

POLICE DEPARTMENT – SUMMARY

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Sultan Police Department is to Keep the Community Safe.

We strive to provide Courteous Service with Integrity, Pride, and Professionalism.

The Police Department is responsible for public safety, investigation of crimes, enforcement of all traffic and commercial vehicle laws, collision investigations, enforcement of all applicable state laws and rules, and city ordinances. Additionally the department provides human services and assistance to those in need, help to victims of crimes or domestic violence, crime prevention assistance and community block watch programs, residential and business checks, public outreach and emergency response training through community policing strategies and education.

Roles and Responsibilities

The basic role of the police is to endeavor to maintain 24/7 security, crime prevention assistance, conduct traffic enforcement and assistance, investigate crimes, and respond to emergencies for the citizens of Sultan.

Police officers are involved in many aspects of community policing ventures such as Block watch, sex offender registration and surveillance, pro-active investigation and community security programs, motorcycle and bicycle patrols, community cares (C.A.R.E.) and Giving Tree programs, and many other projects and programs to help improve the quality of life and well being of our citizens.

Police must enforce all laws including truck or commercial vehicle laws and to that end the department utilizes the scale house in the city to accomplish this task. The department is responsible for investigating and enforcement action on all motor vehicle collisions that occur within the City of Sultan, including those that occur on U.S.2. The traffic enforcement program is designed to act both as a visible deterrent to people coming into town to commit criminal acts and to reduce potential collision causing errant driving behavior. Additionally, the officers respond to all types of 911 calls, take reports of crimes, investigate criminal acts, write reports, and submit cases to the county prosecutor for charging and court presentation.

2006 Accomplishments

In 2006 the department lost 3 officers and dealt with a 15% budget reduction mandate and a severely injured officer and was still able to provide a minimum one officer on duty 24/7.

The department has hired 3 officers who came to Sultan as lateral transfers from other agencies which brings the department strength back to 8 plus the Chief. The backgrounds and skills of these officers are extraordinary and give added dimensions and capabilities the city has never had in an agency of this size. Three of the officers are multi-lingual.

The following is a breakdown of dispatched events and activities for the past year:

1. Total calls 8553, average call load per officer 1315 (6.5 officers) 1077 Case reports written.
2. Total Traffic calls and complaints 1274, 154 accidents investigated 138 D.U.I. arrests.
3. 699 Total assists to other law enforcement or related agencies.
4. 269 Adult Criminal cases referred to County Prosecutor, 258 Adult cases charged.
5. 10 Juvenile cases charged by Prosecutor.
6. 164 Thefts, Burglaries, Vehicle prowls, and Shop lifting complaints
7. 265 School events and related calls.
8. Shut down 2 drug house operations.
9. Handled a bank robbery at Bank of America which resulted in the arrest of a serial robbery suspect who had been at large over 3 years.
10. Began the lengthy process with Snohomish County of removing a serious transient problem in the North Sky view area across the river from the City.

2007 Goals and Objectives

1. Up-grade or replace in-car computers and three desk top systems.
2. Obtain 3 new long rifles and shotguns plus up-grade Taser less lethal weapons and add a ballistic shield.
3. Up-grade the patrol car fleet by purchasing 3 new vehicles and implement a fleet management rotation system which should result in a major cost saving improvement for the city.
4. Maintain existing personnel levels and provide 24/7 pro-active community coverage and provide proper officer training and support.
5. Continue to seek specialized grant funds to help off-set some equipment costs.
6. Work with the Sultan School District, federal congressional people and the City to fund an Officer in the school position.
7. Continue to promote our Community Policing philosophy and public outreach by encouraging Community and Block Watch projects, provide training and technical support when requested and develop better public communication strategies and systems. Conduct at least 2 public meetings to obtain feedback and direction.



Sultan Police Department 2007 Organizational Chart

