



Astoria Police Department Sgt. Brian Aydt and Officer Jair Macareno respond to a call along the Astoria Riverwalk last weekend.

Police: Three patrol officers departed this year

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Walk, these two officers on the bridge represented the department's entire patrol force on duty at the time.

The Astoria Police Department, accustomed to operating with a small staff, is handcuffed a bit tighter this year after recently losing a quarter of its patrol force. As a result, the department has taken steps to maintain consistency in how it patrols the city as tourists flock to the region this summer.

700 to 1

The department at full staff has 12 officers on patrol in addition to a chief, deputy chief and two detectives. But three patrol officers left the agency earlier this year.

Now the ratio of Astoria residents to police officers — including chiefs and deputies — is more the 700 to 1. That is a little less than double the national average, according to the department's statistics.

Officers in recent weeks have had to work mandatory overtime, and one detective has switched to full-time patrol duties until replacements are hired. Deputy Police Chief Eric Halverson will take on some detective and occasional patrol duties.

Police Chief Brad Johnston acknowledged in April that the



Officer Macareno checks on the welfare of a dog that was reported to be unattended in a vehicle in downtown Astoria last Saturday. The dog was deemed to not be in any distress after a follow-up inspection an hour later during the officer's patrol.

department would have a difficult time until replacements are hired, which will most certainly not happen until next year.

In the meantime, patrol officers will not reduce the number of calls to which they respond. In some situations, they alter how they respond.

"If you want us to come out, we'll come out," Aydt said. "It's just a matter of prioritizing."

'People skills'

Witness-interviewing techniques may be the most visible challenge for officers, Aydt said. Witnesses often express their emotions and opinions about certain cases to an offi-

cer present, he or she will still show up, Aydt said.

cer. But since they will be short on time, Astoria Police may need to focus such conversations solely on facts.

The practice, while temporarily necessary, is not ideal. In a small town where officers may rely on witnesses for multiple cases, developing relationships through in-depth conversation is valuable, Aydt said.

"It takes a lot of people skills," he said.

When officers receive calls about minor issues, they may try to cut commute time by calling the reporting party instead of driving to their location. If the matter still can't be resolved or the caller still would like to have the offi-

cer present, he or she will still show up, Aydt said.

Screening

Candidates for the three vacancies have undergone testing and interviews since the Police Department began accepting applications in April. The department is conducting background checks on seven finalists.

About 50 percent of candidates typically fail background checks, while others may turn down a potential job offer, Halverson said. He is, however, fairly confident that one or two candidates will emerge.

When the checks conclude, the new hires will get one year of instruction at the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training before being slowly worked into the patrol rotation.

Meanwhile, other agencies — usually the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office — can respond to a call within city limits if a situation is ongoing and Astoria officers are occupied elsewhere. Other than in these situations, though, it would be difficult for other agencies to assist. Officers from outside Astoria may not have a full grasp of city laws and regulations.

"There's not really a magic way to bring those people from outside to fill the void," Halverson said.

Baldwin: A local contractor who grew up in Warrenton

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Glad to serve

Dyer said he had planned to vote for Mitchell but then thought about what Mitchell already does for the community.

"It'd be real difficult to replace him," he said.

Newton, meanwhile, said his personal choice would have been to appoint Baldwin, but he wanted to consider the community's desires. He looked to the endorsement letters the city received after the candidates were announced at the end of May. There were seven letters, plus one from a non-resident, endorsing Mitchell; six endorsing LeChurch; and only one endorsing Baldwin.

When Mitchell withdrew, however, all four commissioners voted to appoint Baldwin.

After the meeting, Baldwin, a local contractor who grew up in Warrenton, said he is glad to get to serve the city again.

He has no particular "ax to grind," he said, but he hopes to hold the city accountable to promises it made in the past. He is thinking particularly of the rising water and sewer rates. The increases may not be as necessary when Warrenton regains one of its biggest customers, Pacific Coast Seafood, he said. The seafood company is expected to move back into the area this year after rebuilding from a fire that destroyed its Warrenton plant in 2013.

Baldwin had pushed to make the mayoral office an elected position and ran unsuccessfully against Kujala in Warrenton's first mayoral election in 2014.

Dog: Gabe was named in honor of a former Warrenton Police officer

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begin to "make a dent" in the city's drug problems.

He zeroed in on a chair set in front of a long table facing the commissioners. After a few passes back and forth, he decided, yes, something deeply fascinating was hidden under the chair's seat. Wirt snapped on a pair of bright blue gloves, reached in and pulled out a small packet.

"Yes! Good boy! Who's a good boy! Good boy!" Wirt enthused in the helium-pitched voice he swears Gabe loves.

The demonstration was "the fruition of where we wanted to go" as a department, said Police Chief Mathew Workman. He is confident Gabe will soon

He replaces another Gabe — Gabe 1.0. The Police Department had been on the lookout for another dog and were able to purchase the current Gabe thanks to donations from the community, including donations from one boy's grandparents in Pennsylvania and a very generous contribution from local Lylla Gaebel. Area businesses donated the materials necessary to build a kennel for him at Officer Wirt's house.

Gabe was named in honor of Gaebel's late husband, Jim Gaebel, who worked for the Warrenton Police Department between 1997 and 2007.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Steve Harvey's Funderdome (SP)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Steve Harvey's Funderdome (SP)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) (5:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Nashville vs Pittsburgh (L)		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss	Criminal Minds "Mirror Image"			Code Black "Corporeal Form"		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss	Criminal Minds "Mirror Image"			Code Black "Corporeal Form"		KIRO 7 News	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) (5:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Nashville vs Pittsburgh (L)		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Arrow "A Matter of Trust"	DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Shogun"			KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Viewer's Choice									
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Chef "America's Grocery Bag" (N)	The F Word "Episode Three" (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV			Family Guy		American Dad!	Cleveland Show		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "America's Grocery Bag" (N)	The F Word "Episode Three" (N)			Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)		Conan (N)			
22	KZJQ	(22) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN2	(29) (5:00) 30 for 30 (N)		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live		Jalen & Jacoby		
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Game Shakers	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Stuck in Middle	Andi Mack	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Friends	Friends		
34	FAM	(34) (5:40) *** Coming to America ('88)	Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, Eddie Murphy.	(20) Madae's Witness Protection (2012, Comedy) Eugene Levy, Denise Richards, Tyler Perry.								The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(45) ** The Equalizer (2014, Action) Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington.	(25) *** Super 8 (2011, Sci-Fi) Amanda Michalka, Kyle Chandler, Elle Fanning.								(45) FXM Presents			
36	LIFE	(36) Little Women "Big Trouble, Little Video"	Little Women: LA "Fierce Fight"	Women (N) / (10) Women (N)		Little Women: LA (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Minnesota Twins (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Minnesota Twins Site: Target Field -- Minneapolis, Minn.										
39	F51	(39) The Ultimate Fighter "Kryptonite"	The Ultimate Fighter (N)	TUF Talk (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)	UFC Fighter's Cut						TUF Talk	UFC Tonight		
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
44	COM	(44) (15) Futurama	(50) Futurama "Meanwhile"	(25) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)			
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "The Empire Picks Back"	Pickers "Who's the Rarest of Them All?"	American Pickers "Catch-32"		American Pickers (N)		(05) Amer. Pickers "Queen of Fortune"		(05) Amer. Pickers "Backroad Barnstorming"		(05) Storage Wars	(35) Storage Wars		
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Born Schizophrenic: Big Changes			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 40 Year Old Child	Schizophrenic "Jan's Next Chapter"	Born Schizophrenic: Big Changes		The Boy With No Brain		Born Schizophrenic: Big Changes		Homestead "Wolves at the Door" (N)	Alaskan Bush People		
48	DISC	(48) Alaskan Bush People: "All Falls Down"	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid (N)	Alaska Troopers "Too Drunk to Drive"		SouthJustice "Cops and Robbers" (N)		Year Million "Energy Beyond Earth" (N)		Claws "Tirana"		(05) American Race "Baltimore Rising"			
49	NGEO	(49) Wilk Justice "Quicksand!"	*** Transformers (2007, Action) Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.	*** Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.		Big Star Little Star "Episode 3" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Devil in the Details"	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ('71) Gene Wilder.	*** Ghostbusters II ('89) Sigourney Weaver, Bill Murray.		Cook vs. Con "Battle Baked Clams" (N)		Cooks vs. Cons "A Lotta Frittata"		Property "Searching for Glitz and Glam"		Fargo "Aporia" (N)			
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ('71) Gene Wilder.	*** Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	Big Star Little Star "Episode 3" (N)		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		Property "Ready for Home Sweet Home"		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Chopped: Impossible, Part 3"	Chopped	Cutthroat Kitchen (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen (N)		Cook vs. Con "Battle Baked Clams" (N)		Cooks vs. Cons "A Lotta Frittata"		Property "Searching for Glitz and Glam"			
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers		Property "Ready for Home Sweet Home"		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		Property "Searching for Glitz and Glam"		Fargo "Aporia" (N)			
55	FX	(55) *** Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi) Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight			
61	USA	(61) Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"		Jay Leno "Anything but Four Wheels"		Jay Leno "Old School vs. New School"		Leno Garage "The Cars of Tomorrow"		Paid Program	Paid Program		
63	BRV	(63) The Real Housewives		Real Housewives "Two Weeks Notice"		Real Housewives (N)		The Real Housewives (N)		Andy Cohen's Then and Now (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) A Matter of Life and Death	*** Black Narcissus (1947, Drama) Jean Simmons, David Farrar, Deborah Kerr.	Hour of Glory (Thriller) Jack Hawkins, Kathleen Byron, David Farrar.		Hour of Glory (Thriller) Jack Hawkins, Kathleen Byron, David Farrar.		Blood Drive "The F...ing Cop" (P) (N)		Wynonna "Steel Bars and Stone Walls"		Product Showcase			
65	SYFY	(65) *** Resident Evil: Apocalypse ('04) Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr, Milla Jovovich.	*** Mad Max: Fury Road ('15, Action) Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.												
182	RFD	(182) Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	WesternSport		Cowboy TV		Cowboy Moments		Product Showcase					

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