

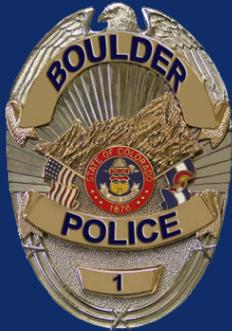
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# The Spotlight

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## Police department reaches new milestone in female leadership

With the recent promotion of a fifth female sergeant, the Boulder Police Department is pleased to announce it now has more commissioned female supervisors than any time in its history.

The milestone was reached in January when Officer Kristi Peterson was promoted to the position of sergeant.

Peterson joins four other female

sergeants – Katie McEldowney, Melissa Kampf, Lauri Wegscheider, Janet Aguirre – and Cmdr. Kim Stewart in leadership roles. On Watch III, the overnight shift, three of the four supervising sergeants are women.

The Boulder Police Department first hired women in police positions in 1951. According to published materials from that year, however, they

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From left to right, back row, : Sgt. Katie McEldowney, Sgt. Kristi Peterson, Sgt. Janet Aguirre, and Cmdr. Kim Stewart. Front row: Sgt. Laurie Wegscheider, Chief Mark Beckner and Sgt. Melissa Kampf

# F.A.Q.

## What if I choose not to proceed with my case?

The district attorney can always choose to proceed with a case even if the victim is reluctant or does not wish to proceed. In this situation, let the district attorney assigned to your case know your concerns.

## How long does it take for my case to be assigned to a detective after an officer takes my report?

It typically takes 3 to 5 days for a case to go through the records system to be assigned. However, if a patrol sergeant believes your case needs to be worked immediately, he/she will let a detective supervisor know of the urgent status and it will be assigned within 24 hours.

## How can I find out my case's status?

Call the detective administrative assistant at 303-441-3330. Please provide your case number.

*Do you have a question you'd like to see answered in an upcoming edition? Email your question to Sarah Huntley at [huntleys@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:huntleys@bouldercolorado.gov).*



Safety First student Gabe Rodriguez and program coordinator Kris Gibson pose during a recent outside session of the class.

## BEHIND THE BADGE

### 2009 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

NAME: JASON DUFFY

ASSIGNMENT: TRAFFIC

YEARS ON THE FORCE: 10

Officer Duffy has been a traffic officer for the last four years of his career with the Boulder Police Department. He was recently voted as 2009 Officer of the Year after he spotted the "Shaggy Bandit," who was wanted for numerous bank robberies in the metro area. Duffy was instrumental in his apprehension.

### What were your thoughts on being voted the 2009 Officer of the Year?

I was honored.

### What do you like best about being a police officer?

Catching bad guys.



### How do you think BPD differs from other departments?

In the traffic unit we've been fortunate to have most of the latest technology at our disposal. The Total Mapping Station is a great example of this advantage because other departments have requested our assistance after officer-involved shootings and car chases. When other departments ask for our help, this speaks volumes of Boulder PD.

# Detectives launch new financial crimes program

Reporting forms now available on website

Time and time again, victims of financial crimes have told us that they find the investigation and recovery process overwhelming, difficult and stressful.

Now the Boulder Police Department is trying to make it easier.

Detectives have created a new website with information for victims of identity theft, forgery or embezzlement.

The site includes step-by-step directions for filing a police report with investigators and three separate information packets that victims can fill out and bring to the detective assigned to their case to jumpstart the process.

The forms are printable and easy to understand and make clear what records detectives can use to help build your case.

In addition to the blank forms, the website includes one full sample packet, for embezzlement, that detectives have completed so victims can see what a thorough and accurate report looks like.

Victims will also find instructions for contacting the three credit agencies to flag their accounts and prevent further losses.

For more information, please go to our Financial Crimes Information page on the Boulder Police Department's website at [http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=12833&Itemid=4141](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12833&Itemid=4141).

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From left to right, Officer Sterling Ekwo and Sgt. Dave Seper participate in the Inaugural Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge at the Boulder Reservoir on Feb. 20 to raise money for Special Olympics athletes.

## Total serious crime drops nearly 3 percent

The City of Boulder experienced a decrease of nearly 3 percent in overall serious crime in 2009, reversing a one-year increase from the previous year.

From January to December 2009, police logged 3,062 reports of the most major crimes the department investigates. The previous year's total was 3,141.

There were increases, however, in three categories: aggravated assaults, robberies and burglaries. Investigators are continuing to work these cases aggressively. In 2009, 88 adults were arrested for aggravated assault. Twelve adults were arrested for robberies. Thirty-eight adults were arrested for burglaries.

In burglary cases, in particular, a single arrest often leads to multiple clearances, since suspects usually strike more than once.

### Serious crimes, 2009

<b>Murder</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>564</b>
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>2,093</b>
<b>Vehicle theft</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,062</b>

# WANTED!



Gerald Petty  
Date of Birth 3/4/58  
5 feet, 9 inches tall  
180 pounds

Petty is wanted on an outstanding warrant for escape from the Boulder Community Treatment Center. He was originally convicted of auto theft. When he was last seen at the BCTC, he was bald with a mustache. His last known address is 540 Pierce St. in Erie.

If you have any information about this suspect, please contact Detective Kurt Foster at 303-441-4329.

## Female officers represent 24 percent of department

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performed dual responsibilities. The first two recruits were listed as police woman/records clerk and police woman/clerk typist.

In 2001, the National Center for Women and Policing estimated that women accounted for less than 13 percent of all law enforcement officers in the United States.

The Boulder Police Department far surpasses that. The department now has one of the highest percentages of female officers in the country. Out of 171 commissioned officers, 41 of them – or 24 percent – are women.

“Many law enforcement agencies across the country still struggle to recruit women. We are fortunate here in Boulder to have so many highly qualified female officers – with so many of them in supervisory positions,” said Police Chief Mark Beckner.

“We know that we can provide a higher level of public safety when we more closely mirror the community we serve. We are proud of all of our officers, but today, we celebrate and thank the women who have helped us reach this important goal.”

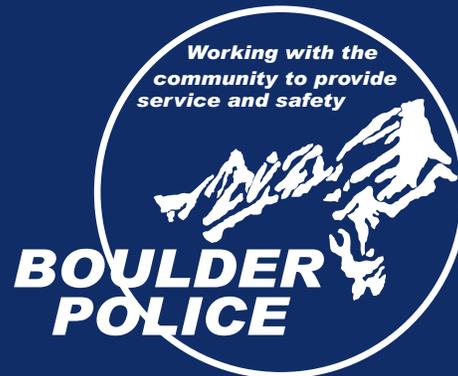
### Additional contact information:

#### Emergency Assistance — 24 hours

Police 911  
Fire 911  
Medical 911  
Mental Health 303-447-1665  
Rocky Mountain Poison Center 1-800-222-1222  
Xcel Energy/Electrical outage 1-800-895-1999  
Xcel Energy /Gas leak or odor 1-800-895-2999

#### Non-Emergency Assistance

Police 303-441-3333  
Fire 303-441-3333  
Medical 303-441-3333  
Pridemark Paramedics —  
Dispatch 303-984-1911  
Administration 303-939-8111  
Police Records 303-441-3300  
Professional Standards 303-441-3312  
Public Works 303-441-3249



#### Community Police Center

303-413-7324  
Located on 16th Street, just south of Pearl St.  
Staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.