

Portland Police Bureau

New Columbia Community

Intergovernmental Agreement with Home Forward



New Columbia Policing Team

- Collaborative effort between Home Forward, Portland Public Schools, Portland Police Bureau, the Office of Community & Civic Life and Income Property Management (IPM).
- Team's focus is on building community relationships to effectively solve problems, increase public safety and improve community livability.
- PPB's primary focus is not on Law enforcement, rather their focus is on creative problem solving utilizing the programs, partnerships and the strong community relationships.



“We have a very light touch, we look at creative and positive ways to solve problems.” Ofc. Josh Silverman



Non-enforcement Interaction

- Every week, officers meet with members of Home Forward to discuss issues that may have occurred within the property, including calls for service.
- The purpose of these meetings is to ensure the team is aware of issues that are occurring. This process allows Home Forward to develop plans to assist their residents.
- Examples of this assistance, related to Domestic Violence issues, would be Home Forward following up with the DV survivors and possibly offering to change the locks on their doors. Also, the police officers would then be able to offer extra patrols at the residence so survivors feel safer remaining at the residence.



This team approach also helps to ..

- Connect crime victims to advocates.
- Make referrals to Adult Protective Services, Life Works, other mental health providers, Mayors Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Gateway Center, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), and many others.
- And help to organize mediation for neighbor disputes before they become a serious problem that could result in loss of housing.



Policing Woven into the Community

- 4 officers selected to serve on the team and who patrol the community.
- Long-term relationships, especially with crime victims, helps to build trust within the New Columbia community.
- In the past, the New Columbia area has been underserved by the police and historical issues have, at times, caused some community members to lose trust in the police.
- Through this program, Home Forward and our other community partners, have truly helped the Portland Police Bureau rebuild damaged relationships, and increase police legitimacy within the community.



Community Oriented

- Officers participate in community events, community meetings, youth leadership events, other community-building activities
 - POIC Youth Groups (Monthly)
 - BTown Kids Summer Programs
 - Family Nights
 - Penny Carnivals
 - Bingo Nights
 - Etc.

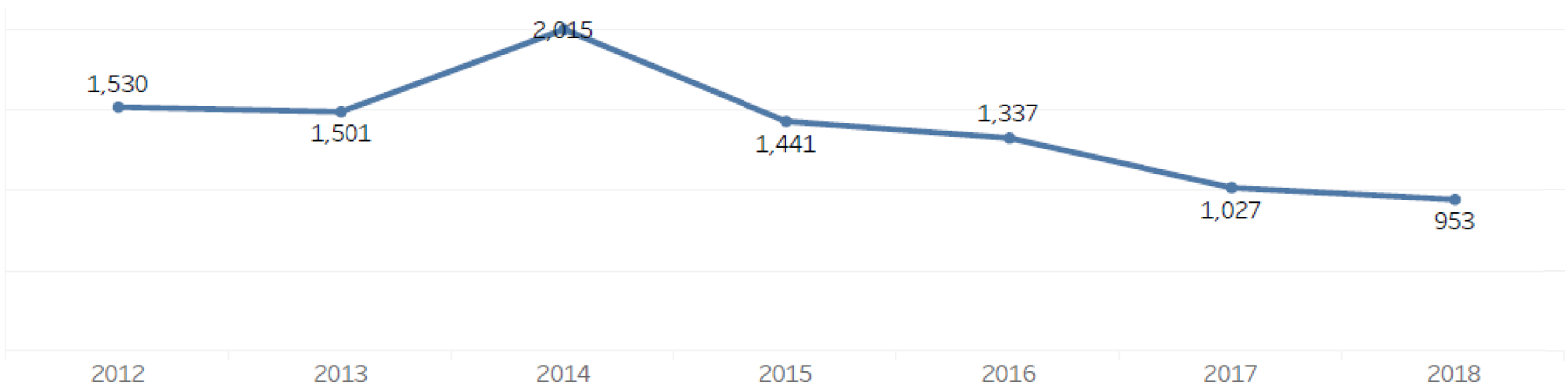


A Downward Crime Trend

- The New Columbia Patrol Area accounted for 15,340 calls for service between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2019
- The New Columbia has experienced a declining trend in NIBRS Group A offenses between 2015 and 2018
- (Arson, burglary/breaking and entering, vandalism/destruction of property, drug/narcotic offenses).
 - There has been a decline in crime within the boundaries of the New Columbia Community patrol area as compared to the City of Portland overall.



Total Received Calls for Service Within New Columbia



Calls for Service in the New Columbia area have gradually decreased over the past 8 years while calls for service in North Precinct and the City of Portland have gradually increased over the same period of time.

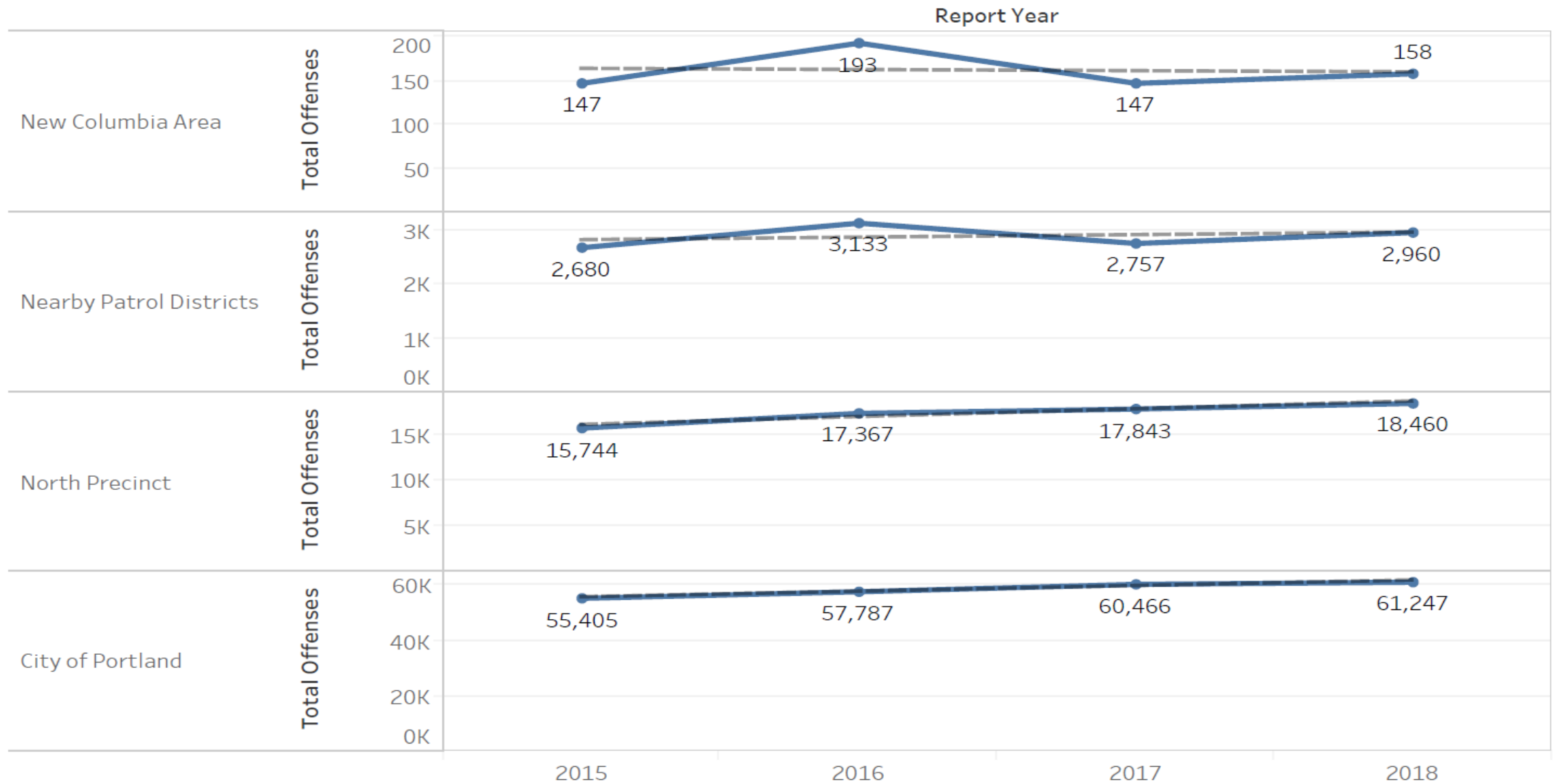
Calls for Service Responded to by New Columbia Units (2557, 2558, 2559)

Inside and Outside the New Columbia Area

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Within New Columbia Detail Area	514	669	1,075	670	695	410	340	104	4,477
Outside New Columbia Detail Area	1,198	1,355	1,493	1,639	1,802	1,575	1,413	388	10,863
Total Calls for Service	1,712	2,024	2,568	2,309	2,497	1,985	1,753	492	15,340

This graph only includes calls for service where a New Columbia Detail unit was dispatched (Units 2557, 2558, or 2559). New Columbia Units spend the majority of their time responding to priority calls in the neighboring districts.

Comparison of Total Group A Offenses by Year by Area



Total offenses have remained statistically stable in New Columbia and Nearby Patrol Districts (540, 550, and 560) since RegJIN was launched in 2015; however, Group A Offenses have statistically increased over the same period across North Precinct and the City of Portland.

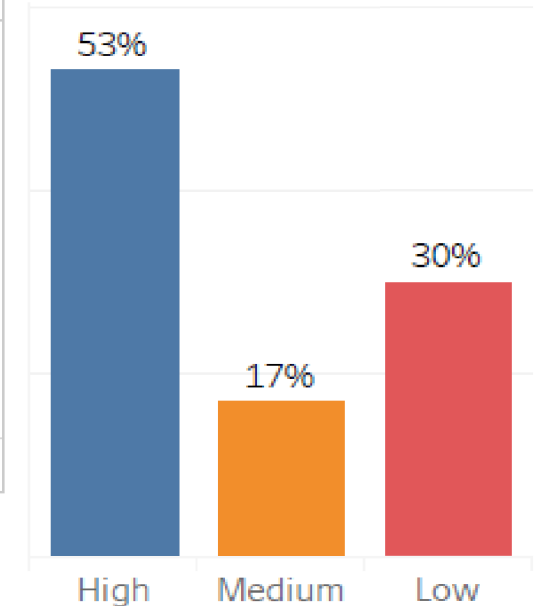
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Final Call Type

	Within New Columbia Detail Area		Outside New Columbia Detail Area	
	Total Calls	% of Total Calls	Total Calls	% of Total Calls
Alarm	27	1%	147	1%
Assist	159	4%	560	5%
Civil	239	5%	542	5%
Community Policing	352	8%	403	4%
Crime	660	15%	1,497	14%
Disorder	1,829	41%	4,678	43%
Traffic	513	11%	1,959	18%
Other	698	16%	1,077	10%
Grand Total	4,477	100%	10,863	100%

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Priority Level of Calls Responded to by New Columbia Units



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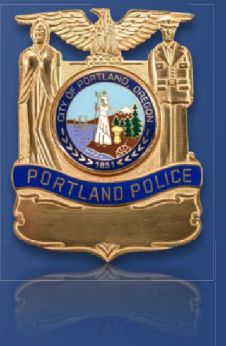
Dispatch Type

	Within New Columbia Detail Area	Outside New Columbia Detail Area
Dispatched	47%	56%
Self-Initiated/Directed	53%	44%
Grand Total	100%	100%

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Contract Details

- Contracts can only run a maximum of 10 years
 - They can be renewed within that time frame from 1 to 5 year intervals.
 - Contracts then need to be renegotiated after 10 years
- If extended, this contract will reach the 10 year threshold.
 - As a result of this, we will need to evaluate and renegotiate possible future contracts.
 - In evaluating the effectiveness of this contract for renegotiation, we will seek input from our partners and members from within the New Columbia Community.



Thank you

Questions or Comments