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**2005  
Annual Report**



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### Message From the Chief

A.W. "Buster" McGehee



As Interim Police Chief for the City of Bonney Lake this past year I am pleased to provide the 2005 annual report. The annual report is prepared for the community and reflects the activities of your police department.

The Bonney Lake Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency comprised of 24 sworn officers, to include the Chief of Police, Lieutenant, and 5 Sergeants. We are supported by 1 Community Services officer, 4 reserve officers, 3 records clerks, 3 volunteers, 1 part-time Evidence Custodian, 1 Office Assistant and a part-time Crime Analyst. This dedicated group of men and women are committed to providing excellent service to the citizens of Bonney Lake. Integrity, Commitment, Character and Pride remain our guiding principals that have made Bonney Lake PD the great place it is today.

In 2005 we hired and trained 3 new commissioned officers. Developing and training new officers for service is a crucial task requiring many training hours covering a variety of topics. Our department Field Training Officers instructors were kept busy and completed all training tasks with a high degree of professionalism.

Bonney Lake Police employees completed approximately 2237 hours of training. Our goal is 2006 is to increase our total training hours so we can better serve the public.

Bonney Lake has changed from a once quiet bedroom community to one of the fastest growing cities in Pierce County. The members of BLPD are dedicated to not only just keep up with the demands of a growing community, but to be proactive and responsive to the needs of our community. An effective partnership with the community is crucial to our success. We continue to develop new community programs and improve on the programs already established. Citizen input allows us to be ever evolving and provide the highest level of service achievable.

*Buster McGehee*  
Interim Chief of Police

#### **The Department Mission**

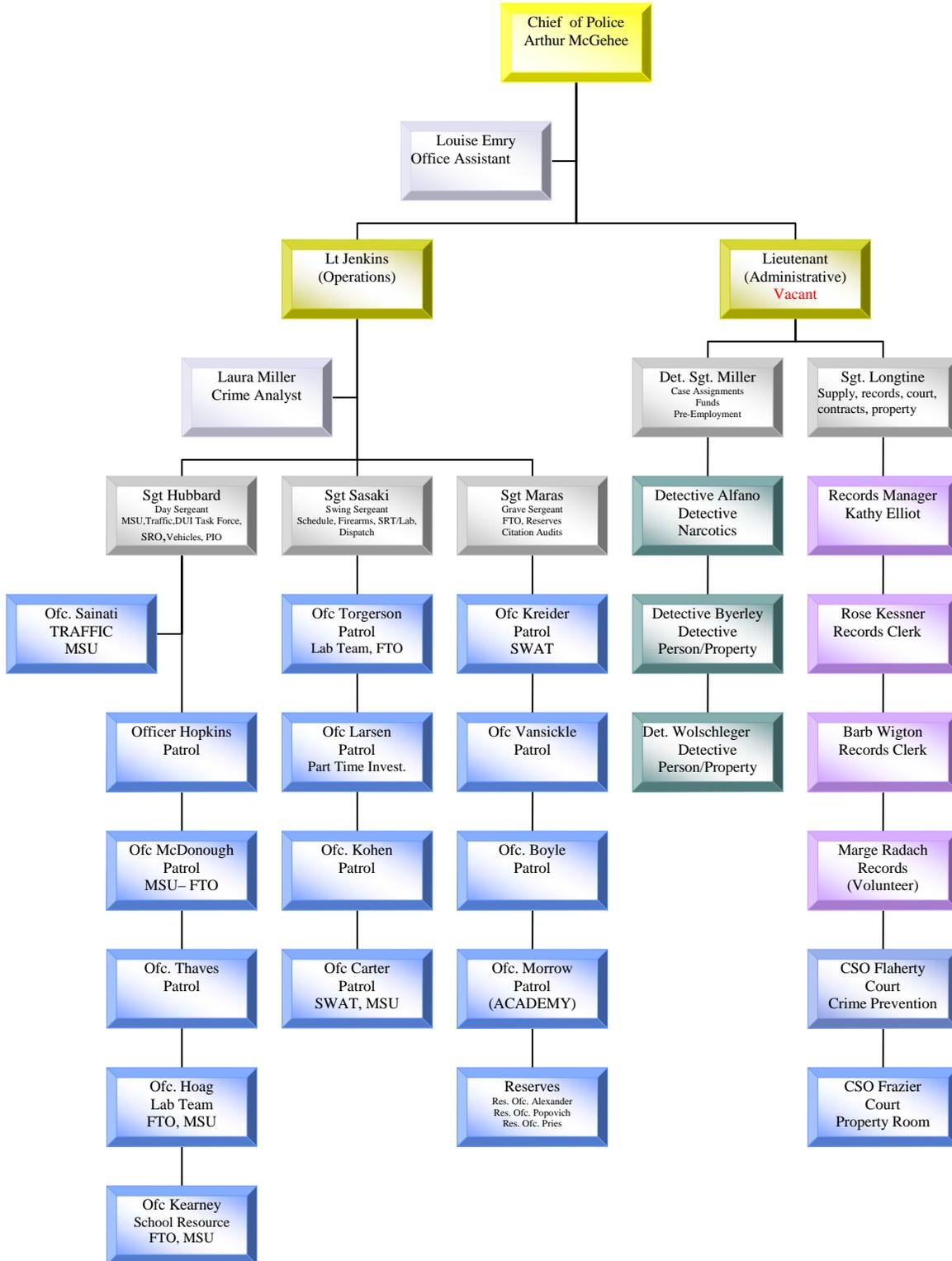
The Bonney Lake Police Department is an organization of professional men and women who are ethically and morally dedicated to providing quality law enforcement to the citizens of our community. As professionals, we embrace the highest principals of public service in the performance of our duty.

It is our responsibility to preserve the peace within the framework of the constitution and the enforcement of federal, state and municipal law. It is our duty to protect the rights of the individuals while engaged in the protection of persons, property, and the deterrence of crime. It is our pleasure to render assistance whenever possible. Our mission is to perform this public service as law enforcement professionals, adhering to legislative standards of fairness, impartiality and equality.

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## BLPD Organizational Chart



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### Investigations Unit

Detective Sergeant Jeff Miller, Detective Brian Byerley and Detective Daron Wolschleger

It has been an exciting and productive year for investigations in 2005. In February, we purchased three new undercover vehicles for the two Detectives and the Detective Sergeant. We also received two drug seizure vehicles for our participation in the DEA Task Force. One of the seizure vehicles went to the Lieutenant and the other to our narcotics Detective. The Department also received \$800,000 for the drug seizure fund from a large profile drug case for the Narcotics Detective's participation on the DEA Task Force. The implementation of the department joining the "LESA" records system has been an outstanding asset to the investigations unit.

The Investigations Unit worked on approximately 300 cases in 2005. The solvability rate was approximately 30 percent, which is on par with the national average. Some of the larger profile cases worked on are as follows: In January, a large burglary/stolen property ring was investigated resulting in the arrest of several individuals and the recovery of over 200 items of stolen property and 22 stolen vehicles. In April, a high profile child abuse case was investigated and the offenders were subsequently arrested and charged, resulting in a guilty plea and eight years in jail. In May, a very intensive 2003 sexual assault case went to trial. The jury found the defendant guilty of burglary first degree, kidnapping first degree, assault second degree and three counts of rape first degree and he was sentenced to 256 months in prison. During the months of July and August investigations performed spot checks of the local smoke shops and ensuring that they were complying with drug paraphernalia ordinances. One smoke shop was warned and then cited for repeated violations. During this time, Investigations also did some undercover operations buying illegal quantities of controlled substances from a local convenience store. In the month of September, Detectives noticed a sharp increase in the theft of motor vehicles and the recovery of stolen vehicles. Proactive undercover operations were implemented resulting in the arrest of several members involved in a stolen vehicle ring. Due to the work of the investigation unit, motor vehicle thefts dropped significantly.

There were some personnel changes in 2005. One of the part-time detectives was promoted to full-time status in February. In October, the senior detective was promoted to patrol sergeant and a patrol officer was promoted to detective. The detective sergeant attended basic homicide investigation in March, while the senior detective was scheduled for the Washington/Oregon Lawman's Conference in October. That training was cancelled due to the detective's promotion. Lastly, the department implemented a crime analyst position. The analyst compiles crime data and formulates trends and patterns to assist investigations to better address specific crime. The crime analyst also prepares crime bulletins to distribute through the department and surrounding agencies.

The Investigations Unit is dedicated to providing the citizens of the City of Bonney Lake with the most thorough, cutting edge techniques and practices to investigate and solve crime. We look forward to providing this high level of service in 2006.

#### 2005 Investigations Statistics

**Cases referred to investigation– 260**  
**Investigations cases closed– 241**  
**Investigations cases charged-Felony– 36**  
**Investigations cases charged-Misdemeanor– 33**  
**Registered Sex Offenders Monitored- 21**  
**Clearance by arrest rate = 29%**  
**(National average = 30%)**

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## Records Division

Kathy Elliot, Rose Kessner, Barb Wigton, Louise Emry and Margie

In April 2005, the Bonney Lake Police department contracted with LESA (Law Enforcement Support Agency) to use the WebRMS and Enforcer programs. The WebRMS program is a web based records management program and the Enforcer program is a web based report writing program. The police officer writes his report in the Enforcer program and uploads the report into the WebRMS program transferring the information. This is an extremely efficient use of manpower since the information only needs to be entered once instead of twice as with other programs. The records personnel now mainly focus on Uniform Crime Reporting validation of the cases and entry of non Enforcer generated case reports such as Motor Vehicle Accidents. Additional benefits to the LESA program is that officers and records personnel have access to information from all agency in Pierce County that also contract with LESA to include Tacoma P.D., Pierce County Sheriff, Puyallup P.D., Sumner P.D., Lakewood P.D., University Place P.D., Gig Harbor P.D., Steilacoom P.D., Fircrest P.D., Dupont P.D. and any other agencies that join in the future.

### 2005 Records Totals

<b>Case Reports</b>	<b>3198</b>
<b>Concealed Pistol Licenses</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Fingerprint Service</b>	<b>204</b>

In order to have all of 2005 case reports in the same records management system, the remainder of the 2005 cases from January to March were also entered by the Records personnel into the WebRMS program.

## New Faces to BLPD in 2005

BLPD gained 3 new officers, a records supervisor, a temporary part-time crime analyst, a part-time property room officer and a part time senior aid in 2005. Officer Brian VanSickle is a lateral entry officer who was previously employed with Buckley PD. Officer Ryan Boyle is also a lateral entry officer recruited from Buckley PD. Ryan is a graduate of the first Bonney Lake Citizen's Academy in 1995. He then went on to become a Reserve Officer and Corrections Officer for Buckley PD in 1996. The third new officer hired was Todd Morrow. Todd is an entry level officer and volunteered with the department as a reserve officer for 2 years. Ofc. Morrow will graduate from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in March of 2006.

Kathy Elliot was the records supervisor for Puyallup Police Department for 12 years. Kathy is a 30 year veteran of law enforcement and agreed to come out of retirement and assist BLPD with the implementation of a new records system. Kathy has been a valuable addition to the department.

Laura Miller returned to BLPD in 2005 as a part-time crime analyst. She is also a back up property room officer. Laura had been with the department since 1991, first as a Communications Officer and then as a Community Service Officer. She left the department in 2002 to care for her young son. Laura provides statistical reports and crime trend information to the chief, administration, public, press and department members. She also publishes a weekly intelligence bulletin for officers and an activity report for local newspapers.

Retired BLPD Police Chief Don Frazier has returned as a part-time property room officer and also provides assistance with court security and prisoner transports. Don's 30 years of experience in every aspect of law enforcement is invaluable to the department.

Margie Radach is a senior aide who has previously worked with Puyallup PD for 2 years and also with the Puyallup Court for 2 years. She assists the full time records staff with data entry of police reports. The back log of reports to be entered from early 2005 was significantly reduced thanks to her contributions.

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## Crime Prevention and Community Events

Community Service Officer Stephen Flaherty

2005 has been an exciting year of growth and change for the Community service Officer. While there continues to be more than enough prisoners and felons to move from Bonney Lake to Jail and court, we have also expanded our court security to include Traffic Court. Other areas of responsibility include Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM), Crime Prevention, Community Block Watch, National Night Out, Citizens Academy support, Volunteers Radar Trailer/Neighbor Speed Watch, community and officer support.

The EHM program through November 2005 provided 248 days of monitoring for a savings of \$12,896.00 in jail costs. Our crime prevention efforts included meetings with all local banks regarding alarm procedures, contacts with local 24 hours businesses regarding snatch and grab robberies in the nearby communities and Safety Fairs in April, August, September, and October. Safety and road security was also provided to Beautify Bonney Lake Day in September. Crime prevention info and tours were also a part of the Open House of the Public Safety Building in October. In addition to providing crime prevention information, over 100 children were educated on the 911 system utilizing our 911 simulator.

We have added one Block Watch neighborhood this year on Inlet Island. Meetings in April resulted in small but successful Block Watch. Efforts to gather information on Home Owner Associations has finally resulted in a contact list which we will use to contact and develop more Block Watch Neighborhoods in 2006. More positive press was provided by The Herald in December in article describing block watch and our community. Our Volunteers have also been building a similar list for the Business Community to provide them timely, proactive crime prevention information. Request for business contacts should be included in this years Business License renewal information.



### 6th Annual National Night Out Softball Tournament Ends the PD's losing streak

Two areas of particular success were the Citizens Academy and National Night Out. Of 27 participants in the Academy 13 volunteered to help with National Night Out. Two are current volunteers and two to four more will be joining our volunteer program in 2006. National Night Out began a full weekend of citizen involvement, contact, and crime prevention information sharing. 25 local businesses and community agencies participated with either booths or donations.

Over 75 ID-A-Kid kits were handed out on that Friday night and throughout the weekend through the City of Bonney Lake booth at Bonney Lake Days. The annual Police/Fire/Citizen and Chaplain softball tournament ended BLPD's 5 year losing streak to the Fire Department.

The radar trailer was used in support of the Street of the Week and was deployed on average 3 to 4 times a week. It was also used to conduct traffic studies at the new Bonney Lake High School and the completed Sky Island Drive.

The Community Service Officer attended two training classes in 2005. One on Auto Theft Prevention and one for Defensive Driving.

As result of recommendations by consulting firm during a Department review, responsibility for the Evidence Room was transferred to a part time civilian employee. This transition was completed in June and since has allowed the Community Service Officer to focus on crime prevention efforts in the community.

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### Traffic Unit

Officer Vince Sainati



Traffic Officer Vince Sainati

The Bonney Lake Traffic Unit continued to increase its enforcement efforts in 2005 writing a total of 1,155 citations/infractions. Along with highway speed enforcement, a proactive approach to combat speeding in residential neighborhoods was utilized with the “Street of the Week” program.

Officer Sainati attended a three week Commercial Vehicle Enforcement class with the Washington State Patrol. He continues to work on the required inspections of Commercial Vehicles to receive his certification.

The city purchased a new 2004 RT1150 BMW Police Motorcycle to replace the used 1997 Kawasaki that was purchased from the Kent Police Department in 2002 that now has 50,000 miles. The Kawasaki was kept by the city as a backup and training motorcycle. Since the traffic unit came into effect in 2001 there has been a marked reduction in collisions and speed related traffic complaints.

In 2006, the Lakewood Police wants to start a Metro Motor Officer Enforcement day. Motorcycle Officers from Lakewood, PCSO, Tacoma, Fife and Bonney Lake would work traffic problem areas in different cities each month similar the DUI Emphasis program. The goal would be to have 10 to 15 Motorcycle Officers working problem areas each writing 10-15 tickets per Officer or about 100 to 150 tickets for that day. The department has requested to increase the 2006 staffing of the motorcycle unit from one full time officer to two full time officers.

### Domestic Violence Community Advocate

Domestic Violence related cases in Bonney Lake were up by 24.1% in 2005. Thanks to a Federal Grant, Bonney Lake citizens have access to the services of a Domestic Violence Community Advocate. This grant, entitled, Grant to Encourage Arrest is funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women.

The Community Advocate program offers assistance to domestic violence victims in multiple ways. These services include safety planning, court support, assistance with obtaining protection orders, providing resources and making outreach calls to domestic violence victims that are listed on Bonney Lake Police reports.

The advocate, Janel Smith, works one day a week out of the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building. She can be contacted in person each Wednesday from 8:30 am—2:30 pm or by phone at 253-863-2218. She can also be reached throughout the week at the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center at 253-798-2923.

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## Marine Services Unit

Sergeant Tom Longtine

In 2005 MSU (Marine Services Unit) continued a general trend of increasing patrol time and measured performance in inspections and citations.

Patrol hours were up by nearly 40% over 2003, despite a poor weather start to the season. For the first time, we have a dependable number for boating complaints thanks to Sumner Dispatch and their Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Past boating complaints were measured by Officers on duty noting and recording them as received. Now dispatch can give us real numbers of all complaints received.

It should be noted that 2004 was an exceptionally nice boating season. In April 2004 alone MSU conducted 30 hours of patrol. In 2005, MSU didn't patrol on the lake until July 15<sup>th</sup>, due to poor weather and lack of boaters. PCSO on the other hand was very active early in the season, conducting mandatory overtime patrols with two vessels. This early and strong presence on the lake probably contributed to only one citation being issued for a registration violation by BLPD MSU.



Officer Vince Sainati and Sgt. Dana Hubbard patrol Lake Tapps

Throughout 2005 MSU Officers participated in the Lake Tapps Boat Management Planning Team meetings. Among the items forwarded to both the Pierce County Council and Bonney Lake City Council were requests for increased MSU patrols, increased restrictions on numbers of launches at boat ramps, and installation of a gate at the Allan Yorke boat ramp.

The department continued with its boating safety education and participated in many community events in 2005. The police boat was on display while officers handed out brochures and coloring books on boating safety, laws, and the importance of lifejackets.

	2005	2004	2003
Patrol Hours	69	160	50.5
Ramp Insp. Hours	16	48.5	35
Written Inspections	120	237	111
Passing	44	64	30
Failing	76	173	81
Citations	22	33	15
MSU complaints	67	14	
Search & Rescue	6	9	10
Collision Investigations	2	6	2

For 2006, a change of command is occurring. Sgt. Longtine is passing MSU command to Sgt. Dana Hubbard. Sgt. Hubbard has been involved in MSU for many years, and graciously allows the department to continue berthing our boat at her dock on Lake Tapps.



## School Resource Officer

Officer Rob Kearney

The Bonney Lake Police Department has one police officer currently on special assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) working directly with the Sumner School District. SRO Rob Kearney, who has been with the department for four years, works daily with the staff and students in the City's four schools.

The highlight of 2005 was the opening of the new Bonney Lake High School and a new opportunity for the expansion of our department's SRO program. Until this year, the program included only one middle school and two elementary schools.



The new Bonney Lake High School

Deploying an officer within the schools is not a new concept. In fact, departments nationwide have been using the concept of school resource officers for nearly forty years. The idea behind the program is that students should be exposed to police officers in a non-confrontational and supportive manner. Although the primary role of the SRO is to enforce laws in the school, a great deal of time is spent acting as a counselor, role model or mentor to students.

Our SRO has become a liaison for the department with the school district and has assisted in activities ranging from tracking down truant students to testifying at expulsion hearings. In addition, the SRO works very closely with the Pierce County Juvenile Court and Juvenile Probation Officers to monitor juvenile offenders.

The SRO program is an excellent example of the Bonney Lake Police Department's commitment to partnerships with other community organizations.

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### Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT)

The Metro SWAT team successfully performed 39 missions in 2005, which included 14 high-risk warrants, 15 narcotics search warrants, 7 barricaded subjects, and other volatile situations, as well as the high profile assist to Tacoma Police Department SWAT for an armed barricaded subject with hostages at the Tacoma Mall. The SWAT team also successfully negotiated for the surrender of a Bonney Lake man who was wanted in connection with the death of his wife the day prior in Thurston, County.

The Metro SWAT team is a multi-agency tactical team, which consists of members from the Bonney Lake, Buckley, Puyallup, Sumner, Milton, Dupont, Steilacoom, Fife, and Lakewood Police Departments. The members of the SWAT team also assist member agencies with training in areas of firearms, and "Active Shooter" incidents.



Members of Metro SWAT preparing to enter the Tacoma Mall

### Reserve Police Officer Program

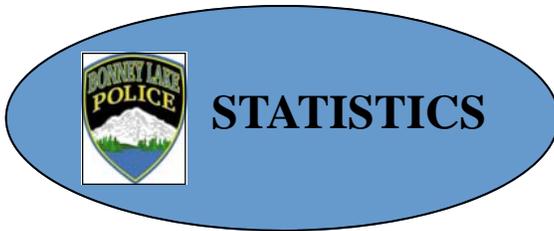
Bonney Lake Police Department currently has 4 Reserve Police Officers, all of which are in different phases of their training. In 2005, reserves volunteered a total of 704.5 hours which is .36% of a full time equivalent. One of the main goals of the reserve program is to provide law enforcement training to reserve officers. The training provided will assist them in preparing for a career in law enforcement and in return supplement the regular full time officers.

The most recent addition to the full time police officer status was Todd Morrow. Todd had been a reserve officer for approximately two years. He then tested for an entry level position and was hired in 2005. Todd is currently attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Burien with a graduation date in March, 2006.

The remaining reserve officers are Chris Alexander, Tim Popovich, Scott Pries, and Steve Nagy. Chris has been with the reserve program for approximately two years and is currently undergoing the testing process with Tacoma PD. Tim has been with the program since March, 2004; he too has been testing for an entry level police position. Scott has been with the program for approximately one year. Steve is the most recent acquisition of the reserve program. Steve came to the Bonney Lake program from Enumclaw Police Department where he is currently employed as a corrections officer.

Each of the reserve officers are required to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours each month. There are a number of training phases they complete in the hopes of obtaining a "solo patrol" status. In addition to volunteering their time, reserve officers also pay for their own uniforms and equipment.

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Overall, crime in Bonney Lake was up 9.8% in 2005 compared to 2004. However, looking at a larger 5 year picture, reported crime is actually down from a large spike of reported crime in 2002.

Bonney Lake Police Officers responded to a total of 16,837 calls for service in 2005 compared to 16,310 in 2004 which is an increase of 3.2%. Of those calls, officers generated 3,198 reports in comparison to 3,131 reports written in 2004.

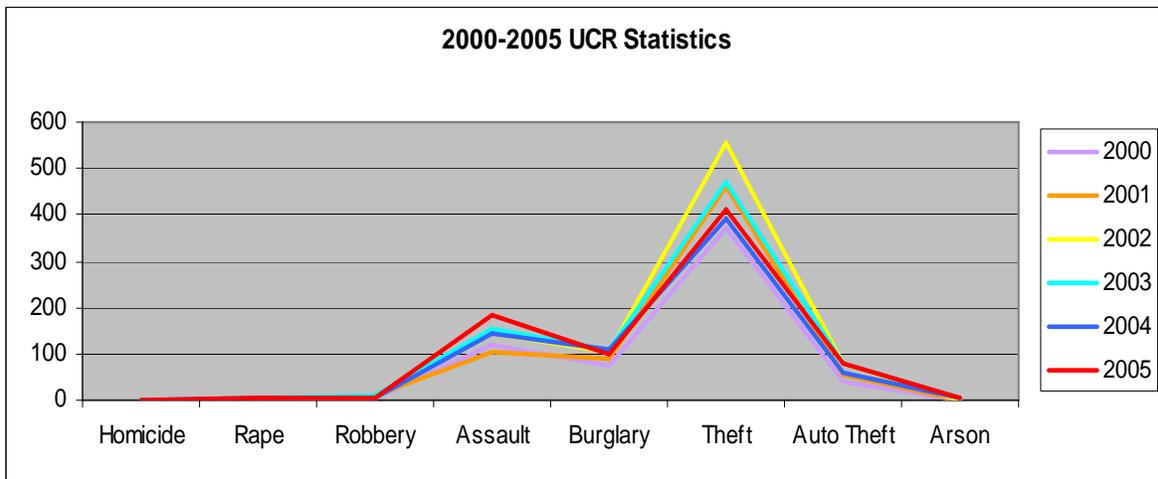
The most significant increase with regard to percentages is the number of Domestic Violence related cases and Aggravated Assault cases taken by Bonney Lake Officers. Domestic Violence was up by 24.1% in 2005 with a total of 139 cases reported in comparison to 112 cases reported in 2004. Citizen's reported 29 cases of Aggregated Assault compared to only 5 cases in 2004 which resulted in a 480% increase.

Another significant increase in Bonney Lake for 2005 were the number of individuals arrested for both misdemeanor and felony offenses. A total of 488 adults were arrested in 2005 compared to 404 in 2004 (a 21% increase). Juvenile arrests were up by 112% with 106 juveniles arrested in 2005 and only 50 in 2004.

False Alarms were up by 27.4% in 2005 with officers responding to 703 false alarms in 2005 compared to 552 in 2004.

Bonney Lake Police Officers (including the traffic unit) issued 3,914 traffic infraction tickets, 472 criminal traffic citations and 630 misdemeanor citations during 2005. While traffic infractions were up from 2004, criminal traffic citations were down which can be attributed to the change in legislation for issuing Driving While License Suspended citations.

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Arson	Total
<b>2000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>719</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>894</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>829</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>787</b>

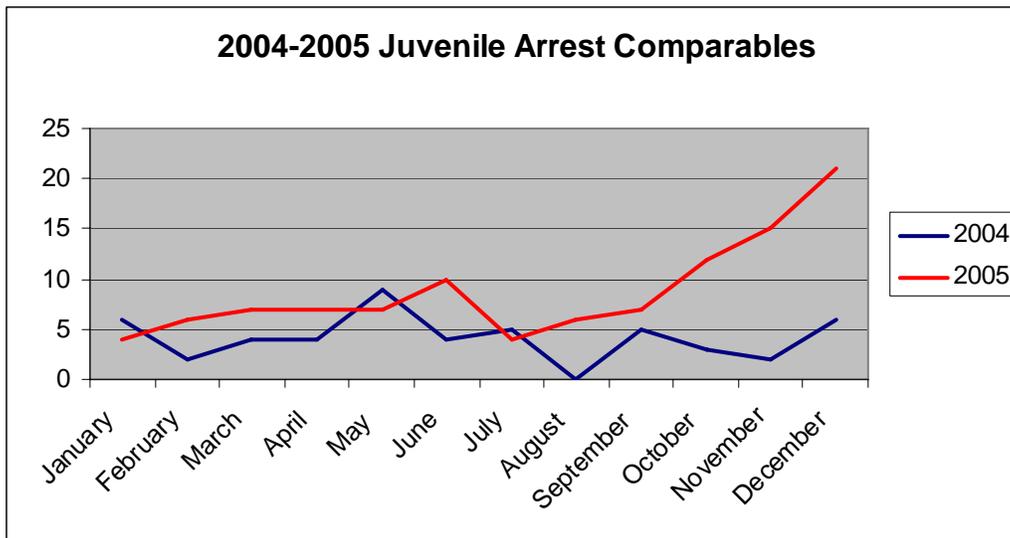


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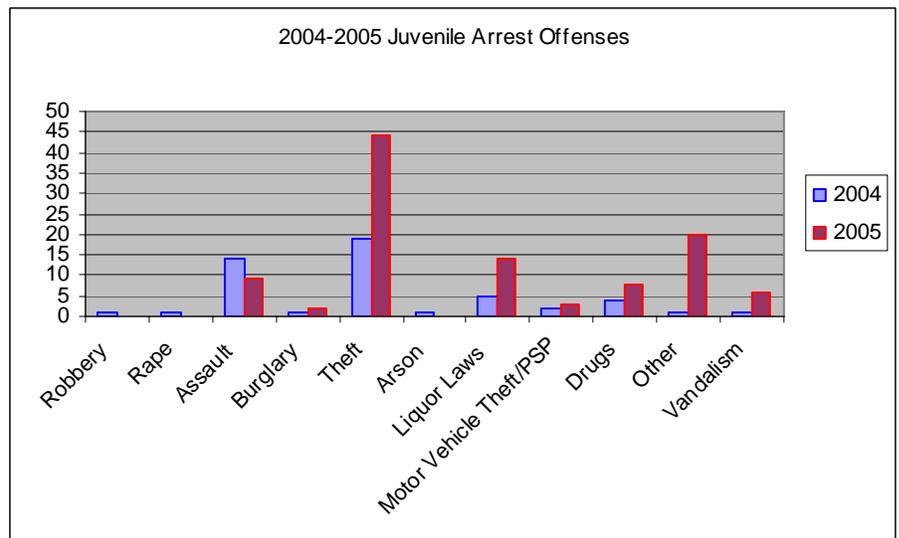
## Juvenile Arrest Details

As previously stated, Juvenile arrests are up 112% in 2005. The highest rate of arrest was for Theft/Shoplift which contributed to almost half of the overall juvenile arrests. Juvenile liquor law violations were also up by almost 3 times compared to 2004 statistics.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2004</b>	6	2	4	4	9	4	5	0	5	3	2	6	50
<b>2005</b>	4	6	7	7	7	10	4	6	7	12	15	21	106



Juvenile Arrests	2004	2005
Robbery	1	0
Rape	1	0
Assault	14	9
Burglary	1	2
Theft	19	44
Arson	1	0
Liquor Laws	5	14
Motor Vehicle Theft/ PSP	2	3
Drugs	4	8
Other	1	20
Vandalism	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>106</b>



## Bonney Lake Police Department 2005 Annual Report

### 2005 Awards

- Police Officer of the Year~ Sgt. Kelly Maras
- Support Person of the Year~ Louise Emry
  - Reserve Officer of the Year~ Scott Pries
- Outstanding Service Award~ Lt. Tom Jenkins
- Outstanding Service Award~ Records Division



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