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SHERIFF

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Mission

The Mission of the Sheriff is to conserve the peace in Columbia County.

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our county with: effective and efficient public safety services; a safe, secure and efficient incarceration facility that contributes to a better quality of life; and, reliable court and civil process 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: Command Unit Display St. Helens School District

Sheriff & Undersheriff



Jeff Dickerson

Dear fellow citizens of Columbia County:

I continue to be extremely proud of the accomplishments of our staff after I reviewed the facts and stats for 2013. Despite long odds and difficult circumstances, our staff has continued to outperform expectations. Even with the ongoing reductions in staff and resources needed to get the job done, our employees are a credit to this community and a benefit to the taxpayers of Columbia County. The year 2013 saw sheriff's office staff recognized for their dedication to duty, their resourcefulness, and their commitment to the high standards of this office. Investigations produced numerous arrests for burglary, drug dealing, child abuse, and felony assaults. One arrest involved the kidnapping and attempted murder of a woman who fought off her attacker and escaped to tell the story. Our civil process services continue to go off the charts. Thousands of civil papers, fingerprint requests and concealed handgun licenses continue to be processed by our front office, and our volunteers continue to stand by our sides and help tackle a mountain of work—whether it is in enforcement, the jail, the front office, or search and rescue. All in all, 2013 was another good year for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson Biography

Jeff Dickerson was born in, California in 1960. He moved with his family to Oregon in 1972, attending Scappoose schools. He graduated from Scappoose High School in 1978 and from the University of Oregon School Of Journalism in 1982. He worked with his family business—a multi-state petroleum products inspection company before becoming an Oregon State Police officer in 1988. He continues to maintain his association with the family business, becoming the Controller and Corporate Treasurer in 2007.

As a state police officer, Jeff spent 20 years in a variety of assignments, gaining valuable experience as a DPSST certified instructor, Field Training Officer, Property and Evidence manager, and Detective, in addition to the 15 years he spent on the streets as a patrol officer. As a detective for more than four years, Jeff was assigned to a federal task force that went after armed career criminals all over the State of Oregon and was also deputized as a special Deputy U.S. Marshal to conduct investigations and apprehend felons in Washington and Idaho. He also was the editor and publisher of the Oregon State Trooper magazine for 12 years, before relinquishing that work when he was elected sheriff of Columbia County.

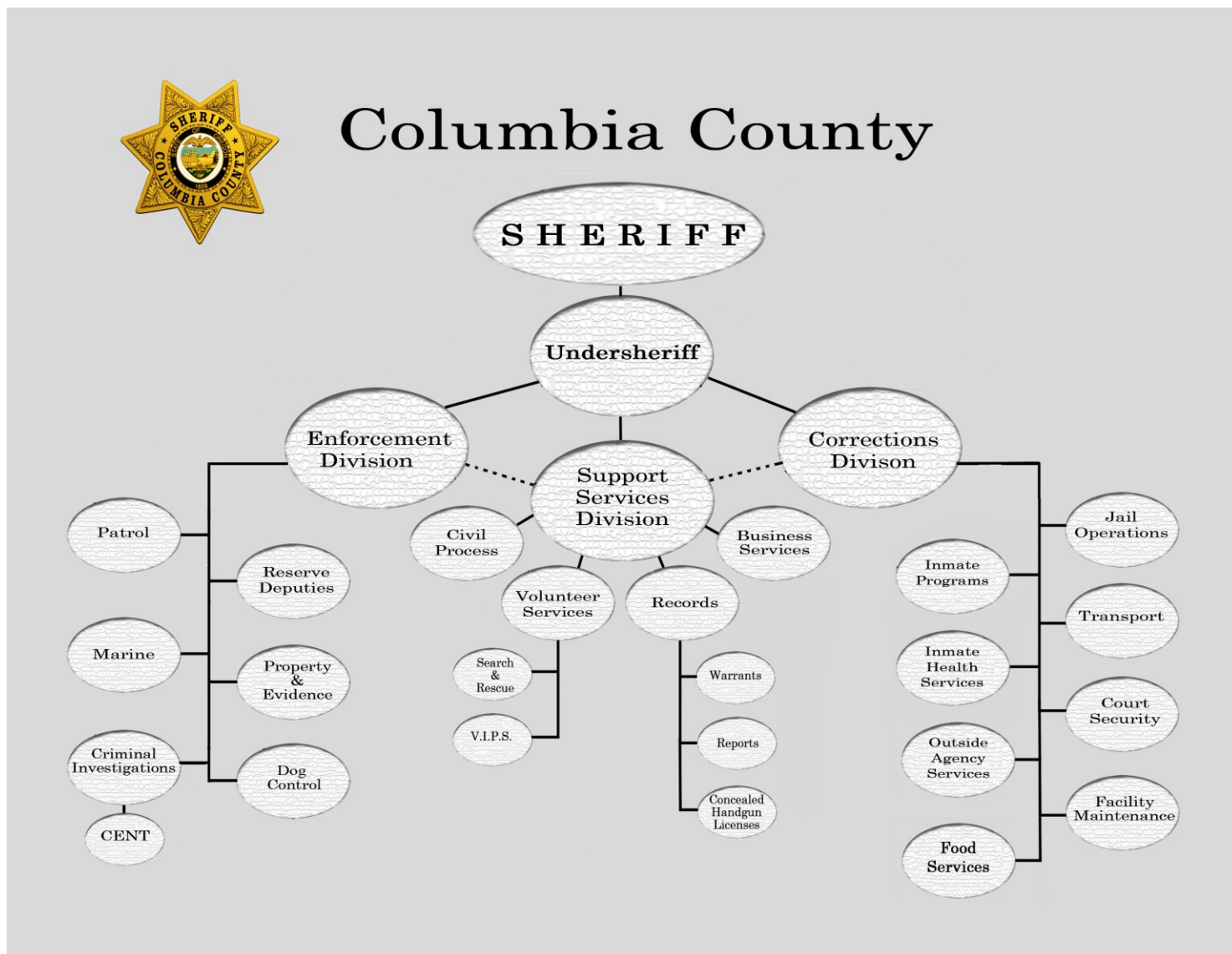
Elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2012 to his second four-year term, he has also been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Interoperability Executive Council working to improve radio communications for first responders in our region. He is a graduate of the Oregon Executive Development Institute and the Oregon Sheriff's Academy. He is also finishing up work on a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice/Public Administration and is certified as a law enforcement executive in Oregon by the state's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Undersheriff Andy Moyer Biography

Undersheriff Andy Moyer started in Law Enforcement as an Explorer Scout with the Oregon State Police (OSP) in Portland, Oregon. After high school, Andy served as an OSP cadet. In 1999, he went through the OSP recruit school and was assigned as a patrol trooper in St. Helens. He is a firearms and use-of-force instructor. Andy taught at OSP recruit schools as well as instructed seasoned troopers in the area of pistol, rifle, shotgun, and less lethal munitions. In 2003 he was elected to the board of the Oregon State Police Officers' Association as a region representative and later elected to serve as the vice-president of that organization. As vice-president of OSPOA, he lobbied the 2007 legislature for additional public safety funding. In 2009 he joined the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as the Undersheriff and is currently a member of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Jail Command Council, the Search and Rescue Advisory Committee, and the Enforcement Command Council for which he is a past chairman. Andy is a graduate of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College, The International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute, and The Oregon Executive Development Institute. In 2013 He also served as the Jail Commander for Columbia County, the Search and Rescue Commander, and second in Command at CCSO.



Organizational Chart



The Sheriff's Office is a multi-faceted organization with wide-ranging responsibilities – many of which are mandated under the state Constitution and Oregon State Law. Together, the Sheriff and Undersheriff oversee the operations of three intertwined divisions that depend upon each other to provide the highest possible level of service with the resources committed to the Sheriff's Office. Through 2013, the undersheriff *also* had the dual responsibility of serving as the jail commander, since that position went unfilled in 2011 due to budget cuts. With the passage of the jail operation levy in May of 2014, the jail was saved from closure. The next year will consist of rebuilding the jail operations from the skeleton-crew processes we have endured in recent years. The Enforcement Division Lieutenant and the Support Services Division reports to the Undersheriff, who reports to the Sheriff.

History of the Office of Sheriff

The history of the American Sheriff began in 1635, after the settlements in Virginia were well enough established to allow for the replacement of the military regime by a civil government. In 1649, in Jamestown, Virginia, the sheriff was empowered as the King of England's representative to keep peace.



Thomas Jefferson once called the office of Sheriff the most important elected office in the county. No matter who actually sits in the office at any given time, this is a constitutional office with a wide

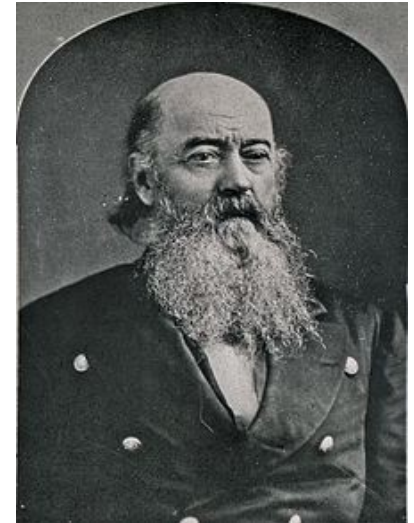
variety of duties and authorities and a tremendous potential for defending the liberties of the people as an elected official with broad powers—including the power to arrest, commit to prison, serve as the ministerial officer of the courts, and to carry out its directives, including relieving people of property upon court order and their personal liberties upon probable cause. As an elected official, the sheriff has always had tremendous authority and responsibility for protecting the rights of all.

The first sheriff in Oregon was Joseph Meek, whose jurisdiction was in the area of Washington County in 1843. In 1854, the northern portion of Washington County was trimmed off to become Columbia County. Columbia County's first sheriff was Benjamin Stevens,

Who served from 1854 to 1859. R. S. Hattan, the 12th sheriff in Columbia County oversaw the only hanging on the back steps of the Columbia County Courthouse in 1902. William Conyers served as sheriff during two separate periods: from 1878-1882 and from 1894-1896.

For many years the Sheriff's Office was located in the courthouse in St. Helens. In 2001, the Sheriff's Office was moved to its present location on Port Avenue in St. Helens, after the old jail – a 38-bed facility – was deemed to be inadequate and too antiquated for modern jail requirements.

In recent years, the office has been beset with funding problems that have caused short-term efforts to find efficiencies in the midst of decreasing resources. The most recent cuts have led to the closure of the Columbia County Jail.



Joseph "Joe" Meek – Oregon's First Sheriff

Columbia County Sheriffs 1854 - Present

Jeff Dickerson	2009- Present	Millard Calhoun	1937-1953	Thomas Watts	1884-1894
Phil Derby	1997-2008	Oscar Weed	1929-1937	N. C. Dale	1882-1884
Pat Detlof	1996	John Wellington	1921-1929	William Conyers	1878-1882
George Hulit	1995-1996	Henry LaBare	1919-1921	James Dart	1872-1878
Bruce Oester	1983-1994	Edward Stanwood	1915-1919	W. T. Williams	1870-1882
Richard "Tom" Tennent	1974-1983	C. H. Johns	1914-1915	Jackson Preacher	1866-1870
Fred Roediger	1974	Albert Thompson	1911-1914	John Meyers	1864-1866
Roy Wilburn	1963-1974	Martin White	1904-1911	Samuel Miles	1862-1864
Spencer Younce	1959-1963	R. S. Hattan	1900-1904	James Galbreath	1859-1862
John Evans	1958-1959	James Rice	1896-1900	Benjamin Stevens	1854-1859
Warren Forsythe	1953-1958	William Conyers	1894-1896		

County Facts

Key Facts



- **Established:** January 16, 1854
- **Elevation at St. Helens:** 42 feet above sea level
- **Area:** 657 square miles (land)
31 square miles (water)
- **Average temperature:** January: 39.0 degrees
July: 68.4 degrees
- **Population:** 48,140 (July 1, 2009 estimate)
- **Assessed Value:** \$4,058,366,509
- **Principal Industries:** Agriculture, Lumber, Fishing, Tourism

	POPULATION		Area
	2011	2012	Sq. Miles
Columbia County	49,625	49,xxx	688.0
Clatskanie	1,740		1.3
Columbia City	1,950		1.2
Prescott	55		0.1
Rainier	1,895		4.9
Saint Helens	12,890		5.7
Scappoose	6,665		2.7
Vernonia	2,110		1.7
Unincorporated	22,320		669.5

The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement response agency for areas outside incorporated cities and within the incorporated City of Prescott.

The Sheriff's Office is the first responder for all public safety on the Columbia River. Geographically, approximately 98 percent of Columbia County is outside of cities covered by municipal police departments.

Points of Interest

- Beaver Power Plant – Port Westward
- Lewis & Clark Bridge at Rainier
- Lower Sauvie Island Game Reserve
- County Fairgrounds
- Trojan Nuclear Plant (operation stopped 1993)
- County Museums in St. Helens and Vernonia
- County Parks

Elected Officials

- **County Sheriff:** Jeff Dickerson
- **District Attorney:** Steve Atchison
- **County Commissioners:** Tony Hyde, Henry Heimuller, Earl Fisher
- **Assessor:** Sue Martin
- **County Clerk:** Betty Huser
- **County Treasurer:** Jennifer Cuellar-Smith

Sheriff's Calls for Service by Month in 2013

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
668	686	813	781	801	671	827	796	838	835	744	676

Inmates Booked into Jail by Month in 2013

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
232	252	224	274	249	215	207	208	206	261	260	185

Your Sheriff's Office Today



The Columbia County Sheriff's Office exists to conserve the peace in our county through a wide variety of duties assigned to the Sheriff by the Oregon Constitution and Oregon State law. As an elected, constitutional office holder, the Sheriff is considered the "Chief executive officer and conservator of the of the peace" with duties that include:

1. To arrest and commit to prison all persons who break the peace, or attempt to break it, and all persons guilty of public offenses;
2. To defend the county against those who endanger the public peace or safety;
3. To execute the process and orders of the courts;
4. To execute all warrants delivered to the sheriff;
5. To serve as a ministerial officer of the courts;
6. To maintain custody and control of all prisoners incarcerated for the County,
7. To plan and conduct all search and rescue activities in the county.

In Columbia County, the Sheriff also oversees the control function for dogs (licensed and unlicensed) in the county.

With budget challenges facing the Office of Sheriff in our county, it takes creativity and an ongoing effort to find efficiencies that enable the sheriff to carry out each of these functions in the most wise and cost-efficient manner. Sheriff Dickerson is committed to carrying out his duties with these Core principles at the Center of all we do:

- A. Focusing on employee safety as a first priority at all times;
- B. Focusing on the legitimate, identified needs and priorities of the residents and visitors of our county;
- C. Demonstrating fiscal accountability by showing taxpayers a high return on the public funds entrusted to us;
- D. Contributing to the quality of life in our community by involving our citizens; and,
- E. Developing employee satisfaction by creating and maintaining an internal culture that values employee input, personal accountability, and recognition for a job well done;

News Notes

Deputies Pursuing Suspects in January and February Net Suspects

On January 10, a deputy watching traffic in Yankton was alerted to a vehicle that had been stolen out of St. Helens. When he tried to stop the suspect, the chase was on, but ended when the suspect crashed. Joshua Hayes was lodged in jail on stolen vehicle and attempt to elude police charges. Then, on February 8, a deputy investigating a suspicious vehicle on Anliker Rd., was nearly seriously injured when John Rasler attempted to ram him with that vehicle. A pursuit ensued, and Rasler was eventually taken into custody and lodged on charges of Attempted Assault and Attempt to Elude Police.

Sheriff's Office Leads Major Crimes Team Review of Officer Shooting of Slain Suspect May 3, 2013

The Sheriff's Office led the investigation by the Columbia County Major Crimes Team into the shooting of Joshua Fischer in May. Fischer had led an OSP trooper on a high-speed chase before pointing a firearm at the trooper when he was stopped through an interdiction technique. The District Attorney's Office later determined the shooting to be justified.

Budget Reductions for Jail July 1, 2013

Ongoing budget cuts led to more jail bed reductions for Local inmates incarcerated in

the county jail. Since 2011 the cost of running the jail compared to the revenue available has meant reductions in staff, inmate capacity, or, both. Reductions in 2013, meant local beds were reduced from 65 to 25 beds. As a result the number of forced early release continued to climb and the threat of an eventual jail closure became the reality.

Deputies and Firefighters Pull Drowning Pair from Columbia July 9, 2013

No marine deputies were on duty when the call went out about two swimmers off of Sand Island who were struggling to stay above water. Quick action by the Undersheriff and a lieutenant and assistance from members of Columbia River Fire and Rescue, enabled them to launch a boat into the Columbia and race to the downstream end of the island where they pulled two out of the current. Both men rescued were within moments of going under. The four rescuers were later awarded life saving awards from the State Sheriff's Association.

Multiple Warrants and Recovery of Stolen Goods in North County in September

One thing led to another, and then another. And then another. Deputies responding to 73417 Doan Rd. in search of a wanted subject, found the subject and a whole lot more, after a standoff at the residence led to the revelation of additional warrants on several individuals. One person remains on the loose, but others were taken into custody. In addition to the warrants, deputies recovered guns and stolen vehicles. An illegal marijuana grow was also interdicted at a secondary residence.

Deputies Locate and Rescue People in the Woods in October and November

Sheriff's deputies and family members scoured the woods in the Vernonia area in October for a hunter who had gone missing. A deputy located the man around 3 in the morning and returned him safely to his family. Then, in November, a couple hunting in an area off of Siercks and Pischgah Home roads had an accidental discharge of a firearm that injured the female half of the pair. Poor cell phone coverage provided only a general area, but deputies rushing to the area were able to administer first aid once they were able to locate the couple. The injured woman later survived.

Deputy Led on High Speed Motorcycle Pursuit Catches Suspect, Fight Ensues Additional Officers Subdue Suspect September 12, 2013

On September 12, 2013, a deputy observing a motorcycle driving recklessly on Bachelor Flat Rd near Saulser Rd, got into a high speed pursuit as the motorcycle fled from his effort to stop the dangerous driving,

Gary Dean Smith, 27, St. Helens, was taken into custody with the help of other responding officers after the deputy tracked the suspect down. Instead of complying with the deputy's commands with gun drawn, the suspect attacked the deputy and the two went down on the ground with the deputy attempting to keep his unholstered gun away from the suspect.

A responding deputy and OSP trooper arrived to help and used taser deployment to stop the threat. Smith was lodged in Jail on Attempt to Elude police, reckless driving, reckless endangering and assault charges.

Enforcement Division

The Sheriff's Office employed only seven sworn enforcement deputies plus one lieutenant in the Enforcement Division in 2013. Only sworn deputies can provide patrol services and have the authority to arrest. The funding for two of these positions comes from dedicated sources, which simply means that we have to assign those grant-funded positions to specific duties, and they can't be assigned to general patrol. The State Marine Board funds two marine deputy positions. Even though we cannot use these positions for general patrol, they still provide very valuable services to the County. A lieutenant provides supervision and also manages the call-triage procedure we discuss throughout this report including following up on the calls deemed to be of lesser priority. One of the five remaining sworn deputies was assigned detective duties to provide the higher level investigative skills that are required in order to successfully prosecute the more complex cases

Patrol Unit

The uniformed patrol force of the Sheriff's Office – with just four deputies to cover all the calls for service (other than marine calls) that come in for the year – continues to perform admirably in the face of a very difficult mission.

Calls for service were roughly the same as those from 2012, and continued high in volume (per deputy). During 2013, our limited staff was augmented by the addition of a sixth reserve deputy. Reserve deputies add patrol hours to the Division while full-time staff members focus on criminal investigations and responding to emergencies. Background investigations were also completed on four additional reserve deputies, who were scheduled to go through a reserve academy sponsored jointly by local law enforcement..

Increased Investigation & Reports

Deputies have been empowered to use their time in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Our call triage program has developed to the point that they are handling most calls now without need for supervisor follow, up. Deputies continue to churn out high numbers of investigations as our triage system puts minor calls on hold when deputies are investigating major offenses or responding to emergencies. Most of the minor calls do not generate reports, but the major calls can be investigated more thoroughly and reported on quicker, with greater detail and accuracy.

Cross-Trained Deputies Fill Holes

As the jail continued to struggle to meet staffing requirements, enforcement deputies continued to fill the gaps in the schedule, helping with transports and other duties. Enforcement deputies also continued to add investigative resources for criminal activity taking place among inmates in the jail. These were a vital functions for maintaining the safety and security of our facility.

Deputies in the Patrol Unit continue to respond to back up other police officers needing a cover unit, as well as supporting fire and EMS personnel when the presence of a law enforcement officer is required for their safety.

The unit also responds to a wide array of public safety emergencies, including Search and Rescue, fires, security concerns at sensitive installations, and public safety concerns all across the 657 square miles of Columbia County's land mass. They also provide additional security to the jail and courthouse as needed depending on staffing issues in the jail.

Calls for Service				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
CCSO calls	8,814	10,245	9,224	9,136

Felony Charges				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Arrests	293	422	340	369

DUI Arrests				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
DUI Arrests	108	79	91	117

Total # of Investigation Reports				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
# of Reports	875	899	1169	1,200*

*Estimated Reports, Actual number still being tabulated at press time

Total # Violation Citations in 2013				
	Hazardous Driving	Driver Viols*	Speed	Eqpt/ Other
# violations cited	231	565	213	46

*Driver violations include Suspended, Driving Uninsured, Open Container, Unlicensed, Uninsured, MIPs and Marijuana Possession.

Enforcement Division

Marine Patrol Unit

The Columbia County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit provides regular boat patrols on the Columbia River, the Multnomah Channel and specialized enforcement projects on other waterways in the county. The unit emphasizes safety on the water, with special enforcement efforts on Boating Under the Influence (BUII) and the use of personal floatation devices (PFDs). The unit also gives emergency medical aid, investigates water related accidents, and educates the public in safe boating practices. Deputies in the unit also respond to back up enforcement deputies and other officers in the county when the need arises.

Columbia County's Marine Patrol consists of two full-time, year-round certified marine deputies and a part-time lieutenant to supervise their activities. Their primary duties include marine law enforcement, accident reporting, boating safety education, school education programs, and assisting boaters in distress. They also handle medical aid and search and rescue operations on the river.

The Columbia River represents a huge challenge with 67 miles of waterway on what is the fourth largest river in the United States (by water volume). Deputies regularly patrol the river at varied hours day and night, and can be called to duty on the water at any time, as needed.

On July 9, 2013, deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and firefighters from Columbia River Fire and Rescue rushed to the north end of Sand Island in the Columbia River on a sheriff's patrol boat when witnesses called out two swimmers in distress.

Two men, were pulled from the water. after deputies found the pair floating helplessly downstream. Rescuers quickly pulled The first man on board the sheriff's patrol boat, and sped off to rescue the other man, who was unresponsive and unable to grasp the rescue rope. Firefighter Mounq of the Columbia River Fire and Rescue jumped into the river and secured the second man, who was unconscious. He also had sustained a puncture wound, presumably from the wing dam around which they had been swimming.

The deputies and firefighters each later received Life Saving awards from the state sheriff's association.

Also, Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants arrests increased by one over the previous year. Marine deputies continue to make BUII enforcement a top priority as part of their overall effort to keep the County's waterways safe for its users.



Another important Marine Patrol Unit program is the enforcement of "Make Way" provisions of the boating rules. Large ships in the shipping channel depend on deputies to keep the channel clear, as hundreds of boats often clog the channel, presenting risks to all. Out of the 36 water incidents last year, 42 people were involved and 13 of those either injured or died as a result.

The Marine Patrol Unit receives most of its funding from the state marine board, which mandates dedicated services on the state's waterways in Columbia County.

Program Hours				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Water Hrs	2,335	1,541	1,980	2,486

Reported Water Incidents				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Incidents	12	64	53	36

Additional Statistics				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Inspections	1,714	1,366	1,216	762
Citations	39	50	95	145
BUII	0	3	7	8

Enforcement Division

Investigations

Criminal investigations are a major emphasis of the Enforcement Division. Prosecutors rely on a quality investigative report from us to present a case in court. We have gradually lost enforcement positions capable of responding to every-day calls for service. The District Attorney's office has also had diminished capacity to prosecute minor crimes. This means the effort to concentrate investigations on major crimes requires the greater attention to detail and more time spent on investigations.

One of our five remaining enforcement deputies is a detective assigned to follow up on criminal cases generated by 911 calls, in addition to chasing down leads in child abuse cases and serving on the Columbia County Major Crimes Team.

A second detective had served as a narcotics enforcement detective assigned to the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT). That position was funded through December 2012 by a federal grant and The Sheriff's Office continued to pay for the position through the remainder of the fiscal year, but additional cuts in 2013 caused us to cut this position in 2013.

CCSO Investigators conducted investigations of numerous serious offenses in 2012, including: 1) investigating the assault and attempted murder of a woman out in South County after an attempted sexual assault on her. 2) Conducted a joint operation with Customs agents on a Sexploitation ring in North County wherein a North County resident was blackmailed by a suspect purporting to have nude photographs of the victim and her sister; 3) A felony assault when a man's wife hit him in the back of the head with a hammer; 4) Investigated a domestic violence situation in the Nehalem Valley where two men fighting in the family living room were both shot when the firearm they were wrestling over was discharged; 5) Solved a burglary ring in North County where a group of people were targeting the homes of elderly individuals who had recently moved into



Micah Bills, 32, was arrested and charged with Attempted Rape, Attempted Assault First Degree, Kidnapping and Attempted Murder after he was alleged to have used his car to run over the woman he had kidnapped when she tried to get away from a sexual assault.

elder-care facilities; 6) Investigated a police use of force incident involving troopers with the Oregon State Police—the investigation eventually exonerated the officers involved as determined by the District Attorney; and, 7) Conducted an undercover sting of a North County subject alleging to have nude photographs of a woman and threatening to publish the photographs unless she had sexual relations with him.

Other 2013 cases handled by CCSO investigators included:

- The review and investigation of over 200 child abuse allegations referred to the sheriff's office by Oregon Department of Human Services.
- Investigations of drug dealers resulting in 8 arrests for delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance
- Investigation and charging of 26-year-old male subject in a felony assault of a two-year old girl.

CRIMINAL CASE Investigations			
	2011	2012	2013
Homicide and Attempted Homicide cases	3	4	2
Major Felony Drug Arrests	6	23	8
Miscellaneous Drug Arrests	39	19	23
All other Investigations	14	34	28

Enforcement Division

Search & Rescue



Sheriff Jeff Dickerson (left) with Columbia River Fire and Rescue firefighters Tom Moug and Nolan Gerety, and CCSO's Undersheriff Andy Moyer and Lieutenant Dustin Hald after the four were honored for their life saving efforts in July—pulling two drowning men from the Columbia River. The Oregon State Sheriff's Associate recognized the group for their efforts at the association's annual conference in December.

Oregon law places all search and rescue (SAR) operations under the sheriff of each county. In Columbia County, the undersheriff manages the mostly volunteer SAR team on behalf of the sheriff, and a volunteer coordinator keeps track of training and other state requirements for the team. Approximately 40 volunteers serve as the “ground searchers” for most search efforts in our county.

The SAR team responds to and assists citizens who are overdue, lost, injured, or killed during ground or marine recreational use of the outdoors. The Search and Rescue program is working to meet the Columbia County Sheriff's Office goal to protect the health, safety, and well being of all citizens. The primary customers are the citizens of Columbia County, although our SAR team has responded to requests from other sheriffs from time to time.

The year 2013 included various call outs for the SAR team. They responded to 10 search and rescue call outs in Columbia County, including two missing person reports, one evidence search, three land rescues, two water rescues, and two callouts where the individual(s) turned out not to be lost. The also participated in five training missions.

SAR members also continued their proactive activities, including appearances at fairs and other special occasions, conducting child identification kit programs and recruitment to the SAR team.

SAR MISSIONS	
2010	18
2011	8
2012	14
2013	15

Enforcement Division

Dog Control

In 2013, The transition of animal control into a primarily-enforcement oriented service was completed. Licensing of dogs is now provided solely by the clerk, and the Animal shelter is now fully operated by the Columbia Humane Society.

This change has helped the dog control officer to focus squarely the dog control aspect of his daily duties. Dog licensing fees paid by dog owners are the primary source of funding for the Animal Control Unit. Services to dogs and dog owners are the priority for this unit. Other animal control issues (cats, horses, cattle, etc) are addressed through the local chapter of the Humane Society for cats and dog adoptions and to the Oregon Humane Society for criminal investigations. DONATION SUPPORT provides for medical and other animal care services not normally covered by the County budget process. Everyone can help this program by being a responsible dog owner and everyone can help by making a small donation to the Dog Control Program and/or to the Columbia Humane Society

The unit closely with the enforcement deputies, and the unit is supervised directly by the sheriff.

In 2013, a new vehicle was purchased to aid in the reliability of dog control responses everywhere in the county. The older vehicle has been retained as a spare.

County law enforcement depends on the dog control officer to assist with canine issues throughout the county. Enforcement of licensing and rabies vaccination requirements are only a part of the dog control officer's daily duties. And with the loss of the St. Helens dog control officer, that city's police department also depends on the knowledge of our unit when necessary.

The Sheriff's Office web page (www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff) maintains a number of referral links for dog control services under the "Dog Control" link on the home page. Services such as:

- [Owner Information](#)
- [Donations](#)
- [Forms](#)
- [Report Lost Animal](#)
- [Found Dogs](#)
- [& other Links](#)

Can be found on the website at www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff



Corrections Division

Jail Operations

The sheriff is responsible to hold those who break the peace in the county to the degree the County government provides the necessary funding to do so—providing lockup to offenders and arrestees sent here by the courts and the nine (9) separate law enforcement agencies and community corrections department operating in this county.

A total of 14 deputies and two supervisors attempted to staff 3-5 posts on every shift in the jail—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Supervisors double as floor deputies, especially since four additional staff positions were cut from the jail budget the year before. One full-time control technician helps alleviate the strain on staffing. . A Proforma Staffing and Cost Analysis determined that the number of fulltime staff needed to properly run the jail at 255 beds is 57. The jail fell to 17 in 2012, and through the year it became obvious that the current staffing level was unsustainable..

Jail Operations were reduced in 2011 when the capacity of the jail dropped from 150 local beds to 65 due to a lack of funding. Jail beds stayed the same after similar cuts in 2012, but additional cuts in 2013 to push the jail capacity numbers down to 25 and left the jail in danger of closing down local operations.

In order to run a Constitutionally sound and safe detention facility, we need a certain number of staff to manage the population at given levels. We also need

enough resources to feed and house the inmates, as well as to provide the medical attention required by the Courts.

A request to restore the staffing and resources needed to keep the jail running was defeated in November 2013. Efforts were made to increase outside bed rental income to stave off the pending closure of the jail. At the same time, efforts to prepare for the jail's closure were begun in earnest as it was unclear how much longer the jail could sustain itself in 2014. Just before the jail was about to close, voters passed a operating levy to keep jail operations going for the next three years.

Due to the bed reductions in 2013, forced releases and bookings increased in 2013.

Transportation & Court Security

The Sheriff also is responsible for security at the Columbia County Courthouse and for transporting inmates to and from court, as well as to and from other jurisdictions.

The Transportation and Security Unit is managed by the Corrections Division, under a jail operations lieutenant. Every year, the unit transports over 400 inmates to other jurisdictions. The unit will also pick up inmates bound for our jail from other jurisdictions.

Security is provided to the courthouse on a daily basis, and occasionally to some outside court functions at the direction of the courts. These duties fall under the Constitutional charge given to the Sheriff to be the "ministerial officer" to the courts.

COLUMBIA COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Custodies (Male)	2,033	2,058	2,045	2143
Custodies (Female)	610	557	634	630
Average Stay (days)	27	19	14	12
Furloughed inmates	100	122	33	34
Inmates Force Released	0	27	582	791
Book And Release	510	652	722	768
Average Daily Population	182	179	155	118
Meals Served	199,724	196,267	159,951	128,115
Inmate Medical Services	9,125	12,744	10,809	8,681

Corrections Division

The Chart Below Compares the relative use of the jail by each agency in Columbia County. The numbers show the most serious charge for each arrest and not the total charges involved. It is designed to show the number of individuals transported to jail and what the main charge was when they were lodged in jail. The only additional charges listed are any for resisting arrest and attempt to elude police.

Columbia County Jail Custody Arrests by Agency 2013*								
	CCSO	SHPD	SPD	VPD	RPD	CCPD	CPD	OSP
Fugitive Arrest	7	10	1		10		2	1
Attempted felony Assault/Murder	2	1			2			
Resist Arrest	3	4		1	2	1		
Assault IV	19	33	9	3	8	4	4	
Assault III	4	1	1	1				
Assault II		1						
Assault I								
Strangulation	1	6						
Menacing	4	4	1				2	1
Reckless Driving/ Endangering	5	3	3		2	1	2	4
Criminal Mistreatment	1	1						
Assault Pulic Safety Officer	1	1						
Kidnapping		1						
Coercion								
Rape/Sodomy III		1						
Rape/Sodomy II								
Rape/Sodomy I		1	1					
Sex abuse III	1	2						
Sex Abuse II								
Sex Abuse I	1	1						
Contribute sex abuse of minor		2					1	
Violation of Stalking/Protection order	8	16	3	1	1			1
Theft I	3	8	1	1	1	2		
UUMV	6	5	1		1			
Arson	1							
Burglary	11	11	2					
Trespassing	10	10	3	3	2		1	3
Criminal Mischief	1	7	1					
Robbery III		1						
Robbery I & II		3			1			
Forgery/ID Theft/Fraud	4	11	1			2		1
Disorderly Conduct	6	12	3	3	2			
Dangerous Weapon/Concealed weapon	1	3			1			2
Felon in Possession	2	2						3
Sex Offender Fail to Register		7			3			
Possess Heroin, Meth or Cocaine	23	41	13	2	12	6	1	11
Unlawful Drug Delivery/Manuf.	8	11	4	1	2			2
Felony Attempt to Elude Police	7	1	1		2			1
DUII	45	66	32	7	4	3	2	35
Hit and Run	5	1	3					
TOTAL Major Peace Breaking Offenses	190	289	84	23	56	19	15	65
All other warrants/offenses	60	183	93	36	32	15	18	43
Total to jail	250	472	177	59	88	34	33	108
Percentage of all arrests	20.5%	38.7%	14.5%	4.8%	7.2%	2.8%	2.7%	8.8%
Percentage of Major Arrests	25.6%	39.0%	11.3%	3.1%	7.6%	2.6%	2.0%	8.8%
* Only one charge per custody (selected by greatest immediate impact to community, i.e. someone arrested for Theft I and possession of drugs is shown as a Theft I arrest above)								

Support Services Division

Civil Unit

Oregon law gives tremendous authority and responsibility to elected sheriffs to carry out the civil orders of the courts and deliver associated papers to respondents. Sheriffs—and only sheriffs—are the ones with a mandate to execute the orders of the courts and of judicial officers.

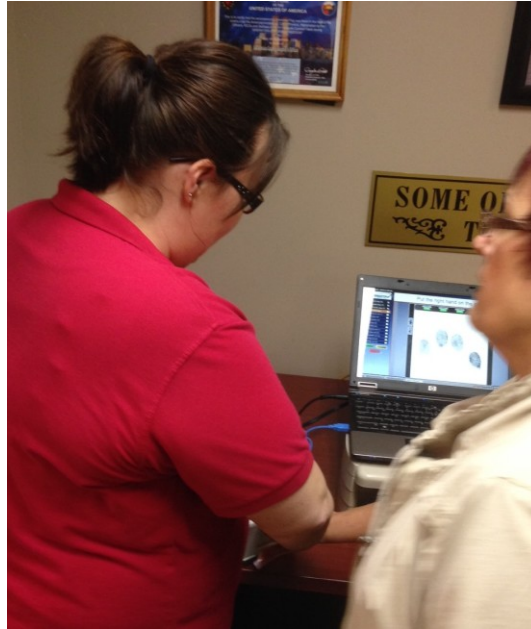
The Columbia County Sheriff's has reached near perfection in the service of civil papers. Since Sheriff Dickerson hired a civil deputy in 2010, relieving enforcement deputies of the responsibility for civil paper delivery. The result has been a service increase to almost 100 percent in the number of summonses, instructions, criminal and civil subpoenas, complaints, petitions, small claims notices, court orders, evictions, retraining orders, and a number of different kinds of writs. One notable trend is the increase in the number of foreclosures handled by our Civil Unit. In 2013, the unit processed 110 foreclosures—almost two per week.

Concealed Handgun Licensing & Fingerprinting

Fingerprinting is done for various statutory reasons, including employment in the criminal justice fields, teaching and other occupations requiring licensing. It is also required for concealed handgun licensing. After biographical data is entered into the LiveScan System, a person's fingerprints are "rolled" electronically. This process takes about 15 minutes per applicant.

Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Information

In 2013, another record was reached in Concealed Handgun Licenses processed. The Sheriff's Office expanded its CHL application services to include one Saturday per month and continued outreach to the more remote areas of the county. Oregon Revised Statutes establish specific requirements for the sheriff in the issuance of a CHL. This information is designed to assist your understanding of the law and to facilitate your application process.



A CCSO staff member fingerprints a concealed handgun license applicant. Staff processed more than 3,000 civil papers, fingerprints and CHL applications in 2013.

Your CHL is valid for four years. At the time you apply for a CHL, you will be required to:

1. Complete CHL application
2. Provide proof of handgun safety competency (new applicants only)
3. Be fingerprinted (new applicants)
4. Be photographed
5. Pay appropriate fees:
 - a. New licenses for Columbia County Residents requires a check, money order or cash for \$65.
 - b. For renewal of CHLs for County residents, cash or check or money order for \$50.

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Papers Processed

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Received	1,318	1,537	1,485	1,449
Served	1,083	1,410	1,457	1,447

Fingerprinting

	2010	2011	2012	2013
# Fingerprinted	483	393	468	377

Concealed Handgun Licenses Processed

	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHLs	532	744	1,050	1,396

The number of concealed handgun permit applications continues to rise. Appointments for handgun licenses have stretched out to more than two months in advance as the demand has surpassed our limited staff's availability for this mandatory function of Sheriffs.

Support Services Division

Records Unit

The Records Unit of the Sheriff's Office is primarily responsible for processing, filing and distributing all reports of the Sheriff's Office, including criminal, jail and civil reports. The unit also makes copies of reports available to the public when they are cleared for release by the courts or district attorney. The Unit also manages the regular warrant procedures of the office: keeping all warrants on file, entering them into the statewide

Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS). All warrants and reports are also entered into the Report Managing System, along with a hard copy that is kept in the Report File Room.

The Report management system of the Sheriff's Office is operated in conjunction with the The Portland Police Data System (PPDS)—a regional database containing report information from many law enforcement agencies in our region, including the Portland Police Bureau and the Washington County Sheriff's Office. St. Helens Police and Scappoose Police also input into this database. The database enables investigators from around the region to share information on cases and police contacts and increase the ability to solve crimes. It also automatically transmits arrest data to the Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting system—to which the Sheriff's Office had not been reporting statistics for years, due to staffing shortages.



Our Records Unit manages thousands of civil records (shown on the left) and criminal records (shown on the right) The unit also manages all County warrants.

Property & Evidence Unit

The Sheriff's Office boasts a state-of-the-art property and evidence room designed to efficiently and effectively categorize property seized by deputies in either a criminal or civil case. Utmost care must be taken in the accounting, control and integrity of evidence and found property that comes under the control of the Sheriff.

The Property and Evidence Unit is staffed by a part-time Employee whose priority is focused on property and evidence issues. Each year,

the Evidence Room is audited to assure the integrity of our evidence system.

The evidence technician serves on the Major Crimes Team as the evidence collection member of the team. This enables investigators to focus their attention on the investigation and leave the cataloging of evidence to the technician, who can respond to the crime scene and relieve investigators of that responsibility.

The evidence room continues to hold years and years worth of evidence and property that the evidence technician is clearing out of the system. At the end of 2013, there were 646 open cases and 2,183 pieces of evidence in those cases. The unit was able to close 451 cases in 2012, and 312 of those cases were from previous years, going back to 1981.

The unit also continues to have an account with a property clearing house. The clearing house takes property and evidence that is either unclaimed or forfeited to the sheriff by the courts, and sells the property on the open market. The sheriff, in turn is given credit for new product purchases of law enforcement related equipment, thus saving tax payer resources for other matters. At the end of 2012, the balance on the account remained at \$6,360.

Warrants				
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Entered	371	507	648	864
Cleared	387	416	629	771

Support Services Division

Volunteer Services

Volunteers are of vital importance to the success of the Sheriff's Office and continue to play a major role in extending the capabilities of each of our operational divisions. Each year, volunteers provide thousands of hours of service **(8,655 hours in 2012)** for no wages, saving the taxpayer money but helping keep vital services in place.

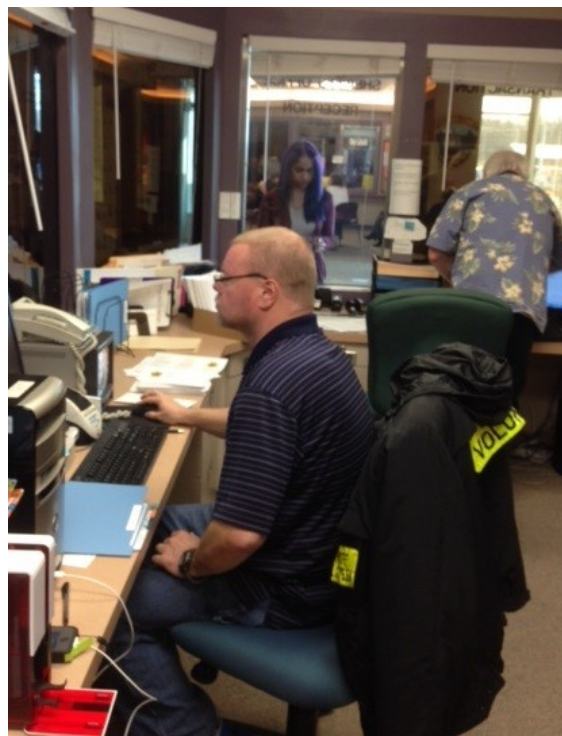
Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff (VIPS)

Some of the services provided by **VIPS** include:

- **Support Services Division**—Volunteers answer phones, serve as receptionists at the front window, take fingerprints, and provide clerical assistance to staff members. A volunteer chaplain assists employees and citizens as needed.
- **Corrections Division**—Volunteers perform clerical functions, answer phones and provide outreach services to inmates.
- **Enforcement Division**—Volunteers provide staff-hours to help fulfill requirements under the agreement with the State Marine Board for river patrols. They help with equipment needs and repairs and provide expertise in radio communications and water operations. They also perform special projects in support of enforcement goals and objectives, including traffic control at large events, operation of the radar reader board vehicle, and provide assistance to Animal Control programs and employees.

Search & Rescue Volunteers

Search & Rescue (SAR) is almost entirely made up of volunteers. The Undersheriff oversees the program and enforcement supervisors and deputies contribute to the needs of the SAR program, but the actual boots on the ground of most search and rescue events are filled by volunteers. A committee of SAR volunteers makes recommendations to the sheriff and undersheriff on matters particular to the SAR team. Team members are required by state law to go through annual training to be certified every year as part of the sheriff's Search and Rescue responsibilities. SAR volunteers participated in 14 missions both in and outside of Columbia County during 2012. Team members trained with SAR teams from other counties in the spring and summer and participated in advanced training



The Sheriff's Office relies on volunteers to staff our front window. Volunteers make the initial greeting, process initial paperwork and helped with inmate visitation. They also produce most of the Concealed Handgun License ID cards for the CHL holders.

Volunteer Hours at the CCSO				
	VIPS	SAR	Reserves	Total
2011	2,178	2,752	1,778	6,708
2012	2,494	3,153	3,008	8,655
2013	2,590	1,260	3,124	6,974

Reserve Deputies

The third branch of volunteers assisting the Sheriff's Office and its goals are our sworn, reserve sheriff's deputies. These are well-trained volunteers deputized to assist our enforcement division in meeting the public safety needs in Columbia County. Reserve deputies have been trained in a reserve academy and wear the uniform of a deputy sheriff when serving in that capacity. They provide their own equipment and uniforms. They are required to provide 20 hours per month of service to keep their skills up and keep abreast of the needs of the Sheriff's Office. They add patrol hours and additional manpower to enforcement when they are available.

2010-2013 All Custody Arrests – County Courts

Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests—including arrests at the Jail

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2010	2011	2012	2013
ALL	033.045	Contempt of Court	100	125	76	85
ALL	133.747	Fugitive From Another State	11	12	15	18
ALL	137.050	Failure to Appear Warrants	36	26	35	30
ALL	137.545	Probation Violation Warrants	221	153	197	178
Corrections	144.108	Post Prison Supervision Sanctions	17	18	33	26
ALL	144.350	Prison Parole Violations	16	16	19	13
Enforcement	161.405	Attempt to Commit Felony Crime	11	17	10	13
Enforcement	161.450	Criminal Conspiracy (felony)	11	0	0	0
Corrections	162.065	Perjury	0	5	0	0
ALL	162.145-155	Escape II, Escape III	1	1	6	1
ALL	162.195	Fail to Appear II	19	5	12	12
ALL	162.205	Fail to Appear I	4	6	7	23
ALL	162.235	Obstruct Governmental/Judicial Admin.	1	2	0	0
Enforcement	162.247	Interfere with a Peace Officer	2	2	1	3
Enforcement	162.315	Resisting Arrest	3	6	3	9
Enforcement	162.325	Hindering Prosecution	0	4	2	4
Enforcement	162.375	Initiating False Report	1	2	0	0
Enforcement	162.385	Giving False Information to Police Officer	3	2	11	8
Enforcement	163.005	Criminal Homicide	0	1	0	0
Enforcement	163.115	Attempted Murder	2	3	1	1
Enforcement	163.145	Criminally Negligent Homicide	2	1	0	0
Enforcement	163.160	Assault IV	65	50	53	48
Enforcement	163.165	Assault III	12	13	3	5
Enforcement	163.175	Assault II	4	3	5	3
Enforcement	163.185	Assault I	2	3	2	15
Enforcement	163.187	Strangulation	12	5	11	11
Enforcement	163.190	Menacing I	26	34	20	36
Enforcement	163.195	Recklessly Endangering Another Person	43	37	44	47
Enforcement	163.200	Criminal Mistreatment II	1	1	0	3
Enforcement	163.205	Criminal Mistreatment I	2	2	10	2
Enforcement	163.208	Assault Public Safety Officer	2	1	0	7
Enforcement	163.225	Kidnapping II	3	0	0	0
Enforcement	163.235	Kidnapping I	2	2	0	5
Enforcement	163.275	Coercion	0	4	0	3
Enforcement	163.355	Rape III	5	6	5	5
Enforcement	163.365	Rape II	5	0	1	0
Enforcement	163.375	Rape I	4	2	3	1
Enforcement	163.385	Sodomy III	5	2	1	0
Enforcement	163.395	Sodomy II	10	15	1	0
Enforcement	163.405	Sodomy I	9	9	1	0
Enforcement	163.411	Sexual Penetration/Foreign Object	1	0	5	0
Enforcement	163.415	Sexual Abuse III	26	11	11	3
Enforcement	163.425	Sexual Abuse II	0	15	0	0
Enforcement	163.427	Sexual Abuse I	5	38	12	4
Enforcement	163.435	Contribute to Sex Delinquency of Minor	8	5	0	2
Enforcement	163.454	Custodial Sexual Misconduct II	1	0	0	0
Enforcement	163.457	Private Indecency	0	0	0	0

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2010-2013 All Custody Arrests – County Courts

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Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests – including arrests at the jail

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2010	2011	2012	2013
Enforcement	163.465	Public Indecency	0	2	1	1
Enforcement	163.525	Incest	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	163.545	Child Neglect II	2	0	2	0
Enforcement	163.547	Child Neglect I	9	0	0	3
Enforcement	163.575	Endangering Welfare of a Minor	12	1	8	4
Enforcement	163.670-684	Display Child – Sexual Conduct	4	3	1	0
Enforcement	163.732-750	Violation of Stalking Order	2	72	58	12
Enforcement	164.043	Theft III	5	8	11	17
Enforcement	164.045	Theft II	17	21	21	33
Enforcement	164.055	Theft I	53	30	34	21
Enforcement	164.095-125	All Other Theft Charges	2	2	0	6
Enforcement	164.135	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	25	12	11	17
Enforcement	164.140	Criminal Possession of Leased Prprty	1	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.162	Mail Theft	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.215	Burglary II	12	10	9	15
Enforcement	164.225	Burglary I	7	18	10	16
Enforcement	164.235	Possess Burglar's Tools	0	2	1	2
Enforcement	164.245	Criminal Trespass II	22	16	14	21
Enforcement	164.255	Criminal Trespass I	9	9	7	12
Enforcement	164.265	Crim Trespass—Possesss Firearm				2
Enforcement	164.272	Unlawful Entry Into Motor Vehicle	5	4	6	10
Enforcement	164.315	Arson II				1
Enforcement	164.335	Reckless Burning	0	1	2	1
Enforcement	164.345	Criminal Mischief III	0	7	3	6
Enforcement	164.354	Criminal Mischief II	21	6	11	21
Enforcement	164.365	Criminal Mischief I	8	7	9	18
Enforcement	164.377	Computer Crime	0	0	0	4
Enforcement	164.395	Robbery III	1	1	3	1
Enforcement	164.415	Robbery I	1	3	1	0
Enforcement	164.775-857	Environmental Offenses	9	7	6	8
Enforcement	165.007-065	Fraud Offenses	10	4	4	14
Enforcement	165.570	Improper Use of 911	4	0	0	0
Enforcement	165.572	Interference with Making a Report	0	7	1	4
Enforcement	165.800	Identity Theft	11	3	2	8
Enforcement	165.023-025	Disorderly Conduct	8	22	6	11
Enforcement	166.065-090	Harassment Offenses	44	32	23	29
Enforcement	166.180	Negligently Wounding Another	0	0	2	0
Enforcement	166.190	Pointing Firearm at Another	4	3	5	14
Enforcement	166.220	Unlawful Use of Weapon	5	5	6	7
Enforcement	166.240	Unlawful Carry Concealed Weapon	6	4	4	1
Enforcement	166.250	Unlawful Carry Concealed Firearm	3	0	2	3
Enforcement	166.270	Felon in Possession of Firearm	21	15	23	10
Enforcement	166.272	Possession of Prohibited Firearm	1	0	1	0
Enforcement	167.212	Tampering with Drug Records	2	3	3	3
Enforcement	167.320-330	Animal Abuse and Neglect Offenses	13	8	2	2

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2010-2013 All Custody Arrests – County Courts

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Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2010	2011	2012	2013
Enforcement	167.332	Unlawful Possession of Domestic Animal	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	181.518-599	Fail to Register as Sex Offender	9	4	7	3
Enforcement	471.405-410	Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	31	12	14	10
Enforcement	475.840	Controlled Substances Offenses	17	17	22	17
Enforcement	475.846850	Unlawful manufacture/Deliver of Heroin				3
Enforcement	475.854	Unlawful Possession of Heroin	10	7	16	24
Enforcement	475.856-864	Marijuana Delivery Related Offenses	20	22	15	20
Enforcement	475.880	Cocaine Manufacture/Deliver	1	0	0	1
Enforcement	475.884	Unlawful Possession of Cocaine	3	2	2	2
Enforcement	475.886-890	Methamphetamine Deliver/Manufacture	3	3	14	11
Enforcement	475.894-992	Possession of Methamphetamine	39	41	51	79
Enforcement	476.715	Lighted Material on Hwy	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	480.120	Fireworks Offense	2	0	0	0
Enforcement	496.992-498.002	Wildlife Offense – Misdemeanor	2	7	20	2
Enforcement	609.098	Maintain Dangerous Dog	1	0	0	0
Enforcement	807.010-620	Motor Vehicle Licensing Violations	3	2	6	1
Enforcement	810.860	Fail To Appear – Traffic Offense	0	0	2	0
Enforcement	811.140	Reckless Driving	39	23	18	48
Enforcement	811.182	Criminal Driving-Suspended/Revoked	19	27	25	50
Enforcement	811.231	Recklessly Endangering a Hwy Worker	1	0	0	0
Enforcement	811.540	Attempt to Elude Police	11	17	13	19
Enforcement	811.700	Hit and Run – Property Damage	10	13	6	22
Enforcement	811.705	Hit and Run - Injury	0	1	1	1
Enforcement	813.010	Drive Under Influence Intoxicants	108	79	91	117
Enforcement	830.325	Operate Boat Under Influence Intoxicants	0	3	7	8

The numbers on the preceding pages portray the wide variety of offenses investigated by deputies that ended up with custodies in our jail and include arrests at the jail made by Corrections staff on court charges. The numbers reflect the total number of charges upon which individuals were lodged in our facility by Columbia

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County Sheriff's deputies. Some individuals were charged with only one offense, while others were charged with more than one. The numbers give a truer picture of the nature and extent of crime in the county than just the number of people being arrested.

**In 2012, a new statistic was added for arrests on violation of release agreements.

Funding Issues

The Sheriff's Office is committed to using the funds provided to us in the most efficient and effective manner. Each year, costs are reviewed and compared to the various aspects of our mission to try and find where we can alter the allocation of resources to become even more effective.

As revenues continue to shrink due to budget cuts at the federal, state and local levels, this process will become even more critical.

In 2012, approximately \$300,000 was allocated out of the sheriff's reserve fund account to cover for budgeted items that exceeded revenues. It is expected that in 2013, only \$200,000 will be left in that fund going forward into 2014.

The chart at right (Chart A) shows the budget for the Sheriff's Office over the last four years. The green area depicts the total budget of the Sheriff's Office for all divisions. The red area shows the amount of revenue from the county general fund, and the blue area signifies that which the Sheriff's Office has been able to raise through such things as bed rentals to outside agencies, grants, and fees. One can see how a dip in outside revenue can severely impact the budget – especially now with general fund revenue on the decline.

The next chart (Chart B) shows the share of the general fund provided to the Sheriff's Office from the county budget.

The last chart (Chart C) breaks down how the sheriff uses different funding sources to help fulfill the various responsibilities of the sheriff, including safety patrols, the jail, Court Security (and other court services), Civil Process Services, Search and Rescue, and Animal Control. Property tax revenue makes up only a small portion of the total revenue required to provide these services to the public.

The Sheriff's Office budget in two years ago left the agency at critical levels in every aspect of what we do. Additional cuts are not possible without severe consequences to our core services. The most expensive service we provide is the jail, as it involves a high number of critical services that must be carried out.

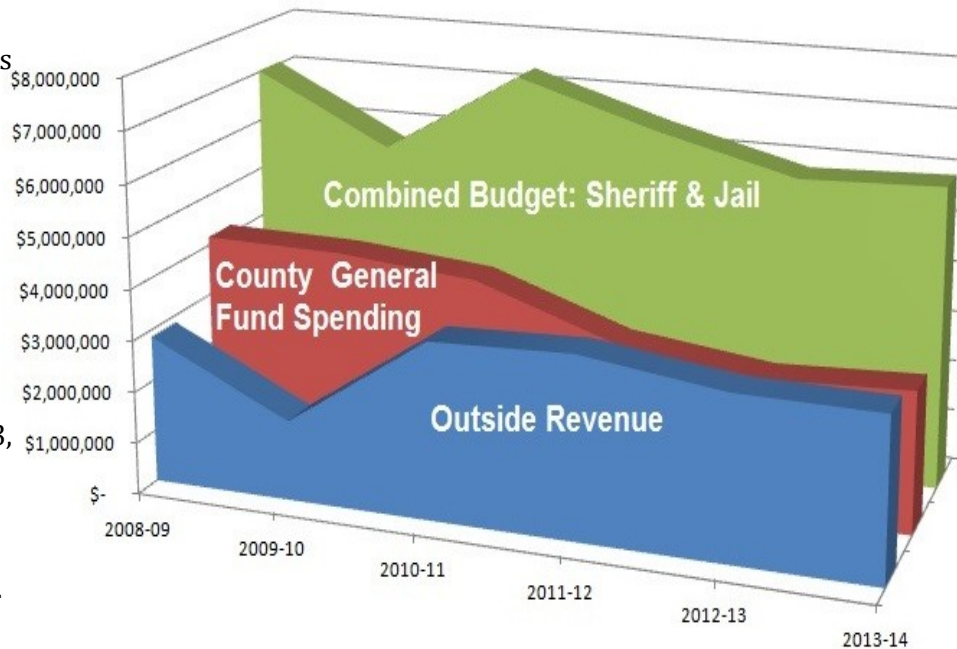


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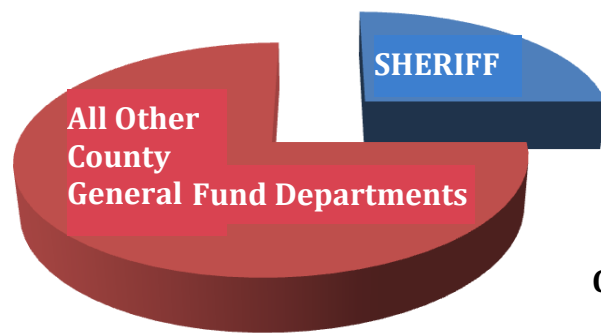


CHART B

CCSO Revenue Sources

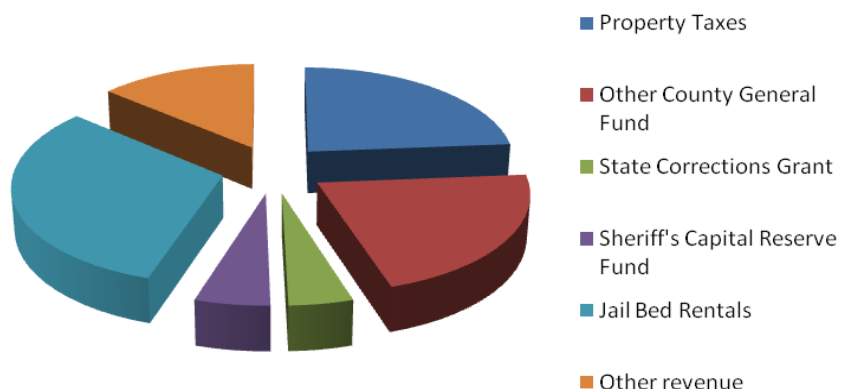


CHART C

Contact Information

To Contact the Sheriff's Office, you may reach us at the following numbers:

Emergency	9-1-1
Front Office (Main Line)	(503) 366-4611
Receptionist, Dial	"0"
Jail	"4630"
Marine Patrol	"4689"
Criminal/Patrol	"4689"
Location/Business Hours	"1"
Corrections Division Information ...	"2"
Civil Unit	"3"
Volunteer Services Information	"6"
Warrants and Records	"7"
Concealed Handgun Licensing	"8"
Property & Evidence	"9"

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
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Saint Helens, OR 97051**

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