

SUNNYSIDE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Annual 3/10 Report on Expenditures and Added Value to the Community

The staff of the Sunnyside Police Department would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the continued support of the 3/10ths of a penny sales tax initiative. The citizens of Yakima County have constantly supported Law Enforcement in Yakima County and the City of Sunnyside and allowed us to protect and serve you and your families, as well as our families each and every day.

With higher demands on our department and less general fund money in our city the 3/10 initiative is more important now than ever before. These funds are specifically earmarked for Law and Justice and are imperative to our requirement and desire to provide these services. With your dedicated support we have been able to:

Hire officers. Five Sunnyside Police Officers since August 2006, three of those directly from 3/10ths funds.

Lease five department vehicles.

Pay for Public Defender services.

Focus on pro-active policing. Providing more community events and focusing our crime prevention efforts.

Provide training for officers to be trained to and above the standards held by the state.



If there would have been no 3/10th funds we would have 3 fewer officers. This would create a safety concern for the community at large as well as the officers. The community would notice a difference in our ability to protect and serve, specifically:

Response time would be noticeably impacted;

We would not be able to monitor sex offenders as closely;

We would be able to successfully prosecute fewer cases;

We would be forced to take a reactive approach to crime and criminals rather than proactive.

Under the leadership of Chief Ed Radder the Sunnyside Police Department has set two major goals for 2008. One is to increase our clearance rates by solving more cases. Not all crime can be prevented, but handling each investigation with diligence and thoroughness is of the utmost importance to our officers and our department. In 2007 we solved 72% of assaults that happened in the City of Sunnyside. Solving crimes against persons and property are of the highest priority for us. It is important to us that our citizens know that we take their safety seriously and work hard every day to protect and serve them.

An additional goal that we have set for ourselves is to increase our community involvement. It is well known that our visibility in the community will help us to not only know our community better, but to create an atmosphere of trust and confidence. We will do this by continuing our leadership in National Night Out in our community, throwing neighborhood barbecues, working with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and our own Explorer Post.

It is important to our department that we set and achieve goals while maintaining and exceeding the standards and expectations that we set for ourselves as well as the standards that our community has for us. We are fortunate to serve the citizens of the City of Sunnyside and we take our responsibility and commitment very seriously.

Uniform Crime Report Comparison 2005-2007

	2005	2006	2007
Homicide	5	1	1
Rape	2	4	6
Robbery	6	6	4
Assault	284	225	233
Burglary	308	217	276
Larceny	882	751	747
Motor Vehicle Theft	170	161	216



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"No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it." -Theodore Roosevelt