



2022 Annual Report to Council

Lake Forest Park Police Department

Chief of Police - Michael Harden
Lieutenant Diego Zanella, Support Services
Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman, Patrol Operations

Mission & Values

Mission

Our mission is to develop and support a team of professionals who consistently seek and find innovative policing strategies to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver those quality services which enhance the security and safety in our community. To support this mission, we will work in strong partnership with the community.

Values

Our department values the sanctity of all life. We strive for the equal, equitable, and compassionate application of law enforcement services for all, and the universal acceptance of all people. We endeavor for the highest level of training and diversity for our police staff and maintain partnerships within our community and local governments to provide urgently needed resources for those in need.



2022 Department Review



- Our Staff
- Patrol Operations – Lt. Lehman
- Support Services – Lt. Zanella
- RADAR
- Community Outreach
- Future



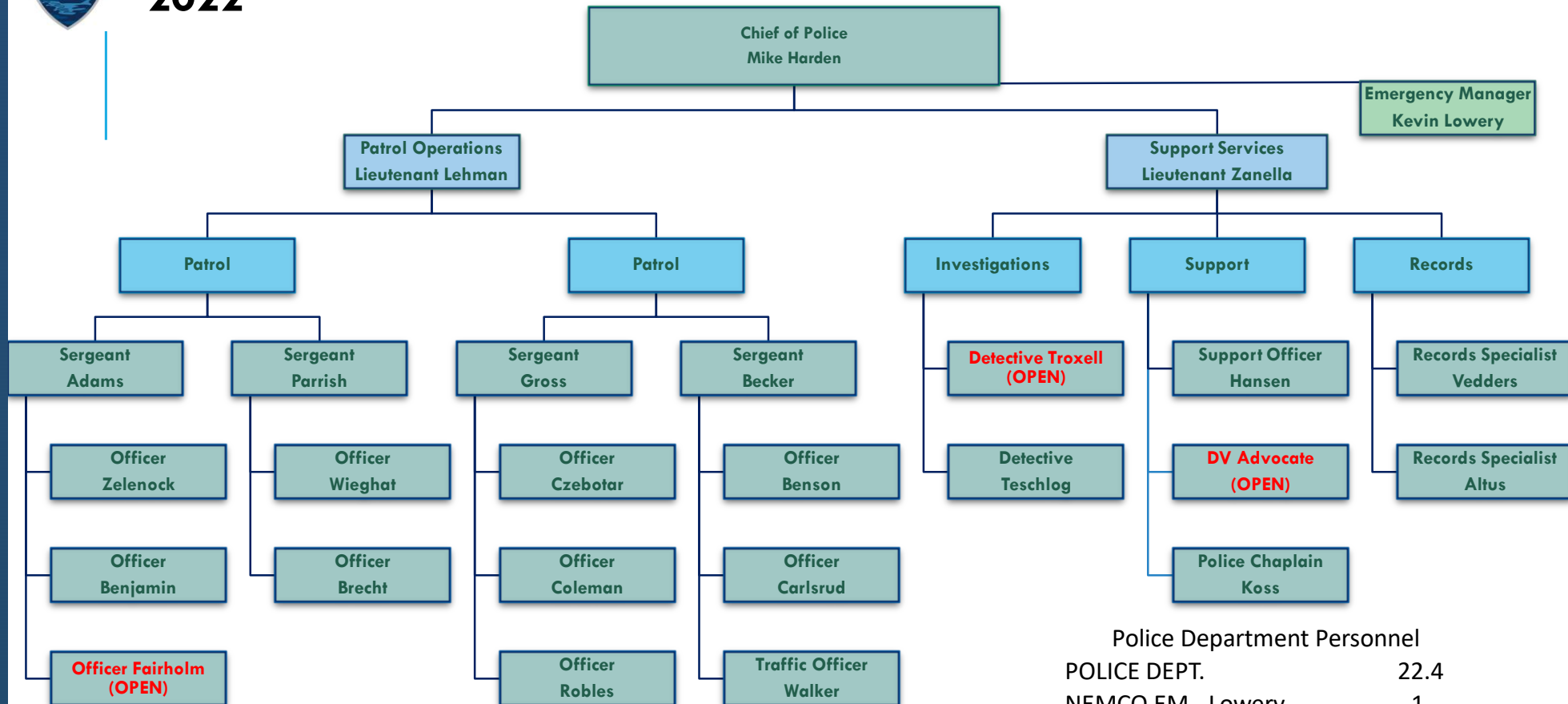
Continually Building Trust Within the Community with excellence in Customer Service



2022 - PD Organizational Chart



2022



Police Department Personnel	
POLICE DEPT.	22.4
NEMCO EM - Lowery	1
TOTAL FTE's	24.4



Retirements and Separations



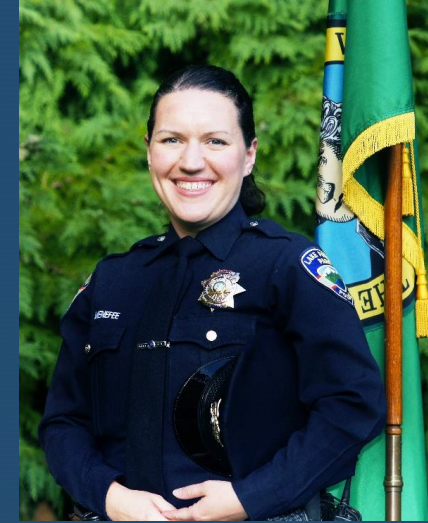
*Records Specialist
Lee Freeman*



*DV Advocate
Jenny Grogan*

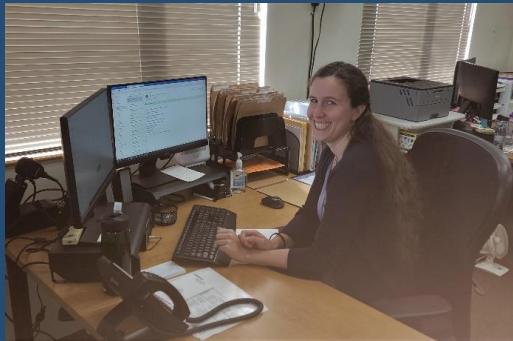


*Officer Maegan
Fairholm*



*Officer / Detective
Amy Troxell*

New Hires



*Records Specialist
Kelsey Altus*



*Officer Scott
Benjamin*



*Chaplain
Andy Koss*



*NEMCo
Emergency Manager
Kevin Lowery*



Safety in Lake Forest Park



- Over the past several years, it has been the vision of the Police Department **“To ensure the City of Lake Forest Park is one of the safest cities in the Puget Sound Region achieved through the delivery of quality law enforcement services.”** In 2022, we accomplished this through the hard work of our employees combined with the active engagement of the community of Lake Forest Park.
- In 2022, Lake Forest Park received recognition, ranking **2nd** **“Safest Places”** in the State of Washington.
- Lake Forest Park was also ranked **4th** in the Safe Wise, **“Safest Cities”** released in March 2023.

<https://www.elitepersonalfinance.com/safest-places-washington/>

<https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-washington/>





Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman

Patrol Operations Division Commander



Police Law Updates

A few key bills from 2021:

- HB 1054 Tactics
- HB 1310 Use of Force
- SB 5051 Decertification
- SB 5066 Duty to Intervene
- HB 1267 Office of Independent Investigation
- HB 1089 Audits of Investigations
- HB 1320 Protection Orders
- SB 5055 Grievance Arbitration Panels
- SB 5259 Law Enforcement Data Collection
- SB 5476 State v Blake



- In 2022, several laws underwent updates to address consequences resulting from their 2021 versions, particularly those concerning the use of force.
- Law enforcement officers received initial and subsequent training on these laws.
- *The enactment of these laws resulted in over 60 incidents where drivers refused to comply with officers' attempts to stop them for a variety of violations or reasonable suspicion of involvement in criminal activity. Consequently, the city has experienced an uptick in vehicle damage and pursuits as suspects often resort to ramming patrol vehicles to escape.*
- As of 2023, these laws are still being reviewed to strike a balance between reform, law enforcement, and community safety.





Patrol Story

- On February 8th, 2022, at approximately 11pm, Officers Carlsrud and Benson responded to an unknown situation with reported gunshots and screaming.
- Victim called to report being shot by a neighbor or “squatter”
- Immediate medical care with one officer providing cover and attempting to control the scene.
- Hostile and uncooperative witnesses.
- Medical responders later contacted the police department stating Officer Carlsrud's actions likely assisted in the victim's survival.



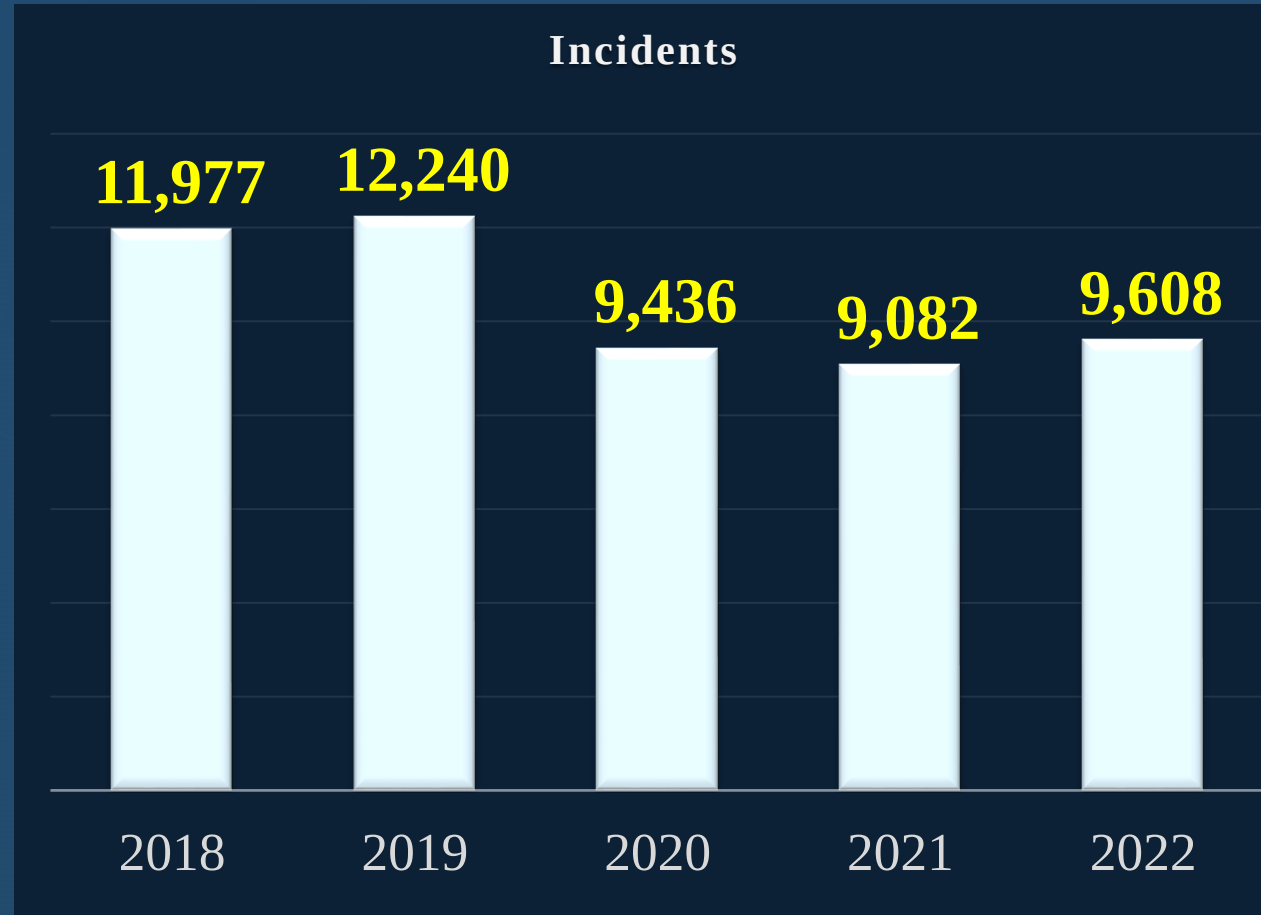
Life Saving Award



Police Response 2022

Over 9,600
Incidents Involving
Police Response

5-year average
10,469



Police Activity

Overview	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	+/-	vs. Last Year
Incidents	11977	12240	9436	9082	9608	6%	↑
Case Reports	817	762	865	613	809	32%	↑
Arrests	255	231	216	146	230	58%	↑
Traffic Stops	3014	3731	2147	1837	2477	35%	↑
Traffic Infractions	1322	1935	1152	767	976	27%	↑
Criminal Traffic	133	178	127	152	173	14%	↑
Drug Arrests	80	58	47	14	12	-14%	↓
Domestic Incidents	48	52	33	62	46	-26%	↓
DUI Arrests	27	34	22	22	28	27%	↑
Fraud/Forgery/ID	50	51	184	30	35	17%	↑
Graffiti	12	17	20	16	25	56%	↑
Malicious Mischief	76	76	79	78	99	27%	↑
Vehicle Prowls	61	49	60	26	36	38%	↑



Property Crimes

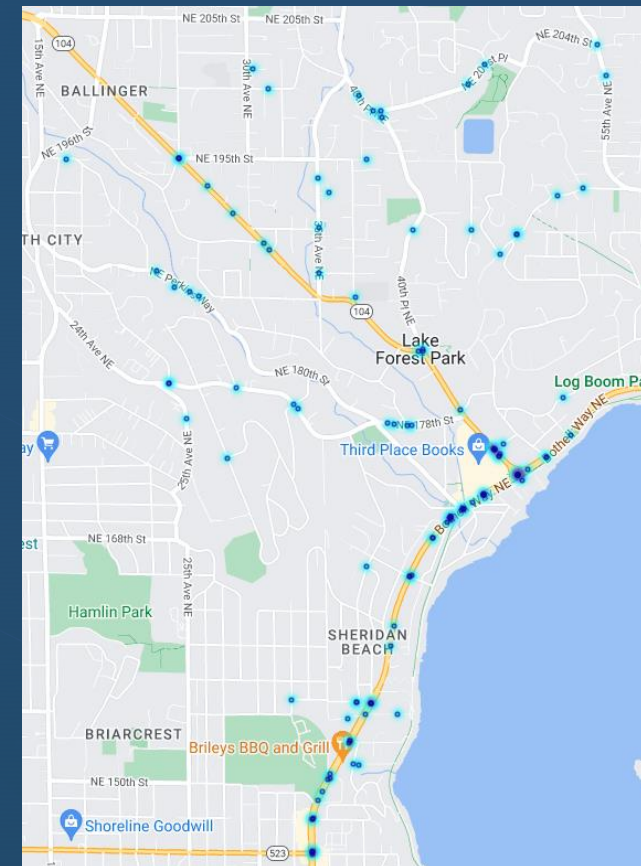
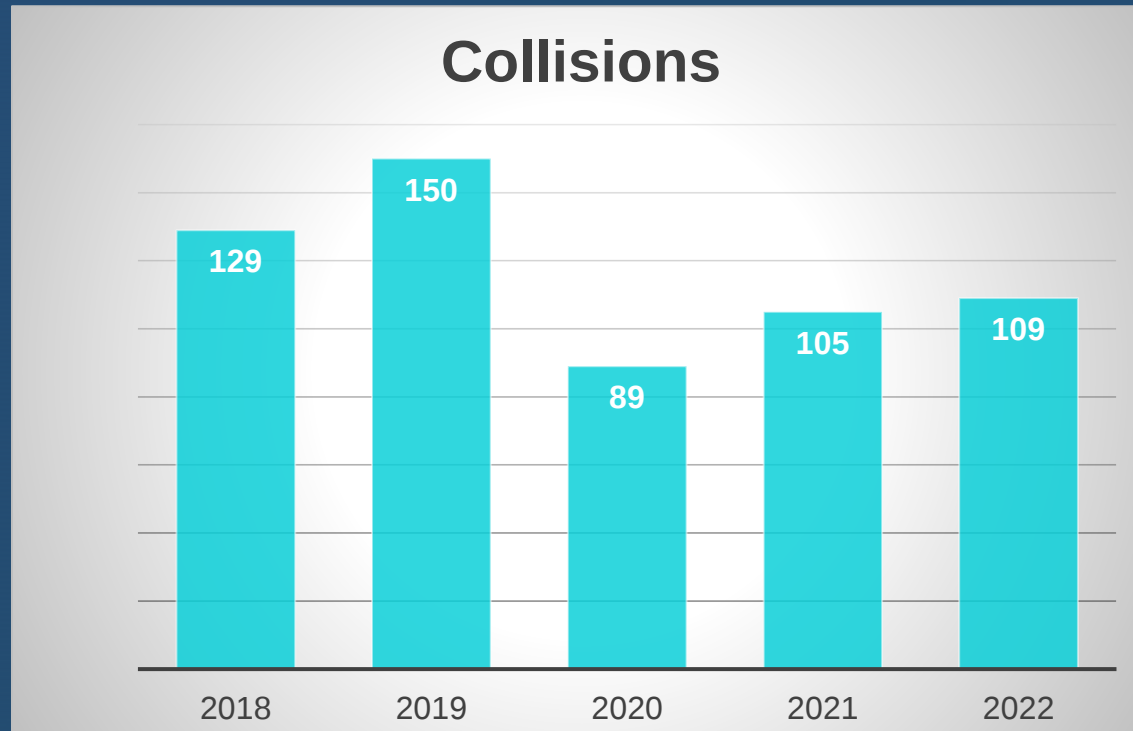
Property Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	+/-	vs. Last Year
Burglary – 1 st & 2 nd Degree	15	20	24	18	17	-6%	↓
Burglary – Residential	24	17	16	11	15	36%	↑
Burglary (Total)	39	37	40	29	32	10%	↑
Forgery and Fraud	19	19	13	14	12	-14%	↓
ID Theft	31	32	171	16	23	44%	↑
Malicious Mischief	76	76	79	78	99	27%	↑
MV Theft	14	14	16	23	24	4%	↑
Possession of Stolen Property	25	22	26	13	27	108%	↑
Theft	215	174	197	137	243	77%	↑
Vehicle Prowl	61	49	60	26	36	38%	↑



Traffic Collisions

5 Year average of collisions

116



Red-Light & School Zone Cameras



SR522 /SR104	2020	2021	2022
COLLISIONS	9	19	10
CITATIONS	2,453	3,053	3,274

SR522 / NE 165 TH ST	2020	2021	2022
COLLISIONS	7	4	2
CITATIONS	1,738	2,507	3,018

SR522 / NE 170 TH ST	2020	2021	2022
COLLISIONS	8	6	7
CITATIONS	1,668	1,988	2,423

LFP ELEMENTARY	2020	2021	2022
COLLISIONS	0	1	2
CITATIONS	1,213	9,621	5,442

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY	2020	2021	2022
COLLISIONS	1	1	0
CITATIONS	1,590	13,394	7,543





Lieutenant
Diego Zanella
Support Services Division Commander



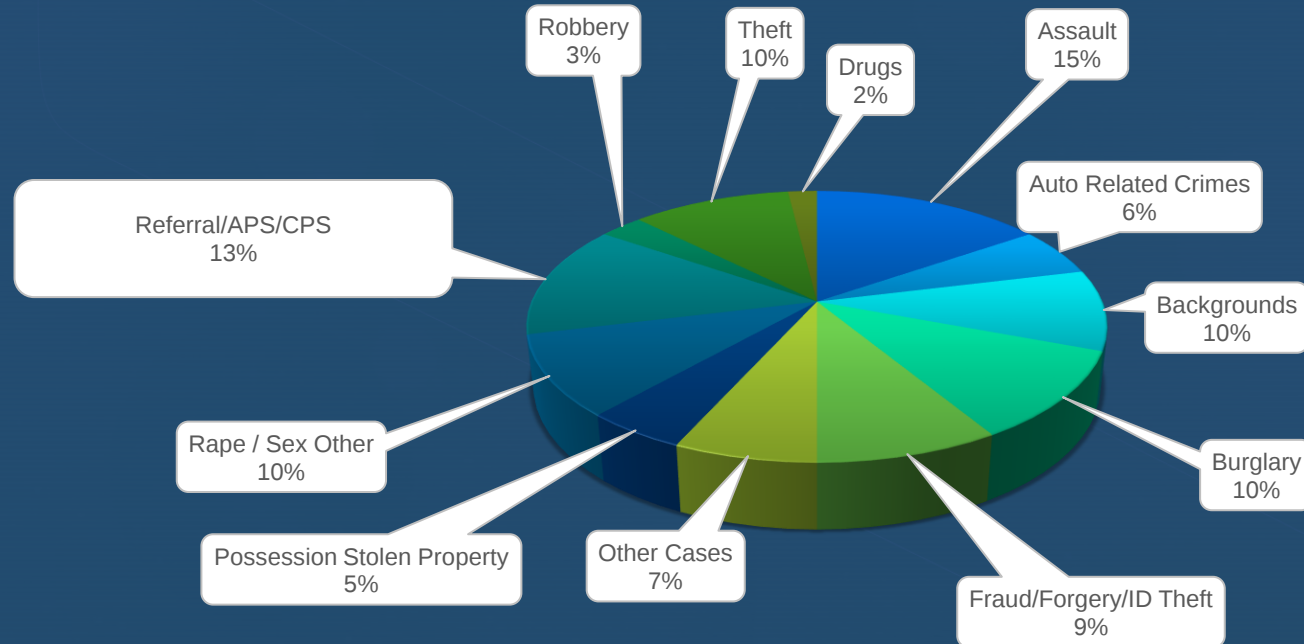
Investigations (Incoming Cases)

Assigned Investigations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	vs. Last Year
Assault	6	6	8	5	16	↑
Auto Related Crimes	5	4	2	5	6	↑
Backgrounds	6	7	2	8	10	↑
Burglary	13	16	19	8	11	↑
Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft	13	12	13	5	9	↑
Other Cases	26	24	25	10	7	↓
PSP	5	8	5	5	5	-
Rape / Sex Other	7	3	10	9	10	↑
Referral/APS/CPS	26	32	15	19	14	↓
Robbery	7	0	2	1	3	↑
Theft	19	17	7	8	11	↑
VUCSA (Drugs)	23	20	16	5	2	↓
Total	156	149	124	88	104	↑



Cases Assigned in 2022

2022 - Cases Assigned to Detectives



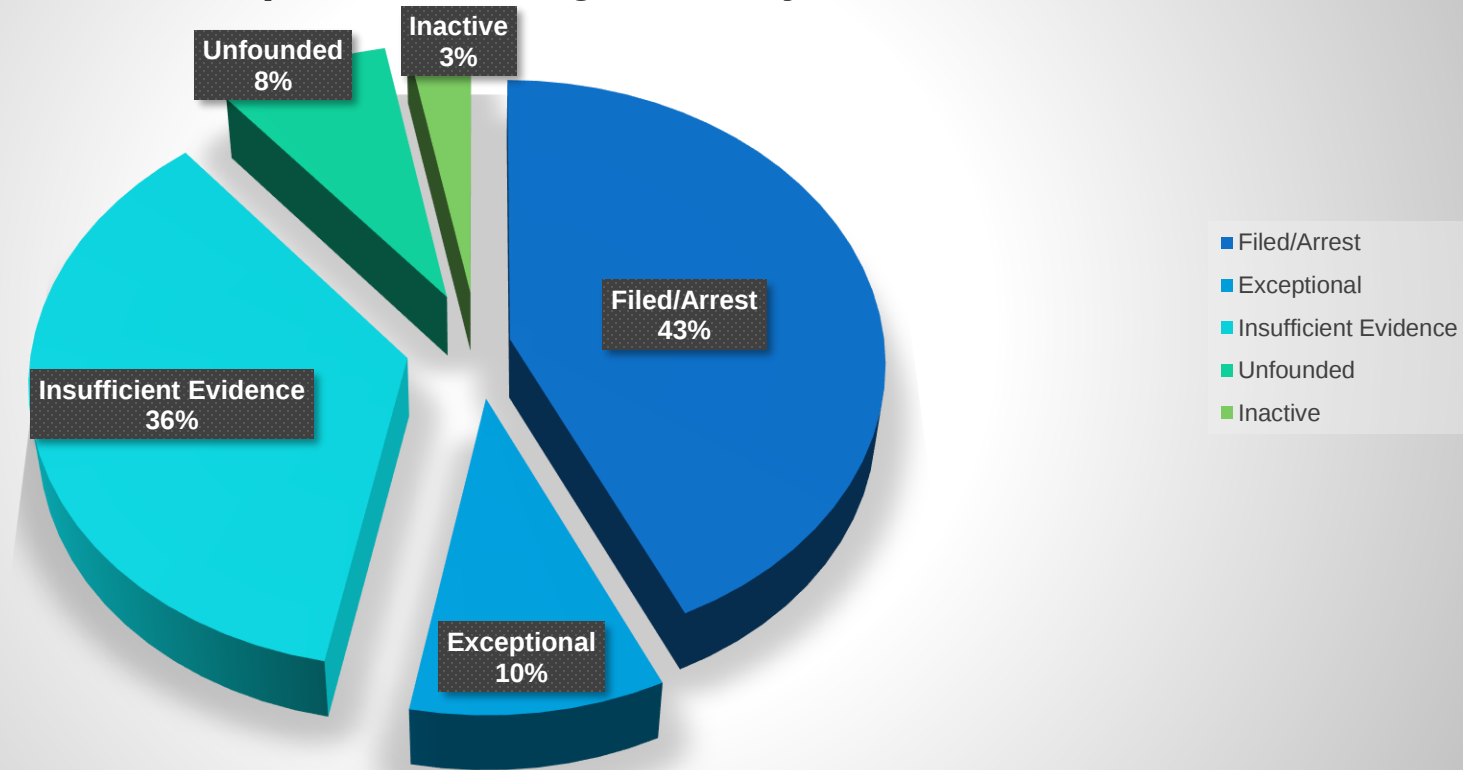
Investigations (Completed)

Completed Investigations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	vs. Last Year
Assault	6	6	5	4	13	↑
Auto Related Crimes	8	3	1	0	9	↑
Backgrounds	5	7	2	6	10	↑
Burglary	12	14	18	12	10	↓
Fraud/Forgery/ID Theft	10	16	15	4	12	↑
Other Cases	23	23	23	10	10	--
PSP	6	2	8	3	3	--
Rape / Sex Other	5	5	6	7	12	↑
Referral/APS/CPS	24	31	20	18	16	↓
Robbery	4	3	1	2	3	↑
Theft	18	21	10	7	10	↑
VUCSA (Drugs)	20	23	16	9	2	↓
Total	141	154	125	82	110	↑



Completed Investigations in 2022

2022
Completed Investigations by Clearance



Investigations Story

- July 2022, approx. 5:00 AM, Bothell Dispatch advises of a “drive-by shooting” occurred just outside an apartment complex on Bothell Way NE in Lake Forest Park
- Multiple shots have been fired and somebody is bleeding
- LFPPD and Bothell PD Officers respond
- Sgt. Parrish applies a tourniquet on the victim’s leg and the other officers secure the scene



Investigations Story

- Victim states that he knocked on the door of the witness and asked for help
- Witness states she did not allow the victim to enter her apartment but gave him a towel to stop the bleeding
- Witness and victim don't know each other
- Witness clearly intoxicated
- Witness and her mother are hostile and argumentative with the officers on scene



Investigations Story



- Video surveillance showed that there was no drive-by shooting
- A few apartment complex residents indicated that they heard one single shot coming from the witness' apartment
- Search warrant obtained
- Blood found inside the apartment
- Bullet hole found on a wall of the apartment
- Spent shell casing found in a trash can inside the apartment
- Witness (now person of interest) admitted to know the victim but didn't want to provide any additional statement



North Sound RADAR

RADAR (Response Awareness, De-escalation And Referral) is a collaboration between the Police Departments in Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Kirkland to address the rights and needs of individuals with behavioral health issues and/or developmental disabilities (BH/DD). During 2022 RADAR Navigators served a total of **568 Individuals** during a total of **1,548 Encounters**.

During 2022, Mental Health Professional Navigators met **with 22 individuals in Lake Forest Park, some multiple times, during a total of 88 encounters**. The average length of an encounter was 31 minutes, which represents quick check-ins as well as hours-long encounters where the Navigator stays with a person until they are de-escalated, able to accept help, and linked to the next step in the community of care. Of the individuals served by the RADAR Navigator Program in Lake Forest Park during 2022 for whom data was available, 25% were veterans, and 9% identified as having a behavioral health disability. 93% of individuals identified as White, and 7% identified as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC).



Our Community



- Shop with a Cop
- Summer Safety Day
- Polar Plunge
- National Night Out
- Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Department Visitors
- Blood Donations



North Sound Police Foundation

The **North Sound Police Foundation** is a non-profit organization that supports law enforcement agencies in Lake Forest Park and Mill Creek. The foundation's mission is to enhance public safety and build community partnerships by providing resources and support to law enforcement agencies.

NSPF have provided over **\$34,000** in funds:

- Eyes/Ears for Training
 - Storage Trailer
 - Pepperball Equipment
- Health and Wellness Training Day
 - Gym Outfitting

Future

- Health and Wellness Resources
- Radio/Communication Equipment
 - UAV Equipment
 - Gym Equipment



**Community Support
for Those Who Serve.**

www.northsoundpolicefoundation.org

K9 Police Units
Volunteer Citizen Patrols
Memorial Funds
Public Safety Equipment



Future

- **Staffing**

- Continued support for retention
- Finding the best people that can serve our community

- **Focus on Health and Wellness**

- Training
- Equipment
- Ease of Access to Wellness Resources
- Culture

- **Technology**

- Radios (PSERN?)
- Software for efficiency
- eBikes, UAV's, 3D Training, Red Dot, Electric Patrol Vehicles

- **Hero Day or Other Creative Community Events**

- Safety Day, Shop w/Cop, NNO

- **Citizen's Academy**



**To the community, to council, to all the city staff,
thank you for your support!**

Questions and Comments?

Chief of Police - Michael Harden
Lieutenant Rhonda Lehman, Patrol Operations
Lieutenant Diego Zanella, Support Services

