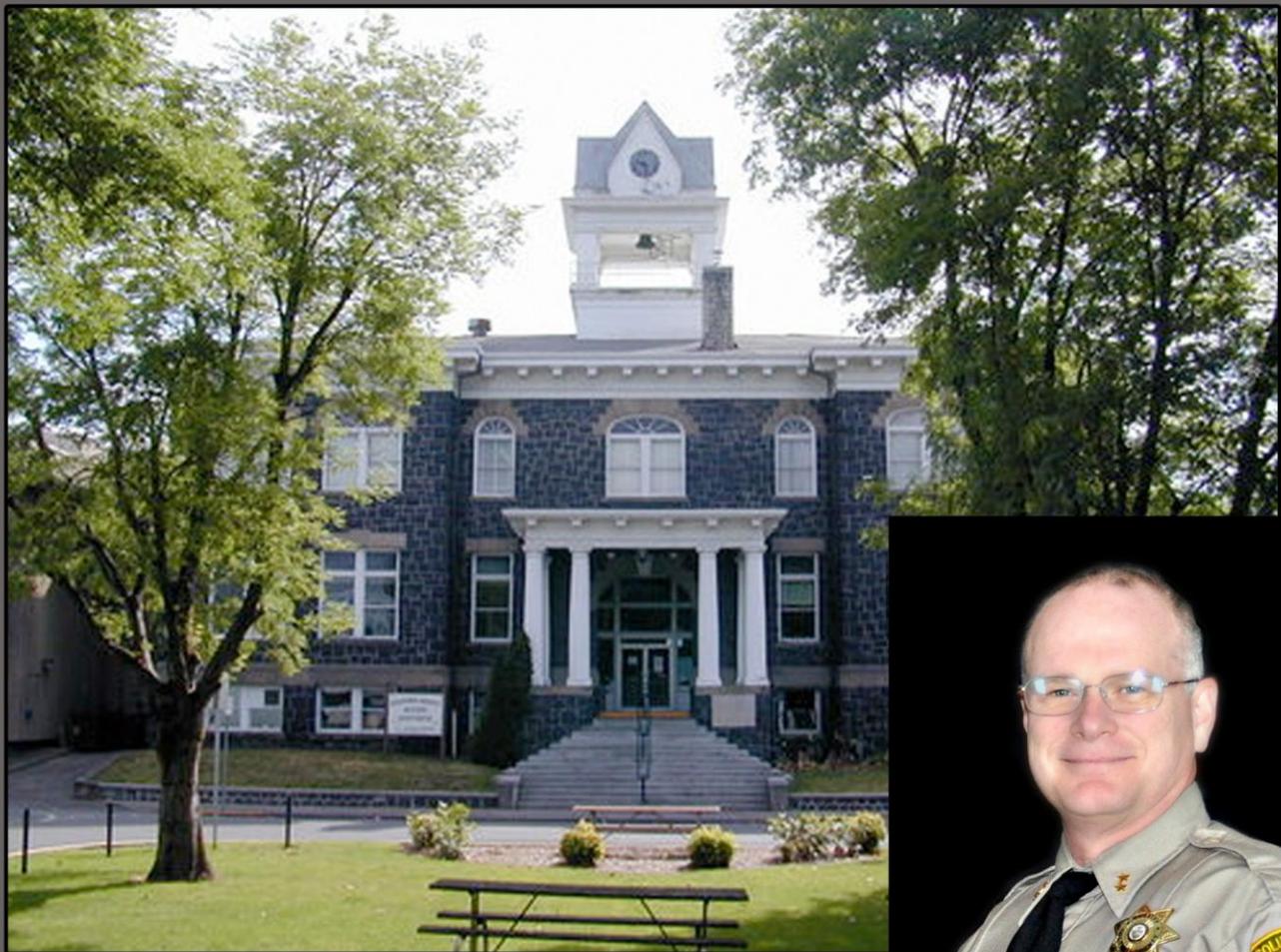




Columbia County Sheriff's Office

2011 Annual Report

**Dedicated to Peace and Safety
in Our Community**



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Mission

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

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our county with: effective and efficient public safety services; a safe, secure and efficient incarceration facility that contributes to a better quality of life; and, reliable court and civil process services. Each employee is enabled to solve problems by taking ownership and believing they can make positive changes for the future.

Values

1. Employees are valued and empowered to do what is right.
2. Citizens are served effectively and efficiently.
3. The rights of all are upheld and protected.

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Sheriff & Undersheriff

Dear fellow citizens of Columbia County:

Thank you for taking a few moments to review the accomplishments of your Sheriff's Office for 2011. These pages show that, despite the challenges we have faced with budget reductions and position losses, we continue to build an exciting, innovative sheriff's office, dedicated to keeping our community safe and livable.

Since I took office, each member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office has been asked to take personal responsibility for being the solution to problems that arise and as they are able to address them. With this attitude, it doesn't matter how many we have as much as it matters that we dedicate ourselves to the concept of providing solutions to the problems citizens encounter whenever and wherever we can—to the best of our ability.

I am pleased with our personnel and the results they have shown in embracing a new way of doing things with energy and commitment to getting the job done. We ask a lot of these public safety professionals, and I am proud to be associated with such a fine group of men and women.



Jeff Dickerson

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson Biography

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

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

Elected in November 2008 to a four-year term, he has also been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Interoperability Executive Council working to improve radio communications for first responders in our region. At home in Columbia County, Jeff continues to work on building up the Office of Sheriff toward the vision of providing the premier public safety services in our county.



Undersheriff Andy Moyer Biography

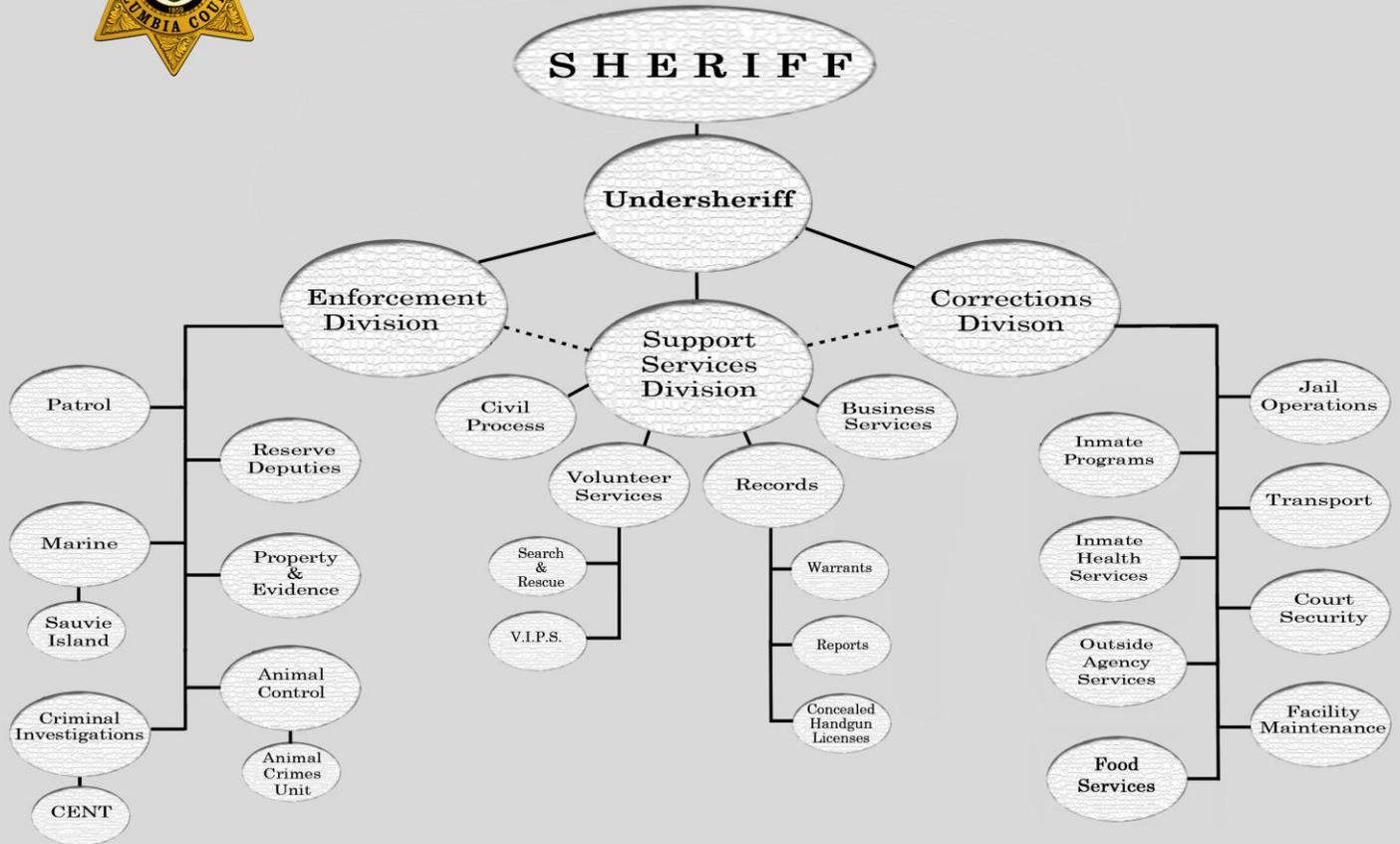
Undersheriff Andy Moyer started in Law Enforcement as an Explorer Scout with the Oregon State Police (OSP) in Portland, Oregon. After high school, Andy served as an OSP cadet. In 1999, he went through the OSP recruit school and was assigned as a patrol trooper in St. Helens. He is a firearms and use-of-force instructor. Andy taught at OSP recruit schools as well as instructed seasoned troopers in the area of pistol, rifle, shotgun, and less lethal munitions. In 2003 he was elected to the board of the Oregon State Police Officers' Association as a region representative and later elected to serve as the vice-president of that organization. As vice-president of OSPOA, he lobbied the 2007 legislature for additional public safety funding. In 2009 he joined the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as the

Undersheriff and is currently a member of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Jail Command Council, the Search and Rescue Advisory Committee, and the Enforcement Command Council for which he was elected in December to act as Chair. Andy is a graduate of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College, The International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute, and The Oregon Executive Development Institute.

Organizational Chart



Columbia County



The Sheriff's Office is a multi-faceted organization with wide-ranging responsibilities – many of which are mandated under the state Constitution and Oregon State Law. Together, the Sheriff and Undersheriff oversee the operations of three intertwined divisions that depend upon each other to provide the highest possible level of service with the resources committed to the Sheriff's Office. Currently, the undersheriff *also* has the dual responsibility of serving as the jail commander, since that position went unfilled due to budget cuts. This leaves the sheriff responsible for direct oversight of the Enforcement Division, as well as the Support Services Division after the loss of the Support Services Division manager position from this year's budget. The Support Services manager became the administrative assistant to the three divisions, taking on additional payroll and purchasing responsibilities following position cuts in the central county offices. Overall, these budget cuts have reduced the command staff of the Sheriff's Office from four positions to two.



**Admin. Assistant
M. Wagner**

History



Facts regarding the early history of Columbia County are few. The shores of the Columbia River were inhabited by the Clatskanie and Chinook Indian tribes prior to the arrival of European explorers. It is known that a New England trading vessel, the *Columbia Rediviva*, commanded by Captain Robert Gray arrived in the summer of

1792 with the first Euro-Americans to see the County's timbered shoreline. In 1805, the explorers Lewis and Clark traveled and camped along the County's Columbia River shoreline.

Carved out of Washington County in 1854, its past was tied to commercial fishing, water transportation and lumber.

The county was created in 1854 from the northern half of Washington County. The town of Milton served as the county seat until 1857 when it was moved to St. Helens. Columbia County has been afflicted by numerous flooding disasters, the most recent in December 2007. Heavy rains caused the Nehalem River to escape its banks and flood the city of Vernonia and rural areas nearby. Columbia County received a presidential disaster declaration for this event.

Thus far, 32 people have served as Sheriff of Columbia County. The first sheriff was Benjamin Stevens, who was **sworn** into office shortly after the county was formed

on January 16, 1854—just five years after Oregon became a state.

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

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



Old Columbia County Courthouse

Columbia County Sheriffs 1854 - Present

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

County Facts



	POPULATION		Area
	2009	2010	Sq. Miles
Columbia County	48,410	49,430	688.0
Clatskanie	1,735	1,735	1.3
Columbia City	1,990	1,945	1.2
Prescott	60	55	0.1
Rainier	1,825	1,895	4.9
Saint Helens	12,380	12,905	5.7
Scappoose	6,605	6,630	2.7
Vernonia	2,370	2,155	1.7
Unincorporated	21,445	22,110	669.5

Key Facts

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

The Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement response agency in areas outside incorporated cities and within the incorporated City of Prescott. The Sheriff's Office is the first responder for all public safety on the Columbia River. Geographically, approximately 98 percent of Columbia County is outside of cities covered by municipal police departments.

Points of Interest

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

SWORN ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS			
	Total # of officers	Officers per 1,000 population	Officers per square Mile
Clatskanie	5	2.8	3.8
Columbia City	2	1.2	1.7
Prescott	0	0	0
Rainier	5	2.6	1.0
Saint Helens	16	1.2	2.8
Scappoose	10	1.5	3.7
Vernonia	3	1.4	1.8
Sheriff	10	0.5	0.01

Key Contacts

- **County Sheriff:** Jeff Dickerson
- **County Commissioners:** Tony Hyde, Henry Heimuller, Earl Fisher
- **Assessor:** Sue Martin
- **County Clerk:** Betty Huser
- **County Treasurer:** Ruth Baker
- **Justice of the Peace:** Wally Thompson

In addition to the above officers, the Oregon State Police had 7 sworn troopers based in St. Helens in 2011. These troopers were responsible for traffic safety on state highways in Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop counties, as well as providing backup to local police agencies as needed. Executive officers (management) in Scappoose, St. Helens and the Sheriff's Office are not included in the total. This chart shows number of officers available for regular dispatch.

Your Sheriff's Office Today

There is not a moment in time where deputies are not working to keep Columbia County a place where we can work, recreate, conduct business and/or rest in peace.

Our facility, based in St. Helens, is the hub of activity that includes: jail incarceration, responses to criminal activity and other emergencies, search and rescue, river patrols, warrant execution, services to the courts, delivery of civil process services, and animal control.

The performance of all these duties requires a diverse and cross-trained work force. With staffing numbers down to critical levels in each division, the Sheriff has sought to make sure staff has been cross-trained.

The result is a highly diverse workforce able to shift into various modes of operation—depending on the need. Enforcement deputies can easily help with duties in the courts, delivery of civil process services, or help in the jail when jail staffing levels drop below necessary levels on any given shift. Corrections deputies can assist with court security and custody situations in remote locations around the county when there are not enough enforcement personnel to transport custodies to the jail. Our civil deputy often assists the patrol force with additional backup, performs court security functions when needed, as well as assisting with transports of prisoners from time to time.

Budget Crunch Brings Innovations

The Governor appointed Sheriff Dickerson to the State Interoperability Executive Council in 2011. The council is made up of leaders from around the state seeking to maximize communications technology and improve interoperability among different jurisdictions. Your Sheriff's Office is on the cutting edge of interoperability due to the need to rely on outside jurisdictions from time to time when local resources are not enough. Federal grants have been used to purchase radios for our cars and hand-held versions that now keep our



For 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office stands ready to conserve the peace in Columbia County. The changes we have seen and the efforts we have made to maximize the benefit of limited resources has brought many of the duties mandated to the office of sheriff into the 21st Century. In 2011, important new developments took place to change the way we do business, and improve the product of our services.

deputies in the radio loop with other agencies when they are in need of each others' services.

The Sheriff's Office has also instituted a new protocol for handling calls for service. Even though we lost a patrol position (from 6 to 5) in 2011, calls for service grew by more than 1,000 calls to 10,245 calls. It became impossible for the staff we had left to keep up with the demand for service.

The sheriff, working with his staff, designed a triage system whereby higher priority calls were responded to and investigated thoroughly while lower priority calls were scheduled for follow up calls by supervisors. As a result, efficiencies have been seen, with more crimes getting

thorough investigations and more reports than ever being turned in. It is truly an example of getting more done with less. And with the protocol to call back those who do not get an immediate response, more citizens are getting contact of some kind from a sworn member of the Sheriff's Office. Certainly, we would prefer to take each call as it comes in, but we believe the efficiency we have found through this system to be the best way to handle calls for services with the resources we have—allowing us to prioritize the most serious calls.

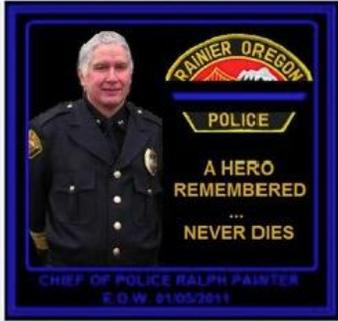
In 2011, the Sheriff's Office made purchases of equipment and made capital improvements designed to leverage the greatest utility for the dollars spent. Two Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicles were purchased (one in each fiscal year). These vehicles are cheaper to operate in the long run, provide better mobility for deputies in rural areas, and hold their values longer.

A design flaw in the security of the jail was also corrected when the fence around the jail was completed in 2011. This established a secure parking lot behind the jail, an expanded secure evacuation area in case of a jail emergency, and was paid for with U.S. Marshal bed rental funds. Now, at no cost to county residents, the jail has been secured from people wandering in the back lot and creating heightened security risks.

News Notes

Rainier Police Chief Slain January 5, 2011

The Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of our local and state law enforcement partners, investigated the murder of Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter. Daniel Butts of Kelso,



Wash. was arrested and indicted for the killing, and is currently awaiting trial in the Columbia County Jail. Corrections Deputies aided in the investigation in the case, closely documenting Mr. Butts' activities and actions. Their reports were eventually instrumental in disproving the defense's claim that Mr. Butts was unable to aid in his own defense.

Vernonia Suspect Arrested After Shot Fired February 7, 2011

Deputies took a Vernonia man into custody at the scene of a domestic violence incident after at least one shot was fired from a gun during the incident. The County Critical Incident Response Team—made up of officers and deputies from around the county—assisted with taking the suspect into custody.

24-year-old Male Charged with Forcible Rape of 15- year-old Female Victim March 19, 2011

Sheriff's Deputies charged a 24-year old in the forcible rape of a 15-year-old girl in his home near Vernonia. The man was later convicted of Rape in Circuit Court.

Vernonia Man arrested on 29 Counts of Sex Crimes Involving Children March 25, 2011

Sheriff's Deputies and Federal Agents collaborated on a 10-month investigation involving this subject. The victims were two members of the suspect's family and a neighborhood child.

Columbia River Patrol Rescues Capsized Boaters

When two men operating a canoe on the Columbia River in May had their craft overturn, people on the shoreline in the evening hours could hear their cries for help coming from the river. An off-duty CCSO Marine Patrol Unit sprang into action and found the men alive, saving them from certain death.

Long Time Jail Leader Retires June 30, 2011

Jim Carpenter retired from the Sheriff's Office after 22 years serving Columbia County in the jail. He left as the commander of the Jail.



Vernonia-Area Woman Arrested for Attempted Murder August 22, 2011

Deputies responded to shots fired outside of Vernonia and arrested a 57-year-old woman reported to have been shooting at a relative and others nearby.

Violent Brawl in Deer Island Lands Three in Jail October 4, 2011

One man was stabbed, and three people were arrested in a violent family dispute in Deer Island. A 22-year-old man was in custody for Assault; his mother for a warrant, and another relative for menacing after she

brought a gun and pointed it at others during the dispute.

Sheriff's Investigators Crack I.D. Theft Ring October 19, 2011

Three major players and several minor participants were arrested following a two-week investigation of burglaries occurring in the county. The thieves were stealing jewelry, other valuables, and identification documents from residents throughout south county and beyond.

Sworn staff Re-shuffled To Address Staffing Shortages October 20, 2011

Patrol deputies were reduced again from 5 to 4 to make room for a new detective position. The detective has been assigned to focus on major crime investigations and child abuse cases.

Jail Capacity Management Plan December, 2011

Due to reduced jail operational capacity because of budget cuts, the Sheriff authorized a new capacity management plan to help manage population emergencies in the jail.

Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Finds Missing Deer Island Teen Six Weeks after Fatal crash December 17, 2011

The body of a 19-year-old woman reported missing to the Sheriff's Office in November was found by Search and Rescue team members. after hundreds of hours of searching and investigating what had happened to her, Sheriff Dickerson commented: "We kept looking for her until we found her."

Enforcement Division

The Sheriff's Office employs only nine sworn patrol deputies plus two sergeants in the Enforcement Division. Only sworn deputies can provide patrol services and have the authority to arrest. The funding for several of these positions comes from **dedicated** sources, which simply means that we have to assign those grant-funded positions to specific duties, and they can't be assigned to general patrol. **Four of the nine sworn patrol deputies are grant-funded: Two to the Marine Patrol, one to Sauvie's Island and one to the CENT team.** Even though we cannot use these positions for general patrol, they still provide very valuable services to the County. The two Sergeants provide supervision and also manage the call triage procedure we discuss throughout this report including following up on the calls deemed to be of lesser priority. One of the five remaining sworn deputies is assigned detective duties to provide the higher level investigative skills that are required in order for the District Attorney's Office to be able to successfully prosecute the more complex cases. This leaves us with only 4 sworn deputies to patrol the County. We discuss each unit of the Enforcement Division in more detail in the following pages.

Patrol Unit

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

Deputies assigned to this unit began operating under new protocols for response to calls for service after budget reductions in 2011 resulted in the loss of another patrol position. The four remaining deputies assigned to patrol now respond immediately to the emergency and other high-priority calls (child abuse, rapes, assaults, burglaries), while non-emergency calls get followed up later by a supervisor.

Increased Investigation & Reports

As a result, the rate of criminal reports generated by this unit has actually greatly INCREASED! The reason for this is that they have been able to concentrate their energies and time on those cases that require greater investigation and reporting: felonies and serious misdemeanors. Other calls for service are then returned by a supervisor. Deputies who used to take up each shift by going from call to call without time for proper investigations, are now saving precious hours for major case response and follow up, while the relatively minor cases are followed up by our supervisors (including the sheriff) as time permits. Most of the minor calls do not generate reports, but now the major calls can be investigated more thoroughly and reported on quicker, with greater detail and accuracy, leading to better prose-

cutions for the District Attorney.

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

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

Calls for Service				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
CCSO calls	8,999	9,130	8,814	10,245

Felony Charges*				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Arrests	250	438	293	422

DUII Arrests				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
DUII Arrests	106	110	108	79**

Total # of Investigation Reports				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Reports	128	389	875	899



Sgt. D. Hald



Dep. R. Bonds



Dep. T. Caldwell



Dep. R. Dews



Dep. W. Haas

*Excluding warrant arrests, including multiple counts on single arrests.

** The reduction of DUII arrests in 2011 can be mostly attributed to the reduced number of patrols throughout the county due to budget cuts.

Enforcement Division

Marine Patrol Unit

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

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

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

Since the Sheriff took office in 2009, the Columbia County Marine Patrol has relocated the Marine Boat House to a more central location. The boat house was located in the Scappoose Bay Marina which caused any response to the Columbia River to be delayed. Relocation to the St. Helens Marina reduced response times and reduced fuel waste for transit. Also the Marine Patrol was able to contract on the water to provide funding to rebuild the boat house at no cost to the county. Also funds were provided to better equip Marine Patrol vessels. The Marine Patrol was also able to secure a spot with Columbia River Fire and Rescue to locate a boat in the Rainier Station that led to a faster



response time in North County and led to the saving of two lives on the Columbia River in May after a canoe capsized in the water.

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

Program Hours				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Water Hrs	56.5	2,203	2,335	1,541

Reported Water Incidents				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Incidents	NA	17	12	64

Additional Statistics				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Inspections	NA	568	1,714	1,366

Sauvie Island Patrol

Under an agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Sheriff's Office provides one deputy for safety patrols and Fish and Game enforcement (Including Parking Permit Enforcement) in the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area.

The cost of the position is carried 100 percent by the ODFW. The deputy's primary duty is to serve the needs of the ODFW by patrolling the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, enforcing parking laws, fish and game laws, and monitoring the activities of the multiple thousands of visitors to the area every year.



Sgt. R. George



Dep. D. King



Dep. B. Pixley



Dep. D. Fuller

Enforcement Division

Investigations

Criminal investigations are a major emphasis of the Enforcement Division. Prosecutors rely on a quality investigative report from us to present a case in court. We have gradually lost enforcement positions capable of responding to every-day calls for service. Trying to go to all calls without regard to the priority, leaves deputies with too little time to prepare quality investigative reports. In response, the division has placed a new effort into the quality of our investigations over the quantity of calls to which we can respond.

This has involved taking one of our five remaining patrol deputies and making him a detective to follow up on criminal cases generated by 911 calls, in addition to chasing down leads in child abuse cases and serving on the Columbia County Major Crimes Team.

Two detectives now serve in the Investigations Unit of the Enforcement Division: our general law detective and a narcotics enforcement detective who is assigned to the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT).



Firearms and ammunition seized during a warrant served at a Columbia County residence.



CCSO investigators broke a prolific burglary/identity theft ring involving several suspects, including this man, Robert Clement.

The CENT detective position is funded 100 percent by a federal grant that is expected to expire at the end of 2012. Budget cuts for the St. Helens Police Department have reduced the CENT team in numbers, but the team still had a very productive year in 2011. CENT Investigators conducted investigations of numerous serious offenses in 2011, including: 1) assisting the Sheriff's Office with the Chief Painter aggravated murder

investigation; 2) a long-term Mexican Drug Trafficking Operation involving Heroin smuggled into this country; 3) the arrest of a high school baseball assistant coach for delivery of marijuana to boys on his team; 4) the arrest of

local heroin traffickers in St. Helens; 5) the arrest of additional heroin traffickers attempting to sell the controlled substance within 1,000 feet of Lewis & Clark Lewis & Clark Elementary School; and, 6) helped the Sheriff's Office general law investigators crack a prolific burglary/identity theft ring operating in three counties.

Many of these burglaries occurred in South Columbia County at the time the sheriff's office was transitioning to a greater focus on long-term investigations of major crimes. Patrol Unit members joined with investigators to piece together the investigation and put together a solid case against the individuals identified therein.

Other 2011 cases handled by CCSO investigators included: two (2) attempted murder cases in the county (one in the Vernonia area, and one in Deer Island); the death of a Clark College dean who fell out of a pickup truck operated by an intoxicated driver; the sexual abuse of children in the Vernonia area where the suspect was charged with 29 counts of sex abuse; 20 felony assault cases; four (4) armed robberies; and 28 counts of burglary out of investigations of break-ins that occurred in the county.

2011 CENT Investigations	
Homicide and Attempted Homicide cases	3
Major Felony Drug Arrests	6
Miscellaneous Drug Arrests	39
All other Investigations	14



Det. D. Peabody

Det. L. Olsen

Enforcement Division

Search & Rescue

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

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

Search and Rescue expects to maintain the percentage of missing, injured and deceased persons located or recovered at 100%. Search and Rescue volunteer hours should be increased through recruitment of talented and motivated personnel.

The year 2011 saw fewer callouts for SAR members, although the team did participate in a number of high-profile SAR events, culminating in the finding of a missing teenager who had crashed her car and died on Apiary Rd. last fall. The team also helped locate missing hunters and helped with two evidence searches in rural areas, assisting deputies looking for evidence in attempted murder cases.

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



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

Program Goals

- Provide services to the community during times of emergencies—such as floods or fire or other major difficulties.
- Work on rapid response to callouts for missing people.
- Train volunteers in search and rescue techniques, survival rescue training, tracking, and communication technology.
- Continue recruitment to increase and improve the SAR volunteer pool.
- Continue to work with other agencies on SAR call-outs and/or SAR training.



SAR volunteers take fingerprints from a child for her child identification kit—a service to parents who wish to be proactive on behalf of their children’s safety. The kits stay with the parents, and no record is maintained at the Sheriff’s Office to maintain confidentiality.



Ron Hermo
Volunteer SAR
Coordinator

SAR MISSIONS	
2008	21
2009	13
2010	18
2011	8

Enforcement Division

Animal Control

In 2011, Animal Control completed its first full year under the sheriff's office management. When budget cuts were required, the sheriff assigned inmate workers to perform cleaning duties at the kennels at the shelter. Not only has this worked well to help keep the shelter open, but it also provides productive work for the inmates.

The focus of the unit has been placed squarely on strengthening the dog control aspect of its daily duties. Dog licensing fees paid by dog owners are the primary source of funding for the Animal Control Unit. Because of this, it was important to make sure services to dogs and dog owners remained the priority. Other animal control issues (cats, horses, cattle, etc) were transferred to the Oregon Humane Society.

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

The Columbia County Animal Control program continues to maintain one of the lowest euthanasia rates in the country. Last year only 17 dogs or .03% of the incoming dogs had to be euthanized for aggression or health related issues. The shelter has not and does not euthanize for space or breed type. Only dogs that are a danger to be returned to the public—after other options are weighed—are euthanized.

Our combined efforts with the Columbia Humane Society have allowed us to build long-needed covers over the outside kennels. These covers now allow the dogs to be outside during adverse weather conditions. These covers were constructed with only donations obtained by the Columbia Humane Society and without funding from the county budget. Much needed labor for the project was provided by our local county jail inmates.

Additionally, with the combined efforts of the Columbia Humane Society and the Animal Control staff, we were able to construct a 75 by 100 foot outdoor dog run. This run allows our larger dogs to be taken out for much-needed exercise. It allows potential adopters to take their dogs and the potential adoption dog into a secured area and allow the dogs to co-mingle. The dogs, as well as our staff, have been very pleased with this new dog run.

The Animal Control portion of the shelter reported that 489 dogs were impounded and provided shelter and



care during 2011. An additional 82 dogs were surrendered by their owners who could no longer care for them. The shelter reunited 230 stray dogs with their owners and adopted another 155 dogs into a new home. These adopted dogs were all provided with needed vaccinations and 100% were spayed or neutered through a cooperative effort with a local veterinarian.

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



Columbia County Dog Control Officer Roger Kadell

Corrections Division

Jail Operations

The sheriff operates the jail, providing lockup to offenders and arrestees sent here by the courts and the 9 separate law enforcement agencies and community corrections department operating in this county.

A total of 16 deputies and five supervisors are responsible for staffing 4-5 posts on every shift in the jail—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Supervisors double as floor deputies, especially since four staff positions and one command position were cut from the

jail budget in 2011.

Jail Operations were reduced in 2011 when the capacity of the jail dropped from 255 beds to 150 beds due to a lack of funding. The reduction in jail staff and the higher cost to house an inmate has led to this reduction in jail beds.

In order to run a Constitutionally sound and safe detention facility, we need a certain number of staff to manage the population at given levels. We also need enough resources to feed and house the inmates, as well as to provide the medical attention required by the Constitution.

The jail capacity was reduced to 150 beds in 2011 in order to account for these realities. Once

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Sgt. B. Cutright



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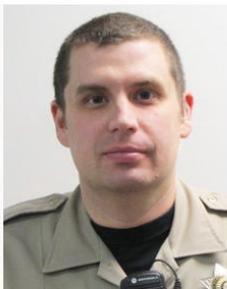
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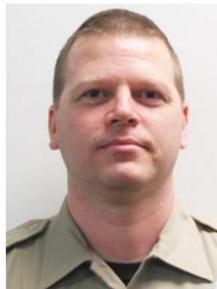
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Dep. S. Frazier



Dep. I. Johnson

Corrections Division

Jail Operations

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the jail population reaches 150, we now must release inmates according to a matrix program developed to ensure that the most dangerous offenders are kept in jail.

Of the remaining 150 beds, 85 beds are reserved for detention of federal inmates. The U.S. government pays local facilities to house its inmates who are awaiting trial. The Columbia County Jail is paid \$78 per night per federal inmate in our facility. These bed rentals help keep the lights on and the staff employed to run an effective jail facility. Without our federal partners paying for the use of our facility, the jail capacity would drop below 50 beds, and could undermine meaningful levels of jail services.

A typical day in our jail begins with breakfast. The jail serves three meals a day to approximately 150 inmates. After breakfast, court transports and medicine passes occur. Later, visitation from family members of inmates, video court arraignments and inmate programs are managed by our deputies, who also must account for inmates every hour of the day.

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

Columbia County Jail Facts and Figures

Jail Booking Area



Year Opened – 2001
 Total Capacity – 255
 Funded Capacity – 150
 Previous Jail Capacity – 38
 Total Meals served – 196,267
 Yearly Food Budget -- \$420,000
 Yearly Medical Cost --\$415,000

Total Annual Cost to Run the Jail:
\$4.3 million

Cost Saving Initiatives in 2011

- Saved \$600,000 in U.S. Marshal bed rental revenue to put against future deficits.
- Continued serving cold breakfasts, saving \$30,000 a year.
- Began Jail’s “Inmate-to-Workmate” culinary training program, utilizing the training benefit to offset food costs through the Inmate Benefit fund. Savings = \$10,000 per year.

COLUMBIA COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

	2010	2011
Custodies (Male)	2,033	2,058
Custodies (Female)	610	557
Average Stay (days)	27	19
Furloughed inmates	100	122
Inmates Force Released	0	27
Average Daily Population	182	179
Meals Served	199,724	196,267
Inmate Medical Services	8,297	7,873

Transportation & Court Security

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

Two retired law enforcement officers make up the detail responsible for most of the transportation and security needs on a day to day basis. These deputies are employed part-time and are augmented in their service by corrections deputies, our volunteer reserve deputies and our sworn enforcement deputies from time to time.



Dep.
R. Magnuson



Dep. **R. Cade**

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

Security is provided to the courthouse on a daily basis, and occasionally to some outside court functions at the direction of the courts. These duties are part of the duties

assigned by the Oregon Constitution to the sheriff as a “ministerial officer of the courts.”

Support Services Division

Civil Unit

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

The Columbia County Sheriff's office has increased its proficiency in the service of civil papers. Sheriff Dickerson hired a civil deputy in 2010, relieving enforcement deputies of the responsibility for civil paper delivery. The result has been a service increase of 30 percent in the number of summonses, instructions, criminal and civil subpoenas, complaints, petitions, small claims notices, court orders, evictions, retraining orders, and a number of different kinds of writs. There has also been an increase in the success rate for civil papers service from 82 percent in 2010 to 92 percent in 2011.

Concealed Handgun Licensing & Fingerprinting

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

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

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

Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Information

Oregon Revised Statutes establish specific requirements for the sheriff in the issuance of a CHL. This information is designed to assist your understanding of the law and to facilitate your application process.



CCSO civil deputy reviewing court paperwork as part of the delivery of court orders and other civil papers – the civil process services are mandated to sheriffs in every Oregon county.

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

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

Phone: (503) 366-4611

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

Papers Processed				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Received	1,430	1,474	1,318	1,537
Served	1,137	1,163	1,083	1,410

Fingerprinting				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
# Fingerprinted	369	410	483	393

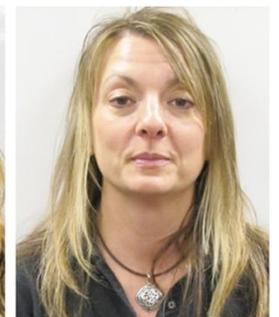
Concealed Handgun Licenses Processed				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHLs	673	668	532	744



**Civil Deputy
A. Haebe**



**Senior Civil Deputy
D. Jirka**



**CHL Clerk (part-time)
J. Stebbins**

Support Services Division

Records Unit

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

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

In 2011, the unit began inputting reports for 2010 and 2011 into a new reporting system for the Sheriff's Office. The Portland Police Data System (PPDS) is a regional database containing report information from many law enforcement agencies in our region, including the Portland Police Bureau and the Washington County Sheriff's Office. St. Helens Police and Scappoose Police also input into this database. The database enables investigators from around the region to share information on cases and police contacts and increase the ability to solve crimes. It also automatically transmits arrest data to the Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting system—to which the Sheriff's Office had not been reporting statistics for years, due to staffing shortages.

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



Report File Room



**Records Clerk
T. Hald**

	Warrants	
	2010	2011
Entered	371	507
Cleared	387	416

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Property & Evidence Unit

Utmost care must be taken in the accounting, control and integrity of evidence and found property that comes under the control of the Sheriff's Office. The Property and Evidence Unit is staffed by a part-time employee whose priority is focused on property and evidence issues. Working 24 hours per week, our evidence technician continues to clear out old cases, as well as processing new ones that come to the unit. Each year, the property and evidence under the control of the Sheriff's Office is audited to assure the integrity of our evidence system.

In 2011, our evidence technician became trained in evidence collection and began responding to crime scenes for evidence collecting and cataloguing purposes. This takes pressure off of investigators who serve in that capacity when an evidence technician isn't available.

The evidence room continues to hold years and years worth of evidence and property that the evidence technician is clearing out of the system. At the end of 2011, there were 549 open cases and 1,720 pieces of evidence in those cases. The unit was able to close 170 cases in 2011, and 145 of those cases were from previous years, going back to 1981.

The unit also helped the sheriff establish an account with a property clearing house. The clearing house takes property and evidence that is either unclaimed or forfeited to the sheriff by the courts, and sells the property on the open market. The sheriff, in turn is given credit for new product purchases of law enforcement related equipment, thus saving tax payer resources for other matters. At the end of 2011, the balance on the account was \$6,360.



CCSO Property and Evidence Room



**Evidence Technician
T. Etter**

Support Services Division

Volunteer Services

Volunteers are of vital importance to the success of the Sheriff's Office and have played a major role in extending the capabilities of each of our operational divisions. Each year, volunteers provide thousands of hours of service **(6,708 hours in 2011)** for no wages, saving the taxpayer money but helping keep vital services in place.

When the Sheriff Dickerson took office in 2009, he initiated a new volunteer program entitled Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff (VIPS). VIPS is also part of a nationwide network of volunteer organizations centered around the concept of enhancing law enforcement/public safety services through police departments and sheriff's offices.

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

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

The VIPS program is overseen by a staff member and directed by individual supervisors in the various divisions. Approximately 25 volunteers have gone through the VIPS training to serve the sheriff's office in the various aspects of what we do. They provided 2,178 volunteer service hours in 2011.

Search & Rescue Volunteers

Search & Rescue (SAR) is almost entirely made up of volunteers. The Undersheriff oversees the program and enforcement supervisors and deputies contribute to the needs of the SAR program, but the actual boots on the ground of most search and rescue events are filled by volunteers. A committee of SAR volunteers makes recommendations to the sheriff and undersheriff on

VIPS Volunteer Vehicles are clearly marked.



2011 Volunteer Hours at the CCSO

	VIPS	SAR	Reserves	Total
# Hours	2,178	2,752	1,778	6,708

matters particular to the SAR team. Team members are required by state law to go through annual training to be certified every year as part of the sheriff's Search and Rescue responsibilities. SAR volunteers gave 2,752 volunteer hours in 2011.

Reserve Deputies

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

Reserve deputies cannot work patrol without another regular sworn deputy also on duty (for officer safety and union reasons), and recent cuts in patrol numbers have reduced their ability to assist local patrols. They continue to provide necessary back up to our deputies and other officers when they are on duty, providing 1,778 volunteer hours in 2011.

Columbia County Sheriff's Volunteers, Inc.

In an effort to provide funding beyond the limited amount of volunteer funding from the county, Sheriff Dickerson oversaw the establishment of a non-profit organization capable of raising funds through tax-deductible donations. The Sheriff currently serves as the president of the non-profit organization in which members of the VIPS, SAR and Reserves serve as board members. In 2011, a fourth group was added to CCSV, Inc.: The Ralph Painter Memorial Scholarship Committee.

2008-2011 All Custody Arrests

Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2008	2009	2010	2011
ALL	033.045	Contempt of Court	95	109	100	125
ALL	133.747	Fugitive From Another State	39	11	11	12
ALL	137.050	Failure to Appear Warrants	42	40	36	26
ALL	137.545	Probation Violation Warrants	247	275	221	153
Corrections	144.108	Post Prison Supervision Sanctions	16	34	17	18
ALL	144.350	Prison Parole Violations	29	28	16	16
Enforcement	161.405	Attempt to Commit Felony Crime	10	12	11	17
Enforcement	161.450	Criminal Conspiracy (felony)	12	12	11	0
Corrections	162.065	Perjury	1	2	0	5
ALL	162.145-155	Escape II, Escape III	1	1	1	1
ALL	162.195	Fail to Appear II	16	25	19	5
ALL	162.205	Fail to Appear I	16	21	4	6
ALL	162.235	Obstruct Governmental/Judicial Admin.	1	3	1	2
Enforcement	162.247	Interfere with a Peace Officer	5	2	2	2
Enforcement	162.315	Resisting Arrest	6	6	3	6
Enforcement	162.325	Hindering Prosecution	1	1	0	4
Enforcement	162.375	Initiating False Report	2	1	1	2
Enforcement	162.385	Giving False Information to Police Officer	5	9	3	2
Enforcement	163.005	Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	1
Enforcement	163.115	Attempted Murder	1	2	2	3
Enforcement	163.145	Criminally Negligent Homicide	1	1	2	1
Enforcement	163.160	Assault IV	39	64	65	50
Enforcement	163.165	Assault III	16	12	12	13
Enforcement	163.175	Assault II	10	1	4	3
Enforcement	163.185	Assault I	3	3	2	3
Enforcement	163.187	Strangulation	6	11	12	5
Enforcement	163.190	Menacing I	24	39	26	34
Enforcement	163.195	Recklessly Endangering Another Person	33	40	43	37
Enforcement	163.200	Criminal Mistreatment II	1	0	1	1
Enforcement	163.205	Criminal Mistreatment I	1	3	2	2
Enforcement	163.208	Assault Public Safety Officer	4	0	2	1
Enforcement	163.225	Kidnapping II	0	1	3	0
Enforcement	163.235	Kidnapping I	5	0	2	2
Enforcement	163.275	Coercion	4	6	0	4
Enforcement	163.355	Rape III	2	2	5	6
Enforcement	163.365	Rape II	0	0	5	0
Enforcement	163.375	Rape I	0	1	4	2
Enforcement	163.385	Sodomy III	0	0	5	2
Enforcement	163.395	Sodomy II	1	1	10	15
Enforcement	163.405	Sodomy I	7	1	9	9
Enforcement	163.411	Sexual Penetration/Foreign Object	3	5	1	0
Enforcement	163.415	Sexual Abuse III	9	5	26	11
Enforcement	163.425	Sexual Abuse II	9	4	0	15
Enforcement	163.427	Sexual Abuse I	12	9	5	38
Enforcement	163.435	Contribute to Sex Delinquency of Minor	1	0	8	5
Enforcement	163.454	Custodial Sexual Misconduct II	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	163.457	Private Indecency	1	0	0	0

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2008-2011 All Custody Arrests

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Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2008	2009	2010	2011
Enforcement	163.465	Public Indecency	0	2	0	2
Enforcement	163.525	Incest	0	9	0	0
Enforcement	163.545	Child Neglect II	1	1	2	0
Enforcement	163.547	Child Neglect I	0	0	9	0
Enforcement	163.575	Endangering Welfare of a Minor	1	3	12	1
Enforcement	163.670	Display Child – Sexual Conduct	0	0	4	3
Enforcement	163.750	Violation of Stalking Order	27	9	2	72
Enforcement	164.043	Theft III	9	6	5	8
Enforcement	164.045	Theft II	17	27	17	21
Enforcement	164.055	Theft I	35	46	53	30
Enforcement	164.095-125	All Other Theft Charges	0	0	2	2
Enforcement	164.135	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	14	10	25	12
Enforcement	164.140	Criminal Possession of Leased Prprty	0	1	1	0
Enforcement	164.162	Mail Theft	2	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.215	Burglary II	7	6	12	10
Enforcement	164.225	Burglary I	13	9	7	18
Enforcement	164.235	Possess Burglar’s Tools	1	0	0	2
Enforcement	164.245	Criminal Trespass II	20	12	22	16
Enforcement	164.255	Criminal Trespass I	5	12	9	9
Enforcement	164.272	Unlawful Entry Into Motor Vehicle	3	7	5	4
Enforcement	164.335	Reckless Burning	1	1	0	1
Enforcement	164.345	Criminal Mischief III	4	3	0	7
Enforcement	164.354	Criminal Mischief II	20	11	21	6
Enforcement	164.365	Criminal Mischief I	1	7	8	7
Enforcement	164.377	Computer Crime	8	0	0	0
Enforcement	164.395	Robbery III	0	0	1	1
Enforcement	164.415	Robbery I	0	0	1	3
Enforcement	164.775-857	Environmental Offenses	5	5	9	7
Enforcement	165.007-017	Forgery Offenses	14	16	10	4
Enforcement	165.570	Improper Use of 911	0	2	4	0
Enforcement	165.572	Interference with Making a Report	5	5	0	7
Enforcement	165.800	Identity Theft	25	3	11	3
Enforcement	165.023-025	Disorderly Conduct	27	6	8	22
Enforcement	166.065-090	Harassment Offenses	38	44	44	32
Enforcement	166.190	Pointing Firearm at Another	1	2	4	3
Enforcement	166.220	Unlawful Use of Weapon	3	3	5	5
Enforcement	166.240	Unlawful Carry Concealed Weapon	3	3	6	4
Enforcement	166.250	Unlawful Carry Concealed Firearm	1	2	3	0
Enforcement	166.270	Felon in Possession of Firearm	19	33	21	15
Enforcement	166.272	Possession of Prohibited Firearm	1	1	1	0
Enforcement	167.212	Tampering with Drug Records	0	9	2	3
Enforcement	167.320-330	Animal Abuse and Neglect Offenses	0	5	13	8
Enforcement	167.332	Unlawful Possession of Domestic Animal	1	1	0	0
Enforcement	181.599	Fail to Register as Sex Offender	4	6	9	4
Enforcement	471.410	Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	2	0	31	12

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2008-2011 All Custody Arrests

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Numbers shown include multiple counts in single arrests

Custody Arrests by Division						
Division	State Law (ORS)	Charge	2008	2009	2010	2011
Enforcement	475.840	Controlled Substances Offenses	23	29	17	17
Enforcement	475.854	Unlawful Possession of Heroin	6	6	10	7
Enforcement	475.856-864	Marijuana Delivery Related Offenses	5	43	20	22
Enforcement	475.880	Cocaine Manufacture/Deliver	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	475.884	Unlawful Possession of Cocaine	1	0	3	2
Enforcement	475.886-890	Methamphetamine Deliver/Manufacture	3	8	3	3
Enforcement	475.894-992	Possession of Methamphetamine	27	42	39	41
Enforcement	480.120	Fireworks Offense	0	0	2	0
Enforcement	496.992-498.002	Wildlife Offense – Misdemeanor	11	18	2	7
Enforcement	609.098	Maintain Dangerous Dog	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	807.010-620	Motor Vehicle Licensing Violations	7	4	3	2
Enforcement	811.140	Reckless Driving	28	29	39	23
Enforcement	811.182	Criminal Driving-Suspended/Revoked	22	28	19	27
Enforcement	811.231	Recklessly Endangering a Hwy Worker	0	0	1	0
Enforcement	811.540	Attempt to Elude Police	16	12	11	17
Enforcement	811.700	Hit and Run – Property Damage	14	8	10	13
Enforcement	811.705	Hit and Run - Injury	3	5	0	1
Enforcement	813.010	Drive Under Influence Intoxicants	106	110	108	79
Enforcement	830.325	Operate Boat Under Influence Intoxicants	0	3	0	3
Enforcement	830.475	Hit and Run – Boat	1	0	0	0

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

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

Funding Issues

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

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

In 2011, approximately \$400,000 was allocated out of the sheriff's reserve fund account to cover for budgeted items that exceeded revenues. It is expected that in 2012, only \$100,000 will be left in that fund going forward into 2013.

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

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

The last chart (Chart C) breaks down how the sheriff uses different funding sources to help fulfill the various responsibilities of the sheriff, including safety patrols, the jail, Court Security (and other court services), Civil Process Services Search and Rescue, and Animal Control.

Property tax revenue makes up only a small portion of the total revenue required to provide these services to the public.

This chart also shows how jail bed rentals make up the largest single portion of the revenue required to run the office (37%), followed by County General Fund other than property taxes (24%), and property taxes (21%). All other revenue (Grants and reserves not spent in previous years) makes up the rest of the budget (18%).

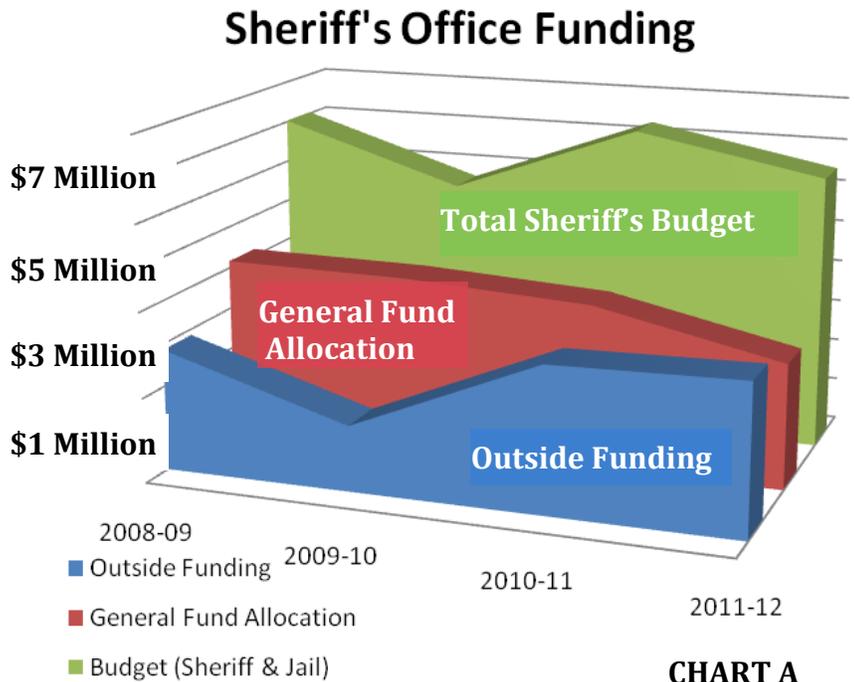


CHART A

Sheriff's Share of General Fund

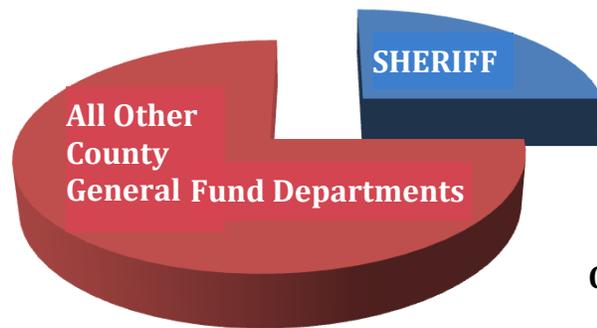


CHART B

CCSO Revenue Sources

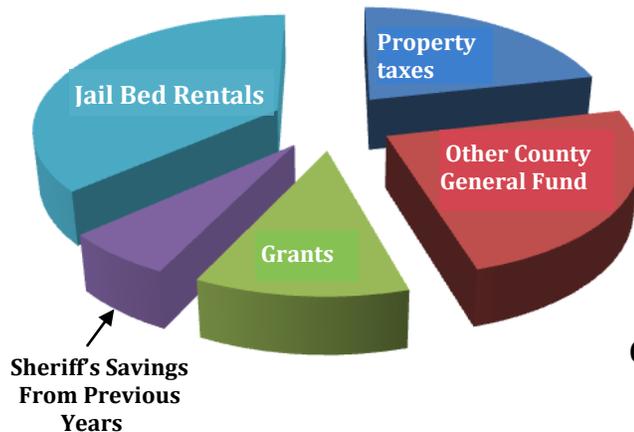


CHART C

Contact Information

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

Emergency	9-1-1
Front Office (Main Line)	(503) 366-4611
Receptionist, Dial	"0"
Jail	"4630"
Marine Patrol	"4602"
Criminal/Patrol	"4689"
Location/Business Hours	"1"
Corrections Division Information ...	"2"
Civil Unit	"3"
Volunteer Services Information	"6"
Warrants and Records	"7"
Concealed Handgun Licensing	"8"
Property & Evidence	"9"

Non-emergency Citizen Call Line

(503) 366-4698

A recorded line for non-emergency calls, when no deputy is immediately required.
For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Address: Columbia County Sheriff
901 Port Avenue
Saint Helens, OR 97051

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is also on FACEBOOK!*

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