A letter from the Chief of Police

The 2018 Year End Report is provided to the Mayor, City Council Members and the citizens of Hurricane, to further our goal of providing accurate information regarding the activity of the Hurricane City Police Department.

Hurricane City Police Department and its employees strive to be a community-oriented police department. We feel that by informing the community, we have a greater opportunity to work closer together to solve the problems and concerns that arise.

We feel there is no better word to define the Law Enforcement profession than the word “Service”. Police officers are required to enforce the law, but we also do much more; we counsel, console, comfort, listen, plan, ask questions, and support families.

Hurricane Police Officers strive to serve the community by participating in programs like, Lunch with Someone Grand, Coffee with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, bike rodeos, and DARE. Officers also participate in events like the Community Annual Preparedness Exercise, the Awareness and Preparedness Expo, we are unlocking vehicles when requested. Officers conduct tours of our building for community, scout, school groups, and Hurricane Heroes. Our Officers have fun times working with the community, but we also have the tough times, like when the community is hurting, assisting the injured, apprehending suspects, mediating civil disagreements, and protect the citizens from violent acts.

Our department continues to make sure our officers are trained in the best practices and have the proper equipment necessary to do the job. This insures both the officer’s safety, and the safety of the citizens we serve. Our department continues with our monthly in-house training for all officers to ensure that basic skills are maintained and improved. This training is then enhanced by training from outside sources that complements an officer’s assignment. Our officers are trained in patrol skills, crimes against persons & property, traffic enforcement & accident investigation, drug interdiction, crime scene investigation, Firearms, Taser, OC (Pepper-spray), Radar and Intoxilyzer, as well as many others

The Hurricane City Police Department continues to encourage and embraces community involvement. We appreciate the citizens we serve and will continue to improve our knowledge and skills to meet their expectations.

Respectfully yours,

Lynn Excell

Chief Lynn Excell
Department Structure

27 Full Time Certified Police Officers

1 Court Bailiff

2 Full Time Records Clerks

1 Part Time Officer Manager

1 Full Time Evidence Technician/CSI

3 Part Time School Crossing Guards

2 Full Time Animal Control Officer

1 Part Time Animal Control Officers

2 Community Policing/ Emergency Management Volunteers

6 (VIPS) Volunteer in Police Services

Changes in 2018

In 2018, we hired the following employees due to resignations and new positions:

- 1 records clerk
  - Carol Sparks
- 1 evidence technician/CSI
  - Kellie Plumhof
- 6 officers
  - Dan Hayes
  - Trent Leslie
  - Isaac Nielsen
  - Daniel Raddatz
  - Hyrum Musser
  - Jimmy Duffey
*The Green boxes are our future goals
In 2018, our department has seen an increase in all areas except for arrests which stayed the same. The arrests count for custody and non-custody arrests.

East/West Side Dividers runs North to South at 1800 W.

3,411 Incident Occurred on the West Side
3,745 Incidents Occurred on the East Side
Total arrests for every person who was arrested; includes custodial and non-custodial.

This year 6,793 vehicles were pulled over but only 2,722 were issued citations, the rest were given warnings.
Accidents have gone up nationwide. Since 2014, accidents in Hurricane have been increasing at a steady rate.

Hurricane Police responded to one Fatal Accident during 2018.
Unofficial Report for 2018 – IBR report will not come out until December 2019 with official numbers.

IBR Statistics

Top 10 Calls for Service

Major Crimes

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Call Priority

➢ In progress calls
➢ Just occurred
➢ Not in progress
➢ Medical calls that officers responded on
Investigations

Investigations handle almost every one of our Major Crimes. An average case load of about 35 cases a month. We have one Sgt. and one Detective that interview, investigate, and work on solving child abuse, sexual assault, fraud, theft, burglary, missing person, and any other cases. Along with investigations there are 3 School Resource Officers (SRO’s) that assist with handling investigations and a Drug Task Force Detective.
This year our investigations team wrote 74 search warrants.

Major Cases

- Robbery was reported at a local business but following investigation it was determined to be an in-side job. Two arrests were made for false report; conspiracy and theft.
- Pornography/Sex Offense crime stemmed from a previous 2017 case. Search warrant was issued and served on the suspects home; computer equipment was seized, and several hundred images were found to contain child pornography. Charges were filed and suspect is being prosecuted through the Federal Court system.
- Pornography crime was investigated after a therapist, while on a home visit to a client, discovered child pornography image. Search warrant was issued and served, resulting in the computer equipment being seized. After analysis of computer, several hundred images were discovered containing child pornography. Male suspect is being charged at State level and will be filing charges Federally.
- Car burglary in Dixie Springs where car was stolen including a firearm and other items. Suspect was found and identified to be trying to pawn the stolen gun in Cedar City. Evidence obtained, warrant issued, suspect was arrested on warrant. Suspect was found to be wanted on several other burglaries and is being charged Federally as well as at State level.
- Multiple investigations were completed this year for sex offense violations. These include everything from rape to sexual abuse of a child. Eight cases of rape were investigated.
- Costa Vida business burglary was investigated. One suspect gained access to the safe stealing over $3000 in cash and coins. Appears to be an in-side job, whereas it is still being investigated and obtaining evidence on the suspect as they have denied any part of the crime.
- Several construction sites have been hit throughout the year, resulting in several thousand dollars’ worth of equipment was taken. Multiple leads have been followed up on and nothing came into fruition for charges on the suspects.
- Recovery of Stolen Property: Assisted Garfield County Sheriff’s Office on the recovery of stolen property that was stolen from a storage unit in Garfield County and located in Hurricane. A sting was set-up with an officer acting as purchaser, who confirmed the property was there. Search warrant was issued and served, resulting in the arrest of three persons for property, warrants and drug possession.
The SRO’s protect the school, teach classes, and assist with investigations involving juveniles. Some programs they teach are:

- Business Law/ US History Class – Legal Issues
- Drivers Education Classes
- Project Alert – Intermediate
- Drills- Fire/Earthquake/Lockdown/Lockout
- EASY Law
- Faculty Trainings
- Party Patrol
Drug Task Force

Detective Justin Gray was the responsible officer for 44 incidents for the Drug Task Force.
This year there were:

- 12 arrests (2) Federal Indictments and 7 Search Warrants
- Marijuana Wax E-Cigarette Cartridges-11
- Marijuana 21.89 lbs.
- Heroin .7 grams
- Methamphetamine .5 lbs.
- Pills- Amphetamine/Dextroamphetamine-5, Alprazolam -5, Diazepam- 3, Oxycodone- 2, Hydrocodone- 65
- Firearms seized-2

Notable Drug Task Force Cases

- Marijuana Distribution-Information was obtained regarding a residence in Hurricane distributing a large quantity of marijuana. An investigation was conducted, and a search warrant was obtained. During the execution of the search warrant, detectives located and seized approximately 20.89 pounds of raw marijuana, 11 marijuana wax E-cigarette cartridges, .5 grams of methamphetamine, and 70 various scheduled prescription narcotics.
- Problem Residence- Information was obtained from Hurricane City Patrol Officer’s regarding a residence which had been an ongoing community problem. The house was being utilized by several known drug users and as a hideout for wanted persons. Through a joint effort between Patrol Officers and Task Force Detectives, evidence was gathered, and a search warrant was obtained for the residence. During the execution of the search warrant, five suspects were arrested for various drug related charges. Since the search warrant execution, all occupants have been evicted and the property has been cleared up.
Evidence/Property Collected

- 64 (2018) / 79 (2017) Total Weapons, to include Firearms, Knife, etc.
  - 33 of these were just Firearms
  - Other Included Tools, Electronics, Jewelry, Clothing, etc.

Stolen/Recovered Property

Property Value 2018

Stolen: $171,945.63
Recovered: $69,327.80
K-9 Officers

Officer Despain & Paige

Narcotics deployment total: 2017 – 103 2018 – 166
Patrol deployment total: 2017 – 24 2018 – 34
Arrests made from positive indication: 2017 – 24 2018 – 92
Mushrooms located: 2018 – 30.0 gm.
Riko is an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois/German Shepard Hybrid from Slovakia. He was brought to the states by Right Hand K9. When Officer DeMille received him in August 2018, he did not know how to sit, lay down or any kind of command. Riko and Officer DeMille spent 8 weeks in Ogden working with Right Hand K9. During the time there, Officer DeMille learned technics to trains dogs and Riko became a Utah Certified Narcotic and Patrol Dog. Riko can smell the odors of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Heroin and Cocaine. He has also been trained to clear buildings, fields and other areas to assist in the detainment of suspects. We welcome him to our department.

Stats since Riko started in November:

Narcotics deployment total: 32  
Patrol deployment total: 13  
Arrests made from positive indication: 11  
Drug Paraphernalia located: 7  
Marijuana located: 5.1 grams  
Methamphetamine located: 0.6 grams
Records

• 2 Full Time Record Clerks
• 1 Part Time Office Manager
• GRAMA Request: Total requests processed: 762 paper reports; 211 videos; 77 CD’s of photos & 407 printed photos; with $3,400.00 collected as fees.
• Incidents: average of 647 a month
• Citations: average of 230 a month
• Officers received 238 subpoenas
• Plus other administrative and record duties

This year our office updated our phone systems to directly answer phone calls during business hours instead of using a recording.

Training 2018

• Annual
  • Firearms/ Handgun, Rifle, Day and Night, shoot or don’t shoot
  • Emergency Vehicle Operations
  • Arrest Control/ Defensive Tactics
  • Active Shooter Response
  • Vehicle Stops & Approaches
  • Taser, ASP, OC
  • Airborne/Blood Borne Pathogens
  • Legal and Case Law Update
  • Search and Seizure/ E-Warrants
  • Radar/Intoxilyzer
  • Report Writing
  • Hazmat
  • Alarms/Robbery Response
  • Physical Fitness

• Specialized
  • The Bullet Proof Mind, Safe Schools
  • Tactical Tracking
  • Crowd Management
  • Accident Investigations
  • Sex Offender Registry
  • Mass Fatality Training
  • Emergency Management/IMT
  • Victim Services
  • COP/Neighborhood Watch
  • CIT
  • Leadership Training
  • Crime Scene Investigation
  • Field Force Extrication
  • CVSA
  • Street Survival
  • Vigilant Guard
  • Grant Writing
  • K-9 Introduction
  • CPR
  • DARE
  • School Resource Office
Community Programs

Bike Patrol
- Bike Rodeos
- Peach Days
- Special Events

Community Policing
- VIPS Program
- Safety Fair
- Guns & Hoses Charity Event
- Hurricane Heroes youth program
- Coffee with a cop
- Community Partnership Program (CPP)
- CERT training
- Scout tours
- Several neighborhood watch meetings
- DARE
- Merit Badge Classes
- Shop with a Cop
- Emergency Management
- Hurricane Tree Festival

Above: Santa arrives at Shop with a Cop


Above: Guns and Hoses Charity Event

Below: Partnering with WalMart for Community Events

Shop with a Cop
Prescription Collection Box

Prescription, over-the-counter purchased drugs, used syringes & expired medications are accepted through the medication drop box container, during regular business hours of the Police lobby.

Over 400 pounds of medications were collected during the 2018 year.
Hurricane Youth Recognition Awards

- This is a program that gives officers an opportunity to build relationships with our youth and recognize them for safety when walking or biking to school, crossing the cross walk, and being courteous on the bus.
- Our officers have been rewarding our city’s youth by presenting them with items such as bike safety lights, youth sunglasses, water bottles, T-shirts, etc.
- Our goal is to expand this program to include the Middle to High School students in the upcoming year.
Emergency Management

- Community Wide Preparedness Program
  - 22 Districts City Wide
  - Neighborhood Organization
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
  - Class held in April; 12 people graduated
  - Class held in July; 5 people graduated
- Light Plant
- Updated City’s Emergency Operations Plan
- Finished our Critical Infrastructure
  - Worked with City departments and State Representative
  - First in State to complete our infrastructure list
- Updated our City Resource List on WebEOC for deployment ability during emergency situations
- Radio Station
- EMPG Grant

Events:
- Great Utah Shakeout 4/19/18
  - City Department Wide Event
- Closed Pod Exercise 9/6/18
  - Participated with the Southwest Utah Public Health Dept. full scale Closed POD Exercise
  - Simulation of plague outbreak; Distribution of medicine to essential employees.
  - We will be conducting own Closed Pod Exercise within our city in 2019
- Hurricane Preparedness Expo 9/17/18
  - Displayed response capabilities from the city
  - Presenters on Preparedness Topics to educate community
Animal Control
Dogs & Cats

Dogs
- Adopted, 123
- Impounded, 217
- Reclaimed, 159
- Surrendered by Owner, 67
- Disposed, 2

Cats
- Adopted, 207
- Impounded, 201
- Reclaimed, 38
- Disposed, 19
- Surrendered by Owner, 63
Other Animals

Adopted/Reclaimed- 17
Vaccination and Licensing Clinics

- Held every January
- The Shelter appreciates the support of Dr. Bice and Dr. Wittwer in ensuring the success of these events

Shelter Tours

Tours are scheduled for people to come in and see the animals and teach them about respect for animals.
Volunteers

We have several volunteers that come weekly to spend time with our animals and give them TLC. Volunteers help train and socialize with our animals, so they are ready for adoption.

Peach Days
Donations

$608 donated from generous citizens in the 2017-2018 budget year.

Jocelyn donated dog and cat treats on Sept. 20th from funds raised as a school project.
Donations were used to buy and supply an Animal Emergency Response Trailer
Thanks to our Mayor and City Council and all of our Supporters, Citizens and Sponsors for helping to keep our city safe!

How to Contact Us
The Hurricane Police Department can be contacted in the following ways:
Information/Records request: 635-9663
Website: www.cityofhurricane.com under Police
Follow us on Facebook: Hurricane City Police Department
Follow us on Twitter: @HurricaneUtPD
Non-Emergency Calls to Dispatch: 627-4999
Emergencies: 911
Tips 635-7911 policetips@cityofhurricane.com
Animal Control Shelter: 635-8314