

# Benton County Sheriff's Office

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT





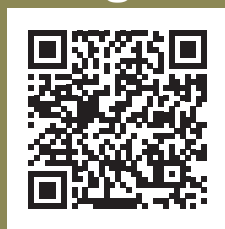
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# Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall's Message to the Community

## Duty. Honor. Courage.



Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall

It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my final annual report, for the residents of Benton County. I must thank you for entrusting me with the authority to run this fine Office for the last 5 years. Year 6 will be more of the same. Consistent but flexible to change, just as the voters of Benton County would expect.

Five years ago, I was appointed Sheriff and granted the honor to oversee the Sheriff's Office. I know I'm biased, but what an amazing group of professionals the Benton County Sheriff's Office employs. From the three most visible Divisions: Patrol, Jail, and Parole and Probation, to Emergency Management and Search and Rescue (and all the amazing volunteers that help to make it work) to the amazing administrative staff that keep the Sheriff's Office running.... I say: thank you. Thank you for all you've done for me personally, for the Office professionally and for the residents of Benton County, always. AWESOME!!!

DUTY. HONOR. COURAGE. These are the values of the Benton County Sheriff's Office,

and the mantra YOUR Deputies apply every day. From expanding the Special Response Team to include area Law Enforcement professionals to creating more opportunities for Adults in Custody; to preparing the Benton County community and beyond for the next -large-scale emergency event, I couldn't imagine standing shoulder to shoulder with Deputies like the ones in Benton County. Stop by the Office some time, I'll tell you how I truly feel about the men and women of the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Be safe.

*Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall*

Employees by Division *	2024	2025
Law Enforcement	38	39
Jail	28	28
Parole & Probation	11	9
Support Services	5	5
Emergency Management	3	2
Special Services	2	2
Sheriff/Undersheriff	2	2

\* Full-Time Employees

### Upcoming Events

- July**                      **6th Annual Softball Game**
- August**                    **School Supply Drive**
- September**                **Citizens' Academy**
- September**                **Chili Cook-Off**
- December**                 **Shop with a Cop**

# Support Services Division

## Undersheriff Rogers

The Support Services Division plays an essential role in keeping the Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) operating smoothly. This small, highly skilled team supports many critical behind the scenes functions that allow the agency to operate efficiently each day.

### Civil Coordinator

The Civil Coordinator handles legal papers sent to BCSO from courts in Oregon and across the country. These include things like subpoenas, protection orders, and court notices. He makes sure each document is delivered correctly to the right person in Benton County.

Legal Documents	2025
Legal Documents Processed	957

### Concealed Handgun License Program

The division oversees the Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Program. In 2025, the CHL Coordinator processed a high volume of applications using the Permitium system, which launched in late 2024. Permitium allows citizens to submit applications and schedule appointments online, helping reduce appointment wait times for both new applicants and renewals.

The CHL Coordinator also conducts internal fingerprinting for new employees, volunteers, and contract workers. This process ensures BCSO meets all requirements for accessing secure law enforcement information systems.

Concealed Handgun License	2025
CHL Applications Received	1,087
CHL Revoked	18
CHL New Licenses	323

### Training and Recruiting

The Training and Recruiting Sergeant manages the Auxiliary Team and oversees the agency’s

hiring process. In 2025, the Auxiliary Team contributed 655.25 volunteer hours, providing support to BCSO operations and at community events.

BCSO continued to maintain high hiring standards. In 2025, the agency hired twelve new employees. Sixteen applicants who initially received job offers did not pass the background process and were removed from the hiring pool. The agency’s hiring standards include a detailed background check, psychological evaluation, and physical exam.

Recruitment	2025
Job Applications Reviewed	217
New Members	12
Promotions	1
BCSO Training hours *	4,227
BCSO Auxiliary hours	655

### Accreditation and Policy

The Accreditation and Policy Specialist ensures that BCSO complies with professional law enforcement standards. She maintains a structured schedule for reviewing and updating policies.

She also helps coordinate community outreach programs, including the Citizens’ Academy, which provides residents with an inside look at law enforcement operations.

### Business and Financial Support

The Business Analyst provides financial support for all divisions. With her accounting background, she assists with budget planning, funding decisions, and grant management. Her work was especially important in 2025 as the Sheriff’s Office navigated significant budget reductions.

### Executive Support

The Executive Assistant provides essential admin-

istrative support to the Sheriff and Undersheriff. Her responsibilities include managing schedules, processing payroll, handling purchasing, and overseeing accounts payable. She also manages

personnel documentation and works closely with County Finance and Human Resources to ensure accuracy and efficiency.

## Financial Message

In the first half of 2025, the Sheriff’s Office produced a balanced budget for the upcoming biennium. The Sheriff’s Office 2025–27 approved budget reflects our best assessment of the revenues and expenses anticipated for the upcoming biennium, spanning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. It was developed in full accordance with Oregon Budget Law, County financial policies, and applicable state requirements. This budget is the result of careful planning and collaboration. It was reviewed and approved by the Benton County Budget Committee on Friday, May 30, 2025, and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

### The Benton County Sheriff’s Office 2025–27 Adopted Budget Overview

The adopted budget for the 2025–27 biennium totals \$55 million, representing an 11.8% increase compared to the fiscal year 2023–25 biennium. Consistent with prior budgets, personal services (wages and benefits) account for the largest share of expenditures at 68.58%. Staff for the biennium includes 89 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions, which is a reduction of 2 FTEs from the previous biennium.

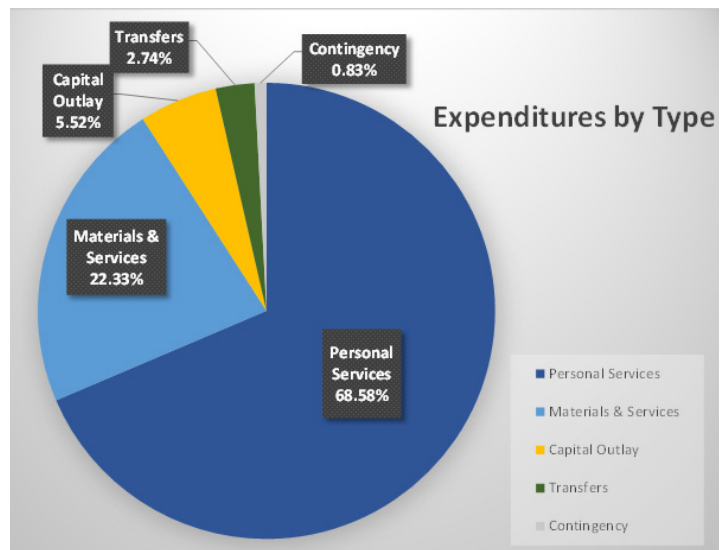
### Budget Challenges and Reductions

- **COLA/ECI Freeze:** Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Employment Cost Index increases are frozen for all management and non-represented personnel.
- **Increased Vacancy Factor:** Positions will remain unfilled longer when staff leave or retire, reducing immediate replacement costs.
- **Travel and Training Cuts:** A 10% reduction in travel and training expenditures.

- **Reduced Federal Funding:** Loss and reduction of federal grant dollars impacting program support.
- **Rising Equipment Costs:** Equipment expenses exceeding budget projections due to tariffs and inflation.
- **Fleet Maintenance:** Current fleet maintenance costs have surged by 131%, creating sustainability concerns.
- **Jail Infrastructure Issues:** Inadequate and deteriorating jail facilities are driving higher maintenance costs.
- **Community Corrections Funding:** Reduced dollars for the Parole and Probation division under the Community Corrections Plan.

Review the county’s annual financial reports on the county’s website at:

[finance.bentoncountyor.gov/financial-statements/](https://finance.bentoncountyor.gov/financial-statements/)



# Jail Division

## Captain DeVaney

### Projects

In 2025, Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) ended its jail bed rental contract with Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility (NORCOR). BCSO entered a new contract with Clatsop County Jail to address several inefficiencies.



Jail Control Room

Under the NORCOR contract, BCSO paid for a set number of beds, whether they were occupied or not. Clatsop County charges only for beds actually used. This change reduces unnecessary spending.

Clatsop County also agreed to conduct Adult in Custody (AIC) transfers through the central hub at the Marion County Jail in Salem. Previously, transport deputies had to drive to NORCOR directly. That change shortened transport time from approximately five hours to about 1.5 hours. It also significantly reduced miles driven, lowering fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

Looking ahead, the off-site courthouse is expected to open in early 2027. This will allow transport Deputies time to transport AIC’s from the jail to the courthouse.

### Pretrial Services

In 2025, BCSO Pretrial Services saw increased use of GPS monitoring devices. By year’s end, all 10 available devices were in use.

Courts also began assigning subjects to check in by phone or in person. Check-ins are scheduled weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, depending on the case.

### Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Program

In August 2025, BCSO launched the Jail Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Program. Funding came from a grant through the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

BCSO chose injectable buprenorphine as the treatment medication. Each dose lasts 30 days. The injectable format also limits the risk of using medication as contraband in a jail setting.

BCSO partnered with consultants from Oregon Health and Science University to build the program. Together, they developed an intake form to screen individuals entering custody for opioid use disorder. The form also gauges whether they are interested in treatment.

Under the guidance of the jail’s medical profession, Dr. Micek, 14 AICs participated in the program by the end of December 2025 with some participants receiving more than one dose while in custody.

### Limited Duty Deputies

Although BCSO maintained full staffing levels for full-time employees throughout 2025, four new Limited Duty Deputies were hired. The Limited

Jail Activity	2024	2025
Total Bookings	1,359	1,315
SB 48 Matrix Releases	368	345
Forced Releases	75	70
Facility Closure*	10	10
AICs Transported	731	684
Transport Miles	31,799 mi	21,796 mi

\* The number of times new arrestees are turned away due to lack of appropriate cells.

Duty Deputy program remains unique in Oregon, though other sheriff's offices have expressed interest in replicating it.

To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years old. The selection process includes a written test, an interview, and — if selected to move forward — a background check, psychological evaluation, and medical evaluation. Successful candidates complete an in-house field training program covering policies, procedures, and jail operations.

Limited Duty Deputies are not certified peace officers. They do not carry firearms and do not have arrest powers. They always work alongside

at least two certified deputies per shift.

This structure has greatly reduced mandatory overtime for jail staff, which is a widespread problem in corrections across Oregon and the United States.

The program also serves as a strong pipeline. Many Limited Duty Deputies go on to full-time positions within BCSO or with other law enforcement agencies across the state. In 2025, five Limited Duty Deputies separated from BCSO. Three of those five accepted full-time law enforcement positions with other Oregon agencies.

## Retirements

### Captain Carley

After more than three decades of dedicated service, Captain Carley retired from the Benton County Sheriff's Office in June 2025, closing out a career that began in 1994.

Captain Carley earned a reputation for steady judgment, tireless work ethic, unwavering character and a genuine care for the community he worked to protect.



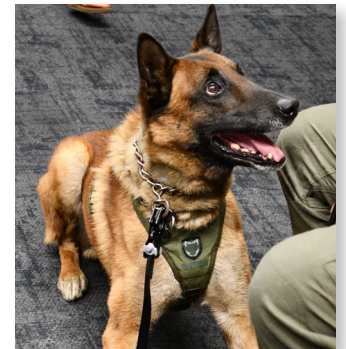
Captain Carley

He promoted through the ranks, eventually earning the role of Captain. He went on to lead the Parole and Probation Division for 13 years. As Captain, he balanced operational demands with mentorship, ensuring that both accountability and morale remained high. Captain Carley understood the value of teamwork and consistently encouraged staff within the Parole and Probation Division to work together to accomplish the mission of providing professional public safety services with integrity and accountability.

Throughout every role Captain Carley filled, he conducted himself with honor and left a lasting legacy defined by service and character.

### K9 Deputy Brutus

After an incredible 8 years of dedicated service, our beloved K9 Deputy Brutus officially retired from the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Brutus was more than just a partner; he was a true hero in our community.



K9 Brutus

Brutus' Impactful Career:

- Deployed over 100 times in various operations
- Assisted in 66 arrests, from driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUI) suspects to attempted homicides
- Located a missing injured person, bringing relief to worried families
- Recovered crucial evidence, including firearms, for criminal cases

Brutus made a lasting impact on Benton County, keeping our community safer with his extraordinary skills and unwavering loyalty.

# Law Enforcement Division

## Captain Duffitt

### Patrol

In 2025, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division was fortunate enough to spend more than half of the year fully staffed after hiring lateral patrol Deputy Doty in May 2025. Deputy Doty arrived at the Benton County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) with several years of experience from another law enforcement agency in Oregon. Since Deputy Doty’s hire, all shifts have been staffed in full, patrol functions and visibility have increased, and productivity in the community has expanded.

In October, deputies wore pink badges in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These special badges were worn each day to support those affected by cancer. Each Deputy purchased their badge as part of a fundraiser, with proceeds going toward cancer awareness, research, and support programs.



Pink Badge for Breast Cancer Awareness

As Deputies serve Benton County, they continuously work through unexpected situations to bring resolutions to families of this community. Deputies routinely respond to motor vehicle crashes, domestic disturbances, and crimes that impact the safety and security of those who live in Benton County. Deputies, along with specialized investigators in the Patrol Division, work towards bringing justice to the vulnerable populations in this community that include children and the elderly. It has become far too common that vulnerable populations are victimized by those within this county or those who use social media to locate and extort victims.

To address these issues, Benton County Deputies take part in several multi-agency teams that respond to these types of investigations. These teams include the Child Abuse Response Team,



Detective Horn Researching a Case

the Vulnerable Adult Response Team, and the Domestic Abuse Response Team. These teams meet regularly to discuss investigations and decide on appropriate responses to these complex situations.

Offense Committed	2024	2025
Murder	0	0
Manslaughter	2	2
Rape	5	6
Aggravated Assault	18	22
Assault/Stalking	141	92
Burglary	35	36
Auto Vehicle Theft	16	18
Arson	3	1
Forgery/Fraud	66	92
Sex Offenses	33	15
Kidnapping	1	2
DUII	203	208
Vandalism	85	71
Weapon Laws	26	32
ID Theft	12	24
Trespass/Prowler	120	88
Drug Law Violations	70	96
Animal & Littering Ordinances	93	79
Runaway Juveniles	12	7

While Deputies investigate crimes in Benton County, they also understand that they are compiling and gathering evidence that will later be used in criminal prosecution. BCSO works closely with the Benton County District Attorney’s Office to investigate cases, write search warrants and subpoenas, and later serve as witnesses as these cases go to trial. In 2025, Benton County Patrol Deputies worked with the District Attorney’s Office to secure convictions on multiple investigations.



Sergeant Vaughn Analyzes the County Map

Patrol Deputies serve the community with professionalism, empathy, and compassion, demonstrating a genuine dedication to making a positive impact while protecting the citizens of Benton County. As the Patrol Division Captain, I am very blessed to work with the great men and women in this division, who work tirelessly to serve Benton County.



Forest Patrol Vehicle

Some of the notable convictions include:

- April 2025, a Benton County Circuit Court Judge sentenced 25-year-old Brenda Lopez Lopez to 19 months in prison related to a 2024 BCSO hit and run fatality investigation.
- May 2025, a Benton County Circuit Court Judge sentenced 29-year-old Colin Reeves to 20 months in prison related to a 2025 BCSO investigation related to a stolen vehicle out of Monroe.
- June 2025, a Benton County Circuit Court Judge sentenced 35-year-old William Hargrove to life in prison after a Benton County jury unanimously found him guilty of murder in the second degree. This is the second time a Benton County jury has found Hargrove guilty of murder related to an investigation that began in 2017, after a body was discovered off a remote logging road in Alsea.

Patrol Deputies remain steadfast in their commitment to reducing crime, enhancing roadway safety, and proactively addressing criminal activity throughout the county. Each day,



Deputy Ash and Sheriff Van Arsdall Receiving DUII Awards

Performance	2024	2025
Calls for Service	21,111	22,036
Arrests	1,785	1,836
Warrants	667	720
Animal Control Responses	156	155
Traffic Citations	3,338	2,542
Motor Vehicle Crashes	251	286
Vehicle Fatalities	8	2

# Parole & Probation Division

## Captain Pickerd

### Staffing

The Parole and Probation Division is responsible for supervising adult Justice-Involved Individuals (JIIs) who are on probation, parole, or post-prison supervision and who reside in Benton County.

The division is staffed by a highly professional and dedicated team. We are committed to enhancing public safety by holding individuals accountable while also supporting them in addressing the underlying challenges that contributed to their involvement in the criminal justice system.



Captain Pickerd Promoted to Division Commander

### Funding

Parole and Probation operations are supported through grant-in-aid funding allocated by the Oregon Department of Corrections and the Local Option Levy. Resources are prioritized using evidence-based practices, with a focus on individuals who present the highest risk to the community.

### Supervision

In 2025, the division supervised an average of 252 Justice-Involved Individuals.

Parole and Probation Deputies are responsible for ensuring individuals comply with supervision conditions, holding individuals accountable for violations, conducting evidence-based risk assessments, and applying appropriate interventions and sanctions.

These practices are designed to address risky behaviors and reduce the likelihood of future violations or criminal activity.

### Programming

Benton County Parole and Probation offers the *Thinking for a Change* program. This Cognitive Behavioral Therapy program helps participants change behavior by focusing on key skill areas such as problem solving, social skills, and cognitive self-change.

Groups are structured, interactive, and offered multiple times throughout the year at no cost to participants.

The goal of the program is to increase insight, improve decision-making, reduce criminal behavior, and support long-term success in the community.

### Transitional Housing

The Transition Center Program provides a structured, clean, and sober living environment for individuals transitioning from custody into the community.

This program serves as a stabilization resource and supports individuals in working toward self-sufficiency and successful reentry.

### Commitment to Service

I am proud of the work our Parole and Probation Deputies perform each day while supervising individuals in the community.

The Sheriff emphasizes being polite, prepared, and professional and our staff consistently strive to uphold these standards.

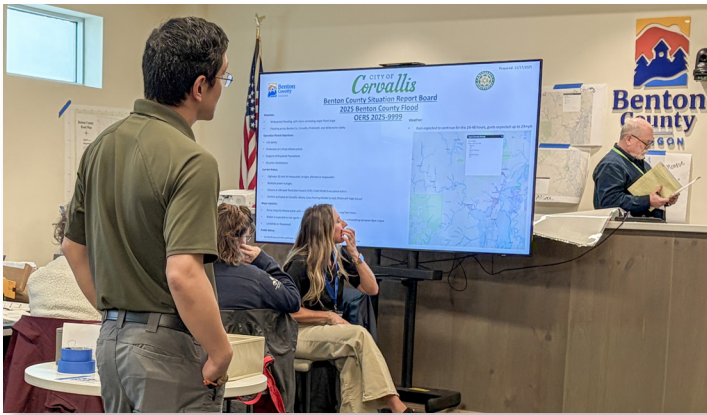
Through evidence-based practices, validated risk assessments, and effective case planning, Parole and Probation Deputies work to promote positive behavior change, support individual success, and reduce future criminal behavior.

Performance	2025
Number of JIIs on Supervision	252

# Emergency Management Division

## Emergency Management Manager Lee

The BCSO Emergency Management Division's goal is to further the profession of emergency management in Oregon and better help the residents of Benton County to be ready for disasters. During 2025, Emergency Management was busy updating plans, conducting exercises/trainings, supporting response, and applying for grants.



Emergency Operations Center Exercise

Benton County Emergency Manager Lee received an award from the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association for his role as the Emergency Management Command Council Chair and is regarded for his advocacy work in emergency management, willingness to support his peers, and providing mentorship and service throughout the state.

In 2025, we enhanced our abilities within our Emergency Operations Center Team and further developed the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Incident Management Team to support our community and region.

The Emergency Management Coordinator continued to improve the Emergency Management Volunteer Corps. This program gives community members a chance to learn important skills and help with emergency and disaster preparedness.

Through hands-on training and education, volunteers learn how to respond safely during emergencies and support community preparedness efforts as part of a team. Volunteers also trained in Call Center operations and Mass Care and Sheltering to help support the community during emergencies.



Emergency Call Center Training

Emergency Management offers two emergency preparedness trainings. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training teaches people how to help their neighbors during a disaster and the Be 2 Weeks Ready (B2WR) program shares simple tips to help families prepare their homes for emergencies. These trainings were offered throughout the year by our Emergency Management Volunteer Corps. team.

Join the Benton County Emergency Management Volunteer Corps today and become part of a team that's making a real impact. For more information email:

[EmergencyManagement@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:EmergencyManagement@bentoncountyor.gov)

## Linn-Benton Alert Emergency Notification System

Sign up for notifications at:



[sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov/linn-benton-alert](http://sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov/linn-benton-alert)

# Special Services Division

## Special Services Manager Higgins

The Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is responsible under state law for coordinating search and rescue (SAR) operations. This mission relies heavily on the expertise and commitment of our volunteer force, whose contributions are essential to meeting this obligation.



SAR Academy Training

In 2025, 15 individuals graduated from the BCSO SAR Academy, completing an 8-week program totaling 90 hours of training. Of those graduates, 12 joined the 110 volunteers currently serving across six specialized SAR units. Each unit is focused on a distinct operational role, allowing volunteers to serve in areas that best align with their skills and interests.

BCSO's SAR units include:

- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), provides critical communications support during SAR missions, disasters, and other public safety incidents.
- Canine Search and Rescue (R3K9), consists of highly trained and certified handler-dog teams meeting Oregon State Sheriff's Association standards.
- Corvallis Mountain Rescue (CMRU), specializes in alpine and high-angle terrain operations.
- Marys Peak Search and Rescue (MPSAR), whose members conduct searches across

diverse terrain and weather conditions.

- Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse, whose members supply their own horses and equipment, support mounted and large animal rescues, assist in wildfire evacuations, and represent the Sheriff's Office at public events.
- Sky Search and Rescue (SkySAR), provides aerial search capabilities using fixed-wing aircraft and drones.

In 2025, Benton County dispatch received 75 reports of missing or stranded individuals, the majority of which were resolved by first responders. SAR volunteers were deployed to 22 incidents within the county and also supported mutual aid missions in neighboring jurisdictions, utilizing a range of specialized resources and teams. These responses included a wide range of incidents, such as homicide investigations, evidence searches, and body recoveries, as well as missions involving vulnerable individuals, including those with dementia. Teams also responded to overdue or missing outdoor recreationists—such as campers, climbers, hikers, hunters, and gatherers—and provided support during wildfire evacuations.



Swift Water Rescue Training

## Community Service

### Shop with a Cop

BCSO was proud to coordinate its 31st annual Shop with a Cop event in December 2025. The Executive Assistant and CHL Coordinator, led this effort for their 20th year. In partnership with Corvallis Fred Meyer—who generously provided goodie bags for each child—the event was fully funded through donations from community members, local businesses, and employees.



Shop with a Cop

Children were selected through Benton County Parole & Probation and the Oregon Department of Human Services, including both the Self-Sufficiency and Child Welfare divisions.

This year's event also featured a special visit from Santa, adding to the excitement and holiday spirit of the day. On the morning of the event, children and law enforcement partners arrived early, ready to shop. Each child was paired with a deputy or officer from BCSO, Corvallis Police Department, Philomath Police Department, and Oregon State University Department of Public Safety and provided a \$60 gift card to spend on toys and games of their choosing.

BCSO looks forward to carrying on this tradition and making an even greater impact in the community for years to come.

### Philomath Trunk or Treat and Monroe Halloween Spooktacular

The 2025 Halloween outreach included participation from Sheriff Van Arsdall, Undersheriff Rogers, Sergeant Bressler, Deputies Hobbs and Davis, and Reserve Deputies Hafizov and Coggins, who gave out over 50 pounds of candy and many “Junior Deputy” stickers to over 1,000 happy trick-or-treaters in Philomath and Monroe.



Sheriff Van Arsdall and Sergeant Bressler at Trunk or Treat

### Drug Take Back Event

The spring 2025 Drug Take Back Event put the community to work, collecting 430 pounds of expired or unneeded medications. 141 vehicles cycled through the drive-up event, each contributing to a cleaner water supply and safer homes for Benton County families.



Drug Take Back Event

## Community Service

### ABC House Charity Softball Game

The ABC House Charity Softball Game found the Benton County Sheriff's Office, for the fifth year in a row, victorious against the Linn County Sheriff's Office.



ABC House Charity Softball Game

The idea for the game came from BCSO Sheriff Van Arsdall, who wanted to strengthen the relationship between the Linn County Sheriff's Office, deputies, and the community, all while raising money for charity.

This has turned out to be an annual happening, enabling us to raise money for and awareness about the ABC House, a non-profit children's advocacy center serving both Linn and Benton Counties. They provide assessments and support services for local children and youth when there are concerns of abuse and neglect.

### Citizens' Academy



2025 Citizens' Academy Participants

BCSO's 2025 Citizens' Academy spanned eight Tuesday evenings and two Saturdays across September and October, welcoming 17 Benton County community members.

The Citizens' Academy bridges the gap between residents and the Sheriff's Office, fostering mutual understanding and trust. Participants explore BCSO firsthand through facility and jail tours, marine patrol jet boat rides, and in-depth overviews of the Office's many responsibilities.



Citizens' Academy

The Academy is free and open to Benton County community members.

Applications open in July — visit the BCSO website to learn more at:

[sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov/citizens-academy/](https://sheriff.bentoncountyor.gov/citizens-academy/)



### Benton County Fair Booth

BCSO thanks everyone who stopped by the Benton County Sheriff's Office fair booth in July of 2025. Fair goers explored quads, checked out the Search & Rescue Command vehicle, and grabbed free giveaways — coloring books, color-changing pencils, and whirly birds. A variety of information was available on internet safety, wildfire safety and preparedness as well as community involvement opportunities. We hope to see you there in 2026!

## Community Service



Sergeant Hunnemuller at County Fair

### BCSO Annual School Supply Drive

BCSO's Annual School Supply Drive delivered results once again in 2025, marking its 16th year of serving rural students.

School supplies were collected and donated to the five rural Benton County schools: Alsea Elementary, Blodgett Elementary, Muddy Creek Charter School, Kings Valley Charter School, and Monroe Elementary. Staff contributions and community generosity poured in — cash donations and back-to-school essentials alike allowed BCSO



School Supply Drive

to distribute well-stocked supply boxes that set both students and teachers up for success from day one.

### Public Safety Chili Cook-Off & Prep Fair

Every September, the Philomath Frolic Fairgrounds fill with the smell of simmering chili as the annual Public Safety Chili Cook-Off gets underway.

The 2025 event drew just over 1000 attendees and raised just over \$20,000 for the community. The 4 Spirits Foundation Veterans Scholarship Fund received \$10,000 from the proceeds. Remaining funds were distributed between the Philomath Police Foundation and The Sheriff's Foundation.

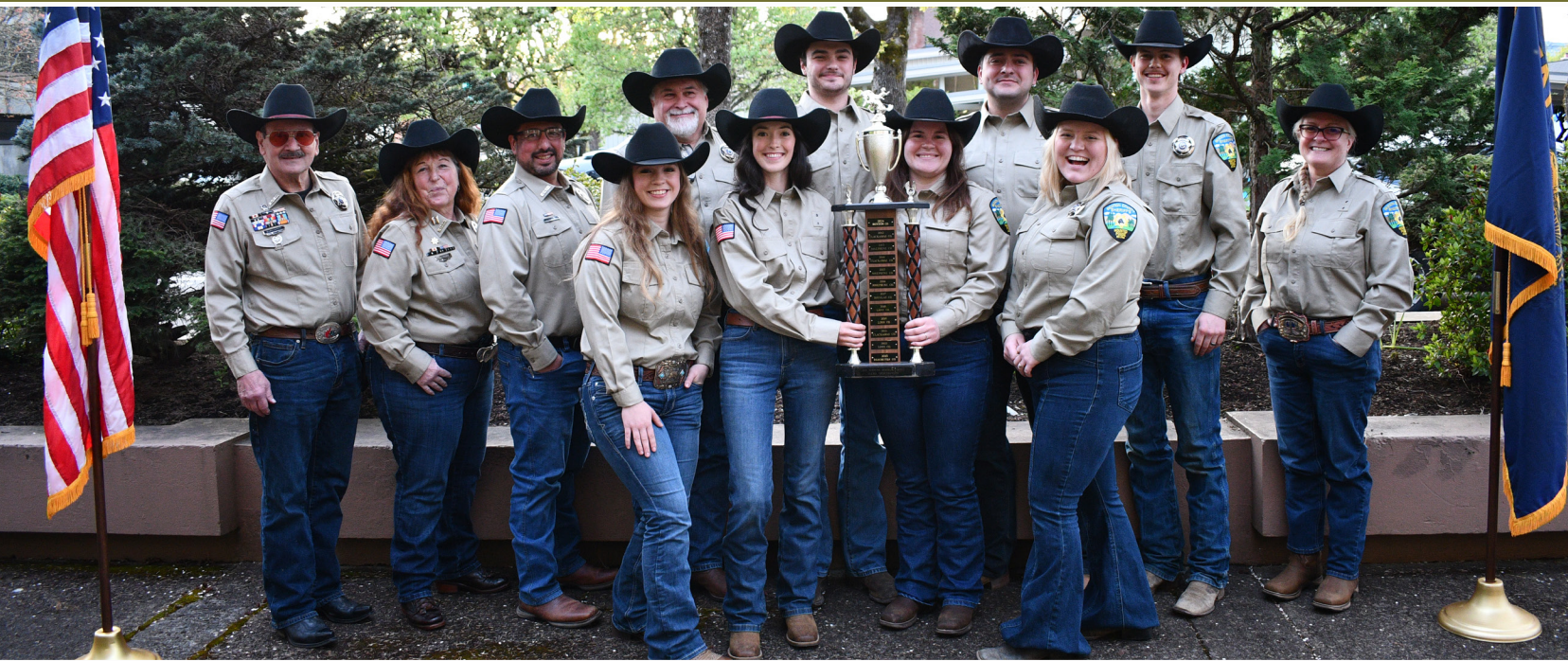


Chili Cook-Off

The free Emergency Services and Prep Fair showcased various vendors and emergency vehicles. Plenty of free swag and information was available to the many people that dropped by.



Emergency Services and Prep Fair



## CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies Only .....	911
Non-Emergency Phone .....	541-766-6858
General Information/Administration .....	541-766-6858
Animal Control .....	541-766-6789
Civil .....	541-766-6814
Concealed Handgun Licenses.....	541-766-6606
Emergency Management .....	541-766-6864
Jail .....	541-766-6866
Parole & Probation .....	541-766-6887
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