

## Patrol Division



### The Backbone of Law Enforcement

The Lake Oswego Police Department's patrol division is made up of twenty-one patrol officers, six sergeants and a patrol lieutenant. There are three shifts with seven officers and two sergeants assigned to each shift. This ensures adequate coverage seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The patrol lieutenant oversees the patrol division ensuring efficiency and consistency of operations between the three patrol shifts. He also investigates officer complaints from citizens.

Officers are committed to responding to any call that the community feels is important to them. Lake Oswego police are some of the most competent and well trained officers anywhere. This is due in part to continuous training and overwhelming community support.

The patrol division strives to have a five minute response time to most calls. In most circumstances when an officer arrives at a call, that call is serviced by that same officer through the entire investigation. In many other departments, the patrol officer only takes the initial call and then forwards the rest of the investigation to a detective. Having the officers do their own follow-up helps maintain an open line of communication between the officer and the citizen, and has helped make our patrol officers some of the best around.

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