



Thurston County Sheriff's Office

"People First, Public Safety Always."

QUARTERLY NEWS



Sheriff Snaza (right) with Undersheriff Tim Braniff

A message from Sheriff Snaza ..

As we move forward into 2012, I am still very honored to be your sheriff. It is a job that allows me to serve the citizens of this community. I always want to make sure that the office of the Sheriff remains in touch with the needs of our citizens. All of my staff strive to fulfill our motto of "People First, Public Safety Always"

Our **Community Outreach** program is going strong with regular presentations to various neighborhood groups on top-

ics such as crime prevention, neighborhood safety, and specific concerns. We also are very proud of our individual staff members who donate many hours to community causes on their own time.

Accomplishments;

Some of our accomplishments this year were based on goals that I had set at the start of my tenure in 2011. When I took office last year, we faced challenges (*and still do*) such as maximizing our limited budget, setting a direction for the ARC facility, upgrading our vehicle fleet, and increasing our staffing.

I am proud to be able to report that we added three new Operations Deputies to patrol the county, and we added three new Corrections Deputies to help meet the number needed to staff the new Jail (ARC). The ARC study we commissioned was

very helpful in giving us that direction.

We were also able to get safety equipment for teachers and students in our schools from the School Zone Safety Project. This was in partnership with the Traffic Safety Commission.

Our aging patrol vehicle fleet has been upgraded. This was much needed since we had not been able to buy replacement vehicles for several years.

My Undersheriff Tim Braniff and I have brought great leadership training to our supervisors from Sergeants to Command Staff. This was very well received and I believe it will build the quality of our leaders to an even higher level.

I have initiated and have been given permission for the Sheriff's Office to now be the pri-

mary recipient of the Crime Stoppers Tip program. I am glad to be able to serve the community with the ability to process crime tips for the entire Thurston County area. We upgraded that program with new software, which was really necessary to more efficiently use this program.

I thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another great year of service in 2012.

Serving You.
Sheriff John D. Snaza

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Thurston County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach

Lieutenant John Price

"The Police are the Public and the Public are the Police"

These words, spoken by law enforcement visionary Sir Robert Peele in the early part of the 19th century still ring true today. After almost 30 years in law enforcement, I cannot think of many crimes that weren't solved by the help of the citizens of Thurston County. Without a good relationship with the public, our ability to

serve the community is greatly decreased. All of us are part of the Thurston County Community. Your law enforcement people live here too. Our kids go to the schools, we shop here, coach sports, and are part of our neighborhoods like everyone else.

This investment in the community is natural and feeds directly

into our desire to make it a better place for all of us. The Thurston County Sheriff's Office has always supported community outreach programs. Some of these programs include; Crime Watch, Community safety meetings, and the Citizen's Academy to help educate folks about what we do. Our personnel are involved in fund raising for Special Olympics and Big Brothers Big Sisters

, and Crime Stoppers, to name a few. Our folks do this on their own time, without compensation. I am hoping to develop a Citizens Volunteer Corps this year to give folks an opportunity to help with the County Fair, and Neighborhood Patrols. I want to thank the great people of this county for all the help you have given us to make this community a better place!

2011 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

(SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS)
LIEUTENANT JOHN PRICE

A Pie in the Face!!!!

Sheriff Snaza may edit this picture out....

I hope he doesn't because it shows that he doesn't take himself too seriously and knows how to support a good cause such as 'The Little Red School-house' donation drive to give supplies to needy children on August 5th, 2011...

He definitely took one for the team here.....



Sheriff's K-9s get a great donation from the Rochester IGA Store during KidFest on July 23rd.

Thurston County Sheriff's Deputy Rod Ditrich accepts a \$500.00 donation check from IGA Store managers during KidFest 2011. Our K-9 unit has been a great success since we began it in 2007.

Through the hard work of our three K-9 deputies, many agencies in the region request our dogs when it comes to situations that require it. They are well trained and get the job done. We thank IGA again for the wonderful donation in supporting this worthy program.



Support Services Bureau Staff go to the County Fair.....

Many thanks to Jill, Lisa, Carol and Ardell (pictured) for working so many hours at the fair to make sure that our information booth remained staffed. Thanks also go out to the other support staff from the bureau that helped with this. Those were some pretty long days for them while they had to set aside their regular duties...which don't stop for anything....At least they got free shirts..

More community outreach articles on page 6....



2011 S.W.A.T. HIGHLIGHTS

LIEUTENANT JOHN PRICE
TEAM COMMANDER

S.W.A.T.—"Even cops dial 911"

That saying has been around for some time now. It still holds true today. When patrol officers around the county encounter a situation that has an unacceptable risk to them, they call S.W.A.T. One of our missions in 2011 was a high risk warrant service in which one of our operators was shot by the suspect. Fortunately, it ended up being a minor injury which could have been much worse. This spurred a lot of focus on the area of training that addressed that tactical situation. It also prompted us to buy some equipment to make our missions safer. We were allowed to purchase some much needed equipment such as new breaching tools and safety gear.

Our fitness standards remain high. To enhance our fitness, we developed a new obstacle course that is very challenging. At every training we begin the day with a good workout. In 2011, our SWAT team underwent some pretty major changes. Our team grew from sixteen operators to the current twenty-one. Our goal was to become proficient in ar-

eas that can be problematic for part time teams. Some of these areas include; Hostage Rescue, Vehicle Assaults, and Physical Fitness.

Our primary missions are the following:

- Hostage situations
- Barricaded persons
- Active shooter situations
- Dignitary protection
- High Risk Warrant service
- Special assignments.

We trained very hard in 2011 and I am very happy with the results. Our partner agencies on S.W.A.T. include the Sheriff's Office, Olympia Police, Tumwater Police, Lacey Police, Yelm Police, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and a Tactical Medic from the Tumwater Fire Department.

Through the use of realistic

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SWAT on the bridge of a logging ship at the Port of Olympia.....



SWAT practices hostage rescue on a School Bus.....

Investigative Services Long Time Detective Retires

Detective Lieutenant Greg Elwin

Investigative Services Division recognizes an icon (And welcomes new detectives!)

Beginning in 2011 and continuing into 2012, the detectives in the Investigative Services Division have seen unprecedented turnover in personnel. A mandatory rotation schedule has been implemented that has infused the division with energy while at the same time adding valuable investigatory experience to the patrol division.

One detective who will not be reporting to patrol, but rather en-

tering the world of contented retirement, is **Detective Dave Haller**. Dave Haller is a 21 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office who spent 13 years prior working the streets of Los Angeles with the LAPD.

Dave Haller has investigated dozens of homicides and major crimes and has shown a knack for relentlessly pursuing justice. Dave is an empathetic and caring family man who brings his values to work with him. These

values have proven to be one of Dave's most valuable traits as he dealt with some of the worst criminals as well as some of the most vulnerable victims in this county. Dave's presence will be sorely missed in the division, but his legacy will live on through the detectives he has trained and mentored.

One of those detectives starts at the first of the year with the expectation of filling Dave's shoes; Detective Ben Elkins. Ben has over 20 years of law enforce-

ment including the last 17 at the Sheriff's Office. Ben has worked several assignments at TCSO, including patrol, traffic and narcotics. Ben brings the kind of experience and enthusiasm that will benefit the division and pick up where Dave Haller left off.

In addition to Detective Elkins, the ISD has also welcomed the following personnel in 2011; Detective Dave Claridge, Detective Frank Frawley and Detective Cameron Simper.

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2011 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony

Lieutenant John Price

On October 10th, 2011, Sheriff Snaza held the 3rd quarter awards ceremony. During the ceremony, Sheriff Snaza awarded several members of the agency for Special Recognition of their outstanding work and he also conducted an official swearing in of deputies Tyson Shenkel and Carrie Nastansky. Years of Service certificates were also given to several Sheriff's staff members. The ceremony was well attended by the members and their families, as well as the public.

Oath of Office

Deputy Carrie Nastansky

Deputy Tyson Shenkel

Life Saving Award

Corrections Deputy Bill McBeth

Corrections Deputy Matthew Haenke

For their outstanding efforts in rescuing an inmate who was attempting to hang himself.



Sheriff Snaza swears in new Thurston County Deputies Tyson Shenkel and Carrie Nastansky



Sheriff Snaza giving the NIBRS award to Records Division Staff members Julie Wright, Judy Russell, and Shayne O-Grady...

Years Of Service

20 years-

Sgt. Glenn Siegler

Deputy Mark Holden

Legal Assistant Julie Wright

Special Recognition

-Pat Brown, Shayne O'Grady, Judy Russell, and Julie Wright- For their efforts in securing an agency level National Incident Based Reporting System Certification

-Lisa Pickett- For her research, design, and support on the Advancement Management Meeting Data Sheets and Powerpoint.

-Ann West and Laura Scott- For their efforts in re-designing the Telestaff System- for the new work schedule used by patrol

-Lt. John Price- For managing the 5 day County Fair staffing with minimal cost.

Long time detective retires.....Continued from page 3...

Congratulations to Detective Dave Haller and best of luck in retirement! Welcome Detectives Elkins, Claridge, Frawley and Simper.

Now let's go catch some bad guys!!!



Detective Haller is either ordering lunch, or solving a case...he will be very much missed....

Operation Santa A Great Success!!!

Special thanks goes out to Deputy Tom Tinsley for his efforts in organizing the toy drive along with the R.O.O.F. Center.

As you can see from the picture, they were able to provide toys to 513 children throughout the community.

We are very proud of Deputy Tinsley and his dedication to the community!!!



Corrections Loves to Golf!!

Lieutenant Stephanie Klein

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Golf Tournament

The 22nd annual Big Brother Big Sisters golf tournament was held at the Golf Club at Hawks Prairie. The 208 golf participants played on two courses. The golfers were grouped into teams of four. The 52 teams raised over \$54,000 dollars, which was a 36% increase over last year's tournament.

The teams were served Brats and Chips for lunch and feasted on Short Ribs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, salad and beans for dinner. Although Sgt. Andre Muldrew's team did not win, they did receive their best score to date which was 5 under par!

Cuffs and Trucks Justin Norton Scholarship Golf Tournament

Several Corrections staff participated in the annual Justin Norton Scholarship Golf Tournament. Sgt. Patrick Matthews worked hard at getting donations for the tournament. He was able to get nearly \$900.00 dollars in donated products and gift certificates. Puetz Golf provided 4- Gift Certificate Packages valued at \$90 each. Taylormade donated a R11 Driver valued at \$400.00. AFSCME Local 618 Corrections Union voted to contribute \$106.00 dollars for a ClicGear Cart that Sgt. Matthews had previously purchased as a donation.

AFSCME Golf Tournament

A group of Corrections staff participated in the AFSCME Golf Tournament at Harbour Pointe Golf Club in Mukilteo Washington in June. One of the three Correction teams won the overall tournament. Members of the winning team were Sgt. Patrick Matthews, CD Erin Johnsrud, CD Rick Davis and CD Stephen Becker, who each won a Burner Super Fast Driver by Taylormade. CD Erin Johnrud was awarded a Taylormade R11 Driver for achieving first place in the Women's Longest Drive category.

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training aids and scenarios, combined with a lot of practice, I believe our readiness posture is very good. We trained in many environments over the year, including some we'd never done before. One of these was the familiarization of how to deal with a shipboard environment on a Chinese Logging ship in partnership with the Port of Olympia.

We will be looking at more opportunities to increase our capabilities in 2012. Your S.W.A.T. team has some of the highest standards in law enforcement and we always strive to be our best for this community. This is exemplified by our team motto "Who shall we send and who shall go for us, and I said here I am, send me." We also believe in "team before self" because we are a very tight knit group.

I thank this community for supporting our agency and SWAT!!



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A Pirate's Holiday Adventure!!

On December 3rd, we set sail for the high seas in Building 5. The training rooms were filled with little buccaneers and their parents celebrating the holidays, pirate style. Activities included face-painting, decorating Christmas cookies, and painting wooden toys in Santa's workshop. The children exercised their competitive spirits in a paper cannon ball attack on rival pirate ships and while playing 'Captain Hook Says'. They practiced teamwork when small groups raced to be the first to put life-sized skeletons together, and all the little buckos enjoyed the 'Walk the Plank' cake walk. The event culminated with the "Pirate's Night Before Christ-



Pirate Queen Shupe reads a story to the kids....



Corrections Deputies-AKA-Pirate Crew-(from left to right) Duncan, Stewart, Shields, Webberding, and Sgt. Shupe...

-mas" story being read aloud just before Santa made his entrance in full pirate Santa attire, to include beard and snow-white dreadlocks. He wished everyone a "Happy New Yaargh!" and visited with each child, presenting them with a toy and a bag of candy gold coins. A jolly old time was had by all!

We would like to thank the Corrections Union and the Deputy's Association for co-sponsoring this event.

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Corrections Team Represents At Bowling Fund Raiser!!

In March of 2011, our Corrections Staff team did a great job in the annual "Bowl for Kid's Sake" event. Their team represented the Sheriff;s Office by raising money and bowling pretty well, too!

The money raised goes directly to benefit Big Brother's Big Sister's of Thurston County. It is a great cause that our agency supports as it really helps a lot of kids in our community. Funds raised go to keeping the local club facilities open, which gives children a safe place to participate in healthy activities.

Of particular note was Corrections Deputy Avery Stegall's performance and his leadership in the event. He won second place in overall fundraising with donations in the amount of \$1,500.00!!

Great Job By All!!!!!!



Corrections bowling team proudly displaying their well earned trophy!!

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New Deputies Hired

Corrections Deputy Lonnie Weathers

Corrections Deputy Jason Lawson

Corrections Deputy Rachel Rosa

Operations Deputy Tyson Shenkel

Operations Deputy Carrie Nastansky

Operations Deputy Don Wall

