

Boulder Police Department 2002 Annual Report



Mission

*Working with the
community to provide
service and safety*



**BOULDER
POLICE**

Values

In the accomplishment of our mission
we value and promote:

- ◆ Respect for the rights of all people
- ◆ Organizational and personal integrity
 - ◆ Excellence in service
 - ◆ Community partnerships
 - ◆ Creative problem solving
- ◆ The diversity of our community



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MESSAGE

from the CHIEF

Well, we had another busy year in 2002, but not quite as busy, overall, as the previous year. Our total crime rate dropped by approximately 11% over 2001 levels. Unfortunately, we also experienced our first homicide in over three years (since early 1998). In fact, in 2002, we had a total of five homicides in Boulder. Four of these homicides were the result of a domestic/family relationship, while one was drug related. All of the homicides have been solved, and one suspect remains at large. Beyond that, our greatest crime problems continue to be property crimes such as burglary and theft.

Department members have continued to work with the community to prevent crime and improve the quality of life for all community members. Officers on the Mall and the Hill have put forth a great deal of effort to make those districts safer and more enjoyable for our citizens. Officers have also forged alliances with other neighborhoods, housing complexes, and community groups in an on-going shared effort to reduce crime. While it is difficult to identify specific reasons for Boulder's reduction in crime (many factors are involved), we have generally seen a continued downward trend over the past eight years. We would like to think our efforts in working with the community have at least played a small part in that overall reduction. Regardless, we are committed to providing our community with the best police service possible.

New challenges await us in addressing budgetary concerns over the next year or more. A reduction in sales tax revenues and the possible expiration of the public safety sales tax, first passed in 1997, has left us with the possibility of cuts in police staffing for the first time in many years. Over the past two years, we have cut six support staff positions and are currently holding open four other positions, including three officer positions, to help cover anticipated shortages in the current year. However, we will continue to make adjustments, strategize, and look for new ways to provide service that will minimize the impacts these cuts will have on the services we provide.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or observations about the service we provide, please feel free to give us a call, or send us a letter or an e-mail. We are always interested in feedback from the community we serve.

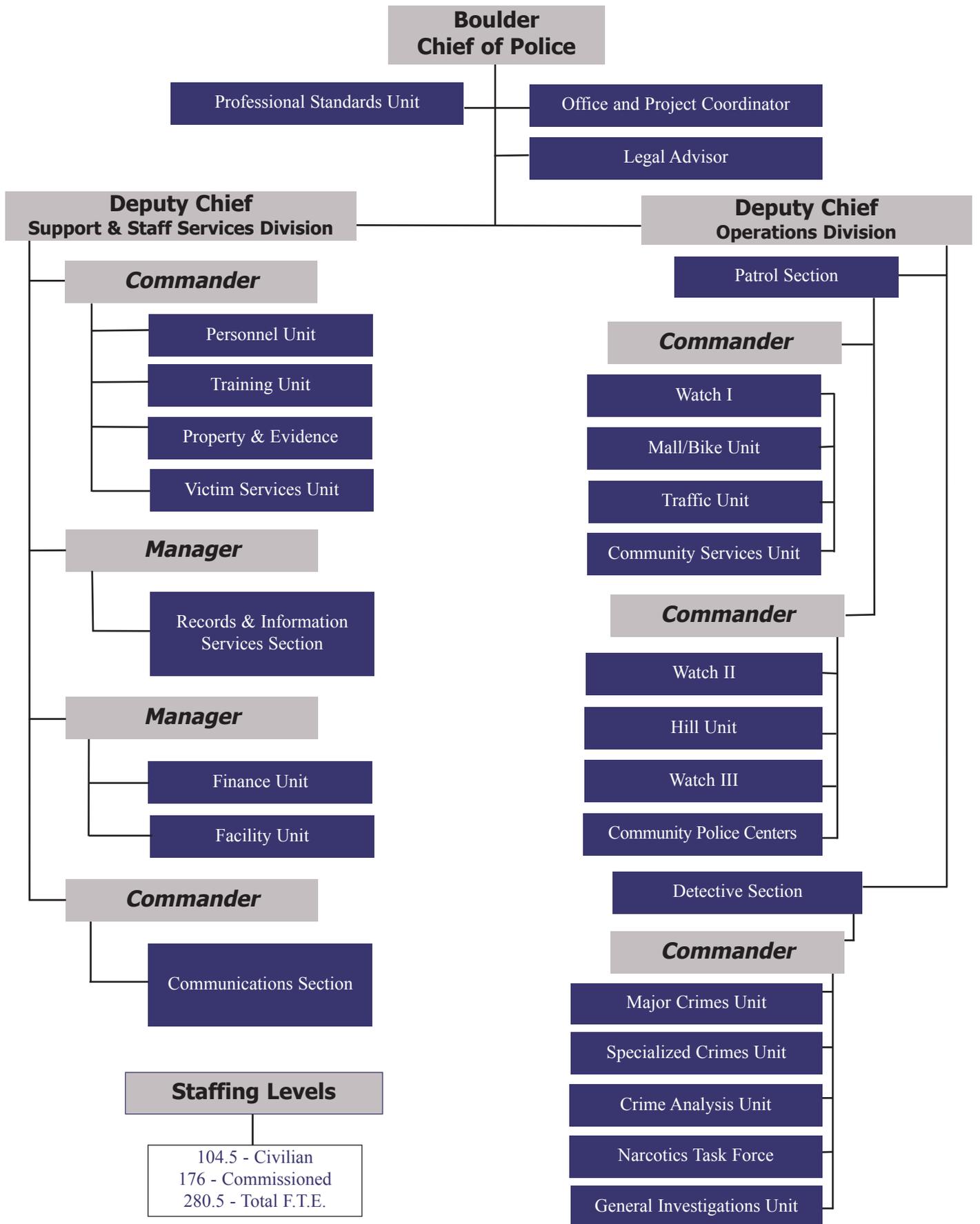
Sincerely,



Mark R. Beckner
Chief of Police



*Boulder Police Chief
Mark Beckner*



Police Administration

Police Administration is composed of the Police Chief's Office, the Professional Standards Unit and the department's Legal Advisor. Two commissioned members, including the Chief of Police, and two noncommissioned members are assigned to these functions.

Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit investigates and reviews complaints and allegations of misconduct by Boulder police officers and staff. Each complaint is categorized as one of three types: referrals, which include training and performance issues; supervisory reviews, which involve minor misconduct; and internal affairs investigations, which include more serious misconduct.

In 2002, the unit received 83 complaints, 73 of which were

classified as referrals. Three of the complaints were supervisory reviews and seven were internal affairs investigations. Seven employees were subjects of internal affairs investigations, and seven employees were subjects of supervisory review investigations.

Complaints are investigated internally and reviewed by the Professional Standards Review Panel made up of four police department employees and four Boulder citizens.

Legal Advisor

Bob Keatley, the department's Legal Advisor is responsible for aiding in the preparation and review of all warrants, being on call for any situation that may require legal advice, issuing regular legal bulletins to keep department members updated, and providing necessary training on criminal procedure issues. In 2002, Keatley handled 2,259 legal inquiries, an eight percent increase from the previous year. In addition, Bob reviewed 239 arrest warrants and

83 search warrants. He held 62

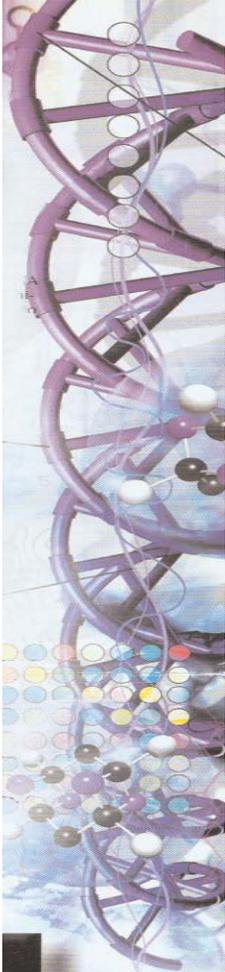
training classes and prosecuted 47 liquor enforcement hearings. He made numerous court appearances regarding requests for the disclosure of department records. He was also responsible for investigating and preparing files for BPD-related civil cases, and for compiling and monitoring discovery in those cases.

Support and Staff Services



Deputy Chief
Jim Hughes

The Support and Staff Services Division is responsible for Records and Information Services, Communications, Personnel, Training, Property and Evidence, Finance and Facility, Victim Services and Volunteer Services. Support and Staff Services includes five commissioned and 66 noncommissioned members.



DNA strand.
Image courtesy
of Digital Vision

Property and Evidence

The Boulder Police Department's Property and Evidence Unit (P&E) maintains about 55,000 items of property. During 2002, the unit processed property from 7,041 cases. Although some cases may have only one piece of property, the majority of cases have multiple items, and some of the larger cases can have more than 200 pieces of associated property.



responsible for overseeing the Crime Scene Investigator's (CSI) program and, during 2002, CSI's spent 1,029 hours processing 254 crime scenes.

In 2002 the P&E staff coordinated the construction of a new crime lab and a clean room to be used in conjunction with that lab.

Property and Evidence personnel were also instrumental in obtaining a \$114,000 federal grant to purchase and install a new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). AFIS is a state of the art fingerprint comparison system that enables department staff to easily and quickly match prints found at a scene with those on record.

The dedicated yet small staff of five provided P&E coverage

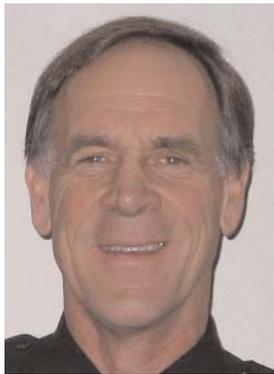
seven days a week, 5:30 am to 10:30 pm, except Saturday night and Sunday morning. Some of their responsibilities included logging in property, digital imaging, and assisting officers and detectives with evidence collection and packaging. They also released property to citizens, prepared property for auction, answered questions from the public, and processed lab requests.

The Property and Evidence supervisor is also



Personnel and Training Units

The Personnel Unit began 2002 with a commitment to achieving the goals established in 2001-2002, which included initiatives in the areas of recruitment, officer selection, and further development of the department's internship program. Despite department-wide budget restrictions, the Personnel Unit was able to mount a productive recruitment effort that included participation in regional career fairs, aggressive Internet advertising, and appearances at colleges and universities. These efforts contributed significantly to the quality of police applicants who were invited to test in the department's fall selection process. A total of sixteen positions were filled with local applicants, as well as those from out-of-state who wished to live and work in Boulder. These new recruits will graduate from the police academy at Arapahoe Community College in May 2003.



*Commander
Tom Kilpatrick*

The department's police internship program became a reality in 2002 thanks to the efforts of Officers Maggie Green and Michelle Ellerman, Sergeant Kurt Matthews and Diane Herzberg of the Personnel and Training Units. Applicants from CU in Boulder and Metropolitan State College in Denver were selected to participate in the program. One of these participants competed successfully for the position of police officer and will begin the police academy in January 2003.

The Personnel Unit also organized three department promotional processes in 2002. A number of retirements created openings for three commanders and four sergeants. These highly competitive processes resulted in the appointments of one sergeant in spring of 2002, and six commanders and sergeants who will assume their new duties and responsibilities in January 2003.



*Sergeant
Kurt Matthews*



Diane Herzberg

Finance and Facility Units



Joseph Pura
FSU Manager

The Financial Services Section of the Boulder Police Department is responsible for providing budgetary, financial, and analytical services for the police department. This includes preparation of the department's budget,

managing the accounting structure, pursuing and monitoring grants, and processing all daily transactions in the areas of payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and appropriations.

Financial Services staff develops tracking and reporting systems. In 2002, the Financial Services Section concentrated on streamlining the budget structure to reduce the number of accounting categories. They also were able to re-introduce auditing processes for the use and earning of compensatory time.

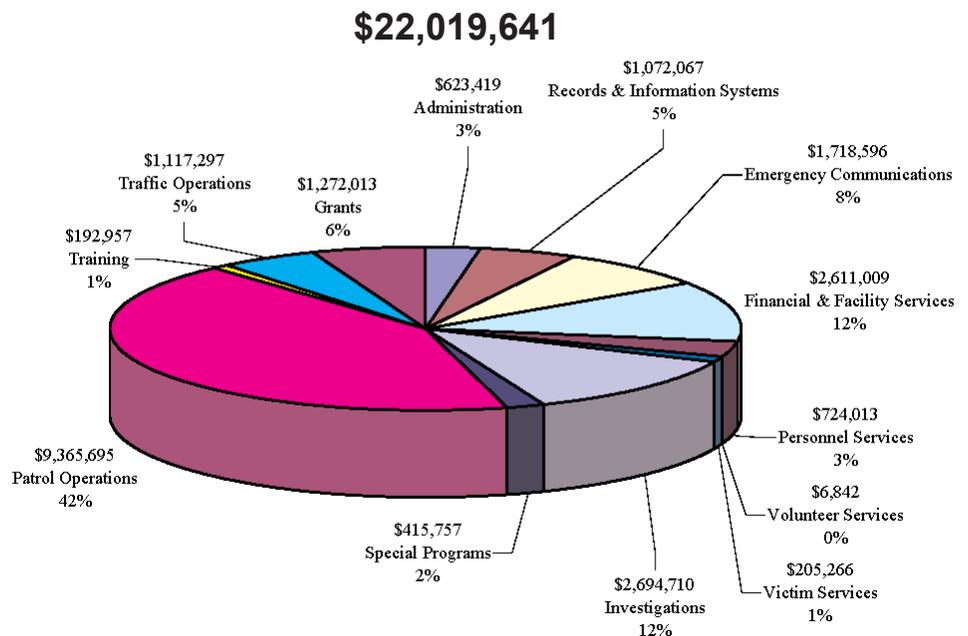
In addition to processing all the financial transactions throughout the year, staff also made time to offer assistance to the Personnel Section by participating in the hiring processes for both civilian and commissioned personnel. They participated in oral boards, conducted application verification

interviews, and administered Computer Voice Stress Analysis exams as needed. In addition, Financial Services staff met their goal of maintaining expertise and expanding knowledge by attending training in the areas of management, supervision, accounting, and various computer software programs.



Financial Services Staff, from left, Rose Gracie, Julie Cross and Nelda Lacey

2002 Budget



Records and Information Services

The biggest challenge in 2002 for the Records and Information Services Unit (RIS) was implementing the new Police Information Network, or PIN.

The system was designed to comprehensively capture citation, accident, and general police reporting information, enabling staff to conduct research and compile information for both investigatory and summary reporting purposes. Because the system was designed to be so comprehensive, records specialists had to alter customary data entry processes to fit the new system.

In addition to implementing PIN, RIS worked to accomplish many other goals. During the year, RIS revised their hiring process for the unit and filled open staff positions allowing the unit to expand its hours, completed cross training for four existing staff members and comprehensive training for four new staff members, and implemented a building security program that includes a visitor sign-in process and safety glass at the front desk.

The unit instituted information sharing projects with Municipal Court (to share databases) and Transportation (scanning accident reports and placing them on a shared drive so Transportation staff can access them). The unit also revised the process for assessing and documenting the value of abandoned vehicles and trained



Manager Jojo Field, far left, and the RIS staff.

police and parking staff in vehicle valuation. RIS staff also automated the related forms and record keeping procedures. In addition,

RIS provided staff with training in the areas of abandoned vehicles, coordinated the Colorado Criminal Information Center, issued the missing reports list, reported Uniform Crime statistics, and completed field training for new staff.

The RIS Unit hosted two events in 2002. One was the March ALERT (Association of Law Enforcement and Records Technicians) meeting. Speakers were Wildland Fire Division Chief Marc Mullenix and Wildland Fire Mitigation Officer Justin Dombrowski from the Boulder Fire Department. Both responded to the World Trade Center shortly after the September 11 terrorist attack as part of their Type II responsibilities in the Federal Emergency Management Agency system. They shared slides and talked about their experiences providing support to other rescue workers in the weeks following September 11.

Additionally, an attorney and frequent trainer for law enforcement, provided comprehensive training in public and criminal justice records release law. This training was well attended by police department staff, staff from other law enforcement agencies, and public attorneys.

**“Taking pride in our service
while providing safety to our community.”**

Communications Section

Although Boulder Police Communications (BPC) began providing dispatch services in April 2000, the



*Commander
Bob Sullenberger*

final components really came together over the last 12 months. In addition to processing over 200,000 calls for police, fire and ambulance services, making referrals to other agencies, keeping track of field units and the

hundreds of other tasks dispatchers complete every day, several changes were made in the section. Margie Gooch and Cheryl Rainey were promoted from the ranks of the line level dispatchers to join the supervisory team, and additional dispatchers were hired and trained to meet staffing levels. All dispatchers completed training in emergency medical dispatching begun in 2000, protocol review/revisions were conducted, and values of the unit were defined.

In an effort to create community awareness, members of the section made presentations at the Boulder Citizen’s Police Academy and attended

Number of Citizen Calls for Service					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Emergency	17,502	17,989	17,805	15,444	14,984
TOTAL	62,002	55,518	60,900	72,277	66,895

These numbers represent a small percentage of police activities and do not account for the thousands of officer initiated police actions and projects.



Dispatcher, Laryssa Schwartz

meetings with community groups. In addition, the section created an internal “watch log” to let other Boulder Police Department members know about all the services BPC provides that go beyond its basic services.



Most importantly, section members examined how they do business each day. Dispatchers created a mission statement describing the most essential and basic function the dispatch center fulfills: “Taking pride in our service while providing safety to our community,” was the consensus of the group. The management team reviewed and

revised all of the operations protocols used within the center and created individual handbooks for the dispatchers. A formalized program for Communications Training Officers was put into place to ensure consistent quality of training and service. All employees attended team building sessions to solidify their commitment to each other, BPD officers and the citizens of Boulder.

Dispatch and Officer Response Times*					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Dispatch Response Time (minutes)	1:47	2:25	1:11	1:00	:53
Officer Response Time (minutes)	4:47	5:57	2:32	2:52	2:49
TOTAL Response Time (minutes)	6.34	8.22	3.43	3.52	3.42

Citizen's Academy

The year 2002 marked the 10 year anniversary of the Boulder Police Citizen's Academy. The 13 week academy, offered to the public twice a year at no charge, is organized by Patricia Hanket, the department's Training Coordinator. Over the years, almost 500 participants have learned about officer safety, SWAT, DUI, canines, narcotics and more. Originally offered as a way to foster cooperative understanding through education, the Citizen's Academy has been successful in helping to enhance police and community relations and to further crime prevention efforts.



Detective Barry Hartkopp explains the functions of BPD's Peace Keeper to members of the Citizen's Academy

From right, Pat Hanket, Mark Beckner, Kay Seale and Karen Graffenberger at a Citizen's Academy graduation



Victim Services

The Victim Services Unit (formerly Victim & Volunteer Services), consists of two staff members, Susan Townley and Peg Skurnik, and a team of approximately 50 volunteer Victim Advocates. By working in partnership with officers, firefighters and the coroner, Victim Services provides crisis intervention, validation and referral information to victims and witness of crime and critical incidents.

In 2002, the Victim Services Unit provided crisis intervention and follow-up services to over 1,900 people in the city of Boulder. Seventeen new

volunteer Victim Advocates were trained to become part of the team, and together with staff they provided over 1,330 hours of service to those impacted by crime.

Although Victim Services separated organizationally from Volunteer Services in 2002 there is still a great deal of collaboration between the two units. Victim and Volunteer Services still work together to recruit and train new advocates as well as to coordinate the annual volunteer appreciation event.

Volunteer Services

The Boulder Police Department is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers fulfilling many important functions. In 2002 the Accessible Parking Team, a group of 16 volunteers, worked 530 hours and generated approximately \$23,000 in fines from handicapped parking violations.

Volunteers in other areas, such as Detectives, Property and Evidence, Community Services and Records and Information Services contributed an additional 1,630 hours to the department. They worked as RIS Information Assistants,

a Victim Notification Coordinator, Community Services Aides, a Sex Offender Registrar, Pawn Investigators, an Assistant to the Armorer, a Property and Evidence Specialist, and on various special projects. Two of the department's volunteers, Dorothy Teegarden and Tom



Chief Beckner presents certificates of appreciation to volunteers Dorothy Teegarden and Tom Fancher

Fancher, celebrated 20 years of volunteer service, and were recognized for that at the annual volunteer appreciation event.

2002 Victim Advocacy Award

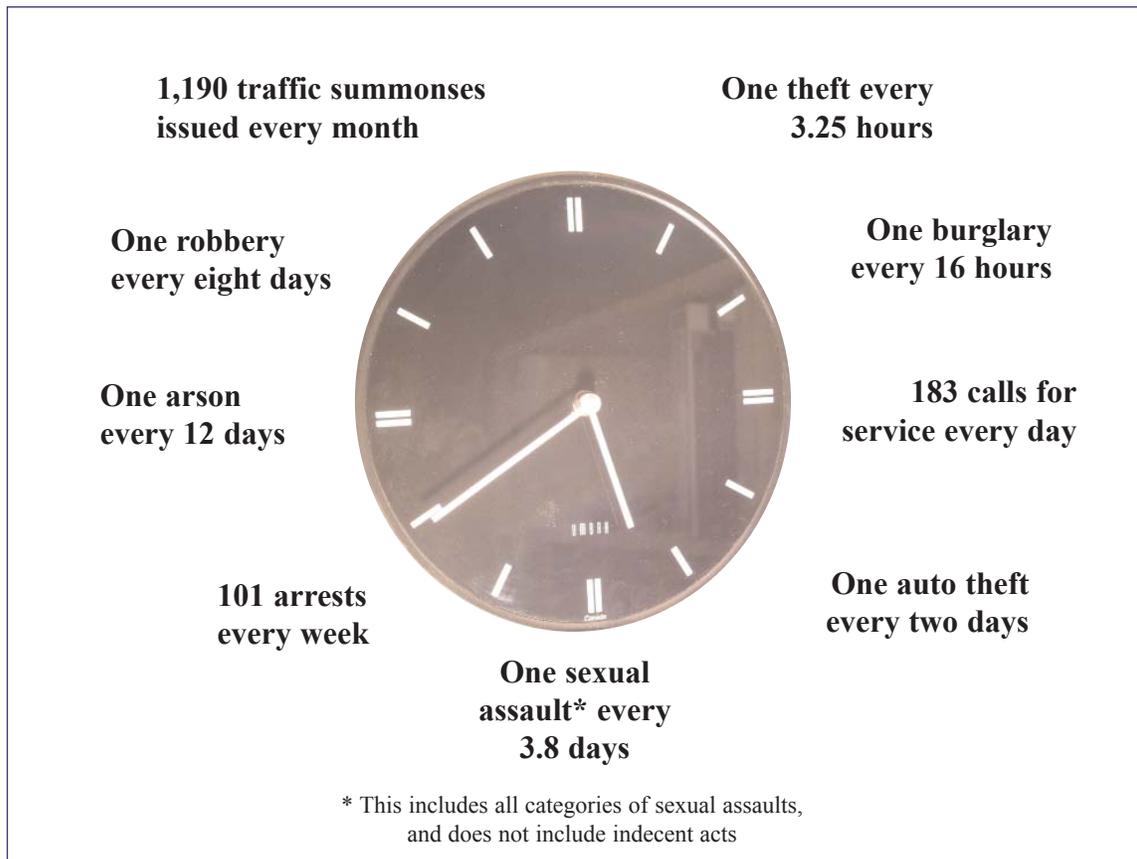
In April of 2002 Christine Lewis, a Boulder Police Department Victim Advocate, was presented with the Boulder County District Attorney's Award for victim advocacy. Chris, a member of the Victim Advocate team for seven years, was recognized for consistently providing excellent services to victims of crime in the Boulder community. One letter of nomination said, "...Chris has had some particularly difficult calls this past year, and has always gone above and beyond when working with victims. She has great insight and skills, and is always looking for ways to deepen her commitment to the team and victims."



BPD Advocate, Chris Lewis right, and Team Coordinator, Susan Townley

“Despite the faltering economy, which sometimes can indicate higher crime, 2002 saw the second lowest crime rate of the last 25 years. The other was 2000.”
 - Crime Analyst Melanie Rhamey

The Boulder Crime Clock



Year	Serious Crime Totals		Violent Crime		Property Crime	
	U.S.	Boulder	U.S.	Boulder	U.S.	Boulder
1998	4,616	5,249	566	220	4,049	5,029
1999	4,267	4,179	525	196	3,742	3,983
2000	4,124	3,514	506	211	3,618	3,303
2001	4,160.5	4,017	504.4	201	3656.1	3,816
2002	Not Available	3,655.3	Not Available	223.8	Not Available	3,431.5

2002 Statistics

Reported Major Crimes					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Murder	1	0	0	0	5
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
1 st /2 nd Degree Sex Assault	41	39	33	30	48
Robbery	40	36	44	49	45
Aggravated Assault	125	111	141	132	133
Burglary	814	561	600	573	536
Larceny/Theft	3,640	2,991	2,548	3,145	2,787
Vehicle Theft	238	186	169	211	189
Arson	35	46	62	88	30
TOTALS	4,934	3,970	3,597	4,228	3,773

Case Clearance Rates for Major Crimes		
Year	Boulder	US
1998	24%	21%
1999	28%	21%
2000	23%	20%
2001	20%	20%
2002	20%	Not Available

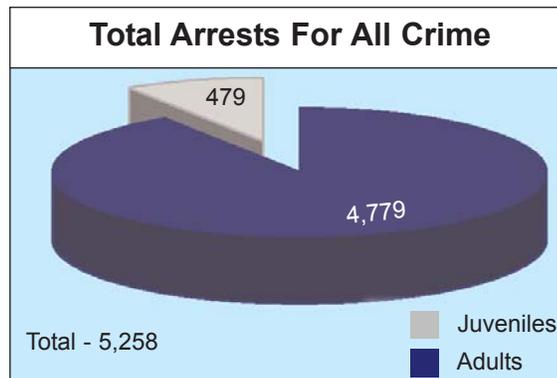
Other Reported Crimes					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Assault	549	541	497	572	489
Forgery/Counterfeiting	120	119	98	197	173
Fraud	168	205	163	281	261
Vandalism	1,323	1,278	1,273	1,403	1,335
Weapons	41	35	28	43	31
Sex Offenses	145	98	105	126	104
Drug Violations	209	220	243	227	179
TOTALS	2,555	2,496	2,407	2,849	2,572

Operations

Operations consists of 169 commissioned and 25 noncommissioned members working in the Patrol Section, Detective Section, Traffic Unit, Community Services Unit, Bicycle/Mall Unit, Hill Team and Community Police Centers.



Deputy Chief David Hayes



Officer of the Year

In 2002, Officer Tom Dowd received the Officer of the Year award presented by the Boulder Police Benefit Association. Officer Dowd was nominated by Sergeant Rob Bustrum, not because of "...any one specific call or case, but for his everyday efforts and proactive attitude." In addition to volunteering off-duty with a number of community organizations, Officer Dowd also went above and beyond the call of duty while working with several traffic accident victims and their families. Sergeant Bustrum states that Officer Dowd is an asset to the department's SWAT-Hostage Negotiations team, provides consistently good work and always has a positive approach to the task at hand. "He represents a pervasive influence for good on the rest of the department and reflects the highest ideals and ethics cultivated by the City of Boulder."



Officer Tom Dowd

Watch I and Traffic



Commander Tom Wickman

Watch I includes all the officers who patrol Boulder’s streets during the day, and the units dedicated to the Pearl Street Mall, Traffic and Community Services.

In 2002, a lot of energy and effort was put into the traffic mitigation project. Originally launched by the city and the department, the project is an ongoing effort to solve some of the typical traffic problems encountered in Boulder and by many cities of a similar size.

The three components of the traffic mitigation project are engineering, education, and enforcement. The city handled

the engineering aspects by implementing traffic circles, speed bumps, and other similar tools designed to alleviate traffic problems.

BPD continued its efforts to educate drivers. Officers do so during the everyday contacts they have with community members whenever they are pulled over for a traffic violation.

Enforcement continued with the use of photo radar. Code Enforcement Officers Jenny Hoover and Jan Noyes, have been operating the photo radar unit for over two years. If it is feasible, and there are complaints about speeding, or information from officers, Jan and Jenny will deploy to specific neighborhoods and set up the unit. On a

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Staffing and Hours of Operation

Watch I (Day Shift)
 Number of Officers: 24
 Hours: 0700-1700

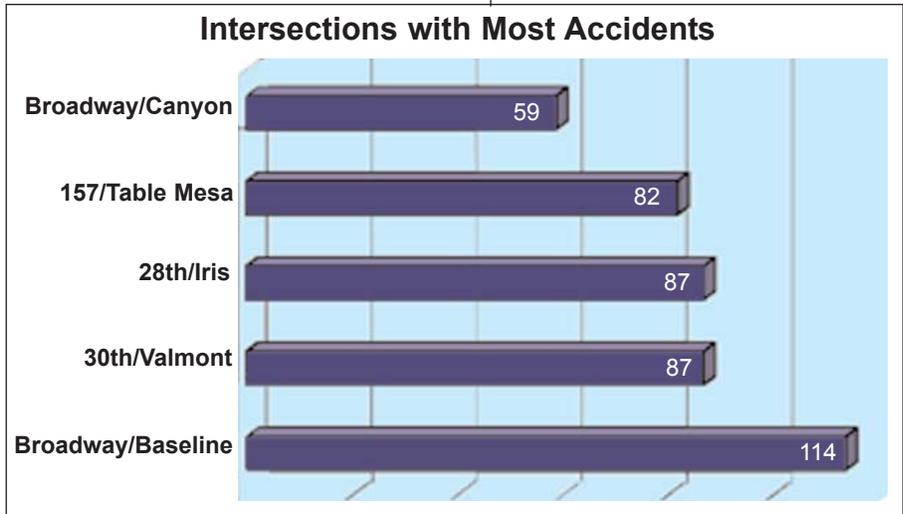
Community Services
 Number of Officers: 8

Mall Unit
 Number of Officers: 7
 Hours: 0900-1900
 1700-0300

Traffic Unit
 Number of Officers: 15
 Accident Specialists: 4
 Hours: 0700-1700
 0900-1900

Photo Radar Operators: 2

Fatal Accidents	
2002	7
2001	2
2000	2
1999	1
1998	4

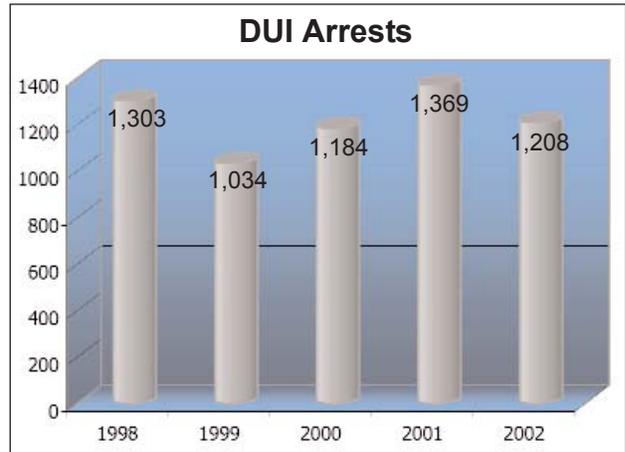


“Local residents seem to appreciate us because we do slow down the traffic.”
 - Code Enforcement Officer, Jenny Hoover

Watch I and Traffic cont.



Motorcycle Officer Scott Sloan



typical day, the unit can record between 25 to 100 traffic violations. If the violation meets certain criteria, such as the face of the driver being clearly distinguishable, the photo is sent to a private company where it is processed and where other details such as vehicle registration are checked before a summons is issued.

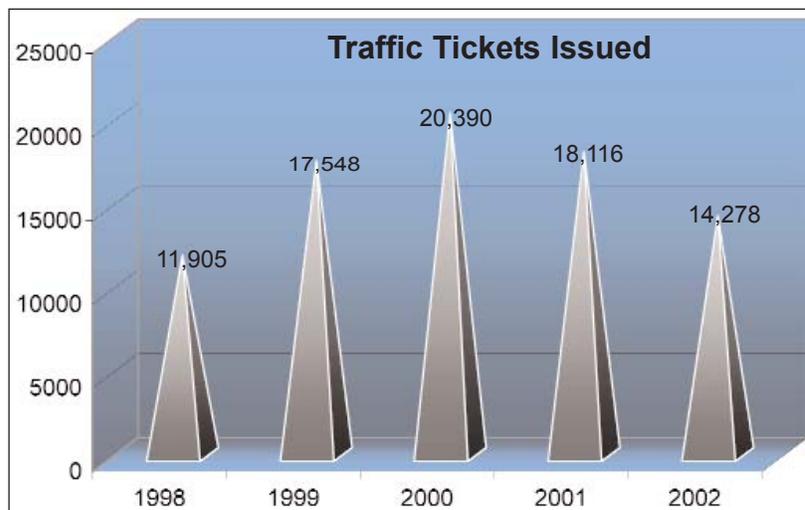
2002 also saw a very high number of traffic related fatalities. Nine people died in seven accidents, a higher number than average, according to Sergeant Doyle Thomas of the Traffic Unit. Four of those accidents, which resulted in six deaths, were alcohol related. In the past, Boulder has been fortunate to be below average in terms of DUI-related accidents and fatalities. The high number of these occurrences in 2002 brought

Boulder up to the nationwide average for the first time in over seven years. DUI enforcement also increased in 2002, with a record number of DUI related arrests being made.

“Although there were a significant number of alcohol related fatalities in 2002, hopefully we prevented more from occurring.” Sergeant Bustrum stated.

Sergeant Robert Bustrum also reported that other fatalities not related to alcohol included a head-on

collision brought about by a driver with a medical condition, and an accident involving a man working under his car when it slipped off the ramps that were supporting it.



Community Services

The Community Services Unit of the Boulder Police Department is comprised of five School Resource Officers (SROs), three Community Service Officers, one civilian member and the unit's sergeant. These ten members provide numerous services in a variety of arenas throughout Boulder. The SROs work proactively in Boulder's middle and high schools to identify potential problems for the students and prevent them from happening. To this end SROs also work with the Unit's sergeant, the Department of Social Services, Boulder County Mental Health, Probation and the Health Department. The officers often provide a communications link between students and staff in addition to their patrol and enforcement duties.

In partnership with the Neurology Unit of Boulder Community Hospital, SROs present a helmet safety program to all third graders in the city. Each third grader is given a multi-sport helmet for his or her own use as part of this program. School Resource Officers also offer Stranger Danger/Personal Safety classes to all Boulder first graders.

The other members of the Unit serve as liaisons to numerous public agencies and private groups and are involved in many programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Boulder County Crime Stoppers, Safety First, Operation ID and crime prevention.

Safety First

Safety First, a program developed by the Boulder PD with the help of the Association for Community Living (ACL), began in 1994. At that time the department became aware that developmentally disabled teenagers in Boulder were graduating from special education programs without basic day-to-day safety awareness. A five-week program was developed in partnership with ACL to focus on safety issues and smart decision making. It covered personal and street-smart safety, home security and safe practices, fire safety and prevention, safety in public situations and on public transportation, and working with police. The first class, held in 1995 for 14 adolescents, was an overwhelming success. Parents and caseworkers were impressed with the skills the students learned and the difference it made in their lives. Later the same year, the department held the same class for adults with disabilities.



Safety First graduation

In 1996, the PD won a national award from the Arc of the United States, the nation's largest volunteer organization addressing the needs of people with mental retardation and their families. The Arc even sponsored the department's attendance at its annual convention in Louisville, Kentucky, that year to accept the award.

Since then, more than 200 people have graduated from Safety First. Police departments in Colorado and across the nation have asked to adopt the program for their communities.

Watches II and III

Watches II and III include the officers who cover the streets of Boulder on swing and midnight shifts. In addition, the units dedicated to the University Hill area, the Community Police Centers, DUI officers and the K-9 Unit are also a part of these watches.

In early 2002, the city manager requested a graffiti task force be formed to clean up the University Hill and other areas plagued by “taggers.” Officers Tony Gryniewicz and Brian Rech, and Report Specialist Bev Allenson “stepped up” and became that task force, designing and enacting a plan to attack the problem of graffiti.

An arduous task was to photograph all graffiti on the Hill. With the assistance of other Hill team officers, this task was completed within two weeks.

Allenson, meanwhile, set up a system to organize the numerous graffiti cases. She created “graffiti books,” which were sorted by monikers or tags, that contained all reported graffiti cases and readily-identifiable photographs.

Officers Gryniewicz and Rech met with various community members to facilitate the coordination of their project and then went on to work undercover for

Staffing and Hours of Operation

Watch II (Swing Shift)

Number of Officers: 28

Hours: 1600-0200

Hill Unit

Number of Officers: 8

Hours: 1100-2100

1700-0300

K9 Officers: 2

Hours: 1900-0400

Watch III (Midnight Shift)

Number of Officers: 26

Hours: 2200-0800

DUI Officers

Number of Officers: 2

Hours: 1900-0500



Commander Molly Bernard

five weeks. Their goal, to gather information and identify taggers, was successful and they were able to identify one of the juveniles heavily responsible for graffiti. Barely one month after they began working on this project, they

were able to make an arrest that cleared 16 cases.

In early summer the task force organized the first ever Hill Paint Day which was held on June 1st. Over 65 people participated in this highly successful effort to eradicate graffiti, and over 100 locations were cleaned up. Shortly after that event, two more arrests were made which cleared 39 more cases for the department.

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Members of Watch Two

K-9 Unit

The four member team of the K-9 Unit consists of two officers, DiGiovanni and Grove, and two dogs, Alf and Brit. In 2002 the unit, which is supervised by Sergeant Dave Seper, was responsible for nine suspect apprehensions, 101 area and/or building searches, and 54 tracks. They responded to 183 alarms, conducted 59 narcotics sniffs, offered officer protection 13 times and were called out off-duty seven times. In addition, the Canine Unit participated in two Citizens Academies and four public K-9 demonstrations, and they attended an advanced 80 hour K-9 training course on tactical patrol and SWAT applications.



From left, K9 Brit, Officer Tony DiGiovanni, Sergeant Dave Seper, Officer Doug Grove and K9 Alf

Watches II and III cont.

Overall, because of the hard work and dedication of Officers Rech and Gryniewicz and Report Specialist Allenson, four key arrests were made, five individuals were cited and over 60 cases were cleared.

In 2002, officers from BPD also participated in a program called Cops in Shop. Cops in Shop, a program promoted by the Colorado State Liquor Authority, entails placing undercover police officers in licensed liquor establishments, primarily bars, for an evening.

Officers Janet Aguirre and Jenny Paddock went undercover and worked with bouncers



Officer Michelle Ellerman assists paramedics on a medical call

and other staff members to identify, and charge patrons for using fraudulent identification to obtain alcohol.

The program, initially tested in 2001 at a single establishment, was rolled out to all interested establishments in 2002. Seven establishments on the Pearl Street Mall and the University Hill took advantage of the opportunity. The net result was 23 reports and summonses, including three arrests. Both the department and the management from the participating establishments agreed that the program was a success, and was likely to be continued.

Beth Haynes Award

In October of 2002, Detective Theresa Bradbury was recognized for her “outstanding service in the field of domestic violence.” She was the recipient of the prestigious Beth Haynes Award. This honor, which memorializes a Boulder police officer killed in the line of duty by a domestic violence perpetrator, is presented by the Boulder County Domestic Violence Task Force. Detective Bradbury received not one, but three letters of nomination from within the department as well as from individuals in the District Attorney’s Office. She was consistently praised for her excellent investigative work on domestic violence cases and for the outstanding service and support she provides to victims.



Beth Haynes Award recipients, from left, Officer Heidi Prentup, Judge Kathy Delgado, Detective Ruth Christopher, this year’s awardee Detective Theresa Bradbury, Officer Greg Malsam, and Officer Melissa Merkle

Domestic Violence

Boulder County Safehouse and the Boulder Police Department have worked collaboratively for 15 years to ensure that the needs of domestic violence victims are addressed. Through the Safehouse Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), trained advocates work directly with law enforcement officers to respond to the immediate safety and support needs of domestic violence

respond either directly to the victim’s home or to meet the victim at the nearest police department or other safe location. If necessary, services can also be provided over the phone. The partnership between the Boulder Police Department and Boulder County Safehouse ensures that victims of domestic violence and their children are provided respectful assistance to meet the immediate need of safety and the longer term need of support as they rebuild their lives.

“I never imagined having to call the police on my husband. I was afraid and embarrassed. The officer treated me with respect. He didn’t judge me. I don’t know what I would have done without the help.”

- Domestic violence victim

victims. Very often, a victim’s first point of contact with services is through the police department. An officer can have a direct impact on breaking the cycle of violence by introducing intervention services. Officers responding to a domestic violence incident may page a Safehouse DART advocate to

Formal Domestic Violence Cases (Arrest, Warrant, Book and Release and Summons)			Informal Domestic Violence Cases (Reports, Outstanding Warrants and Open Cases)		
	Total	Percent change		Total	Percent change
2000	326	Not available	2000	91	Not available
2001	310	-5%	2001	101	10%
2002	311	0%	2002	94	-7%

Domestic violence statistics provided by the Domestic Abuse Prevention Project

Community



CPC staff, from left, Michael Zowack, Georgette Johnson, Bob Gillice, Jeff Binning with Commander Sullenberger

Community Police Centers (CPC) were established in Boulder in the late 1990s, after a survey indicated that Boulder citizens welcomed an expansion of current services. The concept was designed to increase police accessibility and to enhance police-community interactions by decentralizing services through a series of neighborhood centers. Currently there are three

CPCs in Boulder: on the Pearl Street Mall, the University Hill, and in south Boulder. The staff of the CPCs offer personalized, timely service to the citizen's of Boulder. They strive to give each citizen the lasting impression that any problem, question, concern or need that they might have in contacting BPD is important. The unit provides support to all divisions within the department by responding to requests for service which may not require a commissioned officer. The CPC staff strives to personify the department's mission of "Working with the community to provide service and safety."

In 2002, the CPC staff contacted 5,744 citizens and generated 2,613 crime reports. The Pearl Street Mall CPC was the busiest, averaging over 50 walk-ins per week and fingerprinting almost 600 people during the year. The South Boulder CPC saw 21% of the walk-in traffic, the Hill CPC saw 32% of that traffic, and the CPC on Pearl Street handled the remaining 47%.

Crime Stoppers

In 1982 Officer Larry Weida traveled to New Mexico to research the Crime Stoppers program that was in place there.

Upon returning to Boulder and reporting on what he had learned, it was decided that a similar program would be put into place at the BPD. The kickoff for Boulder County Crime Stoppers was held September 30, 1982, and with a phone line already in place, a case was solved on that day thanks to Crime Stoppers information. The program has continued to enjoy great success since its inception and has

aided in the arrest of over 1,000 individuals with a prosecution rate of 99%.



Officer Larry Weida honored at the Crime Stoppers Anniversary dinner

Officer Weida has been involved in all aspects of Crime Stoppers including developing and starting the first high school Crime Stoppers program, which has gone worldwide, working with Channel 9 News to start a state program in Colorado and, with the help of

Celestial Seasonings, developing the Best Buddy Teddy Bear Program to assist crime victims all over the world.



Commander Joe Pelle (far right) and the Detective Staff

Detective Section

The Detective Section investigated approximately 875 felony cases in 2002, cleared several cold cases dating back to 1990, and solved four homicides, even though most of the year it was one officer short of its 21 allocated investigators.

By resubmitting evidence for new methods of DNA processing, detectives solved several 1993 rape cases with the arrest of one perpetrator, and tied another series of 11 assaults in the Tantra Lake area to an unknown rapist (who has also committed crimes in Denver, Lakewood and the Austin, Texas, area). The department still works to identify this serial rapist. Detectives

also cleared the 1982 homicide of Gary Stoner through DNA testing. A new tip via Crime Stoppers allowed detectives to focus on Roy Seagraves as the perpetrator. A hair root recovered from the victim's hand was processed for new DNA testing, which led to Seagraves' arrest and prosecution. The department also handled four homicides in 2002, which is well above the average of one or two annually. Most of these

involved domestic relationships and all were solved.

The narcotics task force, which includes three detectives and one sergeant, learned to deal with a new drug complication in Boulder County: the manufacturing of methamphetamines in small clandestine labs, and the resulting dangers with the chemicals involved. Several members of the task

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Clearance Rates

The Offense	Boulder - 2002	Rocky Mtn. Region - 2001	U.S. - 2001
Violent Crime	53.7%	44.3%	46.2%
Property Crime	17.6%	16.1%	16.2%
Murder	80%	61.7%	62.4%
1 st Degree Sexual Assault	43.7%	39.9%	44.3%
Robbery	24.4%	22.8%	24.9%
Aggravated Assault	66.2%	53.7%	56.1%
Burglary	7.2%	11.8%	12.7%
Larceny/Theft	20%	18%	17.6%
Auto Theft	11.1%	12.5%	13.6%

Detectives cont.

force have become instructors in the recognition of these labs and are currently teaching classes to first responders throughout the county.

Detectives also investigated and arrested three suspects in a string of armed robberies (three occurred in Boulder and several others in the metro area); worked with CUPD on the CU football recruiting party incident and subsequent sexual assault allegations; then worked with the DA and the CU Judicial System to try and

implement changes in recruiting practices at the University of Colorado; investigated two separate instances of sexual assaults on at-risk seniors in care facilities resulting in arrests and convictions of health care workers through the use of DNA technology; and arrested a suspect in a nine-year string of indecent exposures near Stazzio Fields as a result of a well planned surveillance operation.

SWAT

Although 2002 was a fairly quiet year for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) there were five call-outs. These involved assisting the Sheriff's Office and the Longmont Police Department, serving high risk warrants, searching for a fugitive wanted on outstanding warrants, including one for manslaughter, and arresting a robbery suspect.

The SWAT Team also saw a change in leadership as Commander Testa became the new team commander



SWAT Team training

and Sergeants Ron Gosage and Barry Hartkopp were appointed as assistant commanders.

New equipment, such as self contained breathing apparatus and fire resistant suits, was purchased in 2002. This equipment allows the team to provide a better response to drug labs and scenes that involve hazardous materials.



Police Department Awards

The 2002 mid-year awards ceremony was held at the police department on May 28. Over 100 people attended.

Commander Joe Pelle received the *Award for Excellence* based on his performance and significant contributions to the safety of the community and officers at the police department.



The University Hill Team

Dr. Jim Kornberg, an expert in weapons of mass destruction, received the *Outstanding Citizenship Award*. Dr. Kornberg received this award because of time and assistance he voluntarily provided to the department in developing a response plan.

Officer Jason Hone received the *Award for Excellence* for the work that he did on the University Hill in 2000 and 2001. Though Officer Hone worked without a partner in 2001, he was still able to accomplish his goals of promoting responsible serving and consumption of alcohol on University Hill and be productive in his enforcement efforts.

Officers Kristi Peterson and Michelle Ellerman received the *Award for Excellence* for their dedication and hard work both in enforcement

efforts and relationship building on the University Hill, and in their productivity and crime scene investigation skills.

The members of the University Hill Association received the *Outstanding Citizenship Award* for their support of the department's enforcement efforts and their heavy involvement in helping to make the University Hill a safer place to live, work and visit.

The 2001 University Hill Team, consisting of Sergeant Stewart, Officers Beverly Bookout, Rick French, Vince Gallerani, Jason Hone, Eric Laurin, Carrie Lutz, Kristi Peterson, and Michelle Ellerman, received the *Unit Citation Award* because they led the way for the department in terms of problem solving, customer service and productivity.

Officers Janet Aguirre and Jenny Paddock received the *Award for Excellence* because their individual work and their work as a team has continued at a level of excellence.

David Arellano, Kevin Gutierrez and Andrew Vagelatos received the *Outstanding Citizenship Award* for going above and beyond the scope of normal civic responsibility and assisting the police department in identifying and apprehending a dangerous felon.



From left, Officer Aguirre, Sergeant Stewart and Officer Paddock



David Arellano, Kevin Gutierrez and Andrew Vagelatos

Promotions



Sergeant Trujillo and wife, Heather

A total of seven BPD members received promotions during 2002. Kim Stewart, Greg Testa, and Kurt Weiler joined the commander ranks when they were selected to succeed retiring-Commander Tom Kilpatrick, Boulder County sheriff-elect Joe Pelle, and newly-selected Frisco police Chief Tom Wickman. Stewart, with a background in the military, joined the department in 1990 and, most recently, served as sergeant assigned to the University Hill district. Testa became a Boulder police officer in 1987. He served in a variety of capacities, including detective and sergeant of the

Professional Standards Unit. Weiler rejoined the BPD in 1989 after stint with the Drug Enforcement Agency. His background includes an impressive amount investigative experience.

And joining the ranks of sergeant were Barry Hartkopp, Curtis Johnson, Melissa Kampf, and Tom Trujillo. All four served their most recent assignments in the Detective Section, investigating high-profile homicide cases and other significant crimes in the department's Major Crimes Unit.



New sergeants from left, Melissa Kampf, Curtis Johnson and Barry Hartkopp

Thank-You from a Boulder citizen

To the staff and officers of the Boulder Police Department:

My 12-year-old daughter was missing for several hours in Boulder during the evening of January 30, 2002. Thanks to you, friends, luck and to God, she was found safe.

Unfortunately, my writing skills do not include the prowess to truly express my sincerest gratitude to you, each one of you. You responded promptly, professionally and with love and caring. I understand that many people were involved. The police force was on alert. You were looking for my daughter. I don't know your names. I don't know who you are. I do not know

all that you did. I know that many people performed their duty on our behalf.

Duty cannot describe your effort. Duty cannot describe your response. Duty cannot describe your feelings. Duty alone, cannot describe what you did for our family, and what I know you do for other families. Was it "all in a night's work?" Not in my night.

...From my heart, from my soul, from my daughter, and on behalf of my family and friends, I thank you for your guidance, leadership and support. I thank you for your training, education, and experience. I thank you for performing your "duty." Most of all, I thank you for caring.

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