



WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017 Statistical Annual Report

City's Strategic Plan: Strategy 3

We will lead a collaborative effort with the community to enhance public safety and to identify and alleviate violent and gang related crime.

The information in the following document is a statistical summary of the efforts of the Walla Walla Police Department to effect violent crime in the city. Public safety represents a large portion of general fund expenditures. As such, we are continually reviewing our own performance and local crime data to help ensure the greatest **RETURN on INVESTMENT**.

On January 25th, 2017 I presented at the City Council meeting very similar information for 2016 that is contained in this summary for 2017. I am attempting to keep the data relatively the same so that trends become apparent and comparisons can be made from year to year.

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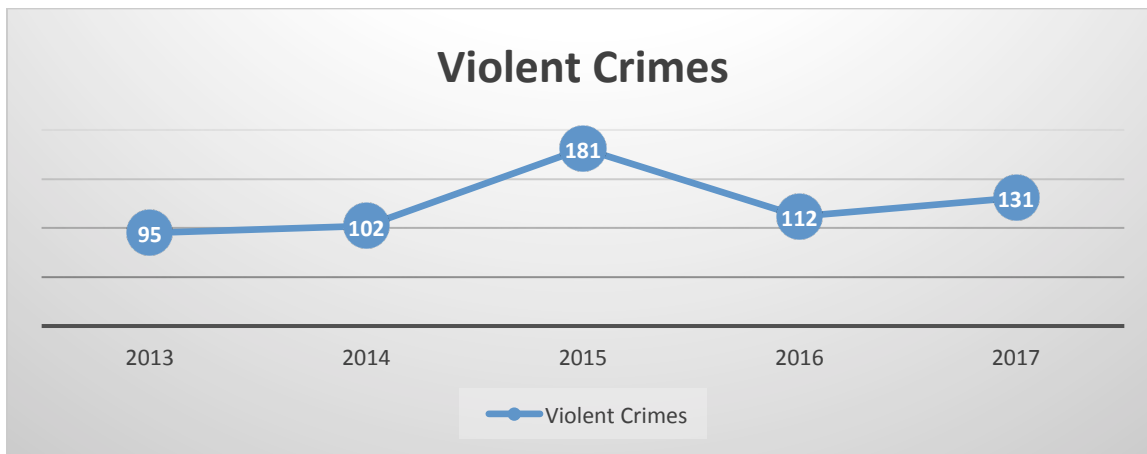
In 2016, the City Council approved and funded the addition of 3.5 commissioned FTE's in response to a significant up-tick in violent crime during 2015. The officers were used to form a Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT) and a Gang Enforcement Team (GET). CCAT was staffed January 1st, 2016 with the GET being staffed on May 16th, 2016.

The information below is a summary of the combined CCAT and GET productivity in both 2016 and 2017.

Activity	2016	2017
Arrests Made	436	462
Arrest Warrants Cleared	496	461
Parole/Probations Violations	15	13
Search Warrants Served	17	26
Illegal Guns Seized	5	2
Drugs Seized	110.15g/4.25ml/20cc/318 pills	194g/50ml/10cc/20 pills
Subjects Located for Det.	58	27
Traffic Infractions	161	158
Criminal Citations	187	188

One of the goals associated with the implementation of CCAT and GET was the reduction in violent crime. In 2015 we experienced a fairly significant spike in violent crime, to include 4 homicides (one occurring in the parking lot of a popular local bar). With the addition of CCAT and GET in 2016, we saw a substantial reduction in violent crimes with a drop of 38%.

2017 has seen a slight up-tic in violent crimes with an increase from 112 in 2016 to 131 in 2017 (16.9% increase). The chart below shows the results of our efforts at reducing violent crime in the City.





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Violent Crime (continued):

Whenever we see an increase in criminal activity, our first question is always Why? In this instance, we are able to attribute most of the increase to an up-tic in reported sexual assaults, many of which can be tracked to two sources:

1. Washington State Penitentiary – the Washington State Department of Corrections has begun focusing on enforcing the provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) with the requirement that incidents reported internally will also be reported to local law enforcement.
2. With increased scrutiny surrounding campus sexual assault, both Whitman College and Walla Walla Community College have increased focus on Title IX requirements, encouraging victims to report incidents to local law enforcement.

Although both of these initiatives may have caused a slight increase in our overall violent crime statistics, it is important for these incidents to be reported and investigated. Especially with the colleges, we feel a responsibility to help ensure the safety of the students, many of whom are living away from home and their parents for the first time in their lives.

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY:

There are several functions that go into “Enhancing Public Safety” from Strategy 3 of the City’s Strategic Plan. The following pages show the Police Department’s efforts in these areas:

- Reduction in Crime Rate – Group A Offenses as reported to NIBRS.
- Enhanced Response Times
- Patrol – by the Numbers
- Parking Enforcement
- Animal Control
- Code Enforcement

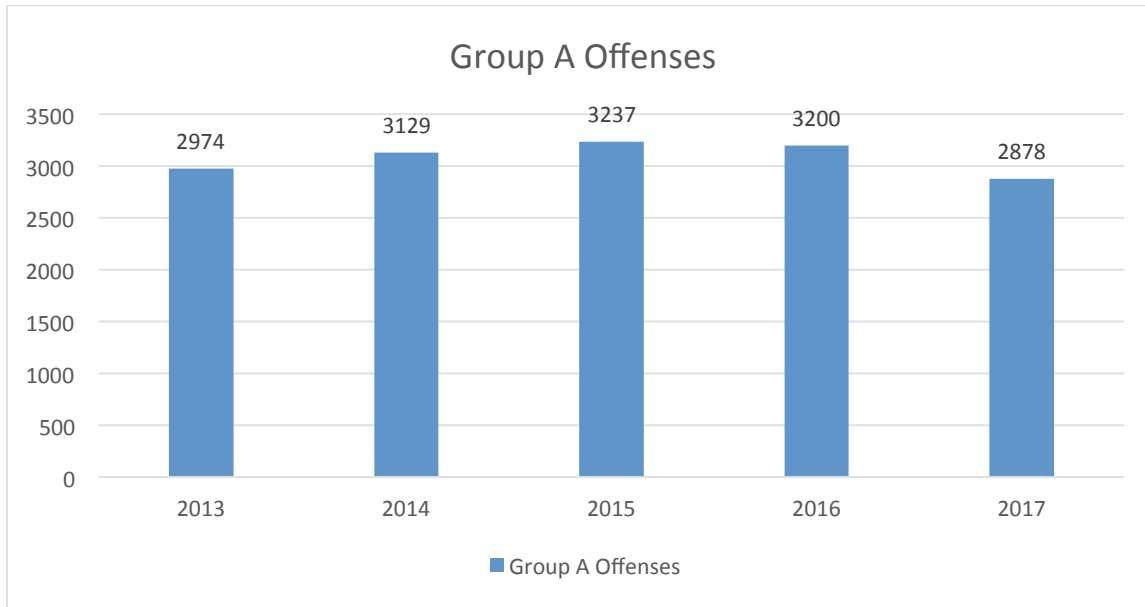
Crime Rate:

The chart on the next page depicts the total reported Group A Offenses over the past 5 years in Walla Walla per the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Although there were subtle increases in 2014 and 2015, we continue to move in the right direction with 2017 having the fewest Group A Offenses in the past five year.



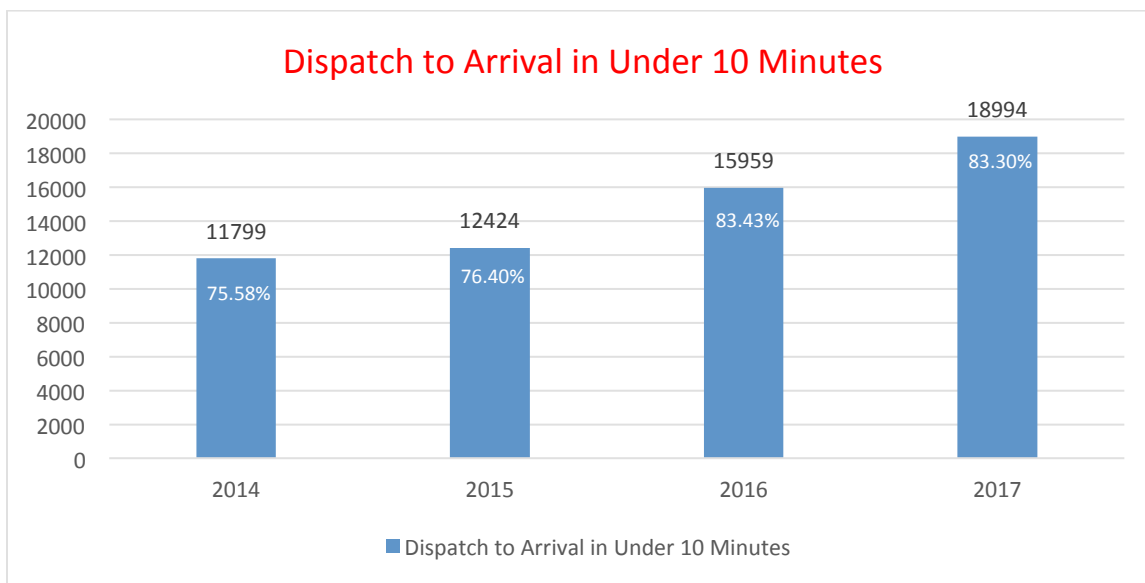
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Crime Rate (continued):



Enhanced Response Times:

One of the Police Department goals is to increase the percentage of calls for service which we respond to in less than ten minutes. The chart below shows the last four years of data with both the percentage and raw number of calls the officers responded to in less than ten minutes.





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Enhanced Response Times (continued):

Our goal in the Strategic Plan was to respond to 80% of the calls for service in less than 10 minutes by 2018. As you can see, we exceeded that goal in 2016 and 2017 while at the same time significantly increasing the number of calls we responded to.

PATROL – By the Numbers 2017:

- Total number of **calls** for service – **22,801**
Over 62 calls per day on average
- Total number of **reports** written – **3518**
Almost 9 and 2/3 reports per day on average
- Total number of **arrests** made – **1429**
Almost 4 arrests every day on average
- Total **charges/tickets** written – **2232** (973 criminal/1259 infractions)
6.11 per day on average
- Total traffic **collisions** investigated – **933**
2.56 per day on average
- Total traffic **collision reports** written – **696**
Almost 2 per day on average

Parking Enforcement:

Total **parking tickets** written:

1875 - 2 hours or more parking violations

101 - Residential parking violations

And Downtown planting strip parking violations (number unknown)



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Parking Enforcement (continued):

Total **parking warnings:**

- 183** - Downtown parking warnings
- 3** - Residential parking warnings

Animal Control:

The statistics below for Animal Control are absolutely incredible considering we have only one Animal Control Officer (ACO). When all totaled, the ACO handled **3,343** animal related issues – an average of 13.72 per work day. A number that is actually higher if we were to subtract vacation, sick and training days.

- 1713 Animal calls
- 546 Dog at Large
- 203 Aggressive dog calls
- 265 Barking dog complaints
- 330 Lost and Found calls
- 48 Injured animal calls
- 64 Cat calls (not from construction workers)
- 44 Other animal calls
- 21 Chicken calls
- 2 Dangerous dog declarations
- 3 Potentially dangerous dog declarations
- 56 Animal bite calls
- 22 Citations written
- 16 Written warnings

Code Enforcement:

In 2017, Council approved the addition of a second Code Enforcement Officer since the workload had become too much for only one person.

Here are the statistics for the past three years since the City brought Code Enforcement back to the Police Department.

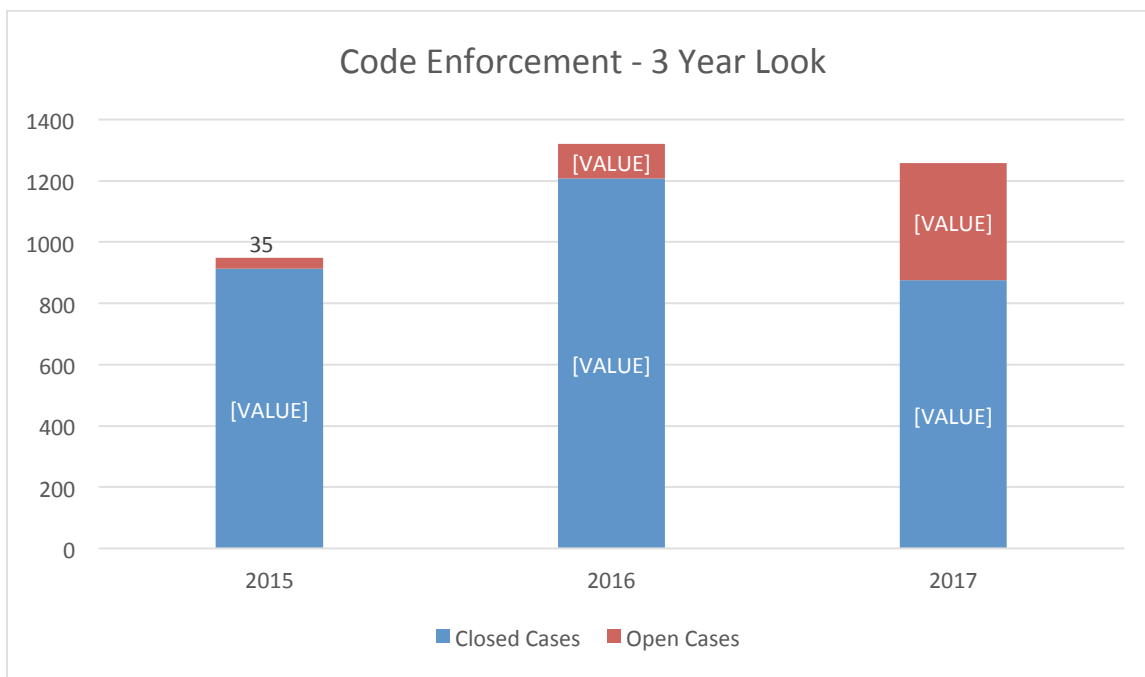
2017: Total cases reported or discovered **1258**
OPEN Cases – 383
Closed cases – 875



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Code Enforcement (continued):

The chart below shows the number of total cases (closed and still open) for the past three years since Code Enforcement was reinstated in the Walla Walla Police Department. As you can see from the chart, the number of code violation cases doesn't seem to be subsiding at all and the ones being worked on are complicated and take a great deal of time to resolve.



In addition to the number of cases handled as depicted in the chart above, Code Enforcement also handles abandoned vehicles. In 2017, here are the number of abandoned vehicle cases they handled:

Total number of abandoned vehicle calls	627
Total number of vehicles chalked	369
Total number of vehicles tagged	83
Total number of vehicles towed	13
Total hulks towed	9
Total number of vehicles with other dispositions	258



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SUMMARY:

This annual report is designed to provide Council with a snap shot of the return on investment from the Police Department. It is certainly not inclusive of everything done by members of the Department. In addition to the areas I have listed in this report:

- Our Records Unit processes thousands of documents (reports, supplemental reports, protection orders, warrants, concealed pistol licenses, NIBRS reports, public disclosure responses, traffic tickets, collision reports and many more) every year, while at the same time handling thousands of phone calls and walk-in citizens.
- Our Major Crimes Detectives investigate hundreds of cases each year. Each Detective carries a caseload on average of roughly 32 cases. This number is double and even triple in some cases in comparison to some local and regional law enforcement agencies.
- Our Community Programs staff continue to connect with and develop positive police relationships with hundreds of community residents every year through proactive programs like the Citizen's Academy, Crime Free Rental Housing Training, National Night Out, Crime Victim's Advocate assistance, Domestic Violence victim assistance, Neighborhood Watch, Shred and Prescription Drug Take Back Days, and many more.
- Our civilian support personnel process thousands of pieces of evidence each year and the logistics of purchasing, payroll, processing HR documents and all of the other things that need to be done to keep the department operational.
- And finally, our dispatchers at WESCOM handle thousands of 9-1-1 emergency calls from all of Walla Walla County and dispatches calls for service for all law enforcement and fire departments, including ambulances. They do so with the utmost professionalism and with the confidence of every agency for whom they dispatch.

As always, I encourage everyone to come visit us at Walla Walla Police. Take a ride-a-long; Look beyond the numbers and the national headlines involving law enforcement. Get a firsthand view of the return on investment Walla Walla is getting with its Police Department.



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In future years, the Police Department will continue to provide the following reports to Council:

Monthly Stats – on a variety of calls for service, crimes committed, and police actions taken.

Annual Comparison – April each year, a comparison of crime stats from like sized cities in Washington State.

Annual Statistical Report – End of January, a written report containing the information like what has been included in this report.