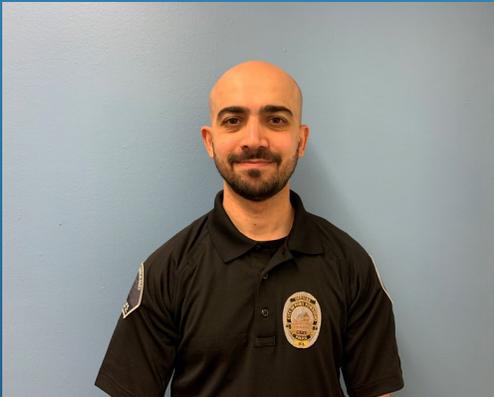


Alex Mussman  
Police Officer

# OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS 2023

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**Ali Halabi**

Police Officer



**Kamal Sharif**

Promotion to  
Sergeant

# SPECIALIZED TRAINING RECEIVED

THE WEST POINT WAY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COURSE (DEPUTY CHIEF) – 120 HOURS  
INTERNATIONAL POLICE MOUNTAIN BIKE REFRESHER COURSE – 40 HOURS  
FTO ACADEMY – 40 HOURS  
HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR (LEVEL 1) COURSE – 80 HOURS  
ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE INSTRUCTOR (ALERRT) COURSE – 40 HOURS  
CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (GRIN) COURSE – 24 HOURS  
SWAT BASIC (INVESTIGATOR/TASK FORCE PARTNER) – 40 HOURS

## OVER 600 HOURS OF TRAINING IN 2023

## NEW *POLICEONE* ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM

DAILY TRAINING FROM APP (5 TO 10 MINUTES)  
OVER 400 TRAINING COURSES  
ABILITY TO TRACK AND DOCUMENT WHEN TRAINING HAS OCCURRED AND TOTAL HOURS

# TRAINING

# EQUIPMENT

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Two New Patrol Vehicles



Two New Patrol Bikes



23 New Portable Radios





# COMMUNITY POLICING EFFORTS

Policing on bikes

Youth bike rodeo with public safety partners

Police K9 presentation

Coffee with a Cop

Clothing and Toy Drive

Shop with a Cop

Presence at other community events (county fair, touch a truck, Halloween parade)

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 49 Events in 2023
- 10 Multi-day events
- 20+ requests for traffic revision signage
- All events and traffic revisions occurred with no major issues
- Improved area – Incident Action Plan (IAP)
- Area of needed improvement – Special Permit document and process flow

# USE OF FORCE

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Incidents</u>	<u>Level of Force Used</u>	<u>Injuries</u>
2021	10	Comp. hold(4) Weapon display(5) Strike(1)	Sus – 3 Off – 0
2022	16	Comp. hold(7) Weapon display(5) Takedown(2) Strike (2)	Sus – 2 Off – 2
2023	39	Comp. hold(16) Weapon display(13) Takedown(4) Taser deployment(3)*	Sus – 7 Off - 2

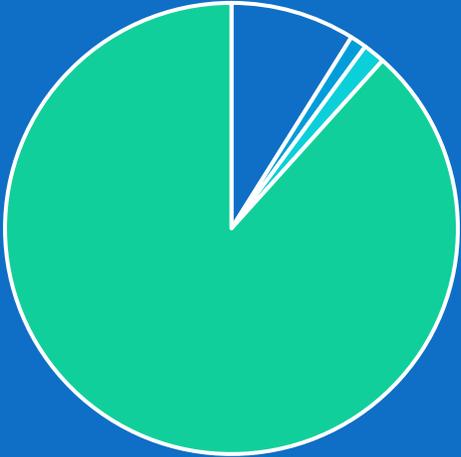
\*1 Taser deployment was out of policy

*Weapon display is used as a form of de-escalation*

*All injuries to suspects and officers have been minor*

# 2023 ANNUAL CRIME DATA

Traffic Stops



Issued Ticket | DUI's | Criminal Traffic | Warning

Traffic Stops: 1074

Traffic Stops with Issued Ticket: 148

DUI's (Driving Under the Influence): 21

Criminal Traffic: 22

# 2022/2023 ANNUAL CRIME DATA COMPARISON

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Traffic Stops:	765	1074 (up 40%)
Traffic Stops with Issued Ticket:	68	148 (up 117%)
DUI arrests (Driving Under the Influence):	9	21 (up 133%)
Criminal Traffic:	12	22 (up 83%)

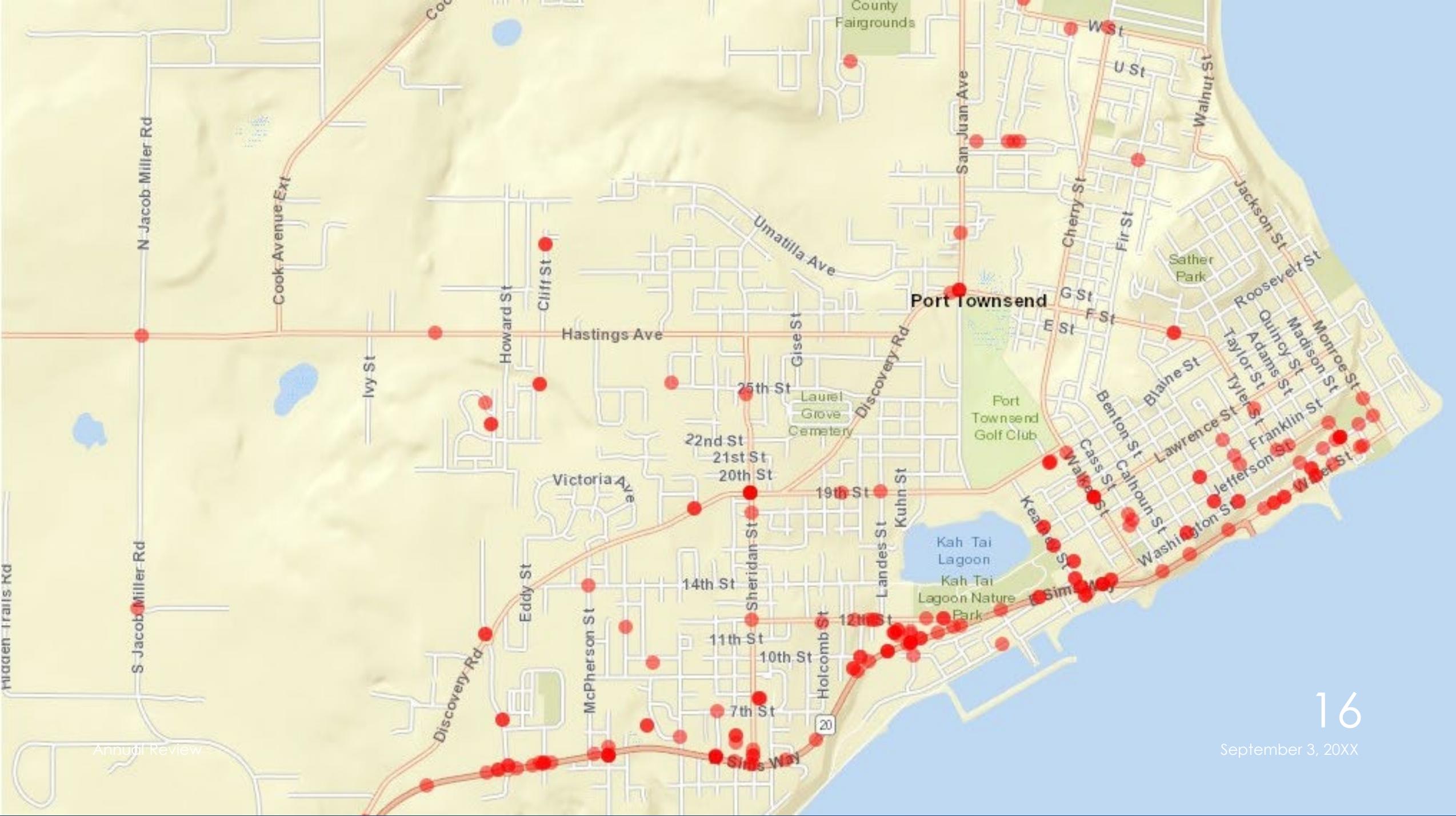
# 2022/2023 ANNUAL COLLISION DATA COMPARISON

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	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total reportable collisions in the city:	110	82 (down 25%)
Total calls for service (collision related):	152	189 (up 24%)

## Top three Collision locations

- West Sims Way/Haines Place (Safeway)
- West Sims Way/Kearney Street (New roundabout)
- Water Street (Downtown)



# CRIME COMPARISON DATA

CRIME	2021	2022	2023
Calls for Service	7,906	7,236	8,506
Average Calls per day	21.6	19.8	23.3
Busiest day of the week	Wednesday (18.2%)	Wednesday (16.2%)	Friday (16.5%)
Busiest hour of the day	1400 (2pm)	11 am & 1300 (1pm)	1300 (1pm)
Part 1 crimes	134	110	157
Total Cases	465	502	643

# CRIME COMPARISON DATA (CONTINUED)

Group A Offenses	Reported 2022	Reported 2023	% of Change
Robbery	1	1	
Assaults	93	113	+ 21%
Kidnapping	3	3	
Burglary	26	17	-35%
Arson	2	3	+50%
Larceny/Theft	131	117	-11%
Motor Veh. Theft	15	3	-80%
Sex Offenses	0	0	

# CRIME COMPARISON DATA (CONTINUED)

Group A Offenses	Reported 2022	Reported 2023	% of Change
Forgery	6	4	-33%
Fraud	5	9	+80%
Stolen Property	1	1	
Vandalism	84	61	-27%
Drug/Narcotic	1	4	+300%
Violation of Protection Orders	23	42	+82%
Weapons Violations	6	5	-17%

# AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERVIEW

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## 11 Recommendations

- #1 Chief's Advisory Board – will be part of Strategic Plan (2024)
- #2-#11 All have been addressed

# OPERATIONAL GOALS FOR 2024

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## Department Priorities

- Strategic Plan
- Start the Accreditation process
- Increase pro-active contacts by 10%
- Improve Community Engagement
  - ▶ Assigned sectors of the city
  - ▶ Bike Team
  - ▶ Community meetings/training

## Employee Opportunities

- Sergeant promotion
- Expanded training opportunities
- Fill non-patrol positions
  - ▶ Detective
  - ▶ SRO
  - ▶ Navigator

# SUMMARY

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**Crime is down from 2022**

**Community policing initiatives are up**

**Our Department continues to grow**

**Pro-active policing is up**

**We're delivering for our customers  
and they are supportive**



# THANK YOU

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Thank you for your commitment and continued support of our department.