



St. Helens Police Department Semi- Annual Report

November 2022



Public Safety

Our Mission

The mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment.

Our Values

Professionalism: Through strong leadership and continuous training we will strive to serve as role models for the community.

Integrity: Our actions will demonstrate the highest ethical standards, and we will accept full responsibility for our actions.



GOAL #1: FOSTER AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS.



GOAL #3: CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE A PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES LIVABILITY AND SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY.



GOAL #5: REVIEW, SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM PLANS THAT IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITY'S PREFERRED VISION AND SUSTAINABLE REVENUES.





Police Personnel

- 18 Sworn Officers
 - 1 Police Chief
 - 1 Lieutenant
 - 4 Sergeants
 - 1 Corporal
 - 1 Detective
 - 10 Patrol Officers
- 3 Non-Sworn Personnel
 - 1 Code Enforcement Officer
 - 2 Police Support Specialists
- Authorized 22 sworn
- Currently 4 vacancies





DUII Arrest

2022 year to Date DUII Arrest

2021 January - November DUII Arrests: 43

2022 January – November DUII Arrest: 88

An 104% increase. Why?

- Proactive Policing
- Training by Officer McClure.



DUII Arrest

In December 2021, St. Helens Officer McKenzie McClure successfully completed a DWI (Driving While Impaired) Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor Development Course to become a certified instructor for the St. Helens Police Department.

Officer McClure provides instruction to St. Helens officers and CC LE Agencies in required DWI detection and proper SFST training and recertification

- Every DUII driver removed from our roadways is a life saved!



Detectives

2022 YTD Detective Investigations Data

- In 2021, the St. Helens Police Department Investigations Unit has completed a total of **522 reports**.
- To date in 2022, the St. Helens Police Department Investigations Unit has completed a total of **659 reports**.
- The industry standard for case load per detective is 8. SHPD detectives are assigned **60 cases per month**, in 2021 they averaged **30 cases per month**.



Detectives

2022 Detective Investigations Data

- 19 Child Abuse Cases that are mandated to be investigated
- 7 Elder Abuse/Exploitation Cases that are mandated to be investigated
- 7 SHSD Threat Assessments



Detectives

- In 2021, detectives authored 38 search warrants
- To date, detectives has authored 48 search warrants



The St. Helens Police Department set up a perimeter and conducted a track in the woods. After deploying St. Helens K-9 Ryder, the suspect emerged from the woods and was taken into custody without incident. The stolen handgun and other items were recovered on scene.





K-9 Notable Events

St. Helens Officers were dispatched to the St. Helens Walmart at 2295 Gable Road on the report of a theft in progress. Reports alleged that the suspect swung a knife at a customer while fleeing store employees at the location. Witnesses reported seeing the suspect leave the scene in a stolen vehicle prior to officers' arrival.

After being spotted by officers, the suspect fled on foot. K-9 Ryder conducted a track, and Costello was located hiding in blackberry bushes.



Patrol Notable Events

St. Helens officers responded to the report of a fire at the St. Helens Place Apartments at 700 Matzen Street, K Building, St. Helens, Oregon. Police were first to arrive on scene and found a fire contained to a second- and third-floor patio.

Officers immediately began evacuating residents from the building while additional officers arrived on scene with fire extinguishers and began fire suppression efforts. After officers evacuated the building, they began working together to continue fire suppression efforts until the fire appeared to be out.

Columbia River Fire and Rescue arrived on scene and conducted a building inspection to ensure the fire was fully suppressed and had not reached the building's attic



Patrol Notable Events

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at approximately 12:38 a.m., St. Helens officers responded to a fire assist call at 36050 Pittsburg Road. Three St. Helens officers were the first to arrive on scene where they found a building that was visibly on fire.

The officers quickly began assisting residents out of the building and worked to start clearing rooms as fire and other emergency service crews arrived to take charge of the scene.



Patrol Notable Events

St. Helens Officers responded to a man threatening to shoot a resident in his driveway while pointing the below gun at the victim. Upon officer arrival, the suspect was taken into custody. Officers found a fixed blade knife and brass knuckles on Stratton's person. The gun that Stratton was carrying was later identified by police as a paintball pistol manufactured to resemble a revolver.





Detective Notable Events

On Thursday, September 29, 2022, St. Helens officers arrested Billy Gene Fabiano, 51, of Oregon City on charges related to a sexual assault investigation that was reported to the St. Helens Police Department.

St. Helens officers received information alleging that Fabiano had sexual contact with an underage victim. After St. Helens officers investigated the claim and presented evidence to a Columbia County Grand Jury, Fabiano was indicted on September 29 and taken into custody.

St. Helens officers lodged Fabiano at Columbia County Jail on 17 counts of Rape in the Third Degree, 17 counts of Sodomy in the Third Degree, Unlawful Delivery of a Schedule I Controlled Substance to a Minor and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Fabiano's bail is set at \$2 million.



Detective Notable Events

Kevin Collins investigation.

On January 21, 2022, Kevin Collins was sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison related to Child Pornography. This investigation began in 2020 when the St. Helens Police Department was alerted by the Oregon Department of Justice, that an unknown subject was manufacturing and distributing child pornography. Mr. Collins was identified as a suspect, and a Search Warrant was executed on his residence where electronics and computers were seized. Between 500,000 and 1,000,000 images and videos of child pornography were located and seized.



Detective Notable Events

Cory Mazzella investigation.

Detectives assisted Patrol Officers with the recovery of six stolen vehicles and approximately \$100,000 of stolen property from a residence in St. Helens. In January of 2022, Patrol staff located a stolen vehicle at Mazzella's residence. Detectives completed a Search Warrant for the residence and 5 additional stolen vehicles were located along with stolen property, which included a \$100,000 piece of construction equipment that was stolen from a Washington County business.



Community Partnerships

- CCMH Crisis Stabilization Center
- St. Helens School District
- Training other CC LE Agencies