



Below is a summary of the Achievements and Accomplishments for the Police Department during 2009-2010.

Police:

1. Consolidated the 911 Dispatch centers.
2. Created MADGE which combines the best law enforcement agencies into a single task force to combat gang activities along with illegal drug use and distribution. In 2009 the department seized more drugs and cash assets ever in the history of the department. MADGE's goal for 2010 was to match the efforts of 2009. MADGE accomplished this in the first quarter of 2010 with over 30 pounds of seized drugs and close to \$200,000.
3. Outsourced fleet services, for a savings of \$70,000 per year.
4. Completed conversion from Ford V8 to Dodge V6 for an estimated savings of \$10,000 this year. If the fuel prices continue to climb, the savings will also grow.
5. Implemented policies regarding pursuits which is expected to protect the public, officers and reduce liability costs.
6. Added crime mapping to the website allowing the public to view crimes in their area.

Emergency Vehicle Operations

Police emergency vehicle operation is the department's highest area of liability. The department implemented new policies that prohibit pursuits except in cases involving felony person crimes such as armed robbery and/or kidnapping and a policy that caps police speeds during emergency responses. The goal of the policy is to protect the public, to protect officers and their careers and to reduce liability risks. The department's patrol fleet is outfitted with technology that allows the department to conduct monthly speed audits to make sure officers are complying with this policy. The standards you get at are the ones you inspect.

Beat Management

Officers are expected to be problem solvers. The Beat Management plan provides regular updates where frequent repeat calls for service are occurring. The officers are expected to make contact with the problem location and to develop a strategy to solve the problem. The goal is to impact crime and to improve neighborhood livability by reducing calls for service in our neighborhoods. Rarely do we see a repeat of the same address showing up as a location of frequent repeat calls for service. This is evidence that the program is accomplishing its goals.

Special Projects

The department's ongoing partnership with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission along with Parole and Probation continues to be a model throughout the state. Monthly the department, along with these partners, is checking local liquor establishments to make sure they are complying with OLCC regulations and to look for high risk offenders on probation that are prohibited to be in liquor-serving establishments. In addition, these monthly sweeps are knocking on the doors of high risk offenders to make sure they are complying with their probation conditions. Monthly, this activity results in the arrests of eight to twelve high-risk offenders that are in violation of the conditions of their probation. Probationers that are high-risk offenders are being held accountable and that results in making Medford safer, especially the downtown area.

Operation CARE

The department has organized and led the survey of citizens in high calls for service areas. The city was able to make immediate impacts in the lives of a few citizens by connecting them to social service providers that could help them with their situation. The department was able to glean some information about gang and drug activity in the interview area. The biggest pay-off is the message to a neighborhood that the city cared about them and was interested in what they had to say.

Economic Contributions

People will continue to want to work here, live here, play here and visit here when they feel it is a safe place to do so. The city's investment in its police department we believe will continue to pay dividends to this city, by making it a desirable place where others will want to invest their time and their money.