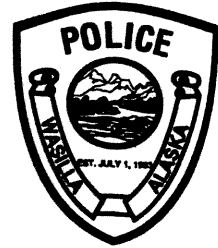


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Information Memo 96-05

1-29-96

To: Wasilla City Council
From: Irl Stambaugh, Chief of Police
Thru: John Stein, Mayor
Re: Calls for Service

The attached information is provided for your review concerning statistical information generated by the Wasilla Police Department during 1995.

You will find the attached information broken down into three categories:

Reports Written: Separated and counted by the type of incident to include the total number of case numbers that were issued for requests for service.

Arrests: Broken down into the total numbers of charges that persons were charged with: i.e. One person could be charged with DWI, No Operator License and a warrant service.

Officer Statistics: This area covers the Officers activity on the street during the month eg; Citations written, arrests made, type of arrests. It should be noted that many of these statistics overlap with other information provided.

If you have any questions concerning the information provided, I am available at your convenience.

Wasilla

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Statistical

Report

Statistical Report
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Wasilla
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Introduction

Introduction

Purpose:

To reflect on the current criminal activity in the community as a means to compare it to future information. In doing so we hope to identify trends and changes in crime activity. Many factors influence these numbers, population changes, reporting procedures, law revisions and economics. These factors should be kept in mind as you review this and future information.

Source of Data:

The information contained in this reports was compiled from the Wasilla Police Department records system.

Wasilla Police Department Goals

Protect life and property by attaining the highest possible level of professional performance.

Promote and maintain crime prevention activities with emphasis on citizen involvement, public awareness and community policing.

Manage our resources in an effective and efficient manner so as to achieve a high level of productivity.

Wasilla Police Department Mission

Statement

The Wasilla Police Department's mission is to provide the best possible law enforcement and crime prevention services, staffed by experienced, educated officers utilizing the most modern equipment and facilities.

The Department will maintain a cooperative working relationship with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as all other emergency services organizations. Mutual assistance agreements with law enforcement and emergency services organizations (to include Palmer Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Division of Fire Prevention, Mat-Su Borough Public Safety, and area private security services) will be established.

The department will initially be staffed with 9 commissioned officers and a Chief. Qualifications for commissioned personnel will be as required by Alaska Police Standards Council with an emphasis on academic achievement and exceptional communication skills.

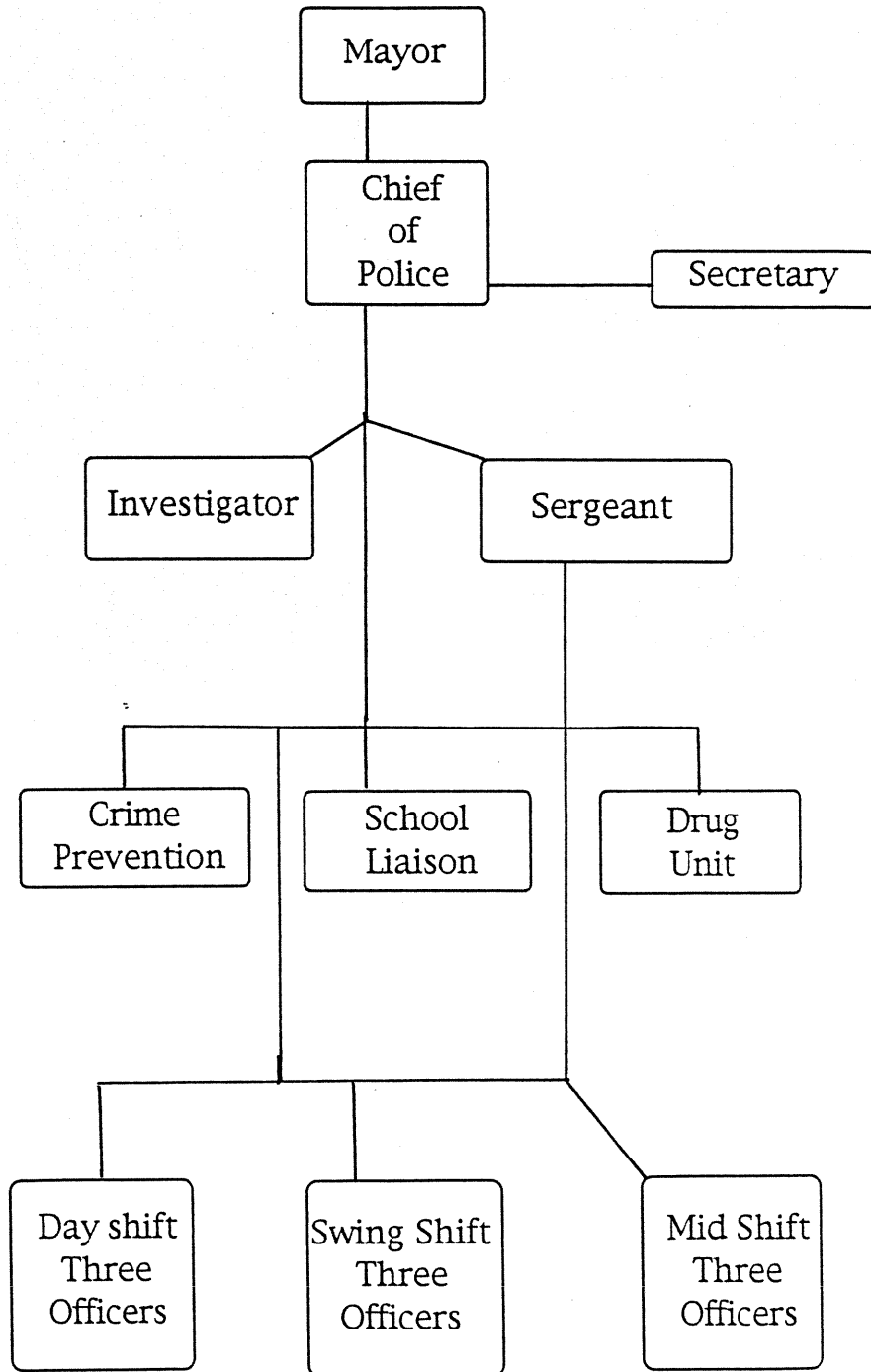
The primary emphasis of the Department is to prevent criminal activity coupled with enforcement of local, state, and federal laws. The Department will support crime prevention and programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, merchant education, and related programs. Additionally the Department will maintain a broad knowledge of support programs such as the availability of women's shelters, drug treatment programs, crisis intervention programs, etc. in the interest of community awareness.

If you would like to receive additional information or documents contact:

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Wasilla Police Department

1996 Organizational Chart



1995

CASE

NUMBERS

ISSUED

CASE NUMBER'S

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1995

Abandoned Vehicles	13
Accidents	344
Agency Assists	346
Animal Problem	74
Assault	88
ATV / Snowmachine Complaint	38
Bomb Threats	0
Burglary	37
Civil Problem	197
Criminal Non Support	2
Custodial Interference	1
Death Investigations	6
Disturbance	419
Domestic Violence Writs	34
Driving While License Suspended / Revoked	217
Driving While Intoxicated	118
Extra Patrol Requested	407
Filing False Report	1

Fireworks	9
Forgery	6
Found Property	55
Harassment	76
Hazardous Materials	3
Hit and Run / Accident	61
Indecent Exposure	3
Juvenile Involved (all cases)	318
Lost Property	24
Medic Assist	69
Mental Person	15
Minor Consuming	52
Misconduct Involving Drugs	59
Misconduct Involving Weapons	11
Missing Person	6
NSF Checks	5
Overdue Aircraft	4
Parking Problem	13
Private Person Impound	3
Public Assist	385
Reckless Driving	109
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	13

Resisting Arrest	7
Robbery	2
Runaway Juvenile	52
Safety Hazard	6
Security Check	29
Sexual Abuse of a Minor	5
Sexual Assault	5
Shoplifting	124
Stalking	0
Stolen Bicycle	6
Stolen Vehicle	37
Suspicious Circumstances	421
Theft	360
Traffic Hazard	229
Trespass	88
Vandalism	183
Warrant Service	167
Welfare Check	187
Total Case Numbers Issued:	6024

1995

Officer

Statistics

Officer Statistics

1995

Accident Investigation	357
Involving Fatality (persons)	0
Citations Issued at Accident	88
Arrests All Categories	800
Felony Arrests	66
Misdemeanor Arrests	635
Assault	23
Burglary	3
Criminal Mischief	9
Disorderly Conduct	12
Driving While Intoxicated	118
Drug Violations	35
Filing False Police Report	1
Indecent Exposure	3
Minor Consuming Alcohol	47
Misconduct with weapons	3
Reckless Driving	13
Resisting Arrest	6
Shoplifting	116
Theft	14

Trespass	15
Warrant Service	168
Brady Bill Checks	399
Citations Issued - All Moving Violations	397
Driving with License Suspended and/or revoked	217
Equipment Citations	73
Parking Citations	7
Verbal Warnings	1782
Criminal Assists	789
Criminal Investigations	3435
Field Interviews	3401
Initial Investigations	6464
Miscellaneous Activities	1924
Miscellaneous Traffic	1685
Persons Assisted at Wasilla Police Department	1708
Phone Calls received	3999
Time on special duty (hours)	2891
Total Reports Written	1411

1994 / 1995

CASE

NUMBERS

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CASE NUMBER'S

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1994 /1995

	1994	1995
Abandoned Vehicles	17	13
Accidents	362	344
Agency Assists	364	346
Animal Problem	27	74
Assault	122	88
ATV / Snowmachine Complaint	34	38
Bomb Threats	4	0
Burglary	40	37
Civil Problem	191	197
Criminal Non Support	1	2
Custodial Interference	1	1
Death Investigations	6	6
Disturbance	395	419
Domestic Violence Writs	26	34
Driving While License Suspended / Revoked	182	217
Driving While Intoxicated	160	118

Extra Patrol Requested	591	407
Filing False Report	1	1
Fireworks	14	9
Forgery	12	6
Found Property	47	55
Harassment	80	76
Hazardous Materials	0	3
Hit and Run / Accident	69	61
Indecent Exposure	5	3
Juvenile Involved (all cases)	424	318
Lost Property	24	24
Medic Assist	86	69
Mental Person	26	15
Minor Consuming	42	52
Misconduct Involving Drugs	40	59
Misconduct Involving Weapons	17	11
Missing Person	7	6
NSF Checks	1	5
Overdue Aircraft	8	4
Parking Problem	19	13
Private Person Impound	0	3
Public Assist	402	385

Reckless Driving	87	109
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	19	13
Resisting Arrest	2	7
Robbery	5	2
Runaway Juvenile	50	52
Safety Hazard	2	6
Security Check	18	29
Sexual Abuse of a Minor	14	5
Sexual Assault	9	5
Shoplifting	132	124
Stalking	2	0
Stolen Bicycle	18	6
Stolen Vehicle	42	37
Suspicious Circumstances	382	421
Theft	400	360
Traffic Hazard	197	229
Trespass	55	88
Vandalism	227	183
Warrant Service	172	167
Welfare Check	172	187
Total Case Numbers Issued:	5826	6024

1994 / 1995

Officer

Statistics

Officer Statistics

1994 / 1995

	1994	1995
Accident Investigation	394	357
Involving Fatality (persons)	6	0
Citations Issued at Accident	53	88
Arrests All Categories	710	701
Felony Arrests	49	66
Misdemeanor Arrests	661	635
Assault	20	23
Burglary	1	3
Criminal Mischief	1	9
Disorderly Conduct	15	12
Driving While Intoxicated	160	118
Drug Violations	12	35
Filing False Police Report	1	1
Indecent Exposure	5	3
Minor Consuming Alcohol	39	47
Misconduct with weapons	5	3
Reckless Driving	3	13
Resisting Arrest	3	6

Shoplifting	108	116
Theft	7	14
Trespass	3	15
Warrant Service	89	168
Brady Bill Checks	669	399
Citations Issued - All Moving Violations	553	397
Driving with License Suspended and/or revoked	168	216
Equipment Citations	150	73
Parking Citations	14	7
Verbal Warnings	1482	1782
Criminal Assists	831	789
Criminal Investigations	2559	3435
Field Interviews	2585	3401
Initial Investigations	5496	6464
Miscellaneous Activities	2250	1924
Miscellaneous Traffic	1497	1685
Persons Assisted at Wasilla Police Department	1748	1708
Phone Calls received	4726	3999
Time on special duty (hours)	1802	2891
Total Reports Written	1565	1411

COMMUNITY

RELATIONS

Community Relations

1995

The Crime Prevention Program for the Wasilla Police Department was started in August of 1993 after Mr. James Messick was hired as a half time employee. During 1995 the following community projects have taken place.

Neighborhood Watch Classes

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>
Cottonwood Shores	24
Knik Rd., Mile 10	10
Wilderness Acres	5
Smith Shore Acres	9
Cottonwood School	41

Crime Prevention Fair

During January the Wasilla Police Department hosted a crime prevention fair that was held at the Cottonwood Mall where 18 separate agencies attended and provided information on topics ranging from traffic safety to fire safety. Demonstrations were also provided by the State of Alaska crime lab on fingerprinting and evidence collection.

Junior Crime stoppers

Purpose:

To involve school age children in the reporting of crimes within the schools.

Through a cooperative effort with the local crime stoppers board Mr. Messick has continued to assist their efforts in forming junior crime stoppers programs in the valley schools.

Community Relations

Purpose:

To increase the awareness of the community in crime prevention approaches and programs to include.

Public Service Announcements

Conducted through the area media of a variety of topics to include information about seminars to be held.

Home and Garden Show

A community booth was available to ask questions about the Police department and programs available.

Public Inquiries

Usually handled at the Sub station located in the Cottonwood creek mall and relating to the working of the police department and programs available to the public.

Youth Court

After a presentation by Mr. Mark Begich at the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Mr. Messick was assigned the task of coordinating and forming a youth court in the valley. To date several organizational meetings have been accomplished with the Mat-Su school district, Palmer and Wasilla Police departments, State Division of Youth and Family Services, youth probation, City of Palmer, City of Wasilla and Mat-Su Borough. Mr. Messick has also been successful in obtaining a state grant for the initial funding of the program.

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HISTORY

Wasilla Police Department

History and Background Information

After numerous attempts by concerned citizen groups and elected officials during the 1970's and 80's a vote was held in October 1992 to establish a 2% sales tax to fund the formation of a police department for Wasilla. The vote was held in October 1992 and passed by 61 votes. The sales tax went into effect in January of 1993 with an anticipated start up date for the police department of July 1, 1993.

In January of 1993 Mayor John C. Stein hired Irl T. Stambaugh a Captain with the Anchorage Police Department as the first Chief of the Wasilla Police Department, the appointment was confirmed by the Wasilla City council on January 11, 1993.

On February 16, 1993 Chief Stambaugh begin work with the City of Wasilla, during the initial start up phase the police department was under construction in the old school house attached to city hall. The first order of business was to hire a Secretary. Angella Long became the first secretary of the department, (she was later promoted and is now the first female officer with the department).

From March to July 1993 Chief Stambaugh and Secretary Long continued work on the start up of the Police department which included buying the necessary equipment which was everything from computers, cars and guns, to the screening of more than 150 applications for officers.

On April 22, 1993 offers of employment were made to the following personnel, all of whom accepted.

Jean Achee	Bethel Police Department
Roger Vercelline	Bethel Police Department
Ray Chmielowski	Metlakatla Police Department
Craig Robinson	Palmer Police Department
Rick Manrique	Palmer Police Department
John McNeal	Park Ranger, Alaska State Parks
Doug Sonerholm	Park Ranger, Alaska State Parks
Bob Yocom	North Slope Borough Police Department

The experience level of the Officers selected ranges from 2 years to 10 years of work in law enforcement.

On June 16, 1993 the above listed Officers started work for the City of Wasilla. From June 16 to July 1st the Officers received in service training and equipment issue.

July 1, 1993 the Wasilla Police Department became operational after an opening ceremony held at the Wasilla City Hall. Justice Ed Burke from the Alaska Supreme Court conducted a swearing in ceremony for the Officers, the opening was attended by representatives from the Palmer Police, Anchorage Police, Seward Police, Alaska State Troopers, FBI and numerous citizens and political figures from the community and surrounding area.

Approximately 5 minutes after the department became operational the first call was received, that call was a burglary to the Wasilla Feed store at 501 N. Airport Drive. That case remains unsolved as of this report.

In August 1993 Mr. Jim Messick was hired as the community relations coordinator for the Wasilla Police Department, his duties include neighborhood watch, Crime Stoppers, Community and Business seminars on a variety of topics and a bicycle registration program.

In September 1993 Officer Rick Manrique attended a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) instructor program and is in the process of adding the DARE program to the area schools for the 1994 school curriculum.

In October 1993 an initiative repeal of the sales tax was rejected by a 2 to 1 margin. Officer Robinson was promoted to Sergeant.

In November of 1993 Secretary Long was promoted to Officer, she has recently completed the Municipal Police Academy at Sitka, Officer Achee was promoted to Investigator. Ms. Debbie Callison was hired as the Administrative Assistant.

On July 1, 1994 the Wasilla Police Department celebrated it's first anniversary.

In July 1995 two additional positions were funded by the city council, one position is a full time school liaison position that will work with the staff and children in the area schools. Off. Vercelline was assigned to the position which became full time in January of 1996. The other position was to assign Off. Manrique to the Mat-Su drug unit, this position is funded through grant monies received from the State of Alaska. Reserve Officers Tim Jessen and Bob Dixon were hired as full time officers to fill Officers Vecelline's and Manrique's vacant positions. Officer's Jessen and Dixon are in the process of completing training at this time.