

2025 Annual Report

Battle Ground Police Department

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WASPC Accredited Agency

The Battle Ground Police Department is a Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Accredited Agency since 2010.

Washington Association of SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

Law enforcement agency accreditation is intended to professionalize the law enforcement industry by providing a review process of the agency's operations for the purposes of ensuring best practices and standards are achieved. WASPC accreditation is more than a measure of performance; it is a rigorous certification requiring compliance with 145 mandatory standards across critical areas such as budgeting, use-of-force policies, investigations, evidence management, and training.

The Battle Ground Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of service to our community. Fewer than 80 of the approximate 281 law enforcement agencies in Washington state are accredited through WASPC (approximately 25%).



Dennis Flynn - Chief of Police

To the Honorable Mayor Eric Overholser, the City Council, City Manager Kris Swanson, and the Citizens of Battle Ground:

It is my honor to present the Battle Ground Police Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report highlights our organizational structure, crime and traffic trends, proactive enforcement activity, and several meaningful enhancements accomplished throughout the year.

The Battle Ground Police Department is staffed by 36 dedicated sworn officers and professional staff who serve our community of nearly 23,000 residents across approximately nine square miles. Every day, our team works to prevent crime, respond to calls for service, and strengthen community trust through professionalism, service, and accountability.

In 2025, the City of Battle Ground experienced overall reductions in both person and property crimes. Even with that progress, we remain focused on areas where additional improvement is needed. We saw increases in robberies and felony assaults, several of which stemmed from incidents where suspects resisted store security during apprehension attempts. Parking enforcement activity was lower this year, largely due to the initial transition to a Community Service Officer unit, which now provides both parking and code enforcement services.

Traffic safety continued to be a major priority. Our officers conducted nearly 6,400 traffic stops in 2025, which contributed to nearly a 12% reduction in reported traffic collisions compared to 2024. Most importantly, fatal collisions decreased by 40%, from five in 2024 to three in 2025. While any serious or fatal crash is one too many, this reduction represents real lives impacted and underscores the value of consistent, visible traffic enforcement and education.

Several investigations this year were particularly significant, including the arrest of a suspect in an alleged fatal hit-and-run case. We also investigated the first homicide cases Battle Ground has experienced in nearly a decade, involving the deaths of two individuals; an alleged suspect was identified and apprehended. In addition, our detectives and partner agencies carried out a multi-day child sexual exploitation operation that resulted in multiple arrests.

Beyond enforcement and investigations, we continued to invest in community outreach efforts that directly support safer neighborhoods and stronger service. These efforts included BGPD S.O.C.K. (Strengthening Outreach, Community, and Kindness), Serving Beyond the Badge: Thanksgiving Edition, and Shop with a Cop.

Our wellness program also continued with Rafferty, our comfort dog, who has become an important resource for both staff and the community. Additionally, after learning that police officers are twenty-five times more likely to die from heart-related events than from assaults, the department successfully secured a grant that provides officers with free heart disease screening.



I remain immensely proud of the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the Battle Ground Police Department. I am also grateful for the continued support of City leadership, the City Council, and the members of this community. The partnership between our community and your police department is essential, and it is one of the reasons Battle Ground continues to be such a special place to live and serve.

As we move into 2026, the Battle Ground Police Department will remain focused on crime reduction and traffic safety, while continuing to strengthen relationships, build trust, and deliver high-quality service. Our work will continue to be guided by our four core values: Integrity, Quality Service, Respect, and Accountability. Our philosophy of "Partners with the Community" is more than a message on our patrol vehicles, it is the foundation of how we serve. By working together, we can continue to make Battle Ground the best city in which to live, work, and play.

With respect,

Dennis Flynn, Chief of Police
Battle Ground Police Department

Our Values

Integrity: The integrity of the individual member and of the department must always be above reproach. Citizens of our community must always trust their police department and every member of our department has an obligation to uphold that trust.

Quality Service: Our responsibility is to provide quality service to all persons, in a professional and efficient manner, and without bias.

Respect: We value human life and have considerate and courteous regard for all persons. We follow, honor, and defend the constitution of this country.

Accountability: We accept responsibility for our decisions and actions.

Our Mission

The Battle Ground Police Department will work in partnership with the community to provide the highest level of service while protecting the peace and upholding the law with fairness.



Lieutenant Jason Perdue - Operations Division

Lieutenant Perdue began his law enforcement career in 1999 and joined the Battle Ground Police Department in 2002. Lt. Perdue has worked as a member of Patrol, Detectives, and was a member of the SW Regional SWAT for more than 15 years.

As the Operations Lieutenant, Jason supervises Patrol, Traffic, the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS - Drone), Department Training, the Field Training Program, and serves as the wellness comfort dog handler.



Lieutenant Jim Keller - Administrative Division

Lieutenant Keller is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement. He joined the Battle Ground Police Department in 2023 after retiring from the Woodland Police Department after nearly 20 years of service. Prior to serving in Woodland, Lt. Keller served with several other Washington law enforcement agencies.

As the Administrative Lieutenant, Jim oversees the operation of the Detective Unit, School Resource Officer Program, Community Service Officer Unit, Peer Support, Professional Standards, and Fleet Management.



Katrina Green - Police Support Manager

Katrina has been with the Battle Ground Police Department for nearly 10 years. Prior to her service with the Battle Ground Police Department, she served with the Washington State University Vancouver Police and Parking Services as the Program Support Supervisor.

Katrina oversees the Records Division, Evidence Processing, Crime Analysis, Body Worn Camera program, and serves as the agency's Quartermaster, managing the supplies and equipment for all department personnel.



Gail Truax - Administrative Assistant to the Chief

Gail has served with the Battle Ground Police Department for nearly 15 years, with an additional 5 years with the Vancouver Police Department. Prior to her current assignment, Gail served as a Police Records Supervisor.

In addition to supporting the Command Staff, Gail is responsible for the agency's Accreditation compliance and coordinating community outreach events such as National Night Out, Shop with a Cop, and more.



2025 Officer of the Year

Officer Josh Bredenberg

Officer Josh Bredenberg was named the Battle Ground Police Department's 2025 Officer of the Year, an honor voted on by members of the Police Guild. This recognition reflects the respect of those who work alongside him and witness his professionalism, dedication, and leadership every day.

Throughout the year, Officer Bredenberg consistently demonstrated integrity, sound judgment, accountability, and an unwavering commitment to serving the community and supporting his fellow officers. As a Field Training Officer and senior member of his squad, he has mentored new officers, fostered a positive team culture, and led by example.

Officer Bredenberg has also served as an acting supervisor, providing strong leadership during both critical incidents and daily operations. His expertise in drone operations has enhanced tactical decision-making and officer safety, and he played a key role in the successful implementation of the department's new PowerReady software by providing valuable feedback throughout the transition.

Through his leadership, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Officer Bredenberg exemplifies the highest standards of law enforcement and is highly deserving of the 2025 Officer of the Year award.

Commendation Medal

The Commendation Medal is awarded to department members whose performance exceeds the normal expectations of their assignments, generally for an extended period of time, including long-term projects, investigations, or special assignments.

2025 Commendation Medal Recipients:



Detective Ethan Poki

Detective Unit

Fatal Hit-and-Run Investigation



Sergeant Josh Phelps

Detective Unit

Fatal Hit-and-Run Investigation



Officer Phil Anderson

School Resource Officer

Development of School Resource Officer Food Pantry Program



Officer Glenn Pavelko

Former School Resource Officer

Development of School Resource Officer Food Pantry Program

2025 Traffic Safety Award Recipients

TARGET ZERO



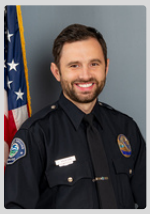
Officer Braaten King



Officer Jeff Cabanting-Rafael



Officer Ray Figuracion



Officer Liviu Balaceanu

Meritorious Service Medal

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to department members for highly competent and professional performance on a particular case, assignment or police related activity. This award recognizes individuals who performed competently in a stressful situation, in a stress position, over an extended period of time or who performed duties well above and beyond normal expectations.

2025 Meritorious Service Medal Recipients

On June 3, 2025, officers responded to a critical incident involving a double homicide in which the suspect had fatally assaulted two victims and attempted to take his own life.Department members acted with professionalism, composure, and decisive action in an extremely volatile and traumatic scene. For their exceptional dedication, skill, and professionalism during this complex and high-profile case, the following department members are hereby recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal.



Sergeant
Aaron Kanooth



Officer
John Graves



Officer
Daniel Ortiz



Officer
Liviu Balaceanu



Detective Sergeant
Josh Phelps



Detective
Max Everett



Detective
Ethan Poki



Officer
Maxim Leha

New Employees



Cherine Woodard
Hired February 2025



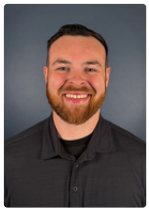
Officer Cisco Martinez
Hired April 2025



Officer Lacy Thayer
Hired April 2025



Officer CJ Cortez
Hired July 2025



Officer Brody Free
Hired October 2025

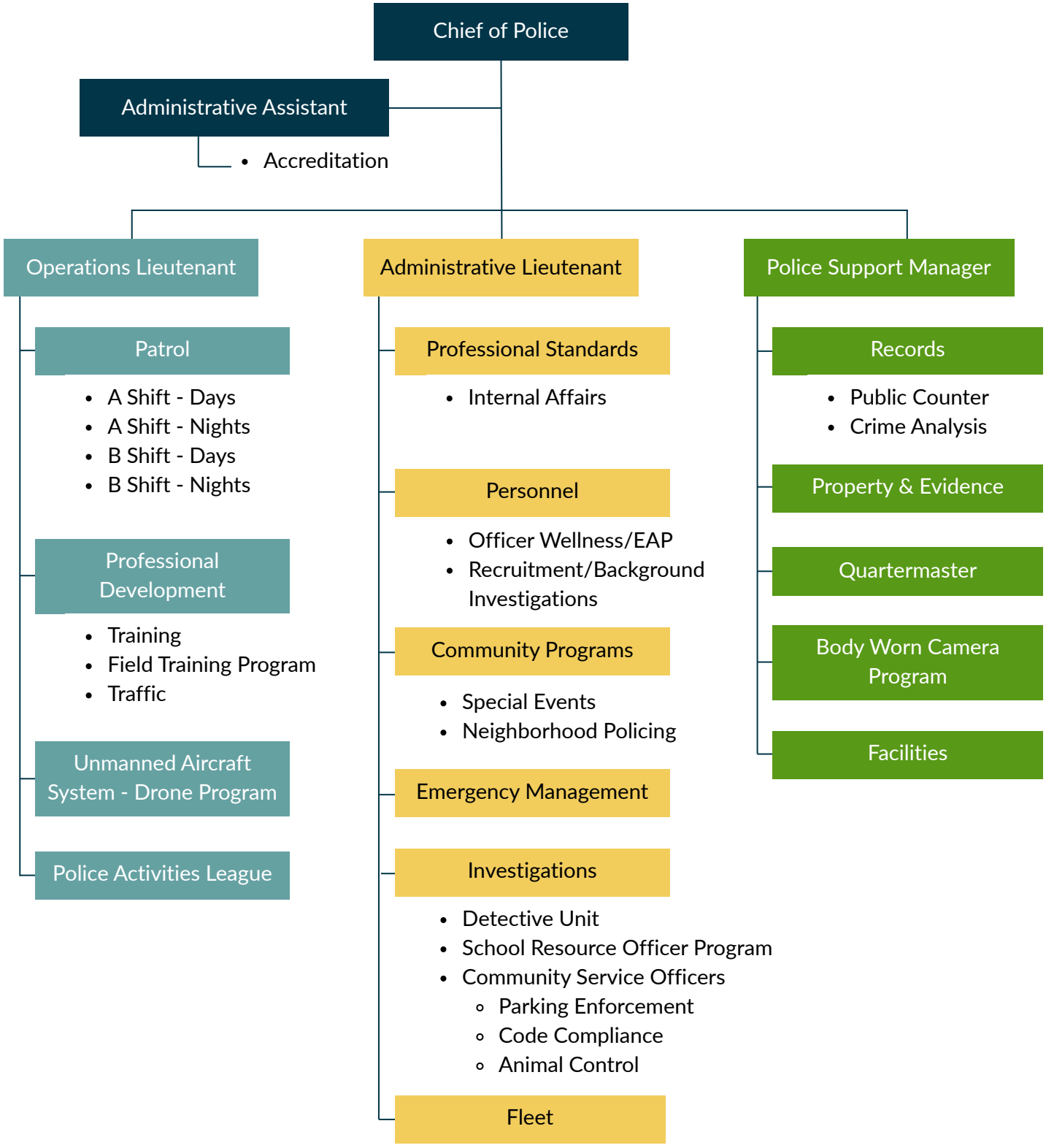
Retirements & Promotions



Sergeant
Jim Hurley
Retired February 2025
7 Years of Service



Sergeant
Julia MacPhee
Promoted
February 2025



Staffing - 37 Total Personnel

Sworn Law Enforcement Officers - 30

(1) Chief of Police
(2) Lieutenants
(5) Sergeants
(19) Patrol Officers
(2) Detectives
(1) School Resource Officer

Professional Civilian Staff - 7

(1) Administrative Assistant
(1) Police Support Manager
(3) Police Support Specialists
(2) Community Service Officers

Law enforcement agencies report crime data through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS provides detailed incident-level information, including offense classifications commonly grouped as 'Crimes Against Persons' and 'Crimes Against Property'. The 2025 statistics are presented below, with 2024 figures included for comparison.

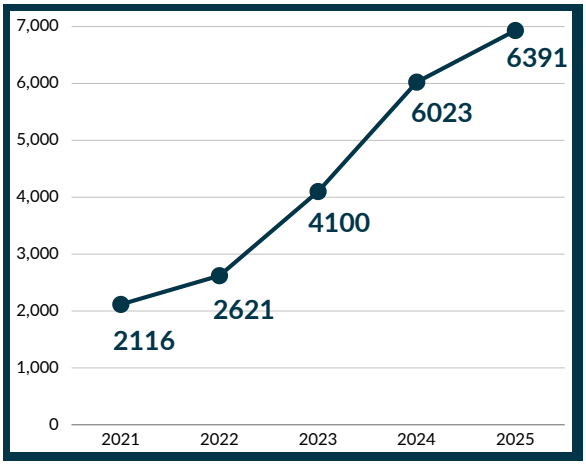
Person Crimes Reported				
Crime Type	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change	2024-25 Difference
Homicide	0	3	N/A	3
Kidnap	0	0	0.0%	0
Felony Assault	6	22	266.7%	16
Misdemeanor Assault	79	59	-25.3%	-20
Harassment	35	35	0.0%	0
DUI	37	41	10.8%	4
Drug Crimes	27	12	-55.6%	-15
Robbery	4	9	125.0%	5
Sex Crime - Adult	8	5	-37.5%	-3
Sex Crim - Juvenile	20	13	-35.0%	-7
Total Person Crimes	**216**	**199**	**-7.9%**	**-17**

Property Crimes Reported				
Crime Type	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change	2024-25 Difference
Burglary - Residential	6	13	116.7%	7
Burglary - Commercial	11	7	-36.4%	-4
Burglary - Other	4	0	-100.0%	-4
Arson	3	0	-100.0%	-3
Hit and Run -Property	50	62	24.0%	12
Malicious Mischief	55	56	1.8%	1
Theft (total)	**255**	**189**	**-25.9%**	**-66**
Auto Theft	*18*	*6*	*-66.7%*	*-12*
Fraud	*68*	*46*	*-32.4%*	*-22*
Shoplifting	*76*	*41*	*-46.1%*	*-35*
Vehicle Prowl	*16*	*20*	*25.0%*	*4*
Other Theft	*79*	*76*	*-3.8%*	*-3*
Total Property Crimes	**384**	**327**	**-14.8%**	**-57**

Officer Statistics				
	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change	2024-25 Difference
Dispatched Events	5,464	5,690	4.1%	266
Officer Initiated Events	12,371	9,870	-20.2%	-2,501
Reports Written	2,098	1,937	-7.7%	-161
Online Reports	113	90	-20.4%	-23
Traffic Stops	6,023	6,391	6.1%	368
Citations (total)	**1,632**	**1,590**	**-2.6%**	**-42**
Criminal - Traffic	*401*	*378*	*-5.7%*	*-23*
Criminal - Non-Traffic	*207*	*155*	*-25.1%*	*-52*
Infraction - Traffic	*1,022*	*1,056*	*3.3%*	*34*
Infraction - Non-Traffic	*2*	*1*	*-50.0%*	*-1*
Parking Infraction	577	214	-62.9%	-363
Parking Warnings	2,609	1,537	-41.1%	-1,072
Impounded Vehicles	87	41	-52.9%	-46
SECTOR Collisions	202	17	-11.4%	-23
Protection Orders Served	70	56	-20.0%	-14

Traffic safety and proactive enforcement remain core priorities for the Battle Ground Police Department. Throughout the year, officers conducted targeted traffic emphasis operations across the city focused on speeding, red-light violations, aggressive driving, crosswalk safety, and driving under the influence.

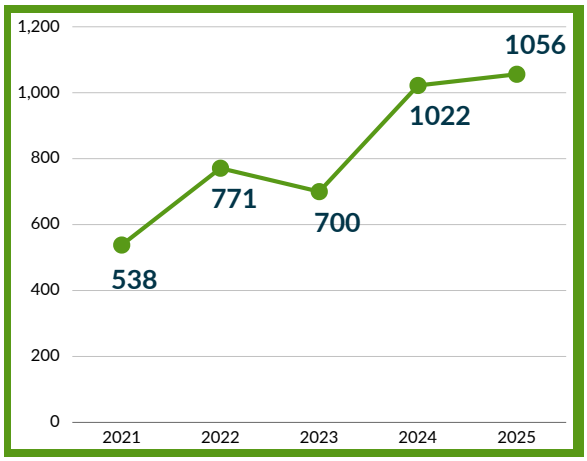
Overall traffic stops increased by approximately 6% compared to the prior year. We believe these sustained, visible enforcement efforts contributed to a 12% reduction in traffic collisions compared to last year.



Traffic Stops

The department has continued to increase its proactive traffic enforcement and public education efforts as part of its commitment to enhancing community safety.

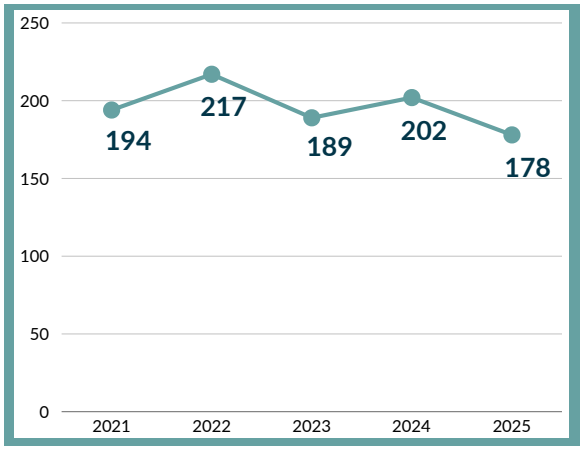
Through targeted enforcement initiatives and ongoing outreach programs, the department promotes compliance with traffic laws, raises awareness of safe driving practices, and helps reduce risky behaviors on local roadways.



Traffic Infractions

Consistent traffic enforcement helps deter dangerous actions such as speeding, distracted driving, and failure to obey traffic controls, reducing the likelihood of collisions and injuries.

By reinforcing accountability and increasing awareness of traffic regulations, infractions contribute to a safer environment for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists alike.



Traffic Collisions

Over the past five years, data indicates a direct correlation between the issuance of traffic infractions and a marked reduction in traffic collisions.

As the number of citations issued increased, collision rates correspondingly declined, suggesting that proactive enforcement efforts have contributed to improved roadway safety.

The Battle Ground Police Records Division compiles and prepares summary reports highlighting the police department's monthly statistics including calls for service, officer-initiated activity, person and property crimes, investigator caseloads and more. These monthly reports are available online at www.cityofbg.org/Police.

The Battle Ground Police Department works diligently to investigate and resolve cases that impact public safety and well-being. From complex criminal investigations, swift responses, or emerging threats our officers and detectives continually demonstrate an unwavering commitment to protecting and serving our community.

This section provides an overview of key cases our department handled in 2025, highlighting significant developments, challenges faced, and outcomes achieved. These investigations not only reflect the dedication of our personnel, but also the collaborative efforts alongside our partner law enforcement agencies and members of the public.

Fatal Hit & Run

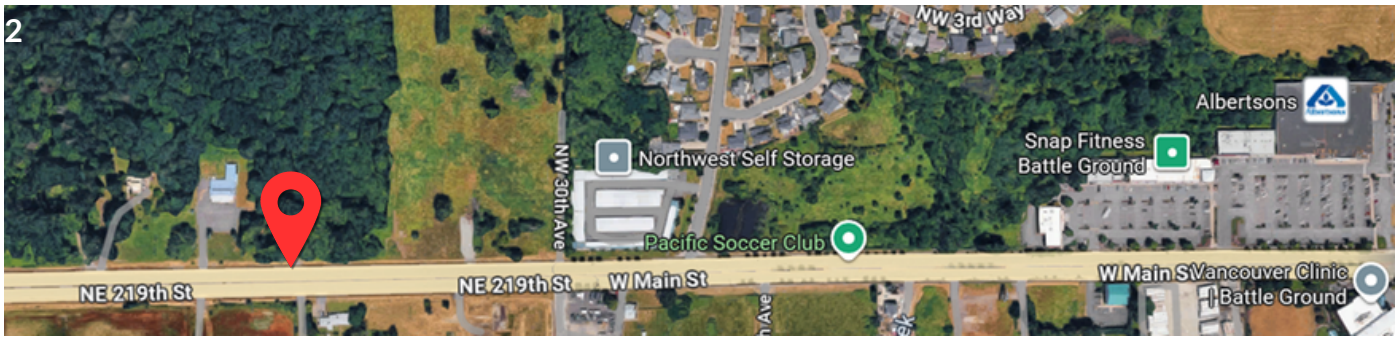


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On January 11, 2025, a female pedestrian was struck by a vehicle in the 3300 block of West Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital, where she later succumbed to her injuries. The vehicle involved fled the scene.

Battle Ground Police Detectives conducted a thorough investigation at the collision site and recovered a piece of a side mirror believed to have come from the suspect vehicle. Using this evidence, detectives identified the likely vehicle type and released the information through the media to request the public's assistance. Following a tip, detectives located the suspect vehicle and arrested the alleged driver. The case is expected to proceed to trial in 2026.

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1 - Images shared on social media, seeking public assistance in this case. 2 - Google map, representing location of the incident.

Double Homicide

On June 3, 2025, Battle Ground Police officers responded to a double homicide in the 2100 block of NE 2nd Avenue.

During the course of the investigation, Detectives served two search warrants and gathered evidence to make an arrest.

The case is expected to proceed to trial in 2026.



Sergeant Ash Kinlaw standing post outside of the scene.

Child Sexual Exploitation Investigation - "Operation Battle Ground"

In August 2025, more than 70 law enforcement personnel conducted an intensive operation focused on individuals suspected of using the internet to attempt sexual contact with children. "Operation Battle Ground", led by the Washington State Patrol's Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, and hosted by the Battle Ground Police Department, resulted in the arrest of twelve adults on charges ranging from possessing child pornography to Attempted Rape of a Child.



Many of the suspects in these cases originated from outside the City of Battle Ground. Nevertheless, the Battle Ground Police Department remains committed to continuing these proactive operations to protect the children in our community.

Pictured: Command Center for the multi-jurisdictional law enforcement operation, dubbed "Operation Battle Ground", taken in the Battle Ground Police Department's Emergency Operations Center.

Crosswalk Safety Enformcment

In May 2025, Battle Ground Police conducted crosswalk safety enforcement operations to improve pedestrian safety, issuing citations to drivers who failed to yield, and educate motorists about Washington's pedestrian right-of-way laws.

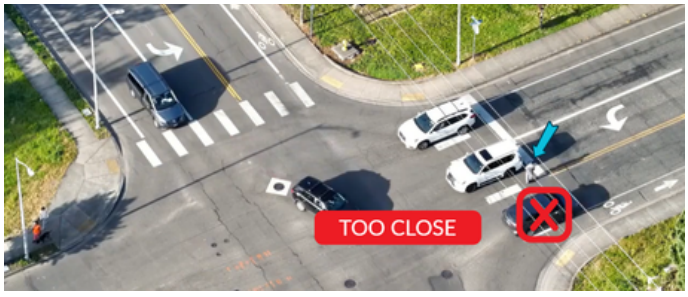
This operation was organized to address ongoing concerns about pedestrian safety, particularly violations involving crosswalks. In response to multiple community reports, several targeted crosswalk enforcement operations were performed in 2025 at various locations throughout the city.

The Battle Ground Police Department encourages all motorists and pedestrians to remain vigilant and exercise caution near roadways. A video to the May enforcement can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel: *@cityofbattlegroundwa3203*

SCAN ME!



Drivers may not obstruct crosswalks, as doing so may prevent pedestrians from crossing safely. (RCW 46.61.202)



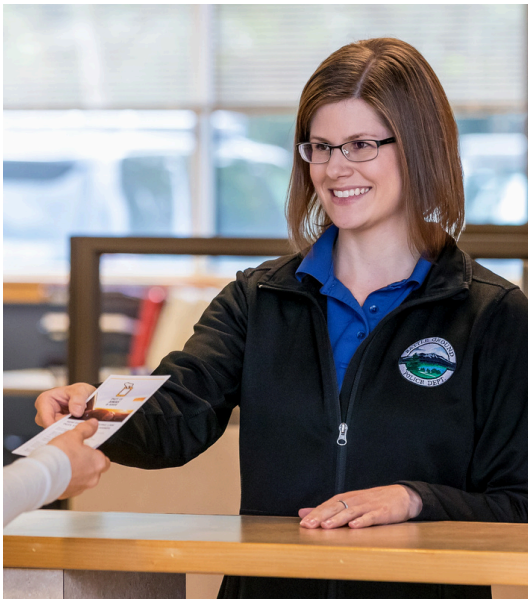
Drivers must remain stopped if a pedestrian is within one lane's width of the driver's lane of travel. (RCW 46.61.235)



Drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all marked and unmarked intersections. (RCW 46.61.235)

Police Records

Often serving as the first point of contact for the public, the Police Support Specialists are the backbone of the Battle Ground Police Department's administrative operations. From managing police records and public records requests to processing fingerprinting services, concealed pistol licenses, and other essential support functions, they help ensure the department operates efficiently while providing outstanding customer service.



In 2025, the team processed more than 145 hours of body-worn camera footage and nearly 350 concealed pistol license applications, reflecting the significant volume of work handled with professionalism and attention to detail.

Records Statistics				
	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change	2024-25 Difference
Public Records Requests	750	638	-14.9%	-112
Body Worn Camera Videos	3,365*	16,809	399.5%	13,444
Protection Orders Entered	91	78	-14.3%	-13
Concealed Pistol Licenses	359	338	-5.8%	-21
Fingerprints	300	281	-6.3%	-19
Court Filings - BGMC	2,141	2,272	6.1%	131
Reports Routed	1,340	1,326	-1.0%	-14

**Data reflects October–December 2024 only, following the launch of the Body-Worn Camera program in fall 2024.*

Property & Evidence

The evidence unit successfully completed an audit of the property and evidence storage with no adverse findings. Evidence management is a high-liability area, as evidence can affect court outcomes, individual rights, and the reputation of the entire agency.



The achievement of receiving a clean audit is a testament to BGPD's careful management of property and evidence, demonstrating dedication and epitomizing the department value of Quality Service.

Property and Evidence Statistics				
	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change	2024-25 Difference
Property Items Received	826	765	-7.4%	-61
Property Items Disposed	808	906	12.1%	98

As part of an organizational restructuring in 2025, the Code Compliance Officer position was integrated into the Police Department and combined with the Parking Enforcement Officer position to create the Community Service Officer (CSO) role. Staffed by two CSOs, the team is responsible for code enforcement, parking enforcement, and animal control services.

Code Compliance

Code Compliance focuses on working with residents and business owners to maintain properties, addressing potential health and safety issues early, and preserving the overall quality of life in our City, in accordance with our municipal codes.

The images below show one example of this program's success that occurred in 2025. After receiving numerous code-related complaints regarding the property, the CSOs conducted ongoing follow-up and enforcement efforts that ultimately brought the property into compliance and significantly improved its overall condition.



Remy Park - Pre-Clean Up/Enforcement



Remy Park - Post Clean Up/Enforcement

Parking Enforcement

Parking Enforcement helps ensure that streets, sidewalks, and public spaces remain safe, accessible, and available for everyone. This includes making sure emergency access is clear, intersections are visible, and parking spaces are used as intended.



Community Service Officer Vehicles

Animal Control

Animal Control helps ensure that animals, residents, and neighborhoods remain safe. This includes responding to reports of stray, injured, or nuisance animals, and ensuring local laws, such as licensing requirements and dangerous dog regulations are followed. They work closely with shelters, veterinarians, and rescue partners to provide proper care, while assisting with dangerous dog investigations.



Lt. Perdue & Rafferty demonstrating the microchip scanner located at Fire District 3, Station 35.

Officer Wellness

The department's Peer Support Team helps ensure employees have the support they need to navigate the unique challenges of public safety while promoting resilience and overall well-being. Through their ongoing research they learned that officers are significantly more likely to die from heart attacks than violent encounters.

In response, the team secured a state grant to provide free cardiovascular screenings for all employees, including tests for plaque buildup, aneurysms, and other conditions. These screenings support early detection and prevention, helping ensure healthier, longer careers with BGPD.

Peer Support Team



Top left: Officer Phil Anderson, Officer Neil Seifert, Officer Max Everett, Lt. Jim Keller, Lt. Jason Perdue, Rafferty, and Justin Farrell (contracted clinician)

Rafferty's Coloring Contest

Last year, we welcomed Rafferty the Comfort Dog, whose primary role is supporting staff through the Peer Support Program. With handler Lt. Jason Perdue, Rafferty's impact has extended into the community, including Community Court, schools, and senior living facilities.

To celebrate his one-year anniversary, BGPD hosted a coloring contest with winners across age groups receiving bicycles donated by Walmart. Each winner also had the chance to meet Rafferty, making the event especially memorable.





BGPD - S.O.C.K. Program

In October 2025, with the support of local community leaders, the Battle Ground Police Department launched a new youth outreach initiative we call BGPD S.O.C.K.: Strengthening Outreach, Community, and Kindness. Supplied with the generous donation of 450 brand-new pairs of socks, BGPD's School Resource Officer Phil Anderson created the S.O.C.K. program, providing socks to students in need. This simple gesture not only gives the students physical comfort, but also a sense of confidence and reassurance that they are cared for.

The BGPD S.O.C.K. Program is helping make a positive difference in the lives of Battle Ground students, allowing them to 'step' confidently towards success.



School Resource Officer Phil Anderson giving a pair of socks to a Battle Ground High School student

New Badges

A notable accomplishment in 2025 was the collaborative design of a new BGPD badge. Together, staff created a badge that honors the department's heritage while reflecting its commitment to the Battle Ground community.

The design features imagery inspired by the local landscape, including Mount St. Helens and Battle Ground Lake. A bald eagle, displayed alongside the United States and City of Battle Ground flags, serves as the centerpiece. The badge was officially unveiled in January 2026.





TruNarc Analyzer

A welcome addition this year was the TruNarc substance analyzer. This device uses laser-based technology to identify suspected narcotics through plastic bags, nearly eliminating the need for direct handling by officers and police support specialists. This tool significantly enhances employee safety by reducing potential exposure to hazardous substances in the course of their duties.

‘Ghost Car’ - Manny 2.0

In 2024, BGPD introduced “Officer Manny Kin,” a mannequin placed in a decommissioned patrol vehicle to increase visibility and encourage safer driving.

The program has shown positive results, with one key improvement identified: better visibility at night. To address this issue, BGPD partnered with the City’s Public Works Department to develop a solution using salvaged radar equipment. Together, they created a system that activates the vehicle’s emergency lights when approaching drivers exceed the speed limit while also tracking each activation.

"Manny 2.0" can now be effectively deployed day and night, providing immediate visual feedback to speeding drivers to help reduce speeds and improve driving behavior throughout the community.





National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign hosted by law enforcement agencies across the nation. It's intended to strengthen police and community relationships, foster community spirit, and promote crime and prevention awareness.

The Battle Ground Police Department welcomed more than 750 community members to National Night Out at Kiwanis Park. Hosted in partnership with Battle Ground Prevent Together, Fire District 3, and numerous community partners, the event brought neighbors and first responders together for an evening focused on community connection and public safety. Nearly 300 bicycle helmets and hundreds of hot dogs were distributed, and children enjoyed participating in a bike safety rodeo.







Thanksgiving Meal Program

The Battle Ground Police Department hosted its second annual Service Beyond the Badge: Thanksgiving Edition, providing more than 75 individual meals to local families in need.

Over the course of two days, BGPD personnel and several local businesses and community volunteers packaged and delivered these meals directly to families' doorsteps, offering comfort, connection, and the reassurance that their community cares.

Service Beyond the Badge is more than a yearly tradition, it reflects our ongoing commitment to living out the department's motto: "Partners with the Community" to uplift and support Battle Ground families during the holiday season.









Shop with a Cop

The Battle Ground Police Department proudly hosted its annual Shop with a Cop program, partnering with Walmart and Battle Ground Senior Citizens, Inc. to support local children during the holiday season.

More than 20 children were paired with officers for a special shopping experience, joined by BGPD staff, community volunteers, city councilmembers, Rafferty the comfort dog, and Santa. Each child received a set budget and, while toys were available, many chose gifts for family members or essential items like clothing and toiletries, highlighting the giving spirit and need within the community.

The event fostered meaningful connections and life lessons, as children practiced budgeting and decision-making alongside their officer partners. Walmart added a memorable surprise by gifting each child a brand-new bicycle, creating a joyful moment for all involved. Programs like Shop with a Cop reflect BGPD's commitment to community partnership, offering youth a chance to build positive relationships with officers in a supportive and uplifting environment.













Special Events

Community-organized special events play an important role in bringing residents together, and as part of the City's Special Event Permit process, BGPD works with event organizers to provide public safety planning and operational support. In 2025, the department assisted with two of the community's largest annual events: the Harvest Days Festival and the Maddox Industries Independence Day Celebration.

Combined, these events attracted thousands of attendees. While ensuring the safety of participants remained the department's top priority, they also provided opportunities for officers to engage with the community. Through bicycle patrols and informal conversations with attendees, officers strengthened relationships, built trust, and reinforced BGPD's commitment to community policing.

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