



Columbia County **SHERIFF**

2012 Annual Report



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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 they can make positive changes for the future.

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: Columbia County Courthouse

Sheriff & Undersheriff



Jeff Dickerson

Dear fellow citizens of Columbia County:

Thank you for taking a few moments to review the accomplishments of your Sheriff's Office for 2012. The times in which we live continue to present huge difficulties in carrying out the wide variety of duties assigned to the Office of Sheriff by our state constitution and Oregon law. Yet, even with considerable reductions in staff and resources to get the job done, our employees have committed themselves to the highest ideals of our profession.

As a result, despite having less than half the number of sworn enforcement staff, we continue to out-perform the results of the past in activities and investigative reports. Our civil staff is setting records for activities and timeliness of service, and though our jail was only able to operate at 60 percent of its capacity, our corrections staff continued to work long hours with very little relief to make sure we had a place to keep the most serious offenders in 2012.

I am worried that additional cuts in the coming year will mean severe reductions in services, but am thrilled, nonetheless, with the efforts of our staff for 2012.

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson Biography

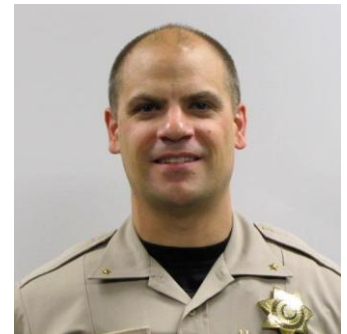
Jeff Dickerson was born in, California in 1960. He moved with his family to Oregon in 1972, attending Scappoose schools. He graduated from Scappoose High School in 1978 and from the University of Oregon School Of Journalism in 1982. He worked with his family business—a multi-state petroleum products 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.

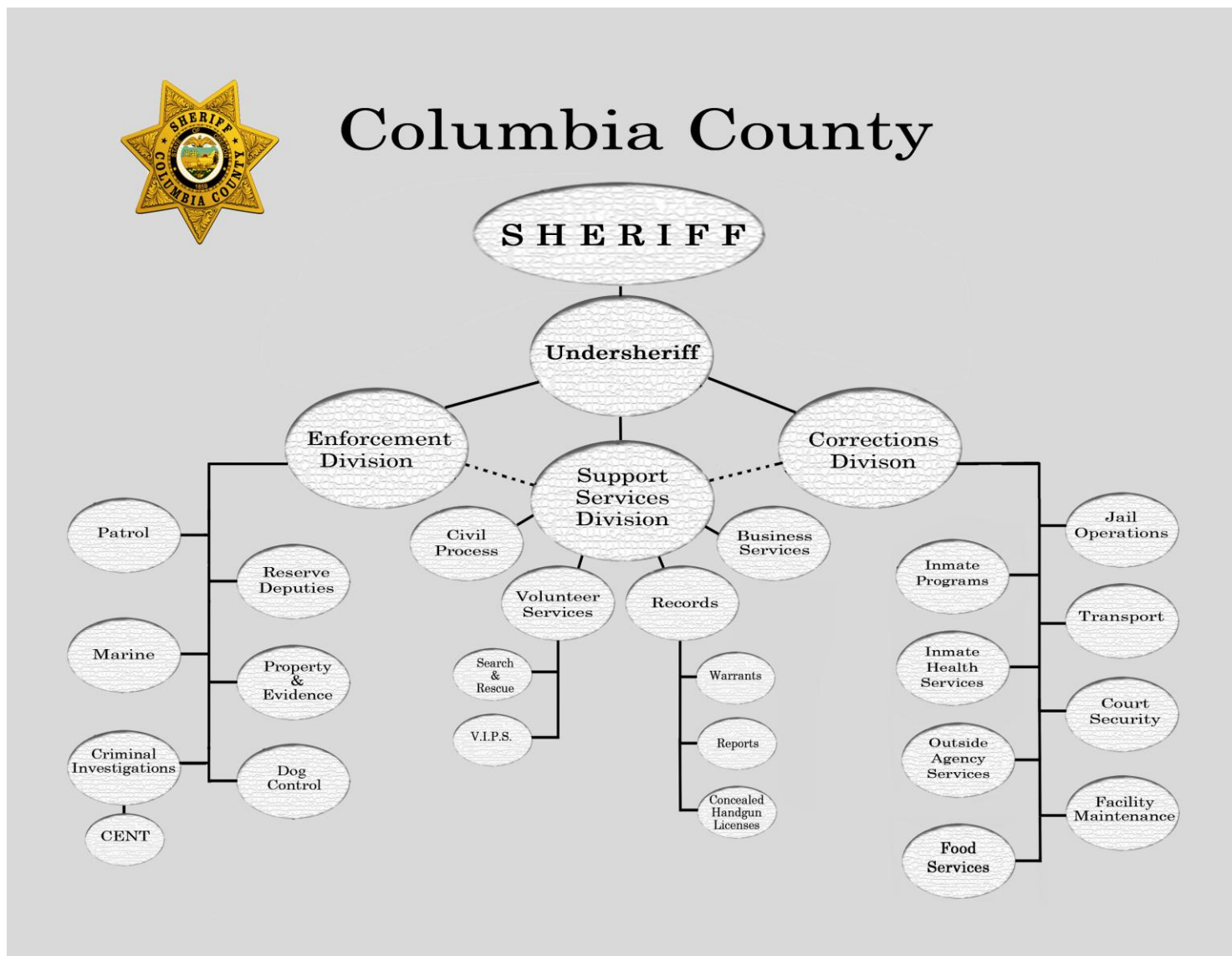
Elected in 2008 and re-elected in 2012 to his second four-year term, he has also been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Interoperability Executive Council working to improve radio communications for first responders in our region. He is a graduate of the Oregon Executive Development Institute and the Oregon Sheriff's Academy. He is also certified at the Executive level by the 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.



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. Currently, the undersheriff *also* has the dual responsibility of serving as the jail commander, since that position went unfilled in 2011 due to budget cuts. The leadership of the Sheriff's Office in 2012 was restructured after budget cuts led to the reduction of all employees in the sergeant classification. Seven sergeant positions were reduced to three lieutenant positions – two in the jail and one in the Central Administration of the Sheriff's Office. The latter lieutenant oversees the Enforcement and Support Services Divisions.

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

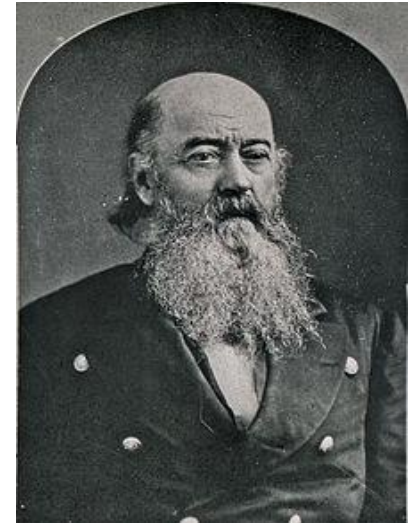
variety of duties and authorities and a tremendous potential for defending the liberties of the people as an elected official with broad powers—including the power to arrest, commit to prison, serve as the ministerial officer of the courts, and to carry out its directives, including relieving people 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. Long-term, the office will need additional funding to keep vital services in place.



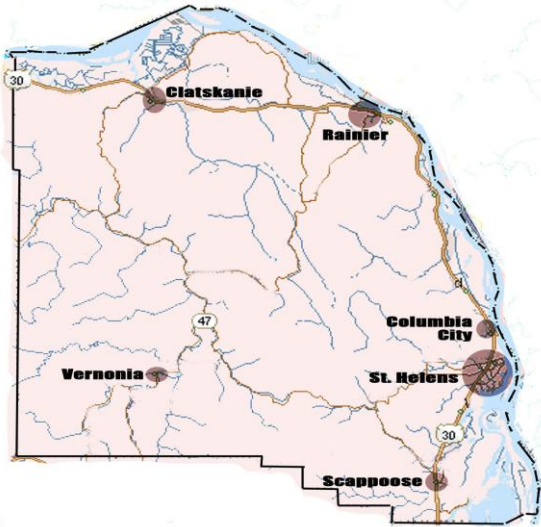
Joseph "Joe" Meek – Oregon's First Sheriff

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 Sq. Miles
	2010	2011	
Columbia County	49,430	49,625	688.0
Clatskanie	1,735	1,740	1.3
Columbia City	1,945	1,950	1.2
Prescott	55	55	0.1
Rainier	1,895	1,895	4.9
Saint Helens	12,905	12,890	5.7
Scappoose	6,630	6,665	2.7
Vernonia	2,155	2,110	1.7
Unincorporated	22,110	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 2012

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
732	655	752	660	856	768	825	858	833	833	722	730

Inmates Booked into Jail by Month in 2012

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
216	191	220	217	244	249	204	223	208	253	223	220

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 committed to the county jail; and,
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 Locate Downed Aircraft/Student Pilot and Instructor deceased March 15, 2012

Early in the morning hours, and in a driving rain, the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Operations located a downed aircraft in the Goble area after we were notified around midnight of a plane that had gone down. Pinging of the pilot's cell phone led us to a location off of Neer City Rd. where deputies found the bodies of two people: a 17-year-old student pilot and his 47-year-old instructor.

Investigators Arrest Child Rape Suspect April 5, 2012

A two-month investigation culminated in the arrest of a man accused of 11 counts of sexual crimes against children. Paulino Garza, 50, Scappoose was also charged with resisting arrest after he scuffled with deputies as they were taking him into custody.

Deputies Arrest 21-year-old who Shot his mother July 8, 2012

Sheriff's deputies arrested the 21-year-old suspect in a Columbia County shooting incident that hospitalized his mother. His mother eventually survived. Two tactical teams - one from Columbia County and one from Washington County had responded to the residence prior to the suspect being taken into custody.

Deputies Serve Search Warrant; Seize over 150 cattle July 26, 2012

Columbia County Sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant on properties controlled by a South Columbia County rancher under suspicion of Animal Neglect. Over 150 head of cattle were seized as part of a joint operation conducted by the Sheriff's Office and the Oregon Humane Society. The exact number of animals seized is yet to be determined. Deputies served the search warrant on William F. Holdner, 86, Warren, who was convicted in March of pollution charges stemming from his cattle ranching operation. Humane Society agents also cited Holdner for Animal Neglect last November.

Detective Nabs Theft Suspect at Portland Airport August 28, 2012

A Columbia County Sheriff's detective, acting on a lead, arrested the son of a man who had been jailed on a domestic violence arrest, after the former had stolen a reported \$32,800 from his father while he was incarcerated. Freddie K. Sandusky, 22, Springfield, was taken into custody as he was preparing to board a flight to Hawaii at the Portland Airport. The case began August 14, when deputies responded to the scene of a domestic violence call. Sandusky's father, was arrested as a result, and Sandusky was listed as the victim in this case. Once deputies learned that the arrestee had a large amount of cash back at the house, he was transported back to the house, only to find the cash (and Sandusky) had already disappeared.

CCSO arrests Shooting Suspect with help of OSP SWAT Team November 2, 2012

A 61-year-old shooting suspect was arrested, following a 10-hour standoff with deputies and local police officers. Oregon State Police SWAT team members took him into custody after a short struggle. After receiving care for injuries suffered during the arrest, Cary Woodard was lodged in the Columbia County Jail and charged with menacing and felon in possession of a firearm, among other charges. Deputies responded to Co Op Rd., west of Clatskanie in the afternoon of November 2, after receiving reports that Woodard had gone berserk during a squabble at the residence there. Woodard reportedly took a .22-caliber, bolt-action rifle and began firing it off in the house.

State Sheriffs' Association Recognizes Courageous, 12-year-old Vernonia Boy December, 2012

Vernonia's Seth Cutright, the 12-year-old boy who rescued his grandmother from their burning home in October was recognized by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association for his heroics and courage before approximately 300 attendees at the annual state sheriff's conference in Bend. The crowd gave the boy a standing ovation as his story was read and he was given the sheriffs' prestigious Life Saving award.

Seth and his family were in attendance, along with members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office who were there for the annual Sheriff's conference and awards banquet. "We are proud of Seth and glad we could be here to help acknowledge his courageous act in saving his grandmother from their burning home this fall," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. The Sheriff also later awarded Cutright an additional award from Columbia County.

Enforcement Division

The Sheriff's Office employed only eight sworn enforcement deputies plus one lieutenant in the Enforcement Division in 2012. 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. Two of the six remaining sworn deputies were 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 declined from 2011, but continued high in volume (per deputy). During 2012, our limited staff was augmented by the addition of a fifth reserve deputy. Reserve deputies add patrol hours to the Division while full-time staff members focus on criminal investigations and responding to emergencies. Staff has also worked to establish an outpost office at the Rainier School District and have expanded the Neighborhood Watch program in rural areas, as well as helping a municipal agency with training in Neighborhood Watch principles.

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. Yet—because of their creativity—they turned in more investigation reports (even after the loss of another enforcement position) than 2011, which had also been a record year. 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

Seven deputies (four from the Enforcement Division and three from the Corrections Division) have been cross-trained to fill in as needed in either division. As it is now, the Sheriff's Office no longer has the number of deputies to fulfill all the responsibilities of the office for each division by itself. Cross-training deputies has created efficiencies by expanding the capabilities of some staff without increasing the number of staff. This helps give the sheriff greater flexibility in filling holes in

in schedules or putting together the resources he needs to solve immediate public safety problems. As our numbers continue to dwindle, cross-trained deputies are a last stand against the budget axe affecting many sheriffs across Oregon.

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				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
CCSO calls	9,130	8,814	10,245	9,224

Felony Charges				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arrests	438	293	422	340

DUI Arrests				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
DUI Arrests	110	108	79	91

Total # of Investigation Reports				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
# of Reports	389	875	899	1169

Total # Violation Citations in 2012				
	Hazardous Driving	Driver Viols*	Speed	Eqpt/Other
# violations cited	102	162	60	98

*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.

In the evening of Saturday, July 14th, 2012 our marine deputies were made aware of a large, illegal party on Sandy Island, Near Goble. This party involved multiple kegs of beer as well as minors. The deputies assembled a team of Oregon Liquor Control Commission investigators as well as a couple other deputies and responded to the island with a small cadre of enforcers to face a large, intoxicated crowd.

Upon their arrival on Sandy Island, investigators found a huge crowd estimated at 250 party-goers. Despite being outnumbered by such a large crowd, they were able to seize all kegs of beer, arrest three suspects responsible for purchasing and serving the beer, and were able to extricate their team safely from the island.

Lt. Dustin Hald was awarded as a marine manager of the year by the Oregon Marine Board. Lt. Hald was able to secure funding from the Marine Board to replace the sheriff's aging fleet with two new boats, which will be on the water by summer 2013.



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				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Water Hrs	2,203	2,335	1,541	1,980

Reported Water Incidents				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Incidents	17	12	64	53

Additional Statistics				
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Inspections	568	1,714	1,366	1,216
Citations	31	39	50	95
BUII	3	0	3	7

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 served as a narcotics enforcement detective who is assigned to the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT). That position was funded through December 2012 by a federal grant. The Sheriff's Office continued to pay for the position through the remainder of the fiscal year, but additional cuts in 2013 are putting this position at risk for cuts.

CCSO Investigators conducted investigations of numerous serious offenses in 2012, including: 1) investigating the murder of Dana Farnsworth as part of the Columbia County Major Crimes Team. Michael B. Lytsell was arrested and charged with Murder as a result of this investigation; 2) As part of CENT, investigated and arrested Distribution of Heroin suspects Ashley Andone and Bill Matsumoto; 3) Participated in the multi-jurisdictional investigation and arrest of Mexican nationals involved in a multi-county DTO distribution operation; 4) Assisted St. Helens Police in the investigation of death threats made at the high school (a 15-year-old female was charged in the case); 5) Investigated and arrested Russell Dee Smith for delivery of prescription Oxycodone within 1000 feet of a Scappoose school. Smith had also made threats to kill local law



Some of the cash seized by a CCSO detective from the suspect who stole thousands of dollars from his father who had been taken to jail. The detective intercepted the suspect at the Portland airport trying to make a getaway.

enforcement, members of the judiciary, and their families; 6) Investigated and cleaned up a boxed Methamphetamine laboratory found in a travel trailer on Hermo Rd. in North County; and, 7) Served a search warrant at a Burma Rd address, solving several burglaries and the seizure of methamphetamine and drug delivery items.

Other 2012 cases handled by CCSO investigators included:

- The investigation and arrest of a child rape suspect in south county
- The attempted murder of a St. Helens woman who was shot in the stomach by her own son
- Assisting the Oregon Humane Society with investigation and service of search and seizure warrant in the case of more than 100 abused cattle at several different locations in South County.
- The investigation of a large amount of stolen cash from the home of an individual arrested for domestic violence. The deputy who made the arrest went back to the residence to help find the cash, only to discover the son of the arrested individual had taken the money and fled. A CCSO detective located the suspect in the theft at the Portland Airport preparing to leave the area. More than a \$19,000 in cash were seized and returned to the victim.
- Took a shooting suspect into custody in North County after he held officers at bay for over 10 hours. Investigators discovered a marijuana grow inside the house afterward.

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

Enforcement Division



Search and Rescue Volunteers train continuously with sworn enforcement leadership on modern Search and Rescue techniques. Every year, the SAR team responds to find missing people and/or items in our county. These volunteers are the lifeblood of this activity mandated to the Sheriff by state law.



Columbia County Sheriff's SAR Volunteer Coordinator Ron Hermo (right) confers with a Washington County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team member during the inter-agency training event held in Columbia County in the spring of 2012.

SAR MISSIONS	
2009	13
2010	18
2011	8
2012	14

Search & Rescue

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 2012 included various call outs for the SAR team. They responded to search call outs in Columbia County, including assisting the St. Helens Police Department with a missing person case. Volunteer SAR team members also responded to other counties to assist. They assisted Washington County with an evidence search as well as a search for a missing Dementia patient who walked away from a care facility. They also assisted Marion County with a search for a lost hiker in the Mt. Jefferson area. Approximately 15 members of the team attended the Oregon State Search and Rescue Conference in Clackamas County.

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.

Enforcement Division

Animal Control

In 2012, The transition of animal control into a primarily-enforcement oriented service continued to materialize. Licensing of dogs – often carried out in conjunction with the County Clerk’s Office is now provided solely by the clerk.

This change has helped the animal control officer to focus squarely on strengthening 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 .

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

The Columbia County Animal Control program continues to maintain one of the lowest euthanasia rates in the country. In 2012, the number of dogs euthanized fell from 17 in 2011 to 12 dogs for the year – just .02% of the total number of dogs brought to the shelter. Dogs are only euthanized for aggression or health related issues. The shelter has not and does not euthanize for space or breed type. Only dogs that are a danger to be returned to the public—after other options are weighed—are euthanized.

Our combined efforts with the Columbia Humane Society continues to pay big dividends to the county. Budget cuts to the county have reduced the number of hours the county side of the shelter could remain open. Volunteers helped keep the shelter open longer than it would have been without their help.

In 2012, the Humane Society remodeled the old pound to provide for a treatment area for animals with contagious medical problems, including replacing the sink and countertop, as well as adding additional cabinets to the Animal Control medical area. The changes have provided a cleaner, safer work area withen dealing with sick or injured animals.

The Animal Control portion of the shelter reported that 446 dogs were impounded and provided shelter, with an additional 82 dogs surrendered to the shelter by owners. A total of 228 strays were returned to owners, while 113 stray dogs were re-homed.



These adopted dogs were all provided with needed vaccinations and 100% were spayed or neutered through a cooperative effort with a local veterinarian.

While services to other animals have been necessarily reduced, the shelter and Animal Control Staff members continue to support all efforts related to the care and treatment of domestic pets. The Animal Control staff and shelter operations are supported directly by dog owners through the yearly license fees paid. With the county’s limited funding, the need to become self supporting has gone from a goal to a requirement. With this goal in mind, we continue our efforts to locate and license all dogs within the county.

Licensing dogs is critical to improving the health and safety of all domestic pets in Columbia County. A large number of dogs remain unlicensed in our county, causing the cost of insuring public safety through animal control to be borne by the responsible dog owners who follow the law and license their dogs in the county.

Enforcement of dog licensing and nuisance ordinances is a critical piece of the animal control program in our county, and the focus of our animal control unit continues to be on bringing non-compliant dog owners into compliance.

2012 Animal Control Enforcement Activities	
Total Citations	94
Unlicensed Dog	65
Abused & Nuisance Dogs	29

The goal for 2013 is to increase the number of compliant dog owners through education and enforcement.

Corrections Division

Jail Operations

The sheriff operates the jail, 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 15 deputies and two supervisors are responsible for staffing 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 in 2012. Two full-time control technicians help 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. We now have 17.

Jail Operations were reduced in 2011 when the capacity of the jail dropped from 255 beds to 150 beds due to a lack of funding. Jail beds stayed the same after similar cuts in 2012, but additional cuts looming in 2013 are threatening to push the jail capacity numbers down even further.

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 Constitution.

The jail capacity was reduced to account for these realities. Once the jail population reaches its funded capacity, we release inmates according to a matrix program developed to ensure that the most dangerous offenders are kept in jail. The matrix program assigns a score to each inmate. The score is based upon the inmate's criminal history, reason for the inmate's current custody situation, and a number of other aggravating factors. As a result, 582 inmates were force-released due to budget cuts in 2012.

Of the 150 beds we were able to keep filled in 2012, 85 beds were reserved for detention of federal inmates. The U.S. government pays local facilities to house its inmates who are awaiting trial. The Columbia County Jail is paid \$78 per night per federal inmate in our facility. These bed rentals help keep the lights on and the staff employed to run an effective jail facility. Without our federal partners paying for the use of our facility, jail operations would drop below functionality, and the county could be forced to rent a small number of beds elsewhere to meet the need for custodies of mostly violent offenders. Even significant cuts to the County budget might make it impossible to continue to run a safe, secure and constitutionally correct custody facility.

A typical day in our jail begins with breakfast. The jail serves three meals a day to approximately 150 inmates. After breakfast, court transports and medicine passes occur. Later, visitation from family members of inmates, video court arraignments and inmate programs are

managed by our deputies, who also must account for inmates every hour of the day.

Deputies conduct rounds every hour in fulfillment of state law. They process inmate complaints and adjudicate violations of inmate rules. They carry out post orders for their assigned posts (duty stations). They book, fingerprint and process new arrestees. They classify inmates according to the level of threat they pose to the safety and security of the facility. They release inmates from custody once they have finished their sentence, or they are released from the court.

COLUMBIA COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

	2010	2011	2012
Custodies (Male)	2,033	2,058	2,045
Custodies (Female)	610	557	634
Average Stay (days)	27	19	14
Furloughed inmates	100	122	33
Inmates Force Released	0	27	582
Average Daily Population	182	179	155
Meals Served	199,724	196,267	159,951
Inmate Medical Services	9,125	12,744	10,809

Corrections Division

Columbia County Jail Facts and Figures

Year Opened – 2001
Total Capacity – 255
Funded Capacity – 150
Previous Jail Capacity – 38
Total Meals served – 159,951
Yearly Food Budget -- \$420,000
Yearly Medical Cost --\$395,000
Total Annual Cost to Run the Jail: **\$3.6 million**

**Jail
Booking
Area**



Cost Saving Initiatives in 2012

- Saved \$300,000 in U.S. Marshal bed rental revenue to put against future deficits.
- Continued serving cold breakfasts, saving \$30,000 a year.
- Elimination of 4 corrections staff positions in 2012; Streamlining of management team to reduce costs by more than \$330,000.



Control Room

**Commissary
Delivery----->**



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.

Jail Medical Office



**Temporary
Holding Cells**



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 office has increased its proficiency in the service of civil papers. 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 of 30 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. There has also been an increase in the success rate for civil papers service from 82 percent in 2010 to 92 percent in 2011 and 98 percent in 2012.

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 Licensing and Fingerprinting services are by appointment only during the following hours:

Monday & Tuesday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Information

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.



Volunteers staff the front window of the sheriff's office, assisting staff process the ever-increasing demand for civil process and concealed handgun licensing services.

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.

Phone: (503) 366-4611

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

Papers Processed

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Received	1,474	1,318	1,537	1,485
Served	1,163	1,083	1,410	1,457

Fingerprinting

	2009	2010	2011	2012
# Fingerprinted	410	483	393	468

Concealed Handgun Licenses Processed

	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHLs	668	532	744	1,050

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.

In 2011, the unit began inputting reports for 2010 and 2011 into a new reporting system for the Sheriff's Office. The Portland Police Data System (PPDS) is 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

The unit also assists the civil division, handles the mail, answers phones, assists at the front window of the Sheriff's Office and assists with inmate visitors in the jail.

Warrants

	2010	2011	2012
Entered	371	507	648
Cleared	387	416	629



Evidence Room

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 2012, 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.

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



This Humvee (above) came free of charge through the state Surplus Program and is used by our volunteers for Search and Rescue and other duties. Also in 2012, Terry Morris (in photo below), pastor of Delena Baptist Church, became our volunteer chaplain.



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

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.

2009-2012 All Custody Arrests

Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2009	2010	2011	2012
ALL	033.045	Contempt of Court	109	100	125	76
ALL	133.747	Fugitive From Another State	11	11	12	15
ALL	137.050	Failure to Appear Warrants	40	36	26	35
ALL	137.545	Probation Violation Warrants	275	221	153	197
Corrections	144.108	Post Prison Supervision Sanctions	34	17	18	33
ALL	144.350	Prison Parole Violations	28	16	16	19
Enforcement	161.405	Attempt to Commit Felony Crime	12	11	17	10
Enforcement	161.450	Criminal Conspiracy (felony)	12	11	0	0
Corrections	162.065	Perjury	2	0	5	0
ALL	162.145-155	Escape II, Escape III	1	1	1	6
ALL	162.195	Fail to Appear II	25	19	5	12
ALL	162.205	Fail to Appear I	21	4	6	7
ALL	162.235	Obstruct Governmental/Judicial Admin.	3	1	2	0
Enforcement	162.247	Interfere with a Peace Officer	2	2	2	1
Enforcement	162.315	Resisting Arrest	6	3	6	3
Enforcement	162.325	Hindering Prosecution	1	0	4	2
Enforcement	162.375	Initiating False Report	1	1	2	0
Enforcement	162.385	Giving False Information to Police Officer	9	3	2	11
Enforcement	163.005	Criminal Homicide	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	163.115	Attempted Murder	2	2	3	1
Enforcement	163.145	Criminally Negligent Homicide	1	2	1	0
Enforcement	163.160	Assault IV	64	65	50	53
Enforcement	163.165	Assault III	12	12	13	3
Enforcement	163.175	Assault II	1	4	3	5
Enforcement	163.185	Assault I	3	2	3	2
Enforcement	163.187	Strangulation	11	12	5	11
Enforcement	163.190	Menacing I	39	26	34	20
Enforcement	163.195	Recklessly Endangering Another Person	40	43	37	44
Enforcement	163.200	Criminal Mistreatment II	0	1	1	0
Enforcement	163.205	Criminal Mistreatment I	3	2	2	10
Enforcement	163.208	Assault Public Safety Officer	0	2	1	0
Enforcement	163.225	Kidnapping II	1	3	0	0
Enforcement	163.235	Kidnapping I	0	2	2	0
Enforcement	163.275	Coercion	6	0	4	0
Enforcement	163.355	Rape III	2	5	6	5
Enforcement	163.365	Rape II	0	5	0	1
Enforcement	163.375	Rape I	1	4	2	3
Enforcement	163.385	Sodomy III	0	5	2	1
Enforcement	163.395	Sodomy II	1	10	15	1
Enforcement	163.405	Sodomy I	1	9	9	1
Enforcement	163.411	Sexual Penetration/Foreign Object	5	1	0	5
Enforcement	163.415	Sexual Abuse III	5	26	11	11
Enforcement	163.425	Sexual Abuse II	4	0	15	0
Enforcement	163.427	Sexual Abuse I	9	5	38	12
Enforcement	163.435	Contribute to Sex Delinquency of Minor	0	8	5	0
Enforcement	163.454	Custodial Sexual Misconduct II	0	1	0	0
Enforcement	163.457	Private Indecency	0	0	0	0

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2009-2012 All Custody Arrests

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Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2009	2010	2011	2012
Enforcement	163.465	Public Indecency	2	0	2	1
Enforcement	163.525	Incest	9	0	0	0
Enforcement	163.545	Child Neglect II	1	2	0	2
Enforcement	163.547	Child Neglect I	0	9	0	0
Enforcement	163.575	Endangering Welfare of a Minor	3	12	1	8
Enforcement	163.670-684	Display Child – Sexual Conduct	0	4	3	1
Enforcement	163.732-750	Violation of Stalking Order	9	2	72	58
Enforcement	164.043	Theft III	6	5	8	11
Enforcement	164.045	Theft II	27	17	21	21
Enforcement	164.055	Theft I	46	53	30	34
Enforcement	164.095-125	All Other Theft Charges	0	2	2	0
Enforcement	164.135	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	10	25	12	11
Enforcement	164.140	Criminal Possession of Leased Prprty	1	1	0	0
Enforcement	164.162	Mail Theft	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.215	Burglary II	6	12	10	9
Enforcement	164.225	Burglary I	9	7	18	10
Enforcement	164.235	Possess Burglar's Tools	0	0	2	1
Enforcement	164.245	Criminal Trespass II	12	22	16	14
Enforcement	164.255	Criminal Trespass I	12	9	9	7
Enforcement	164.272	Unlawful Entry Into Motor Vehicle	7	5	4	6
Enforcement	164.335	Reckless Burning	1	0	1	2
Enforcement	164.345	Criminal Mischief III	3	0	7	3
Enforcement	164.354	Criminal Mischief II	11	21	6	11
Enforcement	164.365	Criminal Mischief I	7	8	7	9
Enforcement	164.377	Computer Crime	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.395	Robbery III	0	1	1	3
Enforcement	164.415	Robbery I	0	1	3	1
Enforcement	164.775-857	Environmental Offenses	5	9	7	6
Enforcement	165.007-065	Forgery Offenses	16	10	4	4
Enforcement	165.570	Improper Use of 911	2	4	0	0
Enforcement	165.572	Interference with Making a Report	5	0	7	1
Enforcement	165.800	Identity Theft	3	11	3	2
Enforcement	165.023-025	Disorderly Conduct	6	8	22	6
Enforcement	166.065-090	Harassment Offenses	44	44	32	23
Enforcement	166.180	Negligently Wounding Another	0	0	0	2
Enforcement	166.190	Pointing Firearm at Another	2	4	3	5
Enforcement	166.220	Unlawful Use of Weapon	3	5	5	6
Enforcement	166.240	Unlawful Carry Concealed Weapon	3	6	4	4
Enforcement	166.250	Unlawful Carry Concealed Firearm	2	3	0	2
Enforcement	166.270	Felon in Possession of Firearm	33	21	15	23
Enforcement	166.272	Possession of Prohibited Firearm	1	1	0	1
Enforcement	167.212	Tampering with Drug Records	9	2	3	3
Enforcement	167.320-330	Animal Abuse and Neglect Offenses	5	13	8	2
Enforcement	167.332	Unlawful Possession of Domestic Animal	1	0	0	0
Enforcement	181.518-599	Fail to Register as Sex Offender	6	9	4	7

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2009-2012 All Custody Arrests

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Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2009	2010	2011	2012
Enforcement	471.405-410	Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	0	31	12	14
Enforcement	475.840	Controlled Substances Offenses	29	17	17	22
Enforcement	475.854	Unlawful Possession of Heroin	6	10	7	16
Enforcement	475.856-864	Marijuana Delivery Related Offenses	43	20	22	15
Enforcement	475.880	Cocaine Manufacture/Deliver	0	1	0	0
Enforcement	475.884	Unlawful Possession of Cocaine	0	3	2	2
Enforcement	475.886-890	Methamphetamine Deliver/Manufacture	8	3	3	14
Enforcement	475.894-992	Possession of Methamphetamine	42	39	41	51
Enforcement	476.715	Lighted Material on Hwy	0	0	0	1
Enforcement	480.120	Fireworks Offense	0	2	0	0
Enforcement	496.992-498.002	Wildlife Offense – Misdemeanor	18	2	7	20
Enforcement	609.098	Maintain Dangerous Dog	0	1	0	0
Enforcement	807.010-620	Motor Vehicle Licensing Violations	4	3	2	6
Enforcement	810.860	Fail To Appear – Traffic Offense	0	0	0	2
Enforcement	811.140	Reckless Driving	29	39	23	18
Enforcement	811.182	Criminal Driving-Suspended/Revoked	28	19	27	25
Enforcement	811.231	Recklessly Endangering a Hwy Worker	0	1	0	0
Enforcement	811.540	Attempt to Elude Police	12	11	17	13
Enforcement	811.700	Hit and Run – Property Damage	8	10	13	6
Enforcement	811.705	Hit and Run - Injury	5	0	1	1
Enforcement	813.010	Drive Under Influence Intoxicants	110	108	79	91
Enforcement	830.325	Operate Boat Under Influence Intoxicants	3	0	3	7
Enforcement	830.475	Hit and Run – Boat	0	0	0	0
Enforcement	135.250-290	Violation of Release agreement	-	-	-	4

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

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.

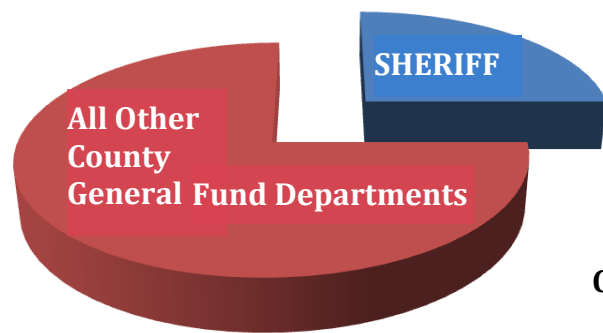
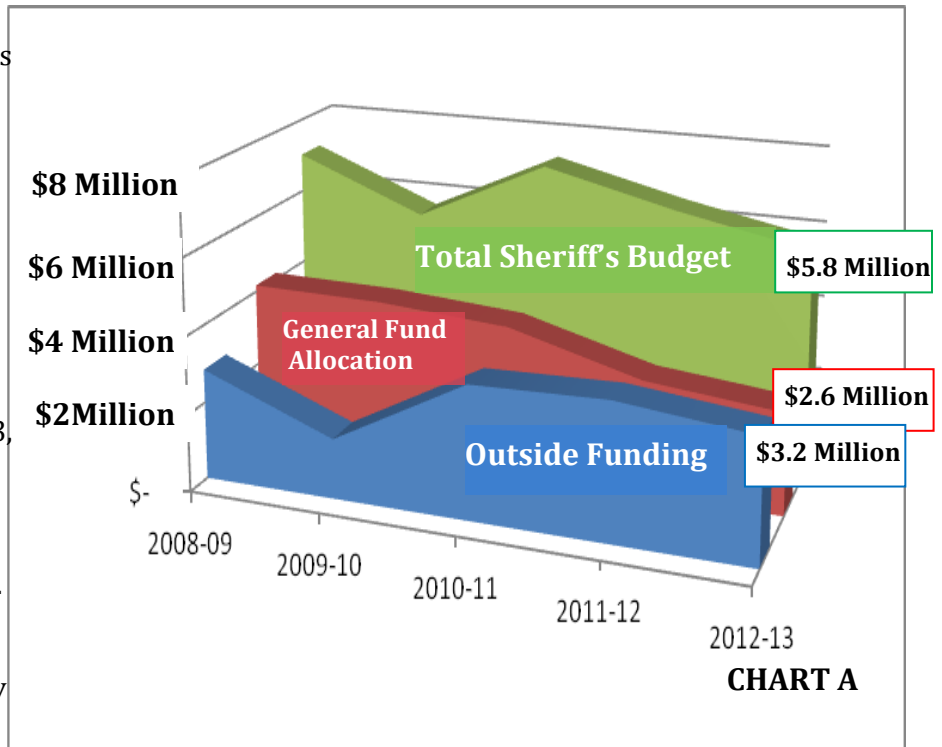
In 2012, approximately \$300,000 was allocated out of the sheriff's reserve fund account to cover for budgeted items that exceeded revenues. It is expected that in 2013, only \$200,000 will be left in that fund going forward into 2014.

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.

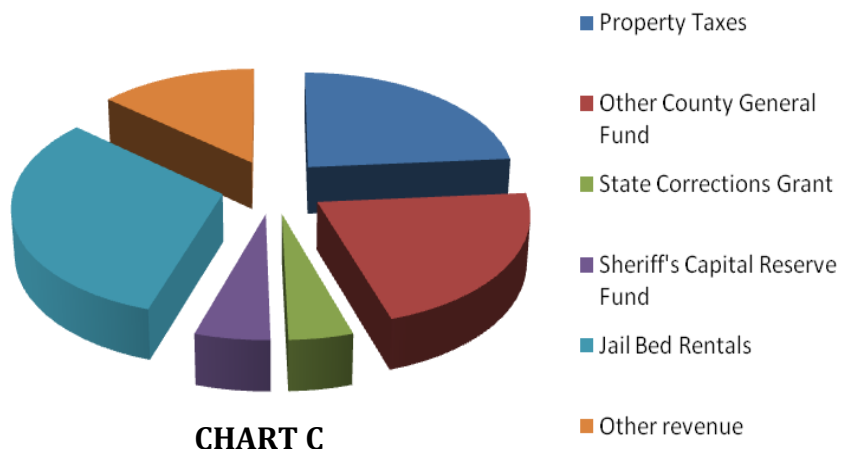
The next chart (Chart B) shows the share of the general fund provided to the Sheriff's Office from the county budget.

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 2012 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.



CCSO Revenue Sources



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
901 Port Avenue
Saint Helens, OR 97051

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is also on FACEBOOK!

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