

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

The Boulder Police Department made it a priority in 2005 to provide more efficient and effective policing strategies to the community. Through the development of working relationships as well as combined efforts of police officers, government officials, and residents to address problems and issues, safety and the quality of life in the Boulder community were enhanced. 2005 clearly demonstrated how a collaborative effort among the police department and the community continued to improve the quality of life we enjoy in the Boulder area.

Community policing principles recognize the value of bringing people into the policing process and their involvement gives new dimension to law enforcement activities. While police officers continue to deal with crime fighting and law enforcement responsibilities, police and community join forces to eliminate conditions that promote criminal behavior. These combined resources allow us to expand our focus on crime-prevention activities. As we do with many community groups, neighborhoods, the University of Colorado, and other agencies, we actively pursue the development of working relationships with segments of the population to address problems and issues.

During 2005, the Boulder Police Department was as close to fully staffed as it has been in several years. This allowed us to return previously reduced services to the

community. School Resource Officers were returned to the middle schools; the Target Crime Team was utilized to address specific community needs; innovative efforts to streamline the laptop registration program were put into place; and members of the department continued to maintain relationships with representatives from CU, University Hill Neighborhood Association, the Downtown Boulder Business Improvement District, and other community coalitions to address specific needs.

In addition to managing these relationships, the Department continued its emphasis on traditional police activities. DUI enforcement continued to be a high priority, as did maintaining a presence on the Pearl Street Mall. Enforcement activities were directed at alcohol abuse and the resultant quality of life issues surrounding abuse. Following ten years of planning and design, construction of the addition to the Public Safety Building was begun. In 2006 we anticipate use of a new indoor shooting range, a state of the art training center, and additional work space for our members.

More than ever, we work as a team. From officer to command staff, civilian to sworn, police officer to volunteer, dedicated individuals create the collaborative relationships that make Boulder an exceptional community in which to live, work, and play. Respect, integrity, excellence, partnerships, problem solving, and diversity are our guiding values and will continue to be our measures for success.



POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Police Administration is composed of the Police Chief's office, the Professional Standards Unit, the department's legal advisor, and the public information officer.

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) investigates complaints and allegations of misconduct by members of the department, whether sworn officers or civilian staff. The unit also handles general inquiries about police policy and procedure.

Complaints may be categorized as an allegation of serious misconduct, non-serious misconduct, a performance or training issue. All allegations of misconduct are thoroughly investigated and these categories may not be assigned until after the investigation is complete. Investigations can originate from outside or inside the department and do not necessarily require a complaint from a community member.

In 2005, the PSU received 78 complaints and 16 general inquiries. Of the 78 complaints received, seven cases involving 11 members of the department were investigated as serious misconduct. Allegations against seven members were sustained, an allegation against one member was not sustained, and three members were exonerated.

There were 32 cases classified as non-serious misconduct. This included 27 crashes involving department vehicles. Photo red light tickets generated two

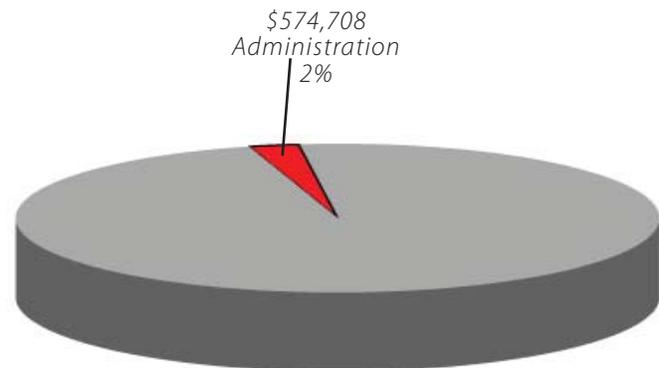
investigations. In both cases, the department member involved was held responsible for the citation.

Allegations against two department members for rule violations were not sustained, while one against a third member was sustained.

Complaints which are investigated internally are reviewed by the Professional Standards Review Panel. The panel is comprised of four commissioned employees, two non-commissioned employees, and six members of the Boulder community.



2005 Police Administration Budget
\$574,708



OPERATIONS DIVISION



The Operations Division is often seen as “the face” of the department. It includes members working in patrol, traffic, detectives, community services, the Pearl Street Mall, the University Hill, and in the Community Police Centers.

Each unit worked hard in 2005 to meet the expectations of the Boulder community. While department members are proud of all they have accomplished, a few highlights from last year are listed below:



- Mall officers were recognized by Downtown Business Inc. for their work on the Pearl Street Mall and the manner in which they policed.
- Two School Resource Officers (SROs) were added to the Community Services Unit which enabled SROs to be added to the city’s middle schools.
- The Traffic Unit purchased a Crash Data Retrieval System that enabled traffic officers to retrieve important technical data from a vehicle in the event of a crash.

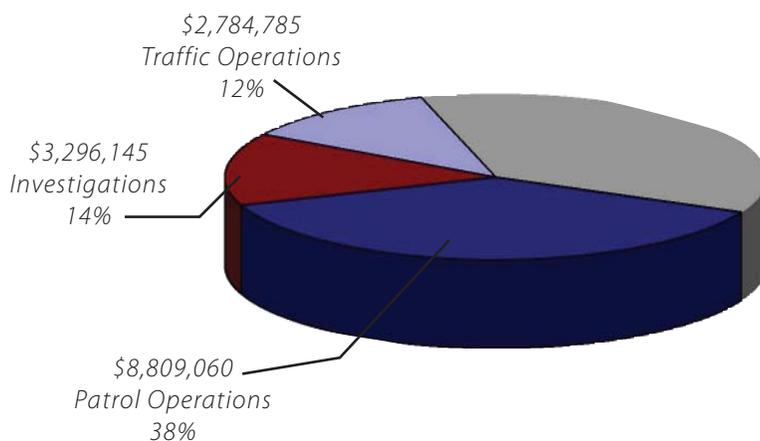


- The arrest of two men in unrelated cases of burglary and theft helped solve nearly 50 cases and assisted in the

return of stolen property.

- In a nation-wide motor officer competition, Officer Kevin Granberg placed within the top five and Officer Steve Cast placed within the top 10.
- Officers took 1,017 drunk drivers off the streets. That’s almost three DUIs each day.
- Civilian employees at the Community Police Centers took 1,964 initial and supplemental reports.
- Officers handled 79,354 calls for service, taking more than 17,000 crime and incident reports.
- Officer Sharon Ramos earned the distinction of being the newest Master Police Officer for the department.
- All operations personnel were trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by federal mandate.
- The department implemented a new bike registration program to deter bike theft and increase chances of post-theft property recovery.

2005 Operations Budget
\$14,889,991



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

This section of the budget includes money awarded to the police department through grants, and money allocated as operating expenses for special programs, SWAT, the Bomb Squad, and various Community Services programs.

The Boulder Bomb Squad responds to calls for suspicious packages and suspected explosive devices. The squad consists of four certified bomb technicians and a commander who oversees the daily operations of the squad. All of the members of the bomb squad participate on the team as a collateral duty.

In 2005, the squad responded to 14 reports of suspicious objects and gave four public presentations. The squad often trains with the SWAT team, using a robot and explosives to make tactical entries into buildings.

Each member of the Bomb Squad completed the required monthly training to maintain their certifications.

The SWAT team saw many changes in 2005, including the addition of eight new team members to fill vacancies and increase staffing. The technical abilities of the team increased as advancements in computers, radio hardware, and electronic equipment demanded more specialized skills. All team members regularly attended training to maintain and hone their specific skills.

The SWAT team was called out six times throughout the year. The callouts included two assists to other police departments, and two callouts involving barricaded subjects. The

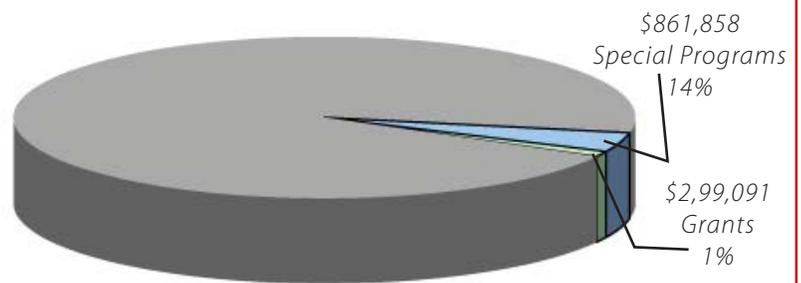
standoffs were all resolved peacefully.

Some of the 2005 grant money came from the following funds:

- The department received about \$20,800 from the Victim and Law Enforcement (VALE) fund for the Victim Advocate Team Coordinator's salary.
- The department received \$13,800 for 36 bullet-resistant vests.
- The department received \$3,931 to conduct a "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign designed to encourage seat belt use.
- The Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) award the department \$50,000 to conduct saturation patrols and regular enforcement of drunken driving laws throughout the year.
- An award of \$33,632 was made to the "Ignite Your Potential" program which is designed to decrease antisocial behavior in the community by providing pro-social activities for at-risk youth.



2005 Special Programs and Grants
\$1,160,949



SUPPORT & STAFF SERVICES



Although department members in Support and Staff Services are seen less frequently by the community, their work is the foundation of the department. This division consists of Records and Information Services (RIS), Communications; Personnel; Training; Property and Evidence; Finance and Facilities Maintenance; Victim Services; and Volunteer Services.

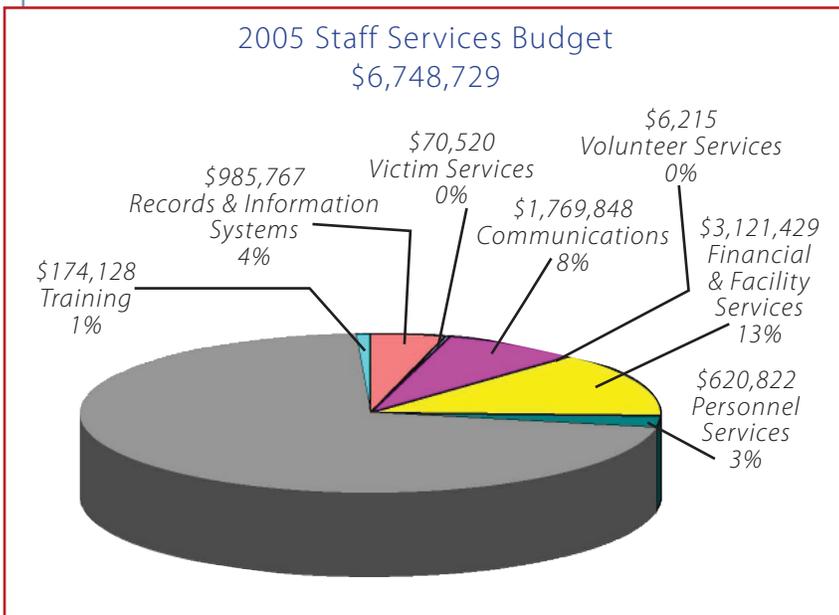
Some highlights for the year include:

- Job descriptions were revised for all positions in the department.
- Property and Evidence logged in 14,416 new pieces of evidence on 5,830 new cases.
- A new Police Training Officer (PTO) program was implemented. By the end of 2005, 14 trainees had successfully completed the program.
- Volunteers at the department donated roughly 3,705 hours of their



time. The value of a volunteer hour was set nationally as \$18.04 for 2005. This means that volunteers contributed \$66,838.20 in volunteer time! One of the department's newest volunteers worked 90 hours in one month.

- Victim Advocates spent 1,064 hours working with 500 victims during 161 callouts throughout the year. Advocates spent more than 200 hours working at Lowry with nearly 100 evacuees of Hurricane Katrina.
- RIS identified and trained a team to better process data searches and information requests, both internal and external to the department.
- Communications technicians answered 172,088 calls, which included 34,686 9-1-1 calls.
- Financial Services processed more than 6,500 time sheets and met all payroll and budgetary deadlines.
- Maintenance staff completed 262 work orders and kept the Public Safety Building clean and running smoothly
- Commander Kim Stewart graduated from the 220th FBI National Academy.



MILESTONES

Seven employees were promoted in 2005.

Ron Gosage and Robert Thomas, Jr. were promoted from sergeant to commander.



Cooper Grimes, Greg Lefebre, Jim MacPherson, Jack Walker and Lauri Wegscheider were promoted from police officer to sergeant



The department said goodbye and good luck to many talented people during the last year. Each demonstrated their service to the Boulder community on a daily basis.

Commander Molly Bernard retired after 25 years of service.



Melissa Brock, who worked as the Assistant to the Chief, left her position after 21 years.

Pat Hankett, the Training Coordinator, had been with the department for 22 years when she retired.

After 26 years of service, Sergeant Terence Harmon retired.

Putzie Govednik, one of the department's Accident Investigators retired after 20 years.



The following employees celebrated major milestones in 2005:



25 Years
Officer Randy Jones
Officer John MacGregor

Deputy Chief Bob Sullenberger
Detective Bob Wands
Records Technician Gail Scott



20 Years
Detective Chuck Heidel
Detective Ruth Christopher
Officer Ralph Smith
Crime Analyst Becky Adams



AWARDS



Boulder Police **Detective Colleen Wilcox** was awarded the 12th annual *Beth Haynes Memorial Award* for outstanding service in the field of domestic violence. The award recognizes service to victims, proper investigative techniques, guidance provided to fellow officers on domestic violence cases, and problem solving of domestic violence issues. The Beth Haynes award is presented by the Boulder County Domestic Violence Task Force each October, during Domestic Violence Awareness month.



Detective Wilcox was one of 18 nominees county wide for the award. Other Boulder police nominees were Detective Dixie Bliley and Officers Sharon Ramos and Heather Frey. Detective Wilcox has more than 17 years of law enforcement experience and the department has greatly benefited from her skills for the past seven years.



Kristi Peterson received the *Detective of the Year Award* for demonstrating a high level of service excellence and investigative diligence. Two cases cited in her nomination letter were a lengthy criminal investigation and arrest of a serial residential burglar (a man later charged with 26 felonies), and a serial business burglar who was a career criminal (a man later sentenced to 10 years in the Department of Corrections).

Peterson has been with the Boulder Police Department for eight years and is currently assigned to the Detective Unit. Kristi also received an award from the Federal Bureau

of Investigation for her role in apprehending a Boulder bank robber.

Officer Mike Marquez has a knack for being in the right place at the right time, according to his nomination for *Police Officer of the Year*. Officer Marquez was nominated for his excellent work over the past year as a member of the department's Target Crime Team (TCT). He was also nominated for his great work ethic and being a team player. His apprehensions, along with the other members of TCT, included the arrest of a New Hampshire murder suspect and the much sought after car wash burglar.

Officer Marquez has been with the Boulder Police department for nine years and is currently a member of the TCT.

Shelli Hisey received the *Outstanding Achievement Award* for Forensic Science from the Rocky Mountain Division of the International Association for Identification (RMDIAI).

Candidates for the award are nominated by their peers and the nomination is then reviewed by a committee. Hisey is one of only two people in the history of RMDIAI who have received this award. She received the same award in 2001.



AWARDS

The *Outstanding Citizenship Award* was given to **Chet Johnston, Jason Floyd and Erica Gardner**. These citizens were together in a car when they observed BPD Sergeant Lauri Wegscheider crash her motorcycle. They stopped, ran across a busy intersection to her and began to render aid. All three remained with Sergeant Wegscheider until help arrived and then later provided assistance with the investigation.

The *Police Chief's Certificate of Commendation* was awarded to **Detective Sergeant Kerry Yamaguchi**

for his work as the Major Crimes Unit sergeant during the investigation and arrest of serial rapist, Bradford Wagner. His efforts served as a model for other supervisors to follow.



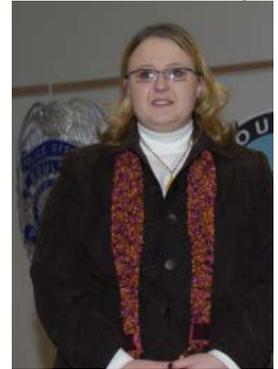
In addition to frequently receiving positive feedback from the community, **Officer Tony Gryniewicz** was praised for being proactive, self-motivated, smart and reliable. For this reason he was presented with a *Certificate of Commendation*.



Detective David Spraggs also received a *Certificate of Commendation* based on his hard work and numerous accomplishments over the past two years. Detective Spraggs is one of

only three forensic photographers in the state of Colorado certified by the prestigious International Association for Identification.

Dispatcher Jessica Adler, was awarded the *Certificate of Commendation* for her work on November 11, 2005 coordinating the response to a hazardous materials spill. Her work on this day was exemplary and worthy of this commendation.



Teresa Hutson received the *Award for Excellence* because she has provided service at a level of excellence over the past 16 years. Her nomination letter stated that Teresa is “an absolute dynamo, she knows her job and performs it flawlessly.”

The *Award for Excellence* was given to **Officer Keith Steinman** because as his sergeant noted, “Officer Steinman exemplifies what we expect from our officers; hard work, dedication, intelligence, a sense of humor, selflessness, honesty and integrity.”



Officer Ed Burke's initiative provided a means for officers to make Boulder a safer community by removing wanted subjects from the streets. It is for this reason he was given the *Award for Excellence*.



The *Unit Citation* was presented to the **Victim Services Unit**. They were identified within the department for displaying exemplary

teamwork, and for epitomizing the department's mission statement “Working with the Community to Provide Service and Safety.”



THE CRIME CLOCK



1 vehicle theft every 1.5 days

1 DUI arrest every 8.6 hours

1 theft every 3.1 hours

1 traffic accident every 2.4 hours

350 traffic summonses issued every week



1 robbery every 10.7 days

1 act of vandalism every 8.4 hours

1 sexual assault every 8.7 days **

1 burglary every 15.9 hours

** Includes 1st and 2nd degree sexual assault, but does not include misdemeanor sex offenses.

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Rape | 52 | 35 | 42 |
| Robbery | 37 | 40 | 34 |
| Aggravated Assault | 125 | 89 | 140 |
| Burglary | 549 | 574 | 551 |
| Theft | 3,184 | 3,049 | 2,821 |
| Vehicle Theft | 197 | 166 | 252 |
| Forgery | 114 | 124 | 88 |
| Vandalism | 1,367 | 1,003 | 1,043 |
| Arson | 44 | 21 | 61 |

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| DUI Arrests | 748 | 919 | 1,017 |
| Total Accidents | 4,159 | 4,180 | 3,644 |
| Traffic Summonses Issued | 17,275 | 19,336 | 18,226 |

