



LAST YEAR IN REVIEW

2020



POLK COUNTY QUICK FACTS

744 Sq. Mile County
14th Largest County in Oregon
Population: 77,264 (2010 Census)
2018 Population Estimate: 85,234
Total households: 29,692
Median income \$58,344
Median Age 37 years old

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 is made up of two main divisions, Patrol and Corrections (Jail). Within Corrections, Deputies are assigned to day-to-day jail operations, transports, and court security positions.

Within the patrol division, Deputies are assigned to patrol, general and drug Detectives, Animal Control, Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), Support Services and Search and Rescue. The Sheriff’s Office current operation is partially funded by the Public Safety Levy initially passed by the voters in May 2015 and renewed in May of 2019. At the end of the document, you will find final comments by Sheriff Mark Garton

While there are only two Divisions within the Sheriff’s Office, Sheriff Garton has focused efforts on three different areas to move the office forward. Those areas are: Corrections, Patrol, and Support Staff. While the Sheriff helps guide the entire office with planning and goal setting, each division is responsible for ensuring that they are well trained and fully capable to do the job they are expected to. The support staff throughout the Sheriff’s Office is a critical component to the entire office, as their behind-the-scenes work allows for the overall mission of the Sheriff’s Office succeed.

Community Engagement



Sheriff Garton accepting donated masks from the public

Sheriff Garton has continually looked for ways to increase community engagement by attending community meetings and events like: Neighborhood Watch meetings, National Night Out, HADIT meetings, City Councils meetings, Business Associations, and Rotary meetings to name a few. There are other events that the Sheriff's Office attends and/or provides instruction at on a regular basis, including: the Victim Impact Panel, CASA training, Crisis Intervention Training, and Threat Assessment meetings. We also work with the school districts

within our enforcement area and teach educational programs like Eddy Eagle Gun Safety and internet safety.

STORIES WITH THE SHERIFF



With COVID-19 restrictions in place for a majority of the year, our Deputies tried to connect with the public in different and unique ways. We ran a month-long Short Stories with the Sheriff campaign. Deputies from patrol and the jail participated in reading children's books that were shared on social media

SHOP WITH THE SHERIFF AND TOY DRIVE

The Sheriff's Office continued with their annual tradition of sponsoring "Shop with the Sheriff" at the Walmart in Dallas. This year we had safety precautions in place to ensure that everyone remained safe. "Shop with the Sheriff" has been going on for over 20 years. Each year, Walmart provides a grant to help fund this program.

For the third year in a row, we were able to support a local toy drive by collecting toys for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program who helps provide toys to Polk County Foster Families. We were also able to adopt a dozen families, that were nominated by community members.



Sheriff's Office staff picking up donated toys from Salem Health – West Valley

The CASA program is vital to the well being of children who are affected by the criminal justice system. These dedicated volunteers spend their own time looking after and being a role model to the involved children.



Inmates wrapping gifts for their children

In 2020 we continued with the 2nd year of gifts for the children of inmates that are in jail over the Christmas holiday. Using some of the donated toys from Salem Health, the inmates were able to select a toy, write a card, and wrap a present for their child. Sheriff's Office deputies and volunteers then delivered the presents just before Christmas. received by all involved.

This year we saw members of the community step up to help in sewing masks, bringing in snacks, and arranging drive thru birthday and graduation parties. We joined forces with the local police and fire departments to conduct drive by birthday parties for young children throughout the county.



Drive thru celebration for Damian's cancer recovery

We even had the honor of escorting Damian's parade to the fire house where he was able to ring the bell. Damian was diagnosed with leukemia and spent much of his time at OHSU for treatment. Once he was cancer free, he hoped he would be able to ring the bell at the hospital.

However, due to COVID protocols, Damian was unable to ring the bell at OHSU. Fire and law enforcement agencies within Polk County came together to ensure he was able to ring a bell, albeit at the Polk County Fire District Station.



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Annual Office recognition

Every year members of this office recognize their own by selecting a deputy of the year from each division and support staff of the year. Each of these awards are well deserved.

Corrections Deputy of the Year – Deputy Don Hofferber

Corrections Technician Emily Nunez won the support staff of the year

Patrol Deputy of the Year – Deputy Michael Lauderback



Deputy Hofferber



CT Nunez

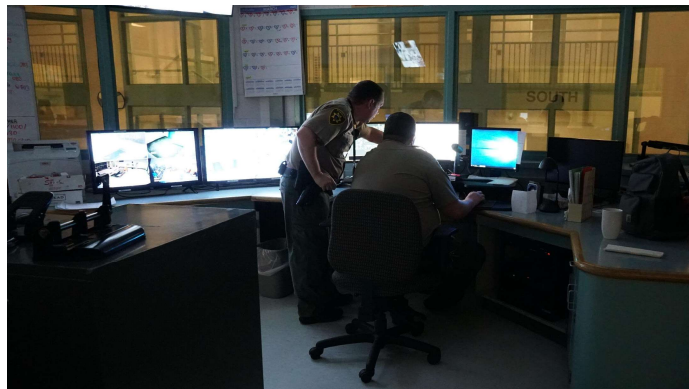


Deputy Lauderback

Your Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputies are normal people doing a challenging and difficult job every day. Whether it is helping children learn how to use a map or giving classes tours of our office, our Deputies truly attempt to make our community better, one day at a time.

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 for the facility and inmates while still holding them accountable. The Jail Commander is responsible for overseeing daily jail operations.



The Polk County Jail receives inmates from all of the law enforcement agencies within Polk County, including Oregon State Police. The numbers of inmates received at the jail by the individual agencies are listed below. We also have a contract with the United States Marshals. They rent up to 10 beds from us at any given time. These inmates are Federal Inmates under custody of the US Marshals. We have had this contract for just over a year.

Due to Covid protocols that mirrored all correctional facilities throughout the state, this past year we saw a decrease in the total number of bookings. The Patrol Division booked 407 less inmates into the jail than in 2019. In alignment with that, bookings are down for all agencies within Polk County.

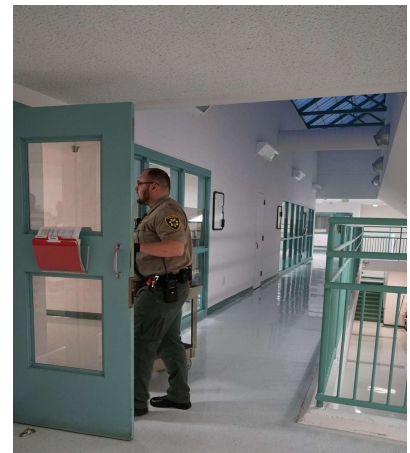
	2018	2019	2020	% change from 2019
Total No. Bookings	3581	3252	1849	-76%
Polk Co. Jail Related books	892	979	572	-71%
Polk County Sheriff's Office	871	738	345	-114%
Salem Police Dept	335	331	248	-33%
Dallas Police Department	446	444	227	-96%
Monmouth Police Dept	126	119	109	-9%
Oregon State Police	174	106	46	-130%
Independence Police Dept	213	180	108	-67%
Grand Ronde Tribal	188	185	113	-64%
US Marshals	217	89	37	-141%

The entire criminal justice system was affected by Covid. Several factors that led to the decrease in overall arrests:

- ✓ The courts were not operating at normal capacity for a long period of time
- ✓ Prosecution of crimes were delayed.
- ✓ For lower-level crimes, criminal citations were issued for people to appear in court (virtually) instead of making a physical custody arrest.
- ✓ Jails across the state adopted policies to help limit the potential infection of Covid with inmates and staff. In a congregate setting, extra care was needed to ensure transmission does not occur.
- ✓ There were no documented cases of Covid among inmates during calendar year 2020.

Most jail programs that required volunteers to come into the jail were suspended during COVID. However, with technology we were still able to make available certain programs using wireless tablets inside the jail.

Within the past year the Sheriff's Office added an additional Court Security position to allow better coverage of the Courtrooms, the Courthouse, and transport related duties. With the court system going virtual, court security was still needed. There were jury trials that occurred at the Polk County Fairgrounds and at the Colonel Nesmith Readiness Center in Dallas. This required court deputies to maintain control of inmates that were appearing in those trials. Deputies were routinely off site for court related business.



In November 2019, the Polk County Jail was inspected by the Oregon Sheriff's Jail Command Council and received 100%, by meeting 309 different standards. The next inspection is scheduled for July 2021.

	2018	2019	2020	% change from 2019
Average Daily Pop	158	147	74	-99%
Ave Length of stay	16	18	19	+5%
Ave Daily Population Male	125	116	63	-84%
Ave Daily Population Female	26	31	11	-182%
People booked only 1 time	1802	1686	1595	-6%
People booked 2 times	894	764	198	-286%
People booked 3 times	486	360	48	-650%
People booked 4 or more times	399	236	8	-2850%

The average daily population in 2020 was 74, which is down 99% from 2019. The average length of stay for an inmate was 19 days. Male bookings were down nearly 84% from the previous two years, while female bookings were down over 100% from the prior two years.

A lot of time the work of the men and women of the corrections division goes unnoticed, because they are out of sight and out of mind to the majority of the community. Please know that the corrections staff are a highly trained group of individuals who work with compassion, integrity, while holding people accountable for our community.

Many deputies within the corrections division have other duties that are assigned to them. Those extra duties are listed in the following chart:

Name of Deputy	Team Role	Name of Deputy	m 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. Tony Unger	FTO, Certified Marine Dep
Cpl. Josh Brooks	Defensive Tactic Instructor	Sgt. Mike Redding	Defensive Tactics Inst Taser & ORPAT Instructor
Sgt. Randy Sass	Firearms Instructor, Armorer	Deputy Yumi Kong	CPR Instructor, Defense Tactics Instructor
Dep. Tim Arndt	Firearms Instructor, FTO	Sgt. Jared Vorhees	Armorer, FTO
Dep. Chris Younger	Armorer		
Field Training Officers (FTO)		Cpl. Kelvin Lowe	FTO, Taser Instructor
Dep. Rob Caudill, Dep. Scott Eastlund		Dep. Suzy Fleming	FTO, CJIS
Dep. Alex Smith			

TEAM GOALS (2018 – 2021)

- Upper tier suicide mitigation project (estimated completion mid 2021)
- Continued Jail Technology Evolution– tablets, educational programming, video visits, request forms, grievances
- Purchased and installed Body Scanner for jail intakes to detect and prevent contraband, usually illicit drugs.
- Trained and implemented 3 Court Security/Transport Deputies
- Created Attorney call in line, so inmates can easily access their attorney
- Updated all inmate showers
- Revised restricted housing requirements to improve inmate conditions
- We transitioned 2 deputy positions into corporal positions. We then promoted two deputies to the rank of Corporal, where we can begin to mentor those positions by giving leadership and supervision training.

HIRING UPDATE

- ✓ At the end of 2020, we were full staffed inside the jail.

PATROL DIVISION

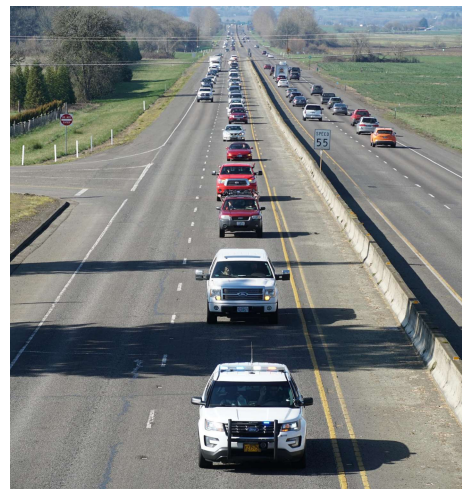
The Patrol Division is staffed by Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, Sergeants, animal control officer, and a civilian Records Section. Patrols cover the entire 744 square mile county while also being responsible for calls for service outside any of the city limits, (excluding Falls City, which hosts just over 18,000 residents), while the entire county has around 80,000 residents.



The Records Section is comprised of 7 civilian employees who provide customer service to the public in a variety of ways. They are responsible for processing Concealed Handgun Licenses, Dog Licenses, evidence, and accepting court related civil paperwork. The records section continued to provide fingerprinting services for the public, even with the presence of Covid. We created online scheduling for fingerprinting and CHL purchases, which allowed the staff to accommodate the influx of customers. In the last half of 2020 we saw a surge of CHL applications, which ended up being near 500 for the year.

The Sheriff's Office has the statutory requirement to process and serve civil papers throughout the entire county, including inside the city limits. Records staff also complete and manage the office wide report writing system and comply with State and Federal regulatory requirements placed upon those systems.

The Patrol Division consists of 19 Deputies and one Dog Control Officer. Those Deputies are assigned to various positions within the division including: Detectives (x3), School Liaison, Mobile Crisis Response Team Deputy (x 1), and 14 Patrol Deputies.



There are also 4 Patrol Sergeants who complement each patrol shift. The patrol division is under the oversight of the Patrol Commander.

In July of 2020, the Polk County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with the local timber companies, including Bureau of Land Management and Oregon Department of Forestry. The agreement allows for the timber companies to pay for 50% of the costs for a full-time deputy. This program focuses on trespassing issues, criminal mischief in the forested area and serves as an important component during search and rescue operations.



CRIMES AT A GLANCE

Type of Crime	2018	2019	2020	+/- % change 19 v 2020
Burg Residence	41	36	43	+16%
Burg Business	18	10	5	-100%
Theft	186	223	314	+29%
Drug	184	101	80	-26%
Elude	28	10	20	+50%
Fraud	86	69	58	-19%
DUII	216	186	115	-62%
Assault	234	175	123	-42%
Warrants	362	302	13	-2223%
Reckless Driving	67	69	55	-25%
Overall Crimes	2665	2237	2135	-5%

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

There are many other facets of the Patrol Division, including managing over 100 volunteers across multiple programs: Search and Rescue, Posse, Reserve Deputy Program, Sheriff's Auxiliary and Law Enforcement Team (SALT), Cold Case and the Sheriff's Office Chaplains.



SALT MEMBERS

The Sheriff's Auxiliary & Law Enforcement Team (SALT) consists of 23 members. In 2020, they volunteered over 1800 hours. Members of SALT help in various ways, including transporting evidence to and from the Oregon State Police Crime Lab, Court Scanning, Fingerprinting, Civil Paper Service, and towing of abandoned vehicles among other tasks as assigned.

Currently, the Reserve Program consists of 12 Reserve Deputies. In 2020, the Polk County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Program volunteered just under 2300 hours. In July, 4 Reserves Deputies graduated from our in-house Reserve Academy. Reserve Deputies can volunteer on patrol and ride along with full-time Patrol Deputies. Reserves can also volunteer in the jail, working alongside full-time Corrections Deputies. In addition, the Reserve program is responsible for Marine Patrol functions on the Willamette River.



RESERVE GRADUATION



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

The chart on the following page shows the various activities that the Patrol Division does on daily basis. Our calls for service went down 25% from the previous year, to just over 18,000. With that being said, the number of arrests also were down 13%. Due to Governor Brown's stay at home order, traffic stops, citations, and warnings were down from 2019's numbers.

Although traffic crashes remained the same from previous years, The Oregon State Police have continued to have more of a presence in our county.

OVERALL PATROL STATISTICS

Patrol Statistics			
Total Calls Generated (2020)	18,535 (-25%)	Traffic Crashes (2020)	480 (0%)
Total Calls Generated (2019)	23,087 (-3%)	Traffic Crashes (2019)	481 (-20%)
Total Calls Generated (2018)	23,829	Traffic Crashes (2018)	578
Case Reports Generated (2020)	2513 (-16%)	CHL 's Issued	493
Case Reports Generated (2019)	2910 (-3%)	Civil Documents Processed	1837
Case Reports Generated (2018)	2995		
Immediate Arrests (2020)	771 (-13%)	Traffic Stops (2020)	3026 Stops (-68%)
Immediate Arrests (2019)	1141 (23%)		1756-warn (-82%)
Immediate Arrests (2018)	875		1270-cite (-49%)

911 Calls (2020) 911 Calls (2019) 911 Calls (2018)	6898 (-8%) 7452 (4%) 8152	Traffic Stops (2019)	5082 (S) (-16%)
			3193 (W) (-12%)
			1889 (C) (-24%)
		Traffic Stops (2018)	5902 (S)
			3569 (W)
			2333 (C)
Agency Assists (how many times the Sheriff's Office assisted local law enforcement on calls for service)			
2019		2020	
Dallas PD	242	Monmouth PD	121
Grand Ronde PD	182	Independence PD	115
Salem Police PD	96	Oregon State Police	263
		Dallas PD	122
		Monmouth PD	52
		Grand Ronde PD	95
		Independence PD	31
		Salem Police PD	54
		Oregon State Police	123

ODOT also made a 10-mile stretch of Highway 22, from Perrydale Road to Red Prairie Road, a safety corridor. ODOT also installed the Through-Route Activated Warning System to warn drivers on Highway 22 of vehicles stopped on either the north or south side of Perrydale Road. The safety corridor designation was spurred by a group of citizens that have been affected at the intersection of Highway 223 and Highway 22 in an effort to reduce injuries from crashes at this location.

We also track the number of times the Sheriff's Office has assisted other law enforcement agencies in Polk County. We assisted with over 400 incidents during 2020. These calls for service happen when other agencies ask for our assistance either due to their current call load or lack of staffing.



TEAM GOALS (2018 - 2021)

- Cadet Program
- Increased community event attendance
- Maintain Social Media (On going)
- Transition to Lexipol (new policy manual)
- Traffic Safety Position

- Implemented body camera program
- We transitioned 2 deputy positions into corporal positions. We then promoted two deputies to the rank of Corporal, where we can begin to mentor those positions by giving leadership and supervision training.

HIRING UPDATE

- ✓ We currently have one Deputy in the Police Academy and one Deputy in field training that has already completed the Police Academy Training.

The men and women of the patrol division show up for work every day, not knowing what types of calls will come in during a shift. Whether responding the fatal traffic collisions, neighborhood disputes, domestic violence calls or child abuse investigations, the deputies must be flexible and adapt to ever evolving situations.

The patrol staff have additional duties beyond normal patrol operations. The chart on the following page shows the wide range of extra duties that are needed to ensure we have highly trained deputies that are able to serve the public.

Name of Deputy	Team Role	Name of Deputy	Team Role
Sgt. Jason Ball	Defensive Tactics Instructor, FTEP Supervisor, SFST Instructor	Dep. Tommy Hutchison	School Resource Officer, Search and Rescue Coordinator
Dep. Justin Hageman	Search and Rescue Coordinator, EMT, First Aid /CPR Instructor	Sgt. Gregg Caudill	Reality Based Training Instructor, FTO
Sgt. Tyrone Jenkins	CIT Coordinator, Range Master, Armorer, First Aid/CPR Instructor, FTO	Sgt. Mark Robertson	Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), SFST Instructor, ORPAT Instructor & FTO
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, FTO

MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM



The Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) 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. Both teams respond to every area in Polk County, 7 days a week, 10 hours a day.



MCRT team

MCRT members are experts in the field and have received extra training in crisis response for emotionally disturbed persons and de-escalation. Other deputies also receive this type of training, but with MCRT all they do every day revolves around people in crisis. Plus, by having professional clinicians helps start the delivery of critical services at the time of crisis.

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

MCRT Year End 2019 & 2020					
Type	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	Area	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Calls for Service (countywide)	551	273	Polk Co	61	51
Crisis Calls	477	328	Salem PD	238	116
Outreach	352	230	Monmouth PD	81	93
Referrals	141	299	Independence	121	79
General Outcomes			Dallas	45	91
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Mental Health Facility	17%	13%	Jail	7%	7%
Other	59%	42%	Referred for Service	17%	38%

SHERIFFS OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY KEY POINTS

The first public safety levy was passed by voters in May 2015, for up to .45 cents per thousand of assessed value. During most of the levy the full amount was not assessed. In fact, the first time the full amount was assessed was in late 2019.

The levy was renewed in May of 2019 by voters at a higher margin than the first time. The renewal maintains what the initial levy was for, which was for 12 patrol deputies; five jail staff members; three prosecutors in the district attorney's office; two support staff members in the DA's office; and two juvenile detention beds. It did allow for the hiring of one additional deputy in the first year of the levy, with potentially adding another in year 3 or 4 if needed.

FINAL THOUGHTS BY SHERIFF MARK GARTON

2020, the year that no one will forget about. The challenges that came up throughout the entire year were constant and taxing on so many. From Covid-19, to the regular and ongoing protests and divide that has occurred in our country, your Sheriff's Office continued to think outside of the box in terms of how we can deliver a professional level of service in the ever-evolving landscape.

Another major event that occurred in 2020 was the passage of Measure 110 by the voters of Oregon. Measure 110 decriminalizes most drugs, including heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, oxycodone and the like. This measure makes possession of these drugs a violation, with a fine of \$100. This fine can either be paid, not paid or the person can opt to take a health assessment. If someone does not pay, there is no recourse and this measure does not mandate treatment, only to take a health assessment in lieu of paying the \$100 fine. The passage of this measure causes a multitude of unintended consequences in the law enforcement world. The main being that people won't be held accountable, property crimes and overdoses, child abuse and domestic violence related crimes will increase. We have already seen a rise in these categories since the passage of this measure.

We are all human, regardless of our background, the color of our skin or our status within the community. Human life is precious, no matter who you are. I know that law enforcement as a whole can do better and that we will do better, because it's the right thing to do.

Trust is something that can take years to build and a second to destroy and that is a fact of life in this profession. My goal is to continually build trust within the community to ensure that my office meets our core values on a daily basis. I highly value the trust you have placed in me by electing me as your Sheriff and I know that without trust, I cannot be effective.

I will always strive to improve relationships, to uphold the constitution, to hold people accountable and continually look for ways to improve this profession.

Finally, I am very proud of the dedication and commitment that members of this office have shown this past year to the community and people we serve.



Sheriff Mark Garton