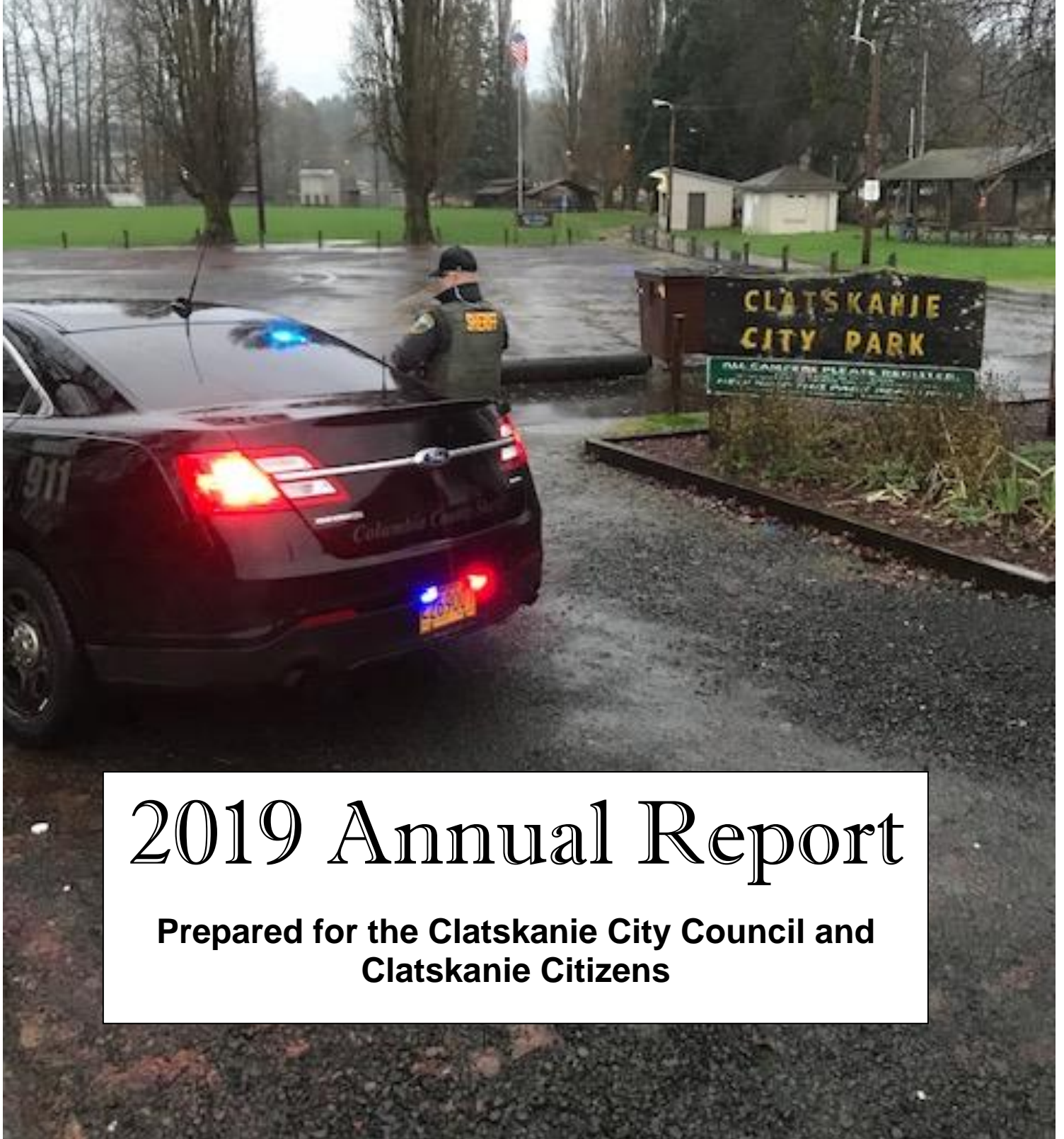




Columbia County  
**SHERIFF**



# 2019 Annual Report

Prepared for the Clatskanie City Council and  
Clatskanie Citizens

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## Mission

The Mission of the Sheriff in Clatskanie is to conserve the peace in North Columbia County with a primary and essential focus of serving the policing needs inside the City of Clatskanie.

## Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our county and the City of Clatskanie with effective and efficient public safety services. Each employee is enabled to solve problems by taking ownership and believing he or she can form partnerships with our citizens and fellow public safety providers to make our community an ideal place to live, work and recreate.

## Values

1. Employees are valued and empowered to do what is right.
2. Citizens are served effectively and efficiently.
3. The rights of all are upheld and protected.

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## ***Cover Photo:***

Sheriff's Deputy Assigned to Clatskanie  
Makes Traffic Stop in the City

# Sheriff's Notes

## Dear Citizens of Clatskanie:

*This report is prepared for you as a subset of the Annual Report produced for all citizens of Columbia County, of which you all are a vital part. That Annual Report can be found on our website at*

*<http://www.columbiacountyor.gov/sheriff>*

*For years I have listened to feedback from north Columbia County, including the greater Clatskanie area, and have learned that many see themselves as cut off from much of the rest of the county. Now, with the contract between the city and the Sheriff's Office to perform policing duties inside the city, the gap between north county and county services has been reduced. Cooperation between the city and the county is growing. Law enforcement services to north county are improving, and the per-capita cost of providing these services has come down.*

*With the city and the Sheriff "combining forces" to make the most of declining city resources for policing in town, we have been able to take the positions the city funds and add considerable county resources to fill the gaps. Not only that, but we have also expanded law enforcement services to your friends and neighbors who live just out of town. We've done this by subsidizing the city positions with county funds in return for the ability to cover high priority calls outside of town. This expands law enforcement coverage in north county, but not at the expense of the city.*

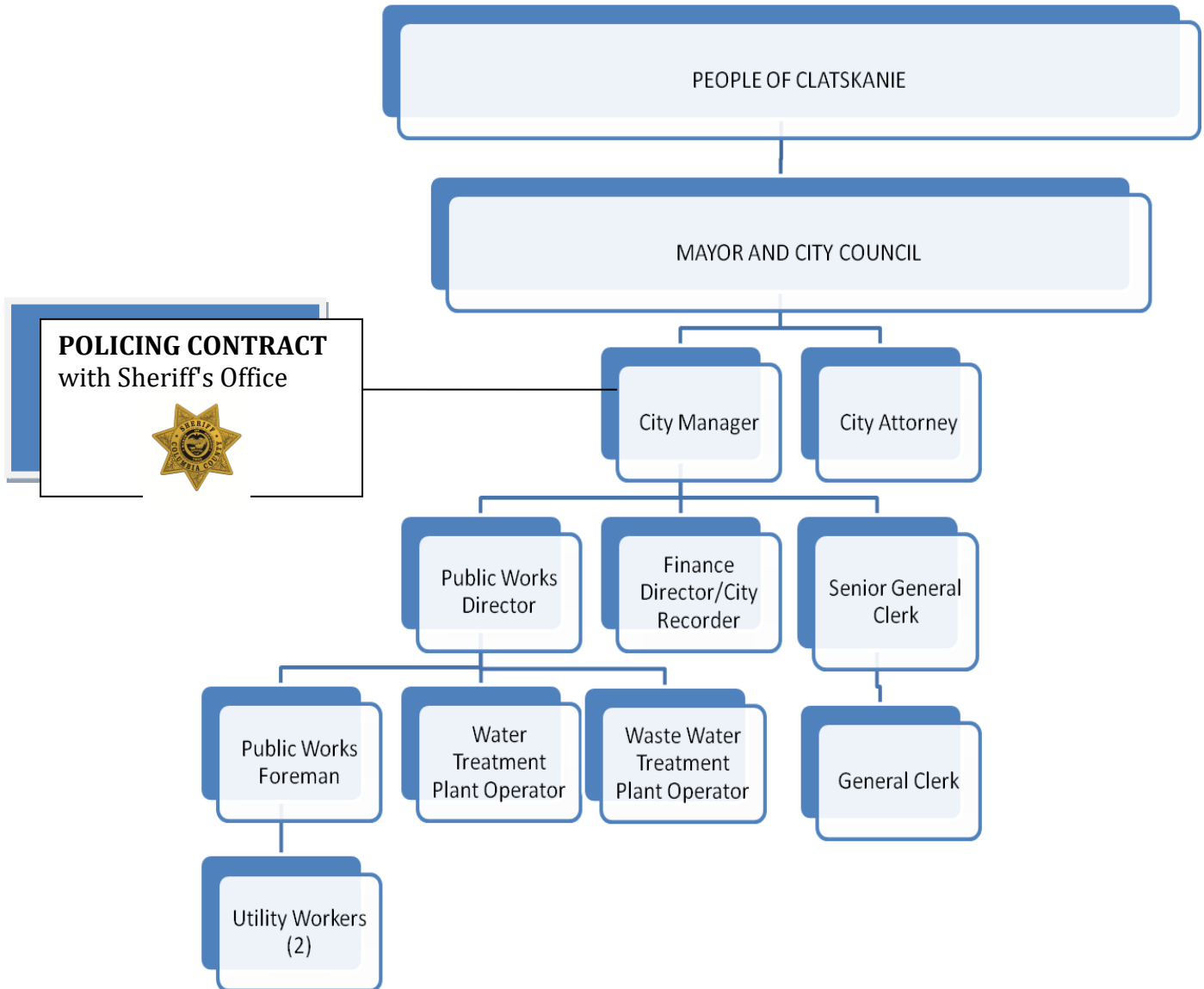
*In fact, as this report will show, the number of calls for service and the number of enforcement activities carried out **inside** the city have increased dramatically, and that is with two fewer assets than were assigned to patrol when the city police department was still functioning.*

*We knew we would be able to provide the resources, experience, and motivation to improve the law enforcement presence in the city. I believe the numbers in this report tell that story.*

*In sum, the goal of providing improved policing services and expert investigations for the City of Clatskanie is going strong and we will continue to build services to make each subsequent year better than the previous. We look forward serving the residents of Clatskanie again in the coming year.*



# City Organizational Chart



## City Manager's Report

The contracted police services the City of Clatskanie has with the Columbia County Sheriff's office continues to evolve its successful partnership to produce as much police coverage as possible for the citizens of Clatskanie. The cost sharing has been a financial success for both entities and will continue to be so in the future. Initiatives in scheduling and officer rotations adds an element to the coverage process. Looking to the future, the city will convert the half-time FTE to a full time FTE that is 100% funded by the city. This will allow an officer to be "imbedded" in the community to further enhance the coverage.

# Clatskanie 2019 Policing News Notes

## CCSO deputies arrest Burnetta Bravo for Domestic Violence - Assault II, Domestic Violence - Attempted Assault IV, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon

On March 27, 2019, Deputies responded to a reported stabbing at 286 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Clatskanie. When investigators arrived, the victim reported that his wife, Burnetta Bravo, had stabbed him in the chest but he refused to be treated by medics. Burnetta Bravo was arrested and later pled guilty to unlawful use of a weapon. Assault II and assault IV were dismissed. Bravo received 3 years probation.



## Investigators arrest Michael Ford on the charges of Domestic violence - Assault II

On March 16, 2019, Deputies were dispatched to a domestic assault in Clatskanie, OR. When they arrived on scene, they located the victim who had a swollen and bleeding jaw on the front porch, she was transported to the hospital for her injuries.

The victim told investigators she was arguing with her boyfriend when he hit her in the face with a hard object. The victim did not know what the object was. The suspect, who had been identified as Michael Ford, had fled the scene but was later located hiding under the front porch and was taken into custody. Mr. Ford pled guilty to Attempted Assault II and was sentenced to 24 months in prison.

## Deputies nab wanted felon after car chase

On December 22, 2019, Deputies patrolling the City of Clatskanie saw a vehicle driven by a white male who matched the description of a wanted felon. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation, but the driver sped away and attempted to elude the deputy.

The deputy began pursuing the vehicle, with speeds reaching over 100 MPH at some points. The vehicle turned off the highway at about milepost 93.5 and the deputy lost sight of the vehicle for a short time. When the deputy was able to locate the suspect vehicle again, it was empty. A perimeter was set up with assistance from the Astoria Police Department, Oregon State Police, and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

CCSO's K9 Lars and his handler were dispatched to the scene. After a short search, Lars was able to locate the suspect who was later identified as Michael Wunder. Wunder was taken into custody on charges of 2 counts of Reckless Endangering, 2 counts of Reckless Driving, 3 counts of Attempt to Elude - Vehicle, Resisting Arrest and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

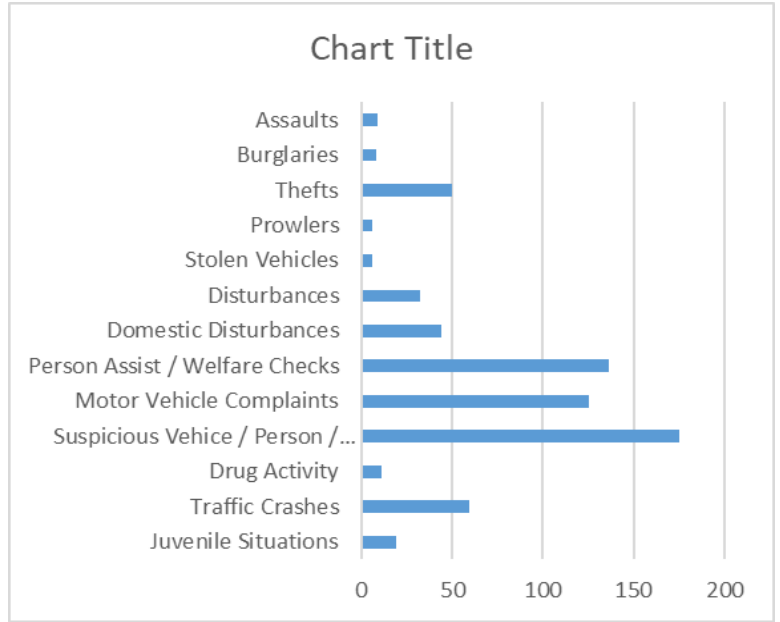
## TOTAL Police Activities in Clatskanie by Month in 2019

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
231	251	338	459	476	498	516	510	414	416	322	393

# Patrol Unit

The City contracts with the Sheriff's Office for patrol services from two patrol deputies and half of a sergeant. These deputies and supervisory position provide 120 hours a week of patrol presence in the City, but that is not the whole story.

One reserve deputy is assigned to the City without direct cost. The Sheriff's Office funds this resource for fuel and vehicle maintenance and the deputy is a volunteer who works without wages. The city also benefits from our truck inspector who spends a considerable amount of his time in the city of Clatskanie.



Statistics show that since the Sheriff's Office began the contract for police services with the city that law enforcement activities within the city have increased dramatically and they continue to increase each year.

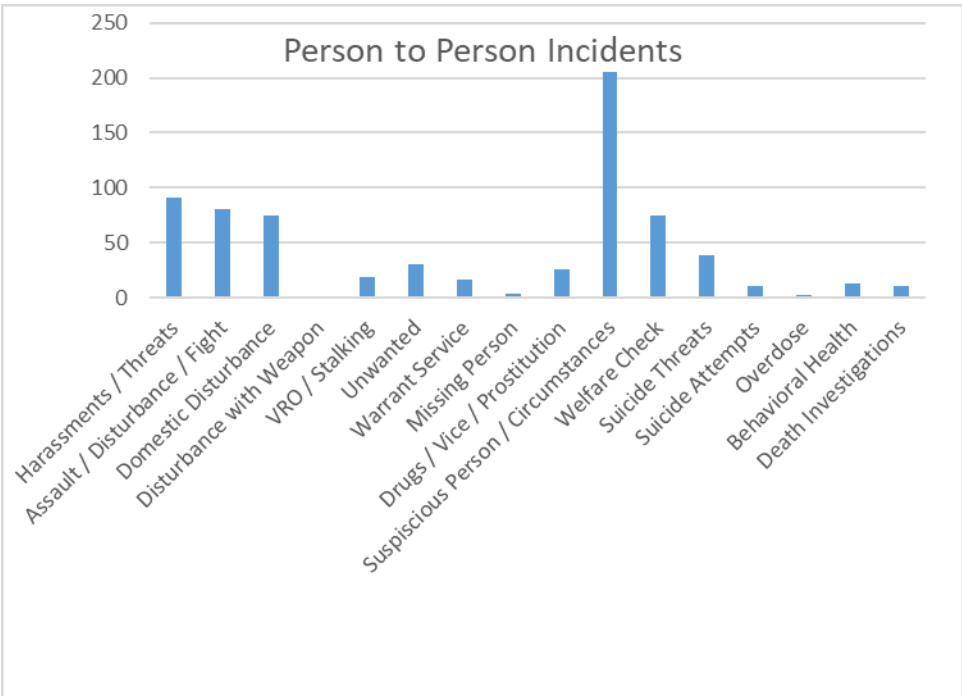
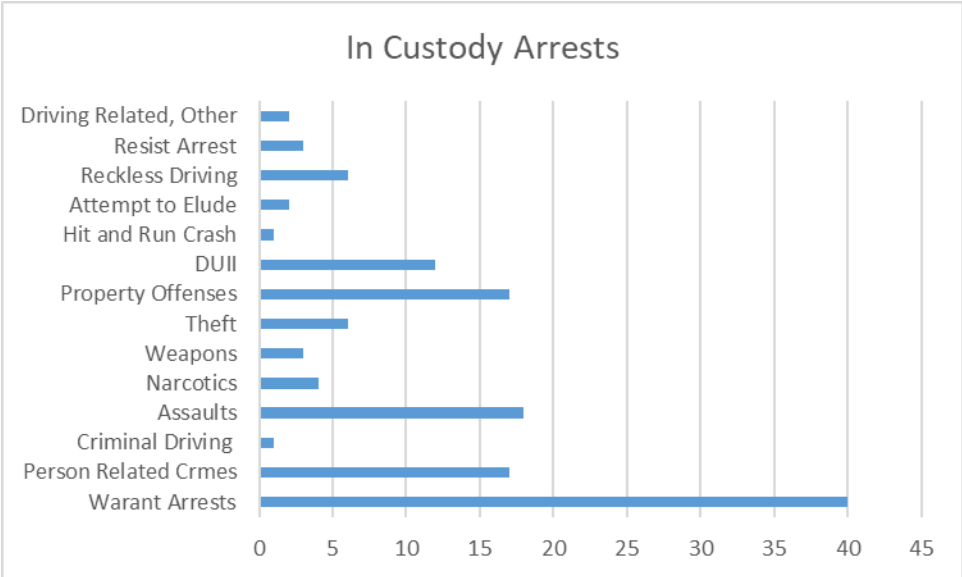
Calls for service have also increased between 2018 and 2019. CCSO Deputies handled 3,479 calls for service (excluding traffic stops) in 2019, while in 2018, CCSO Deputies responded to 2,037 calls for service. Deputies made 539 traffic stops in Clatskanie with 418 warnings and 82 citations.

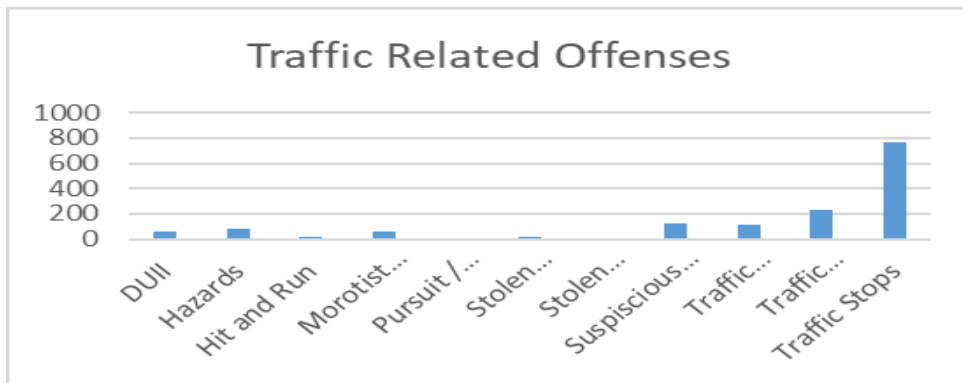
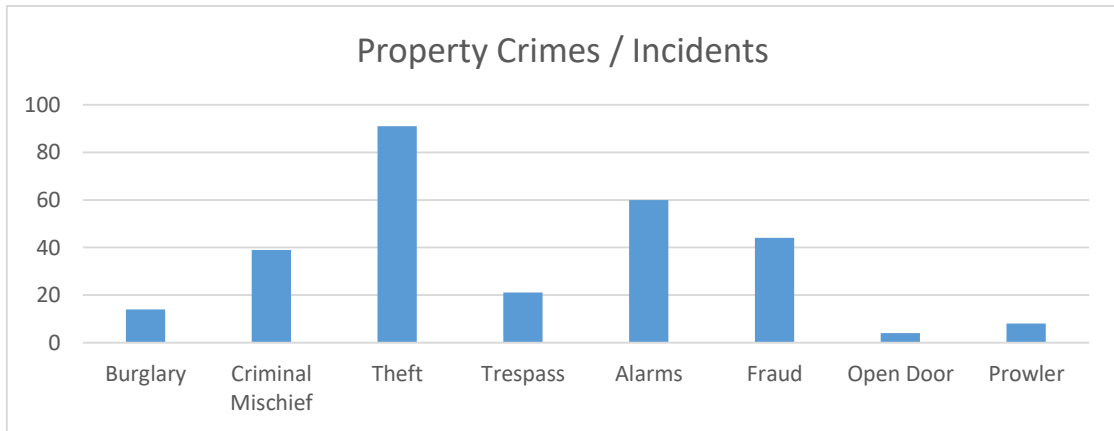
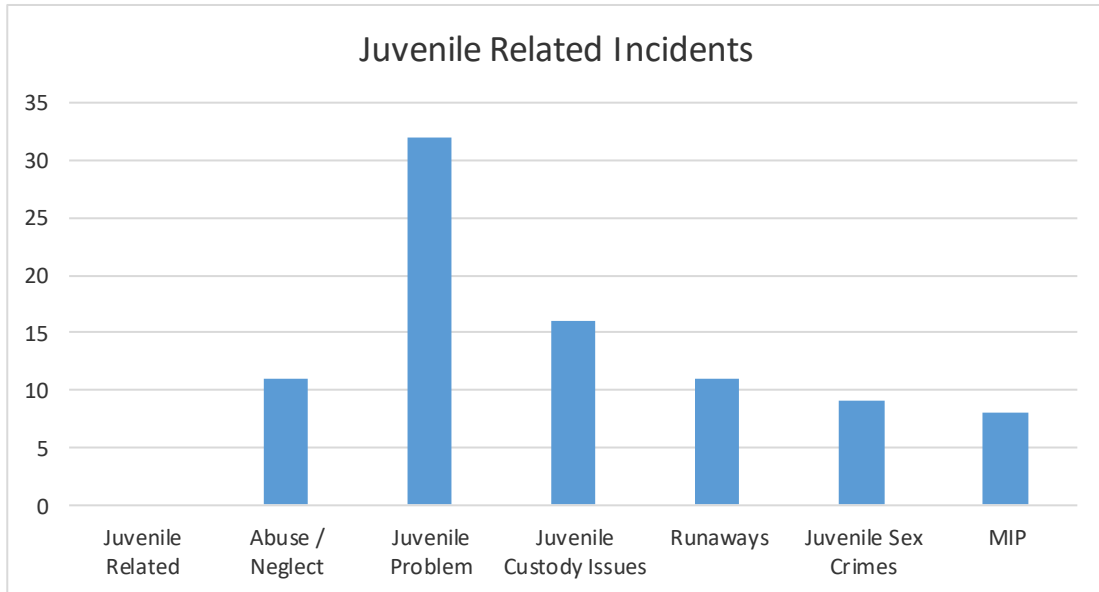
One of the reasons for the increased call load is a higher degree of activity of deputies working in the city. Deputies are making more suspicious person and suspicious vehicle contacts, as well as doing a number of business premises checks.

Deputies working in Clatskanie also made 132 in-custody arrests, including 40 arrests for people on outstanding arrest warrants. These kinds of arrests come from deputies actively investigating suspicious vehicles and suspicious persons, as well as from increased traffic stops of all vehicles committing traffic violations in the City.

2019 Clatskanie In-Custody Arrests	
Warrant Arrests	<b>40</b>
Person Related Crimes	<b>17</b>
Crim. Driving Uninsurd	<b>1</b>
Assaults	<b>18</b>
Narcotics	<b>4</b>
Weapons	<b>3</b>
Theft	<b>6</b>
Property Offenses	<b>17</b>
DUII	<b>12</b>
Hit & Run Crash	<b>1</b>
Attempt to Elude Police	<b>2</b>
Reckless Driving	<b>6</b>
Resisting Arrest	<b>3</b>
Driving Related (not mentoned above)	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>

# Patrol Unit





# Special Services

## Administration

A big advantage to the city's contract with the Sheriff's Office is the low cost of administrative functions that oversee the police operations within the city.

In order to run a county-wide law enforcement operation, the Sheriff depends on well-trained administrative staff to support the many operations within the Sheriff's Office in general (Patrol, Marine Patrols, Search & Rescue, Criminal Investigations, Jail and Corrections, Court Security, Animal Control, Reports and records processing, business services, Filing, and Licensing responsibilities). All these staff are already in place and able to provide the support services required for policing inside the City at a fraction of the cost of similar services if the city were to provide them.

However, the city gets even more services than the average small town police department can provide. Through the resources of the Sheriff's Office—should some of the Sheriff's resources be needed for civil, criminal investigations, arrestee transports, or records—there are whole divisions set aside to carry out those functions county-wide, with a division commander overseeing each division. Adding these services to the city goes beyond just providing police responses, and the cost to the city is minimal. In 2019, the city paid the county \$35,361 in administrative support services – much less than the cost for one full-time clerk position.

Day to day administration of the police services inside the city falls to the Enforcement Division, overseen by the Chief Deputy and his Lieutenant. The Chief Deputy or Lieutenant reports regularly to city leaders on the status of police services in the city, working out problems and addressing new and ongoing issues to ensure that the contract is fully serviced, above and beyond the legal requirements contained within it.

A primary motive for the administration of the contract is customer satisfaction. The Sheriff and his commanders are committed to serving the policing needs of the city beyond what they would be getting for the same amount of money through their own police department.

We recognize the advantages of the city having its own police department. However, when the city decides it is in best interest to contract with the Sheriff's Office, it is our intent to ensure the city is overwhelmingly pleased with the result.



*Sheriff Pixley participating in a birthday procession. Photo courtesy of the Spotlight Newspaper*

# Contact Information

To Contact Clatskanie Police Services, you may reach us through the numbers below (for non-emergency responses call the Non-emergency dispatch number):

Emergency ..... 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch .....(503) 397-1521

Front Office (Main Line) ..... (503) 366-4611

Receptionist, Dial ..... "0"

Jail ... ..... "4630"

Criminal/Patrol ..... "4637"

Dispatch "Non Emergency" ..... "1"

Enforcement Division ..... "2"

Corrections Division ..... "3"

Warrants and Records ..... "5"

Support Services Information ..... "6"

Tip Line ..... "4698"

Dog Licensing..... [Dog.licensing@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:Dog.licensing@columbiacountyor.gov)

CHL..... [ccso.chl@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:ccso.chl@columbiacountyor.gov)

Civil..... [sheriff.civil@columbiacountyor.gov](mailto:sheriff.civil@columbiacountyor.gov)

Marine Patrol ..... (971) 813-6121

Non-emergency Citizen Call/Tip Line. . . . . (503) 366-4698

A recorded line for non-emergency calls, when no deputy is immediately required.  
For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

**Address: Columbia County Sheriff**

**901 Port Avenue  
St. Helens, OR 97051**

*The Columbia County Sheriff's Office  
is also on FACEBOOK.*

**On the Web: <https://sheriff.columbiacountyor.gov>**