

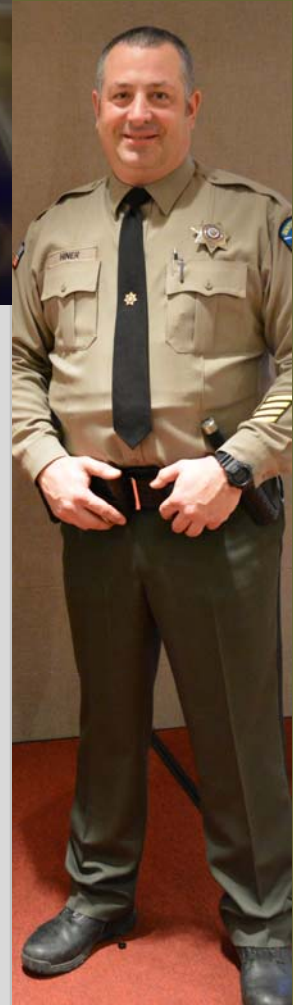


*Providing professional public safety
services with integrity and accountability.*



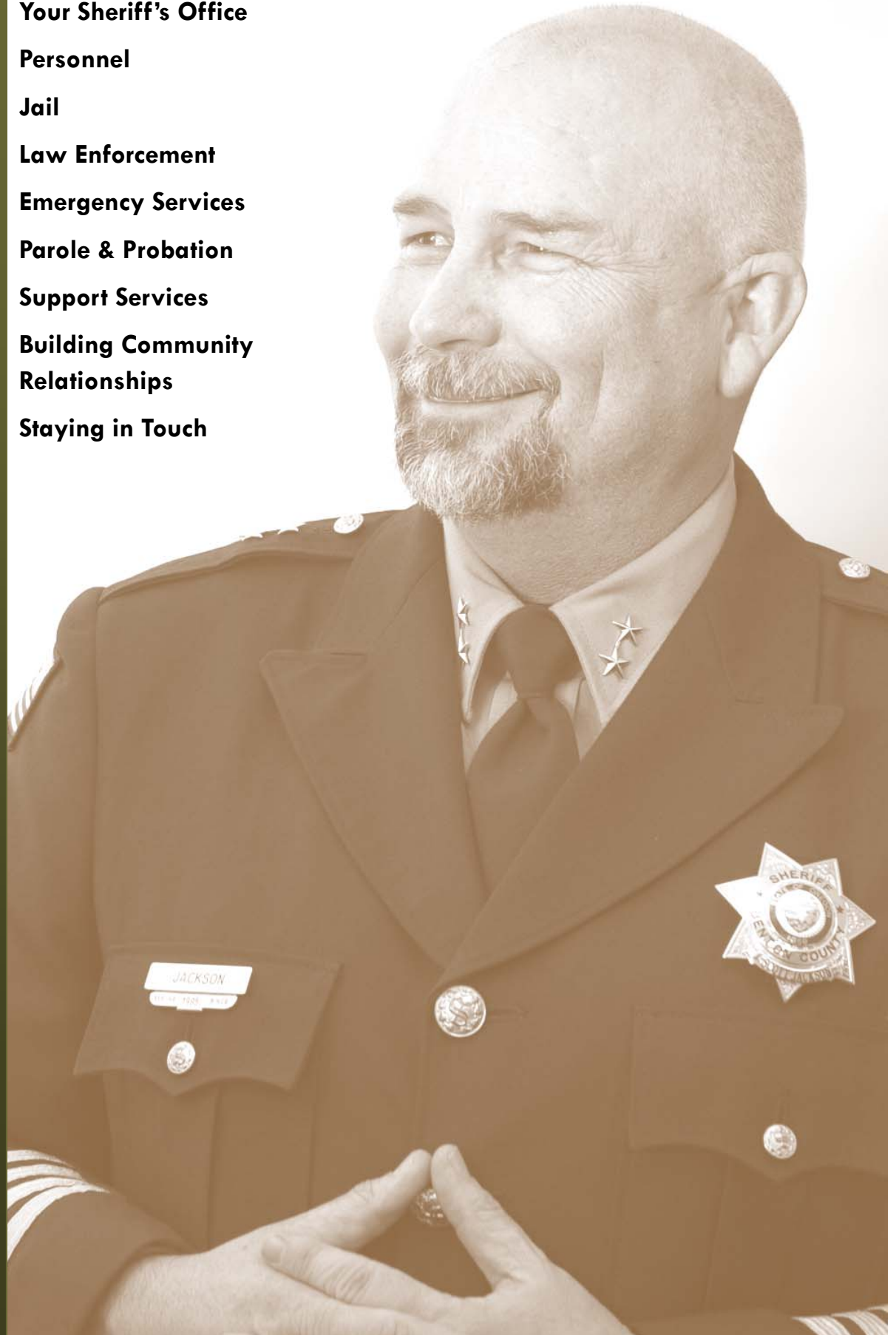
Benton County Sheriff's Office
2014 ANNUAL REPORT

July 2013—December 2014



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Sheriff Jackson's MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I am honored to serve as your Sheriff and proud to share with you the accomplishments of the Benton County Sheriff's Office through this report.

This past 18 months has seen many changes. Sheriff's Office employees worked together to articulate new mission, vision and values statements. These statements say a lot about who we are and what we aspire to. As Sheriff, I embrace our mission to "*provide professional public safety services with integrity and accountability.*"

When uniforms needed to be replaced, we chose to honor our 170-year-old tradition and return to our roots. You'll now see Deputies in their distinctive tan and green uniforms, the traditional colors of Sheriff's Offices throughout the State.

At the same time that we honor the past, we are also looking toward the future. As our fleet continues to age, we need to look at cost effective ways to replace it. We have been partnering with Linn Benton Community College to switch from gasoline to propane fuel. We've had some technical issues, but continue to work through those to help reduce fuel costs.

For the past 18 months we have also continued efforts

to educate the public about our inadequate jail. This year we hosted a series of "Open Houses" at the jail so that citizens could see first hand what needs to be done.

Through all these changes and more, the men and women of the Benton County Sheriff's Office continue to provide excellent service to the residents of Benton County. Throughout this report you'll have an opportunity to learn more about the valiant work they do every day on your behalf.

Thank you for your trust and support. I know that together we can continue to keep Benton County a safe place to live, work and raise our families.


Scott Jackson, Sheriff

EDITOR'S NOTE: In July 2013, then Undersheriff Scott Jackson was unanimously appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill retiring Sheriff Diana Simpson's vacated position. In November 2014 he was elected Sheriff by the citizens of Benton County and on January 5, 2015 was sworn in to his first term as Benton County's 30th Sheriff. This report covers the 18 months since Sheriff Jackson took over the helm of the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Duty ♦ Honor ♦ Courage

YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

OUR MISSION...

We provide professional public safety services with integrity and accountability.

OUR VISION...

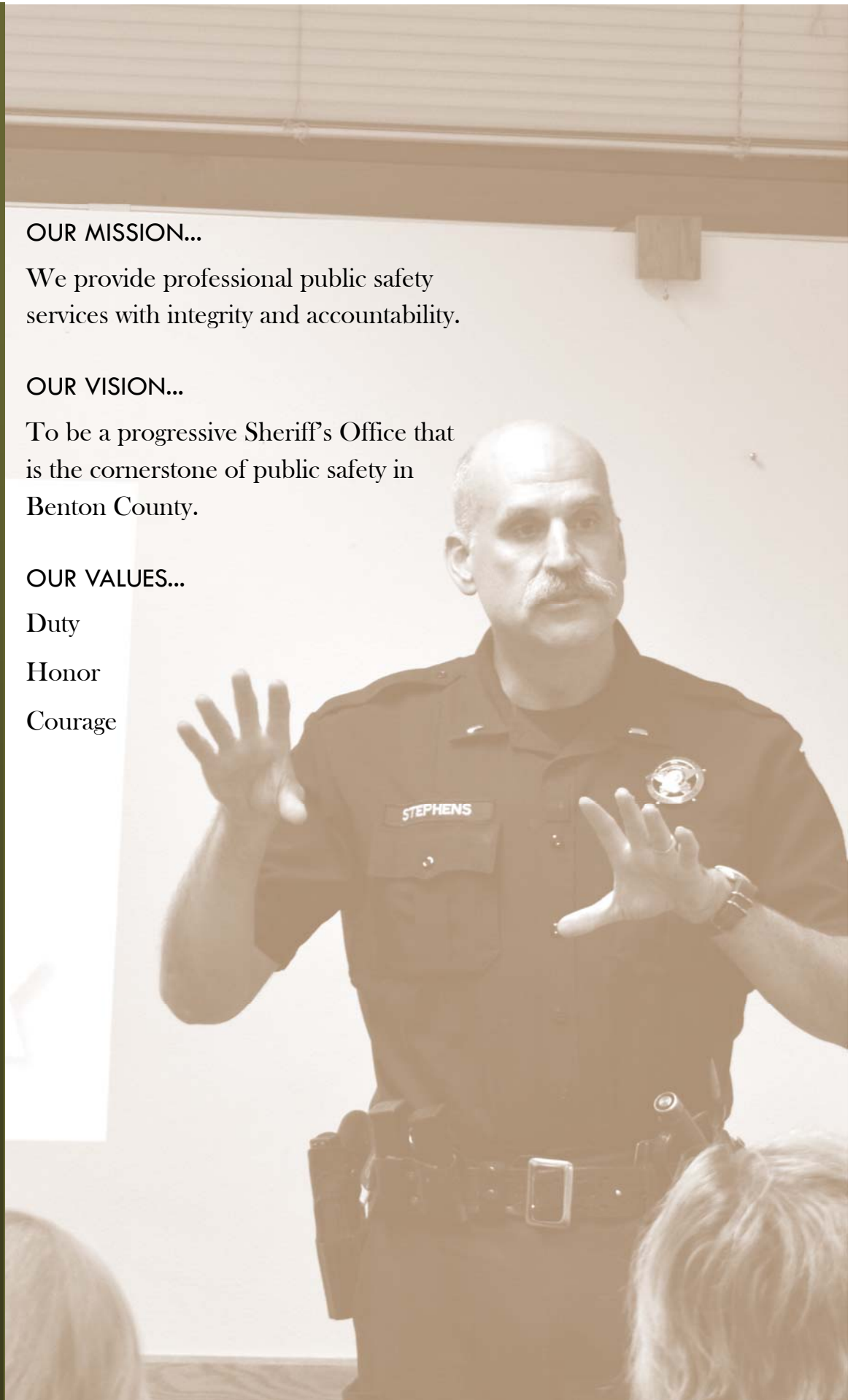
To be a progressive Sheriff's Office that is the cornerstone of public safety in Benton County.

OUR VALUES...

Duty

Honor

Courage



KEY AREAS OF FOCUS



BCSO Command Staff. Left to Right: Captain Justin Carley, Parole & Probation; Undersheriff Greg Ridler; Sheriff Scott Jackson; Captain Don Rogers, Law Enforcement; Captain Diana Rabago, Jail; and Lt. Clay Stephens, Emergency Services.

Keep Our Community Safe

Our ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe goes beyond patrolling the County 24/7. It also includes conducting criminal investigations, providing search and rescue response, developing community emergency response plans, supervising offenders through Parole and Probation, securing the Courthouse so it is safe and accessible, and maintaining a secure jail. Over the past 18 months, the Sheriff's Office provided all of these services—and more—to County residents.

Work Collaboratively with Community Partners

To make the most of limited resources, the Sheriff's Office teams with other public safety partners and community members. We continued our participation on multi agency teams that investigate vehicle accidents, child abuse investigations and major crimes. We also coordinated with the Oregon Department of Corrections in an active "Reach In" program to help prepare parolees to be successful when returning to the community. And we worked collaboratively with over 100 volunteers to provide services to the community that are beyond the scope of our budget.

Continue Effort to Replace Inadequate Jail

The current jail was built in 1976 and is the smallest jail per capita of any Oregon County. Beds have to be rented in other county jails at a cost of over \$1 million a year. Inmates are released before their sentences are completed because of overcrowding and they cannot get programming that might help them avoid returning to jail. Facility maintenance costs continue to climb. Sheriff's Office command staff have continued to explore cost-effective options for replacing the jail.

Be Fiscally Responsible, Operationally Transparent & Responsive to Needs

Sheriff's Office personnel take pride in getting the best value for taxpayer dollars. They are constantly seeking ways to do more with less. This includes both managing expenses and sourcing additional revenue. For example, over 1/3rd of the Sheriff's Office operating budget comes from grants and fees rather than property taxes. To address the high cost of fuel, Sheriff's Office personnel worked with the County to explore transitioning the County fleet to a propane-based fuel system.

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Key areas of focus include ...

- ◆ To keep our community safe.
- ◆ To continue to work collaboratively with our community and public safety partners.
- ◆ To continue effort aimed at replacing Benton County's seriously inadequate jail.
- ◆ To be fiscally responsible, operationally transparent and responsive to community needs.

FISCAL REPORT

Like every family in the county, the Sheriff's Office must budget our resources. Every two years we submit a budget to a citizen-led Budget Committee. Once approved by the committee it is ratified by the Board of Commissioners before being implemented. Then we carefully monitor what is spent (expenditures) against what is received (revenue) to ensure we are operating within our means.

The table on the facing page lists the Sheriff's Office revenue and expense budgets for fiscal year 2015. (Because County finances run on a fiscal cycle, this table covers the time period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.) The unpredictable nature of public safety makes managing these budgets challenging, but we are on-target to being at or under budget for the biennium.



We estimate that it takes approximately 10-12 months and costs over \$135,000 to hire, outfit and train a Patrol Deputy to solo status.

REVENUE BUDGET	FY 2015
Property Taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund • Local Option Levy 	\$8,795,262
Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Management Program Grant • Community Corrections Act • Oregon State Marine Board • Bureau of Land Management • City of Monroe • Marijuana Eradication • Child Abuse Multi-disciplinary Intervention 	\$1,550,662
Charges for Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog License Fees • Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Fees • Liquor License Fees • Civil Paper Processing Fees 	\$90,834
Grants/Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUI—Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants Grant • Safety Belt Grant • Donations • Intra-governmental Services • Drug Treatment Court Grants • Dedicated Beginning Balances 	\$4,114,922
TOTAL	\$14,551,680

EXPENDITURE BUDGET BY DIVISION	FY 2015
Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrol (K9, Marine, Forest) • School Resource Deputy • Investigations • Civil • Animal Control • Emergency Services • Search and Rescue • 911 Dispatch • Records/Reception 	\$6,189,994
Jail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail Operations • Inmate Medical • Jail Bed Rental • Transports • Courthouse Security 	\$4,754,022
Parole & Probation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision • Work Crew/Community Service • Mental Health Transition • Treatment 	\$2,364,945
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration • Budget and Purchasing • Licensing: CHL and Liquor Licenses • Accreditation • Recruitment and Training • Crime Prevention/Community Education 	\$1,242,719
TOTAL	\$14,551,680

PERSONNEL



THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BCSO

by Undersheriff Greg Ridler

The Deputies, civilian employees and volunteers who provide the public safety services you expect are the most valuable assets of your Sheriff's Office. Most individuals who enter a career in public safety do so because they want to make a positive difference in people's lives. This past 18 months, several employees were recognized for the positive impact they have had on our community.

Governor's Law Enforcement Medal of Honor

In late 2013, Heidi Moawad, Governor Kitzhaber's Public Safety Policy Advisor, awarded the *Oregon Governor's Law Enforcement Medal of Honor* to BCSO's Sergeant David Peterson. This medal was created as the highest award given in the State of Oregon to recognize and honor those in the profession who have performed their duties with exceptionally meritorious conduct. Sgt. Peterson was the first recipient of this honor since its inception in 2005. He received the award for his actions in the apprehension of a convicted felon who opened fire on law enforcement officers on the evening of August 11, 2012. Although gravely wounded, Sgt. Peterson returned fire, the suspect was apprehended and is currently serving 20 years in prison. After several surgeries and months of physical therapy, Sgt. Peterson returned to full active duty.

Distinguished Service

At the BCSO Awards Event in early 2014, Deputies Jim Hardison, David Iverson, Greg Goller, Joshua Gordon, Justin Bowers, Sergeant Toby Bottorff and Lieutenant (now Captain) Don Rogers were all recognized with *Distinguished Service Awards*. In separate incidents during the previous year, these Deputies showed their tenacity, diligent investigation and commitment to justice for victims. Through their actions, over \$10,000 worth of audio-visual equipment stolen from a local church was returned, two suspects were charged with a home burglary and identify theft, an armed robber was apprehended and a potential murder plot was prevented. Also recognized was Parole and Probation Officer Ryan Roth whose teamwork helped detectives make a case against the robbery suspect.

Life Saving

The Oregon State Marine Board honored three of our Marine Deputies—Eric Konzelman, Jessica Jones and Noah Lochner—for their life-saving efforts during the 2014 boating season. The North Santiam River was particularly dangerous this year with hot summer days and downed trees and root wads. With their skills, expertise, timing and teamwork, nine lives were saved.

Duty Above Self

As Undersheriff I get to see the work of our employees on a daily basis. They are dedicated and hard working. They constantly strive to provide the best service possible within the limitations of our resources. Whether patrolling the county, monitoring inmates, counseling parolees, or providing any of a variety of other public safety services, the men and women of the Benton County Sheriff's Office consistently go above and beyond the call of duty.



Undersheriff Greg Ridler

BCSO PERSONNEL PROFILE	2014
Total Regular Employees	75
Sworn Deputies	63
Women/Minorities	26%

"Thank you for your caring and professionalism in the case of our daughter. As you know, in times of tragedy, kindness and compassion can help a family survive a terrible deed such as this. You and other members of the Sheriff's Office have made this possible for us. I realize you have a somewhat thankless job, but we appreciated the time you took to talk to my husband."

Family Member of Victim,
December 2013

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

At the Benton County Sheriff's Office we take pride in selecting the best and training them well.

Selection Process

Our hiring process is extensive, particularly for sworn Deputies. They carry a great deal of authority and applicants must demonstrate they have the mental, physical and emotional skills to do the job.

To evaluate an applicant's mental abilities, we assess their educational background and written and oral communication skills. Additionally, they must successfully pass the standardized National Criminal Justice Officer Selection Inventory (NCJOSI) written test.

Applicants must demonstrate that they can handle the physical stresses of the job. In addition to passing a physician's medical examination, they also complete the ORPAT (Oregon Physical Abilities Test). This is a standardized physical fitness test developed by the State of Oregon that evaluates the physical skills actually used on the job.

Finally, applicants must demonstrate emotional fitness. As first responders they need the emotional toughness to handle stressful situations and work effectively with the public. That's why every full-time Deputy or Reserve Deputy is evaluated by a psychologist prior to being hired.

FTEP—Field Training Evaluation Program

Once hired, Deputies go through extensive training before they are fully able to do the job on their own. During this time they are partnered with a certified Field Training Deputy and go through a Field Training Evaluation Program or FTEP. During FTEP they are continually evaluated and coached on their skills. During this time they also attend a state-run Academy that varies from 5-16 weeks depending on their discipline.

On-Going Training

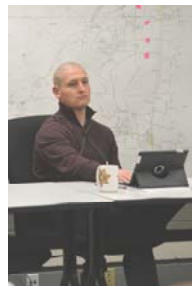
But training doesn't stop when a Deputy reaches solo status. Each year BCSO members must complete a minimum of 20 hours of mandated training. Topics include, but are not limited to: use of force, first aid, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms training and qualifications, legal updates, cultural proficiency training, and emergency action plans.



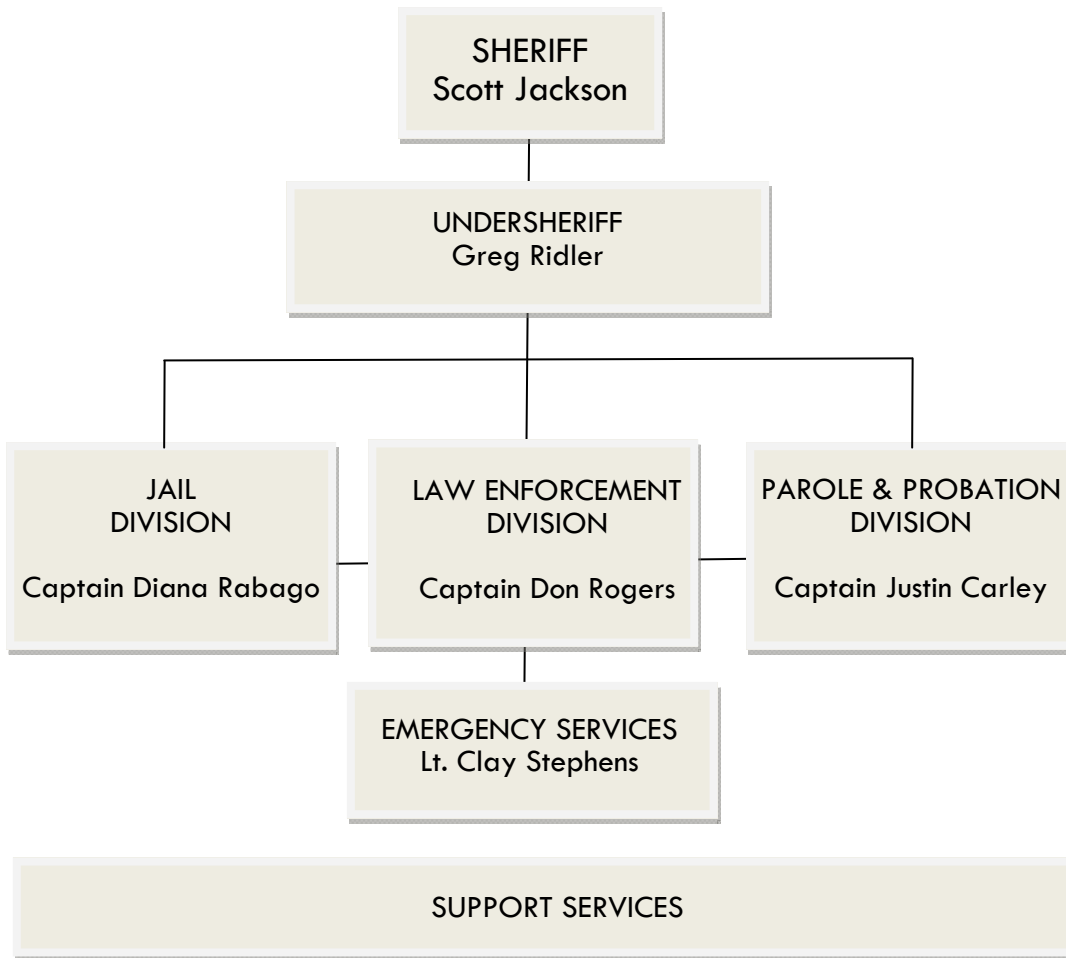
Training & Recruiting Sergeant
Leslie Pomaikai

STEPS IN THE HIRING PROCESS...

- ◆ Application Screening
- ◆ Written Test
- ◆ Physical Abilities Test (ORPAT)
- ◆ Personal History Questionnaire
- ◆ Oral Board(s)
- ◆ Background Investigation:
 - Criminal History Check
 - Driver's Record Check
 - Financial History Inquiry
 - Work/School Check
 - Reference Check
- ◆ Psychological Evaluation
- ◆ Medical Examination



2014 ORGANIZATION



JAIL



Jail Challenges
Managing Jail Capacity
Jail Maintenance
Inmate Population
Jail Inspection
Courthouse Security

JAIL CHALLENGES by Captain Diana Rabago

During the past 18 months, Jail staff stepped up to meet the on-going challenges posed by our inadequate facility. The Benton County Jail is the only jail in the county. When someone is arrested anywhere in the county—by Corvallis, Philomath or Albany Police, by Oregon State Troopers or by our own Deputies—they are brought to our facility. It was built thirty-eight years ago and is the smallest jail per capita of any county in Oregon. As a result, we must be creative in how we provide for the needs of inmates while keeping our community safe.

Oregon Jail Standards Inspection

In January 2014 a team of Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) jail inspectors spent two days reviewing our policies and practices. They audited our operations against a set of 309 professional standards—best practices in corrections management—and found us to be 98.7% compliant.

Ongoing Challenges

While we are very proud of our jail inspection results, ongoing issues continue to challenge us. They include keeping the aging facility in working order, juggling which individuals are held, which are transported to other locations and which are released, and effectively supervising a population with increasing mental illness.

Future Challenges

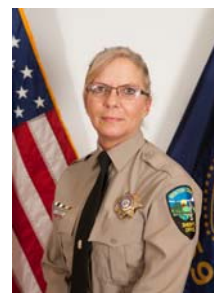
This year we also partnered with other jails in Oregon to address two key issues which will impact all facilities: 1) managing jail costs for inmate healthcare, and 2) preparing for federal PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audits.

Open House—Come Tour the Jail

This spring we offered Open Houses to citizens wanting to learn more about the Jail. For a schedule of ongoing Open Houses, check our website at: www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/corrections/. Join us to learn more about your Jail!



Members of the 2014 Benton County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy class tour the jail with Captain Rabago.

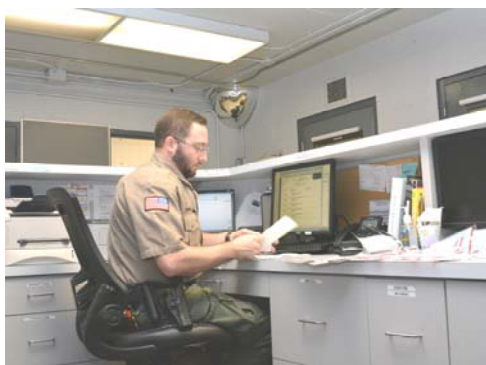


Captain Diana Rabago,
Jail Commander

"Because of the size of your facility, we all felt that your staff did an excellent job of 'thinking outside the box.' I can understand how frustrating it can be to do a lot with limited resources. We felt that your facility was very well run...Your staff has proven to operate a very safe and secure facility."

Lt. Jamie Russell
OSSA Jail Inspector,
January 2014

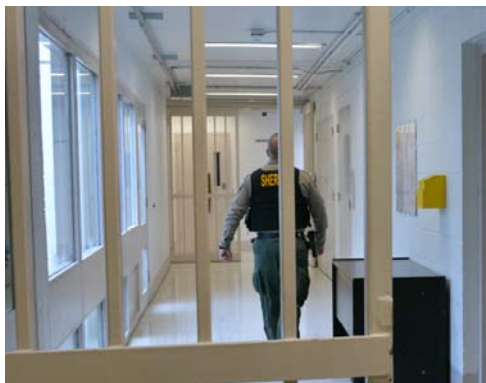
MANAGING JAIL CAPACITY: Releases, Transports and Facility Closure



Deputy Ferrioli in Booking Room. Waiting Rooms 1 & 2 in background.



Holding Cells 1 & 2.



Deputy checks on inmates in General Housing.



Deputy Greig monitors activity in General Housing from the Control Room.

On Friday January 3, 2014 at 11:05 pm Corvallis Police arrested a male and charged him with Criminal Mischief 2 and Disorderly Conduct. He was brought to the Jail and his BAC—Blood Alcohol Content—was .11%, indicating that he was quite intoxicated. With both the Holding Cells and Waiting Rooms already occupied, the Jail was closed to new arrests.

Holding Cells Occupied...

Holding Cell 1 was occupied by a male who had been brought into custody earlier that morning. He could not be moved to General Housing as he was under observation for a possible drug withdrawal.

Holding Cell 2, the only padded cell available, was occupied by a female who had been ordered by the Court to serve a 15-day sentence. Because she suffers from severe mental illness she could not be moved to General Housing but needed to be kept under close surveillance to ensure she did not hurt herself.

Waiting Rooms Occupied...

Waiting Room 1 was occupied by a male who had been arrested on December 31st on a variety of charges including auto theft and reckless driving. He also suffers from mental illness and had not been cooperating with the booking process. Staff had not been able to process him so he could be moved to General Housing.

Waiting Room 2 was occupied by a male who came into custody on January 2nd on a Post Prison Supervision Warrant. He was going through alcohol detox and had to be closely monitored.

Jail Re-Opens...

A little more than 2 hours after the Jail had been closed it was re-opened when the male arrested by Corvallis Police was able to blow a .06 BAC and was released on an Officer Citation to appear in court. Staff were then able to process the subject in Waiting Room 1 and move him to General Housing. They then moved the subject who had been in Holding Cell 1 over to Waiting Room 1 opening the Holding Cell for new arrestees.

And is Closed Again when Cell Flooded...

Thirty minutes later, on January 4th at 2:19am, the Jail was closed again when Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested a male for, among other charges, Attempted Assault on a Public Safety Officer. The subject was making suicidal statements and had to be cleared at the hospital prior to coming to Jail.

Upon arrival at the Jail, the male was placed in Holding Cell 1 and immediately flooded the cell. The water to the cell was shut off and the Jail remained closed until 10:15am when the subject in Waiting Room 1 was able to be placed in General Housing.

MANAGING JAIL CAPACITY, continued...

As you can see, managing capacity at the Jail is an ongoing challenge. The Jail was originally built to house 27 inmates. Remodels over the years have increased capacity to 40 beds. But since not all inmates can be housed together, we cannot actually fit 40 inmates into our Jail. Men and women must be housed separately. Inmates must be segregated due to the severity of their crime. And those with mental or behavioral issues must also be separated.

Jail Closures

The Jail has only two holding cells and two waiting rooms. These are used to process new arrestees but are also the only rooms available for intoxicated, uncooperative or suicidal inmates. As a result, the Jail frequently closes to new arrests. This year the Jail was closed to new incoming arrests for a total of 305 hours.

Early Release

During 2014, 72 inmates had to be released early to make room for new arrestees. That means those inmates were released before serving their entire sentence. Additionally, during the same time period, 767 individuals who would have been housed in the Jail if there been room were cited and released...some before the Deputy or police officer completed their arrest report. A matrix scoring system is used by Jail staff as an objective and impartial way to determine which inmates to release.

Transports

Another tool Jail staff use to manage the overcrowded Jail is to constantly juggle inmates between the Jail and contract

beds in other facilities.

This year the Benton County Sheriff's Office had contracts with Lincoln, Linn and Yamhill Counties to rent beds in their facilities to house our inmates. This cost Benton County taxpayers just under a million dollars for the rental beds alone and does not include transport costs.

A complicated decision-making process is used to determine which inmates will be transported. Considerations include where beds are available, the agreements with each of the receiving jails, the length of stay, severity of the inmate's crime, impending court appearances and many other factors.

JAIL ACTIVITY	2014
Total Bookings	2,778
Cite and Matrix Releases	767 offenders
Forced Release	72 inmates
Facility Closure	305 hours
Total Inmates Transported	1,945 inmates
Total Transport Miles	16,688 miles



LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Deputies Miller and Jones preparing prisoners for transport; Deputy Rankin checking General Housing; Deputies working in Booking Room.

KEEPING THE JAIL IN WORKING ORDER

Thirty-eight years ago the Benton Jail opened its doors. At that time it had 27 single-occupancy cells, three interview rooms, a kitchen, and two multipurpose rooms. Today, the 27 single-occupancy cells have been reconfigured and expanded to hold 40 beds. Gone are the two multipurpose rooms, replaced by a single small day room. Also gone is the kitchen. Instead, a freezer stands in the courtyard where pre-packaged meals are stored and meals are prepped on a counter off the laundry room. Maintaining this reconfigured and aging facility in a safe and secure manner is an on-going challenge.

Meeting this challenge involves balancing decisions about funding and the types of repairs to authorize. Knowing that repair issues will arise, the Sheriff's Office proactively puts money aside from jail operations into a sinking fund for major maintenance issues.

Leaky Roof Gets Fixed

A major facility issue that had to be addressed recently was the leaking roof. Already patched several times, more extensive repairs were needed. Fortunately the work was done before the snow storms arrived and the roof held up against the harsh winter weather.

Security Upgrade

Video and audio monitoring in and around the jail is critical to staff and inmate safety. This year the old system finally became inoperable and had to be replaced. All security cameras now feed into a server. Videos can be captured and saved as needed for evidence. The new system also integrates with the Courthouse video system which enhances Courthouse security.

Electronics in Control Room Cooled

Video monitoring of the jail and remote control of door locks is centralized in the Control Room. Because the Control Room is so small and contains so much equipment, the room was heating up. County IT technicians were worried about burning out the electronics. To avoid that, a cooling unit was added to the Control Room to keep the equipment at a safe temperature.

Day-to-Day Maintenance

Because the jail is a 24/7 operation, there is constant wear-and-tear on the facility that must be addressed. For example, locks in the jail are frequently in need of repair, a job made more difficult because the cell door locks are original equipment and it is hard to find replacement parts.

Another ongoing challenge is the plumbing. The plumbing system regularly gets backed up, sometimes from normal use and sometimes from inmates trying to cause problems by flushing clothing or other objects down the toilets. Repairs can be difficult because the plumbing is set in concrete.

Despite these challenges, jail staff take pride in running a safe and secure facility and keeping it as clean, organized and efficient as possible.



Leaky roof is repaired.



Plumbing issues are a constant maintenance challenge.



Electronics in the control room must be kept at a constant temperature.



All inmate showers leak and need to be repaired.

THE INMATE POPULATION

Inmates at the Benton County Jail include those awaiting trial and those sentenced to serve jail time of 12 months or less (those sentenced to more than 12 months are transported to the Oregon State Penitentiary). There is a misconception in the community that our jail only houses those charged with victimless, low-level offenses. In fact, inmate charges vary greatly and can range from menacing to driving intoxicated to murder. There is almost always a victim of these crimes. In 2014, 408 persons were booked for violent crimes such as assault, sex crimes, kidnapping or murder.

Mental Health Issues

A growing challenge is supervising inmates with mental health issues. In 2014, over 300 inmates received some sort of mental health treatment from Benton County Mental Health while they were in jail. Sixteen (16) inmates were sent to the Oregon State Hospital because they were deemed Unable to Aid and Assist in their own defense. During this past year, 46% of all therapeutic medications were psychotropic medications, up from 39% in 2013. We have a psychiatrist who comes in twice a month and a 3/4-time nurse, but it is the Corrections Deputy who must supervise these inmates on a daily basis.

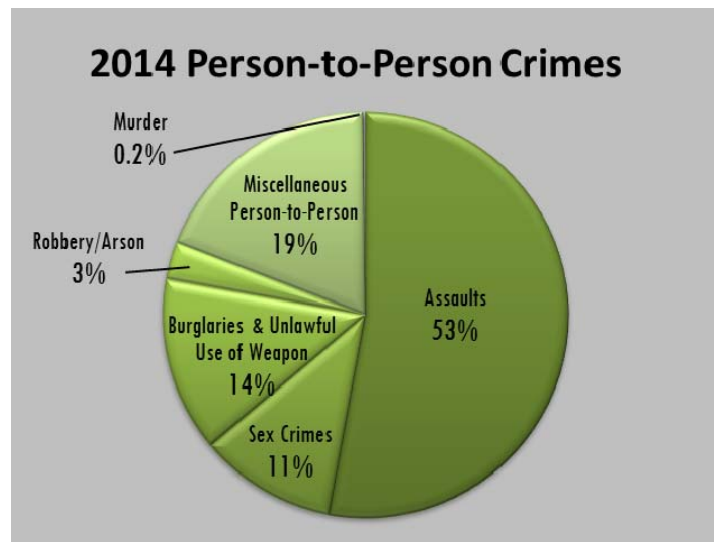
“It can be frustrating,” states Sergeant Keith Hunnemuller. “We get inmates exhibiting behaviors such as painting or eating their feces, or non-stop screaming, that makes it impossible to house them in the general population. They must be kept isolated, but there’s just no room.”

Staff have to be creative in dealing with these issues. One evening in late 2013, a Deputy purchased a box of foam earplugs and issued them to inmates so they could sleep through the non-stop screaming of a mentally ill inmate housed in holding.

Sgt. Hunnemuller has special compassion for these inmates having known people who suffer from mental illness. He requested and attended special training in effective intervention techniques for the mentally ill. He takes pride in being able to calm inmates down, but cannot always predict their behavior. Recently, Hunnemuller was assaulted by a mentally ill inmate. “We’d been having a positive interaction so the attack was totally unexpected,” said Hunnemuller. Fortunately he was not seriously injured, but the incident underscores the challenging and unpredictable nature of supervising an inmate population with increasing mental health issues.



Nurse Kelley and Sgt. Hunnemuller dispense medications.



Types of crimes as a percentage of those booked for violent crimes.

JAIL PASSES INSPECTION

On January 26 and 27, 2014, a team from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) inspected the Benton County Jail. They evaluated the policies and practices of our Jail against a set of professional standards and found it to be a very well-run facility with a 98.7% compliance rating.

The team of five inspectors included corrections professionals from Yamhill, Coos, Lincoln, and Lane Counties. Led by Lt. Jamie Russell of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, they spent two days evaluating the written policies of the Jail and observing on-site practices against a set of over 300 standards.

The inspection is a thorough review of all Jail operations. The standards cover areas such as: Administration; Admission and Release; Sanitation and Maintenance; Security and Control; and Inmate Management, Health Care, Communication, Services, Programs and Activities. Despite the physical challenges posed by the small size of the Jail, inspectors were impressed by our professional operations.

Jail Lieutenant Trains State Inspectors

BCSO Lt. Jeremy Jewell has completed over 30 jail inspections around the state since becoming an inspector in 2000. He has seen what works and what doesn't work throughout the state and brings that knowledge back to improve operations at our Jail.

This year Lt. Jewell, also a Lead Inspector since 2005, trained Lead Inspectors from across the state on a new electronic inspection system. "OATS" (Oregon Audit Tracking System) was purchased by OSSA as a way to better track compliance with standards and improve the inspection process. Lt. Jewell states, "I have inspected one facility so far and our facility was recently inspected working with the new OATS program. It has made the process much more efficient."



COURTHOUSE SECURITY

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the safety of Benton County's historic Courthouse.

This year 499,111 persons were processed through court security. The following items were confiscated...

ITEMS CONFISCATED	2014
Knives	1355
OC (Pepper Spray)	89
Tools	437
Scissors	53
Miscellaneous	305
TOTAL	2,239

"We found your staff to be very knowledgeable, truthful and very respectable."

2014 Jail Inspection Report

Despite the challenges of a small facility, Jail staff earned a 98.7% inspection compliance rating.



BCSO Jail Staff, January 2014. Photo by Pink Caterpillar Photography, copyright 2014. Used with permission.

CHARACTER TRAIT: RELIABLE

Spotlight on Sergeant Evan Mohr

Evan Mohr has always been interested in helping people. Throughout high school and college he worked as a life-guard and swim instructor. He started thinking about a career in criminal justice when he was in high school and in college he majored in Family and Human Services. That program centered on learning how to help children, youth, adults and families address issues in their lives.

As part of an internship program, Mohr gained valuable work experience at the Lane County Jail and the John Serbu Youth Detention Center. That experience sparked his interest in the corrections side of criminal justice. After graduating from the University of Oregon, he worked for a



window company. He spent a year removing and installing doors and windows, a job that he says, “highly motivated me to pursue a career in criminal justice.”

In 2007, Mohr joined the Benton County Sheriff’s Office as a Corrections Deputy and in 2012 he was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt. Mohr has taken on many responsibilities at the jail. He coordinates the field training program, a critical responsibility due to the number of part time on-call Corrections Deputies needed to maintain staffing levels. Along with another jail sergeant, he coordinates the inmate classification system and has stepped up as a leader in performing inmate disciplinary hearings and adjudications.

Mohr enjoys his co-workers and notes that “working with a group of people who have a high level of integrity, professionalism and positive attitudes helps to make a negative environment like a jail all that much better.”

Mohr continues to develop his skills. He has completed instructor training for firearms and field training and has met the requirements to obtain both his Advanced and Supervisory Certifications from the Oregon State Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

Jail Commander, Captain Rabago states, “Evan is well respected by his peers and sets a good example for his team. He is dedicated, dependable and a huge asset to not only the jail, but to the Sheriff’s Office as a whole.” In 2013 Sgt. Evan Mohr was named the Corrections Division Employee of the Year.

“Thank you for offering this opportunity. I enjoyed learning more about the history of the jail and seeing how it basically works. I was not expecting the Jail Commander or the Sheriff to be available during the tour and found this to be a pleasant addition and display of high regard they hold us regular folk. To all that paid extra time and attention to and for our safety during this event, thank you.”

Citizen Participant,
Jail Open House Tour,
June 2014

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Patrol

Investigations

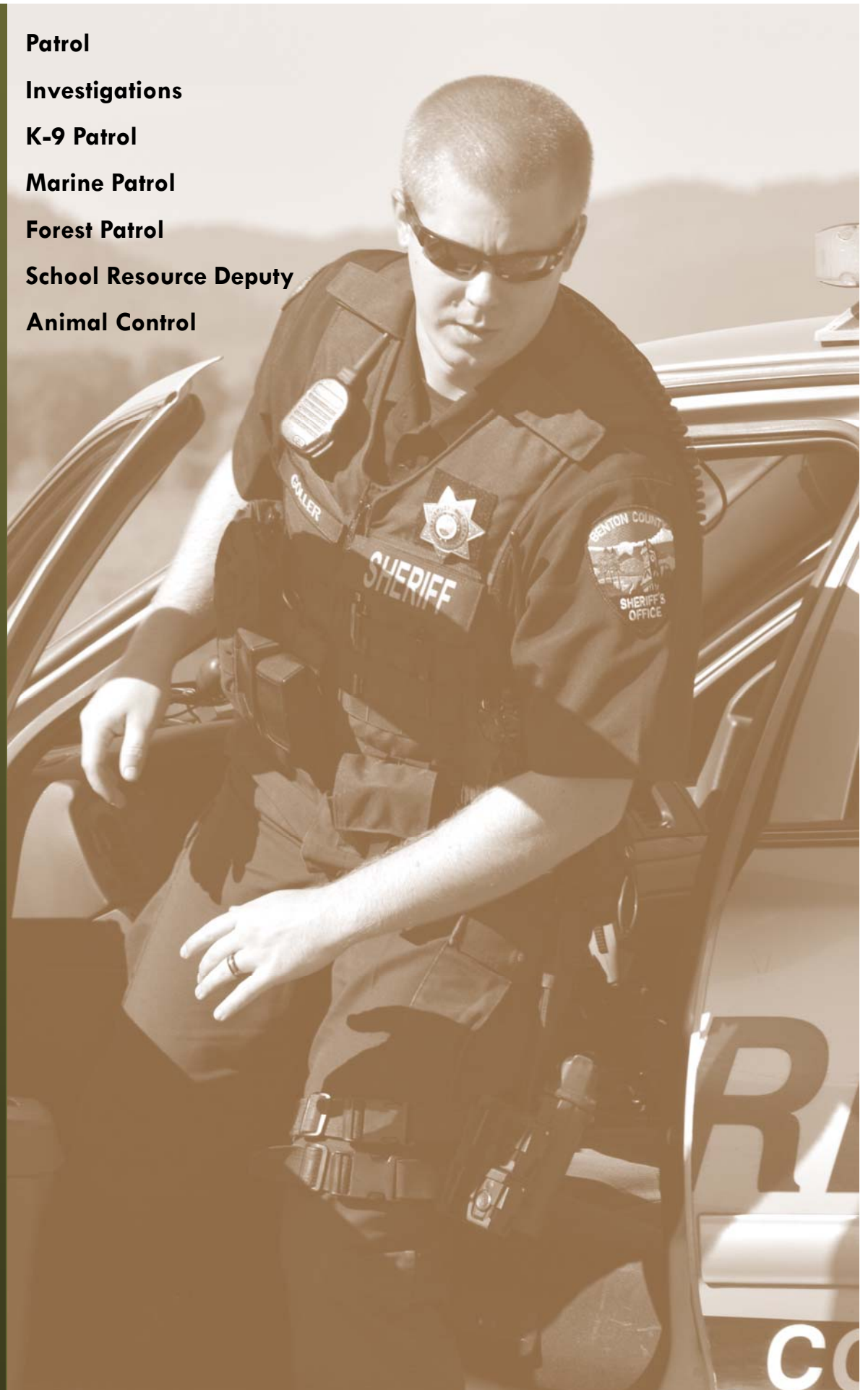
K-9 Patrol

Marine Patrol

Forest Patrol

School Resource Deputy

Animal Control



PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY by Captain Don Rogers

The Deputies of the Law Enforcement Division are dedicated to protecting Benton County residents and their property. While our jurisdiction is the unincorporated areas of Benton County and, by contract, the City of Monroe and the City of Adair Village, we work with other law enforcement agencies to keep all citizens in the county safe. This year we continued to develop our capacity to respond effectively to criminal activity in the county.

Highly Trained

The Law Enforcement Division has several specialized units such as Forest, Marine and K-9 Patrols, the School Resource Deputy Program and Investigations. Deputies rotate into these specialized assignments, developing their skills and increasing their capabilities. This year Deputies continued to develop their investigative skills, refine their defensive tactics and improve their communication skills.

During the past 18 months, we also increased our capabilities by hiring two new Patrol Deputies. They filled openings that occurred due to resignations and both came to us with law enforcement experience.

Properly Equipped

Another critical element of our ability to respond is being properly equipped. While we still have some problems with our radios in some of the “dead” areas in the County, we continue to work on that issue.

This year we began the process of updating our fleet from the classic “Crown Vic” which is no longer being made, to the Chevy Tahoe PPV. Read more about this—and how we’re saving money on a propane fuel conversion—on page 23.

In April, we updated our uniforms from the all-black to a tan shirt with green pants. These uniforms should wear better, be easier and more cost-effective to source, more comfortable to wear in the summer and make the Deputies more approachable to the public.

Effective Partners

We continue to work with other law enforcement agencies to expand our capabilities and for mutual aid. The Sheriff’s Office participates in several key investigative partnerships including...

MAJOR CRIME TEAM. This team of experienced investigators are called in for homicides, kidnappings, serial rapes and other major felonies. Members have special training in major case management and advanced interrogation and interview techniques. The Major Crime Team was not activated this past year, but our detectives are trained and available to respond if necessary.

CART. The Child Abuse Response Team (CART) is a multi-agency team designed to focus investigative services on improving timely resolution of child abuse cases. The CART was used to investigate 127 allegations of child abuse this year.

CRASH INVESTIGATIONS TEAM. It takes special skill and training to investigate and reconstruct a traffic accident. The multi-agency Crash Team is brought in to investigate and provide detailed reporting of serious crashes involving fatalities, commercial carriers and crashes resulting in felony criminal charges. We currently have 6 Deputies who are members of the multi-agency Crash Team.



Captain Don Rogers
Law Enforcement Division Commander

“I want to send my deepest appreciation to you and your department for the recovery of my recently stolen 1973 Chevy van. I found your entire Department to be highly professional, competent and respectful. Of particular note: Deputy Christopher Dale, Deputy Rick Fontaine and Deputy Adam Miller. From start to finish, I can honestly say these Deputies, as well as other members of your department, were top notch in every aspect of this theft and its resolution. You have a quality department, one that deserves the respect and pride of the citizens it serves.

Theft Victim,
January 2014

PATROL

Patrol Deputies are the first responders to emergency and critical incidents. They patrol the unincorporated areas of the county looking for criminal activity. But they also initiate investigations, enforce traffic laws, serve warrants, arrest lawbreakers and prepare cases for criminal prosecution.

Typically there are 3–5 Patrol Deputies on duty per shift, with three shifts during each 24-hour period. Deputies may also be called in to work on their day off or during their sleep period to report to Court or respond to large scale emergencies. Although they patrol alone, Deputies partner with other local law enforcement agencies, providing back up and assistance to each other as needed.

Incidents Vary

The types of calls Patrol Deputies respond to vary....

- In June, Deputies spotted a stolen car being driven on Highway 34. With the aid of other agencies they attempted to pull it over, but the driver continued into Philomath, accelerating to as much as 60 mph down Main Street. After spike strips disabled the vehicle, the driver tried to flee on foot but was apprehended.
- In August, the stop of a vehicle for speeding and suspicion of DUI led, through diligent investigation, to a search warrant at a local residence. The result was one of the largest single drug seizures at any one time in Benton County and the arrest of several individuals for the possession of heroin and methamphetamine.
- Throughout the year Deputies responded to over 300 assaults. For example, in September they were dispatched to a domestic disturbance in Monroe. There they found a woman who reported having been assaulted by her husband who was not on the premises. Deputies interviewed witnesses and noted that the woman had fingerprint-sized bruises on her forearms and a mark on the side of her neck. As a result of their investigation they had probable cause to arrest the husband for Assault IV, Strangulation, and several other charges. They connected the woman to community resources for victim's assistance then attempted to locate the husband. They eventually found him and took him into custody.



Deputy Adam Miller prepares to head out on patrol.

BCSO Deputies patrol the county to deter crime 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

This year, Patrol Deputies were dispatched to 6,743 incidents. They arrested 2,239 individuals and served 479 warrants.

PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES	2014
Calls for Service Dispatched	6,743
Arrests	2,239
Warrants	479
Minor in Possession	28



BCSO Patrol Deputy assists motorist stuck in the snow during the February 2014 winter storm.

PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES	2014
Traffic Citations	2,734
Motor Vehicle Crashes	223
Fatal Vehicle Accidents	4
DUI Arrests	203

This year Patrol Deputies responded to 2,734 motor vehicle accidents of which 4 were fatal.

They educated drivers in unsafe behavior and, when appropriate, wrote traffic citations or took offenders to jail.

For the safety of all those using the roadways, Patrol Deputies arrested 203 individuals for driving under the influence of intoxicants—DUI (either alcohol or drugs)—and got them out from behind the wheel.

Arrest Goes Viral—Deputy Maintains Professionalism

Deputies never know what they’re going to encounter. On March 15th, Deputy Gevatosky stopped a DUI suspect. When he initiated the stop he did not anticipate that he would be surrounded by a small mob or that the incident would be videotaped by a bystander and go viral on YouTube. Deputy Gevatosky used amazing patience and restraint in the matter and showed the professionalism that is expected of all BCSO Deputies. The suspect later pleaded guilty to three charges and was sentenced to 10 days in jail and 12 months probation. Lab results showed that he was impaired with alcohol and drugs in his system.

Updating the Fleet

With over 600 square miles of the county to safeguard, our patrol vehicles endure considerable wear and tear. Through good maintenance and attentiveness, we can usually receive seven years’ use out of each vehicle. With normal vehicle rotation, we bring on 3 to 4 new vehicles a year. We contribute money every month to provide a fund to keep our cars safe and contemporary and sell our retired vehicles to also help manage costs.

“Crown Vics” Discontinued/Options Reviewed

For many years, our patrol vehicle was the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, known as the “Crown Vic.” Ford has since discontinued the Crown Vic model and police agencies everywhere had to find an alternative patrol vehicle.

BCSO evaluated the pursuit-rated police packages available and decided on GM’s Chevy Tahoe PPV (Police Pursuit Vehicle). A number of factors made this the best option for our operations including ground clearance, handling, fuel efficiency, roominess, towing capability and maintenance record. Since we tow marine boats, ATVs and storage trailers, towing capacity was important. The Tahoe also has enough clearance to handle some of the rougher roads in the county and its resale value was the highest.



Benton County Sheriff’s Office 2014 patrol vehicle, GM’s Chevy Tahoe PPV.

INVESTIGATIONS

OFFENSE COMMITTED	2014
Murder	1
Manslaughter	1
Rape	5
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assaults	22
Burglary: Commercial	33
Burglary: Residential	34
Larceny/Theft	190
Arson	5
Assault	320
Forgery/Fraud	130
Vandalism	144
Weapons Law Offenses	39
Sex Offenses	29
Kidnapping	2
Drug Offenses	174
DUII	203
Liquor Law Offenses	30
Disorderly Conduct	85
Trespass/Prowler	181
Runaway Juveniles	26
Offenses Against Family	7



Highly trained Deputies in the Investigations Unit specialize in criminal investigation. They investigate a wide variety of crimes from sexual assault to child abuse to robbery and murder. Some cases they worked this year included...

Seven Indicted for Multiple Burglaries

Following a two month investigation by Sheriff's Office detectives, seven people were indicted for several different crimes including Burglary II and Theft I. The investigation started in February when detectives received information about an unreported burglary in North Albany. Upon investigation it turned out that the owners had moved out-of-town leaving their home vacant and full of property. The home had been burglarized at least three times. Through an investigation that included photo lineups, interviews with neighbors and video surveillance, detectives were able to identify several suspects who were subsequently arrested. Detectives were also able to execute a search warrant and recover some of the stolen property.

Diligent Investigation Results in Arrest of Child Pornographer

In July Deputy Dale, the BCSO's computer forensics expert, used the Child Protection System to investigate those sharing child pornography on the internet. When he discovered that an IP address actively sharing child pornography belonged to a house in Corvallis, he wrote a search warrant that was executed on the address in August. During the investigation at the house, Deputy Dale and other Deputies determined who the suspect was, got a confession and arrested him on various charges.

Suspect in Manslaughter Pleads Guilty

Deputies investigating a two-car fatal accident in August determined that one of the drivers was under the influence. Investigators wrote a search warrant for the driver's blood. As a result, it was determined the driver had methamphetamine in his system. The suspect pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide and was sentenced to 75 months in prison.



K-9 PATROL

Supporting Patrol Deputies in keeping our community safe are the K-9 teams of Deputy Jim Weikel and “Bus” and Deputy Greg Goller and “Xander.”

Canines are an extremely valuable resource for the Sheriff’s Office. Because of the dogs’ keen sense of smell, they are able to perform some tasks safer and faster than human Deputies alone.

BCSO K-9 patrol teams are used for tracking, trailing, wind scenting, building searches, locating evidence or suspects of a crime and for the protection of law enforcement officers and citizens. They are also a wonderful deterrent. Often just the presence of the dog results in the peaceful surrender of suspects who might otherwise fight or attempt to flee from Deputies.

Deputy Weikel and Bus

Deputy Weikel and Bus (pronounced “Boos”) have been working together for nearly 10 years. Bus was born in 2004 and is a German Shepard Dog from the Czech Republic of Slovakia. Bus is highly trained in obedience work, tracking, searching for hidden persons and handler protection. This year he once again passed the exacting standards of the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA). He holds dual certification as both a Patrol Dog and a Narcotics Detection Dog.

Deputy Goller and Xander

New to the Sheriff’s Office is Xander (pronounced “Zander”) who began working with Deputy Goller this past summer. Xander was born in the Netherlands in 2011 and is titled in Koninklijke Nederlandse Politiehond Vereniging (KNPV) by the Royal Dutch Police Dog Association. He received extremely high scores in testing and is currently certified in patrol work. He began

patrolling with Deputy Goller after the two completed a 240-hour basic K-9 academy that focused on obedience training, bite work, tracking and verbal commands.

Deployment

The K-9’s patrol with their human partners and are deployed as needed to search for drugs or suspects.

Xander got his first capture in August. When a female suspect bolted from a traffic stop near Monroe, Xander quickly located her. That capture resulted in the seizure of a firearm, ammunition and illegal drugs.

Also in August Bus and Deputy Weikel assisted Deputy Drongesen in the search of a vehicle. Bus alerted on the suspect’s car and the Deputies found heroine and methamphetamine. They charged the driver and his passenger with Unlawful Possession and Unlawful Delivery. That traffic stop led to a search warrant at a residence and one of the largest single drug seizures in Benton County.

“I also commend Deputy Weikel and his K-9 partner Bus for their teamwork on assisting to locate these drugs, get them off the street and taking a bite out of crime!”

Excerpt from
Commendation Letter,
September 2014.

Community Support

The BCSO K-9 program has received significant support from the community. A grant received from the Willamette Criminal Justice Council was used to acquire Bus and community donations were raised to purchase him a Kevlar vest. Xander was purchased with proceeds from the *2013 BCSO Chili Cook-Off*.



Left to Right: (1) Deputy Goller and Xander; (2) K-9 Deputy Bus; and (3) Deputy Weikel and Bus.



MARINE PATROL

Marine Deputies patrol the public waterways from May through September each year, enforcing boater safety rules, conducting boat examinations, providing search and rescue and enforcing criminal laws. During the 2014 boating season, Deputies logged 1,925 hours of marine duty.

Rescue on the River

On June 7th, a large pile of debris caused havoc on the Santiam River. Responding to a report of a stranded kayaker, Marine Deputies rescued a pregnant woman who had been swept into the debris and hit her head and face.

After transporting the victim to medics, the Marine Deputies headed back up river to retrieve her kayak. Instead they found a family of three hung up on the same debris. They pulled the two young kids off their raft and into the Sheriff's Office patrol boat just as the mother started to get pulled under a large half-submerged log. Despite the strong current, the Deputies were able to get her aboard un-harmed.

A short while later another raft with a family of four ran into the same debris. Deputy Konzelman lifted a 6-year-old girl off the raft moments before it capsized. The father managed to grab onto the debris and avoid getting sucked under but his wife and young son were pulled under the water for a moment before popping up on the other side of the log. Deputy Lochner jumped into the water and grabbed the 4-year-old boy as he was being swept downriver. All were rescued unharmed.

The following day, Deputies returned to remove as much of the hazardous debris as possible and post warning signs.

Partner with Oregon State Marine Board

The Benton County Sheriff's Office contracts with the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to run our marine program. The OSMB is the governing body for all public waterways. They train and equip county Sheriff's Offices for marine patrol duties. They provide the boats, marine patrol equipment and approximately 80% of the operating costs that allow us to provide law enforcement services on our public waterways.

Marine Deputies receive special training in boat operation, boating laws, detecting boaters under the influence of intoxicants and swift water rescue and recovery. They make sure boaters have approved life jackets and that boats are properly equipped with required safety equipment. The goal is for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience on our rivers.



SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM

The School Resource Deputy program is geared toward getting Deputies into the educational setting where they can build relationships with students and improve school safety.

School Assignments

Day shift Deputies are each assigned one or more of the county's rural schools: Alsea Elementary and High Schools, Crescent Valley High School, Kings Valley Charter School, Monroe Grade School and High Schools, Mt. View Elementary School, and Muddy Creek Charter School.

During the school year Deputies touch base with their assigned schools on a weekly basis. They partner with teachers and administrators to identify how to be most effective. Their time is divided between counseling, teaching and enforcement.

Building Rapport

An important objective of the program is to generate a positive image of law enforcement so that students will seek out the School Resource Deputy for help. "It can be a tough decision for students to contact law enforcement about what's happening in the school," says Deputy Adam Miller. "They don't want to be known as 'snitches'. They have to know you well enough to trust you with their safety and reputation."

For example, when several high school students got caught smoking marijuana, the School Resource Deputy had developed enough rapport with the students that he was able to learn where they got the drugs. As a result, Deputies were able to apprehend the dealer and stem the flow of drugs in the school.

Students may be perpetrators of crime or victims. Through this program the Deputy is available and on-site to help them.



Deputy Hardison teaches self defense to middle school girls.

"Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to come out and teach the kids about safety. Education and prevention is such a powerful tool. Thank you for sharing. I look forward to working with you again."

Kings Valley School,
October 2013

FOREST PATROL

Our Forest Patrol Deputy is on the lookout for criminal activity in both public and private forest lands. This could include theft of forest products, trespass, illegal garbage dumping, hazards during fire season and drug activity.

Forest Product Theft

The illegal harvests of forest products damages the environment and can be dangerous to recreationists who happen upon the criminal enterprise. Forest products subject to theft include salal, moss, evergreen boughs, mushrooms, bear grass, ferns and more.

In February, Forest Deputy Brent Iverson seized more than 13,000 pounds of salal which had been illegally harvested from the forest. Salal is sold for use in floral arrangements and is prized for its long shelf life. A 20-stem bunch can sell for \$5.00–\$7.00. It's estimated that the suspects had as much as \$15,000 worth of the plant. While the suspects had permits to harvest salal, they were over their weight limits by thousands of pounds.

Partnerships Critical

The Sheriff's Office partners with private forest landowners such as Starker Forest, Weyerhaeuser, and others and public partners such as the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, OSU, and the US Forest Service. Through the generous donations of all these partners, we have been able to sustain the Forest Patrol program and help keep the forests healthy and safe for all visitors.



ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal Control Program Manager Erica O'Neill.

“Animal Control Deputy Erica O’Neill did a splendid job today of helping two older women in a bad situation involving an even more elderly Great Dane who had cornered a very large raccoon in some nasty brush. I just wanted to commend her cool thoughtfulness and “take control” attitude in a situation that could have gotten much worse without her excellent help.”

Witness
July 2014

County animal complaint calls range from attacks on livestock to complaints of barking dogs to animal mistreatment. These are handled by Animal Control Program Manager Erica O’Neill. O’Neill prefers to educate and mediate to bring individuals in compliance with Benton County Animal Control Code and the animal control laws of the State of Oregon. This year O’Neill handled 275 new calls for service.

Animal Welfare, Owner Education

In early December, O’Neill received a call from a concerned citizen regarding the condition of a dog living in Monroe. When she investigated, O’Neill found that the dog was matted, had only a bookshelf to protect him from the elements, and was tied to a porch railing attached to a choke chain. But the dog also had access to food and water, was friendly, and appeared to be the proper weight. O’Neill worked with the owners, explaining the dangers of tethering a dog with a choke chain and ensuring that was immediately remedied. She also explained the dangers of mats and the pain they can inflict. She educated the owners on the need for more appropriate shelter and to license the animal. In a follow-up visit, O’Neill found that the dog had an appropriate shelter, had been taken to the groomer and was free of mats, was tethered by a harness not a choke chain, and had been licensed.

Partnering with Community Organizations

O’Neill also works with BCSO volunteers, as well as agencies such as Heartland Humane Society, Chintimini Wildlife Center, the Benton County Health Department and others, to help resolve county animal problems. For example, in February she partnered with the Sheriff’s Office Posse for a welfare check on several horses standing in mud up to their knees. Winter rains and melting snow had created a dangerous situation for the horses. Posse member and volunteer equine veterinarian Dr. Wendy McIlroy did a site check on the horses and O’Neill worked with the owner, who was out of town, to get the horses moved to a safer, mud-free location.



Posse members Dr. Wendy McIlroy and Lacey Duncan check on horse welfare.

CHARACTER TRAIT: DEDICATION



Spotlight on Deputy David Iverson

Ever since he can remember, David Iverson wanted to be a deputy or a police officer. Both his father and older brother were in law enforcement and he saw how excited they were to be at work. He'd watch his father, a Police Officer in Newport, Oregon getting ready for work and enjoying his job and David wanted a job like that as well.

Iverson fished for commercial tuna, moved furniture and worked construction, but he was always thinking about law enforcement. In 2009 he became a volunteer Reserve Deputy with our office to gain some valuable experience while waiting for a full time hire. That came in 2010 when he became a Benton County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputy.

Iverson likes that his days on patrol are never the same. "Your days are always different," he says, "and pose different challenges. It's exciting to come to work and not know what you will be doing for the next several hours."

In addition to patrol, Iverson is a member of the multi-agency Crash team. Recently, Iverson worked the initial investigation of a fatal traffic crash, then took the lead with much of the follow-up. He effectively passed on the evidence and information needed to the District Attorney's Office to prepare for prosecuting the suspect. He works hard to get the job done and have a positive outcome for victims.

Sergeant Bottorff commends Deputy Iverson for being reliable and dependable and notes, "When dispatched or assigned to cases, you know he will turn in quality work."

In recognition of his dedication and competence, in 2013 Deputy David Iverson received a Distinguished Service Award for his efforts that resulted in the apprehension of two suspects on burglary and identity theft charges. He was also named the 2013 Law Enforcement Division Employee of the Year.



Deputy Iverson in Briefing with Deputy Goller and Deputy Lundy.



"This morning I had a car wreck. Almost before I knew it Deputies showed up. Their capability, professionalism and ability to talk to everyone in a very pleasant and courteous manner really made the entire incident much less difficult than it could have been. All the Deputies performed their duties in an exemplary manner. Thank you so much!"

Accident Victim,
July 2013

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Emergency Management
Search & Rescue

COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH PREPAREDNESS by Lt. Clay Stephens

Emergency Services manages two key components of community safety: Emergency Management and Search and Rescue. We take a coordinating role, planning and directing emergency procedures to protect citizens during a natural or human-caused disaster. With limited resources, we must leverage community partnerships and volunteers to be ready for the next emergency.

Volunteers

In 2014 we graduated ten individuals from our Search and Rescue (SAR) Academy and added 8 new volunteers to our SAR program. We now have over 110 trained and dedicated SAR volunteers coordinated through our office. During the past 18 months they were deployed to help, among other things, rescue a hiker, find an elderly person suffering from dementia and, sadly, to recover the body of a suicide victim. During the winter storms, SAR volunteers made sure that critical service workers and at-risk patients got where they needed to go. They made 46 trips and covered over 1,000 miles transporting nurses, doctors, dialysis patients and others during the storms.

Community Partners

Over the past 18 months we continued to develop partnerships with other government agencies, businesses and community organizations. We creatively partnered with the schools and parents to educate students on the dangers of playing on iced-over rivers and lakes when young people had to be rescued from Thornton Lake and the Marys River. Our emergency plans and partnerships were tested in a full-scale vulnerable populations exercise in December 2013. We are the first in the state to test this type of drill and the results will be valuable throughout the region (see the next page for more on this event).

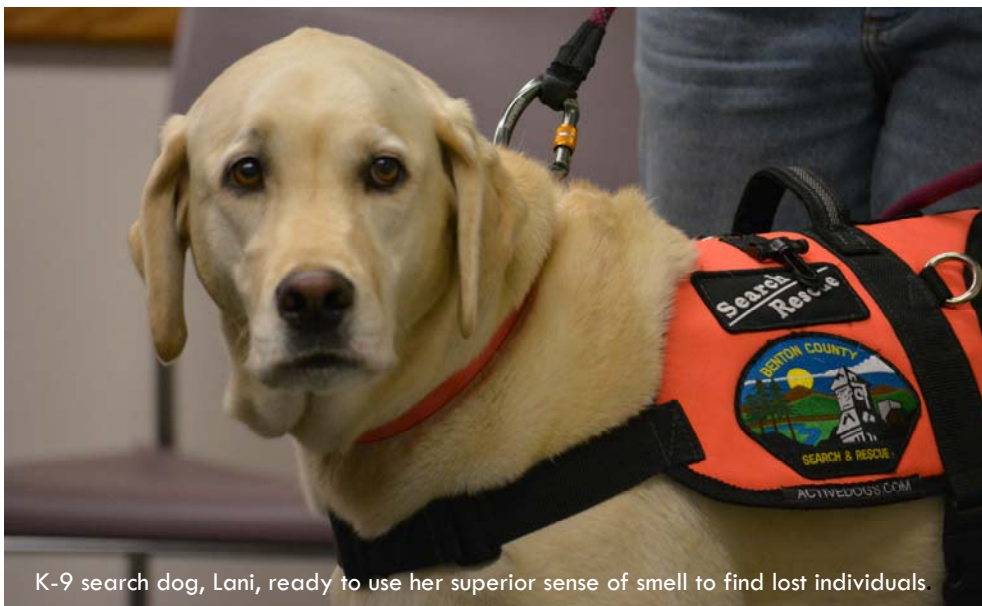
What You Can Do

We also maintain the Linn-Benton Alert System and encourage individuals to sign up for this important service. It's designed to warn citizens of impending or occurring emergencies. You can sign up via our website, www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/ems. On the website you will also find lots of good information about how to prepare you and your family for an emergency.



Lt. Clay Stephens
Emergency Services Program Manager

SEARCH & RESCUE (SAR)	2014
Number of SAR Units	8
SAR Academy Graduates	10
Total Number of SAR Volunteers	approx. 110
Total Training & Mission Hours	6,708
Total Missions	38



K-9 search dog, Lani, ready to use her superior sense of smell to find lost individuals.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

While we cannot prevent the next natural disaster, we can improve public safety through rigorous planning and frequent practice. That's why Oregon laws direct counties to develop an emergency management program. In Benton County, as in many other counties across the state, that responsibility sits with the Sheriff's Office.



Emergency Management

Emergency management includes preparing the county to respond to, recover from and prevent or mitigate future incidents. We ask subject matter experts about hazards and vulnerabilities, then build community capabilities to best respond to them. Effective incident response nearly always demands cooperation between many city, county, state, and federal partners. Conducting frequent exercises to test and improve our plans before an actual disaster occurs is critical to providing the best possible response.

Vulnerable Populations Exercise

Over the last 18 months, we have focused on how to ensure access to emergency services for members of vulnerable populations. These include elderly residents and people with developmental and/or physical disabilities. In December 2013 we hosted a full scale exercise to test our plans. This included activating the Emergency Coordination Center (ECC), sending evacuation messages, using county special transportation resources to evacuate people and partnering with Oregon State University to shelter the evacuees.

Government agencies participating in the exercise included Benton County, the City of Corvallis, Oregon State University, Oregon State Police, Oregon Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Community partners included Dial-A-Bus and facilities housing vulnerable populations. Over 100 people participated in the exercise.

Learning from the Experience

In addition to the exercise itself, the evaluation process afterward is equally important. Many of the participants provided their perspectives on how to improve communication, transportation, and shelter facilities. Several areas for improvement were identified during the thorough after-action review process. This is what we expected and we're currently revising plans to address these issues. The cycle continues as we work to continuously improve our readiness to respond when disaster strikes.



Participants in the Vulnerable Populations training exercise activate the ECC—Emergency Coordination Center.



IN MEMORIAM: John Larson

The Sheriff's Office lost an active, dedicated SAR volunteer on June 19, 2014 when John Larson died in a plane crash in Columbia.

John was a dedicated pilot, well respected by his peers and constantly cheerful and helpful. Even amid busy cross-country flights, teaching schedules and airport operations he still found time to give back to the community.

The chief flight instructor for Corvallis Aero Service, John had over 40 years of experience as a pilot. He used that experience, and his connections in the aviation community, to launch the newest SAR Unit, SkySAR, in 2011. Under John's leadership, he and the many pilots he recruited flew on search and rescue missions, natural disasters, and training events for public safety staff.

For his service to the Benton County Sheriff's Office he was named the 2012 Emergency Management / Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year. He will be greatly missed.

SEARCH & RESCUE (SAR) VOLUNTEER UNITS

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is responsible, by state law, for search and rescue (SAR) activities. Without the skills and talent of our dedicated SAR volunteers, we could not meet that obligation. This year, ten individuals graduated from our SAR Academy, a 9-week investment in nearly 90 hours of training. Eight of them joined the more than 100 volunteers currently active in one of our eight SAR units. Each unit focuses on a specific set of responsibilities. Each volunteer joins the unit that is the best match for his or her abilities and interests. The BCSO search and rescue units are...

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

ARES is comprised of ham radio operators who provide communications during SAR missions, natural disasters and other public safety incidents.

Benton County Crisis Support Team (BCCST)

Crisis Support Team members are trained in mental health to provide timely critical incident stress management services to both individuals and groups.

Canine Search and Rescue (R3K9)

An important search asset is the nose of a highly trained dog. The Region 3 Canine unit (R3K9) is made up of teams of handlers and their dogs. These human-canine teams are highly trained and certified to the SAR dog standards as set forth by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA).

Corvallis Mountain Rescue (CMRU)

When skilled mountaineers are needed in a search, we call on CMRU. These members have mountaineering experience and equipment and their job is to search alpine areas and high-angle terrain.

Marys Peak Search and Rescue (MPSAR)

Members of this unit are outdoor enthusiasts who go out in all kinds of weather and terrain to search for those lost out-of-doors.

Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse (Posse)

Posse members must have their own horse, gear and trailer. They have a ceremonial and public relations function and represent the Sheriff's Office at events across the state. But they are also trained in mounted search and rescue, tracking, large animal rescue, and emergency preparedness.

Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SOSAR)

The SOSAR unit was created so that Benton County Sheriff's Office employees could volunteer their time with search and rescue. It is made up entirely of BCSO employees who give back to the community.

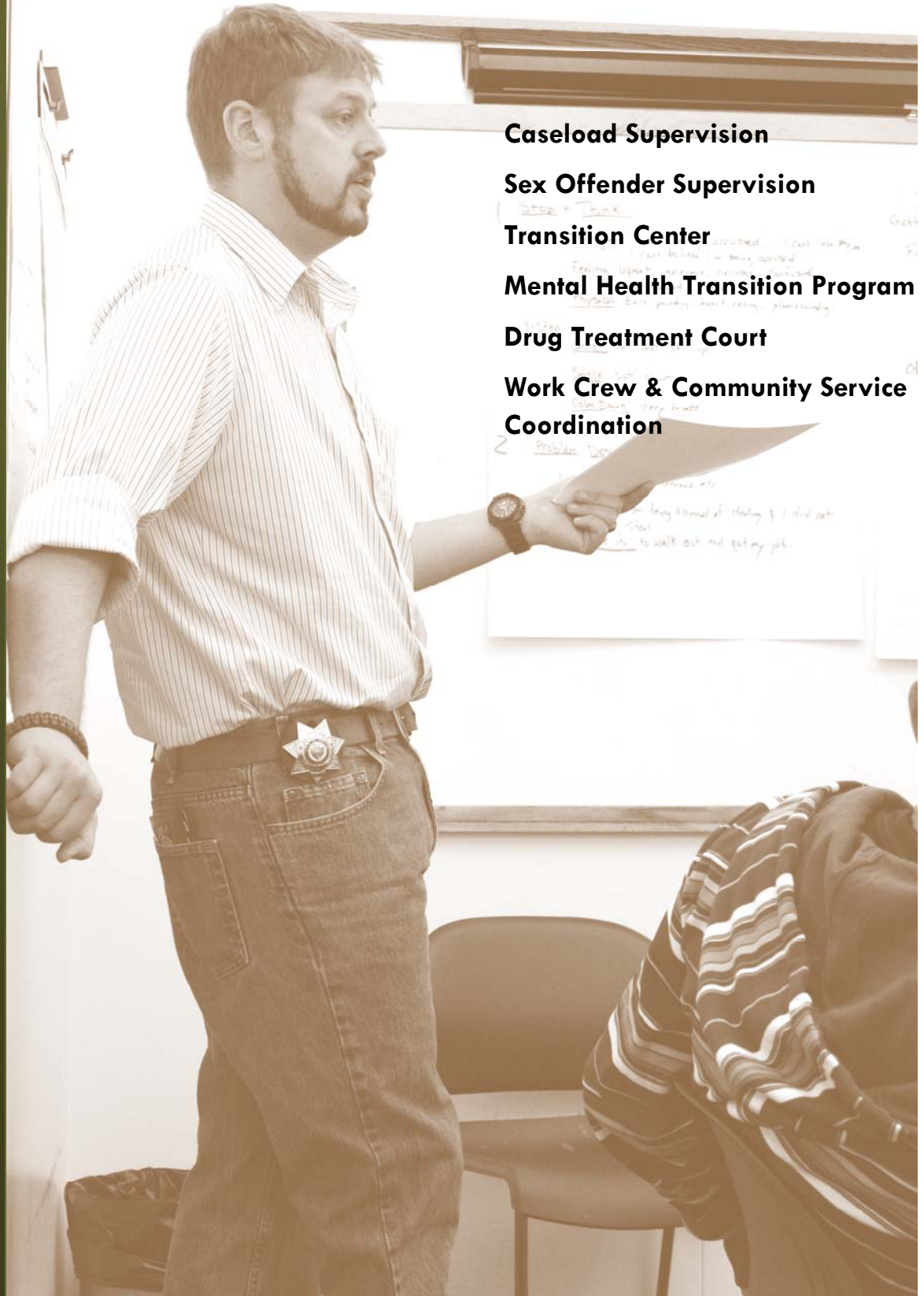
SkySAR

This unit is made up of volunteers with an air asset, either a fixed wing airplane or helicopter. They are available for aerial searches.



Students in SAR Academy practice their wilderness navigation skills.

PAROLE & PROBATION



Caseload Supervision

Sex Offender Supervision

Transition Center

Mental Health Transition Program

Drug Treatment Court

**Work Crew & Community Service
Coordination**

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS by Captain Justin Carley



Captain Justin Carley
Parole & Probation
Division Commander

During this past year, Parole & Probation Officers (PO's) provided supervision, sanctions and services to approximately 450 offenders each month. These offenders were adults on parole, probation or post-prison supervision. Their offenses were varied and ranged from burglary, theft and drug possession to sex offenses, assault and other violent person-to-person crimes.

Our goal in Community Corrections is best summed up in our mission statement: *"We serve the community by enhancing public safety through the reformation of offenders and the reduction of criminal behavior."*

Our mission is further defined by our guiding principles in which we pledge to:

- ◆ Respect the worth and dignity of all individuals,
- ◆ Hold offenders accountable,
- ◆ Identify offender risk in order to prioritize available resources and sanctions, and
- ◆ Utilize evidence-based programs and community partnerships.

Prioritizing Resources for High Risk Offenders

Resources are limited, so it's important we prioritize them for offenders who have the highest risk to re-offend. Each

"We serve the community by enhancing public safety through the reformation of offenders and the reduction of criminal behavior."

Mission Statement
Community Corrections

offender is evaluated based on their risk to re-offend. With each offender, a targeted case plan is developed for that individual and appropriate referrals are made by the PO to programs that address that person's risk and needs.

Some of the high risk populations we focus on include those coming out of the Department of Corrections, sex offenders and those suffering from untreated mental illness.

Using Evidence-Based Programming Strategies

Benton County employs evidence-based principles and collaborates with community partners to focus resources and supervision on our highest risk offenders who present the greatest risk to the community. Benton County utilizes core principles of Evidence-Based Programming (EBP) to implement and sustain research-based supervision and case management practices which best address offender needs. We continue to build the evidence-based skill-set of our staff and focus on EBP strategies, including the use of validated risk assessments, Case Plans, Change Contracts (action plans), enhancing offenders' motivation and promoting offender change.

Professional Staff

Parole & Probation Officers play many different roles within the context of their job, ranging from a law enforcement role to a counselor role. In dealing with these varying roles, they must be able to assess what is happening with an offender and provide the supervision, guidance and accountability that an offender needs to be successful.



PO Sowers meets with an offender (simulation).

CASELOAD SUPERVISION

P&P ACTIVITY	2014
Adult Offenders Under Supervision (average per month)	431
Sex Offenders Under Supervision (average per month)	52
Restitution Collected from Offenders	\$66,601
Supervision Fees Collected from Offenders	\$77,245
Work Crew (hours on work crew in lieu of jail)	7,584 hrs.
Work Crew Cost Savings	\$142,200
Community Service	1,061 hrs.



PO Pritt meeting with an offender (simulation).

When a Parole & Probation Officer (PO) supervises an offender, the PO uses many caseload management tools to help that person change. The goal is to keep the community safe while helping the offender reform.

Conditions of Supervision

Each offender has general and special conditions of supervision imposed by the Court. These may include things like: find work, pay supervision fees, don't use or possess controlled substances, participate in treatment programs, pay restitution, etc. The PO ensures that the offender understands their conditions of supervision and monitors their compliance.

Risk Assessment/Case Plan

One of the first steps in supervision is to conduct a risk assessment. Objective, evidence-based risk assessment tools are used to identify an offender's risk to re-offend. Offenders are assessed as either High, Medium or Low. Resources are prioritized for offenders who pose the greatest risk to the community.

Once the PO has done a risk assessment, a case plan is developed that targets that individual's risk and needs.

Supervision

Parole & Probation Officers monitor offenders to make sure they are complying with the conditions of their supervision and are held accountable for their actions. Depending on the individual's case plan, the PO may...

- Conduct residence checks and meet with offenders face-to-face in the office.
- Deliver treatment programming or refer the offender to treatment programs.
- Counsel the offender on resources available to help locate work or housing.
- Impose interventions and sanctions such as community service or jail time.
- Affirm positive behavior.
- Collect UAs (urine analysis) to monitor for substance abuse.
- Monitor clients placed on GPS (Global Positioning System).
- Ensure collection of court-ordered fees and restitution.

Sex Offender Supervision

Sex Offender Supervision is a specialized caseload that enhances community safety through the effective management of sex offenders. A PO with specialized sex offender training is assigned this caseload. The sex offender supervision specialist is responsible for all supervised sex offenders in Benton County using evidence-based assessment tools (the Static-99R and the Stable/Acute Risk Assessment).

Supervision includes referring the offender to treatment, participating in treatment programming, monitoring treatment progress, collecting DNA samples, coordinating the local Sex Offender Notification Committee, managing the Benton County Sex Offender Notification Web Page, scheduling polygraph examinations, conducting home and office contacts, and other duties related to caseload management. The sex offender supervision specialist represents Benton County at the statewide Sex Offender Supervision network meetings and is responsible for ensuring community notifications, residency restrictions and other legislative requirements are met.

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSITION PROGRAM

When offenders suffering from untreated mental illness end up in jail it is expensive for the community and unhealthy for the individual.

The Mental Health Transition program provides access to the treatment, prevention and support that offenders who are affected by mental illness or co-occurring disorders need to keep them out of jail. (The term “co-occurring disorders” replaces the commonly known “dual diagnosis” as a more precise way to refer to people with both substance abuse and mental disorders.) The program provides intensive supervision, coordinated case planning, and transitional housing to ensure stability in the community.

Two subsidized apartments are provided to house offenders with mental illness. Those living in the apartments are required to submit to frequent drug and alcohol testing, daily curfew, household cleaning responsibilities and weekly community service assignments in lieu of rent. Residents must also be involved in any treatment programming recommended by their supervising Parole & Probation Officer.

Mentally ill offenders not requiring housing may also be involved in the program to ensure they receive the support needed to keep their illness in check and remain stable in the community.

TRANSITION PROGRAM: “Reach In” to Prison and Jail

The Transition Program is designed to enhance public safety by taking a proactive approach to helping those in state or local custody transition back to the community.

Individuals incarcerated in Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions—such as the Oregon State Penitentiary—are more successful in making long term and positive life change if they have targeted interaction with Parole & Probation prior to their release from prison.

About 6 months prior to an inmate’s scheduled release to Benton County on parole or post-prison supervision, the Parole & Probation Officer assigned to the role of Transition Officer conducts “reach ins” with the individual—meeting with them in prison to prepare them for their upcoming transition back to the community. Participants in the reach-in process learn what will be expected of them during their parole or post-prison supervision. They also learn about the community resources available to help them make a successful transition.

In addition to increasing the chance for a positive re-integration with the community, the Transition Program also assures that all statutory notifications, such as those to the Courts, local law enforcement and victims, are met.

This past year, Parole & Probation completed 100% reach-ins on all incarcerated individuals scheduled to be released to Benton County.



PO Hall facilitates a “Thinking for A Change” cognitive restructuring program. This evidence-based program helps offenders change their behavior by helping them change the way they think.

When an offender does not commit a new felony, then one less person has to deal with the trauma of being a victim of crime; of having their person or property violated.

PARTNERING FOR CHANGE

An important focus for the Sheriff's Office is to work collaboratively with community partners to meet program goals. Two key Parole and Probation programs do just that...



Work Crew / Community Service

Our Work Crew/Community Service program is an excellent example of how we partner with another County department to maximize community resources. For this program, the Sheriff's Office provides the administrative oversight while the Benton County Natural Areas and Parks Department provides the crew supervision. The supervised work crew performs a variety of parks clean-up, parks maintenance and other projects in the county. In 2014 those projects included planting trees at Reservoir Road wetlands, busting beaver dams clogging up county waterways, putting up the Christmas decorations at the Benton County Courthouse, and pressure washing the mausoleum at Crystal Lake Cemetery to name a few.

Offenders may be placed on work crew as a condition of their supervision or as a sanction if they violate a condition of supervision.

Besides getting important parks projects completed and providing a way for offenders to pay restitution to the community, the work crew program also saves tax dollars that would go toward jail costs. During 2014, offenders performed 7,584 hours of work crew time in lieu of jail time. At an estimated cost of \$150.00 per jail bed day, this resulted in savings of over \$142,200 in jail bed costs.



Drug Treatment Court

Offenders with serious substance abuse problems are at higher risk to reoffend than those without. That's why addressing the offender's substance abuse problem is so critical to helping them successfully complete supervision.

We partner with a number of agencies including the courts, the District Attorney's Office and other community groups in a Drug Treatment Court (DTC) program. DTC offers intensive supervision, clean and sober housing, long-term treatment, and immediate accountability for offenders with chronic substance abuse issues.

Benton County's Drug Treatment Court is nationally recognized. We use our experience to help other jurisdictions develop and improve their programs.

It generally takes individuals about 18 months to successfully complete the Drug Treatment Program. In 2014, an average of 40 individuals participated in the program each month. Of these, approximately 56% were males and 44% were females. In 2014, 10 individuals successfully graduated from the Drug Treatment Court program.



CHARACTER TRAIT: TEAMWORK

Spotlight on Parole & Probation Division Staff

The Parole & Probation (P&P) Division of the Sheriff's Office is made up of a group of individuals committed to working together to keep our community safe. Led by Captain Justin Carley, the division includes two Sergeants, seven Parole & Probation Officers, one Work Crew Coordinator and one Office Specialist. They are a dedicated and effective team.

Not only do they work well together, but they play well together, too. Each winter they volunteer their time to collect and wrap Christmas gifts for the children of offenders. This year they had fun by adding an "Ugliest Christmas Sweater" contest to the festivities.

They also volunteer on the United Way Day of Caring and have fielded a team for every BCSO Chili Cook-Off since its inception in 2008. In 2013, the P&P Team took home a slew of prizes including the coveted Overall First Place *"Benton's Best Rootin' Tootin' Shoot 'em up Chili!"*

Singled out for special recognition is Work Crew Coordinator Vicki Smith who was recognized as the 2013 P&P Employee of the Year. Captain Carley praises Smith's willingness to assist others when asked and her dedication to the quality of her work product. He says, "Vicki exemplifies what it means to be a good teammate and a teammate that others can rely on."



TOP: Captain Carley and the P&P Division.

RIGHT: P&P Division builds teamwork with an "Ugliest Christmas Sweater" contest while collecting and wrapping presents for the children of offenders.



LEFT: Vicki Smith is surprised at the Awards Event when named the 2013 P&P Employee of the Year.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Administration

Budget & Finance

Recruitment & Training

Personnel

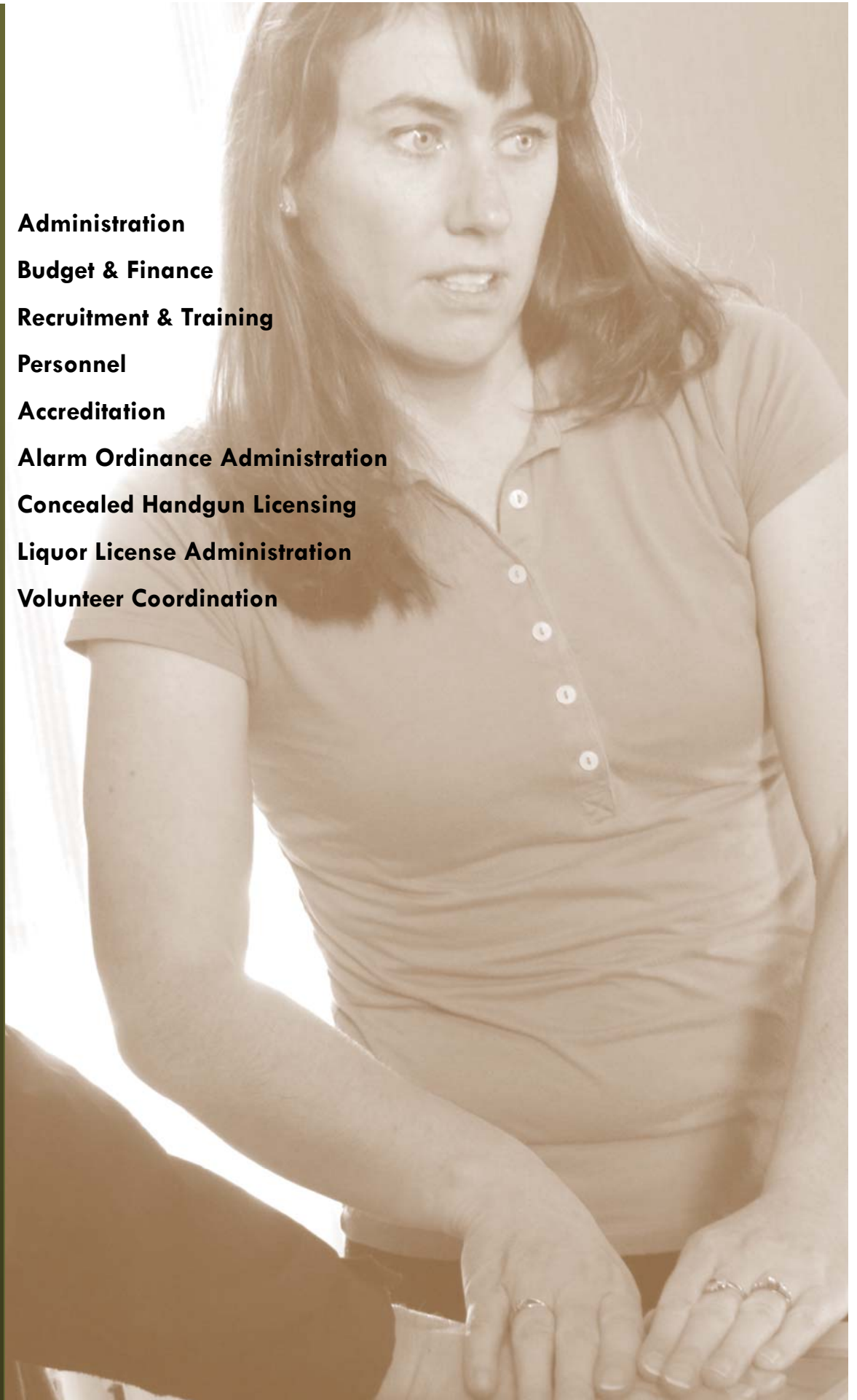
Accreditation

Alarm Ordinance Administration

Concealed Handgun Licensing

Liquor License Administration

Volunteer Coordination



SUPPORTING OFFICE OPERATIONS

Sheriff's Office support staff provide a variety of services to Benton County citizens. They also provide command staff with the data and support needed to ensure efficient and cost-effective operations.

Alarm Ordinance Administration

If you have a residential or commercial burglary alarm in the unincorporated areas of Benton County, you're required to obtain an Alarm Permit. This makes sure Deputies have the information they need when responding to an alarm. Since responding to false alarms takes Deputies away from actual public safety needs, users are charged a fee if they have more than two false alarms within the term of their permit. Support Services personnel ensure compliance in alarm registration and permit enforcement.

Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL)

Support Services personnel are also responsible for collecting and reviewing citizen requests to carry concealed handguns and for issuing concealed handgun licenses (CHL's) as required by law. This year 744 concealed handgun licenses were issued. Read more about CHL's on the next page.

Liquor License Verification

Ensuring liquor license holders in the unincorporated areas of Benton County comply with State statutes is also the responsibility of Support Services personnel. This year 18 liquor licenses were renewed in the County, one was reviewed for a change of ownership, one reviewed for a second location and 2 new licenses were processed.

Office Support

While less visible to the public, Support Services personnel provide critical assistance to Division Commanders in the areas of financial administration, personnel management,

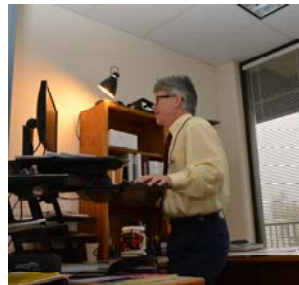
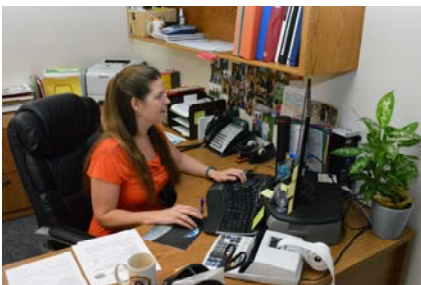
policy and procedure development and community outreach and education. This includes a wide range of activities such as:

- Tracking revenue and expenses
- Managing multiple contracts and grants
- Researching cost-effective supply and equipment options
- Procuring supplies and equipment
- Coordinating compliance with OSHA safety regulations
- Processing time sheets
- Managing recruitment
- Scheduling, monitoring and tracking training
- Coordinating updates to policies
- Documenting procedures
- Compiling proofs required for accreditation
- Supervising volunteers
- Coordinating special events
- Supporting community outreach and education

Support Services staff are key in each of these activities and more. They are excellent multitaskers. They provide command staff with the data and analysis required to make sound decisions and citizens with the services you expect from your Sheriff's Office.

Agency Partnerships

Not all support services are handled directly by BCSO personnel. For example, we contract with the Corvallis Police Department (CPD) to provide office reception, evidence processing and dispatch and 911 communications. This year we spent \$778,152.00 on our contracts with CPD for these services.



CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES (CHL)

If you want to carry a firearm concealed upon your person, or concealed and readily accessible within a vehicle, you are required by Oregon State law to hold a concealed handgun license. Your Sheriff's Office is responsible for issuing those licenses.

To receive a concealed handgun license, a background check is conducted to ensure that you...

- Are 21-years-old or older,
- Are a citizen of the United States or working toward citizenship,
- Do not have any felony convictions,
- Do not have any misdemeanor convictions within the last 4 years,
- Do not have any drug offenses,
- Do not have a warrant for your arrest,
- Have not been committed by the State for mental illness,
- Are not subject to a stalking or restraining order, and
- Conform to all other requirements as specified in State statute.

You must also be photographed, fingerprinted and show proof that you know how to safely handle a handgun.

Concealed handgun applications continue to increase and this year we moved to an appointment process to better manage the workload. Along with her other duties, our part-time Records Specialist issued 744 concealed handgun licenses in 2014.

CHARACTER TRAIT: POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Spotlight on Records Specialist Katy Kuhnert



Katy Kuhnert has always been a multi-tasker. Whether balancing the role of student and athlete in school or that of mother and community volunteer as an adult, Katy manages many tasks and many roles.

The skills she's learned as a result are put to good use in her role as the BCSO Records Specialist. Katy is recognized for

the quantity and quality of the work she produces as well as for her positive and customer-focused attitude.

Her duties include processing Concealed Handgun Licenses, ensuring booking files are scanned, processing employee ID cards for the entire County, representing the Office as the LEADS (Law Enforcement Data Systems) coordinator and handling numerous other tasks - all while working only part-time! She not only handles a large work load, but she does it competently. Staff enjoy working with her and citizens are impressed with her skill and friendly attitude. Undersheriff Greg Ridler noted, "Katy is very efficient in her duty while always maintaining a positive attitude. Even when she has to deal with difficult callers or questions from citizens, she handles it all positively and professionally."

In 2013, Katy Kuhnert was named the Support Services/EMSAR Division Employee of the Year.

CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES (CHLS)	2014
Number Active in Benton County as of 12/31/14	2,948
Licenses Issued	744
Number of New Applications	292
Number of Applications Renewed	441
Number of Applications Denied	4
Number of CHLs Revoked	25



CITIZENS' ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

Each fall the Benton County Sheriff's Office offers a Citizens' Academy—an opportunity for citizens to learn more about their Sheriff's Office. This year the class was offered from September 2, 2014—October 21, 2014 and marked our tenth offering.

While it is hoped that graduates will choose to volunteer with the Sheriff's Office — and many do — there is no commitment required beyond attending the class.

Who Attended

Twenty participants attended the 2014 program and ranged in age from 19—85. They were split pretty evenly across gender lines with 11 males and 9 females. One participant chose to sign up for college credit through Linn-Benton Community College. LBCC authorizes one hour of college credit in their Criminal Justice program for participants who register and successfully complete the program.

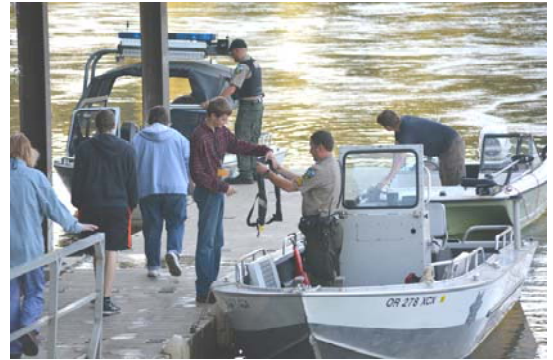
What They Learned

The program consisted of eight Tuesday evening sessions and two Saturday sessions for a total of 36 hours of instruction. Classes were taught by Deputies or BCSO volunteers in their areas of expertise. The program included tours, hands-on activities, and classroom presentations.

Sessions covered topics such as the School Resource Deputy Program, Marine Patrol, K-9 Patrol, Forest Patrol, Investigations, Jail Operations, Civil, Traffic Stops, Use of Force Situations, Emergency Planning, Search and Rescue, Parole & Probation, Peer Support Team, and much more.

How We Did

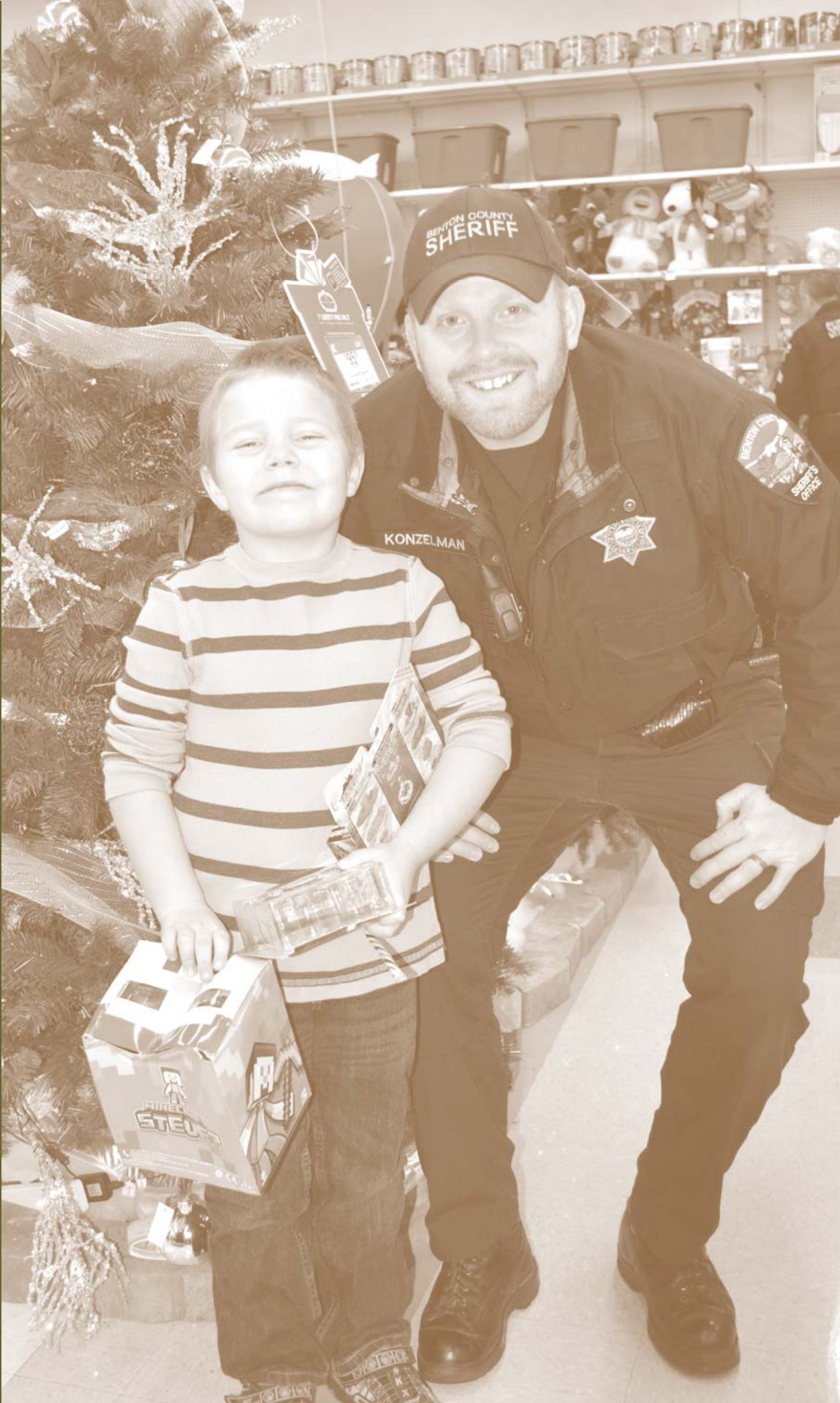
At the end of the program, participants are asked to comment on what worked and what they would improve. This year 100% of the class members reported that their opinion of the Sheriff's Office improved after attending the program and all noted they would recommend the program to their family and friends.



*"I was very impressed
with the overall
professionalism of
everyone connected
with the program."*

- Participant, 2014 BCSO
Citizens' Academy

BUILDING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

While on the job, members of the Sheriff's Office work to make our communities better. But they don't stop there. When their duty shift ends, you may find them coaching Little League, serving meals to the elderly, sitting on non-profit Boards or participating in fundraising events. As volunteers, they give their personal time and resources to support local charities and non-profit organizations. A few of the charitable events BCSO members supported this year included...

School Supply Drive

In August, Sergeant Pomaikai set up collection boxes in the Briefing Room and encouraged employees to drop off school supplies. Members dug into their own pocket to purchase the supplies which were donated to rural Benton County schools. This year, enough was collected to deliver several boxes of supplies to Monroe Grade School, Alsea Community Schools and Kings Valley Charter School.

BCSO Chili Cook-Off

On September 7, 2014 the Benton County Sheriff's Office held its 7th annual BCSO Chili Cook-Off. Coordinated by volunteers, this year's event benefitted The ABC House. Members from the Sheriff's Office volunteered their time to cook up batches of chili and compete for fundraising, booth decoration, and chili recipe awards. Taking home the trophy for *Benton's Best Rootin' Tootin' Shoot 'em up Chili!* was BCSO's own Patrol Team #1.

Shop with a Cop

In December, Sheriff's Office employees joined with members of the Corvallis Police Department, Oregon State Police, the Department of Human Services, and the Corvallis K-Mart to make the holidays a little brighter for over 100 children who would otherwise have gone without. Each law enforcement officer was paired with a child to help them shop for a toy, gift, or clothing. Not only did these children go home with a warm coat or special toy but also with the memory of a new friend in law enforcement.

PHOTOS LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Patrol Chili Cook-Off Team; P&P Sgt. Joel Pickerd wraps a gift for the Holiday Giving Tree; BCSO members do yard clean-up during the United Way Day of Caring; Jail Sgt. Melissa Werdell, EMSAR Program Assistant Lacey Duncan, Patrol Deputy Adam Miller and Jail Sgt. Andrew Formiller take a chilly plunge in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge! fundraiser.



"Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of school supplies given to the students of Monroe Grade School.

Your effort in collecting and distributing supplies for our students is greatly appreciated as you have enabled us to provide complete school supplies for several students and families...

It is encouraging to all of us at Monroe Grade School to have the support of our community and we feel fortunate the Benton County Sheriff's Office is part of that community."

Principal Brenda Goracke
Monroe Grade School

VOLUNTEERS: PROVIDING IMPORTANT SERVICES

Volunteers play a critical role in Sheriff's Office operations. Many public safety services could not be performed without the diligent and selfless support of our volunteers.

This past year, approximately 144 volunteers provided 13,445 hours of service to the Sheriff's Office. At 2014's minimum wage, that translates into \$122,349.50 of value added to the operation. If we had to go out in the marketplace to acquire the expertise provided by our skilled volunteers it would have cost much more.

Sheriff's Office volunteers are organized into three major programs: Reserve Deputies, Auxiliary Team, and Search and Rescue Units. Additionally, volunteers provide programming support at the jail and student interns learn about the criminal justice system while working as Case Monitors for Parole & Probation or about emergency planning as interns with Emergency Management/Search and Rescue.

Reserve Deputy Program

Volunteer Reserve Deputies are held to the same exacting selection, training and evaluation standards as regular Deputies. Once successfully trained and evaluated, they have the same law enforcement powers as a regular Deputy.

Reserve Deputies broaden the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office. They provide traffic control and crime scene security and they transport prisoners, serve civil papers, and enforce state and local laws.

During this fiscal year, we had a total of 26 members in our Reserve program, averaging about 15 active at any one time. They provided 6,193 hours of service. Supervising the Reserves is a Patrol Sergeant with support from our Training & Recruiting Sergeant who also supervises the Auxiliary Team.

Auxiliary Team

Auxiliary Team members provide a variety of services to help with Office operations. They might set up a speed trailer, scan booking documents, help with special events, or produce our Sheriff's Office E-newsletter. They do not have law enforcement powers but do provide important cost-saving services to the Office.

Search and Rescue (SAR) Units

This year, 10 individuals graduated from our SAR Academy, a 3-month investment in nearly 90 hours of training. They joined our existing SAR volunteers in one of eight units. These volunteers are trained and skilled in ham radio operations, mountaineering, canine handling, air craft operation, and crisis support (see page 33 for a description of the eight Search & Rescue Units). This year SAR volunteers provided a total of 6,708 hours of service.

Public Safety: DRUG TAKE BACK



Auxiliary Team Volunteers from left to right: Steve Sharrow, Vito Racanelli and S.J. Savage

Keeping unwanted or unused medications away from kids or others who may abuse them and disposing of them in a safe way is the goal of the Drug Take Back event.

On April 26, 2014, volunteers with the Auxiliary, Search and Rescue and Reserve Deputy programs staffed a take back event. They collected over 500 pounds of medications that were turned over to the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) for incineration.

DRUG TAKE BACK	2014
Rx Medications Collected	559.3 pounds
Household Served	328
Volunteers Participating	16

Interested in volunteering?
Go to the BCSO website and click on "[Join Our Team.](#)"





Understanding what is happening with your Sheriff's Office and your community is important, so we have a number of ways you can stay informed....

Visit us online at www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff...

The Benton County Sheriff's Office website contains a variety of information about what's happening at your Sheriff's Office. You'll find items like a listing of Benton County's "Most Wanted," crime mapping for Benton County residents, a Daily Log of patrol activity and so much more. The website also has links so you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Sign up for notifications via the Linn-Benton ALERT System...

The Linn-Benton ALERT Emergency Notification System is a mass notification system that allows public safety officials to provide rapid notifications to Linn and Benton County residents of emergencies, evacuations and other urgent events. You can sign up from the Sheriff's Office website.

Subscribe to our Electronic Newsletter...

About once a quarter, volunteers in the Sheriff's Office put together an electronic newsletter highlighting recent activities and upcoming events. You can subscribe to receive this via your email or read the latest issues on the Sheriff's Office website. To subscribe, go to the Sheriff's Office website.

Attend the BCSO Citizens' Academy...

Each fall the Sheriff's Office offers a free 10-session Citizens' Academy where participants get an in-depth understanding of how the Sheriff's Office is organized and operates. Most of the sessions are taught by Deputies in their areas of expertise. Applications generally open in the spring and are posted on the Sheriff's Office website.

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