



**RIDGEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# From the Chief

## 2019 Chief's Corner:

2019 was a year of transition and change for the Ridgefield Police Department. The retirement of Sgt David Bone and Lt. Roy Rhine in addition to the departure of Officer George Turkov to the Roseville Police Department created the need to hire three police officers. The Ridgefield Police Department had never been faced with the need to replace almost a third of our staffing at one time.

2019 was also a year where the challenges for police officer recruitment had become a national issue. We were very fortunate to find three outstanding candidates in the form of Dane Santos, Nic Siem, and Patrick Morgan. Officers Santos and Siem started the academy in 2019 and Officer Morgan in February of 2020.

In addition to the new hires, we prepared for a complete change in our leadership team effective Jan of 2020. Cathy Doriot was selected to advance from the rank of sergeant to the rank of lieutenant and Officers Jason Ferriss and Jeff Pettit were advanced to the rank of sergeant. This was the first sergeant selection process since 2015. Equipped with new officers and a new supervisory team, the Ridgefield Police Department is ready to enter 2020 with a great deal of optimism and excitement for the future.

Beyond our internal changes, the City of Ridgefield has seen progress with the advent of the new grocery store and our first multi-family housing at Acero Apartments. These and other projects impact how we deliver public safety services regarding officer deployment and the creation of working relationships to ensure we are meeting the expectations of new locations while still providing the same great personal small-town service that is the hallmark of our agency.

Lastly, I just want to highlight our ratings in the Community Survey that came out in 2019. The Ridgefield Police Department was rated very high by the people who actually live here. We outperformed cities our same size in the state of Washington, on the West Coast and Nationally. We even outperformed ourselves from our survey in 2015.

We at the Ridgefield Police Department are proud to serve our community and we can sense you are proud of us as well.



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives and property in our community and to maintain public order.

## OUR VALUES

Integrity  
Compassion  
Accountability

Respect

Excellence

Service

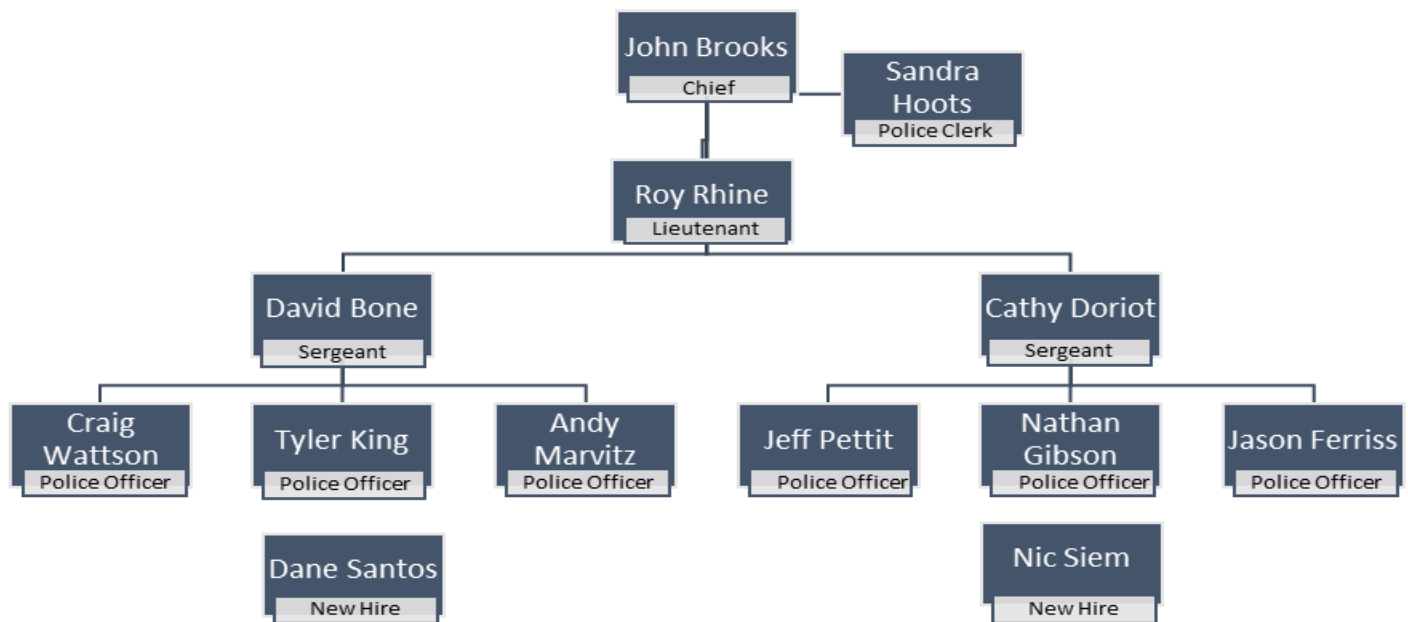
The Vision of the Ridgefield Police Department is to prepare for the growth of the community and to continually strive to build a progressive and responsive Law Enforcement Agency



# THE DEPARTMENT

The Ridgefield Police Department provides 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 day coverage through it budgeted staff of seven police officers, two Sergeants, one Lieutenant and the Chief of Police. Two additional officers were hired in 2019. The department is fortunate to experience a good working relationship with residents and the local business community, and continues to further strengthen those relationships through the implementation of neighborhood programs and community partnerships. Our officers follow cases through from start to finish, mostly doing their own detective work when needed.

Our records staff provides a variety of services to the public, from fingerprinting, dog licensing, public records request, and concealed pistol licenses.





# STAFFING & PROMOTIONS



OFFICER DANE SANTOS AND OFFICE NIC SIEM



The Ridgefield Police Department experienced the departure of three great employees in 2019 . We began 2019, with one officer vacancy when Officer Turkov transferred to an agency in California in November of 2018. After long and successful years of service, both Sergeant Bone and Lieutenant Rhine, began well-deserved retirements. These three vacancies left staffing levels extremely low. Fortunately, two new entry-level recruits, Recruit Santos, and Recruit Siem, were hired to fill those vacancies. Additionally, Officer Ferriss was promoted to the rank of sergeant. We also received some office assistance from our intern Cheyenne Nielsen. Cheyenne is currently pursuing a master's degree in criminology from CAL U.



# DEPARTMENT ACCOLADES

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Officer Andy Marvitz	January 2019	AED / CPR call
Officer Nathan Gibson	January 2019	AED / CPR call
Officer Nathan Gibson	March 2019	Disabled Vehicle
Sergeant Cathy Doriot	March 2019	Project Organized
Officer Jason Ferriss		Community Connection
Officer Tyler King	March 2019	Life saving CPR
Officer Andy Marvitz	March 2019	Life Saving CPR



**Officer King and Officer Marvitz recognized by Clark County Fire and Rescue for life-saving measures**

## YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Administration—Sandra Hoots      5 years



**Officer Ferriss Drug Policy recognition**





# DEPARTMENT TRAINING—2019



FIRE ARMS TRAINING



RIFLE TRAINING AT THE RANGE

Every police officer in the state of Washington is required to obtain a minimum of 24 hours of annual training. In 2019, Ridgefield Police Officers averaged 80 hours of training per officer. The department as a whole, received 802 hours of training in 2019.

During our bi-monthly training days, officers received training on a wide variety of topics to include legal updates, domestic violence investigation training, emergency vehicle operations, firearms, less lethal weapons deployment, LIDAR training, and defensive tactics.

Additionally, all officers completed the required two-hour Crisis Intervention Training course and other miscellaneous state and department issued training courses.



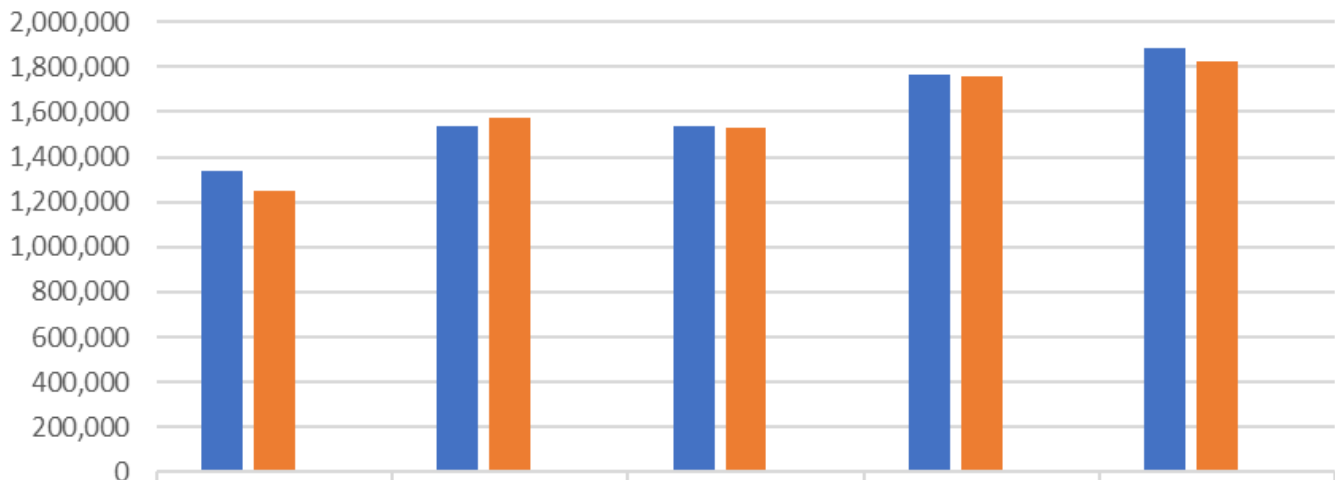
DEFENSE TACTICS



# BUDGET AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Ridgefield Police Department, a department within Ridgefield local government, is responsible each year for the tracking and adhering to the budget set forth annually by the city council, who represents the citizens of Ridgefield. In 2019, the total Police Department budget was \$1,883,125.00. This total budget authorizes the police department to employ 12 full time employees. The police department budget accounts for 25% of the total city general fund.

## Ridgefield Police Department Budget History



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Budgeted	1,336,036	1,540,845	1,536,217	1,767,057	1,883,125
Spent	1,246,998	1,575,376	1,529,669	1,755,445	1,823,403
Column1					

■ Budgeted ■ Spent



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW ....

## **USE OF FORCE**

Total events where officers used force: 4

Total Responses in 2019: 5358

Force Used in 0.07% of all contacts

Total Physical Arrests: 96

% of Physical Arrest where force was used: 4%

## **PURSUIITS**

Total Pursuits 2—All compliant with Policy

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Total Complaints 1

Category: Performance Issues 1

## **FINDINGS**

### Exonerated (0)

The alleged act occurred but the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.

### Unfounded (0)

The allegation was false or not factual or the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel.

### Not Sustained (0)

There is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.

### Sustained (1)

The act occurred and it constituted misconduct or violation of policy.

## **Trends: NOTES/TRENDS**

Sustained complaints were handled with coaching/counseling, written reprimand.

There was no pattern of repeated misconduct.

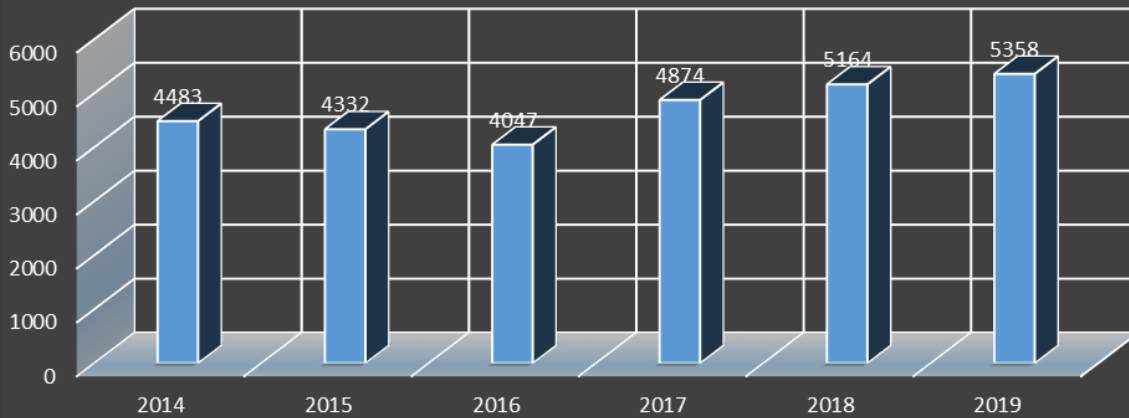
# CRIME STATISTICS

## Case Data

2016		2017		2018		2019	
Alcohol	1	Alcohol	3	Alcohol	0	Alcohol	1
Animal	11	Animal	18	Animal	9	Animal	4
Assist	8	Assist	11	Assist	20	Assist	
Arson	5	Arson	1	Arson	3	Arson	0
Assault	16	Assault	45	Assault	39	Assault	47
Auto Theft	6	Auto Theft	11	Auto Theft	1	Auto Theft	2
Burg	21	Burg	12	Burg	19	Burg	16
Child abuse	3	Child abuse	1	Child abuse	1	Child abuse	1
Death	5	Death	4	Death	5	Death	4
Disorder	2	Disorder	0	Disorder	4	Disorder	1
Drug	10	Drug	18	Drug	11	Drug	11
DUI	12	DUI	18	DUI	16	DUI	16
DV Info	9	DV Info	40	DV Info	34	DV Info	50
Embezzle	3	Embezzle	0	Embezzle	0	Embezzle	1
Forgery	0	Forgery	0	Forgery	0	Forgery	0
Found	3	Found	16	Found	21	Found	17
Fraud	22	Fraud	20	Fraud	23	Fraud	21
Hit & Run	5	Hit & Run	22	Hit & Run	15	Hit & Run	15
Impound	1	Impound	10	Impound	8	Impound	11
Expose	0	Expose	1	Expose	0	Expose	0
Info	92	Info	128	Info	56	Info	55
Vandalism	24	Vandalism	21	Vandalism	16	Vandalism	23
Mental;	10	Mental;	11	Mental;	26	Mental;	19
MIP	2	MIP	2	MIP	1	MIP	1
Missing	1	Missing	2	Missing	5	Missing	1
OD	0	OD	1	OD	1	OD	1
Parking	11	Parking	37	Parking	24	Parking	
Rape	1	Rape	1	Rape	2	Rape	3
Recovered	6	Recovered	21	Recovered	6	Recovered	6
RO	4	RO	15	RO	6	RO	10
Robbery	0	Robbery	0	Robbery	0	Robbery	1
Runaway	1	Runaway	0	Runaway	1	Runaway	6
Sex Offense	2	Sex Offense	6	Sex Offense	3	Sex Offense	5
Suicide	0	Suicide	0	Suicide	1	Suicide	1
Theft	56	Theft	44	Theft	58	Theft	35
Threats	11	Threats	8	Threats	4	Threats	6
Traffic	0	Traffic	15	Traffic	15	Traffic	10
Traff Accd	41	Traff Accdnt	35	Traff Accdnt	51	Traff Accdnt	38
Trespass	3	Trespass	3	Trespass	4	Trespass	0
Car Prowl	3	Car Prowl	14	Car Prowl	14	Car Prowl	10
Warrant	26	Warrant	29	Warrant	23	Warrant	28
Weapons	2	Weapons	1	Weapons	1	Weapons	0



## Total Calls for Service

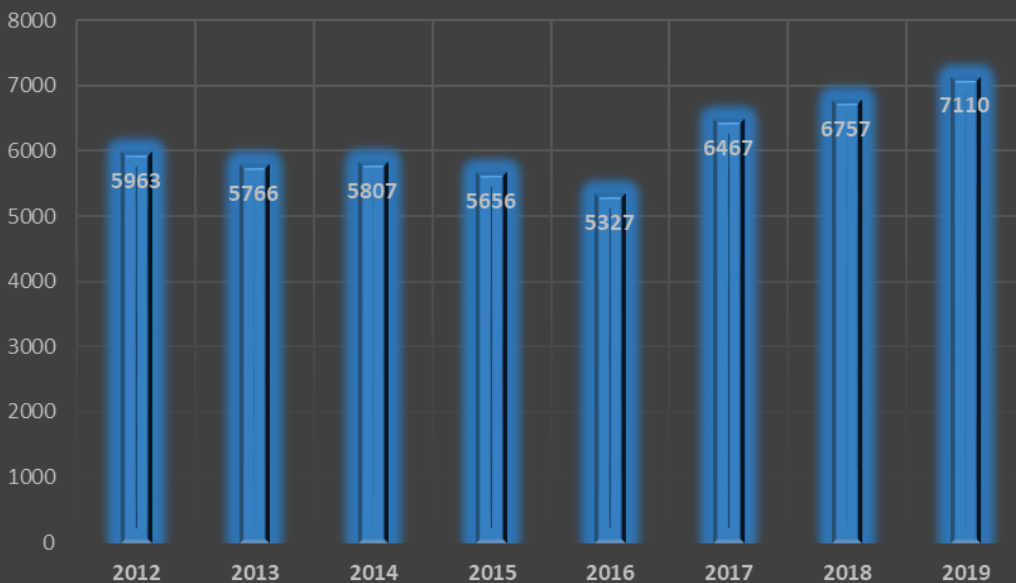


### CALLS FOR SERVICE

2019 brought about a 6% increase in calls for service since 2018 and a 10% increase in the last 2 years.

Calls for Service represent calls for service (emergency and non-emergency) requested by citizens. Also included are calls to assist other law enforcement agencies. For Example: Calls to cover La Center on an incident.

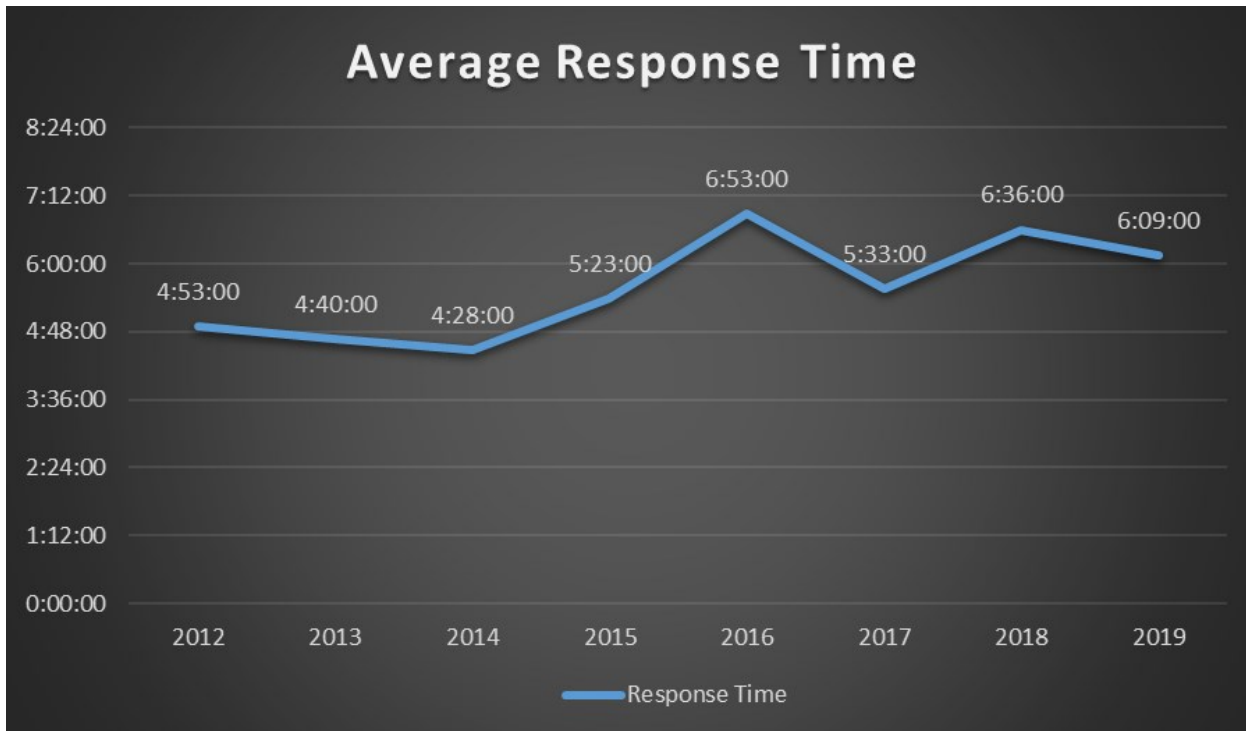
## Total Responses



### TOTAL RESPONSES

2019 BROUGHT ABOUT A 5.2% INCREASE IN TOTAL RESPONSES SINCE 2018.

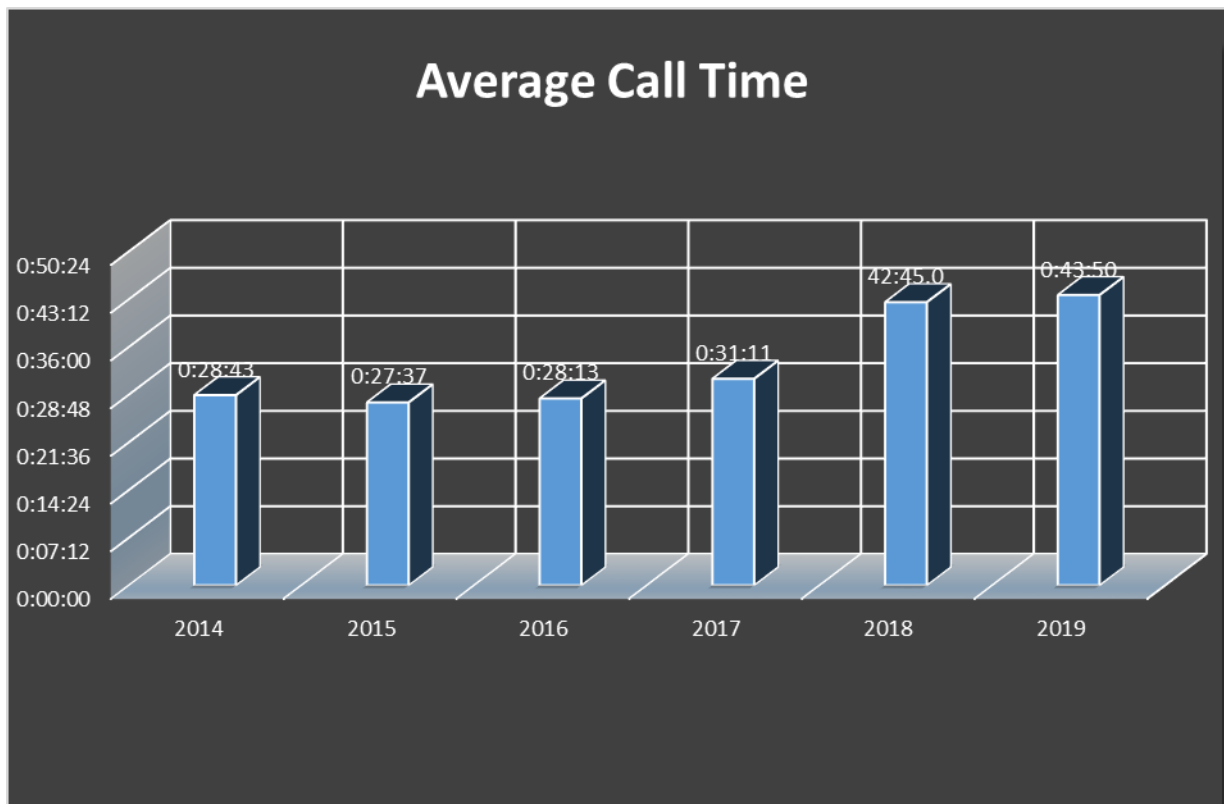
Total Response represent both calls for service and self initiated activity. Self Initiated activity represent things officers see and investigate during the course of their patrol. For Example: Traffic Stops, suspicious circumstances that require some examination or investigation.



#### AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME

2019  
BROUGHT  
ABOUT A  
10% IN-  
CREASE IN  
THE LAST 2  
YEARS

Average Response time is how long on average it takes for the Ridgefield police to respond to an emergency call. This measurement only includes priority calls for service.



#### AVERAGE CALL TIME

2019  
BROUGHT  
ABOUT A  
40% IN-  
CREASE IN  
THE LAST 2  
YEARS.

This represents the average time per call. Some calls are fairly quick like a traffic stop and some are very lengthy like a child abuse investigation. As call times increase, it best explained that we are receiving more complex calls that require a greater level of investigation.

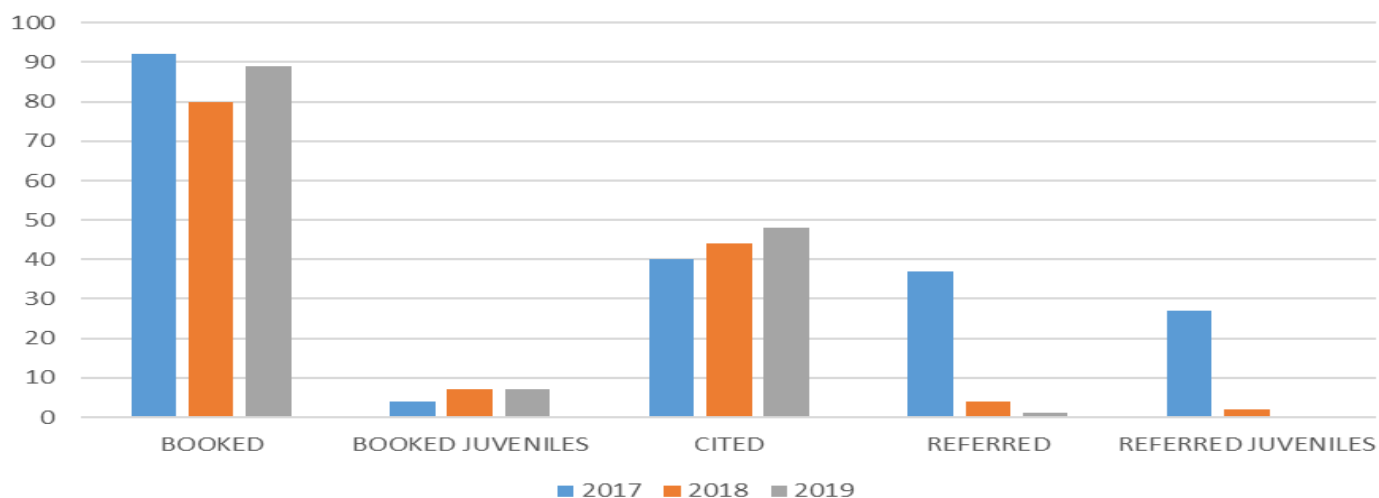


# ARREST DATA



2019	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL
BOOKED	89	7	96
CRIMINAL CITATIONS	48	3	51
REFERRED	1	00	1
TOTAL	125	10	148

THREE YEAR ARREST DATA COMPARISON





## GROWTH IN RIDGEFIELD

The City of Ridgefield continues to experience steady growth and development. The first large grocery chain opened it's doors to the public in November, 2019. Many new businesses and restaurants will be opening their doors very soon. 27 apartment buildings opened and provided the Ridgefield citizens with affordable, alternative housing options.

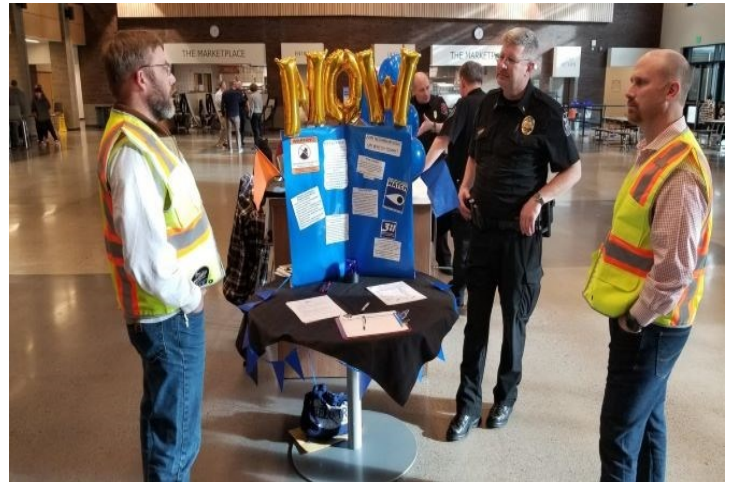
<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Growth</b>
7,500	8,357	9,153	+796

The growth rate from 2018 to 2019 was 9.52%

<b>CITY</b>	<b>POPULATION</b>	<b># OF OFFICERS</b>	<b># PER 1000</b>
Battle Ground	21,252	23	1.08
Camas	19,277	29	1.51
Ridgefield	9153	11	1.20
Washougal	16,107	21	1.30
CCSO	488,241	149	.30
La Center PD	3404	8	2.35
Vancouver	184,463	227	1.23



# VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



Neighbors on Watch (NOW) is a community program police departments can implement to empower and train local citizens to help extend the efforts of law enforcement by being the eyes and ears for safety in their communities. The volunteers patrol neighborhoods and other areas primarily on foot to serve as a visible deterrent to crime. They are tasked with noting any safety concerns and calling in any suspicious activity in real time. Volunteers also provide extra hands to help with parking for community and parade events. The program helps build positive relationships between local law enforcement, communities, and residents.

Ridgefield Police Department implemented the Ridgefield NOW program at the end of 2018. Two training academies have been completed to date, and Ridgefield NOW currently has seven active members. In 2019 this core group of dedicated volunteers has completed 118.5 hours of training, 90.5 hours of meetings, 50 hours of neighborhood patrols, and 91 hours helping with community events. The group assisted with traffic control, parking or general observation help at the following events in 2019:

- National Night Out
- Fourth of July Parade
- Big Paddle
- Fishing with a Veteran
- Halloween Hall
- Ridgefield Raptor and HS Football Games

While our City of Ridgefield has an excellent reputation for safety, we are happy to share that one of our volunteers witnessed suspicious activity involving a vehicle, resulting in a report of a stolen vehicle!

Ridgefield NOW is looking to expand participation into every neighborhood and create an environment of community involvement, watchfulness, and safety. This program is a high priority for the City of Ridgefield, Ridgefield Police Department, and Chief Brooks; and continues to evolve and grow. We do periodic community informational meetings and training academies. Please email Janette Pipkin at [janettepipkin@gmail.com](mailto:janettepipkin@gmail.com) or Chief Brooks at [john.brooks@ci.ridgefield.wa.us](mailto:john.brooks@ci.ridgefield.wa.us) if you have an interest in more information or participating in Ridgefield NOW.



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**CHIEF  
BROOKS  
AT  
'COFFEE  
WITH A  
COP'  
DAY!**



**RPD AT THE DRAGON BOAT RACES**



**SGT. DORRIOT & CHIEF BROOKS AT "EXPERIENCE  
RIDGEFIELD"**



**OFFICER  
KING  
READING  
TO FIRST  
GRADERS**



**MEMORIAL DAY WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**CHIEF BROOKS AT THE ANNUAL CLEAN-UP**



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED...



**PINK PATCH PROJECT WORKING WITH THE PINK LEMONADE ORGANIZATION**



**RIDGEFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE**



**RAPTOR'S GAMES**



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED...



**SGT DORIOT AT "TIP A COP" NIGHT. RPD AND PPB  
RAISED \$1,274.00 FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS**



**INTERN CHEYENNE NELSON GIVING OUT TREATS**



**CITATION #RFPD-00201**

## **KINDNESS 911 PROGRAM**

Kindness 911 is a support organization connected with the Ridgefield Police . Their purpose is to recognize individuals/groups for their genuine, positive impact on their community. Ridgefield officers act as "Kindness Cops: who may catch you in a kind act or they may surprise you to simply show you their appreciation. These recognitions come in the form of Kindness citations wherein a donation to a charity is made in the name of those who exemplify kindness, compassion and goodwill.



**PD TOURS WITH BOY SCOUTS**





# CITY EVENTS



4th  
of  
JULY  
P  
A  
R  
A  
D  
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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019 WITH "CURLY" THE CAMEL!**

**SHOP WITH A COP**



**ROCKS WITH COPS**

