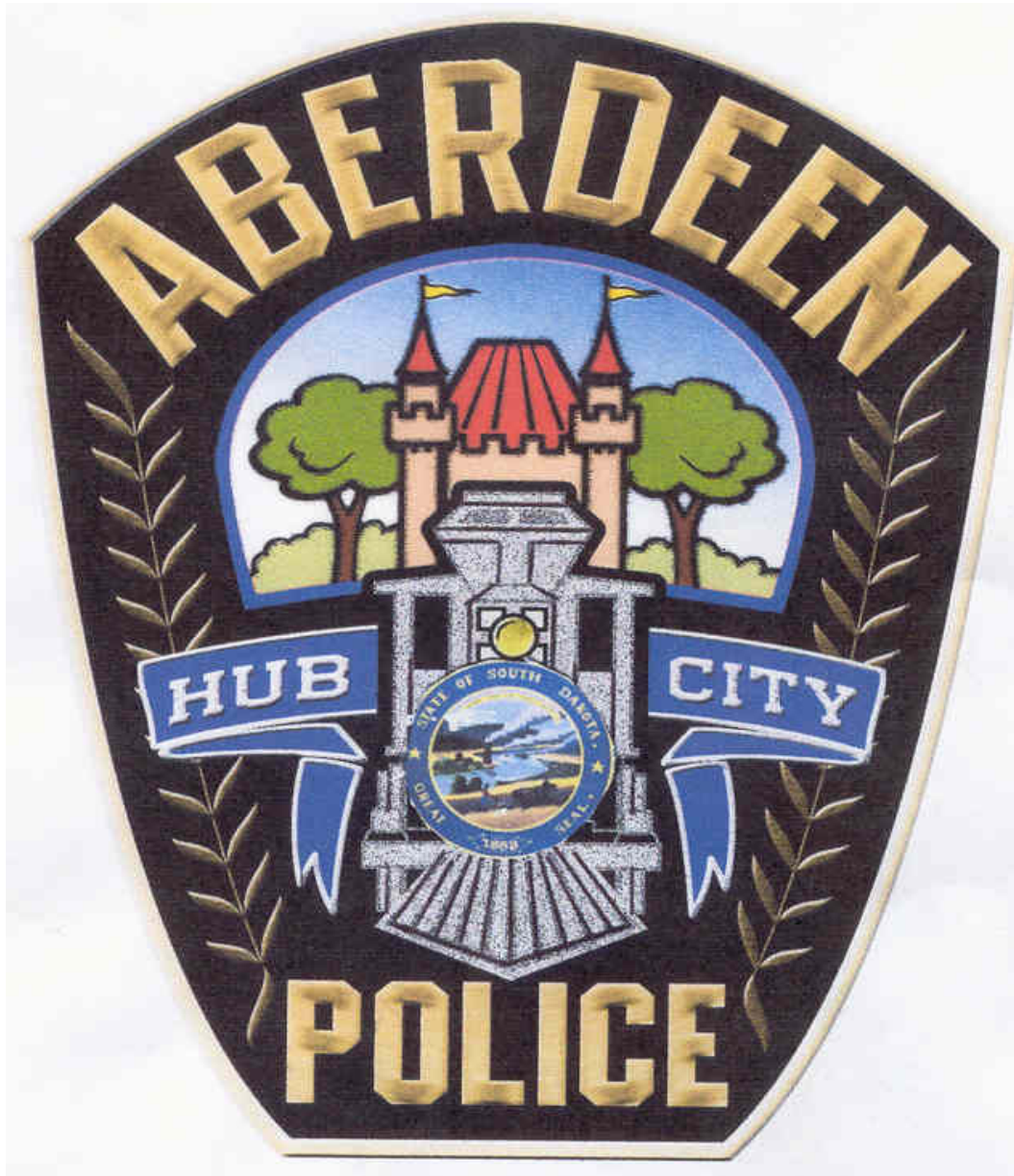


ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 ANNUAL REPORT



2007 Annual Report Aberdeen Police Department



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Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council,
and Citizens of Aberdeen



I am pleased to present to you the 2007 Aberdeen Police Department's Annual Report. 2007 was a year of challenges and successes for our department as it was for other City of Aberdeen departments.

Within our community, I am proud to report in the year 2007 Aberdeen's incidence of violent criminal activity remained very low with no Robberies and a 78% reduction in Aggravated Assaults. In my opinion, this is the product of our department's continued commitment to move forward with community oriented policing and our positive interactions with our citizens and visitors in all venues.

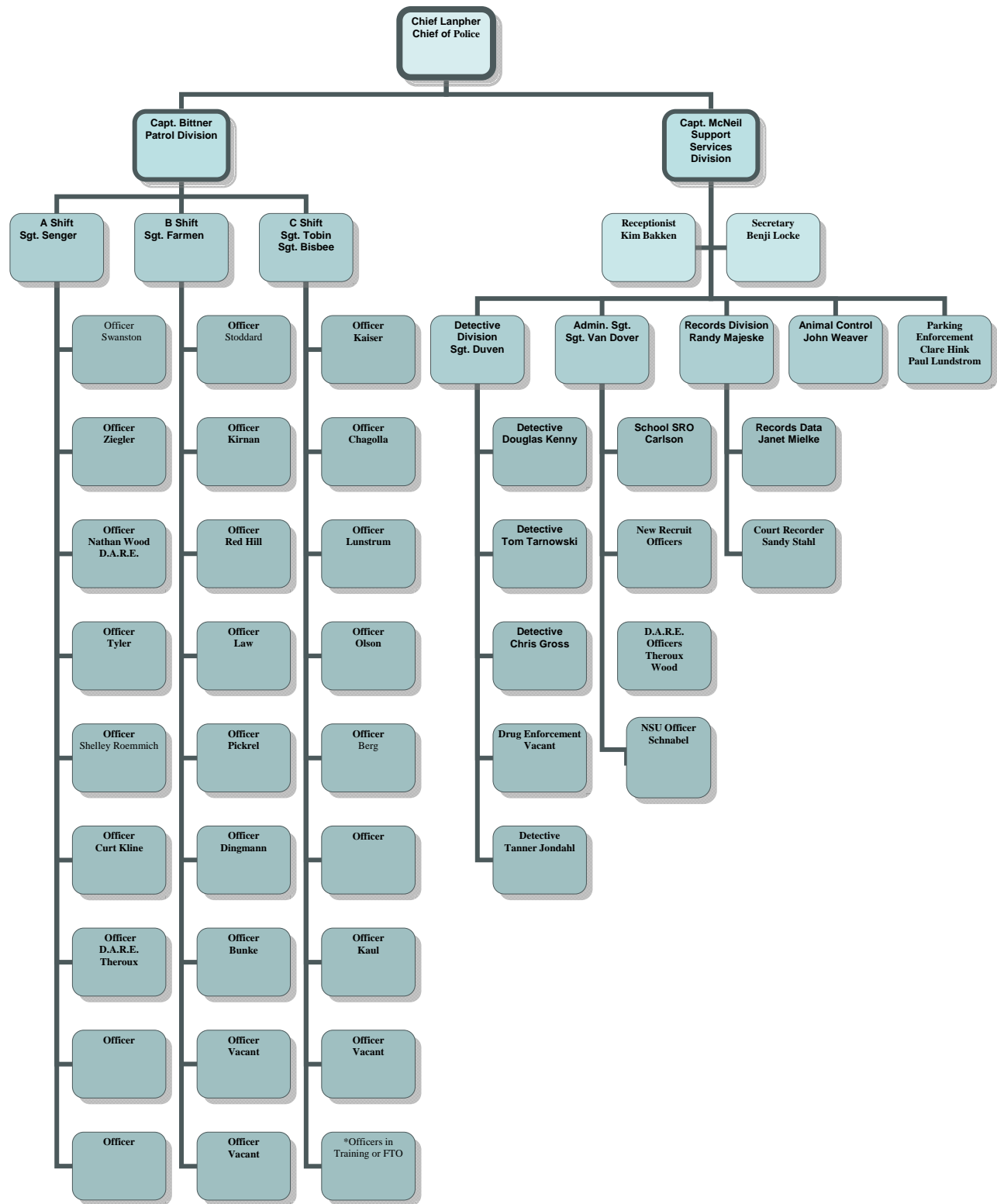
We, as a department, strive to demonstrate our commitment to community oriented policing in every stop, contact, telephone call, and radio transmission. In that regard, in 2007, we continued to offer a number of special programs within our community. Those programs include our School Resource Officer Program, our D.A.R.E. program, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys, our Campus Policing program at Northern State University, our bicycle and motorcycle patrol programs, our Narcotics abatement program through the drug task force, our Child Safety Seat program and our Special Response Team.

Within our department, 2007 was a very busy year. We saw a 13.75% increase in the Calls for Service which severely taxed our continued shortage of manpower. Our continued efforts to upgrade our Records Management System resulted in the installation and implementation of the Positron RMS. Other technological advancements included replacing the old in car video cameras with new Digital Ally mirror cameras. The electronic ticketing software which allows officers to utilize their MDT's and a printer to generate traffic citations is working very well. Speaking of citations, the department realized a 41.5% increase in traffic citations from 2006. This in turn lead to a 14.5% reduction in major traffic accidents in 2007. DUI arrests saw a 5.75% increase and warrant arrests went up 32.5%.

The challenges, especially the flood, and successes of the Aberdeen Police Department in 2007 were significant. As I look to the future, I am grateful to the employees of the Aberdeen Police Department for their professionalism, dedication, expertise, compassion and hard work. With these individuals, I am confident the Aberdeen Police Department will successfully continue its mission to preserve our community as an outstanding place to live, work, study and recreate.

Sincerely,
Chief of Police

D.E. Lanpher, Jr.



Aberdeen Police Department Roster 2007

Chief of Police

Don E. Lanpher, Jr.

Captains

Neil Bittner
Dave McNeil

Sergeants

Jay Tobin
Jay Tobin
Daryl VanDover
Dale Farmen
Angela Senger

Detectives

Sgt. Duven
Doug Kenny
Tom Tarnowski
Chris Gross
Tanner Jondahl

Patrol Officers

Jeffrey Carlson
Grant Schnabel
Darin Swanston
Brad Ziegler
Keith Theroux
Kyle Stoddard
Nathan Wood
Daniel Kaiser

Patrol Officers (cont.)

Jesse Chagolla
John Kirnan
Erik Red Hill
Trent Lunstrum
Nick Tyler
Michael Law
Matt Olson
Brady Berg
Kory Pickrel
Shelly Roemmich
Curtis Kline
Anthony Bisbee
Arika Dingmann
Michael Bunke
Barbara Kaul

Records Management

Randy Majeske

Support Staff

Benji Locke
Kim Wahlen
Sandra Stahl
Janet Mielke

Parking Enforcement

Clare Hink
Paul Lundstrom

Property/Evidence

Sandra Stahl

Animal Control

John Weaver

Reserve Officers

Mike Miller
J. Arlt
Dan Harvey
Eldon Reich
Mike Wiese

ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to serve the community of Aberdeen in a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life through crime prevention, enforcement of laws, promotion of safety, and reduction of fear.

THE ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

We will model a high standard of honesty and integrity in our personal and professional lives.

FAIRNESS

We will assure fair and impartial treatment of all individuals in the department and the community we serve.

COMPETENCE

Through continuous improvement, we will set a standard of excellence for delivery of law enforcement services in our community.

TRUST

We will enhance trust, teamwork, and communications by cooperating with each other and the community.

RESPECT

We will treat everyone with dignity and respect and protect the constitutional rights of all citizens.

OPERATIONS DIVISION



Captain Neil Bittner

The Operations Division consists of 1 captain, 4 sergeants, 26 officers, and 6 reserve officers. The Operations Division function areas are:

1. Police Patrol- 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
2. Response to calls for service.
3. Traffic direction, control, and enforcement.
4. Traffic crash investigations.
5. Concentrated patrols (bicycle/foot) in high crime areas.
6. Control of major or special events.
7. Unusual, special, and/or emergency operations.
8. Escorts (business, domestic, etc.)
9. Warrant service.
10. Investigation of crimes.

The Division's responsibilities include responding to calls for service as well as finding solutions for a wide variety of problems within our community. Patrol Officers provide continuous delivery of police services to the community through numerous and varied functions. These include: proactive patrol, maintenance of public order, discovery of hazards, response to citizen needs for services, investigation of crimes and incidents. Arresting offenders, traffic direction and control, investigations of crashes, providing emergency services and the reporting of information to appropriate organizational components.

Operations Division Commander's responsibilities are overseeing all calls for service, field patrol functions, the Field Training Officer Program. Roll call training, bicycle patrol, motorcycle patrol etc. The operations Division consists of three shifts:

1. A shift – 0700 to 1700 hrs.
2. B shift – 1400 to 2400 hrs and 1700 to 0300 hrs.
3. C shift – 2100 to 0700 hrs.

During each tour, a watch commander will be designated as the officer with supervisory responsibility over the shift. Each watch commander reports and is accountable to the Operations Division Commander.

The A and B shift have a sergeant assigned as the shift supervisor. The C shift has 2 sergeants as shift supervisors. The sergeants on C shift work together one day of the week.

The Operations Division responded to 34,518 calls for service in 2007. This generated 2,595 incident reports. 3628 citations and 3,628 warning tickets were issued.

The following list is prioritized based on type of service requested for all calls mediated in the year 2007:

TYPE OF CALL	RESPONSES	TYPE OF CALL	RESPONSES
Animal Related Calls-----	2,292	Domestic Calls-----	283
Traffic Crash Calls-----	1,979	Runaway/Missing Children ---	138
911 Hang-up Calls-----	923	Burglary Calls-----	241
Alcohol Offenses Calls-----	793	Drug Related Calls-----	204
Suspicious/Prowler Calls-----	883	Welfare Check Calls-----	180
Petty Theft Calls-----	752	Agency Assist Calls-----	165
Loud Noise Complaints-----	531	Intoxicated Person Calls-----	172
Property Damage/Vandalism Calls-	518	Fraud/Forgery Calls-----	158
Found Property Calls-----	397	Abandon Vehicle Calls-----	76
Threatening/Harassing Calls-----	473	Sex Offense Calls-----	41
Business Alarm Calls-----	487	Stolen/Recovered Vehicle Calls-	44
Parking Complaints-----	363	Trespassing Calls-----	25
Disturbance/Fight Calls-----	414	Firearm Offense Calls-----	11.

Operations Division investigated 1,274 traffic crashes in 2007. 377 were major crashes and 902 were minor crashes. 179 crashes were reported having injuries and 244 Hit & Run crashes were reported. The patrol division made 9,133 traffic stops.

There were 240 DUI arrests and 479 warrant arrests.

Field Training Officer Program



The Aberdeen Police Department field training officers program consists of a 12 week program where new recruit officers are paired with a trained (FTO) officer who evaluates the recruit officers progress every shift.

The recruit officers are also given a FTO manual that consists of 10 chapters that cover all aspects of police work such as Accident Investigation, policy and procedures, Officer safety, domestic violence and various other topics that both the recruit and FTO sign off each week that the chapter was reviewed.

Recruits are graded on 31 different areas that were observed on a Daily Observation Report (DOR). There are five main categories such as Appearance, Attitude, Knowledge, Performance and Relationships with sub categories under each.

The Recruits are given a score between 1 and 7 with 1 being the lowest and 7 the highest. Every evaluation has a most satisfactory area and a least satisfactory for that particular day.

FTO officers also give remedial training in areas that recruit officers may need development such as orientation and officer safety which is indicated in the daily observation report.

The recruit officers are rotated every three weeks to a different shift and a different FTO officer where the new officers are exposed to all three shifts and work with every officer within the department.

During the last phase of the FTO program (usually the last three weeks) FTO officers are dressed in plain clothes and the recruit officer has to make the decisions and talk with the public while the FTO observes his/her actions. The FTO will intervene if there is an officer safety issue or if the recruit officer does not know how to handle the situation.

During the FTO phase and prior to rotation all the FTO's will meet and talk about the new officers and areas that may need improvement, calls they have been on

and issues to work on or watch. In the last week of the FTO program the FTO's meet and decide if the new officer is ready to be out on their own.

If a recruit officer is not responding to remedial training additional time is given on a case by case basis and if the new officer does not respond to the training they are washed out of the program and dismissed from the department.

The results in 2007 indicated a need to revamp the FTO manual as some things were repeated and took too long to cover. The new FTO manual is now completed and has been implemented in the fall of 2007. This past year the FTO program had proven to be a valuable tool for documentation of issues where one officer had a problem with orientation and with extra remedial training this issue was overcome.

The following dedicated officers participated in our field training program during 2007:

Officer Brad Ziegler
Officer Dan Kaiser
Officer Darin Swanston
Officer Jeff Carlson
Officer Jesse Chagolla
Officer Keith Theroux
Officer Curtis Kline

Officer Trent Lunstrum
Officer Mike Law
Officer Nathan Wood
Officer Erik Red Hill
Officer John Kirnan
Officer Grant Schnabel

The following officers completed the field training officer program in 2007:

Officer Michael Bunke
Officer Barbara Kaul

Sgt. Van Dover

[Aberdeen Police Department Training](#)

Members of the Aberdeen Police Department need to continuously update their knowledge and adeptness in order to provide the best possible service to our community. . In June of 2006 the State implemented a requirement that all certified officers must attend a minimum of 40 hours of post academy training to maintain there certificate. In 2007, Department personnel attended 61 specialized schools accounting for 1672 class hours. In addition to these classes, officers received 1329 hours of various in-house training in service training and roll call training. Officers also attended 1633 hours of POST hours of training.

This is a total of 4634 hours of training that the APD staff attended in the year.

Sgt. Van Dover

School Resource Officer (SRO)



School Resource Officer 2007 Duties, Responsibilities and Accomplishments

The School Resource Officer (SRO) position at the Aberdeen Police Department continues to be a valuable asset in our continuing partnership with the Aberdeen School District. The SRO program is based on the TRIAD concept, which signifies the philosophy of the SRO adhering to the following roles:

1. Law Enforcement Officer
2. Counselor
3. Teacher

As a Law Enforcement Officer, the SRO investigates crimes that happen at school and, if necessary, makes arrests based on his investigations. The SRO works as a liaison between the school and police communities and is a positive role model for students. As a Counselor the SRO provides informal counseling to students and parents based on his expertise as a law enforcement officer. The SRO works closely with the school's counseling staff and provides information on community services and the law to students, parents and staff. As a Teacher the SRO is considered a member of the faculty and administration. He provides law-related education to the students, parents and staff on request. He also plays the role of guest-speaker in the classroom.

Some of the duties and responsibilities of the SRO include:

- Works closely with the school principals, meeting on a regular basis
- Gathers information regarding potential problems such as criminal or gang activity and identify individuals who may be a disruptive influence
- Takes steps appropriate and consistent with law enforcement officer's duty when a crime occurs

- Refers students and their families to the appropriate agencies for assistance when a need is determined
- Attends meeting of parent groups and faculty-wide in-service sessions
- Is available for conferences with students, parents and faculty members to assist with problems related to law enforcement and crime prevention
- Confers with school administration to develop strategies to prevent dangerous situations on or near the campus
- Attends school functions and extracurricular school events
- Promotes citizen awareness of law enforcement efforts on campus to ensure the peaceful operation of school related programs and builds rapport with students
- Is a resource for the students which enables the students to be associated with a law enforcement figure in the student's environment
- Is a counseling resource in areas which may affect the educational environment but may be of a law-related nature

Accomplishments during the 2007-2008 school year include:

- Assisted in fine-tuning Central High School's Crisis Management manual
- Assisted with the draft of a Reunification Plan for the school district
- Assisted with implementing and practicing lock-down procedures at Holgate and Simmons Middle Schools
- Continued to serve as a liaison between the schools and other community groups (Family Crisis Intervention Program, Round Table, Community Problem Solvers)
- Attended a School Safety Seminar in Sioux Falls and an School Emergency Planning class in Aberdeen
- Continued my role as a guest speaker and cook in several classes at Central High School
- Obtained a gun safe and a patrol rifle for the SRO office at Central High School
- Continued to reduce the workload for patrol officers and detectives at the APD by handling calls and investigating crimes at both the high school and middle schools
- Maintained the invaluable rapport with the students and staff at the high school and middle schools

Officer Jeff Carlson/175

Bike Patrol Program

Officers are assigned to this position from within the Operations Division as a supplement working assignment. The bicycle officers work during the three patrol shifts. They function in this special assignment when assigned by the shift watch commander. The bike program now consists of 4 bicycles and 8 trained officers.

The following officers are trained as police bicycle riders:

Sergeant Daryl Van Dover	Officer Darin Swanston
Officer Brad Ziegler	Officer Keith Theroux
Officer Kyle Stoddard	Officer Erik Red Hill
Officer Trent Lunstrum	Officer Michael Law

Other Activities of Interest

We continue to utilize grant funding and contracts with other agencies to provide equipment and manpower to the Aberdeen Police Department.

We applied for and received a grant from the SD Department of Highway Safety for Seatbelt, Speed and DUI Enforcement during the holidays. We received \$10,000 to be utilized to pay overtime to officers working directed patrol enforcing the above laws.

By contract with the Aberdeen School District we received \$19,519.59 for the School Resource Officer which is a 50% match with the City providing the remaining 50%.

Due to the cost of bullet proof vests for the officers we participate in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program which requires a 50% match from participating agencies and in 2007 we received \$2633.40 to purchase vests for our officers.

The contract with TSA to provide an officer for security at the airport for every in-coming and out going flight resulted in about \$38,559.91 reimbursement to the Cities General Fund.

Sgt. Van Dover
Admin Sgt.

Sex Offender Registration

2007 brought no new changes to the sex offender laws. At the time of this report, the city of Aberdeen had 42 in resident sex offenders. Down from 48 at year end 2006. On top of the 42 in resident sex offenders, there are currently 4 out of town residents that are registered in Aberdeen for employment registrations, bringing the total number to 46. The decrease in resident registered sex offenders, living in Aberdeen is due to several reasons. Several sex offenders were arrested for registration violations and were sent to the State Penitentiary or Yankton, SD for evaluations. Several more moved out of the community. At one point in 2006, the number was around 60 offenders living in Aberdeen, due to migrant workers and the offenders living here prior to being arrested.

2007 brought a unique challenge, one in which has not been observed in Aberdeen prior to this year. The growth of the city and numerous construction projects such as the ethanol plant expansion and construction near Mina, SD and in Aberdeen, along with the beef plant, the wind mill plant, the erection of wind mills near the North Dakota border and the work on the Basin Electric electrical station south of Groton, brought in numerous construction workers from across the country. Along with this came sex offenders from other states. These workers were not taking up permanent residency in Aberdeen, but rather staying in Aberdeen for several months while they completed their work. Many of the workers were aware that they needed to register with the Aberdeen Police Department and did so, while others failed to do so. Those that failed to do so were arrested, charged and eventually sent back to their original states for sex offense charges in that jurisdiction as well. An increase in jobs in the Aberdeen market has also resulted in sex offenders choosing to live in neighboring communities and working in Aberdeen.

In total, there were 17 incidents regarding sex offender violations, which resulted in 7 arrests. Compared to 2006, there were 9 incidents resulting in 7 arrests. In large, the increase in incidents was due to migrating sex offenders who were temporarily living in Aberdeen while working. The number of arrests would have been much higher, but the states attorneys' office decided not to prosecute several cases due to bad information given to the offenders by the court service / parole agents. Due to this, the states attorneys' office has asked us to give out a review sheet to all sex offenders living in Aberdeen and within Brown County, clearly pointing out their requirements. This has been completed by our department.

The restrictions brought on by the community safety zone brought on many challenges in 2007, in assisting the offenders in finding areas within Aberdeen that they can reside. Aberdeen continues to be progressive in creating new parks, which further shrinks the living areas for sex offenders. In one case, I had to work with a family to locate housing for their father, who has unique medical

issues. The offender was facing eviction as his rental property had been sold. All options were exhausted in Aberdeen and after the family informed me that it was a shame that their father, who was a military veteran, could not find housing. I was able to get him into V.A. housing in the Black Hills, where he is able to reside and receive his proper medical attention. The zones have grown so tight, that I have had to work in cooperation with public works for the first time, to locate property pins on occasions, to get an accurate community safety zone measurement. Some have come within inches.

At the end of 2007, the city of Aberdeen had no missing sex offenders. All were accounted for with their registrations current.

2008 should continue to bring on new challenges as all states across the nation move further towards complete implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.

Officer Swanston/#227

New Officers in 2007



Officer Kaul



Officer Bunke

We also had three people retire in the 2007 calendar year from the Aberdeen Police Dept. They were Renee Nostrud with over 30 years in the records division. Michael Flanigan with 26 years in the Patrol Division and Randy Majeske with 22 years working in Detectives and as the Administration Sergeant.

SERVICES/SUPPORT DIVISION



Captain Dave McNeil

The Services Division of the Aberdeen Police Department represents several critical functions of the police department. The Services Division includes the detective division, records management, property and evidence, parking enforcement, training, community policing, DARE, grants, NSU officer program, school resource officer program, reserve officer program, animal control, administrative assistants, and several other community policing and educative based functions.

I would like to point out that the Services Division is composed of highly dedicated staff that consistently performs at the highest of levels. Without the dedication and work ethic of our staff, our department would not be able to perform at the levels that currently exist.

In 2007 our records manager, Renae Nostrud, who worked for our department for more than thirty years, retired. In 2007, Administrative Sgt. Randy Majeske retired from his position. Randy was then selected to replace Renae as our Records Manager. We will greatly miss Renae. Randy brings many assets to his current position with more than twenty five years experience in law enforcement.

This year our community experienced a catastrophic flood which caused widespread damage across our community. Our department also experienced flood damage as our property and evidence room experienced flooding and sewage backup. Our staff members, Detective Sgt. Eric Duven, Detective Kenny, and property manager Sandra Stahl deserve recognition for the exhaustive efforts they put forth to protect our property and evidence from damage and for their efforts in cleaning the room from its toxic sewage.

In 2007 several technological advances were implemented within the department. One major project included the installation and implementation of the Positron Records Management System (RMS). This computer system facilitates and receives all department documentation related to law enforcement activities. One of the many advantages of the system is that it allows for greater analytical data reporting generated from police activities which can be later used for statistical purposes for a more efficient law enforcement response to community needs. Also the report allows NIBRS data to be sent directly from our computer system to the state NIBRS collection system.

In 2007 we also began to implement the "E-ticketing" system in our patrol cars. This software program is used in connection with the patrol cars mobile data terminals (MDT's) to generate summons for traffic violations. The system utilizes special printers in the patrol car. With the implementation of this technology it is expected to decrease the amount of time a citizen would be detained by an officer for a violation. This technology will also assist our records management staff and our court administrators with data entry.

Captain Dave McNeil

ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Investigations

The detective division is comprised of five investigators. The detectives assigned to this division are senior officers who have a multitude of training and experience in our agency. Because of their longevity with our agency the detectives are networked with many citizens and institutions within our city and surrounding area, which enriches their ability to investigate and adds efficiency through their close ties with community stake holders. As made evident by 2007 year end investigative case load statistics, our detectives experienced a significant case load comprised of very complex and challenging cases. We are very proud of our investigators. Often times they are called at all hours of the day and night from their families, to the scene of a complex and dynamically changing incident or crime scene. The investigators carry a tremendous amount of responsibility. They are tasked with death investigations, felony assaults, complex financial crimes, abused and neglected children, computer forensic investigations, missing and exploited children and adults, robberies, burglaries, narcotics, domestic violence, stalking, and much more. The efforts and skills of our investigators are a direct reflection of the high clearance rates they achieve.

In 2007 our community was plagued by vehicle thefts and burglaries. Over one hundred incident reports were filed for missing and damaged property. Because of alert citizens, our officers and investigators were able to identify and arrest the suspects involved in these incidents. In 2008 it will be the continued effort of our department to educate citizens on safeguarding and protecting property to prevent future thefts from occurring.

In 2007 our department continued to investigate a large case load of narcotics violations. The statistics show that our community continues to see a presence of both marijuana and all forms of controlled drugs and substances. Our local drug task force continues to operate with a high degree of efficiency in response to these trends.

Captain Dave McNeil

2007 PARKING TICKETS ISSUED

MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	<u>total</u> <u>tickets</u>	<u>fine</u> <u>amount</u>
VIOLATION														
Fire Hydrant		1	2		2			1	1	1	1		9	\$450
Handicap Zone	5	4	1	5	4	6	1	5		5			36	\$3,600
IP Backed In	3		3	2	1			5			2		16	\$80
IP Blocked Driveway	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	1			1		14	\$70
IP Loading Zone	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	2	2		3		21	\$105
IP Other	6	2	4	6	4	4	8	5	6	15	2	5	67	\$335
IP Yellow Line	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	3		1	1	1	18	\$90
OT 1 Hour	25	10	24	28	20	23	20	15	20	16	8	10	219	\$1,095
OT 2 Hour	320	285	433	356	281	259	249	289	303	324	219	123	3,441	\$17,205
OT 20 min	1	1	2			1	3			2		1	11	\$55
OT 2nd	37	21	42	36	21	18	19	19	26	33	17	17	306	\$3,060
OT 3rd	14	4	8	10	5	3	5	3	9	10	3	6	80	\$1,600
OT 4th	7			2			5		4	6			24	\$720
OT 5th	2								2	3			7	\$245
OT 4 Hours				1									1	\$5
OT 24 Hours													-	\$0
OT 48 Hours	4		2			1	1	2	1	3			14	\$70
Parking Against Traffic	3	5	2	6		2	6	3	7	4	7	2	47	\$235
Prohibited Parking	9	19	15	20	9	19	3	3	17	18	9	3	144	\$720
Snow Removal	468	661	449									353	1,931	\$9,655
Street Sweeping						346	1208	818	762	356			3,490	\$34,900
OVERTIME	\$ 3,300	\$ 2,380	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,245	\$ 2,415	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,440	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,280	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,015		
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 18,720	\$ 26,440	\$ 17,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,120
STREET SWEEPING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,460	\$ 12,080	\$ 8,180	\$ 7,620	\$ 3,560	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL	\$ 22,020	\$ 28,820	\$ 21,200	\$ 3,245	\$ 2,415	\$ 5,870	\$ 14,095	\$ 10,620	\$ 10,080	\$ 6,840	\$ 1,540	\$ 15,135		year total \$141,880

Community Policing/Crime Prevention Officer



Aberdeen Police Department
Community Policing Programs year end Report
Officer Keith Theroux

Programs performed by the Community Resource Officer

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Neighborhood Watch | 2. DARE |
| 3. School Resource Officer | 4. SHAPE |
| 5. Child Fingerprinting | 6. Bike Rodeo |
| 7. Community Police Committee | 8. Housing Authority Committee |
| 9. CPTED | 10. Child Safety Seat (Project 8) |
| 11. National Night Out | 12. Citizens Corps Council (CERT) |

Neighborhood Watches

South Grant Street
South Main Street
Downtown Core Area
North East 21st Ave.
Gemini
Park Village

The Neighborhood Watch programs have grown with the addition of Park Village. We have now performed three Night Watch patrols using citizens trained in the S. Main Neighborhood Watch meetings. We utilized radios supplied by Emergency Management to establish communications between a foot patrol or bike patrol officer and citizens. On the three occasions we performed the citizen patrols we cited offenses of open containers, drunk drivers, and under age drinking. We also were able to quite loud noises from intoxicated individuals and prevent fights.

The citizens that patrolled felt empowered in taking back control of their neighborhood. They also said people made comments to them about the area being closely watched and keeping criminal activity away. The group wants to schedule more patrols and use the events calendar as a guide. We have discussed using the other watch groups for patrols in the downtown area. The South Grant Street and Park Village Neighborhood Watch groups expressed a great interest in participating in this program.

The Park Village watch group held meetings over the winter months to prepare for unsupervised children activities over the summer months. The group has worked with our agency in bringing together many organizations to put on activities and the transportation for these children. The goal is to reduce the fights among the children and decrease calls for Police Service on these incidents.

Thanks to the new watch group we have also obtained drug information and made drug arrests. We have also obtained information on suspicious activity and increased patrols

throughout the area. The group would also like to see traffic control increased because of speeding vehicles through the park. The group filled out grants with the Police Departments help to obtain funding for new playground equipment.

DARE program:

Lincoln Elementary
OM Tiffany Elementary (This School taught by Nathan Wood)
May Overby Elementary (Taught by Theroux and Wood)
Simmons Elementary and Lincoln Elementary (Taught by Wood)
First Baptist (This School taught by Nathan Wood)
Roncolli Elementary (This School was taught by Nathan Wood)
Simmons Middle School (Taught by Theroux)
Holgate Middle School (Taught by Theroux and Wood)

The DARE program was a great success for the year. We were invited back to the Middle Schools and Officer Wood taught his first year in the middle schools. The VFW is assisting in grading middle school reports and they are funding a cash reward for the best paper judged by them.

SRO Program- Officer Carlson is in charge of the High School and Middle Schools, however last year the Middle Schools asked me to teach some classes in addition to the DARE program. They are interested in Drug Education and Alcohol programs using activities as Fatal Vision and Drug ID Kits. I have purchased some of these items and will need some more.

I also Fingerprint all the Elementary Schools every year. I start with all the K-Grades and then the schools have me perform 1st to 5th Grades that were missed the previous years. This program usually takes a week and a half and can take over half a shift per day to perform.

I also teach **SHAPE** to all 4th Grade Students in the spring. All of the K-Grade Teachers have me come to their classrooms through out the year to teach various safety programs. I teach stranger danger, personal safety, street safety, bike safety and more.

There is a need to develop a new program to eliminate stranger danger. Research is showing children taught in this program refuse help from strangers when danger or disaster strikes. I have information for whistle away crime that could be developed or used successfully. I have talked with some of the teachers who are interested in the program.

Bike Safety:

Every year I put on several classes at all schools including Warner for bike safety. Last year Warner called requesting I put them down for next spring.

Also this year I worked with the VFW and American Legion in developing a Bike Rodeo. This was greatly needed because my bike safety classes were lecture only and many kids are in need of skills training or hands on. This year I developed a riding coarse and had Sandy Stahl work registration, Officer Kyle Stoddard, Officer Curt Kline, Officer Tony

Bisbee, Officer Eric Red Hill, Officer Mike Miller, Officer J Arlt, Officer Dennis Gellhaus work stations at the event. We had over sixty kids show up at the event and the VFW and Legion want to do this every year.

CPTED

The program was started more than two years ago. I have developed a inspection form and light meter system. I have completed many surveys for homes, churches, schools, business, and government agencies. This year I performed some surveys on homes burglarized in the NE part of town. I was told the residents were pleased with the program and it made them feel safe.

Included in this program are the bank alarm procedures training. Every year I am asked to present on Burglar Alarm Procedures. This year I worked with the FBI at one of the banks. Questions arose about current procedures in place and the FBI pointed out errors. Captain McNeil suggested we partner with the FBI and try to establish training with all banks in the City. We hope to put this program into place over the next year.

Child Safety Seat Program (Project 8)

I took over the program two years ago and work with Child Safety Seat at PC College. The program requires you to be certified to install and give away child safety seats.

We have held a couple safety check points where we invite the public to have their seats inspected and we also give seats away. This year I worked with Early Childhood partners at each of the elementary schools. We went to the schools as they let out and met with parents in their vehicles. We saw a large number of caregivers who did not use child safety seats and handed them information explaining the laws.

This year we did certify Officer Tyler as a Safety Seat Technician. Our goal for the future is to improve child safety seat use within our community. We will work with Project Eight in setting up more check points and assist in other community events to increase awareness and improve child safety seat use. Another idea is to work with driver's education classes to teach new drivers the importance of using seats.

National Night Out

The program has been a great success with large attendance and interest. This last year we again had an attendance of around twelve hundred people. All of the same agencies appeared at this event. Brown County Emergency management recruited close to twenty people for their CERT program. They advised this was the best event for them in recruiting new volunteers. Project 8 said they had numerous inquiries and questions from visitors at their booth at National Night Out. They said many people made comments of not being aware of the problems and expiration of child safety seats.

Many other agencies gave positive feedback on attendance, recruiting volunteers, and the great support they receive from the community. We hope next years event will bring more people.

Special Olympics

The Aberdeen Police Department has been a sponsor for the Aberdeen Special Olympic Athletes. In 2007 we helped raise over eight thousand dollars at the Polar Plunge. The Special Olympics for the State are sponsored by various law enforcement agencies.

Most of the money raised for this event stays in Aberdeen with our teams. Also, every year South Dakota Special Olympics State Bowling Games are held in Aberdeen. This event brings many people to our community. In May we will sponsor the Torch Run that is performed across the State and ends in Brookings at the State Games.

Citizens Corps Council:

About a year ago the Chief asked me to serve on this council. This group manages the CERT teams in Brown County. I attend monthly meetings and assist in training CERT members for various programs. We usually help design drills, attend health and school fairs to promote the program. I work with grants through the program and try to obtain funds for volunteers in policing. I give up to date reports on neighborhood watches and help get programs for the CERT members. This year we were asked to put on a Traffic Safety Class for the CERT teams. We had more then twenty students. The class was a great success and was useful at our last major fire call. The CERT group has asked us to continue with the class.

Keith Theroux

Firearms Training Range



One of the critical components of the Police Department training curriculum is the firearms training program. The goal of the program is to maintain and improve proficiency in firearms accuracy, safety, decision making and adherence to department policy and state law. If firearms skills are not continually practiced and honed, the skills will diminish. Fortunately our officers are not exposed to frequent deadly force encounters, however our training efforts need to prepare the officer for that very event.

The 2007 shooting program started with the flood problems in Aberdeen. The range was covered with up to 5 feet of water. Due to the location we had to deal with the run off of the moog. The water stayed on the range for more than a month after the rain had stopped. After we were able to block the water from coming in we were able to start the 2007 program. The program started with the State Qualification shoot. I am happy to say the all the members of the Aberdeen Police Department were able to qualify. The officers also performed some tactical shooting courses. The officers were able to hone there skills during a number of open shoot opportunities with the assistance of the firearms staff.

The department continued to train with the Heckler and Koch G 36 patrol rifle. The rifle has been a huge asset to the department. The officers have obtained a great understanding of the weapon and are able to deploy the weapons when it is needed. Each officer qualified with the patrol rifle during the 2007 year. The department is looking into adding a weapon light to each rifle for low light situations. The lights will be on the weapons during 2008.

The department continues to improve the quality and training of the firearms staff. Sgt Dale Farmen and Officer Brad Ziegler continued their education by participating in a Patrol Rifle Instructors Class. Both officers were able to complete the training and are now State certified patrol rifle instructors. The department also added Officer Eric Redhill and Officer Curt Kline to the firearms staff. Redhill and Kline will continue there training during 2008 to get there certification. Officer Jeff Carlson is also a certified firearms instructor and dedicated member of the team.

During the 2007 there were some improvements done to the Firearms range. With the assistance of the Brown County Sheriffs Office, Brown County Highway Department and Aberdeen public works we were able to make some needed improvements to the range. The improvements included relocating a building and some much needed dirt work. The improvements have helped keep the range more usable and safe for everyone who utilizes the range.

The firearms staff is looking forward to 2008. We will continue to hone the firearms skills of each officer. By keeping the officers as proficient as possible they are confident in their ability to handle unforeseen incidents in Aberdeen.

Officer Brad Ziegler Aberdeen Firearms Staff

Special Response Team



In the early 1980's, the Aberdeen Police Department created a specialized detachment of officers to respond to high risk incidents which included armed barricaded incidents, hostage situations, and high risk warrant service. The birth of Aberdeen's specialized team emulated a nation wide trend of law enforcement agencies to increase the operational capability and response to an ever increasing culture of violence across the country. Currently the Aberdeen Police department and the Brown County Sheriffs office utilize a joint effort of resources and manpower. Our teams' mission and goal is to respond to critical incidents and safely diffuse these incidents without injury or loss of life to any person.

Our team is currently comprised of two essential components. We have a crisis negotiator element of the team which is composed of four Police Department Staff and a Parole agent with the State of South Dakota. The crisis negotiators are a critical element to the team. On most situations the negotiators respond to emergencies along with the regular team. The other component to the team is the tactical and rifle team members. There are 14 members of the Police department assigned to the unit and one Sheriffs deputy.

In 2007 the team was utilized several times to assist the drug task force in the execution of search warrants. The SRT team is currently utilized for these missions because of the inherent danger of narcotic search warrants, the violent criminal histories of the suspect's involved, current intelligence of the investigation regarding aggressive hostile suspect behavior, and destruction of evidence. During 2007 the SRT team continued to be very active in conducting school crisis planning. Members of the team assisted our local schools with lockdown planning and lockdown drills.

In 2007 the team responded to several critical incidents involving emotionally disturbed individuals with weapons. The incidents were resolved peacefully through the cooperation and team work of many agencies. It is through constant training and planning that allow the success of our department and its response team to occur.

Capt. Dave McNeil

Northern State University 2006 Crime Statistics

Northern State University currently contracts and Aberdeen Police Officer to provide safety and security to the Northern State Community. This mutual partnership has been of tremendous value to both NSU and the Police Department. Officer Grant Schnabel is the Aberdeen Police Officer tasked with providing law enforcement services to the campus.

During the 2007 school year, Officer Schnabel performed a wide variety of services to NSU. Some of these activities included investigating reported crimes, being actively involved with student life staff to include many presentations to students on safety on and off campus, counseling students in need of assistance, drug and alcohol awareness. Working with the athletic department to improve law enforcement and student/athlete relations. Making recommendations on physical security issues, and many more beneficial activities.

The following incidents were investigated at NSU during 2007.

Category of Crime:	Number of Investigations:
Criminal Homicide	0
Negligent Homicide	0
Sex Offenses, Forcible	0
Sex Offenses, Non Forcible (Date rape-drugs)	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Simple Assault	1
Domestic Assault	0
Burglary	1
Arson	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Alcohol Offenses	2
Drug Violations	3
DUI Arrests	0
Suspicious Activity	8
Threats	0
Fraud	0
Intentional Damage	6
Petty Theft	3
Warrant Arrests	0
Detoxification	0
Child Neglect	0
Harassing Phone Calls	0
Stalking	0
Assist Ambulance	0
Vehicle Accidents	0
Mental Hold	6

Officer Schnabel

2007 Detective Investigations

146	Possession of Marijuana / Drug Paraphernalia
55	Grand Theft
34	Polygraphs
29	Rape
29	Criminal Entry of Motor Vehicle
28	Intentional Damage
26	Petty Theft
24	Possession of Controlled Substance
24	Child Abuse
21	Sexual Contact with Minor
17	Forgery
16	Suspicious Activity
13	Runaway
12	3 rd degree Burglary
11	Ingesting Substance
11	1 st Degree Burglary
11	Agency Assist
11	Warrants
11	Simple Assault
9	Fraud
9	Identity Theft
8	Drug Activity
8	Simple Assault / Domestic
7	Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
7	2 nd Degree Burglary
7	P & C
6	Child Neglect
6	Detainer
6	Obstructing Law Enforcement
5	Prescription fraud
5	Distribution of Marijuana
5	Phone Harassment
5	4 th Degree Burglary
5	Credit Card Fraud
4	Unattended Death
4	Stalking
4	No Account Check
3	Emergency Committal
3	False Reporting
3	Suicide
3	Disorderly Conduct
2	Kidnapping
2	Threats
2	Reckless Discharge of Firearm
2	Aggravated Assault
2	Resisting Arrest
2	Prohibition of Child Care

- 2 Sexual Assault
- 2 Hit & Run
- 2 Parole Violation
- 1 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle
- 1 House Party
- 1 Aggravated Criminal Entry of Motor Vehicle
- 1 Transfer of Another's property
- 1 Bestiality
- 1 Sliming
- 1 Criminal Solicitation
- 1 Theft of Rental Property
- 1 Escape
- 1 Discharging Air Rifle within City limits
- 1 Sex Offender Registry Violation
- 1 Aggravated Incest
- 1 Furnishing Alcohol to Minor
- 1 Loud Noise Complaint
- 1 Unlawful Use of Computer
- 1 Sexual Exploitation of Minor
- 1 Internet Fraud
- 1 Suspicious Injury
- 1 Welfare Check
- 1 Possession of Child Pornography
- 1 Fire
- 1 Documentation Only
- 1 False Personation
- 1 Conspiracy to Manufacture Narcotics
- 1 Bond Violation
- 1 Indecent Exposure to Children
- 1 Weapons Violation
- 1 Trespass

Total Investigations: 697

Average Annual Caseload per Investigator: 139.4

2007 Clearance Rate: 79.6%

*We anticipate clearing a minimum of 57 additional cases once the recent rash of car burglaries are prosecuted.

Anticipated 2007 Clearance Rate: 87.8%

Sgt. Eric Duven

2007 Year-end Drug Statistics

ARRESTS

Poss of MJ / Poss of Drug Paraphernalia arrests: 146
Poss of Meth arrests: 7
Poss of Cocaine arrests: 10
Poss of Ecstasy: 2
Other Cntl Subst arrests: 5
Other ingesting: 1

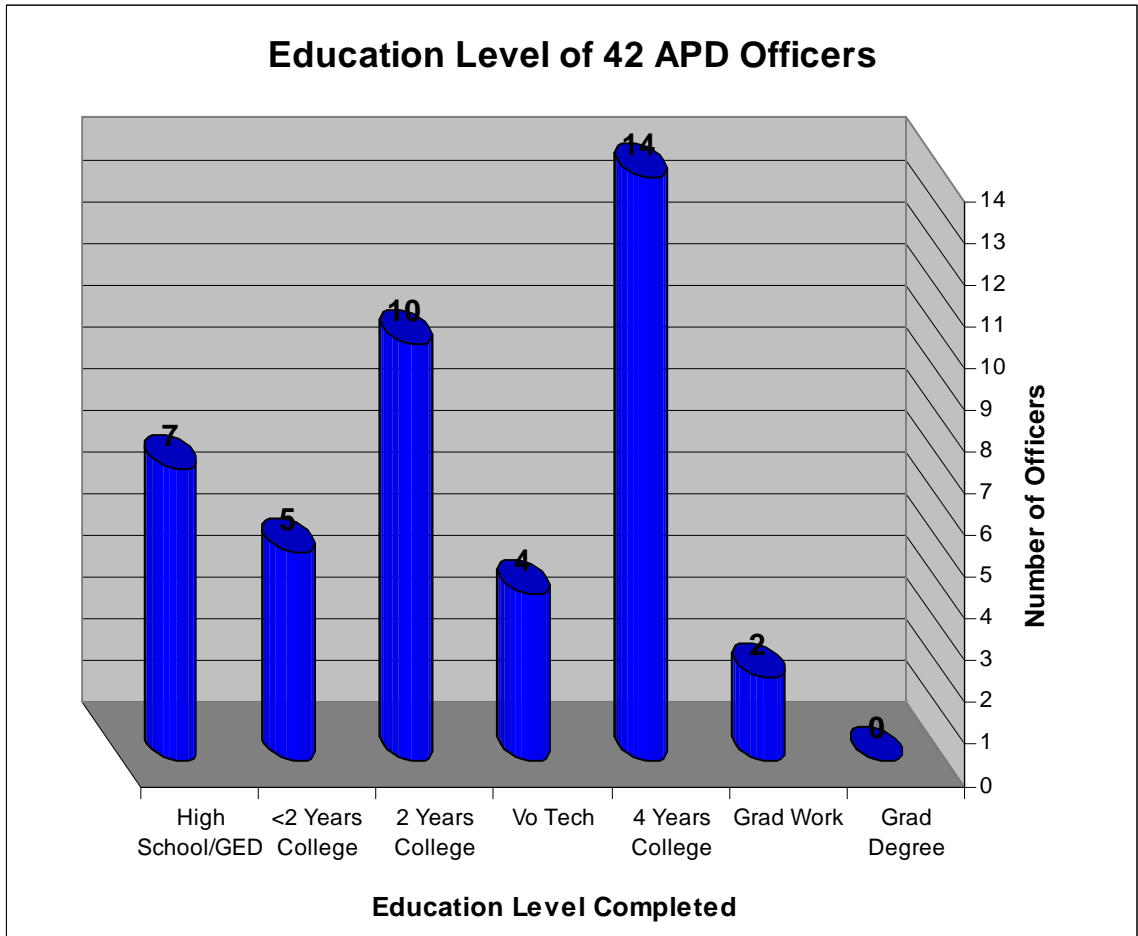
QUANTITIES

Marijuana: 33.98 ounces
Meth: 21.5 grams (approx)
Cocaine: .5 grams (approx)
Ecstasy: 1 pill

Dispositions of Juvenile Violations for 2007

Handled within the Department (C/R, Runaways returned, informal)	73
Referred to States Attorneys office (for information or disposition) or referred to Court Services or D.O.C.	433
Referred to Welfare Agency/Juvenile Diversion Programs (Nadric)	67
Referred to other County Agency	27
Referred to Magistrate Court (Tobacco & P&C Violations)	38
Total Juveniles Arrested	495
Total Juvenile Violations	638

Education Level at Aberdeen Police Department



Years of Experience with Aberdeen Police Department

Years of Service

