

On August 1, 2019, we celebrated the retirements of two Benton County Sheriff's employees, Stacy Mellem and Diana Rabago. At the gathering, they were recognized by Undersheriff Rider and presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Board of Commissioners.

Stacy spent 12 years as our Policy/Accreditation Specialist. Stacy quickly achieved accreditation status for BCSO by re-writing and updating all policies and procedures. She then found herself coordinating and facilitating the annual Citizens' Academy and Drug Take-Back Event, creating comprehensive community outreach materials, and maintaining the BCSO website. On her own time, Stacy was, and continues to be, active in our community by volunteering with Leadership Corvallis, the Sheriff's Foundation, BCSO Chili Cook-Off, Oregon Special Olympics, CARDV, Imagine Corvallis 2040 Steering Committee, and her neighborhood association.

Our Jail Commander, Diana, retired after 25 years of service. Diana held the positions of Deputy, Program Coordinator, Field Training Deputy, Corporal, Sergeant, Transport Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Diana created and implemented an evaluation system for On-Call Jail Deputies, was a certified Jail Inspector for 6 years, was the Vice President of the Oregon Sheriff's Jail Command Council position in 2013, received an award for Employee of the Year in 2008, and received a Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

We wish the women a relaxing retirement filled with happiness. Thank you for your service to Benton County!