

Benton County Sheriff's Office



To provide professional service and protection with honor and integrity.



Sheriff Diana L. Simpson retired from the Benton County Sheriff's Office effective June 30, 2013 after 32 years of public service.

TOP PHOTO: Simpson receiving accreditation certificate from OAA—Oregon Accreditation Alliance Executive Director Joe Simon in 2009. BOTTOM PHOTO: Simpson answering media questions about the 2008 extradition of Joel Courtney with District Attorney John Haroldson.

For more on Simpson's career, see our [webpage](#).

Message from the Sheriff

Welcome to the 2013 Benton County Sheriff's annual report to our community. As Benton County's 30th Sheriff I'm very proud of the men and women of the Sheriff's Office and proud to report to you the accomplishments we have achieved.



The professional men and women of the Benton County Sheriff's Office embrace our mission, *"To provide professional service and protection with honor and integrity."* We will continue to deliver high quality law enforcement services to all those who live in, or visit, beautiful Benton County, Oregon.

My commitment to you is to consistently strive to provide the best service possible to each of you in the coming years ahead. I know that together we can continue to keep Benton County a safe place to live, work, and raise our families. Thank you for your trust and support.

Our focus in the coming year:

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

*Scott Jackson
Sheriff*



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Law Enforcement

by Captain Greg Ridler, Division Commander

OFFENSE	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Murder	1	2*	2	1
Rape	3	6	2	5
Robbery	1	2	0	4
Aggravated Assaults	18	16	16	16
Burglary: Business	29	20	28	27
Burglary: Residential	29	32	42	28
Larceny/Theft	197	164	182	180
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	17	10	22
Arson	5	6	1	3
Assault	196	196	195	158
Forgery/Fraud	100	72	108	102
Vandalism	166	135	155	141
Weapons Law Offenses	38	53	45	36
Sex Offenses	28	33	26	34
Kidnapping	4	5	4	3
Drug Offenses	164	191	189	72
Marijuana Arrests	NA	NA	NA	114
DUII	172	207	176	230
Liquor Law Offenses	33	37	14	33
Disorderly Conduct	81	88	66	63
Trespass/Prowler	159	169	171	143
Runaway Juveniles	36	27	37	32
Domestic Violence	18	7	6	6

* Single incident.

PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Calls for Service Dispatched	5,461	5,659	5,412	5,522
Motor Vehicle Crashes	220	230	248	236
Fatal Vehicle Crashes	3	1	6	4
Arrests	1,643	1,981	1,815	2,079
Citations—Traffic	2,623	2,564	1,843	2,079
Warrants Served	444	531	497	545
Minor in Possession	38	81	14	42

The Law Enforcement division focuses on protecting citizens and their property by responding to emergency and critical incidents. This year that included...

DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING

It has been over 50 years since BCSO deputies were involved in a shooting incident that resulted in injuries from gunfire to deputies, but they train and prepare for such an event. When it occurred on the evening of August 11, 2012, they responded professionally and bravely.

An armed man, who was a wanted felon, was trespassing at a home in North Albany. He fled from deputies into brush after a vehicle pursuit and emerged a short time later. He was given commands to stop but instead he attacked.

During the incident deputies returned fire and subdued the suspect; action which was subsequently determined to be justifiable by the Benton County District Attorney.

Wounded in the incident were BCSO Sergeant David Peterson and Salem Police Corporal Andrew Connolly. Over 20 deputies and officers from neighboring agencies were involved in this incident and all are to be commended. The suspect recently pled 'no contest' to Attempted Aggravated Murder and other charges. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

SERIOUS & FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES

This year deputies also responded to and investigated a number of fatal and serious traffic crashes. A crash on High-



way 20 west of Woods Creek Road in August resulted in numerous serious injuries and the arrest of one of the drivers on several charges. The investigation into fatal crashes in September and January resulted in serious charges to the drivers. Another crash in January could have been even more serious if the responding deputy had not pulled the driver to safety when the crashed vehicle went up in flames. Marine deputies responded to a boating crash in July that resulted in serious injuries and to a drowning in August.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In June, an alert deputy foiled a murder plot when he stopped a driver who appeared under the influence of a controlled substance. During his contact the deputy learned the driver unlawfully possessed a firearm and had detailed plans to murder three people in Philomath.

In addition to patrol and investigations, the Law Enforcement division also includes animal control, civil, the school resource deputy program, K-9, reserve deputy program and emergency services/search and rescue. *More information about the Law Enforcement Division is available on the BCSO [website](#).*



Emergency Services

by Mary King, EM/SAR Program Manager

From February through May 2013, thirty-eight students attended the first ever BCSO Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) academy! CERT is a nationwide program, building community leaders for emergency response. The CERT Program educates

people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

For more information on the many ways BCSO is preparing for emergencies, visit our [website](#).



Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL)

This past fiscal year a record number of applications for concealed handgun licenses were processed, increasing 59% over last year. To handle the increased workload, applicants must now make an appointment with the BCSO Records Specialist to submit their paperwork and fees. A background check ensures applicants do not have any felony convictions, no misdemeanor convictions in the past 4 years, no drug offenses, no warrants for their arrest, are not in diversion and have not been committed by the State for mental illness. Currently there are more than 2,800 active concealed handgun licenses in the county. *More information about the CHL process is on the BCSO [website](#).*

CHL'S CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total No. Processed	608	965
Newly Issued	319	588
Renewed	281	370
Denied / Revoked	8 / 14	7 / 14



JAIL ACTIVITY	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Bookings	4,042	2,924
Forced Release	71 inmates	64 inmates
Facility Closure	145 hours, 39 minutes	191 hours, 26 minutes
Total Inmates Transported	1,737	1,790
Total Transport Miles	19,321	17,312

Parole & Probation

by Captain Justin Carley, Division Commander

This year Parole & Probation (P&P) supervised an average of approximately 470 adult offenders each month. The goal of P&P is to provide effective services, programs and sanctions to protect the community and help offenders reform. All this must be accomplished within available resources. P&P continues to prioritize funding, jail beds and rehabilitative services to those offenders who pose the greatest risk to the community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

In January we contracted with Milestones to provide outpatient substance abuse treatment for offenders. We continue to partner with the Benton County Drug Treatment Court as a member of the staffing team. Both are programs designed to guide offenders identified as

drug-addicted into treatment that will reduce their drug dependence. Because criminal behavior is frequently tied to substance abuse, helping offenders get clean and sober is a big step in preparing them to return to the community.

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSITION

Providing transitional housing and intensive supervision to offenders who suffer from mental illness is the goal of the Mental Health Transition Program. Offenders selected for this program are identified as individuals who have mental health disorders which directly correlate to their criminal behaviors. This program provides coordinated case planning to ensure stability in the community and to reduce the rates of incarceration.

SEX OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Sex offenders are another population of offenders requiring specialized supervision. Community notification, sex offender treatment, polygraph examinations and accountability of individuals under supervision are all elements of supervising this population.

If you would like to learn more about P&P activity this year, visit our [website](#).



Work crew is an effective sanction that also provides needed services to the county.

Jail

by Captain Diana Rabago, Jail Commander

Technology seems to progress at the speed of light these days and sometimes keeping up with it can be a little trying. At the Benton County Jail we are tasked with trying to balance the needs and capabilities of the facility with the current technology. This past fiscal year we have implemented some new technology (new to us anyway).

JAIL TV: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...

This system is a streaming system that allows jail staff to control what content is on the inmate TV's. We are able to input messages into the crawl at the bottom of the screen as well as have important information on the "billboard" at the side of the screen. This system can be utilized for inmate programs such as rehabilitative videos as well as providing inmate orientation videos and general information. Revenues earned from our inmate commissary and inmate phone system paid for the implementation of this program as well as the cost to purchase the TV's.



INMATE KIOSKS

The jail is now utilizing inmate kiosks for a number of things including...

Inmate Commissary. Inmates can place an order via the kiosk on a weekly basis for basic hygiene items, snacks and writing materials. They are also able to purchase phone cards through the kiosk. Of course all of this is dependent upon whether or not they have funds on their books. They are able to check their balance through the kiosk whenever they need to. A kiosk in the lobby of the jail is utilized to accept deposits for inmates as well.

Inmate Messaging. Inmates utilize the kiosk in order to submit requests to jail staff as well as to our medical department. Jail staff is able to respond to these requests from any computer in the jail which has helped to streamline this process and enabled staff to respond in a more efficient and timely manner.

Inmate Emails. Friends and family of inmates can now establish an account on line at www.inmatecanteen.com and then they are able to send emails to the inmate. The inmate can then access the email on the kiosk and respond to that email. This is all done for less than what it costs to send a letter or postcard. Inmates are not able to send out emails to just anyone. They can only respond to emails that have been sent to them.

For more information on how BCSO is handling the challenges of operating the state's smallest jail per capita, visit our [website](#).

Community Service: BCSO Members Volunteer Their Time

Members of the Benton County Sheriff's Office are engaged in their community. They volunteer with local charities and non-profit organizations, partnering with other community members to help make Benton County a better place. This fiscal year BCSO members performed over 2,407 hours of unpaid community service work.

BCSO members donated personal time to coach sports, help kids shop for holiday gifts, clean up neighborhoods, raise funds for charities, and serve in leadership positions on non-profit Boards. Some of the organizations that benefitted include:

- AYSO (Oregon Youth Soccer Organization)
- Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis
- Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV)
- Red Cross
- Special Olympics
- United Way



Cooking chili to raise funds for the Philomath Youth Activities Club and The Sheriff's Foundation are, from left to right, Deputies Williams, Hardison, Gevatosky and Sgt. Bottorff. They made up just one of five BCSO teams who donated their time and cooking skills to make the 5th Annual BCSO Chili Cook-Off a successful community fundraiser.

These are just a few of the many charities BCSO members are involved with. See [where else BCSO members volunteer on our website.](#)

FBI National Academy:

Jackson graduates from prestigious leadership program

This spring, then Undersheriff Scott Jackson joined other U.S. and international law enforcement professionals at the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The ten-week program focused on advanced training in leadership and the administration of justice in state and local law enforcement. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process, and some individuals wait years to be accepted into the program.

As a graduate, Jackson joins an elite group of professionals focused on improving the administration of justice at home and abroad. "It was a challenging but incredibly valuable experience," said Jackson. "I learned a great deal, made important contacts, and am looking forward to applying what I learned back home."

In Memoriam:

Blaine Brassfield & Dennis Brown

This past year the BCSO lost two dedicated, active Search and Rescue volunteers. Blaine Brassfield was a member of both the Sheriff's Mounted Posse and the BCSO Tracking Unit. He started his service in 2007 and passed away on March 4, 2013. Dennis Brown was an active member of Marys Peak Search & Rescue having joined in 2010. He passed away on March 14, 2013. Both men were very engaged in service to the community and they will be missed.



BCSO Personnel: Providing Professional Service

Benton County Sheriff's Office personnel have once more distinguished themselves as professionals who make Benton County a better place to live. Some highlights include...

HONORS

- For their response to the shooting incident on August 11, 2012, Sgt. David Peterson and Deputy Greg Goller were awarded the *Medal of Honor* and Deputy Adam Miller was awarded the *Life Saving Award*. Wounded in the incident, Sgt. Peterson was also presented with a *Purple Heart*.
- Sgt. Randy Hiner and Deputy Jerry Williams were awarded the *Life Saving Award* for their quick response in saving the life of a suicide subject when dispatched to a welfare check on September 12, 2012.
- The *Medal of Valor* was awarded to Deputy Aaron Gevatosky who distinguished himself on January 26, 2013 when he pulled a driver to safety who had been trapped in a crashed vehicle engulfed in flames.

BCSO VOLUNTEERS

This past year, BCSO volunteers provided 18,610 hours of service to residents of Benton County valued at well over \$166,560.00.

Volunteers are organized into the RESERVE DEPUTY PROGRAM, nine separate SEARCH AND RESCUE UNITS and the AUXILIARY TEAM. See [where their hours are spent on our website.](#)

Sheriff's Office volunteers are dedicated, professional and all are deserving of commendation. Two standouts this year were...

- BCSO's 2012 *Volunteer of the Year* and recipient of a *Distinguished Service Award* was Dr. John Reiman. Dr. Reiman was recognized for his significant contribution to the development of the Peer Support Team and his years of service to the BCSO.
- John Larson was recognized as the *Search & Rescue Volunteer of the Year* for his tireless work in launching AirWing.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY...

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| Emergencies Only..... 911 | Detectives..... 541-766-6860 |
| Non-Emergency..... 541-766-6858 | Emergency Services..... 541-766-6864 |
| General Information..... 541-766-6858 | Jail..... 541-766-6866 |
| Administration..... 541-766-6858 | Parole and Probation.. 541-766-6887 |
| Animal Control..... 541-753-0732 | Records..... 541-766-6858 |
| Civil..... 541-766-6814 | Fax..... 541-766-6011 |

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BCSO Personnel Profile	2011-2012	2012-2013
Total Employees	78	78
Sworn Deputies	64	63
Women/Minorities	33%	30%
Community Service Hours Donated by Employees	2,885 hrs.	2,407 hrs.