

Juneau Police Department History

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2011

January 5, 2011 – JPD officers invited the public to attend a winter driving class at the Police Department from 6-8 PM.

January 12, 2011 – A JPD substation was opened in the newly completed CBJ Transit Terminal at Egan and Main Street. Officers moved related furniture and equipment from the former substation location in City Hall.

February 14, 2011 – Joseph Bankowski was hired as a patrol officer. Jason McAdoo, Ethan Derenoff, and Erika Ahrens were hired as dispatchers.

February 28, 2011 – Lead Dispatcher Margie Ramos retired after 28 years of service, but stayed on as a part-time dispatcher.

March 1, 2011 – Presiding District 1, Superior Court Judge Patricia Collins announced her retirement effective June 11, 2011.

March 14, 2011 – More than 500 elementary school students graduated from the DARE program in a ceremony held at Centennial Hall.

March 15, 2011 – A newly designed JPD badge replaced the badge worn by Juneau officers since 1963.



New Badge



Old Badge

May 1, 2011 – Dispatcher Celeste Grimes resigned.

May 6, 2011 – AA (Records) Amber Starbard resigned.

May 9, 2011 – a new parking meter system became operational with motorists using centrally located pay boxes to buy parking time on city streets in the downtown business district.

May 16, 2011 – Dispatcher Ethan Derenoff resigned.

May 19, 2011 – Officers received training on a new trace detection instrument used to detect narcotics, explosives and other dangerous substances. The instrument developed by General Electric was being used by federal TSA agents at airports across the country to detect the presence of explosives in airline

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passenger luggage and other air freight. The instrument was purchased with federal grant funds.

May 20, 2011 – JPD recognized four JPD officers killed in duty-related incidents as part of National Law Enforcement Memorial Week with ceremonies at noon at Evergreen Cemetery followed by a 6 PM ceremony at Thunder Mountain High School.

-Officer Brian Ervin was separated from JPD.

June 2, 2011 – Dispatcher Jason McAdoo resigned.

June 9, 2011 – Operations Commander, Captain Jerry Nankervis retired, but stayed on as a PRO officer.

June 13, 2011 – Lt. Edwin Mercer was promoted to Captain and Operations Commander; Officer Dominic Branson was promoted to Sergeant. Chief Browning left a lieutenant's position vacant in response to an anticipated budget shortfall.

July 4, 2011 – Sgt. David Campbell was named as one of the July 4th parade marshals, as the parade committee saluted first responders.

July 25, 2011 – Benjamin Beck and Patrick Vaughan were hired as police officers.

July 30, 2011 – Sergeant Steve Hernandez retired.

August 2, 2011 – JPD officers accompanied by CCFR firefighters travelled to 15 neighborhood street parties as part of the National Night Out crime-watch festivities. Officer Ken Colon dressed as McGruff the Crime Dog was clearly the children's party favorite.

August 5, 2011 – Former officer Brian Ervin pleaded "no contest" to attempted interference with official proceedings, a Class C felony, and charges of sexually abusing a minor were dismissed in a plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office, four days before his scheduled trial.

August 11, 2011 – A reserve Public Safety Dispatcher program was unveiled, allowing former JPD dispatchers to work on a part-time basis in the Communications Center.

August 29, 2011 – Keith Byrne and Amber Lampe were hired as dispatchers.

September 16, 2011 – Former dispatcher Jason McAdoo was rehired as a part time dispatcher.

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September 20, 2011 – Records Supervisor David McMaster resigned.

September 23, 2011 – PRO Officer George Gozelski resigned.

September 28, 2011 – The Department of Justice notified JPD that it had been awarded a \$567,452 federal grant to hire 2 officers for a 3-year period. These officers were to staff a downtown walking beat program.

September 29, 2011 – The civilian side of JPD entered a one-year pilot program to test a new discipline without punishment program.

October 3, 2011 – Lt. Kris Sell started the 10-week FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

October 4, 2011 – Officer Tracy Murphy resigned to accept a position with a police agency at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska.

October 14, 2011 – Officer Jacob Abbott resigned to accept a position with the Alaska State Troopers.

November 3, 2011 – Amber Lampe resigned.

November 9, 2011 – Records AA Melanie Burns was hired; Zane Nighswonger resigned.

December 30, 2011 – JPD SWAT officers responded to 4044 Delta Drive to a report of a man firing a gun inside an apartment. Some eleven hours later officers entered the apartment and took the man into custody without injury to anyone.

December 31, 2011 – Lt. Troy Wilson resigned.

2012

January 3, 2012 – Former JPD Officer Jeffrey Brink was rehired.

January 17, 2012 – Adrian Laguidao and Stephanie Hyde were hired as dispatchers.

January 25, 2012 – Former Communications Center supervisor Lisa Hafner was re-hired as a part time dispatcher.

January 30, 2012 – Debra Rathbone was hired as the records unit manager. Deputy City Manager Kim Kiefer was named to replace outgoing City Manager Rod Swope on April 1, 2012.

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February 10, 2012 – Former JPD Officer Brian Ervin was sentenced to 4 ½ years in prison.

February 13, 2012 – Sgt. David Campbell was promoted to Lieutenant and Officer Chris Gifford was promoted to Sergeant.

-Clinton Hinchey and former Okaloosa County, Florida Sheriff's Deputy Fred Young were hired as police officers funded by the COPS grant program.

February 16, 2012 – The City Assembly contracted with The McDowell Group to conduct a community survey to provide the Assembly insight into how the City should deal with an anticipated \$7.5 million budget shortfall over the next two fiscal years. Residents were asked which two departments were the most important to maintain. JPD was number one with 58% and CCFR was number two with 49%.

February 20, 2012 – Officer Tonya James resigned.

February 27, 2012 – Community Service Officer Alisha Sell resigned.

March 8, 2012 – City Manager (pro-tem) Kim Kiefer announced that Rob Steedle would be the new Deputy City Manager when she took office on April 1.

March 30, 2012 – PCIS Julia Erickson resigned to accept a position with the state's new mental health court.

March 31, 2012 – City Manager Rod Swope retired. The Empire reported that in the past year and a half the Docks and Harbors director, Centennial Hall manager, aquatics manager, Parks and Recreation Director, Public Works Director, Eaglecrest Ski Area manager, Bartlett Hospital chief executive officer and financial officer, have all left the City. The Finance Director plans to retire in June.

April 2, 2012 – Dispatchers Adrian Laguidao and Stephanie Hyde resigned.

April 8, 2012 – Former JPD Lieutenant Troy Wilson was arrested and charged with 20 felony counts after barricading himself in his home with several weapons and firing more than 100 rounds of ammunition at responding JPD SWAT officers.

April 9, 2012 – Former Volusia County, Florida Sheriff's Deputy Cody Held was hired as a JPD officer.

April 16, 2012 – Recruit Officer Clinton Hinchey resigned from the police academy in Sitka.

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April 28, 2012 – The public was invited to safely discard their unused prescription drugs in a “drug take-back” program at the Nugget Mall overseen by JPD and by AST. More than 180 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in.

May 5, 2012 – The employee awards ceremony was held aboard the Allen Marine Company’s vessel, St. Nicholas on a whale watching trip. Receiving awards for 2011 were Officer of the Year – Matt DuBois, Manager of the Year – Scott Erickson, Civilian Employee of the Year – Jennifer Adams, and for Dispatcher of the Year, the Chief opted to name all seven full time dispatchers as winners. (Erika Ahrens, Keith Byrne, Meghan Kennedy-Brown, Tonya Kurtz, Celeste Lopez, Christy Smith, and Meaghan Wills.

May 21, 2012 – More than 100 officers from across Alaska attended the 52nd annual Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) training conference which was held at Centennial Hall in Juneau. The keynote presenter was Janine Driver, an expert at using body language to tell when a person is being untruthful.

June 4, 2012 – Former dispatcher Sarah Dolan was promoted to CSO.

June 18, 2012 – Former Petersburg Alaska PD Sgt. Steven Scherrer was hired as a JPD officer.

July 2, 2012 – Detective Krag Campbell was named JPD’s first Master Police Officer, a program in which senior officers could achieve points for excellence in their duties and community involvement.

July 4, 2012 – The JPD Honor Guard was named the best honor guard by the July 4th Parade Committee.

July 5, 2012 – Officer Joseph Heynen resigned to accept a position with the University of Alaska-Anchorage PD.

July 21, 2012 – Retired JPD Captain Jerry Nankervis announced that he would run for a seat on the City and Borough Assembly in October.

July 23, 2012 – Brian Youll was hired as an administrative assistant in the Records Unit.

July 30, 2012 – JPD Dispatcher Keith Byrne was promoted to police officer and started the DPS Academy at Sitka on August 6th.

August 7, 2012 – JPD officers were joined by CCFR firefighters, National Guard personnel and McGruff the Crime Dog as they attended block parties held throughout the community celebrating National Night Out. The nation-wide event is held annually on the first Tuesday in August to provide a venue for neighbors

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to come together to enjoy the evening and discuss the security of their neighborhoods.

August 20, 2012 – Joseph Fox was hired as a dispatcher.

September 11, 2012 – Juneau officers and firefighters were honored for their service at the annual Rotary Park ceremony marking the attack on New York City's Twin Towers on September 11, 2001.

September 14, 2012 – JPD officers joined CCFR firefighters in the basement of the federal building to climb the nine story building's staircase eleven times in honor of the police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the Twin Towers.

-A large male black bear entered the frozen yogurt shop in the IGA Foodland shopping center and dragged out a bag of trash. JPD officers responded and at the request of Fish and Game agents, fired a less than lethal bean bag round at the bear moving him out of the parking lot.

September 19, 2012 – The same black bear was darted and euthanized by Fish and Game agents after it climbed onto a roof in the area of City Hall.

October 1, 2012 – Probationary officer Fred Young was separated from JPD.

October 2, 2012 – Former JPD Captain Jerry Nankervis was elected to the Assembly.

October 8, 2012 – John King was hired as a dispatcher.

October 31, 2012 – Records AA Faye Good resigned.

November 3, 2012 – A jury found John Marvin Jr. guilty of murdering two Hoonah police officers on August 28, 2010.

November 5, 2012 – Former JPD officer Mike Wise was rehired as a police officer.

-JPD officers were first on the scene of a fire in the Gastineau Apartments on Franklin at Front Sts. and helped evacuate the building.

November 7, 2012 – Malinda League was hired as an Administrative Assistant in the Records Unit.

December 20, 2012 – Chief Browning announced that he will retire on May 31, 2013, to return to Texas.

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2013

January 2, 2013 – John King resigned.

January 29, 2013 – Officer Sarah Hieb resigned to accept a position with the Alaska Police Standards Council.

February 19, 2013 – JPD Community Services Officer Kathy Underwood was hired as a Police Officer. James Dooley was also hired as an entry level officer and both were sworn in as officers and scheduled to attend the police academy in Sitka on February 24th.

February 22, 2013 – Administrative Manager Cindee Brown-Mills resigned to accept a position with the State's Department of Education.

February 28, 2013 – Sgt. Paul Hatch retired.

March 3, 2013 – Lt. David Campbell left for Plano, Texas to attend the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration's Management College, an eight week training course.

March 6, 2013 – Former dispatcher and CSO Alisha Sell was rehired as a dispatcher.

March 11, 2013 – Officer Brian Dallas was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

March 15, 2013 – Brandon Lawrenson resigned to accept a position with the police department in Marysville, Washington.

April 3, 2013 – Former JPD Lt. Troy Wilson pleaded guilty to seven felonies for shooting at Juneau Police Department officers last Easter as they responded to a 9-1-1 call at his house.

April 5, 2013 – City Manager Kim Kiefer announced three police chief candidates would participate in an assessment center on April 10th. She identified the three as being Don Studt, the current Chief of the Birmingham, Michigan Police Department, Bryce Johnson, a lieutenant and Assistant Bureau Commander in the Salt Lake City Police Department, and William Musser, most recently employed by ITT Technical Institute in Boise, Idaho, and a former chief of the Meridian, Idaho Police Department.

April 15, 2013 – Malinda League resigns.

April 23, 2013 – Assistant Chief of Police Page Decker announced that he would retire on May 31st to return to Arizona.

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May 3, 2013 – Officer Dan Cheshire resigned to accept a position with the Dublin, New Hampshire Police Department.

May 15, 2013 – City Manager Kim Kiefer announced that she had selected Bryce Johnson to be the new JPD Chief of Police. She said Mr. Johnson will take over on June 3rd.

May 20, 2013 – Crystal Dooley was hired as a dispatcher.

May 31, 2013 – Chief Greg Browning and Assistant Chief Page Decker retired.

June 3, 2013 – Bryce Johnson was sworn in as the new Chief of Police by City Manager Kim Kiefer.

June 10, 2013 – Crystal Dooley resigns.

June 17, 2013 – Alex Gonnsen was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher. CJ Reeves II was hired as an Admin Assistant to work in JPD Records.

July 1, 2013 – Eric Meyer is hired as an information technology person for JPD.

July 29, 2013 – Mackenzie Burnett was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

September 13, 2013 – Alex Gonnsen resigned.

November 4, 2013 – Telise Watkins is hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

November 27, 2013 – Scott Phillip retired from JPD as Fleet Mechanic.

December 4, 2013 – Monique Reeder-Sain was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

December 16, 2013 – James Andersen was hired as fleet mechanic for JPD.

2014

January 6, 2014 – Officer Elias Joven resigns.

January 27, 2014 – Donald “Adam” Smith was hired as a Police Officer.

February 27, 2014 – Shawn Sypeck resigns.

March 24, 2014 – Julie Hedges was hired as Admin Assistant for JPD Records.

June 2, 2014 – Wendy Wallers was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

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June 23, 2014- Monique Reeder-Sain resigned from JPD.

July 2, 2014 – Officer Donald “Adam” Smith resigns from JPD.

July 12, 2014 – Stephen Williams resigns.

July 14, 2014 – Scott Nord and Patrick Taylor were hired as Police Officers.

September 1, 2014 – Officer and former dispatcher Jarrett Mahoney resigns.

September 19, 2014 – James Andersen resigned from his position as fleet mechanic.

September 22, 2014 – Matthew Katona was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

October 6, 2014 – Alexander Smith was hired as a Police Officer.

November 24, 2014 – Scott Sell was hired as a fleet mechanic for JPD.

December 1, 2014 – Paul Overturf was hired as a lateral Police Officer. Overturf formerly worked for the Sitka Police Department and the State of Alaska as an investigator before coming to JPD. Ken Smith was also hired as an entry level officer.

December 4, 2014 – Matthew Katona resigns.

2015

January 12, 2015 – Michael Cryderman, Hannah Malone, and Kirt Stage-Harvey were all hired as Police Officers. Sayde Ridling was also hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

February 9, 2015 – Rick Slater, former corrections officer, was hired as a Police Officer.

February 23, 2015 – Davi Conard was hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

March 18, 2015 – Officer Scott Nord resigns.

June 15, 2015 – Andrew Dubay was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

July 6, 2015 – William Bottorf and Casey Camp were hired Police Officers. Also hired as Police Officer, former JPD Admin Assistant from JPD Records, CJ Reeves II

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July 13, 2015 – Jessica Paskowski is hired to be the Admin Manager for JPD.

July 30, 2015 – Debra Rathbone retires.

September 2, 2015 – Officer Rick Slater resigns.

September 15, 2015 – Dispatcher Wendy Wallers resigns.

October 5, 2015 – Daniel Darbonne was hired as a lateral Police Officer. Darbonne formerly worked for New Orleans Police Department and as Federal Police Officer.

December 31, 2015 – Officer Kim Horn retires from JPD after more than 30 years of service. Officer Horn worked as a Dispatcher, CSO, Patrol Officer, and Detective. Officer Horn will later work as a Police Reserve Officer (PRO)

2016

January 8, 2016 – Officer Michael Cryderman resigns.

January 11, 2016 – Donald Ward hired as a lateral Police Officer. Ward formerly worked and retired from the Giles County Sheriff's department in Pulaski, Tennessee.

January 25, 2016 – Katelyn Lovvorn was hired as a Police Officer.

March 7, 2016 – Kelsey Thompson was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher

March 21, 2016 – Officer Casey Camp resigns.

April 4, 2016 – Laura Ryan was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

April 26, 2016 – Sergeant David Wrightson retires after 21 years with the Juneau Police Department.

June 27, 2016 – Former Fairbanks Officer Eric Hoffman was hired by JPD as a Police Officer. Davi Conard resigns her position in Records to move down south.

July 25, 2016 – Thomas McGrann was hired as a lateral Police Officer. McGrann formerly worked for the Cumberland County Sherriff's Office in North Carolina.

August 26, 2016 – Sean Ahshapanek was hired as a Police Officer.

October 29, 2016 – Andrew Dubay resigns.

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October 31, 2016 – Alyssa Storbeck is hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

November 15, 2016 – Julie Hedges resigns.

December 12, 2016 – Matthew Paskowski is hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

2017

January 3, 2017 – Officer Thomas Penrose resigns.

January 9, 2017 – Parrish Lovvorn is hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

January 23, 2017 – Christopher Zelman is hired as a Police Officer.

February 13, 2017 – Officer Russ Haight retries from JPD after 28 years of service to the City of Juneau.

March 24, 2017 – Cory Dodd, Radio Tech, resigns.

March 28, 2017 – Shawn Sypeck is hired as Chief Secretary.

March 30, 2017 – CSO Rebecca Notmeyer retires.

May 31, 2017 – Sergeant Christopher Burke retires with 17 years of JPD Service. Officer James Dooley resigns to take a Police Officer position in California.

April 27, 2017 – Karen Childers retires.

July 4, 2017 – Dispatcher Mackenzie Burnett resigns.

July 14, 2017 – Dispatcher Telise Watkins resigns.

July 28, 2017 – Chief Bryce Johnson resigns to take the Chief of Police job in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

August 8, 2017 – Officer Christopher Zelman resigns.

September 30, 2017 - Lieutenant Kris Sell retires after 20 years of Service.

October 12, 2017 – Officer William Bottorf resigns.

October 19, 2017 – Caitlin Portinga was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

November 6, 2017 – Dispatcher Kelsey Thompson resigns.

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2018

January 8, 2018 – Officer Darin Schultz retires after 20 years of service with JPD. Officer Ken Smith resigns.

January 22, 2018 – Former Salt Lake City Police Officer Aron Landry was hired as a Police Officer. Also hired were entry Police Officers were Joe Paden and former corrections officer Ron Shriver III.

February 5, 2018 – Eric Gazdig was hired as JPD Radio Technician.

February 21, 2018 – Mattie Rielly was hired as a Police Officer.

April 13, 2018 – Shawn Sypeck resigns.

April 30, 2018 – Michael Waide and Christian Brown were hired as a Public Safety Dispatchers.

May 14, 2018 – Former JPD Officer Patrick Vaughan was hired as a lateral Officer from Oregon.

May 31, 2018 – Kelly Magee retires from JPD. Magee retires with more than 30 years working at JPD in various positions at JPD, including dispatch, records, and evidence. Also, retiring is Rick Smith who has worked as custodian for JPD.

June 7, 2018 – Officer Blain Hatch retires with 25 years of service.

June 13, 2018 – Sayde Ridling resigns.

June 20, 2018 – PRO Officer Kim Horn resigns.

June 20, 2018 – Officer Katelyn Lovvorn resigns.

June 22, 2018 – Parrish Lovvorn resigns.

June 25, 2018 – Jairo Colindres was hired as a Police Officer

June 27, 2018 – Casey Barry was hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

July 21, 2018 – Laura Ryan resigns.

September 17, 2018 – Rosie Ostman was hired as lateral Police Officer from North Carolina.

October 1, 2018 – Dakota Davies was hired as a Police Officer.

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November 9, 2018 – Christian Brown resigns.

2019

February 4, 2019 – Alex Vicario was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

April 15, 2019 – Allison Robbins was hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

April 29, 2019 – Ana Corcoran was hired as an Admin Assistant in JPD Records.

May 13, 2019 – Jake Thayer was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

June 10, 2019 – Alicia Cheeseman was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

July 22, 2019 – Officer Dakota Davies resigns.

August 9, 2019 – Officer Brent Bartlett resigns.

September 30, 2019 – Officer Jason Van Sickle retires from JPD with 25 years of service to the City of Juneau.

December 10, 2019 – Kiara Svensson was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher.