

Juneau Police Department History

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2000

January 25, 2000 – Two men were charged with robbery and first degree assault after beating two brothers with a shotgun and a baseball bat in front of their Willoughby Avenue residence. One man died the next day and the charge of assault was upgraded to murder.

February 14, 2000 – Dominico Paguio resigned.

March 13, 2000 – Former Amarillo, Tx. PD Captain Greg Browning was hired as the Assistant Chief of Police.

March 14, 2000 – William Bloodworth resigned.

May 12, 2000 – The new Juneau Police Station was dedicated at 2 PM, followed by an open house until 7 PM.

June 30, 2000 – Officer John Lichtenberger retired.

July 16, 2000 – Robert Haskell resigned.

August 14, 2000 – Former Sitka Officer Edwin D. Mercer, former Hoonah Officer Chris Gifford, Dispatcher Sara Coyle, Marc Parfitt, Floyd Spinner, and Matthew Torok were hired as police officers.

September 25, 2000 – Former Amarillo Tx. PD Sgt. Tom Porter was hired as a Captain following a selection process that included a former lieutenant from Lewiston, Idaho.

October 9, 2000 – Former Anchorage and Klawock PD Officer Terry Allen was hired as a police officer.

October 16, 2000 – Officer Thomas Wehnes separated from the Department.

2001

January 22, 2001 – Two prisoners were fitted with the first electronic monitoring devices used in Juneau, which allowed them to move about the community on a predetermined schedule.

January 26, 2001 – Chief Personett was named to a committee to consider bear control suggestions.

February 17, 2001 – The annual JPD Employee Awards Banquet was held at the Moose Lodge.

February 21, 2001 – Chief Personett reported that Juneau had far less serious crime than many other communities of Juneau's size. He reported that the Department was expanding into new areas, preparing for possible school shootings, riots, and drug labs.

February 26, 2001 – School Board members reported they were concerned about potentially wide spread use of the drug Ecstasy by students. It was reported that the drug is purported to break down sexual inhibitions and could be a factor in outbreaks of chlamydia and gonorrhea as well as other sexually transmitted diseases.

March 18, 2001 – A social worker for the State Division of Family and Youth Services reported that Juneau experiences about 5 runaway kids per month.

June 26, 2001 – Floyd Spinner resigned.

October 17, 2001 – Brandon Lawrenson was hired as a dispatcher.

2002

January 14, 2002 – Kathy Underwood was hired as a community service officer.

January 22, 2002 – Lt. Ronald Forneris retired.

March 2, 2002 – The annual Employee Awards Banquet was held at the Baranof Hotel and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Brian Dallas; *Supervisor of the Year* – Capt. Tom Porter; *Employee of the Year* – Bob Dilley; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Carmen Frawley; *Volunteer of the Year* – Bill Gillespie; *Unit of the Year* – Community Services Unit.

April 30, 2002 – Chief of Police Mel Personnett retired.

May 2, 2002 – Jennifer Adams was hired as a community service officer.

May 6, 2002 – Donald Brand was hired as a community service officer.



May 28, 2002 – Former JPD Chief of Police Richard Gummow was re-hired as Chief of Police.

June 30, 2000 – Officer John Lichtenberger retired.

August 5, 2002 – Krag Campbell was hired as a police officer.

August 8, 2002 – Jarrett Mahoney was hired as a call-taker in the dispatch center.

August 12, 2002 – Dwayne D. Hawes was hired as a police officer.

September 3, 2002 – Former Brownwood and Gilmer, Texas Sgt. Warren Tom Bates was hired as a police officer.

2003

January 7, 2003 – Mark Fortunato and Daniel Vinson were hired as police officers.

January 24, 2003 – CSO Donald Brand resigned.

February 24, 2003 – Officer Dwayne Hawes resigned.

March 8, 2003 – The annual Employee Awards banquet was held at the Baranof Hotel and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Chris Gifford; *Supervisor of the Year* – Sgt. Troy Wilson; *Employee of the Year* – Patti Rumpfelt; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Lorri Wilson; *Volunteer of the Year* – Ben Coronell; *Unit of the Year* – Dispatch.

July 28, 2003 – Elias Joven was hired as a police officer.

September 8, 2003 – Jeremy King was hired as a police officer.

November 14, 2003 – Sgt. John Boltjes took a medical retirement.

November 30, 2003 – Sgt. Ben Coronell retired.

2004

February 1, 2004 – Five fires were set during the past week at Juneau-Douglas High School. Evidence was sent to the state crime lab in Anchorage.

February 17, 2004 – Mark Patzke was hired as a police officer.

March 9, 2004 – Juneau hosted the State's Department of Homeland Security's 3-day conference at Centennial Hall that included presentations of new equipment for first responders.

July 21, 2004 – Officer Joel Hinz resigned.

August 2, 2004 – Dispatcher Sarah Hieb was promoted to police officer.

September 5, 2004 – Joshua Shrader resigned.

2005

January 10, 2005 – JPD patrol officers were moved from a 12-hour shift schedule to an 8-hour shift schedule, a very unpopular change for most of the officers. Chief Gummow said it was a question of efficiency of delivery of services.

January 31, 2005 – Officer Rayme Vinson resigned.

February 14, 2005 – Nicholas Erickson and Shawn Feero were hired as police officers.

April 28, 2005 – Officer Nicholas Erickson resigned.

May 6, 2005 – JPD school resource officers identified a 15 year old girl responsible for leaving gun threats on a high school bathroom mirror.

June 30, 2005 –CSO Jacqueline Jennings resigned.

July 5, 2005 – Officers Gregory Drake and Jeremy King resigned.

July 12, 2005 – Officer Barry Bunnell resigned.

July 25, 2005 – Byung Ko and Shawn Phelps were hired as police officers.

July 29, 2005 – Sgt. Kevin Siska retired.

September 30, 2005 – CSO Michael Tagaban retired.

November 13, 2005 – The fifth lawsuit filed against the City by Juneau citizen Jake Olivit Sr., was dismissed by Judge Patricia Collins, who stated that Olivit's claims of harassment against JPD Officer Paul Comolli did not meet the requirement of severe and outrageous conduct.

December 12, 2005 – Dispatcher Alisha Sell was hired as a community service officer.

2006

January 23, 2006 – Officer Mark Fortunato resigned.

February 6, 2006 – Christopher Bain, Kenneth Colon, and Dispatcher Brandon Lawrenson were hired as police officers.

February 13, 2006 – Chief Gummow announced his intention to retire, effective May 1, citing the declining health of family members as the cause.

March 19, 2006 – Officer Daniel Vinson resigned.

April 3, 2006 – Michael Wise was hired as a police officer.

April 26, 2006 – Officer Byung Ko resigned.

April 28, 2006 – Officer Ken Jennings retired.

April 30, 2006 – Chief of Police Richard Gummow, Lt. Walter Boman, and Officer Keith Mickelsen retired. Lt. Boman was hired back as a consultant to develop the specifications for a Mobile Incident Command vehicle.



May 1, 2006 – Assistant Chief of Police Greg Browning was named Chief of Police

- Captain Tom Porter was named Assistant Chief of Police.

June 30, 2006 – Officer George Gozelski retired.

July 17, 2006 – Dirk Graham and Jeremy Weske were hired as police officers.

August 27, 2006 – Officer Matthew Torok resigned.

October 27, 2006 – Daniel Cheshire, Sterling Salisbury, and Jarrod Worley were hired as police officers.

November 30, 2006 – Assistant Chief of Police Tom Porter resigned.

December 8, 2006 – Officer Paul Comolli separated from JPD.

2007

January 29, 2007 – Former Scottsdale, AZ Captain and Ashland, WI Chief of Police Page Decker was hired as the Assistant Chief of Police.

March 2, 2007 – Officer Shawn Feero resigned to accept a position in Washington.

April 11, 2007 – John Cryderman was hired as a police officer.

April 15, 2007 – Officers were awarded service bars designating special assignments that were added to the Class A uniform.

June 11, 2007 – Murphy Brooks, Matthew DuBois, Shawn Jayne, and Mattie McAdoo (Rielly) were hired as police officers.

June 30, 2007 – Officer Jeff Brink resigned to accept a position with Alcohol Beverage Control.

July 9, 2007 – Patti Rumfeldt was hired as a community service officer.

July 23, 2007 – Dispatcher Jarrett Mahoney was promoted to police officer.

July 27, 2007 – Based on a Scottsdale, Arizona Police Department program, the Paid Reserve Officer (PRO) program was officially approved bringing back retired JPD officers to work the cruise ship season in the downtown area.

July 28, 2007 – Former JPD Officer Jeff Brink was hired as a PRO officer.

August 2, 2007 – Retired Sergeant John Boltjes was rehired as a PRO officer.

August 10, 2007 – An intoxicated assault suspect with a sword charged JPD Sergeant Paul Hatch and was shot and killed.

August 21, 2007 – Officer Jarrod Worley resigned.

September 3, 2007 – The private security company that provided security at the airport declared bankruptcy and JPD was required to assign officers to the airport.

September 5, 2007 – JPD was awarded the IACP Excellence in Technology Award for the development of the Digital Evidence Locker by JPD IT Programmer/Analyst Bill Childers.

-Jason Jorgenson was hired as a police officer.

September 7, 2007 – Mattie McAdoo (Rielly) resigned.

September 20, 2007 – Jason Jorgenson resigned.

September 22, 2007 – The Employee Awards Banquet was held at the Baranof Hotel and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Sgt. Paul Hatch; *Manager of the Year* – Cindee Brown-Mills; *Civilian Employee of the Year* – Kelly Magee; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Carmen Frawley.

October 8, 2007 – JPD's long-standing practice of using the word Paul for the letter P followed by the number 1 for the most senior patrol officer as a field unit identifier was replaced by unique serial numbers based on seniority, issued to all department personnel.

October 25, 2007 – A Department Honor Guard was created with Sgt. David Wrightson assigned as the Honor Guard Commander.

November 16, 2007 – Officer Mark Patzke resigned to accept a position with Anchorage PD.

2008

January 6, 2008 – Officer Dirk Graham resigned to accept a position in Washington.

January 7, 2008 – Joseph Heynen and former Russian Officer Alexander Chavykin were hired as police officers.

January 22, 2008 – Heidi Brook Bassett was hired as an Administrative Assistant (AA).

February 8, 2008 – Fisherman's Bend General Store at Auk Bay was burned to the ground in an attempt to cover up a burglary.

February 19, 2008 – Matthew Heckler and Tonya James were hired as police officers.

February 28, 2008 – A complete revision of the Department's Regulations and Operations Manual (ROM) was completed by Assistant Chief Decker and published. Every employee received a copy with an electronic copy of each policy and procedure made available on the Department's Intranet site.

March 3, 2008 – Former JPD officer Rayme Vinson was hired as a PRO officer.

March 30, 2008 – Lt. Troy Wilson attended the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

April 14, 2008 – Jacob Abbott and former Border Patrol Officer Brian Ervin were hired as police officers.

April 25, 2008 – Sgt. Steven Christensen retired.

May 6, 2008 – The JPD Honor Guard made its debut appearance posting the Colors at the APOA Crime Conference held in Juneau at Centennial Hall.

May 12, 2008 – Officer Murphy Brooks resigned to accept a position as a community service officer.

-Retired JPD Officer George Gozelski and Sgt. Steve Christensen were re-hired as PRO officers.

May 20, 2008 – Officer Shawn Jayne resigned.

May 30, 2008 – CSO Patti Rumfeldt resigned.

June 4, 2008 – Lt. Troy Wilson graduated from the FBI National Academy.

June 16, 2008 – Officer Matthew Heckler resigned.

July 1, 2008 – JPD published an annual report outlining department highlights that had occurred between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008.

July 23, 2008 – Former Nebraska Sheriff Tracy Murphy was hired as a police officer.

August 1, 2008 – PRO Steve Christensen resigned.

August 4, 2008 – The Department dropped using radio codes and went to plain language as part of a national directive resulting from the emergency response to 9/11.

August 5, 2008 – The Department participated in National Night Out for the first time, a program developed by a national organization to encourage neighborhood watch programs through block parties where neighbors get to know one another.

August 21, 2008 – Officer Marc Parfitt resigned.

September 5, 2008 – Officer Sterling Salisbury resigned to accept a position in Washington.

September 15, 2008 – Frank Dolan, Daryl Petz, and Zachery West were hired as police officers.

September 20, 2008 – The annual Employee Awards Banquet was held at Centennial Hall and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Sarah Hieb; *Manager of the Year* – Bob Dilley; *Civilian Employee of the Year* – Branden Holloway; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Margie Ramos.

September 26, 2008 – Officer Chris Bain resigned to accept a position in Washington.

October 13, 2008 – Rebecca Notmeyer was hired as a community service officer and Sarah Dolan and Jaime Dale were hired as dispatchers.

October 27, 2008 – Former OK City, OK PD Officer Lee Phelps was hired as a police officer.

November 3, 2008 – Blair Brechtelsbauer and Douglas Toshner were hired as police officers.

December 2, 2008 – PRO John Boltjes resigned.

December 23, 2008 – CSO Murphy Brooks resigned.

2009

January 2, 2009 – Officer Sara Coyle Dallas resigned to accept a position with Adult Probation.

January 20, 2009 – James Esbenshade and Thomas Penrose were hired as police officers.

January 28, 2009 – The Department started to transition into a new service delivery model, whereby patrol officers turned most initial reports over to detectives to perform follow-up investigations.

April 30, 2009 – Officer Robert Kolvig retired.

May 1, 2009 – Robert Kolvig was re-hired as a paid reserve officer (PRO).

June 5, 2009 – Officer Blair Brechtelsbauer resigned.

June 10, 2009 – Former Craig PD Officer Nicholas Garza was hired as a police officer.

July 6, 2009 – Officers Zachery West and Daryl Petz resigned.

July 14, 2009 – Dispatcher Shannon McCormick resigned.

July 16, 2009 – Based on an Arizona program, a position was approved to hire a civilian social worker to follow up on cases of domestic violence called the Police Crisis Intervention Service Specialist. A federal grant was sought to fund the position.

July 20, 2009 – Stephen Warnica was hired as a police officer.

July 21, 2009 – Officer Douglas Toshner resigned.

August 4, 2009 – For the first time, JPD took part in National Night Out, a program developed by the National Association of Town Watch. Designed to get neighbors to know one another so they keep an eye on one another's property, the strategy was to host a block party. Officers were joined by CCFR firefighters as they visited 7 different neighborhoods in town that closed their streets to celebrate.

August 6, 2009 – The shoulder patch that was worn by officers since the 60s was upgraded to represent the totem according to the Tlingit and Heida native tribes.



New Patch



Old Patch

August 29, 2009 – Lead Dispatcher Carmen Frawley resigned.

September 5, 2009 – Dispatcher Jennie Vinson resigned.

September 18, 2009 – IT Tech LeeAnn Dickson resigned.

September 19, 2009 – The annual Employee Awards Banquet was held at the Yacht Club and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Elias Joven; *Manager of the Year* – Sgt. David Wrightson; *Civilian Employee of the Year* – Rick Smith; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Christy Smith.

September 24, 2009 – JPD's "Ask a Dispatcher" program kicked off. This JPD website link allowed citizens to ask questions of dispatchers about specific events or policing in general and received international attention from the International Association of Chiefs of Police at its annual conference.

December 1, 2009 – JPD became the first police agency in Alaska to be accredited by the Alaska Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Commission.

December 11, 2009 – Sgt. Warren Tom Bates died as the result of an accident in his home.

December 15, 2009 – Chief Browning agreed to leave 6 vacant positions unfunded for the next two fiscal years due to anticipated budget shortfalls.

2010

January 4, 2010 – Former JPD Officer Sterling Salisbury was re-hired as a police officer and Officer Alexander Chavykin resigned to accept a position in Washington.

February 8, 2010 – Brent O. Bartlett was hired as a police officer.

February 16, 2010 – Meaghan Wills and Kristina Moore were hired as dispatchers.

February 17, 2010 – Karl Lundquist was hired as a police officer.

April 16, 2010 – AA (Chief's Office) Amanda Sidney resigned.

May 24, 2010 – Dixie Alms was hired as an AA (Chief's Office).

June 1, 2010 – A crisis intervention program with a focus on domestic violence was officially started with the hiring of PCIS Specialist Julia Erickson.
-AA (Accounting) Laurel White was hired.

June 4, 2010 – Dispatcher Kristina Moore resigned.

June 13, 2010 – Dispatcher Christine Phillips resigned.

June 22, 2010 – AA (Accounting) Kathe Pollard resigned.

June 29, 2010 – Officer Brian Ervin was placed on administrative leave following an allegation of off-duty misconduct.

July 19, 2010 – Jacquelyn Smail, David McMaster, Zane Nighswonger, Chan Valentine, and Suzanne Hall were hired as dispatchers.

July 25, 2010 – Dispatcher Erin Ohlson resigned.

July 30, 2010 – AA (Records) Heidi McKeown resigned.

August 13, 2010 – AA (Records) Brook Bassett resigned.

August 16, 2010 – Dispatcher Jacquelyn Smail resigned.

August 26, 2010 – Dispatcher Jaime Dale resigned.

August 28, 2010 – Two Hoonah PD officers were murdered and a standoff with the assassin occurred when he barricaded himself in his home. JPD's SWAT team and negotiators responded to a request to assist from the State Troopers.

August 30, 2010 – John Nick Marvin Jr., surrendered to police ending a standoff that had been going on since Saturday night when he ambushed and killed two Hoonah police officers.

September 17, 2010 – JPD Officer Brian Ervin was indicted for sexual abuse of a minor.

September 18, 2010 – The annual Employee Awards Banquet was held at the Hangar Ballroom and the following employees received awards: *Officer of the Year* – Kim Horn; *Manager of the Year* – Lt. Kris Sell; *Civilian Employee of the Year* – Stacy Eldemar; *Dispatcher of the Year* – Sarah Dolan.

October 1, 2010 – Dispatcher Chan Valentine resigned.

November 8, 2010 – AA(Records) Amber Starbard was hired.

November 15, 2010 – Members of the Downtown Businessman's Association approached City Manager Rod Swope and requested more of a JPD presence in the heart of the downtown business district. Officer Brent Bartlett was temporarily assigned to walk the "downtown beat" as his regular duty.

November 18, 2010 – Dispatcher Suzanne Hall resigned.

December 27, 2010 – Officer Mike Wise resigned to return to Hawaii and the company he worked for prior to coming to JPD.