

# The Everson Police Department 2023 Annual Report



**The Mission of the Everson Police Department is to provide quality police service to our community by promoting a safe environment through a partnership with our citizens, with an emphasis on mutual trust, integrity and professionalism**



## The Everson Police Department

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Honorable Mayor, Kevin Hester

Members of Nooksack City Council

Greetings,

I am pleased to present the 2023 Everson Police Department Annual Report. The Everson Police Department takes great pride in the services we provide to our communities of Everson and Nooksack. Enclosed you will find the breakdown of crimes and other activities our department has been associated with over the past year.

The goals and objectives of the Everson Police Department are clear as represented in our mission statement. The challenges of providing a safe environment for the public are ever increasing. Consistent with our oaths of office, we need to constantly evaluate the services we provide as a city and plan accordingly.

In 2023 we had one officer lateral to the Anacortes Police Department. With the support of the Mayor and Council, we were able to hire a lateral police officer to fill that vacancy. Officer Brandon Gates was hired as a lateral police officer. He came to us from Upper Skagit Police Department, and his years of experience will help to further our goal of providing quality law enforcement service to our community. We feel Officer Gates will be a positive addition to our department. With the hiring of Officer Brando Gates, we currently maintained seven (7) full time police officers, two (2) reserve police officers and one (1) civilian police clerk. I am proud of how these officers continue to serve our community with: Honor, Integrity, and Professionalism. Our officers continue to provide the highest level of service possible.

I thank you for the continued support you have shown the Everson Police Department. Together we can accomplish providing a safe community atmosphere where everyone can enjoy the cities of Everson and Nooksack.

Respectfully,

*Daniel A. MacPhee*

# The Everson Police Department Staff

Daniel MacPhee

Chief of Police

Mark Tiemersma

Patrol Sergeant, Evidence Custodian

Derrick Charlton

Patrol, Range Instructor, Taser Instructor, Sex Offender Monitor and Registration, Boat Operator / Swift Water Rescue, Reserve Coordinator

Philip Ginn

Patrol, Drug Recognition Expert, Range Instructor, Traffic Safety Officer, Training Officer

Cody Barry

Patrol, Cyber Crimes, Social Media, Community Policing Officer, Public Information Officer, Boat Operator / Swift Water Rescue

Brandon Lee

Patrol Officer, Officer Wellness

Brandon Gates

Patrol Officer

Steven Sterk

Reserve Officer

David Smit

Reserve Officer

Kelly Valum

Police Clerk / Records Custodian

## Judicial Services

Thomas Lyden

Municipal Court Judge

Rhonda Hanowell

Court Clerk

Jim Wright

City Prosecutor

Jason Smith

Public Defender

Michelle Gonzalez-Nelson

Probation

Carol Dunavan

Domestic Violence Advocate

## EVERSON & NOOKSACK 2023

### PROPERTY CRIMES

BURGLARY – 5 (EVERSON) / 1 (NOOKSACK) = 6 TOTAL

ROBBERY – 0 (EVERSON) / 0 (NOOKSACK) = 0 TOTAL

ARSON – 0 (EVERSON) / 0 (NOOKSACK) = 0 TOTAL

MAL MISC – 28 (EVERSON) / 13 (NOOKSACK) = 41 TOTAL

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – 1 (EVERSON) / 0 (NOOKSACK) = 1 TOTAL

TRESPASS WARNINGS - 9 (EVERSON) / 2 (NOOKSACK) = 11 TOTAL

VEHICLE PROWL – 1 (EVERSON) / 1 (NOOKSACK) = 2 TOTAL

**TOTALS – 44 (EVERSON) / 17 (NOOKSACK) = 61 TOTAL**

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

ASSAULT - 14 (EVERSON) / 12 (NOOKSACK) = 26 TOTAL

MURDER/ ATTEMPT - 0 (EVERSON) / 0 (NOOKSACK) = 0 TOTAL

CHILD ABUSE / SEX CRIMES (CHILD VICTIM) – 3 (EVERSON) / 0 (NOOKSACK) = 3 TOTAL

SEX CRIMES (ADULT) – 1 (EVERSON) / 1 (NOOKSACK) = 2 TOTAL

FRAUD – 17 (EVERSON) / 3 (NOOKSACK) = 20 TOTAL

THEFT – 12 (EVERSON) / 4 (NOOKSACK) = 16 TOTAL

HARASSMENT – 7 (EVERSON) / 6 (NOOKSACK) = 13 TOTAL

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – 43 (EVERSON) / 16 (NOOKSACK) = 59 TOTAL

**TOTALS – 97 (EVERSON) / 42 (NOOKSACK) = 139 TOTAL**

### PUBLIC PEACE

DISORDERLY CONDUCT – 1 (EVERSON) / 1 (NOOKSACK) = 2 TOTAL

DRUGS RELATED – 21 (EVERSON) / 14 (NOOKSACK) = 35 TOTAL

ALCOHOL RELATED – 45 (EVERSON) / 16 (NOOKSACK) = 61 TOTAL

MENTAL HEALTH RELATED – 36 (EVERSON) / 20 (NOOKSACK) = 56 TOTAL

OBSTRUCTING / RESISTING – 3 (EVERSON) / 2 (NOOKSACK) = 5 TOTAL

WARRANT ARRESTS – 24 (EVERSON) / 2 (NOOKSACK) = 26 TOTAL

**TOTALS – 130 (EVERSON) / 55 (NOOKSACK) = 185 TOTAL**

JUVENILE PROBLEMS

JUVENILE CALLS AND/OR RUNAWAYS – 47 (EVERSON) / 25 (NOOKSACK) = 72 TOTAL

SCHOOL RELATED – 9 (EVERSON) / 35 (NOOKSACK) = 44 TOTAL

TOTALS – 56 (EVERSON) / 60 (NOOKSACK) = 116 TOTAL

CALLS FOR SERVICE

ALARMS – 10 (EVERSON) / 4 (NOOKSACK) = 14 TOTAL

ANIMAL PROBLEM – 24 (EVERSON) / 10 (NOOKSACK) = 34 TOTAL

CIVIL – 5 (EVERSON) / 5 (NOOKSACK) = 10 TOTAL

DEATH INVESTIGATIONS – 5 (EVERSON) / 1 (NOOKSACK) = 6 TOTAL

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES – 53 (EVERSON) / 17 (NOOKSACK) = 70 TOTAL

TOTALS – 97 (EVERSON) / 37 (NOOKSACK) = 134 TOTAL

ALL SERVICE CALLS (CITIZEN, MOTORIST, WELFARE, ETC)

226 EVERSON / 92 NOOKSACK – 318 TOTAL

TRAFFIC

TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS – 208 (EVERSON) / 70 (NOOKSACK) = 278 TOTAL

ALL CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS – 63 (EVERSON) / 16 (NOOKSACK) = 79 TOTAL

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) – 16 (EVERSON) / 7 (NOOKSACK) = 23 TOTAL

VEHICLE COLLISIONS – 24 (EVERSON) / 9 (NOOKSACK) = 33 TOTAL

TOTALS – 311 (EVERSON) / 102 (NOOKSACK) = 413 TOTAL

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS INITIATED - 707

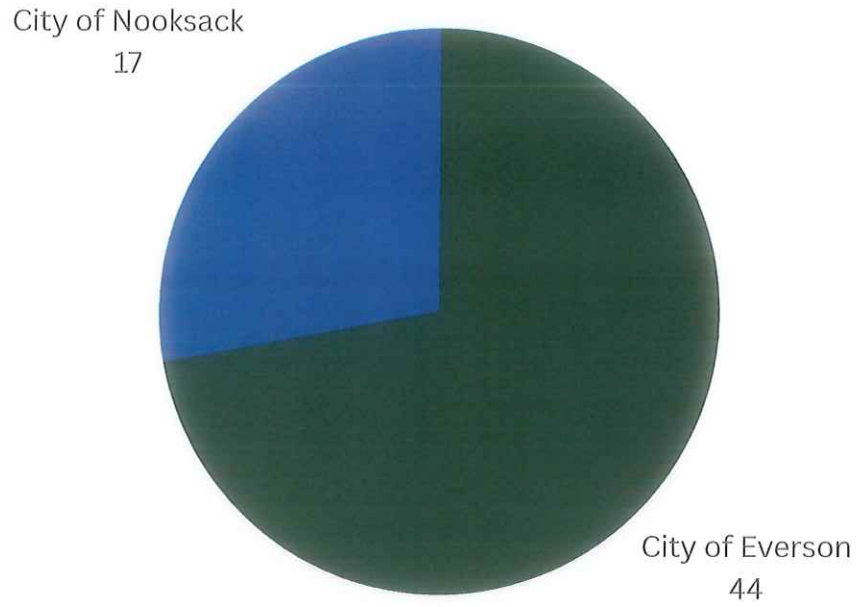
Calls (Incidents) in Everson – 818

Calls (Incidents) in Nooksack – 292

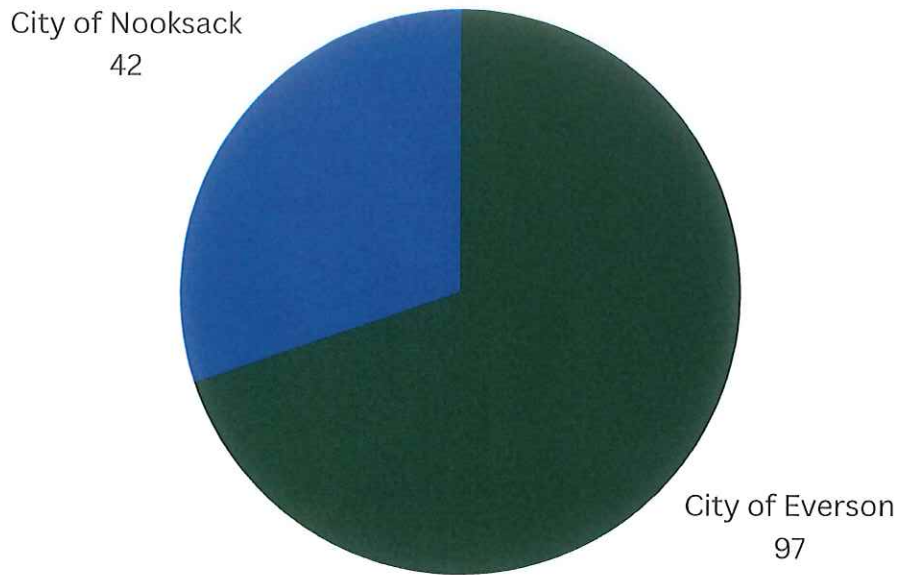
Out of Area – 224

IN THE TOTAL SUM OF THE 1,334 INCIDENTS, THERE ARE SEVERAL MULTIPLE OFFENSES THAT ARE CATEGORIZED WITHIN ONE INCIDENT, AS WELL AS INCIDENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE OUR AREA OR INVOLVING MULTIPLE SUBJECTS WITHIN ONE INCIDENT REPORT.

# PROPERTY CRIMES



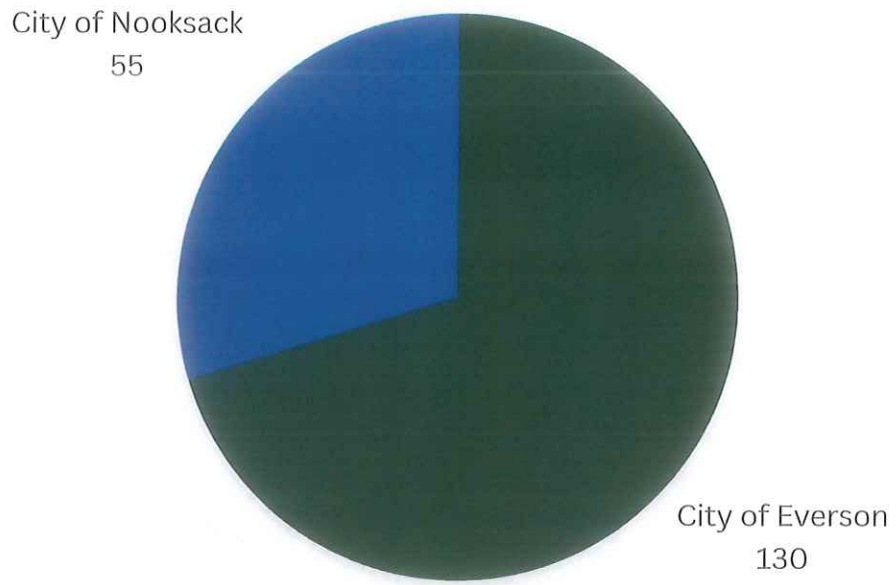
# CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



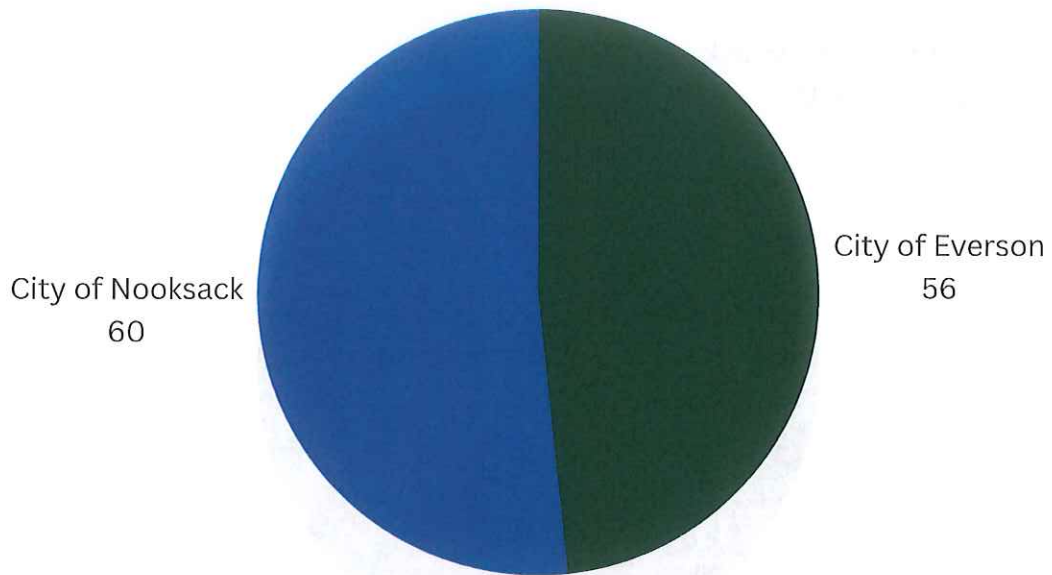




# PUBLIC PEACE

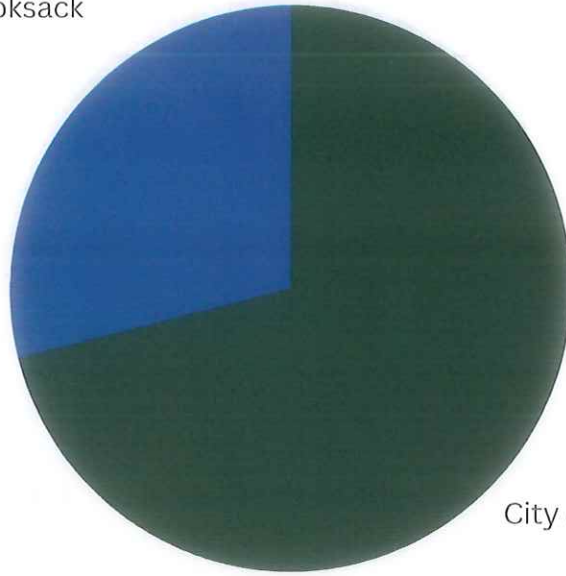


# JUVENILE PROBLEMS



# CALLS FOR SERVICE

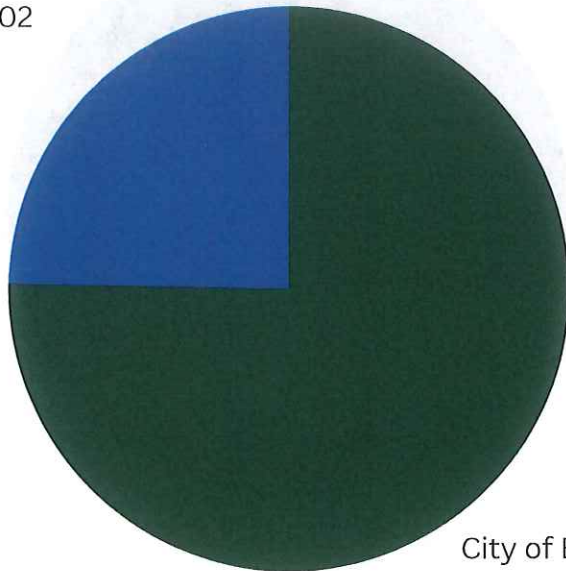
City of Nooksack  
92



City of Everson  
226

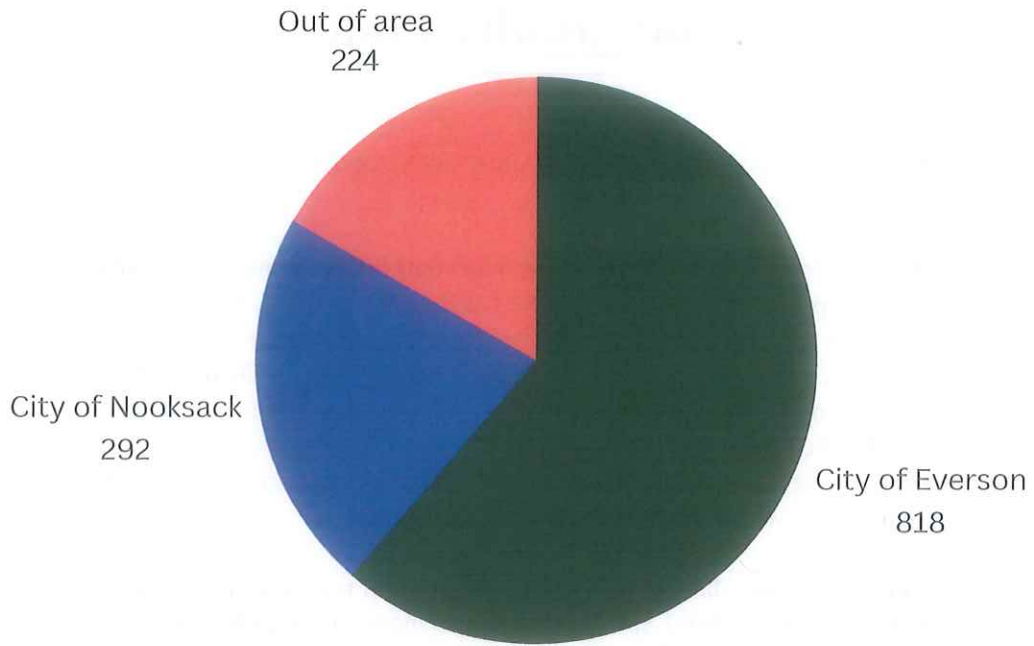
# TRAFFIC

City of Nooksack  
102



City of Everson  
311

# TOTAL CALLS



## Community Policing

In 2023, we remained dedicated to providing more active and in-person Community Policing and Crime Prevention activities.

The Everson Police Department was involved in several different aspects of public education and crime prevention in Everson and Nooksack. In 2023, the Everson Police Department received requests for educational talks, crime prevention talks and community safety presentations from our Nooksack Valley School District. We also hosted our second annual “Trunk or Treat” event on Halloween. This was held in Everson City Park. We handed out candy, and one of our local businesses (NAPA) provided hot dogs. Several local and surrounding businesses participated and set up booths in the park. This was a fun event and very well attended.

Public talks and information dissemination covered several topics including, but not limited to: Home Security, School Safety, Stranger Danger, Internet Safety and Awareness, School Career Day information, and Reporting Practices. We continue to share information and inform the public through the City of Everson Newsletter and our Department Facebook page. The Everson Police Department has maintained a great working relationship with our communities.

In 2023, the Department was awarded grant funds from different sources. These funds were used to acquire equipment, and there was also money secured for overtime expenses.

I am of the opinion that my life  
belongs to the whole community  
and as long as I live, it is my privilege  
to do for it whatever I can.

— George Bernard Shaw —

## Everson Police Department Training 2023

The Everson Police Department takes pride in maintaining a high level of training throughout the year. Each Officer fulfilled the state mandated training for 2023.

Officer Philip Ginn continues to oversee our department's training, serving as our training coordinator.

The department's trainings consisted of, but were not limited to: Community Oriented Policing, Crime Prevention, Gracie Survival Tactics, Impaired Driving Investigations, Legal Update, Firearms Training to meet Federal case law requirements, Taser Certification, CPR and First Aid, Critical Incident Response, Patrol Procedures, Crisis Intervention, Hazardous Materials, Patrol Tactics, Police One and Lexipol Policy Manual Daily Training Bulletins. Our department participated in approximately 510 hours of training this year.

The Everson Police Department has consistently met and maintained this high level of training and will continue to do so in 2024.



## Sex Offenders / Kidnapper Offenders 2023

The Everson Police Department maintains the responsibility of monitoring registered sex offenders and registered kidnappers within our community in cooperation with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Charlton is responsible for the sex offender / kidnapper program. This function is overseen by the Chief of Police.

There are currently four (4) level 1 sex offenders living in Everson, one (1) level 1 sex offenders living in Nooksack. There is one (1) level 2 sex offender living in Everson.

Currently there are no level 3 sex offenders or registered kidnappers living within either city.

## Everson Police Department Reserve Program

The Everson Police Department's Reserve Officer Program continued to be an invaluable asset to the Cities of Everson and Nooksack in 2023. The program is comprised of two sworn and commissioned Reserve Officers, who aid the department in several ways.

The Washington Administrative Code defines Reserve Officers in the following manner:

*"Reserve Peace Officer" ... means any officer who does not serve as a law enforcement officer of this state on a full-time basis, but who, when called by such agency into active service, is fully commissioned on the same basis as full-time officers to enforce the criminal laws of this State.*

Everson's Reserve Officers work on an unpaid, volunteer basis. In 2023, Officers Smit and Sterk served the cities of Everson and Nooksack on countless shifts, serving when coverage was limited, or as special needs arose. Officers Smit and Sterk aided full-time officers during calls for service and participated in proactive policing on a wide variety of incidents, including, but not limited to traffic stops, domestic violence incidents, warrant arrests, property crimes, checks of welfare, security checks, suspicious circumstances, extra patrol, and specialized details.

In 2023, Officers Smit and Sterk combined for a total of 515 hours of volunteer service, as well as hours of training.

The Everson Police Department is tremendously grateful for the service Officers Smit and Sterk provided, shift after shift, week in and week out, throughout this past year. Officer Sterk is one of the longest standing Reserve Officers to date with over 20 years of outstanding service.

For 2024, it is the department's hope that it can continue to rely on the exceptional dedication to community, pride of service, and donation of time, our volunteer Reserve Officers have provided in the past.

Nothing is as strong as  
the heart of a volunteer.

Jimmy Doolittle



The annual report is created to inform our elected officials and the public as to the activity and diversity of our department. We are very proud of our personnel and the services we provide the communities of Everson and Nooksack.

The Everson Police Department will continue to strive to meet the goals and expectations of the community and will continue to work diligently to keep our community safe.

Thank you for your continued support,

Daniel A. MacPhee, Chief of Police

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