

LAST YEAR IN REVIEW

2017



POLK COUNTY QUICK FACTS

- 744 Sq. Mile County
- 14th Largest County in Oregon
- Population: 77,264 (2010 Census)
- 2016 Population Estimate: 81,823
- Total households: 28,458
- Median income \$54,010

SHERIFF MARK GARTON

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VISION STATEMENT

"The Polk County Sheriff's Office provides sustainable quality programs and services that focus on the safety and security of our schools, homes, businesses and highways which contribute to the quality of life for every segment of our community."



The Polk County Sheriff's Office consists of two main divisions, patrol and corrections (jail). Within corrections, deputies are assigned to day-to-day jail operations, transports and court security positions. In the patrol division, there are several different areas of focus. Those include, regular patrol, general and drug detectives, animal control, support services, search and rescue and emergency management. Below you will see a breakdown of information by division.

While there are only two divisions within the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Garton has focused efforts on three different areas, to move the whole office forward. Those areas are corrections and patrol, along with the Sheriff's Office as a whole. While the Sheriff's Office as a whole helps guide the entire office with planning and goal setting, each division also has their own responsibility to ensure that their divisions are well trained and are able to do the job they are intended to do. Each division has set goals, many of which have been met, to help guide them and to align with the overall Sheriff's Office vision and direction. There have been many more accomplishments within each division and are outlined below, broken down by division.

1. OFFICE WIDE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

UPDATED SENATE BILL 111, COUNTYWIDE USE OF DEADLY FORCE RESPONSE PLAN

In 2017 Mark Sheriff Garton and District Attorney Aaron Felton conducted a review of the county's Senate Bill 111 Use of Deadly Force Plan and updated it to reflect current philosophy and to be similar to other plans around the state. The main change in this plan was to ensure that all incidents where deadly force was used, regardless of the outcome of that use of force (i.e. no injury, injury, serious physical injury or death), are investigated in the same manner across each agency in the county. The old plan specifically stated that the deadly force plan would only be activated if the outcome of a use of force incident caused serious physical injury or death.

The purpose of this plan is not to set the standards for the use of such force, or to be a substitute for agency policy regarding use of force. Rather it provides a framework for a consistent response to an officer's use of deadly physical force that treats all people affected by the event fairly, and promotes public confidence in the criminal justice system. During this

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process a committee was convened, which was comprised of every Police Chief who has authority within Polk County, the Oregon State Police and a citizen member, who all looked at and made suggestions to the policy. Public hearings were conducted and a finalized plan was submitted to the Oregon Department of Justice.

CREATED TRAUMA PEER SUPPORT TEAM

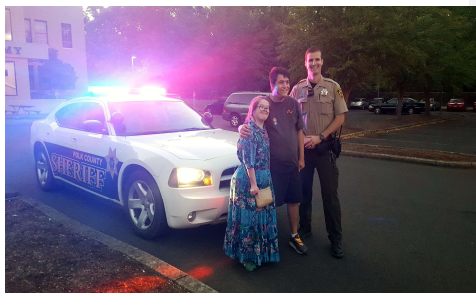
In 2017 the Polk County Sheriff's Office created and supervises the newly formed countywide Multi Agency Peer Support Trauma Team. Due to the large investment of time, training and other resources put into every employee, we must do what we can to ensure that employees have a long and healthy career. With a collaborative approach to this issue, each law enforcement agency within Polk County has representatives on the newly formed team. An employee from Polk County Behavioral Health and a dispatcher from Willamette Valley Communications (911 center) are also represented on the team.

The purpose of a peer support team is to aid an officer during times of both professional and personal crisis through the use of specially-trained volunteer deputies and officers from our member agencies. Traumatic events happen nearly every day, sometimes more than once per day and can affect everyone in a different way. Left untreated, the effects of trauma, like depression, anxiety, marital discord, and alcoholism, can be catastrophic to this profession and to one's career. In the law enforcement profession, a police officer may be more likely to seek help through one of his or her peers versus seeking help from someone from outside the agency. Peer Support teams are specifically mentioned within Oregon Revised Statutes for their purpose, scope, training requirements and authority.

Even with the availability of employee assistance plans (EAP's) and health plan counseling, although helpful, appear to be insufficient nationwide for law enforcement. They are helpful in that some officers who might not otherwise seek assistance utilize them. They are insufficient in that despite their availability, they do not and cannot meet the needs of many police officers. Peer support teams occupy a support niche that cannot be readily filled by either an EAP or health plan provisions.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOCUSED

When Sheriff Garton took office one of his main goals was to increase the community engagement by attending community meetings and events like Neighborhood Watch Group meetings, National Night Out, HADIT meetings, City Councils Meetings, Business Associations and Rotary meetings to name a few. There are other events that we attend and/or provide instruction at on a regular basis, including the Victim Impact Panel, CASA training and Threat



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Assessment. We also work with the school districts within our enforcement area and teach programs like Eddy Eagle Gun Safety and internet safety.

WORK STUDY PROGRAM

For at least the past 10 years the Sheriff's Office has been accepting college practicum students from Western Oregon University, Chemeketa Community College and Corbin University. In 2017 the Sheriff's Office entered into an additional agreement with Western Oregon University to provide off campus work study to qualified and interested criminal justice students. This is above and beyond the regular practicum program. The work study program is a paid part time position that is funded (75%) through Western Oregon University and the Polk County Sheriff's Office (25%). We currently have one student enrolled in this program. The program has been successful and very beneficial to both divisions.

2. CORRECTIONS DIVISION



The Polk County Jail is a 195-bed facility that was built with voter approval in 1999. The Corrections Division (Jail) is staffed with two civilian corrections technicians, one inmate program specialist, 24 corrections deputies, 4 sergeants and 1 Lieutenant (Jail Commander) who all work together to provide safety and security to the facility and inmates while still holding them accountable. The jail commander oversees jail operations.

	2016	2017	% change		2016	2017	% change
Total No. Bookings	2878	2970	+3.2%	Average Daily Pop	132	138	+4.5%
				Ave Length of stay	17	19	+11.7%
Polk Co. Jail Related Bookings	747	727	-2.6%	Ave Daily Population Male	106	105	0.9%
Polk County Sheriff's Office	432	719	+66.4%	Ave Daily Population Female	26	33	+26.9%
Dallas Police Department	371	387	+1.8%	Independence Police Dept	208	218	+4.8%
Monmouth Police Dept	363	192	-47.1%	Salem Police Department	358	315	-12%
Oregon State Police	36	92	+155%	Grand Ronde Tribal Police	97	128	+31.9%
People booked only 1 time	1432	1527	+6.6%	People booked 2 times	672	704	+4.7%
People booked 3 times	357	345	-3.3%	People booked 4 or more times	310	394	+27%

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In addition to regular duties, deputies can apply for different assignments within the division, including transports and court security.

Within the jail, there are 75 registered volunteers that engage with inmates throughout the year in various programs. Those programs include several different religious church services options, alcoholics anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Narcotics Anonymous and job skills. All of these programs are offered to both male and female inmates (at different times).

In November 2017 the Polk County Jail was inspected by the Oregon Sheriff's Jail Command Council and received 100%, by meeting 309 different standards.

REMAINING CORRECTIONS DIVISION GOALS (2016 – 2018)

- Increase Jail programing (GED, Parenting, and more job skill training)
- Continued CIT/Mental Health training
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative Funding to add a work crew leader to supervise inmate work crew who will work with local construction company to learn a skill (pending grant outcome)
- Transition to Lexipol (new policy and procedure manual)
- Acquire Body Scanner (to reduce contraband entering the facility)

HIRING UPDATE (2017)

- Two are currently in backgrounds who are slotted to be hired on February 9th, 2018 to fill two vacancies created by patrol transfers. In 2017 we hired 3 corrections deputies to fill current vacancies. We also hired one Corrections Technician.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED (2016 – 2018)

- Hiring for vacant positions (up until September 26th, 2017 we were full staffed, but had a deputy leave for another position)
- Narcan (Naloxone) Training and Implementation (completed April 2017)

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- Established Mental Health program within the jail by having full time mental health professional in the jail (established July 2016)
- Add Addictions Services specialist (completed summer 2017)
- Hire Nursing and medical staff (initiated January 2016)
- Restructured command structure, Captain and Jail Lt (completed May 2017)
- Promoted two jail sergeants (completed February 2016)
- Develop new Inmate Orientation video (December 2017)
- OSSA Jail Inspection 100%
- Jail Technology – tablets, educational programming, video visits, kytes (completed Nov 2017)

JAIL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ASSIGNMENTS

Name of Deputy	Team Role	Name of Deputy	Team roles
Lt. Richard Bittick	Search and Rescue Program Manager, Firearms Instructor	Dep. Chris Smalley	Search and Rescue Coordinator
Dep. Mark Widmer	Search and Rescue Coordinator, Firearms Instructor, Armorer	Dep. Alex Steene	ORPAT Instructor
Dep. Jared Vorhees	Armorer, FTO	Dep. Tony Unger	FTO, Certified Marine Deputy
Dep. Josh Brooks	Defensive Tactic Instructor	Sgt. Mike Redding	Defensive Tactics Instructor, Taser Instructor, ORPAT Instructor
Dep. Chris Smalley	Search and Rescue Coordinator		
Sgt. Randy Sass	Firearms Instructor, Armorer	Sgt. Laura Westfall	Oregon Jail Standards manager, FTEP Coordinator, LEDS Rep/CJIS Officer
Dep. Tim Arndt	Firearms Instructor, FTO		
Dep. Chris Younger	Armorer		
Field Training Officers (FTO)		Dep. Kelvin Lowe	FTO, Taser Instructor
Dep. Rob Caudill, Dep.Scott Eastlund,		Dep. Suzy Fleming	FTO, CJIS
CPR Instructor			
Dep. Sam Hatch, Deputy Yumi Kong, CT Jenny Ross			

3. PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is staffed by deputy sheriffs, detectives, sergeants, animal control and civilian records staff who process court orders and concealed handgun licenses. Patrols cover the entire 744 square mile county while being responsible for calls for service outside any of the city limits (excluding Falls City), which hosts just over 18,000 residents, while the entire county has around 80,000 residents.



The Patrol Division is staffed by 7 civilian employees that provide customer service to the public in a variety of way. They process concealed handgun licenses; dog licenses, Sheriff's Office evidence and accept court related civil paperwork. The Sheriff's Office has the statutory requirement to process and serve these papers throughout the entire county, including inside every city. They also complete and manage the office wide report writing system and comply with other state and federal regulatory requirements placed upon those systems.



The patrol division also consists of 19 deputies and one dog control officer. Those deputies are assigned to various positions within the division including, general detectives (x2), School Liaison, POINT Detective, Mobile Crisis Response Team Deputy (x 1) and 14 patrol deputies. There are also 4 patrol sergeants who complement each patrol shift along with a detective sergeant, who supervises and manages the Polk County Inter Agency Narcotics Team (POINT). A Captain (Patrol Commander), who also has oversight over the Polk County Jail oversees the patrol division.

There are many other facets of the patrol division, including managing over 120 volunteers across multiple programs, including search and rescue, posse, reserve deputy program, Sheriff's Auxiliary and Law Enforcement Team (SALT), Cold Case, Amateur radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Sheriff's Office Chaplains.

The Sheriff is also responsible for emergency management within the county. Dean Bender is the Polk County Emergency Manager and has been in this capacity for nearly 14 years and a reserve deputy with the Sheriff's Office for just over 23 years.

The Oregon State Marine Board contracts with the Polk County Sheriff's Office to patrol nearly 40 miles of the Willamette River that is in Polk County. This seasonal program, which typically runs from May through September, is fully funded by the Oregon State Marine Board, including wages, equipment and watercraft. Reserve Deputies, who serve as Marine Captains are dedicated to providing a safe boating experience for all boaters enjoying Polk County.

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Patrol Stats – 2017 vs 2016			
Total Calls Generated (2017)	24,413 (+17%)	Traffic Crashes (2017)	555 (-35%)
Total Calls Generated (2016)	20,288		
Case Reports Generated (2017)	2835 (+14%)	Traffic Crashes (2016)	752
Case Reports Generated (2016)	2433		
Immediate Arrests (2017)	875 (+30%)	Traffic Stops (2017)	6121 Stops (+23%) 4282-warn (+26%) 1839-cite (+16%)
Immediate Arrests (2016)	611		
911 Calls (2017)	8051 (+11%)	Traffic Stops (2016)	4731 stops 3187-warn 1544-cite
911 Calls (2016)	7143		
Calls for Service by District			
Generally Polk County is divided into 4 patrol areas that are divided by Hwy 22 (north and south) and Hwy 99 (east and west). Some areas have their own designation			
District 1 (NE Polk County) (2017) – 3261 (+20%) (2016) – 2612		District 4 (SE Polk County) (2017) – 1953 (+22%) (2016) – 1512	
District 2 (NW Polk County) (2017) – 3460 (+19%) (2016) – 2794		District 5 (Grand Ronde) (2017) – 1376 (+17%) (2016) – 1138	
District 3 (SW Polk County) (2017) – 2384 (+6%) (2016) – 2233		District 10 (Falls City) (2017) – 931 (-10%) (2016) – 1027	
UNCLASSIFIED LOCATIONS (2017) 13,365 (+15%) UNCLASSIFIED LOCATIONS (2016) 11,316			

Crime Snapshot 2015 v 2016 v 2017				
Type of Crime	2015	2016	2017	+/- % change
Burg Residence	50	52	34	-32%
Burg Business	9	14	14	+55%
Theft	127	149	172	+35%
Drug	45	81	176	+291%
Elude	1	6	20	+1900%
Fraud	84	73	102	+21%
DUII	33	84	182	+451%
DUII with MJ	8	17	58	+625%
Assault	124	184	194	+55%
Warrants	236	198	277	+17%
Reckless Driving	26	20	52	+100%
Overall Crimes	1466	1956	2409	+64%

COMPUTER AND CELL PHONE FORENSICS

Since 2015 the Polk County Sheriff's Office has taken the lead in the county for cell phone and computer forensics. Prior to 2015 Polk County Law Enforcement agencies contracted with the Newberg Police Department for all of its computer and cell phone forensic needs. Not only was this an expensive agreement, but there were extensive lag times for getting reports back from Newberg, due to their large caseload. Because of this issue, this office took the lead to find training and grants to cover the expensive equipment and training requirements. Through a partnership with the United States Secret Service and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), we were able to obtain all the training, travel costs and equipment we needed to start and maintain our own forensic program, at no cost to us. The total value of equipment and training we have received thus far, is \$110,319. Currently, if any Polk County Law Enforcement agency needs help with computer or cell phone forensics, we assist them in their case. We have an agreement with all the agencies to help cover ongoing costs of the program, which is below \$400 per agency.

REMAINING TEAM GOALS (2016 – 2018)

- Cadet Program
- Increased community event attendance
- Rural Deputy Concept
- K9 program
- Maintain Social Media (On going)
- Transition to Lexipol (new policy and procedure manual)
- Traffic Safety Position

HIRING UPDATE

- One currently in backgrounds to fill a vacancy created by a deputy leaving for Canby PD, with an estimated start date of February 8th, 2018. We currently have two patrol deputies at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (Police Academy) who are scheduled to graduate in February 2018.
- In 2017 we also hired two lateral police officers from other police agencies and an animal control officer from another agency (due to a retirement). Due to an increase in paper work from a close to fully staffed patrol division we had a need to hire an additional records technician. We also hired one reserve deputy, who graduated from the Mid Valley Reserve Training Academy, which brings our total number of reserves to 17.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED (2016 - 2018)

- Narcan deployment (completed April 2017)
- 24 hour patrols (completed July 2016)
- Restored POINT (completed July 2016)
- Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) (created Sept 2016)
- School Deputy Liaison program (created Sept 2016)
- Promote Sergeant – restructure (initiated July 2016)
- Support Services Supervisor (completed June 2016)
- Search and Rescue Coordinators on Patrol (started July 2016)
- AED Deployment (completed October 2017)



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- IGA with the City of Falls City (completed January 2018)
- Establish Peer Support Program (completed December 2017)

PATROL PROJECT AND PROGRAMS ASSIGNMENTS

Name of Deputy	Team Role	Name of Deputy	Team Role
Sgt. Jason Ball	Defensive Tactics Instructor, FTEP Supervisor, SFST Instructor	Dep. Tommy Hutchison	Search and Rescue Coordinator
Dep. Justin Hageman	Search and Rescue Coordinator, EMT, First Aid /CPR Instructor,	Dep. Gregg Caudill	School Liaison, Reality Based Training Instructor
Sgt. Tyrone Jenkins	CIT Coordinator, Range Master, Armorer, First Aid/CPR Instructor	Dep. Shon Latty	Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
Det. John Williams	Computer & Cell Phone Forensic Examiner	Dep. Jacob LaCombe	Crisis Intervention Team Member
Sgt. Kevin Haynes	Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA) manager	Sgt. Todd Fenk	SALT Coordinator, Peer Support Team Supervisor

3. MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (DECEMBER AND YEAR END 2017)

The Mobile Crisis Response Team was established in September of 2016. There are two Mobile Crisis Response Teams. The first team consists of a Polk County Deputy and a mental health professional. The second team is staffed with a Salem Police Officer and a mental health professional.



MCRT is available to help any police agency in Polk County by enabling services to begin at the onset of a crisis. MCRT has several options to help resolve the event. Those options vary from just merely talking with the involved person and creating a safety plan, all the way to the other end of the spectrum by placing the person under arrest or taking them into custody for a Police Officer Hold/Custody and transporting them to the hospital and everywhere in between.

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MCRT November & December 2017				
Type	Nov	Dec	By Area	Incidents
Calls for Service (countywide)	36	36	Polk Co	3
Crisis Calls	20	28	Salem PD	7
Outreach	18	24	Monmouth PD	3
Referrals	14	13	Independence	14
General Outcomes			Dallas	8
Mental Health Facility		29%	Jail	5%
Other		42%	Referred for Service	24%

MCRT Year End 2017				
Type	2017		By Area	Incidents
Calls for Service (countywide)	504		Polk Co	87
Crisis Calls	233		Salem PD	91
Outreach	153		Monmouth PD	69
Referrals	226		Independence	138
General Outcomes			Dallas	109
Mental Health Facility		30%	Jail	8%
Other		31%	Referred for Service	31%

MCRT PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Name	Program	Agency	Role
Dep. Jacob LaComb	CIT	Polk County SO	Team Member
Jennifer Leonard	CIT	Polk County BH	QMHP
Off. Omar DeMarco	CIT	Salem PD	Team Member
Darrell Burton	CIT	Polk County BH	QMHP
Sgt. Tyrone Jenkins	CIT	Polk County SO	Program Manager

PROGRAM EVENTS

- Upcoming CIT week long class in June 2018 and December 2018 – Grant received from DPSST to provide these classes. It is open to any LE.
- Trauma Awareness for employees and their spouse/significant other

4. SHERIFFS OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY KEY POINTS

- A 5 year Public Safety Levy passed by voters in May 2015 for up to .45 cents per thousand of assessed value.
- Started hiring immediately for patrol (12 deputy positions) and corrections (5 positions / deputy and civilian staff)
- 15/16 budget year only .31* cents per thousand was assessed.
- In January 2016 moved from 10 hours per day of patrol to 20 hours per day.
- By end of 15/16 budget year the two court security positions were restored.
- 16/17 budget year only .32* cents per thousand was assessed.
- July 2016 returned to 24 hours per day patrol coverage.
- Polk County Inter Agency Narcotics Team (POINT) restored July 2016.
- September 2016 MCRT was formed by grant dollars.
- By end of 16/17 budget year all positions promised within the levy have been filled.
- 17/18 Budget year only .385 cents per thousand is being assessed

**In the first 2 years of the levy, we received a small amount of federal timber payments, which as promised by the board of commissioners, offset the levied amount. Number denoted above are for the entire public safety levy that includes, PCSO, District Attorney and Juvenile Beds.*