Portland Police Traffic Safety Program

Presentation for City Council, January 7, 2020
Deputy Chief Chris Davis
The Traffic Division’s Work

- Crash Team Call Outs: 61
- Traffic Investigations Unit: 221 assigned cases, 185 cleared.
- Photo Radar Citations: 35,781 speed and 6,160 red light
- Traffic Stops: 12,595 stops, 17,989 citations
- Traffic Safety Classes: 11,910 in attendance
- Volunteer Unit: 5,441 hours donated, 1,939 citations
- Parades and events: 85
- Community Engagement
Traffic Fatalities by the Numbers

Portland crash deaths year-to-date by travel option, 2015-2019

Source: Portland Bureau of Transportation
Why has the Bureau reduced Traffic Division Resources so much?

2011
47 Officers

2019
19 Officers

Serial budget cuts
Low staffing levels
Increases in demand for service in all areas
Difficult Decisions
Police Bureau Budget Changes Since 2006

2006-07, $1,111,580.00
2007-08, ($529,722.00)
2008-09, $238,465.00
2009-10, ($3,913,894.00)
2010-11, ($1,450,006.00)
2011-12, $1,572,677.00
2012-13, ($3,739,907.00)
2013-14, ($7,219,014.00)
2014-15, $519,651.00
2015-16, $2,115,413.00
2016-17, $5,586,449.00
2017-18, ($1,935,999.00)
2018-19, $6,510,825.00
2019-20, ($2,052,871.00)

Total: ($3,186,373.00)
Drug Overdose Deaths vs Drugs and Vice Division Staffing

- Overdose Death Call-out / Triage
- Overdose Death Investigations
- DVD Officers

Multnomah County Health Department Started Naloxone Distribution Program
Criminal Investigations Workload

- Assaults: over 7,000 cases reviewed, 132 assigned as of October 2019.
- Robbery: Approximately 1,000 cases reviewed, 243 assigned as of October 2019.
- Property Crimes: 5 Detectives – 433 Cases assigned January-July, 2019
- Fraud: 4 Detectives – 95 open cases as of October, 2019. Cases normally take 6 to 24 months.
- Sex Offender Registration – 2,030 registrations processed January-July, 2019. 1 officer.
Response Time for Dispatched Calls

High Priority
Queue Time ↑ 0.7 min
Travel Time ↑ 1.3 min
Response Time ↑ 2.0 min
↑ ~3,500 High Priority Calls

Medium Priority
Queue Time ↑ 4.7 min
Travel Time ↑ 0.7 min
Response Time ↑ 5.4 min
↑ ~16,500 Med Priority Calls

Low Priority
Queue Time ↑ 10.4 min
Travel Time ↑ 0.3 min
Response Time ↑ 10.7 min
↑ ~38,500 Low Priority Calls
What We’re Doing

• Photo Enforcement
• Increased Focus on Traffic Safety for Patrol
• Traffic Safety Education
• Suspend Rotational Support
• Trainee Rotation through Traffic
• Holiday DUII Task Force
• Volunteer Programs
• Grant Funding
• Focus Efforts on High-Crash Corridors
Traffic Safety Efforts on High Crash Corridors

Fiscal Year 2018-19

- Citations Issued
- High Crash Corridor