

City of Peoria Police Department



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Annual Report

Our Community

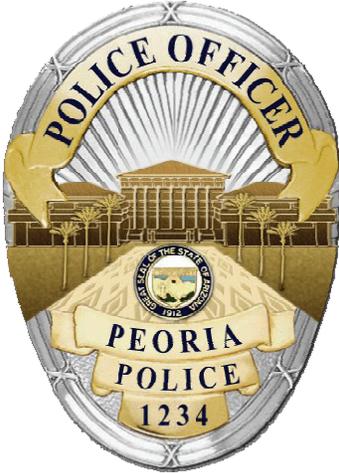


Our Commitment

Our Community



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Our Vision

In partnership with our employees and the community, the Peoria Police Department will be the leading law enforcement agency, creating best policing practices and developing innovative strategies to make the City of Peoria safer and more livable.

Our Mission

The Peoria Police Department recognizes the inherent connection to our community and the value of jointly identifying city issues and developing creative problem solving efforts with our citizens. We are a law enforcement family committed to the principle that each individual has dignity and worth. In our daily actions, we will show respect for the citizens we serve and for the men and women of the Peoria Police Department. Our purpose is to provide a high quality of life and safety by partnering with our community, to develop and maintain trust, and to preserve life and property.



The Peoria Police Department has been an accredited agency since 1997.



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Public Safety Administration Building
8351 West Cinnabar Avenue



Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Facility
23100 North Lake Pleasant Parkway

City Leaders

Mayor and City Council



City Council from left to right

Carlo Leone, Pine District

Vicki Hunt, Acacia District

Ron Aames, Palo Verde District

**Cathy Carlat, Vice-Mayor
Mesquite District**

Bob Barrett, Mayor

Joan Evans, Willow District

Dave Pearson, Ironwood District

City Manager and Deputy City Managers



**Terry Ellis
City Manager**



**Carl Swenson
Deputy City Manager
Development &
Community Services**

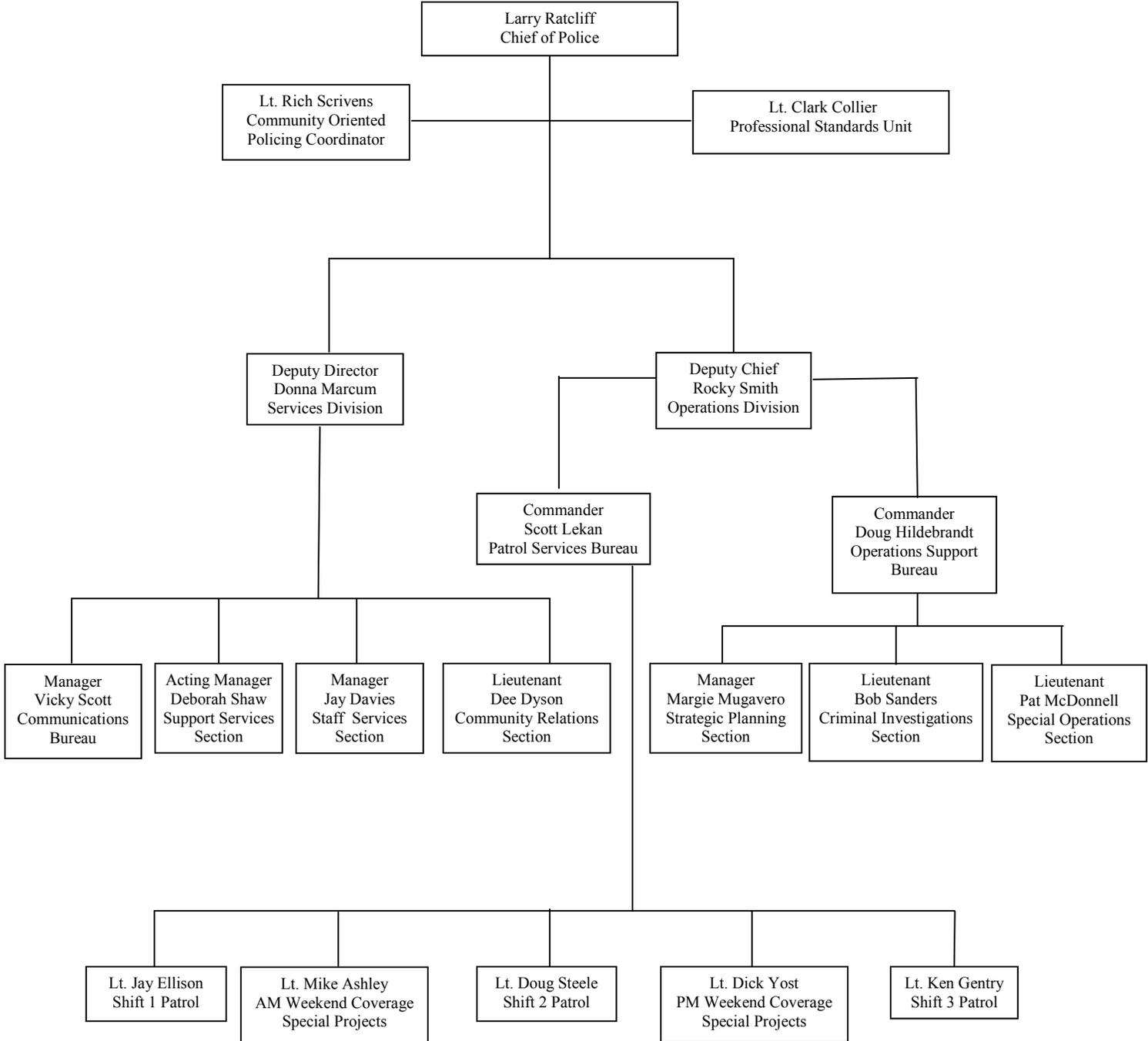


**Susan Thorpe
Deputy City Manager
Public Safety &
Administrative Services**



**John F. Wenderski
Deputy City Manager
Finance & Economic
Development**

Command Staff

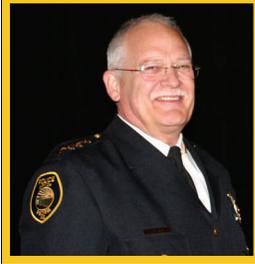


Police Administration

**Police Chief's Office
Financial Services Section
Professional Standards Unit
Media Relations Office**



Chief's Message



I am honored and proud to have been selected as Chief of Police in June 2007, after serving as interim Chief during the first half of the year. I am especially privileged to work with the men and women of this Department, who are a group of law enforcement professionals committed to providing the best service possible to our community.

This past year has been filled with a variety of challenges, especially during the first half of the year. However, the resilience of our staff and the determination to continue moving forward has made us a better, stronger and more agile organization. I am pleased with the Department's leaders – Deputy Chief Rocky Smith, Commander Scott Lekan and Commander Doug Hildebrandt. Together, we have spent many hours reviewing our current Department operations and considering new organizational options. I am confident our new “look” will make the Department better and more responsive.

During this past year, we completed the organizational study by Carroll Buracker and Associates. We were commended for several items to include our Fleet, Communications, Information Technology, Community Services, Traffic Services, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Neighborhood Action Team and Telephone Reporting. There were several challenges and opportunities pointed out and many have been completed. We have also started the process of forming the Community Policing Strategic Plan for the Peoria Police Department. The Strategic Plan is the blueprint under which the Department will operate now and into the future.

For 2008, we have two new exciting programs. The new Community Relations Section is designed to enhance relations between the Department and our community. To ensure we are more problem-oriented, we created the Strategic Planning Section to analyze crime and traffic data and to provide better direction to Patrol, Traffic and Detectives. I believe we have developed an organizational plan that will increase our community involvement and, based upon more timely and relevant data, enable us to effectively and efficiently respond to problems.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to the principle that each individual has dignity and worth. As a community-based police department, we will continuously strive to show respect for the citizens we serve and for the men and women of the Peoria Police Department. In order to achieve and maintain these principles, the Department is committed to the standards I feel are critical to our success:

Attracting a talented, professional and diverse workforce with dedication and a capacity for personal and professional growth;

Training, mentoring and encouraging every member of the Police Department to be the best they can be;

Providing the opportunity for every member to achieve their personal interests and professional goals, dependent only on their ability, diligence and commitment;

Ensuring the Police Department is a model of equal opportunity regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or physical challenge;

Contributing to the continuous improvement of our community by honoring human rights, without diminishing the Police Department's effectiveness in the performance of our primary mission: serving our citizens and safeguarding life and property.

During this next year, we will continue to become a more community-based and problem driven organization. Our Peoria Values of Professional, Ethical, Open, Responsive, Innovative and Accountable will be the basis of our decision-making.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry J. Ratcliff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Larry J. Ratcliff, Chief of Police

Financial Services

Financial Services Section is responsible for:

- Budget Formulation and Execution
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Grant Management
- Asset Forfeiture
- Payroll and Scheduling
- Contract Management

2007 Accomplishments

- Managed a budget of \$34.8 million
- 6 grants received totaling \$316,406
- 20 civilian asset forfeiture cases filed in court with 23 settled totaling \$100,000, 7 vehicles and 14 other items

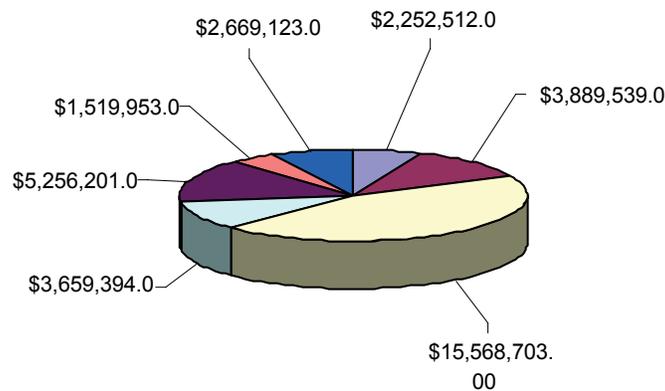
Professional Standards

Professional Standards' role is to assist Department administrators, supervisors and employees in maintaining a high standard of accountability and integrity, while ensuring the confidence of the citizens of Peoria.

Disciplinary Actions	2006	2007
Suspensions	9	1
Letters of Reprimand	7	1
Supervisory Counseling	7	8

PSU Historical Comparison	2006	2007
Administrative Investigations	24	14
Preliminary Investigations	12	9
Grievances	1	0
Appraisal Appeals	1	0
Personnel Performance System	4	1
Disciplinary Advisory Board	5	0
Vehicle Operations	43	32
Employee Drug Screening Violations	0	0

**FY07/08 Police Budget
\$34.8 million**



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| ■ Technical Support | ■ Staff Services |
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Media Relations Office

Media Relations is responsible for:

- Maintaining relations with media outlets
- Responding to incidents to provide information to media & community
- Providing information on safety measures the community can take to improve its safety
- Providing information regarding the positive actions of the Department's employees in the community

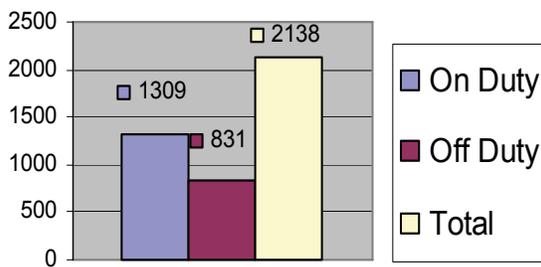
Special Events

- Taught media relations in major market and crisis communications at Desert Southwest Fire and Life Safety Conference
- Taught basic PIO functions at Valley PIO meetings
- Member of instructor team for FEMA Basic PIO Course
- Coordinated the West Valley site at the Peoria Sports Complex for Channel 12's annual child car seat check-up event

Activity

- Responded to 60 incidents
- 159 scheduled news stories
- 567 news spots for incidents
- 563 news spots for scheduled news pieces
- 120 media releases

Media Contacts 2007



TV Tokyo does story in Peoria



In memory of friends lost in a news helicopter crash on July 27 in the sky over Phoenix.
 Scott Bowerbank and Jim Cox, News Channel 3
 Craig Smith and Rick Krolak, ABC 15



Operations Division



Patrol Services Bureau

The Patrol Services Bureau provides police services to the growing community by:

- Preventing crime and disorder
- Promptly responding to calls for service
- Developing safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation
- Enhancing traffic safety
- Maintaining the integrity, quality and effectiveness of police services
- 3 shifts work out of the Public Safety Administration Building
- 3 shifts work out of the Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Facility
- 121 sworn employees
- 11 non-sworn employees

3,850 arrests made



Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is comprised of 22 detectives in 4 units.

Crimes Against Persons Unit

- Homicides
- Robberies
- Assaults
- Arson
- Incidents of serious injury or death
- Missing persons

Total of 410 cases in 2007

Family Crimes Unit

- Domestic violence
- Crimes against children
- Sex crimes
- Sex offender notifications

Total of 504 cases in 2007

Property Crimes Unit

- Theft
- Burglary
- Criminal damage
- Forgery
- Fraud
- Identity theft
- Computer crimes
- Auto thefts
- Bait Car Program

Total of 591 cases in 2007

Street Crimes Unit

- Clandestine labs
- Trafficking in stolen property
- Drug violations
- Wanted fugitives

Total of 92 cases in 2007

Police Services Officers assigned to CIB handled 793 cases. These cases were:

- Runaway juveniles
- Felonies in custody

Operations Support Bureau

The Operations Support Bureau is made up of several specialty units providing police services directed at specific areas:

- Traffic Services
- Commercial Enforcement
- Community Services
- Animal Control
- Neighborhood Action Team
- Special Assignments Unit/Crisis Negotiations Team

The teams often work together as well as with the citizens of Peoria and our business owners to resolve problems in their area and improve their quality of life.

Special Assignments and Crisis Negotiations

The Special Assignments Unit and Crisis Negotiations Team are made up of specially trained officers who are called in to handle critical situations such as:

- High risk warrants
- Barricaded subjects
- Dangerous felon apprehensions



Traffic Services Section

The Traffic Services Section is responsible for traffic and commercial vehicle enforcement, investigation of serious and fatal traffic collisions and the follow-up investigation on DUI cases. It also manages the red light camera program. Currently the section has assigned:

- 3 Sergeants
- 8 Motorcycle Officers
- 2 Commercial Vehicle Officers
- 1 Police Services Officer
- 1 Police Support Assistant

In 2007, there were:

- 2,519 traffic collisions
- 1,851 were non-injury
- 651 were injury
- 15 fatalities

DUI Enforcement Review

- 599 arrests
- 128 DUI release collisions
- Peak locations for DUIs
 - 96> 83rd Avenue
 - 56> Peoria Avenue
 - 58> Bell Road
- DUI checkpoints held at entrance to Lake Pleasant on Memorial Day and Labor Day
- Holiday DUI Task Force hosted and attended by US Department of Transportation Secretary Mary Peters



Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers:

- 531 commercial vehicles stopped
- 15,443 violations discovered
- 10,279 hazardous violations
- 5,137 non-hazardous violations

Commercial Enforcement Unit

The Commercial Enforcement Unit is tasked with working with the rapidly growing shopping and entertainment districts in Peoria. Their job consists of:

- Liquor enforcement
- Special events
- Entertainment district enforcement
- Vehicle theft and burglary suppression
- Crime detection and interdiction at hotels
- Business-related burglary detection
- Holiday patrols and enforcement

Notable Statistics

- 600 radio calls
- 600 business contacts, public relations contacts
- 1900 suspicious persons, vehicles or circumstances calls resolved
- 372 arrests for City Code violations, liquor violations, drug offenses, thefts, assaults, vehicle thefts, and burglaries
- 112 citations and warnings for criminal and civil traffic violations
- 61 liquor license reviews and investigations
- 150 liquor violations
- 450 reports taken
- 16 liquor inspections

Successes

- Established strong relationships with businesses in Arrowhead Fountain Center, North Peoria Power Center and Peoria Crossings
- Greatly reduced incidents of violence in the Arrowhead Fountain Center bars
- Greatly reduced underage people from entering bars
- Assisted Media Relations Office with several TV news stories to include one with TV Tokyo as seen below



Neighborhood Action Team

The Neighborhood Action Team works with our residents and the business community to improve the quality of life in Peoria by:

- Reducing crime
- Solving community problems
- Proactively responding to community concerns
- Providing education/enforcement in desert areas in response to controlling dust

NAT is a proactive team that worked on 26 community-based projects in 2007.

Some of the projects in 2007 include:

- Graffiti issues throughout the City of Peoria with 17 apprehensions
- Transients throughout the City of Peoria, especially in the commercial districts in and around Skunk Creek and the New River Wash
- Juvenile disturbances throughout the City of Peoria
- Loud music and noise problems from young adults renting houses
- Over 2,000 contacts in the desert (both Warnings and Criminal Trespassing Citations) in coordination with the Arizona State Land Department
- Constant bike surveillance at Rio Vista and other city parks for illegal activity
- Gang and High Criminal Activity Details in the area of 8300 Shangri-La for eight days; 6 misdemeanor arrests and 3 felony arrests to include 56 grams of meth for possession and sale
- Worked with Investigations and Traffic Services to serve warrants on outstanding suspects
- Worked with the Community Relations Section and conducted Home Owners Association and Block Watch meetings
- Worked with the Community Relations Section with all of the City of Peoria elementary schools' Bully Program presentations
- Worked with Centennial and Peoria High Schools' Law Enforcement Classes to promote careers in Law Enforcement
- Served as counselors at Arizona's Youth Law Enforcement Camp in Flagstaff, Arizona

Police Service K-9 Unit

3 Police K-9s (2 patrol and 1 drug detection) are used to:

- Locate suspects in large geographical areas
- Locate suspects who officers cannot locate
- Locate drugs

During 2007, there were:

- 81 area searches
- 11 tracks
- 156 building searches
- 15 area finds
- 4 track finds
- 6 building finds
- 106 public relations contacts
- 221 public demonstrations

Police Explorers

The Police Explorer Program is part of the Learning for Life Program of the Boy Scouts of America. Open to both boys and girls ages 14 to 20, the program is designed to educate young people on a career in law enforcement and, hopefully, give them an opportunity to develop into future police officers.

What do they do?

- Learn different police procedures from current officers
- Assist with community events
- Develop leadership and responsibility
- Develop a pattern of community service

Animal Control

Three highly trained Police Services Officers perform a variety of activities designed to ensure the humane treatment of animals while protecting the safety of the citizens. They routinely capture and impound loose animals and investigate allegations of cruelty and cases where animals have bitten a human. They also transport animals to emergency clinics when injured and enforce animal-related City Ordinances.

Number of animal control contacts:
6,122 calls
1,500 animals picked up
Provided contract services to Youngtown and El Mirage

Community Services Unit

Community Services is the most diverse unit of the Peoria Police Department.

This unit includes:

- Public Education
- Animal Control
- Volunteer and Internship Program
- Neighborhood Mediation Program
- Victim Assistance Program

Public Education Unit

Special events:

- Hosted or participated in 78 children's safety fairs/events
- Made presentations addressing bullying, abductions, bike safety, internet safety, and general safety awareness classes at PUSD schools and local charter schools
- Continued the Anti-Bullying Program and made presentations to 2,670 students
- Public Education Unit regularly receives inquiries from other jurisdictions locally, around the Country and Canada about this program

- 219 total public presentations
- 10,939 people contacted
- 2 Citizen's Academies in 2007 with 70 participants
- Approximately 28 Neighborhood Watch Groups

Volunteer Neighborhood Mediation Victim Assistance

- 257 contacts for information and referral assistance with the criminal justice system, transportation (court, shelter, etc.) and practical assistance were made in person or by phone.
- 6 neighborhood mediation sessions, dealing with animal issues, landscaping and noise complaints, and harassment.

22 volunteers provided 5,955 hours valued at \$104,519

Support Division



Intelligence/Homeland Security

Intelligence Responsibilities

- Criminal Intelligence file moderator, responsible for developing and maintaining the Department's criminal intelligence files to ensure compliance with federal guidelines
- Conducts liquor license and other license application backgrounds
- Conducts intelligence collection and investigations
- Liaison with various intelligence groups such as the Rocky Mountain Information Network, Arizona Motorcycle Enforcement Network and the State Threat Group
- Creates, reviews and disseminates intelligence bulletins

Homeland Security Responsibilities

- Deployed for special events such as the Florence Prison Motorcycle Run, 2007 Bandidos USA Run in Flagstaff and the Fiesta Bowl

2007 Statistics:

- 722 total hours deployed on Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) activity
- Developed and issued 11 intelligence bulletins
- Conducted 67 liquor and other license background investigations
- Taught 44 intelligence/homeland security related classes
- Initiated the Shift Intelligence Liaison Officer Program resulting in a 422% increase in intelligence files opened

Information Technology

- Completed the upgrade of both Mobile Data Browser and Field Reporting on all 90 MDCs, as well as additional desktops
- Rolled out PDResources via Citrix to MDCs. This gives officers the capability to access e-mail, maps, Coplink, GangNet, network drives, GMIC cards, Webstaff/Telestaff, Alchemy, MS Office, etc.
- Set up and configured GPS tracking devices for SCU Detectives
- Rolled out Field Reporting to all Detectives and successfully trained them on the system

Communications Bureau

The Communications Bureau is the home of the Peoria 911 Center and dispatches the Police Department.

In 2007, the bureau handled:

- 328,625 total incoming phone calls, of which 70,090 were made to the 911 system
- 103,450 calls dispatched from both citizen-initiated and officer-initiated calls

Technical Services Bureau

Records Section

- 19,746 reports processed in 2007
- 9,000 supplements to reports processed

Public Records Requests Processed

- 10,920 walk-ins
- 15,000 by phone
- 11,800 by mail
- 3,000 by fax

Property and Evidence Section

- 1,200 items taken in per month
- 58,000 items currently in property

Crime Analysis

2007 Activity

- 55 Officer Alert Bulletins
- 203 requests for information (internal and external)
- 52 Burglary Maps/Stats
- Maintain tactical database
- Identify high crime areas
- Produce Officer Alert Bulletins
- Provide investigative leads to detectives
- Produce weekly burglary maps for media, staff and other City departments
- Provide information for community meetings and City Council
- Provide investigative information to other police agencies
- Provide statistical data internally and externally

Recruitment/Background Investigations

This year, Staff Services made significant enhancements to the hiring process, including the implementation of an all-inclusive, one-day recruit test, a pre-test orientation, and the use of internet technology for applicants to communicate with the hiring unit about the process. With the addition of a Recruitment Officer to Staff Services, we have also been able to streamline our recruiting of lateral police officers. These changes, along with others in our internal systems, resulted in a very productive year: 35 sworn personnel were hired, including 11 lateral officers, along with 27 non-sworn employees.

2007 Recruitments and Hiring

- 35 police officers
- 27 non-sworn positions

Range / Armory

The full-time Rangemaster/Armorer and two part-time assistants assigned to the function oversaw the completion of several critical qualifications this year.

In addition to the AzPOST Handgun Certification, completed qualifications for Urban Patrol Rifle, Stunbag, Shotgun, and low light handgun.

Because firearms skills are rarely exercised on the job but are among the most important for an officer to maintain, personnel assigned to the range function work regularly with officers to ensure their firearms skills are sharp.



Policies and Procedures Training CALEA

Policies and Procedures

- Established time schedule and procedure for updating policy annually by updating 10 to 12 policies per month
- Took over the procedure for publishing and distributing all Department Personnel Orders and Directives
- Placed all Directives, Personnel Orders, Policies, and Training Bulletins on MDBWEB for access by patrol officers in their vehicles

Training

Ongoing training is critical in the field of law enforcement. Weapons, tactics, and laws are constantly evolving, and training is key to staying ahead of that curve. The Department is committed to providing the latest in training topics and methods to its employees.

- Sworn personnel received an average of 23 hours of proficiency training each, for a total of 4,311 hours
- Sworn personnel also received an average 85 hours of continuing training each, for a total of 16,195 hours
- Non-sworn personnel received an average of 32 hours of training each, for a total of 3,132 hours

CALEA

(Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies)

- Hired first-ever non-sworn Accreditation Program Analyst, April 2007
- Used Document Imaging Software to create over 3,500 CALEA folders and scan three years of CALEA proofs; eliminated unnecessary duplication and centralized the proof collection process for the entire Department
- Moved Department policies and procedures under Accreditation Program Analyst position; adopted Buracker Study recommendation
- Preparing for CALEA mock on-site, December 2008; followed by CALEA reaccreditation, April 2009

Employee Awards



Retirements



Employee Awards

Medal of Honor

Sergeant Pat Shearer



Officer Tom Shockley



On October 24, 2007, at 7:55 pm, Sgt. Shearer and Officer Shockley responded to a fatal traffic accident at 6500 W. Peoria Avenue in which a UPS truck and passenger car collided and caught fire. They demonstrated extreme courage as they placed themselves in harm's way by aiding the driver of the passenger car as the two vehicles burned around them. They stayed with the driver to help calm him as he screamed and tried to pull himself from the burning vehicle. There is no doubt their actions prevented the driver from suffering even greater injury or death while risking their own lives.

Employee Awards

Police Star



Officer Flin Alek

Officer David Lebo

On September 15, 2006, at 1:20 pm, motorcycle Officer Flin Alek was traveling S/B on 75th Avenue approaching Crocus when a passenger car failed to yield, turning left from Crocus to go north on 75th Avenue. The motorcycle and the Honda Civic collided resulting in Officer Alek being thrown from his motorcycle.

Officers were on scene immediately, and Peoria and Glendale Fire units responded. He was transported by helicopter to a valley trauma center where it was determined he had a total of nine broken ribs, a broken shoulder blade and a broken vertebra. Officer Alek was admitted to St. Joe's and was there for 7 days, spent 2 months at home and was back to full duty on his motorcycle on November 27.

On February 6, 2007, Officer Lebo was at Cedar Meadows Apartments, 8560 W. Peoria Avenue, on a domestic violence call. During the incident, he was struck by the suspect on the left shoulder and, as a result, suffered an injury requiring surgery. After the surgery, he was off work for 6 weeks and was on light duty for 3 months.

Employee Awards

Police Star



Sergeant Bobby Wong

On January 15, 2007, at 1:15 am, Sgt. Wong stopped a subject for suspicious activity in the 8100 block of West Mission. Sgt. Wong asked him for an ID as the suspect was acting very suspicious and he believed the suspect might be armed. When Sgt. Wong attempted to check him for weapons, the suspect swung at the Sergeant and then attempted to get away on his bicycle. Sgt. Wong caught him and they both fell onto the bicycle. During the struggle on the ground, Sgt. Wong suffered an incapacitating injury to his right knee and was unable to chase after the suspect who fled westbound into the neighborhood. The suspect was later located and arrested, after a community mailbox was found burglarized.

Sergeant Wong was transported to a hospital for treatment which required surgery. He was at home from January through part of September after 3 surgeries. He was assigned to light duty for about 2 months in Staff Services and will continue to wear a knee brace for the next year for support.

Employee Awards

Medal of Merit

On November 9, 2007, at 1:40 am, officers were dispatched to a call at Pleasant Harbor Marina at Lake Pleasant in reference to a boat on fire. Upon their arrival, the officers located the burning boat out in the water at the marina.

The officers quickly ran toward the fire despite hearing propane bottles explode, as well as other explosions. As the officers reached the boats, they quickly began to assess the situation. Risking their own safety, one officer started putting water on the fire while the other two cut away other boats so the three boats on fire would not spread to more.

Due to the officers' quick actions and diligent efforts, over \$3 million in property was saved and they are being awarded a 2007 Medal of Merit.

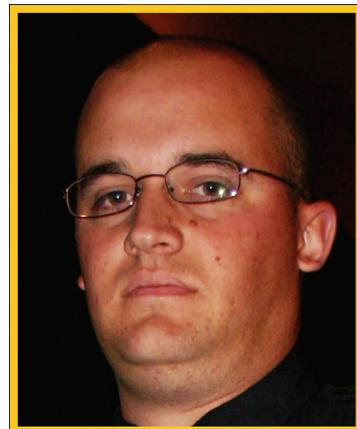
Employees Recognized

Officer Craig Bauer
Officer Jason Smith
Officer Tony Wolfe

Craig Bauer



Jason Smith



Tony Wolfe



Employee Awards

Life Saving Award

On February 10, 2007, at 5:45 pm, Officer Jason Christofferson responded to a residence in the 22300 block of North 80th Avenue regarding an attempted suicide call. Upon arrival, two of the victim's friends were attempting CPR, but could not get the victim's airway cleared. The victim was not breathing and her skin color was turning blue. The officer was able to clear the victim's airway and provide life saving CPR until Fire personnel arrived on scene. Through his quick thinking and actions, the victim was eventually resuscitated and survived the incident.



Jason Christofferson

On April 28 of 2007, at 8:55 pm, officers responded to a 911 call from a female who threatened suicide at the Super Target at Lake Pleasant Parkway and Happy Valley Road before she hung up the phone. No further info was received. When Officer Christofferson arrived, he found a vehicle in a secluded section of the parking lot and verified the registered owner had the same first name as the person who called 911. As he was checking on the status of the vehicle, he observed a female sitting about 20 yards away holding a handgun. He initiated negotiations with the victim and was eventually able to talk her into setting the weapon down on the ground and walking away from her area of concealment, behind some construction materials. The victim was detained and the loaded .45 caliber handgun was recovered. A suicide note and additional rounds were located in the victim's vehicle and the victim made statements to officers that she wanted to commit suicide.

Employee Awards

Life Saving Award



Allen Young



Shelly Montes



Charles Rodriguez

On October 17, 2007, Det. Young responded to a fight call at Sundance Park. Upon arriving on scene, he contacted the 14-year-old male victim who refused all help but showed signs of an injury, as he had blood on his mouth and was getting sick. Det. Young also learned the victim had been knocked to the ground and kicked twice on the head by the suspect. Det. Young insisted the victim receive medical attention even though he was refusing it. The paramedics treating him said he had a closed head injury and he was rushed to a trauma center. Once at the hospital, the surgeon noted a bone was actually touching the brain and a delay of ten minutes more could have resulted in his death.

On November 8, 2007, at 6:45 am, Officers Charles Rodriguez and Shelly Montes responded to an attempted suicide where the subject had cut his own throat. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Rodriguez held the victim down on the floor while maintaining pressure on the severe neck wound and the victim's arm since he did not know if the victim was still armed with the razor. When Officer Montes arrived, she joined Officer Rodriguez and they held the victim until paramedics arrived. Although the victim died several days later at the hospital, the actions by Officers Rodriguez and Montes allowed the victim to be treated at the scene and transported to the hospital, where doctors were able to sustain his life for those extra days.

Employee Awards

Life Saving Award



Eric Rosky

On March 2, 2007, at 1:10 pm, Officer Eric M. Rosky responded to a call regarding a suicidal subject. The call had come in from the mother of the victim and she stated the victim had just gotten out of the hospital for a suicide attempt using prescription medication. Upon arrival, Officer Rosky attempted contact at the front door of the house and the known telephone number was attempted with negative results. He immediately began checking the residence, a 5,000 square foot house with a courtyard and three car garage, for a place to enter. As he was checking the garage, he heard what he believed to be a vehicle running. At this point, the decision was made to break a rear window to gain access to the residence. Officer Rosky entered the residence and made his way to the garage where he found the victim behind the steering wheel of a vehicle slumped over, unconscious and barely breathing. The victim had a note along with pictures of her children. The door leading from the garage to the back yard had been sealed with duct tape in an attempt to keep any of the fumes from escaping the garage. She was immediately pulled from the vehicle and taken to a safe place with fresh air. Officer Rosky checked her pulse, found she was still alive and began speaking to her until she regained consciousness. Fire paramedics arrived on scene and it was determined she had been in the garage for almost an hour. Fire stated if she had been in the garage for much longer, she would have had irreversible brain damage or died. The caller, who was bringing keys to the residence, was still more than 30 minutes away and, if Officer Rosky had waited, the victim would have likely died. Even though the victim attempted to commit suicide, due to Officer Rosky's quick reaction and clear headed thinking, she has a chance to re-evaluate her life, and her children still have their mother.

Employee Awards

Achievement Award



Tony Anglin



David Chaney

On November 18, 2007, at approximately 10:33 pm, officers were dispatched to the 7900 block of West Lincoln in reference to an unknown trouble call. Officer Anglin and Officer Chaney were two of the initial officers on scene and they located a victim who was pronounced dead at a local hospital from the wounds he received after getting stabbed. The officers coordinated their efforts in questioning witnesses, talking to neighbors and delegating tasks to other responding units. Sergeant Meck was the supervisor on scene and stated both officers “did an outstanding job” in handling the scene. In between their calls for service, Officers Anglin and Chaney talked to several people in the neighborhood and, due to their excellent knowledge and relationships with the citizens, they were able to get valuable information that was vital to establishing the motive in the case.



Pat Shearer

On July 12, 2007, at about 10:55 pm, officers responded to a call regarding a missing female who was suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. After 3+ hours of searching and the search officially terminated, Sergeant Pat Shearer continued to search the area and located the victim, who was dehydrated and exhausted. If not for his dedication and determination, the victim might not have been located and would have had to suffer the elements of the night, the extreme heat and may not have survived her ordeal.

Employee Awards

Achievement Award



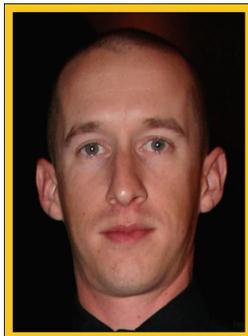
Luis Aponte



Brendan Austin



Tony Anglin



Cameron Gould



Jason Smith

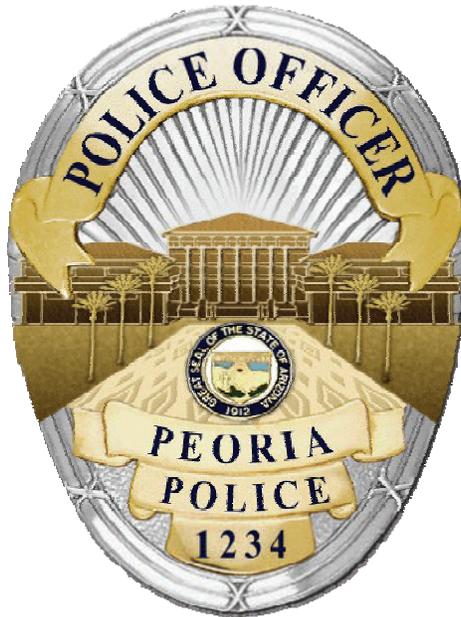
On September 2, 2007, Sgt. Luis Aponte and Officers Brendan Austin, Tony Anglin, Cameron Gould, and Jason Smith contributed to the effort to locate a subject who was highly intoxicated and had become lost and stranded out in the desert of North Peoria without water or shelter. Their efforts and devotion to duty prevented this situation from becoming a tragedy with the loss of the subject's life due to his condition, the weather and the elements of the desert.

Employees of the Year

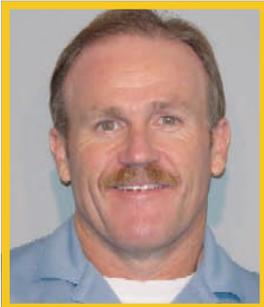
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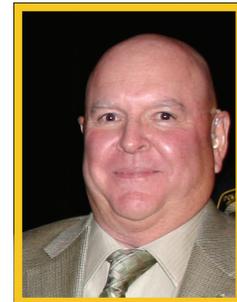
Danna Freeman
Supervisor/Manager



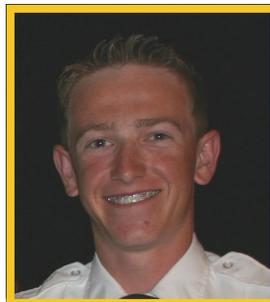
Tony Anglin
Officer



Dean Rawson
Non-Sworn



John Hayes
Volunteer



Greg Raith
Explorer

Retirements



Police Chief David Leonardo

Chief Leonardo, who has over 36 years of law enforcement experience, joined the Peoria Police Department in March 2000 as Deputy Chief, and was appointed Chief in May 2001. During that time, the Department grew by over 100 personnel, serving one of the fastest growing cities in the Nation.

Chief Leonardo's retirement was effective January 2, 2007.



Deputy Police Chief Karen Ashley

Deputy Chief Ashley has 21 years of law enforcement service, having spent the last 19 years with the City of Peoria. During her career, she served in every capacity, either as a line-level employee or as a supervisor. She served as an undercover narcotics officer, patrol officer, DARE officer, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Sergeant to the Chief of Police (internal affairs, public information, and accreditation), Patrol Lieutenant, Staff Services Bureau Lieutenant (recruitment/selection/training), Criminal Investigations Bureau Commander, and Deputy Police Chief. Ashley was promoted to Sergeant in 1991, to Lieutenant in 1995, and to Deputy Police Chief in 2000.

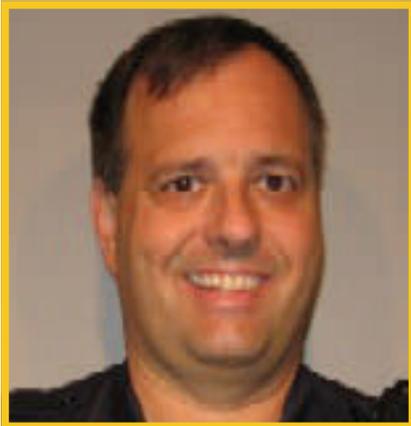


Sergeant Nick Piccirello

Sgt. Piccirello began his career with the Peoria Police Department on August 5, 1985. During his career, he worked patrol and detectives as both a narcotics investigator and general investigator. He was promoted to sergeant on July 6, 1991, and worked as the Administrative Sergeant in the Chief's Office, a patrol sergeant and Criminal Investigations sergeant. Nick was also one of the Department rangemasters and he received numerous commendations throughout his career. Nick retired on August 27, 2007.

**Thank you for your dedicated years of service to
the citizens of Peoria !**

Retirements



Sergeant Chris Cole

Sgt. Chris Cole came to the Peoria Police Department on January 13, 2003, after starting his career with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. While with Peoria, he was assigned to patrol where he served as an acting Sergeant and was promoted to Sergeant in September 2006. During his career with Peoria, he received numerous commendations. He retired as a sergeant on November 17, 2007.



Detective Kerry Henze

After 20 years with the Peoria Police Department, Detective Kerry Henze has retired. During his career, Kerry worked patrol, DARE and Criminal Investigations. He was also assigned to the Crisis Negotiations Team where he handled their technological needs. Kerry retired on October 31, 2007.



Sandy Stevenson

Sandy started her career with the Peoria Police Department as an Administrative Analyst on September 9, 1991. While in this position, she handled recruiting and background investigations for the rapidly growing Peoria Police Department. She also worked with Maricopa County on animal control service issues, as well as the Department budget. She completed the ASU Certified Public Management Program and received numerous commendations for her outstanding performance while employed with the Peoria Police Department. Sandy retired May 18, 2007.

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Retirements



Officer Bill Weigt

Bill Weigt was hired as a Police Officer on November 6, 2003. He has received many commendations, include a Lifesaving Award in 2004. In December 2005, Bill was seriously injured in the line of duty in a shootout with a homicide suspect for which he received a Police Star. He returned to work in December 2006, just under one year following the incident, and upon his return he was assigned to Criminal Investigations as a Detective working in the Crimes Against Persons Unit. Bill retired as a Police Officer on December 28, 2007, and has remained with the Police Department as a non-sworn Police Investigative Officer.



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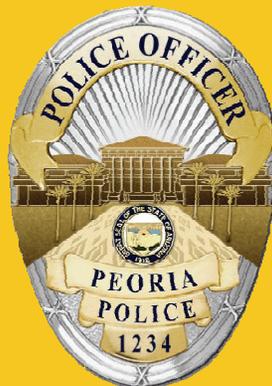
Department Statistics



Department Staffing



Our Community



Our Commitment



Department Statistics

Part 1 Crimes	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Homicide	9	2	2	10	2	0	3
Rape	41	41	40	50	50	34	22
Robbery	102	77	69	69	59	64	72
Aggravated Assault	206	198	181	179	257	184	242
Burglary	1,329	1,075	1,127	1,037	1,026	955	1,103
Larceny	3697	3,672	3,710	3,576	3,563	3,439	3,017
Vehicle Theft	776	972	1,147	1,065	1,147	1,201	872
Arson	17	20	20	19	15	15	16
Total for Year	6,177	6,057	6,296	6,005	6,119	5,892	5,347
% of change	2%	-4%	5%	-2%	4%	10%	8%
Population	153,592	146,139	139,047	132,000	129,632	122,655	114,000
Crimes per 100,000	4,022	4,145	4,529	4,548	4,720	4,804	4,690

The UCR numbers are only the numbers reported to the FBI.
This is a very small percentage of the crimes reported to the Peoria Police Department.

**Crime clearance rate for
crime reports in 2007
13.6%**

**Total calls for service and
response times**

**Average of 283.42 calls for
service per day.**

- 19,746 reports were taken
- 328,625 phone calls came into the department
- 70,090 were calls to 9-1-1
- 103,450 calls dispatched were citizen or officer initiated

Priority	Total Calls	Avg. Response Time (minutes)
1	7,028	6:26
2	26,513	16:49
3	17,482	85:25
All others	11,863	N/A
Total	62,886	N/A

Department Staffing

Administration	Authorized	Patrol Services Bureau	Authorized
Chief	1	Commander	1
Deputy Chief	1	Lieutenant	6
Deputy Director	1	Sergeant	15
Commander	1	Administrative Assistant	2
Lieutenant	2	Police Services Officer	9
Sergeant	2	Police Officer	100
Administrative Assistant	2		
Crime Analyst	1	Operational Support	Authorized
Executive Assistant	1	Lieutenant	1
Management Analyst	2	Sergeant	5
Management Assistant	2	Police Services Officer	1
Public Information Officer	1	Police Support Assistant	1
Public Education Specialist	1	Police Officer	22
Police Service Officer	1		
Police Bureau Manager	1	Staff Services Bureau	Authorized
		Manager	1
Criminal Investigations	Authorized	Administrative Assistant	1
Lieutenant	1	Police Hiring Coordinator	1
Sergeant	4	Training Specialist	1
Police Services Officer	3	Police Services Officer	1
Administrative Assistant	1	Police Officer	3
Crime Scene Technician	2		
Police Investigator	1	Communications Bureau	Authorized
Detective	22	Manager	1
		Communications Supervisor	6
Technical Support Bureau	Authorized	Communications Specialist	26
Manager	1	Police Support Assistant	1
Crime Analyst	1		
IT Analyst	1		
Management Analyst	1		
Records Supervisor	1		
Police Support Assistant	10		
Prop/Evidence Supervisor	1		
Police Services Officer	9		
Sergeant	1		
Police Officer	2		

Authorized Personnel Strength	
Sworn employees:	189
Non-sworn employees:	97
Total employees:	286
Reserve Officers:	2
Volunteers:	1

Shop with a Cop



**50 children were treated to
a Merry Christmas**

