



Columbia County
SHERIFF



2017 Annual Report

Dedicated to Peace and Safety in Our Community!



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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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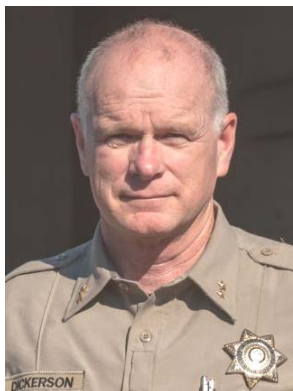
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Sheriff

Dear Fellow Citizens of Columbia County:



I have been taking stock of the advances this office has made in the nine years since I first took office in 2009. Thanks to the investment of taxpayers and the trust we have gained in our budget processes, we have been able to keep our jail not only operating but thriving with dedicated employees whose mission is to hold in custody those who threaten the peace of our County. We have been able to take a tiny Enforcement force of just four deputies and build it into a set of two Enforcement teams (each led by a sergeant) with their primary mission to make our County a safe place to live, work and recreate. We have created a Support Services Division that excels in customer service and in keeping the services from all three of our Divisions on track and accessible to you.

In this past year, we have seen the outpouring of support from the public, even as we endured trying, difficult times spawned by attempts by some to sensationalize normal law enforcement internal disciplinary functions. We have sensed your ongoing support when organizational changes were necessitated by changing times and changing internal needs.

Now in my 10th year as your elected sheriff, I continue to stand in awe over the tremendous synergy your support and the dedication of our teams has created within this organization. I count myself blessed to be granted the opportunity to serve at your pleasure and to lead this effort to stand in the gap between lawlessness and civil society and to pour my heart's desire into keeping our county an amazing place to live, work and recreate!

Jeff Dickerson

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson Biography

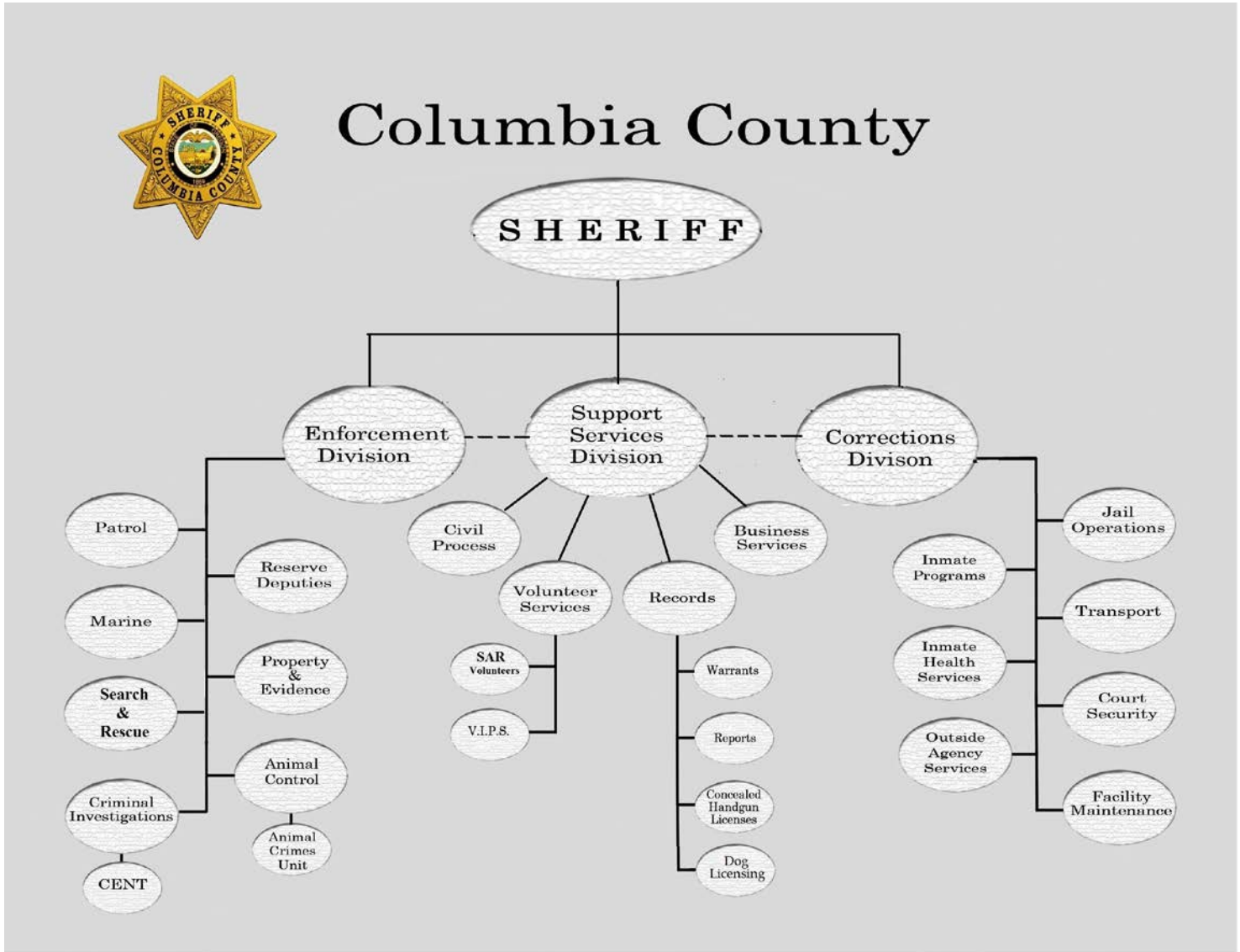
Jeff Dickerson was born in California in 1960. He moved with his family to Oregon in 1972, attending Scappoose schools. He graduated from Scappoose High School in 1978 and from the University of Oregon School Of Journalism in 1982. He worked with his family business—a multi-state petroleum products inspection company before becoming an Oregon State Police officer in 1988. In 2014, he graduated from Liberty University with a master's degree in criminal justice/public administration and as a member of the Criminal Justice Honor Society.

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. 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 and, again, in 2016 to his third four-year term, he has also been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Interoperability Executive Council, working to improve emergency radio communications for first responders in our region. In recent years, he has led the charge to find ways to address the need for alternatives to jail when it comes to those arrested in the midst of mental health crises. Too often these individuals are taken to jail instead of being provided with a way out of the crisis. Working with the private sector and looking to outside agencies, he continues to work with the courts, the mental health community and our jail staff to find something that works.

Jeff is a graduate of the Oregon Executive Development Institute and the Oregon Sheriff's Academy. He is also certified as a law enforcement executive in Oregon by the state's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

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. The Sheriff deputizes trusted administrators and supervisors to 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.

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.

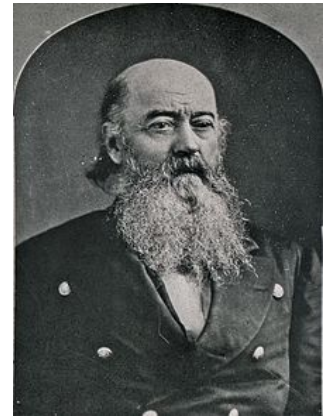
Thomas Jefferson once called the office of Sheriff the most important elected office in the county. No matter who actually sits in the office at any given time, this is a constitutional office with a wide variety of duties and authorities and a tremendous potential for defending the liberties of the people with broad powers. Those powers include 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 Sheriff's Office has been recovering from funding problems that had

caused short-term efforts to find efficiencies in the midst of decreasing resources. In, 2014, voters staved off the closure of the County Jail with the passage of an operating levy that helped keep the jail operating and holding 100 local prisoners. In 2016, voters renewed the levy to keep the jail going. In 2016-17, the



Joseph "Joe" Meek – Oregon's First Sheriff

County Commissioners approved two new deputy positions, and a contract with the City of Clatskanie helped expand CCSO patrols.

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 Detloff | 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 Gilbreath | 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

Points of Interest

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

| | POPULATION | | Area |
|-----------------|------------|--------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | Sq. Miles |
| Columbia County | 50,795 | 51,345 | 688.0 |
| Clatskanie | 1,750 | 1,760 | 1.3 |
| Columbia City | 1,965 | 1,985 | 1.2 |
| Prescott | 55 | 55 | 0.1 |
| Rainier | 1,905 | 1,910 | 4.9 |
| Saint Helens | 13,120 | 13,240 | 5.7 |
| Scappoose | 6,785 | 6,875 | 2.7 |
| Vernonia | 2,065 | 2,065 | 1.7 |
| Unincorporated | 23,150 | 23,455 | 669.5 |

The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement response agency for areas outside incorporated cities and within the incorporated Cities of Prescott and Clatskanie—responsible for providing the primary law enforcement service to the largest number of citizens in our County.

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.

Elected Officials

- **County Sheriff:** Jeff Dickerson
- **District Attorney:** Jeff Auxier
- **County Commissioners:** Henry Heimuller, Margaret Magruder, Alex Tardif
- **County Assessor:** Sue Martin
- **County Clerk:** Betty Huser
- **County Treasurer:** Jennifer Cuellar-Smith
- **Justice of the Peace:** Diana Taylor

Sheriff's Calls for Service by Month in 2017

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1437 | 1274 | 1643 | 1558 | 1761 | 1761 | 1762 | 1738 | 1617 | 1594 | 1427 | 1554 |

Inmates Booked into Jail by Month in 2017

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 201 | 192 | 248 | 203 | 239 | 234 | 212 | 256 | 235 | 211 | 212 | 212 |

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 peace" in the County, 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.

Executing the duties of the Office of Sheriff in our county 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, and focusing also on citizen and inmate safety as another high priority;
- 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;

Sheriff's Strategic Plan 2016-2020

These strategic priorities provide direction for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Achieving these priorities includes a combination of established and new strategic goals. Together these strategic goals will ensure that the Sheriff's Office fulfills its mission of being conservator of the peace in Columbia County and our objective of keeping Columbia County a safe place to live, work and recreate.

Strategic Priority 1 Strengthen our service vision to provide the most effective law enforcement, jail, court, and civil process services to the community in the most efficient manner possible.

Strategic Priority 2 Continue to develop our work force in professionalism and motivation in public service. Empower our teams with problem-solving skills and motives. Integrate community-policing philosophy throughout the three divisions (Jail, Enforcement, Support), tying performance objectives and assessments thereof to partnership and problem-solving techniques aimed at preventing crime and eliminating the atmosphere of vulnerability, it creates.

Strategic Priority 3 Ensure the recruitment and hiring of only the best applicants according to the integrity, ethics, professionalism, commitment to the mission, and work ethic expected of every employee.

Strategic Priority 4 Value and support relationships to promote the mission and goals of the Sheriff's Office.

Strategic Priority 5 Match funding opportunities to gaps in our resources within the three divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

News Notes

Investigation Leads to Child Abuse Arrest

Deputies arrested Joseph Mace, 55, in January after investigators put together a case of child sex abuse that had lasted approximately 10 years before the victim came forward in 2016. The investigation took several months to be completed. The victim told investigators that the suspect had sexually abused her from the time she was 5 years old.

Mace was sentenced to prison for Rape First Degree and convictions on other sex abuse charges.

Deputies Locate and Arrest wanted Subject in Drive-by Shooting

In February, deputies responded to a drive-by shooting in the Vernonia Area. The suspect, Gregory Reynolds of Vernonia was later located hiding underneath the family home in the greater Vernonia area. He was later sentenced on drug charges and felon in possession of a firearm.

Burglary Investigation Leads to Arrest and Recovery of Stolen Property

In May, a deputy investigating a cold burglary developed suspect information leading to search warrants in the 68000 block of Beaver Homes Rd. and also in the Warren Area on Slavens Rd. Construction materials and two tractors were recovered. Two suspects were arrested and later indicted on burglary, theft and unlawful use of a motor vehicle charges.

Deputies Locate Missing Child; Abductor Charged with Rape

While searching for a subject wanted in connection of rape and custodial interference charges, the Sheriff's Office located a reported runaway female juvenile (who had been missing for the previous six months) in a residence at 74757 Fern Hill Rd. Rainier OR. Also in the residence was the suspect associated with this juvenile female's disappearance, Eric Salce, 24, Rainier. Salce eventually pled guilty to Rape and Custodial Interference and was sentenced to prison

Women's Self-Defense Classes Return to Summer

The Sheriff's Office again held the women's self-defense classes over the summer. Classes were held in the evening and were filled with women older than 15. Certified defensive tactics instructors provided instruction in proven self-defense techniques.

Hood-to-Coast Runner Charged with Assault, Reckless Driving

In August, Sheriff's deputies responded to the Mist area after a Hood-to-Coast runner from Bend took an unauthorized joyride in a latrine service vehicle that had stopped to provide services to the runners' checkpoint in the area. The 36-year-old man drove into the camping area and ran over one runner in the field.

Deputies eventually located the man and charged him with Assault-Second Degree, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Driving while Revoked, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle.

Online Dog Licensing Begun

In Summer we began our online dog licensing program. Citizens can now fill out their applications and submit them at their convenience. Rabies still need to be verified, but dog owners can provide the information for verification online. Once rabies are verified and the funds are transferred, we now mail the dog tags directly to the owners.

Sheriff works with Partners on Jail Mental Health Issues

Much of 2017 was spent working with Columbia Community Mental Health, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc (GOBHI) and Columbia County Community Justice Services on plans to address the ongoing problem of inmates exhibiting signs of mental health distress. Many inmates end up in jail for relatively minor crimes because they are in a mental health crisis. Despite training for police designed to help them divert these people away from jail, the problems are not easily solved when there are few places to divert them, and they end up in jail, anyway. The Sheriff spent many months working with partners to find solutions to this sticky problem.

2015 CCSO Homicide Investigation Leads to Manslaughter Plea

In December, a Rainier man pleaded guilty in Columbia County Circuit Court to causing the death of Christopher Heller in 2015. Randolph Lee Pritchard, pleaded guilty to second-degree manslaughter and admitted to recklessly causing the death of Heller, who died in a Washington hospital in 2015 after he suffered injuries from blunt force trauma. The plea in state court culminated an investigation that began when Heller was found unconscious on the ground at a work site in the Rainier area.

Enforcement Division

Patrol Unit

The uniformed patrol force is the face of the Sheriff's Office that the public sees most often. In 2017, the Sheriff and County Commissioners agreed on a plan to add a patrol and detective position to the Enforcement Division, leading to the hiring of two new patrol deputies (one seasoned deputy then moved to the newly created detective position). Six patrol deputies and two sergeants are augmented partially by the contract with the City of Clatskanie for police services, as the two additional deputies assigned to that contract devote 15% of their duties to patrols and enforcement outside of city limits in the Clatskanie area. In this way Clatskanie gets two full time deputies at a reduced cost, and North County residents have additional deputies in unincorporated areas around Clatskanie.



Patrol deputies are the first responders to crimes throughout Columbia County, and handled more calls per unit than any other public safety entity in the County. Once again, calls for service in 2017 continued to rise, which meant that the Patrol Unit was glad to see help on the way in the form of an additional deputy and a detective to help take the investigative load off of Patrol.

The unit is responsible for responding to all calls for service in unincorporated areas of the County in addition to assisting local police departments inside their cities. Usually, one or two deputies are responsible per shift for the 670 square miles that lie outside of city limits. In 2017, those calls included 56 assault calls, 87 burglaries, 242 thefts and more than 400 disturbances (domestic and others).

They made 223 in-custody arrests and transported numerous individuals to hospitals on mental health holds. The Patrol Unit also rendered 1,662 outside agency assists for police and fire departments within and outside of the County.

Patrol deputies also assist other sheriff functions such as search and rescue, jail transports and court security when needed. Many patrol deputies are cross-trained to assist inside the jail when called upon. Members of this unit work well as a team, frequently responding as a group from their homes to incidents that are breaking quickly and threaten to overwhelm the few staff that might be on duty at the time. The team manages its

deputy and a supervisor from the unit is not available to respond from home if need be. Deputies on the Unit have each others' backs and see themselves as part of the overall effort to conserve the peace in Columbia County.

Traffic Citations

Hazardous driving citations again were up over the previous two years; DUII arrests decreased; Speeding and various driver violations were up significantly over the previous year; and Equipment/other violation citations fell markedly over the previous year.

| Calls for Service | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| CCSO calls | 12,496 | 14,787 | 18,565 | 19,126 |

| In Custody Arrests | | | | |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Arrests | 234 | 240 | 313 | 223 |

**Not tracked in prior years

| DUII Arrests | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| DUII Arrests | 40 | 29 | 28 | 17 |

| Total # Violation Citations in 2017 | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|------------|
| | Hazardous Driving | Driver Viols* | Speed | Eqpt/Other |
| # violations cited | 201 | 901 | 331 | 45 |

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

Enforcement Division

Marine Patrol Unit

The Columbia County Marine Patrol Unit provides patrols on the Columbia River, Multnomah Channel, Gilbert River, Scappoose Bay, Sturgeon Lake, Vernonia Lake, Clatskanie River, and portions of the Nehalem River.

Marine deputies use patrol boats provided by the State Marine Board and also use Yamaha Wave Runner PWC's and inflatable boats to assist with enforcement, education, and search and rescue missions.

Marine deputies occasionally work with outside partner agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard and bordering sheriff's offices on joint Columbia River Enforcement projects. One of those projects is "Operation Make Way."



Sheriff's Deputies work with U.S. Coast Guard Personnel on special enforcement projects.

Every year, when fishing season is in full swing, anglers find their favorite fishing spot and tie off in "hog lines" that extend well into the shipping channel. Ships using the channel do not have the ability to stop or change course to avoid colliding with smaller vessels, and boaters often have precious little time to weigh anchor and scurry out of the way of fast approaching ships.

Operation Make Way is a joint state and federal campaign aimed at changing behaviour that could cost boaters their lives. Large ships can travel 1.5 miles in six minutes, but because they are so large, their speed appears much slower. Enforcement efforts are centered around prohibitions in Oregon law for anchoring "in such a position as to obstruct a passageway ordinarily used by other boats" (ORS 830.345).

Marine deputies also work to enforce "no-wake zones" on the Columbia River and the Multnomah Channel. Vessels going too fast in the water and leaving large wakes behind them can cause damage to houseboats or vessels tied up at docks. No-wake zones are designated in various areas along the river, and deputies patrol these areas and take enforcement actions on the most grievous violations.

The unit also trains at the state Marine Law Enforcement Academy each year, sets waterway markers as provided through the Marine Board; provides hazard mitigation (e.g. abandoned boats); performs boat crash investigations, hull inspections and moorage checks; and performs regular maintenance on the boats the Marine Board provides to the

Sheriff's Office to operate its boating safety program on Columbia County waters.

Collectively the Marine Patrol Unit worked 4,269 hours on Marine activities, including 2,086 actual hours working on the water.

CCSO Marine deputies also participated in "Operation Dry Water" as part of a nationwide crackdown on boating under the influence of intoxicants. (BUII). Deputies focused their activities on the week prior to the Independence Day Festival, with the desired effect being to demonstrate zero tolerance for BUII offenses.

| Program Hours | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Water Hrs | 1,918 | 1,814 | 1,756 | 2,806 |

| Reported Water Incidents | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Incidents | 11 | 15 | 76 | 42 |

| Additional Statistics | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Inspections | 454 | 567 | 7,571 | 3,861 |
| Citations | 55 | 76 | 213 | 172 |
| BUII | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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. Our two full-time detectives take lead roles in investigating the most serious and in-depth criminal investigations. Our investigations frequently overlap with the Columbia County Major Crimes Team and the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT), providing innumerable hours of investigatory services on major criminal events within the county, including: Drugs and Narcotics Trafficking; Homicide and Attempted Homicide; Felony Assaults, and Police Use of Force cases.

CCSO detectives also support the Enforcement Division uniformed patrol members with expert opinion on search and seizure, case law, and prosecution strategies. Our detectives also write affidavits for warrants and serve many search warrants for vehicles, backpacks, cell phones, and other articles on which the follow up for patrol deputies is more time consuming.

CCSO Investigators conducted investigations of numerous serious offenses in 2017, including:

Daniel Gomez and David Barker. In December, suspects burglarized a residence on Laurelwood Rd. in the Rainier area, stealing memorabilia and collectibles worth approximately \$20,000.

A detective took over the investigation from the responding patrol deputy, developing Gomez and Barker as suspects in the case. The investigation, including pawn shop queries, led to search warrants that recovered much of the property taken in the burglaries. The property was returned to the owner and the suspects were charged with crimes of burglary and theft.

George Bainbridge This was the infamous case of the slain pig that drew much attention via social media. Mr. Bainbridge is charged with animal abuse after his neighbor reported that her

pig was shot and killed with an arrow. The case is set for trial in May 2018.

Derek Kelley and Michael Siegelbaum were identified as suspects connected to aggravated theft cases in June. Close to \$67,000 in stolen equipment was seized in two different raids in Rainier and Warren. Stolen tractors, chain saws, power tools and other construction equipment were recovered under the authority of two search warrants executed on the two different properties. Both Siegelbaum and Kelley were subsequently indicted on various charges, including Aggravated Theft, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and Burglary (Kelley only). Kelley took a plea agreement in the case and Siegelbaum is still pending.

Rodolpho Santiago/Rebecca Wynn. This was a multi-agency narcotics case led by the CENT team and conducted with the help of the Cowlitz County Drug Task Force. A total of 1,500 grams of methamphetamine, 8 ounces of heroin and \$16,000 in U.S. currency were seized as a result of a car stop the CENT team instigated during the investigation and a subsequent search warrant in Santiago's home in Longview, Wash. Santiago was detained on Oregon drug charges and an immigration hold.

Norm Sykes has had a history of narcotics trafficking in Columbia County. With the use of an informant to make multiple undercover buys of methamphetamine, CENT was able to write an affidavit in support of a search warrant at a trailer owned by Sykes. Investigators executed the warrant and seized a small amount of methamphetamine, a rifle and drug paraphernalia. He has been charged with drug crimes and felon in possession of a weapon.

Daniel Fowler Pled guilty in court to two counts of Rape I involving an underage minor and was sentenced to prison. The Fowler case came to the Sheriff's Office through a referral from the Rainier School District. Patrol deputies originally responded, and with the assistance of the Criminal Investigations Unit, put the case together that sent Fowler to prison.

Eric Salce was convicted of Rape III and custodial interference with a minor child he had kept from her family for months. Investigators developed leads to their whereabouts, wrote up a search warrant and arrested Salce, restoring the juvenile to her family.



Enforcement Division

Search & Rescue



Sheriff's deputies train with our Search and Rescue Volunteers and with partner agencies like the U.S. Coast Guard. The USCG helicopter shown at right with a CCSO deputy in the foreground trained for water rescues on the Columbia River in 2017

Oregon law places all search and rescue (SAR) operations under the sheriff of each county. In Columbia County, a reserve enforcement deputy manages the mostly volunteer SAR team on behalf of the sheriff and keeps track of training and other state requirements for the team. Approximately 25 volunteers serve as the “ground searchers” for most search efforts in our county.

The SAR team responds to and/or 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 Sheriff's SAR team is also a critical part of the overall Columbia County Emergency Response Plan.

Volunteer SAR team members also stand ready to respond to other counties to assist. In turn, other counties also respond to assist the Sheriff's Office with Search and Rescue Missions that become more complex. In 2017, the team responded to fewer SAR missions than in previous years, although similar to the number in 2015. The average number of searches per year in Columbia County since 1997 is 8.

Each year, SAR members participate in annual training in tracking, survival and other techniques in order to keep

up on their certifications. Oregon law requires that searchers assigned to Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue events be trained in Search and Rescue techniques in order to participate as members. CCSO's volunteer searchers have thousands of hours of training and experience in real and training scenario search and rescue exercises.

| SAR MISSIONS | |
|--------------|----|
| 2013 | 15 |
| 2014 | 5 |
| 2015 | 13 |
| 2016 | 10 |
| 2017 | 3 |



The newly constituted Columbia County Sheriff's Posse became fully operational in 2017 and began training to assist Search and Rescue team members when needed.

Enforcement Division

Dog Control

The Columbia County Dog Control Officer provides state mandated dog control services to the county under Oregon Revised statutes 609. These services include licensing of dogs, investigations of animal bites, rabies investigations, dog nuisance complaint, dogs harming livestock and the apprehension of loose and stray dogs.

These services are partially funded by the licensing of dogs within the Community. Donations for support of the program and for the care of the animals in the County's custody is always welcome and can be directed through the sheriff's office at 901 Port Ave, Saint Helens Oregon 97051

As a member of the Sheriff's Office, the Dog Control Officer has received specialized training to provide many additional animal-related services to the community, including the investigations of animal neglect, animal theft, livestock issues and many other issues that involve 4-legged creatures and their owners.

In July 2017, Sheriff's deputies responding to a domestic violence call, located an emaciated horse in a dog kennel on the property (top photo). Working with a member of the Columbia County Posse, Dog Control seized the horse and removed it from the property. The horse has since fully recovered and been transferred to new owners, with the previous owners being cited.

In June of 2017, the Dog Control Officer responded to assist the city of Saint Helens with a home fire and removed three dogs from the home. The Dog Control Officer had to carry one larger urine-soaked dog out of the home when it was found that the dog was unable to walk. The Officer found that all three dogs were in a state of neglect and conducted a follow up investigation into the care of the animals. This investigation led to the filing of 3 counts of neglect charges on the owner. The owner of the dogs entered a no contest plea to the neglect charges and all three dogs were surrendered.

In September 2017, the Dog Control Officer assisted by Enforcement Deputies served an arrest warrant in Scappoose on a dog theft case that had been under investigation for a considerable length of time. During the warrant service, the stolen dog was recovered and was later reunited with its owners. This case required considerable investigation time and a grand jury indictment by the DA's Office to resolve.

The County Dog Control Officer uses his special skills in prosecuting animal related cases in Justice Court, acting as the prosecutor in the cases. This allows him to present information on animal behavior and to seek



restitution under a wide verity of methods that are available. His knowledge of the animal laws and procedures allow for a one stop resolution of many animal related issues

Enforcement Division

Statistics

C-Com Call For Sheriff's Services by Category 2008 -2017

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 10 Year Average |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Assaults | 53 | 55 | 62 | 58 | 70 | 54 | 61 | 53 | 71 | 56 | 59.3 |
| Robberies | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.9 |
| Burglaries | 101 | 96 | 94 | 120 | 126 | 117 | 159 | 73 | 116 | 87 | 108.9 |
| Thefts | 263 | 235 | 229 | 258 | 247 | 253 | 249 | 228 | 244 | 242 | 244.8 |
| Prowlers | 27 | 40 | 37 | 38 | 32 | 39 | 45 | 41 | 69 | 46 | 41.4 |
| Stolen Vehicles | 98 | 81 | 70 | 60 | 66 | 51 | 61 | 61 | 50 | 44 | 64.2 |
| Disturbances | 94 | 98 | 107 | 139 | 129 | 144 | 187 | 178 | 227 | 200 | 150.3 |
| Domestic Disturb | 157 | 185 | 190 | 157 | 182 | 158 | 189 | 216 | 272 | 208 | 191.4 |
| Criminal Mischief | 176 | 121 | 135 | 115 | 115 | 90 | 96 | 64 | 110 | 80 | 110.2 |

Dog Control Statiscs 2017

| | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Calls for Service | 101 | 98 | 104 | 106 | 95 | 96 | 89 | 101 | 37 | 108 | 105 | 94 | 1134 |
| Dog Calls | 85 | 89 | 89 | 106 | 86 | 96 | 71 | 91 | 37 | 92 | 105 | 84 | 1031 |
| Other calls | 16 | 9 | 15 | | 9 | | 18 | 10 | | 16 | | 10 | 103 |
| Dog bites | | | 3 | | 2 | | | 9 | | 3 | | 5 | 22 |
| Assist Officers | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Reports | 30 | 37 | 41 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 41 | 36 | 16 | 56 | 33 | 29 | 425 |
| Warnings | | 10 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 22 | 5 | 25 | 25 | 11 | 182 |
| Citations | 56 | 25 | 9 | 20 | 18 | 25 | 14 | 11 | 2 | 20 | 23 | 1 | 224 |
| Neglect Investigations | | | | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 44 |
| Animal Impounds | 20 | 6 | | 15 | 7 | | 6 | 8 | | 9 | 8 | 10 | 89 |
| Euthanasia | 7 | 3 | 4 | | 4 | 4 | | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 49 |
| Follow up Investigations | | | 14 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 101 |
| Cases referred to OHS | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 1 | | | 2 | 11 |
| Kennel Inspection | | | 4 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 7 |

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 eight (8) separate law enforcement agencies and the community justice (parole and probation) department operating in this county. Thanks to the infusion of over \$2.6 million in renewed voter-authorized additional funding, the jail continues to operate with the ability to hold all inmates lawfully committed to our facility.

Since funding returned to the jail, the average stay has continued to increase. Even though the average daily population went down, this was due primarily to a reduction in the number of U.S. Marshal prisoner holds. Local inmate numbers have reached the capacity set forth in the operational levy plan, as 100 local beds are now available. ***Since spring of 2015, there have been no forced early releases. Sentenced inmates are serving their time, and those awaiting trial now do so until their trial unless they are bailed out or otherwise released through the courts.***

Inmate Services. Through our Medical Services Provider (including mental health services) we added two hours per week of in-house mental health services, going from 16 hours to 18 hours per week; we doubled our Tele-Psych hours from 4 hours per month to 8 hours per month; and in partnership with CCMH we added

approximately 8 hours of mental health services per week through the Mobil Crisis Team. CCMH has also agreed to “station” one of their mental health clinicians in the jail for 30 to 40 hours per week.

Our three phase Pathways Inmate Worker Program continues to be successful; however, we have yet to have an inmate begin phase three. This is primarily due to the extraordinary amount of time it takes to complete the final phase.

Our cognitive thinking program, Houses of Healing / Path to Freedom, continues to be a very popular program. We see a notable improvement in the behavior of the inmates who complete this program.

Through our Volunteer Services, we offer approximately 11 hours of religious services per week. These services include Sunday worship services, bible study, communion services and baptismal services.

Staff Training Approximately 50% of the corrections staff have completed the 40 hour Crisis Intervention team (CIT) training. This is in addition to their DPSST required training of 40 hours, which all corrections staff completed in 2017. All CCSO staff are trained and certified in CPR/First Aid.

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 and directed under a supervisor in the jail. Every year the unit transports hundreds of inmates to other jurisdictions. The unit also picks up inmates bound for our jail from other jails.

Security is provided to the courthouse on a daily basis. These duties fall under the Constitutional charge given to the Sheriff to be the “ministerial officer” to the courts.

COLUMBIA COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

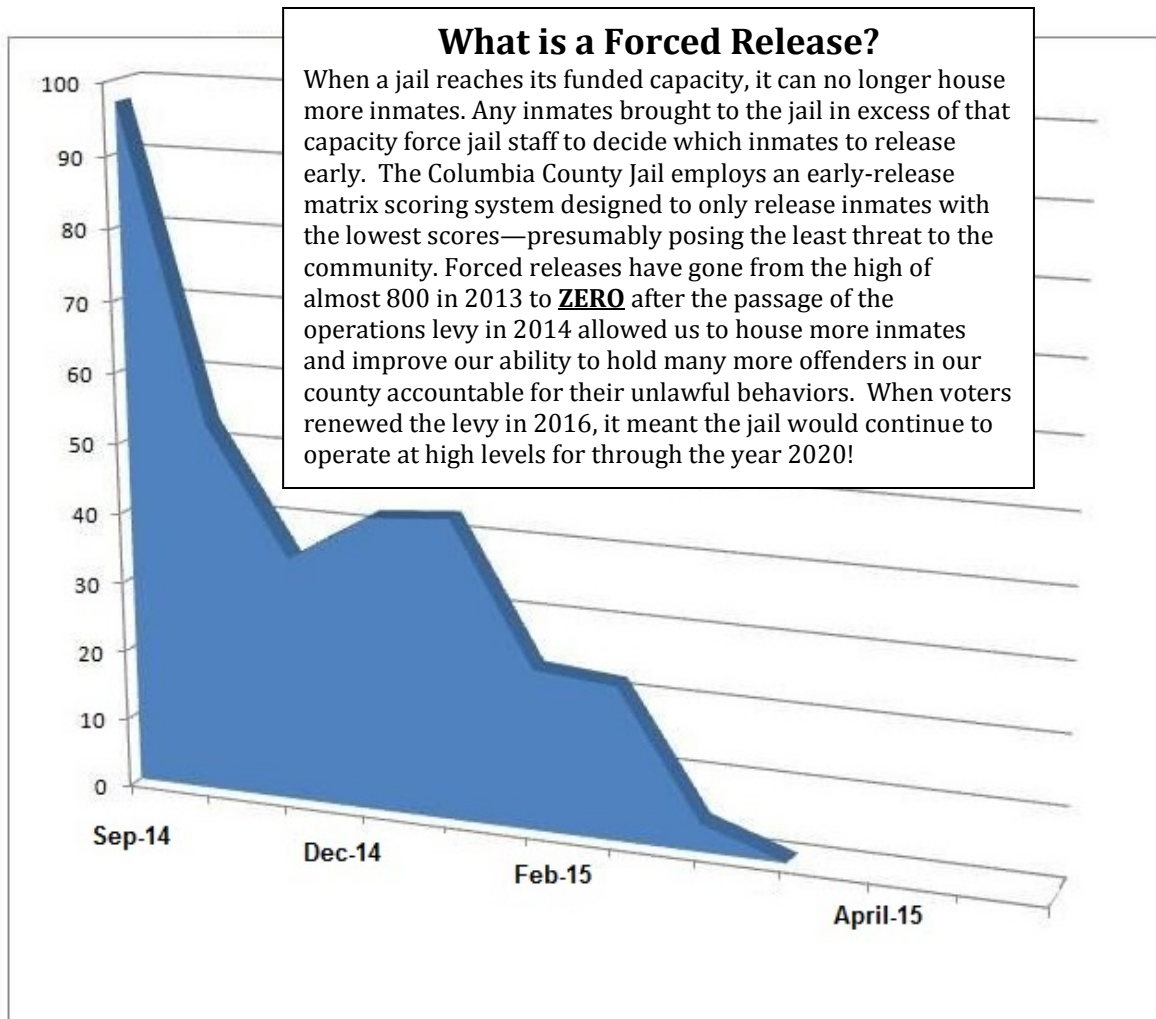
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Custodies (Male) | 1,994 | 1894 | 1780 | 2283 |
| Custodies (Female) | 537 | 488 | 611 | 372 |
| Custodies (unknown) | 3 | | | |
| Average Stay (days) | 15 | 20 | 21 | 29 |
| Furloughed inmates* | 26 | 27 | 49 | 23 |
| Inmates Force Released | 748 | 97** | 0 | 0 |
| Book And Release | 612 | 712 | 655 | 475 |
| Average Daily Population | 104 | 131 | 152 | 149 |
| Meals Served | 112,785 | 142,920 | 165,440 | 166,450 |
| Inmate Medical Services | 9,782 | 12,752 | 18,705 | 11,933 |

*Furloughed Inmates are inmates released for treatment or other special programs

**Last inmate force release occurred on March 12, 2015

Jail Funding Means More Local Beds Filled & No More Force Released Inmates due to Scarce Resources

Columbia County Jail - Forced Releases by Month



In March 2015, the Jail force-released its last inmate. Since that time, staffing levels have risen to an adequate level to hold all inmates that had been sentenced or arrested until either the completion of their sentence, arraignment and court disposition or release by the court and given a court date prior to adjudication.

Prior to the passing of the operating levy in 2014, our jail had become a place where inmates knew they would not serve their sentences; where criminals committing crimes in the county knew there were not enough resources to hold them except for those committing the most serious of offenses. The courts had record numbers of no-shows for hearings when accused people learned that they would not generally be held, even if a judge issued a warrant. Prosecuting Attorneys never knew which defendant (or if any) would show up for their court dates. Community Justice Services could not get very many community service workers trying to work off community service hours—as those convicted would merely fail to show up, and others would elect to serve full sentences, knowing they would be force-released without having to take community service hours.

But all that has changed thanks to the vote of the people in 2014 and their vote to renew the levy in 2016. Now, Failure to Appear warrants have dropped significantly. Sentenced inmates are serving their time. Arrestees who have the required probable cause affidavits accepted by the courts are always getting in front of a judge if they are unable to make bail. The court dockets are working more effectively, and attorneys are more assured that the defendants in criminal cases are going to show up. Community Justice Services again has people performing community service and a means for holding parolees and probationers accountable. The criminal justice system works far better when there is a fully operational jail in support of criminal justice goals.

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 civil law orders of the courts and of judicial officers.

The Sheriff's office continued to serve a large amount of Civil Papers throughout the County, while at the same time taking on the responsibility for Dog Licensing Countywide. With dog licensing included with our support responsibilities, information between licensing and enforcement flows more smoothly and helps ensure mistakes on our end are kept to a minimum.

Dog Licensing

The year 2017 saw the Sheriff's Office expand the licensing of dogs to online services. Beginning in May 2017, dog owners began obtaining dog licenses (both new and renewals) online. Over the 8-month period, 205 dogs were licensed online, with 185 new licenses and 20 renewals. Our online dog licensing page is available through our website ("Dog Licensing" on the left side menu--go to link on this page). You can still license your dog at the Sheriff's Office, in person.

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 and sex offender registration. 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 2017, we processed more than 1,900 concealed handgun licenses. The Sheriff's Office continued its CHL application services to include one Saturday per month. Oregon Revised Statutes establish specific requirements for the sheriff in the issuance of a CHL. This information is designed to assist understanding of the law and to facilitate the application process.

A CHL is valid for four years. At the time anyone applies for a CHL, the applicant will be required to:



Front Office and Corrections clerk Staff in our Support Services Division with Support Services Commander Lt. Brooke McDowall (left rear) and Sheriff Jeff Dickerson.

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.

Phone: (503) 366-4611 ext.0

Online: www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff

| Papers Processed | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Received | 1,716 | 1,730 | 1,736 | 1,611 |
| Served | 1,563 | 1,570 | 1,538 | 1,484 |

| Concealed Handgun Licenses Processed | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| CHLs | 2,179 | 2,095 | 2,427 | 1,904 |

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.



File Room managed by the Support Services Division

The Report Management System of the Sheriff's Office is operated in conjunction with the The Regional Justice Information Network (RegJIN)—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. database. The database enables investigators from around the region to share information on cases and police contacts and increase the ability to solve crimes

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 Technician continues to clear the system of evidence and property from previous years while taking in new property from open cases. At the end of 2017, there were 891 open cases and 4,319 pieces of evidence in those cases. The unit was able to close 255 cases in 2017. Some property needs to be archived when it is evidence in a homicide case. Currently, 1,138 case files have been archived. All homicides, including suicides with associated property are held for 99 years.

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—but only after every effort to return any unforfeited property to the rightful owner in accordance with the law. The sheriff, in turn is given credit for new product purchases of law enforcement related equipment, thus saving tax payer resources for other matters.

| Warrants | | | | | |
|----------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Entered | 864 | 1,020 | 942 | 902 | 1,090 |
| Cleared | 771 | 949 | 959 | 970 | 1,034 |

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 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:

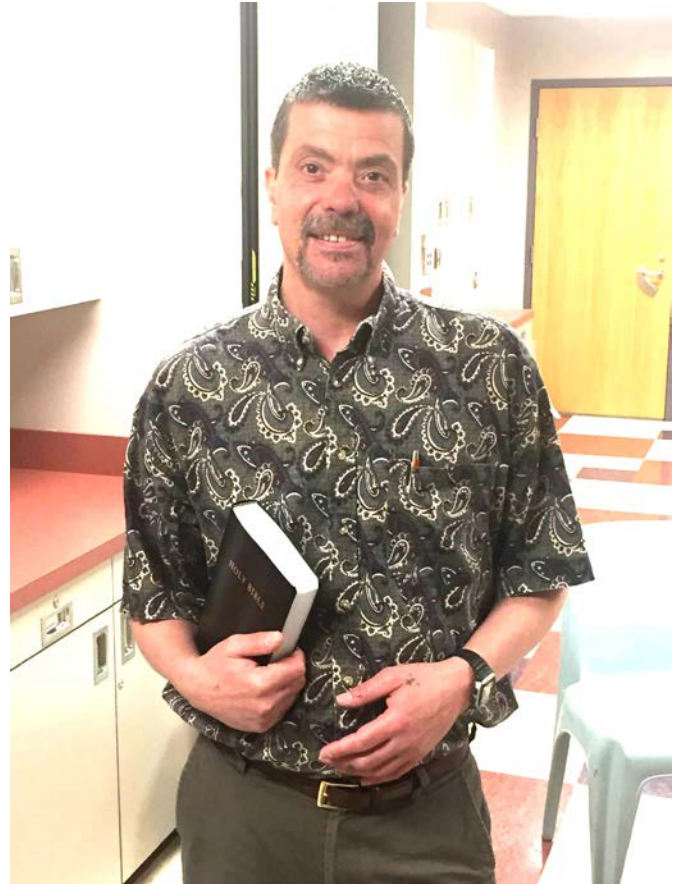
- Support Services Division—Volunteers answer phones, and provide clerical assistance to staff members. A volunteer chaplain assists employees and citizens as needed.
- Corrections Division—provide outreach services to inmates.
- Enforcement Division—Volunteers provide staff-hours to help fulfill requirements 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 (See Page 13). A reserve enforcement deputy 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 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 3 missions both in and outside of Columbia County during 2017. Team members train with SAR teams from other counties and have their own overnight training in the spring. They also participated in advanced training in classes put on by outside entities.

Reserve Deputies

The third branch of volunteers assisting the Sheriff's Office and its goals are our sworn, reserve sheriff's deputies. A total of 3 well-trained volunteers (and one paid reserve)



Volunteer jail chaplain Robert Gott has served the jail and its inmates since the new jail opened in 2001. Mr. Gott conducts one-on-one counseling meetings and group church services for male inmates (and has a female counterpart for female inmates). In 2017, Mr. Gott also conducted baptismal services in the jail.

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 generally 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. In 2017, reserves added 2,878 hours of service to augment those hours of our regular sworn force.

CCSO Volunteers, Inc.

In 2009, volunteers at the sheriff's office formed a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization designed to help fund the various volunteer services at the Sheriff's Office. If you would like to donate to CCSO volunteers to keep their vital services going, you can send donations to CCSO Volunteers, Inc., 901, Port Ave., St. Helens, OR 97051.

Contact Information

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

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"**

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
Saint Helens, OR 97051

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is also on FACEBOOK and
TWITTER!*

On the Web: www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff