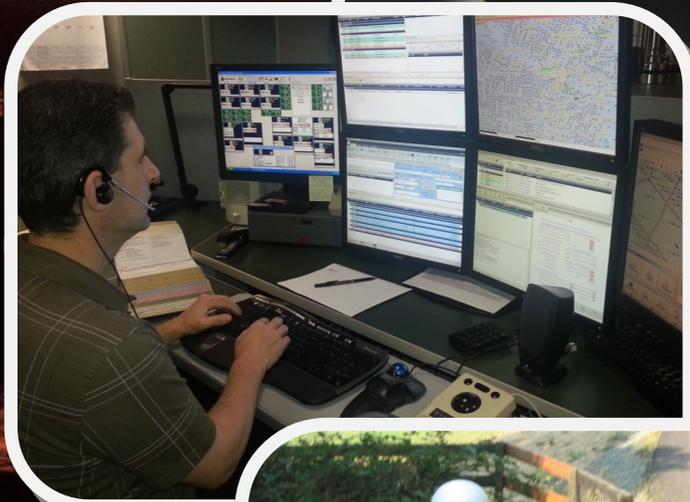


Grants Pass Department of Public Safety



2013 Annual Report

Keeping Grants Pass Safe Since 1887



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Organizational Chart

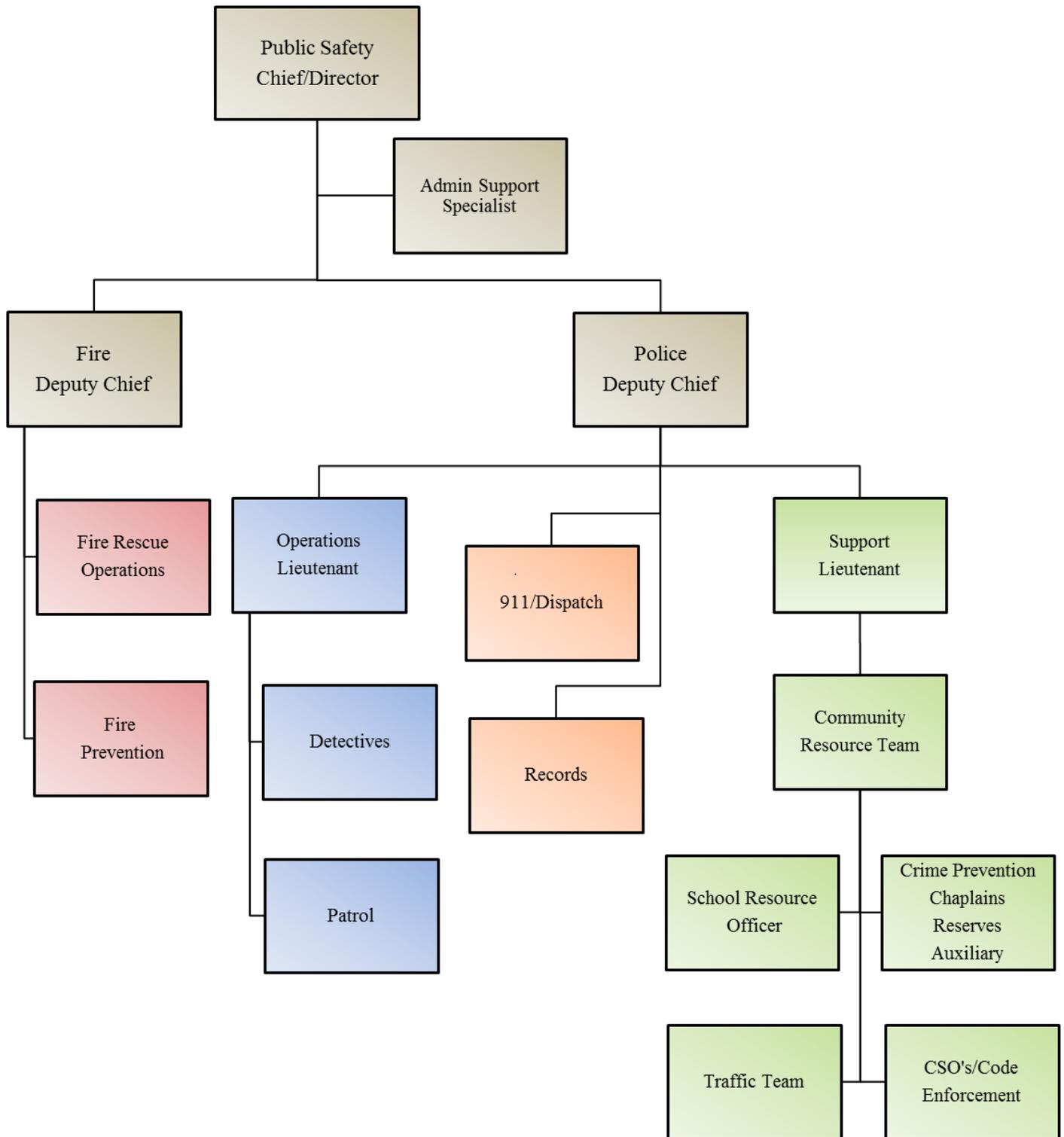




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Message from the Interim Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (DPS), it is an honor to present our 2013 Annual Report. The report summarizes the many activities performed by your Public Safety Departments dedicated Police Officers, Firefighters, Dispatchers, Records Clerks, Community Service Officers, Volunteers, and civilian staff, as we work to keep our community safe and livable. "Keeping Citizens Safe" is our mission and we take pride in insuring all are safe to the best of our abilities.

In Grants Pass, your police and fire services are provided much differently than in many communities. Instead of separate and traditional police and fire departments, Grants Pass DPS provides police, fire/rescue, dispatch/911, and records services to residents and visitors to our community from one department and one management team. This represents a significant annual cost savings because we do not operate with two separate administrations to deliver police and fire service, which is customary in most other cities.

As your Chief, I serve as both Police Chief and Fire Chief, along with a Public Safety management team that consists of two deputy chiefs and two lieutenants. Together, we are responsible for providing day-to-day leadership and management of all public safety services. Our leadership role extends to emergency response as we work to coordinate efforts during major police incidents, fires and natural disasters. When compared to traditional police and fire departments, we operate with fewer management positions.

While we are capable of handling the routine day-to-day emergencies that confront us, the occasional fire or law enforcement incident can quickly overtax city resources. To address those larger incidents, we have formed partnerships with most agencies in Southern Oregon. Through prior planning and training, we are able to call those entities to our community to assist us with major or multiple emergencies. Likewise, they rely upon us to reciprocate in their time of need.

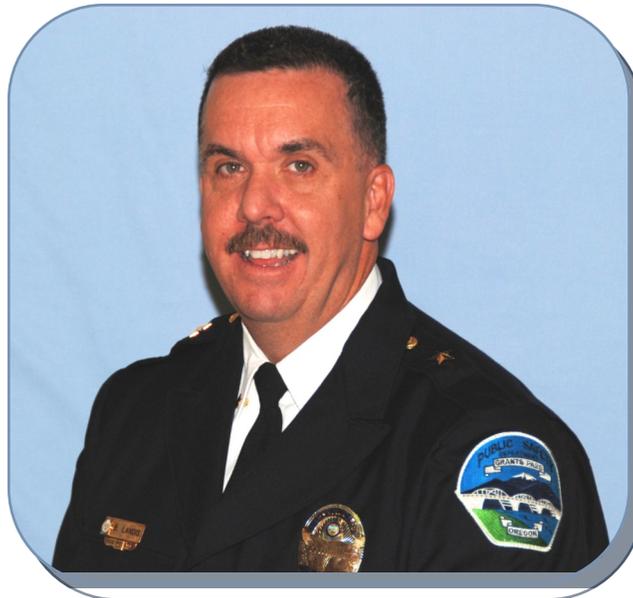
Our core group of cross trained emergency managers is capable of filling a variety of roles as part of the Incident Command System during any police, or fire/rescue incident. Our professional police officers perform the duties normally associated with their positions such as patrol, investigations, drug enforcement, and community policing. Non-traditional duties in support of firefighters include fire size-up, hydrant connections and fire ground support. Our professional firefighters perform traditional fire service functions like structural and wildland fire suppression, building inspections, hazardous materials response, medical and rescue calls, and public education. Firefighters also assist police officers in a variety of ways including as firefighter/paramedics with the Grants Pass DPS SWAT team. SWAT team members enhance their training to deal with violent, often barricaded, armed suspects. Their special training and equipment allows them to safely contain and resolve an incident along with help from another special team, the Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT). This group of dedicated employees provides hostage/crisis negotiations in criminal events.

Grants Pass DPS is proud to have achieved a number of significant accomplishments; community wide annual surveys reveal a high level of satisfaction with police and fire services; our Police Bureau has been Nationally Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1993; and, the Fire/Rescue Division holds a Fire Protection Class 3 rating with the Insurance Services Office.

Most members of the community are not aware that we have been providing Grants Pass with continuous police services since 1887 and fire suppression since 1891. On behalf of my staff, it is an honor to serve our community and we pledge to continue the tradition of "Keeping Grants Pass Safe."

Bill Landis, Public Safety Chief (Interim)

GRANTS PASS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMAND STAFF



Bill Landis, Public Safety Chief (Interim)

- ◆ Police, Fire, Support



Jim Hamilton, Police Deputy Chief (Interim)

- ◆ Communications (Dispatch and Records), CALEA, Recruitment, Operations and Support Divisions, Internal Affairs



Lang Johnson, Fire/Rescue Deputy Chief

- ◆ Fire/Rescue, Medical Response, Fire Prevention and Inspections, Student Firefighter Program



Dennis Ward, Operations Lieutenant

- ◆ Police Operations, Criminal Investigations



Todd Moran, Support Lieutenant (Interim)

- ◆ Traffic, Code Enforcement, Community Service Officers, Crime Prevention, School Resource Officers



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety



MISSION:

“Keeping Grants Pass Safe”

Our Mission reflects the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety commitment to providing a safe environment for our community through the delivery of professional police, fire, and public safety support services.

PURPOSE:

We strive to provide high quality, courteous, caring, cost effective, innovative and responsive customer service to the residents and visitors of the City of Grants Pass.

We strive to provide a highly trained, properly equipped, well managed and unified work force by providing a rewarding, positive and healthy environment for the long term success of all employees.

We are committed to responding to our community's needs, expectations and desires by listening and involving members of the community in the services provided through the use of volunteers, citizen action efforts and opportunities for public comment.



CORE VALUES:

Integrity: *To be morally sound, honest, and free from corruption – We Do the Right Thing!*

Professionalism: *To conduct and carry ourselves responsibly as respected public servants – We Pursue Excellence!*

Teamwork: *To achieve organizational effectiveness and efficiency – We Work Together!*

Service: *To serve as guardians of our community's health and safety –We Earn the Right to Serve!*

Leadership: *To set the standard on and off duty – We Lead By Example!*



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C.A.L.E.A.
**Commission on Accreditation for Law
Enforcement Agencies**



CALEA is a voluntary program that guides agencies to adhere to nationally established standards that provide a professional basis for proper conduct, development of policy, emergency preparedness, strengthened relationships within the community and criminal justice system, accountability, informed management decision making, and risk management.

Nine major law enforcement areas addressed:

1. Role, Responsibilities, and Relationships
2. Organization, Management, and Administration
3. Personnel Structure
4. Personnel Process
5. Operations
6. Operation Support
7. Traffic Operations
8. Detainee and Court-related Activities
9. Auxiliary and Technical Services

*Reaccredited
in 2013.*

*Proudly accredited
for 20 years!*

Compliance:

The Commission expects accredited agencies to maintain compliance and live by the *letter* and *spirit* of the standards. The agency must consider its mission, its legally mandated responsibilities, and the demands of its community in determining which standards are applicable and how it will comply with them.

Applicable standards are categorized as mandatory or other-than-mandatory. Agencies must comply with all applicable mandatory standards and at least 80% of applicable other-than-mandatory standards. The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety complies with approximately 95% of all other-than-mandatory standards.

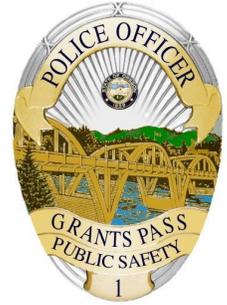
The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety has been accredited since November 1993. The accreditation process requires the agency to undergo a stringent detailed assessment of all of their policies and practices every three years—proving *each year* that the agency is in compliance with all applicable CALEA standards. In 2010, the department was recognized as a *Flagship* and *Meritorious* Agency. The Flagship award is presented to an agency that continually demonstrates excellence in the commitment to the CALEA Accreditation Process and a willingness to share with others its accreditation success. The Meritorious award is a recognition given to agencies that have been CALEA accredited for 15 or more continuous years. The 2013 CALEA assessment marked 20 years of accreditation. Affirming the agency's dedication to providing professional public safety services.

We Are Proud to be an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency!



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety

Patrol



2013 Patrol Specialty Assignments

- ❖ Crash Reconstruction
- ❖ Canine Handler
- ❖ Critical Incident Negotiations Team
- ❖ Survival Skills Team
- ❖ Drug Recognition Expert
- ❖ Field Training Officer
- ❖ Firearms Instructor
- ❖ Crime Prevention Officer
- ❖ School Resource Officer
- ❖ Special Weapons And Tactics



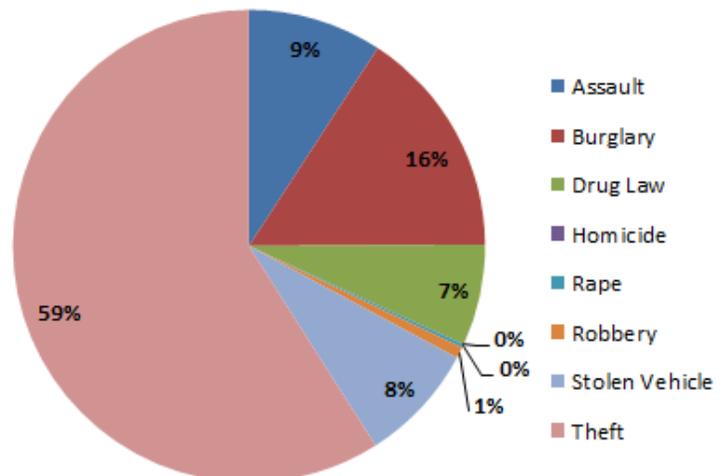
Challenges Serving our Community

During 2013, Grants Pass Police Officers began to encounter significant challenges trying to serve the community. In order for a law enforcement system to operate, it must have a number of key components. A community must have an adequate police force to respond and enforce laws. Here in Grants Pass, we are able to provide a professional and responsive level of policing to keep our community safe. In order to hold offenders accountable, officers must have the ability to incarcerate (jail) them once arrested and be assured follow-up prosecutions occur.

Josephine County has experienced cutbacks in funding of the Josephine County Jail and a closure of the Juvenile Justice Facility. To combat this problem the City of Grants Pass has rented up to thirty adult jail beds each day until June of 2014. This has made officer efforts more effective. The juvenile justice components are also impacted. A small number of juvenile beds have been rented from Jackson County.

2013 Primary Crime Categories — CFS

Primary Crime Categories Calls for Service - CFS			
Categories	2011	2012	2013
Assault	359	470	345
Burglary	401	602	590
Drug Law	458	310	261
Homicide	1	1	0
Rape	24	10	9
Robbery	52	41	29
Stolen Vehicle	190	223	306
Theft	2254	2834	2217
TOTAL	3739	4491	3757



In total, Grants Pass Police handled 29,428 Calls for Service in 2013.



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Traffic Enforcement



Traffic Officers
Dennis Burge and Scott Williams

2013 Traffic Statistics

Traffic stops:	5,474
❖ 64% warned	
❖ 28% cited	
❖ 8% all other dispositions	
Traffic crashes:	801
Traffic arrest charges:	325
❖ 44% DUII arrests	
❖ 27% Criminal Driving While Suspended	
❖ 15% Reckless Driving	
❖ 15% All other traffic crimes	

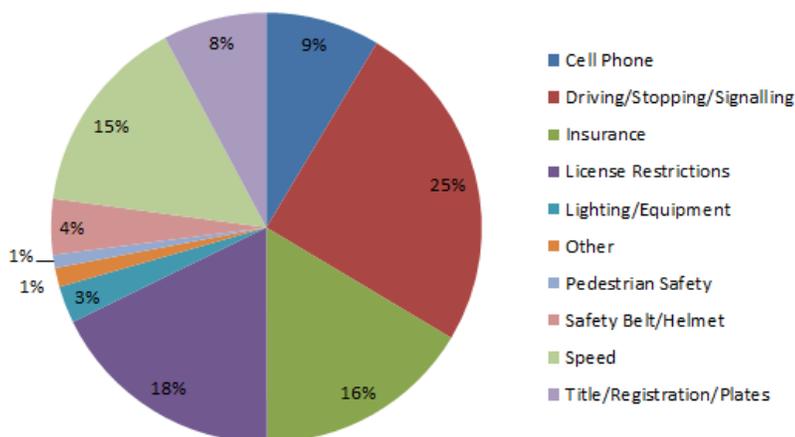
The City of Grants Pass takes a multi-pronged approach to traffic problems. We balance education and enforcement of traffic laws. Currently, two patrol officers are assigned to full-time traffic duties. They respond to traffic crashes, investigate hit and run crimes as well as enforce traffic laws. In addition, the traffic team coordinates many of the special events which occur in Grants Pass.

Targeted traffic enforcement analyzes crash data, engineering recommendations and citizen traffic complaints to target areas for additional traffic enforcement. The hours when most traffic crashes occur, between 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. are targeted for enforcement. The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety utilizes motorcycles and an un-marked police car for traffic enforcement. Since 2006, the department has deployed two Honda ST-1300 motorcycles and one BMW Enduro style motorcycle for accessing the many trails around Grants Pass.

Traffic Enforcement Programs:

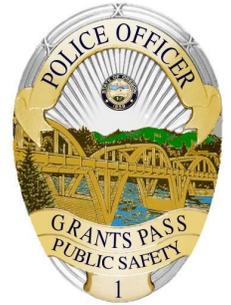
- ❖ Seatbelt enforcement
- ❖ Child protective seat safety
- ❖ DUII saturation
- ❖ Pedestrian safety enforcement
- ❖ Speed enforcement
- ❖ Distracted Driver Programs
- ❖ Drug Recognition Experts
- ❖ Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

2013 Traffic Citations by Violation Type





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Patrol Specialty Assignments

Police K-9 Program

The K-9 program currently consists of two canine handlers and their canine partners. The program provides specialized policing functions such as conducting building searches, missing person searches and suspect apprehension. As ambassadors for our department, they often assist in presentations and public events. The program has proven to be an effective enhancement to officer safety and our criminal apprehension capability in the eleven years of its existence.



Corporal Gaunt & Brock

K-9 Deployments in 2013

Suspect Finds	50
Tracks	54
Alarm deployments	76
Other (call outs)	15
Property finds & Evidence search	7
Total	195



Sergeant DeKruger & Rommel

School Resource Officer



Ofc. John Nicklason

The main purpose of the program is to formalize a joint effort between Grants Pass School District 7 and the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety by providing a safe and secure learning environment for everyone in the school community. This is done in part by facilitation of a Student Public Safety Academy to Junior and Senior students in a semester long, elective course at the Grants Pass High School.

Our School Resource Officer maintains a high profile in and around School District 7. His duties include: enforcement of state law and city ordinances; counseling and mentoring students; providing resources to staff, students and parents; teaching opportunities within the classrooms; and enforcement of the District 7 Attendance Initiative.



Grants Pass
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Specialty Operations



The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety has two specialty units that are comprised of members of the organization who have specialized training in special weapons, tactics, and communication skills. Those units are SWAT and CINT.



S.W.A.T.

The “Special Weapons And Tactics” Team, most commonly referred to as “SWAT”, has been a unit of the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety since 1996.

The SWAT team is comprised of members from Patrol and Fire/Rescue and a dispatcher who is assigned as a scribe. The SWAT members train on a monthly basis to develop their tactical skills to respond to and resolve high risk incidents. The members from Fire/Rescue provide their skills as EMT/paramedic and receive additional training to perform as tactical medics.

The advantage of having a tactical team that is comprised of members of the department that are actively handling calls on a day-to-day basis is that they bring their specialized tactical training with them to every call. As a result, many situations are handled by team members without having to call out the entire team.



C.I.N.T.

CINT is the acronym for “Critical Incident Negotiations Team”. CINT is comprised of five members of the department who have a wide range of experience and background to include members from command, dispatch, patrol, and community service officers. The team responds to barricaded subjects; suicidal persons; hostage situations; and high risk warrant services.

CINT works in close coordination with the SWAT team to provide support in negotiating situations to a safe solution. In 2013 CINT was utilized for negotiations inside a youth correctional facility where inmates had taken over a pod of the facility. CINT successfully negotiated the youths out after five hours of negotiations.





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Crime Prevention



Crime Prevention Programs:

Life Safety Skills for Children
 Neighborhood Watch / Business Watch
 Project Child Safe
 Citizens Public Safety Academy
 Bike Helmet Program

Member of:

Substance Abuse Community Action Team
 Chair for Local Alcohol and Drug Planning
 Committee (LADPC)
 Josephine County Drug Court
 Southern Oregon Financial Fraud and
 Securities Team
 Josephine County Mental Health Court

In liaison with:

Concerned Fathers Against Crime

***29 Other Programs for the Community,
 Juveniles, and Local Businesses***



*Crime Prevention Officer
 Lesley Donaghy*

Auxiliary (Volunteer) Activities:

Handicap Parking Patrol
 Vacation House checks
 Clerical
 Downtown Foot and Park Patrol
 Special Events
Total Hours: 2950



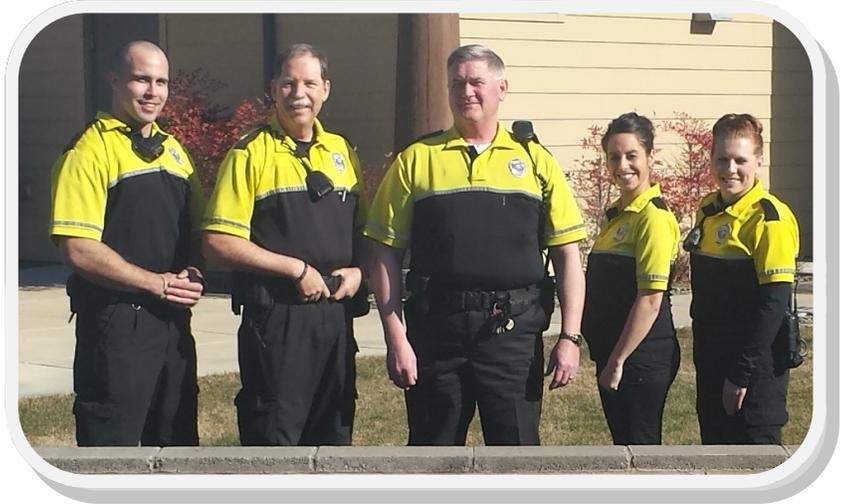
- ❖ The Crime Prevention Officer acts as the primary liaison between the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety and School District 7 Elementary Schools.
- ❖ Bicycle helmets distributed to local schools and children through the Crime Prevention Program.
- ❖ The 23rd Citizen’s Public Safety Academy and 7th Student Public Safety Academy were held in 2013. These are hands-on educational experiences for adults and high school students.
- ❖ One Bike Rodeo was held in 2013, which provided local youth with information on bicycle safety, bike checks and a ride through a bicycle skills course.
- ❖ The Crime Prevention unit works closely with the community and local businesses to create and implement solutions to address drug, crime, and livability issues within the community.



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Community Service Officers



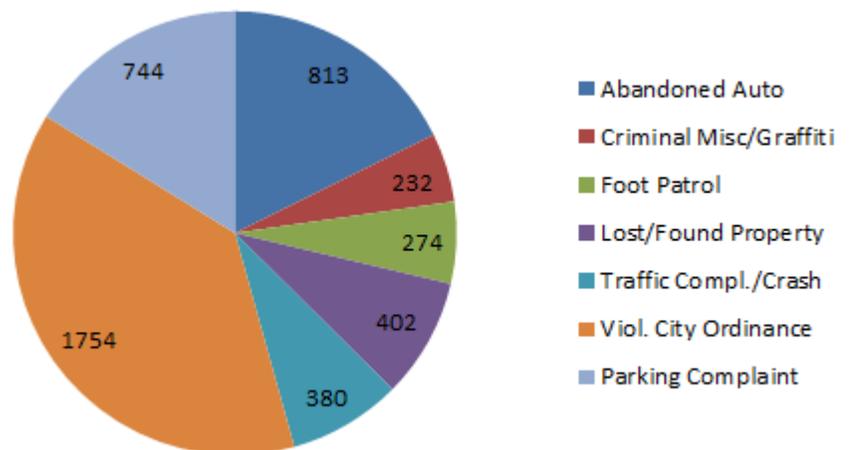
Three full-time and three part-time Community Service Officers (CSOs) make up the CSO team. Two of the primary functions of the CSOs are addressing “livability issues” for the City of Grants Pass, and parts of the Urban Growth Boundary, and acting as liaisons to the downtown. The CSO’s, are often seen on foot patrol or on the “T-3” patrolling the downtown, stopping in to check with merchants, and interacting with citizens and visitors to our vibrant downtown. CSOs are also responsible for municipal code enforcement in the historic downtown area. This includes parking violations and skateboarding/bicycling on the sidewalks.



Another critical service the CSOs provide is augmenting patrol services. The CSOs are able to respond to and handle calls that would typically be handled by a police officer. These types of calls include: abandoned auto enforcement, response to motor vehicle crashes and traffic control, dismantling transient camps, graffiti abatement, managing and deploying the reader/radar boards, parking enforcement, shuttling of police vehicles for maintenance, and equipment procurement and maintenance. In 2013 CSO’s attended a forensic academy, which allows them to assist with crime scene processing. We believe our CSOs provide a valuable resource to our community and we are proud of the customer service they provide. Citizen surveys consistently show that abandoned autos, tall/noxious weeds, and “rubbish” complaints (livability issues) are reported as the top nuisances in the City. For this reason, as you can see by the below chart, CSOs spend a great deal of effort working on Violation of City Ordinance (weeds, rubbish) and Abandoned Auto calls.



Most Common Incidents Handled by CSOs





Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Fire/Rescue Division



The mission of our Fire/Rescue Division is to prevent the loss of life and damage to property from fire, accidents, medical emergencies and natural disasters through a comprehensive program of public education, awareness, enforcement and emergency response.



Supervised by Deputy Chief Lang Johnson who is assisted by three Battalion Chiefs, the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Fire/Rescue Division is staffed with three Corporals and 20 firefighters. Fire/Rescue services are provided to our community from three strategically located stations to provide the quickest response. The Hillcrest Station, located at the corner of Hillcrest Dr. and Washington Blvd. was the only station for the City for many years. As the community began to grow and spread south of the river, the department added a second station, which was recently replaced with the Parkway Public Safety Center, located at the corner of the Grants Pass Parkway and East Park Street. Anticipating future growth in the Redwood area, a third station was added and is located at Leonard Rd. and Darnielle Ln., immediately adjacent to Redwood School. By having these three stations, response times are maintained at 5 minutes or less 90% of the time.

The stations are not only home to the Fire/Rescue Division, but they are also home to our Police Division. Half of the patrol resources are deployed from the Parkway Public Safety Center which is also a police report writing location; the Redwood Station is home to Crime Prevention and is a report writing location; and Hillcrest Station is a report writing location. In addition, the Hillcrest Station serves as the backup location for the Josephine County 911 Agency. Tours of the stations are available to community groups. Contact the non-emergent number 541-450-6200 to arrange a tour.

Firewise Communities Program



The Firewise program completed a very successful year in 2013. The Forest Hills neighborhood located on the west side of Grants Pass was awarded Firewise Communities/USA status in June. The award was presented by Mayor Dan Fowler at a City Council meeting in August. The Firewise garden was planted on the west side of the Hillcrest Public Safety Center. The demonstration garden showcases fire resistant plants and shrubs that can be used for landscaping and help prevent home ignitions from wildfire embers. Several significant wildfire fuels reduction projects were completed in the Forest Hills and Starlite areas as well as the reduction of blackberry bushes along the west side of the I-5 corridor.

Outreach was conducted to 1400 homes located in the high risk areas on how they can make their homes more resistant to the effects of wildfires and the embers they produce. Individual property assessments were completed on 88 homes, of which 40 took advantage of the grant assistance program. In total over 55 acres received fire fuels reduction treatment.

“The goal of the Firewise program is to prepare homes to survive a wildfire event even if fire suppression efforts are not available.”





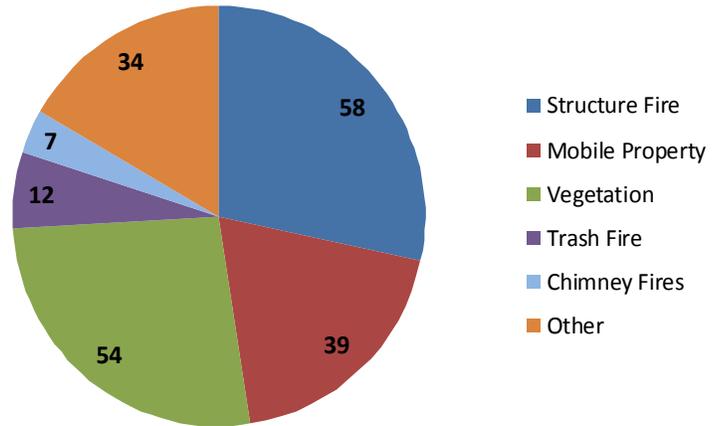
Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Fire/Rescue Division



Fires by Category

It is estimated that over \$4,586,000 was at risk during fires with only \$564,185 in actual fire damage occurring.

Developing close working relationships with our local fire fighting partners allows agencies to share call loads and reduce the amount of staffing at each fire station. Grants Pass Fire/Rescue assisted other agencies with a total of 623 calls in 2013. Outside agencies assisted inside the City of Grants Pass 421 times.



Fire/Rescue personnel have logged more than 4,400 hours of training in 2013. Training includes a wide variety of topics, to include: EMT and paramedic; wildland and structural firefighting; high angle rescue; confined space rescue; search and rescue; firefighter safety and survival, apparatus operation; as well as leadership development.

2013 Fire Calls for Service:

Active Fires:	204
Medical:	1887
Public Service:	545
Hazardous Conditions:	123
False Alarms	284
Other:	1171
Total Requests:	4214

Average Response Time
to emergency calls:
3.55 Minutes



Other includes: Citizen Complaints, Standby's, Dispatched and Cancelled Enroute, Searches and Water Problems



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Fire Prevention & Inspections

The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for conducting fire and life safety compliance inspections in businesses, performing origin and cause fire investigations, providing public education encompassing all aspects of fire and life safety issues, issuing fire code permits and conducting related inspections, reviewing land development projects for access and water supply requirements, and conducting plan review/inspections for fire protection systems in both new and existing structures. The following highlights events and summarizes the Bureau's 2013 activities.

- ◆ Child Safety Seat Program. The Division inspected 229 car seats in 2013. This is a free service to the community to ensure child safety seats are properly installed to prevent injury and loss of life. People can call the Parkway Public Safety Center to set up an appointment, 541-450-6200.
- ◆ Public Service Announcements are produced by Fire Prevention. They include topics such as: Holiday Safety, Burn Window Information, Electrical Safety, Smoke Alarm Information, Carbon Monoxide Alarm Information and Candle Burning Safety.
- ◆ Public Education efforts by fire personnel reached over 9300 individuals in 2013.
- ◆ Fire Extinguisher Training is provided to the community free of cost. Over 750 people were trained in 2013.
- ◆ The Juvenile Fire Setter Program helps educate young people who may have a propensity for starting fires. This progressive program seeks to impact those children and prevent injury and fatalities. Three juveniles were assisted this year.
- ◆ 290 Burn permits were issued in 2013, allowing citizens to burn cut and piled vegetation within the city limits.
- ◆ The Fire Division inspects businesses for compliance with state, municipal codes and fire safety standards. This protects employees and patrons in the event of a fire. The Engine Companies supported these efforts for a total of 1221 inspections in 2013.
- ◆ The Fire Division responds to aid citizens with their smoke alarms. This year, four smoke alarms were provided to citizens in need.
- ◆ The Firewise Community & Safety Fair was hosted by Home Depot on October 12, 2013. Nineteen agencies and organizations participated and over 700 people attended the event.



2013 Inspection Locations:

Annual Prevention	6
Biannual Prevention	49
Triennial Prevention	32
Company	259
Daycare	6
Fire Sprinkler/Final Fire	40
Grass Lots	335
Re Inspections	234
Special	206
Other	54
Total Inspections	1221



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety



Student Firefighter Program

In 1996 the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety began a partnership with [Rogue Community College](#) to train students enrolled in either the Fire Science or Emergency Medical Technology Associate Degree programs at the college.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for students to receive real life training in the areas of firefighting and emergency medical services. The City of Grants Pass provides all equipment and reimburses the students for college expenses. In return, students work ten, 24-hour shifts per month at one of the City's fire stations. The program currently has nine full-time students. Many of our program graduates have become employed by the City and other fire departments across the region.



Student Emergency Response Team

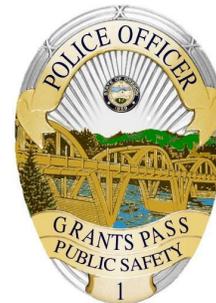
Grants Pass High School and the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety have enjoyed a cooperative partnership for over 10 years. Each year, representatives from Grants Pass Fire/Rescue teach over 300 students in the areas of Fire Suppression, First Aid, Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness.

The teachings culminate with a two day 'disaster drill' at the Hillcrest Public Safety Station. Utilizing the training tower and onsite props, students are placed in a mockup disaster; where they rely on their fellow peers to triage, reach and treat one another utilizing practices developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

If you are interested in a career in firefighting or want more information, contact our Student Firefighter Program Coordinator Jeremy Petronella at (541) 450-6200 or jpetronella@grantspassoregon.gov



Grants Pass Department of Public Safety



Detective Bureau

Detectives are responsible for ongoing investigations that require specialized training, multiple witness and/or victim interviews, and interaction with multiple agencies. They are on call 24/7 and assist Patrol.

The Detective Bureau consists of six detectives and is supervised by a Detective Sergeant. Five detectives are primarily assigned to major crimes investigations, which may include homicide, death investigations, robbery, sex offenses, major assaults, serious traffic crashes, commercial and residential burglary, and major theft. One detective is assigned to the Rogue Area Drug



Enforcement (RADE) team. Providing support services to the Detective Bureau are an Investigative Specialist/Crime Analyst and a Property and Evidence Specialist.



The Detective Sergeant is responsible for reviewing all cases referred to the Detectives for assignment. Cases are reviewed and assigned based on several factors, including the caseload of each detective, the seriousness of the crime, whether there is a named suspect or if the suspect can be identified and/or located, the impact to the community, and if there are other factors that would help solve the case. The Detective Sergeant also distributes noteworthy cases to detectives for review, usually several hundred each year. The Detective Sergeant is also responsible for reviewing all referrals from the Department of Human Services involving any family issues. In 2013, the Detective Sergeant reviewed over 650 of these referrals.

Investigations assigned to Detectives require more expertise and training than what a patrol officer receives. Detectives obtain advanced training in areas such as interviewing, search and seizure, homicide investigation, child abuse and sexual assault, and crime scene processing. Often times, cases may require weeks, months, or perhaps even years to fully investigate properly. This is in part due to the fact that these cases often consist of multiple offenses occurring at different times and locations; may involve multiple suspects, victims, and witnesses; may involve several hundred items of evidence; and may require extensive follow-up. Detectives frequently work with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies during the course of their investigations.

A Detectives Division Investigative Specialist is assigned to provide assistance in computerized searches, investigation, transcription, tracking, crime analysis, crime mapping, collection and dissemination of crime information, photo-line-ups, and phone calls.

A Property Specialist is assigned to store and maintain control of the thousands of items in evidence. The Property Specialist performs all activities related to property and evidence from processing, inventory, court and lab requests, and return or destruction of adjudicated evidence. There are two part-time employees who assist the property specialist in the performance of his duties. At times,





Grants Pass Department of Public Safety

Rogue Area Drug Enforcement R.A.D.E.



Report Illegal Drug Activity
R.A.D.E. tip-line
541-955-6970

In 2013 R.A.D.E. was partially funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The funding was provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. In addition to individual agencies investigating crimes involving drug use, manufacture, and distribution, local agencies have formed an interagency team comprised of representatives from the Oregon State Police, Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, Josephine County District Attorney’s Office, and Josephine County Community Corrections.

R.A.D.E seized over 1,000 live marijuana plants from illegal indoor **and outdoor grow sites and over 997 pounds of bulk dried marijuana.**

Seizure results for 2013:

<i>Meth</i>	5690 g	12.54 lbs
<i>Marijuana</i>	452,338g	997.24 lbs
<i>Heroin</i>	328.6 g	.72 lbs

Nuisance Intervention Team (NIT)

In response to many complaints and calls for service in the Central Business District of Grants Pass, the Department of Public Safety implemented the Nuisance Intervention Team or NIT. Officers were hand selected for specific skills and interest in dealing with issues involving thefts from businesses, trespassing, vagrancy and City Code violations. NIT officers work random patrol dates and times, focusing on specific areas such as downtown business zones, City Parks, and high crime areas. NIT officers were able to utilize recently purchased jail beds and began focusing on reducing the repetitive crimes that were occurring in those areas. NIT has been very successful and the overall philosophy is now being implemented into each patrol shift. Patrol officers are being assigned to similar areas and are tasked with addressing the issues NIT focuses on. The change in focus has helped to decrease criminal issues in the downtown area, making our Central Business District more accessible to the public and tourists visiting Grants Pass. NIT and the targeted patrol philosophy are all part of the Department and City goal of “*Keeping Grants Pass Safe*”





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9-1-1 Police/Fire EMS Dispatch

Agencies Receiving Dispatch Services:

- Grants Pass Department of Public Safety
 - Police and Fire
- American Medical Response
- Rural/Metro Fire Department
- Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District
- Williams Rural Fire Protection District
- Wolf Creek Rural Fire Protection District
- Oregon Department of Forestry (after hours)
- Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (after hours)

Telephone Calls in 2013

911 Calls:	56,955
Internal Lines:	35,500
Nonemergent Lines:	8,461
Other:	3,175
Total Inbound Calls:	104,091
Total Outbound Calls:	42,905
Total Annual Calls:	146,996



Through a mutually beneficial contract with the Josephine County 9-1-1 Agency, our dispatch center is also the answering point for all 9-1-1 calls within Josephine County. We also provide dispatching services for the above listed agencies. The Communications Bureau is composed of a Supervisor, four Lead Dispatchers, and eleven fulltime and two on-call Dispatchers.

Dispatchers put in many hours of training each year to maintain and build their skill levels. The position requires that each maintain a DPSST certification. Grants Pass DPS has made every effort to provide the best training possible at a reasonable price. Most training is developed in house or taken on-line in order to save tax payers' money. Some of the topics include Emergency Medical Dispatching and Pre-arrival Instruction, Suicide Prevention, Hazardous Materials, Leadership, Liability and Ethics, and many more.

In 2013, dispatchers took advantage of several opportunities to provide public education to our citizens. Over the course of the year, presentations were made to two elementary schools, the Students and Citizens Public Safety Academies, and various community events.

- ❖ The 9-1-1 Dispatch Center processes an average of 403 phone calls per day, approximately 156 of these calls come in on 9-1-1 lines. Highly visible weather or fire emergencies can cause spikes in call load 4 to 5 times the normal amount.
- ❖ At this time, in the State of Oregon, text messaging to 9-1-1 is not available. We hope to be able to receive this service within the next two years; however, once it is available, a voice call to 9-1-1 will still be the best option for emergency assistance except in a very few extreme cases.





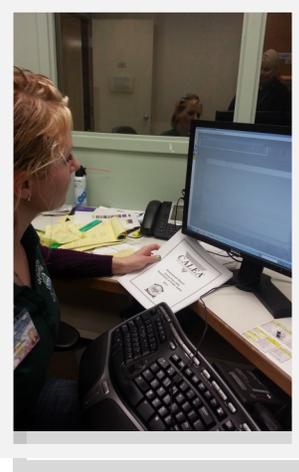
Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Records Bureau



The Records Bureau is your first point of contact if you call our non-emergency telephone number 541-450-6260, or come into our lobby located at 101 NW “A” Street in the Criminal Justice Building. We pride ourselves on our excellent customer service and ability to help you!

The Records Bureau is staffed by a supervisor, six full-time public safety clerks and a clerk aide. Staffing is supplemented when needed by on-call/part-time staff.

Public Safety Clerks are highly trained professionals who take pride in helping citizens with their law enforcements needs. All phone calls that are not 911 emergent calls, are answered by a Records Clerk. If a crime has been committed; the Clerk enters your call for service for an officer to make contact or, if it meets our criteria, the Records Clerks can complete the report.



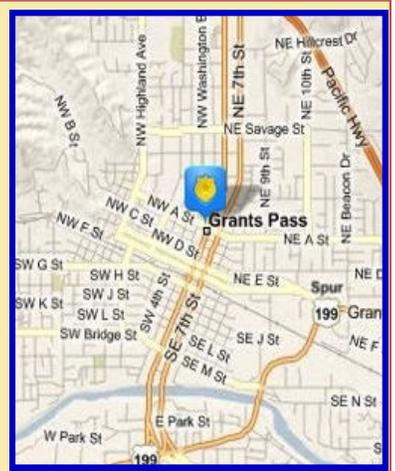
The Records Bureau operates in a continuous cycle of collecting, storing and purging information. Police reports, criminal histories, accidents, citations, violations of city ordinances, court subpoenas, and warrants are routed through the Records Bureau.

Grants Pass Department of Public Safety has a Drug Drop Box in the Lobby which is open for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to the public.

To check where criminal activity is reported in the City of Grants Pass, follow this link to [Crime Mapping](#). Search by crime type, date range and area.

Media releases are available on the Grants Pass Alert Network. This network allows citizens to sign up for email and/or text notifications for media releases, road blocks, community events and important community alerts. Click here to sign up for the [Grants Pass Alert Network](#) .

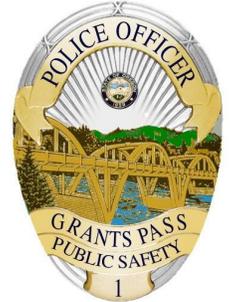
Click here for [Public records requests](#) and select “releasing reports to the public” or come into our lobby to obtain a records request form.



We will be happy to help you!



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Reactive / Proactive Policing



Many times a citizen may want to know what a patrol officer does in a 12-hour shift. To understand that, there are three definitions used to define an officers time: Reactive, Proactive, and Administrative.

Reactive policing is time that a police officer spends responding to incidents that are reported by citizens. This is one of the primary functions of a law enforcement agency; providing appropriate personnel for emergency response.

Proactive policing is generally considered to be time that is “self initiated” activities by an officer. These types of incidents include, but are not limited to, investigating suspicious activity, doing traffic enforcement, public education, and conducting follow-up investigations. Administrative time is spent on those duties such as report writing, equipment maintenance, court testimony, and meal breaks.

The largest amount of an officer’s time is spent on reactive policing; however proactive policing is a critical element that is considered “preventative patrol”. As calls for service increase in number or complexity, the time spent on proactive policing declines.

Reserve Police Program

The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety has a volunteer Reserve Police program. Men and women who meet the legal requirements and pass testing to include: written skills, report writing, physical agility, oral interview, BPAD assessment, background, psychological examination and medical examination and drug screen have the opportunity to be selected as a Reserve Police Officer.

The Reserve Police Program gives a person an opportunity to develop skills and experience as a police officer under the direct guidance, mentoring and coaching of a full-time police officer.

The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety currently has three Reserve Police Officers. Upon being selected the Reserve candidate is required to complete a 9-month training academy (ROLEA) that is hosted through Rogue Community College. Upon completion of the academy, the Reserves are uniformed and begin their training with an officer in the field.





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Recruitment and Selection



The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety is an equal opportunity employer who provides individuals with an opportunity to work within a professional public safety environment with a small town appeal.

Recruitment is conducted through the City of Grants Pass Human Resources Department when positions are available. All job openings are advertised through different forms of public media to include newspaper, electronic postings and the City website.

Over this past year the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Police Division hired seven police officers, two dispatchers, one community service officer, one clerk and one clerk aide. The Fire Rescue Division hired five firefighters, one Firewise coordinator and four student firefighter volunteers. Additional openings are anticipated as a result of upcoming retirements.

Anyone wanting further information about the selection process and minimum qualifications, as established by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST - the state certifying agency) can access the City of Grants Pass or DPSST websites:

[Click here for the Recruitment and Selection webpage.](#)

[Click here for the DPSST website.](#)



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**If you would like to learn more about the
City of Grants Pass and
the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety
visit our webpage.**

This document will be available on the
City of Grants Pass website so you can follow links to websites.

City of Grants Pass: www.grantspassoregon.gov

Other websites mentioned in this report:

Citizen Alerts www.citizenobserver.com
Crime Mapping www.crimemapping.com
DPSST Academy www.oregon.gov/DPSST/Pages/index.aspx
Rogue Comm. College www.roguecc.edu

You can find instructions on how to use Citizen Alerts and Crime Mapping
in the Public Safety section of the City of Grants Pass website.

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