

Thurston County Sheriff's Office Successes ~ 2016

January:

- 01/22 – Overview/Tour for 11 Clackamas County, Oregon staff. Also in attendance - Sheriff Snaza, Undersheriff Braniff, Chief Thoma, Captain Downing, Captain Eaton and Lt. Ball.
- 01/22– Human Resources Overview/Tour – Katherine Gerard, New Human Resources Director and Amy Solis HR Trainer, came in for a tour of the Corrections facility, which was coordinated by Lt. Ball.
- The 2015 Field Operations Bureau Year-End Report was completed and turned over to Sgt. Clark for implementation into the agency year-end report. The number of hours worked by our volunteer units was over 8,000 not including SAR, which is an incredible number. Our volunteers are to be congratulated for giving their time to our agency and this community.
- Sergeant Roland Weiss was promoted on 1/1/16 and has assumed the 2100-0800 shift under Lt. Phillips on the Gold Team, which fills the position vacated by Sgt. Dunn's retirement. Roland has already hit the ground running and is learning the job via his training sergeant and peers. Congratulations Roland!
- Deputy Knute Lehmann started the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on January 5, 2016 and all reports so far he is doing well with no identified concerns.
- The new Temporary Relief Supervisor program broke ground this month and was used on a few occasions. There have been no major issues, but we have identified some additional training needed and are working on it in the near future.
- Multi-agency response (TCSO, Nisqually, WSP, Fire, ATF) and investigation to assault on Yelm Hwy whereby fugitive apprehension agent was shot.
- We are participating in an Auto Theft Task Force with local agencies which has thus far since its short inception been a success. Detective Elkins is our agency representative.
- ADA jail van has been approved. Captain Downing to work with shop to ensure equipment meets their needs.
- All contracts but one (Telemate) have been renewed for the new year.

February:

- 02/11/16 – The Olympian Editorial Board six month follow-up interview and tour of the new Corrections facility
- On February 17th, SWAT and CNT responded to a barricaded hostage incident on Danby Drive SW. The suspect was wanted on a felony warrant and upon arrival of the first deputy retreated inside his house and barricaded himself, his girlfriend and their one month old child inside. After repeated attempts by deputies to get him to surrender SWAT and CNT were called to the scene along with Incident Commander Acting Captain Gordon Phillips. After approx. six hours of negotiation (handled well by Sgt. Carla Carter) and some tactical encouragement the suspect surrendered without incident. There were no injuries to anyone involved in the incident and all that participated should be proud of how they performed during this stressful situation.
- FOB has been successful in getting supervisors scheduled into numerous supervisory/management/command/executive courses during 2016. By the end of this year we will be close (if not actually successful) in having all Sergeants and Lieutenants through Supervisory Certification, Mid-Management Certification, G.O.L.D. Certification, and several with the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Certification & Award. Even though to attain this has/will require us to be creative in covering some supervisory shifts during the year and expend significant funds to accomplish, the end result will be a better trained cadre of supervisors and managers for the agency and the citizens we serve.
- All staff have done a great job being proactive and preparing for fiscal year closeout.

March:

- 03/16/16 – Leadership Thurston County (LTC) tours. Two groups of 20 students toured the Corrections facility and also attended a TCSO K-9 demonstration outside the facility. Chief Thoma
- 03/23/16 – VA Program Specialist John Stevens and Diversion and Re-Entry Coordinator Brad Stewart were nominated and chosen to receive recognition as a valued “Partner” of the Veteran’s Administration Puget Sound Social Work Department. Brad and John work with veterans, Veteran’s court and the VA to ensure that those who are veterans are provided the necessary assistance and services they need to transition back into the community and be successful
- This month the Civil Events Response Team was issued all of their new equipment, new team members were assigned, and new team leadership was assigned/transitioned. CERT will conduct their training in coming months and is fully operational as needed. Thank you Sheriff Snaza and Undersheriff Braniff for locating the funds to purchase the needed new equipment, which now makes our team on the leading edge of equipped riot teams!

- SWAT Team had two successful missions during the month one assisting TNT with two search warrants and one assisting OPD with a search/arrest warrant. Both missions went well with no injuries to team members, suspects, or citizens. The team deployed rapidly in both missions and demonstrated great professionalism during the missions. Job well done!
- Sgt. Odegaard, Sgt. Carter and Sgt. Simper all attended and graduated the NW Command College held in Vancouver, WA. Captain Phillips, Lt. Brady, Sgt. DeHan and myself attended the Executive Training Day and were then present for the graduation. Congratulations to each of you on this leadership accomplishment!
- The Auto theft task force disbanded on April 1. The task force was very successful, 27 people were arrested on auto theft related charges, and additional 10 were arrested for other crimes. Auto thefts declined 52%.
- We will be using retired OPD officer and current HNT member Ken Carlson as extra hire to assist us in background investigations.

April:

- This month we completed the re-organization of all the teams, programs, and projects within the bureau. This established new leadership in some areas, new procedures in some areas, and new team members in several of our specialty units. The premise is to strengthen some units with new leadership and ideas, plus offering new opportunities to members of the bureau to expand their knowledgebase and create career development.
- On April 28th we were involved in the “Bring your Child to Work Day” festivities that culminated with a static display of several pieces of our specialty team equipment (thank you SWAT and DIVE) along with a K-9 demonstration by Dep. Ditrich and Dep. Packard. The TRV was very popular with kids and parents alike climbing all over it and asking numerous questions of Sgt. DeHan and Sgt. Claridge with several photo opportunities. The event was attended by approximately 30 people and based on comments made to us was the highlight of the day!
- FSB: Participated in the selection of a vendor for the County’s new budget system.
- Holli continues to do an excellent job on saving costs on medical.

May:

- May 5, 2016 - WASPC 24/7 Sobriety Program Summit - Was held in SeaTac and attended by Chief Thoma and Lieutenant Ball.
- May 6, 2016 - The Annual Behind the Badge/Medal of Honor Ceremony – was held at the Capital Campus and attended by Chief Thoma, Captain Eaton and Captain Downing. Thurston County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Deputy David Morrell was

honored after being killed in the line of duty on March 1st, 1903. Kudos to Captain Downing for his efforts in getting Corrections Deputy Morrell recognized.

- May 19, 2016 - The Boys and Girls Clubs Charity Breakfast was attended by Chief Thoma.
- May 20, 2016 - The TCSO Quarterly Awards Ceremony was held recognizing several Corrections Staff for their promotions, years of service and new hire swearing in.
- On May 27th our newest K-9 Team (Deputy Chris Packard and K-9 “Dexter”) was certified and now join our K-9 Unit as the third team we have available for deployments as necessary within our jurisdiction. Master Trainer Deputy Rod Ditrich did an outstanding job in a compressed timeline to get this team prepared for certification and clearly that was a success. Congratulations to all involved!

June:

- Kevin Paddock of Central Services (ER&R) assisted Lt. Counts in identifying the new portable radio for the FOB: the Kenwood NX5200. Each FOB deputy was able to choose how they wanted their portable outfitted; type exterior mic and type of holder. Expected delivery is around the end of July.
- A golf cart was also acquired through the state surplus program. The use will primarily be for the TC Fair for shuttling TCSO personnel or supplies around. It can also be used in parades. It is anticipated it will have the TCSO patrol vehicle paint scheme applied to it prior to the opening of the Fair.
- FOB: May/June Community Activity Tracking: 23.85 hours, 766+ Attendees
- 5 Homicides:
 1. Gail Doyle:
 - Partnerships - Olympia PD (Detective Lindros), IMT (Sgt Ken Clark), Accounting (Sharon Brown), WSP (plane, crime scene processing), Coroner’s Office, Prosecutor’s Office, Legal Assistants, FARO, Search and Rescue Leadership –
 2. Dutterow:
 - Partnerships -TNT, Crime Analysts (Olympia, Lacey), WSP crime lab, Corrections (tips, phone calls)
 3. JBLM vehicular homicide:
 - Partnerships -JBLM, coordinated patrol/ISD services
- US Marshal Sex Offender Detail:
 - Partnerships -Accounting (foundation with Obligation document/MOU), DOC, Homeland Security, Marshals
 - Problem Solving - Future/current supplement to WASPC grant funds that have minimized

Accountability – Sex Offender reaction to emphasis, 13 Failure to register violations, Federal accountability

- FSB: A clean audit again this year for TCSO

July:

- July 20, 2016 – Chemical Dependency Graduation – 21 graduates
- July 23 2016 – CD Avery Stegall and CD Yvonne Edwards represented Corrections for a job fair that was held at JBLM.
- Congratulations to Deputy Devin Bagby on being selected as our newest K-9 handler with partner Jaxx. They will undergo training in King Co. starting in September in order to be a certified K-9 Team.
- The Thurston County Fair was a success for the agency as we had few incidents occur over the five days, conducted numerous Iris Scans (CSU), did a great job in parking vehicles and providing security in the parking lots (Explorers), and were highly visible due to staff assigned and staff dropping by. The static displays were once again a source of fun for the patrons to the Fair. Great job to all involved!
- Detective Beall attended advance technical forensic training.
- Successful Job fair at JBLM.

August:

- August 17th & 18th – In support of the Mason County Sheriff's Office and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), Chief Todd Thoma participated in a two day inspection of the Mason County Jail as part of the Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP).
- Lt. Ray Brady, Sgt. Mike Hirte, Sgt. Dave Claridge, and Dep. Charlie Ault have all completed their respective probationary periods, congratulations to all!
- The Marine Services Unit has concluded the 2016 Summer boating season and they did an outstanding job. Between 11 MSU Deputies a total of 979 hours were logged, which includes three new MSU Deputies attending and graduating from the Marine Law Enforcement Course. In addition they conducted 316 vessel inspections, issued 118 written warnings, issued 2 citations, conducted 9 vessel assists, investigated 1 vessel collision, and spent 20 hours conducting search & rescue operations. There were no BUI's located by our staff during this season and the number of collisions was down from previous years. Great job by this unit!
- The MSU unit conducted 51 hours of community education and events.

- Assisted Great Falls PD (Montana) with a missing person case. Suspect located and gave a full confession on killing the victim and burying the body in Montana. We were described as “great hosts”.
- Detective Frawley solved the remains found on the Chehalis Western trail case.
- Detective Ivanovich coordinated with regional resources to arrest army sergeant for child molestation.
- Detective Gallagher and Detective Ivanovich worked efficiently as a team on a “party rape” case.
- Detective Oplinger participated in the Explorer academy in Yakima, whereby our Explorer Post secured several acclaimed awards.

September:

- Net Nanny Operation – ISB Detectives participated in a multi-agency operation involving a child sex abuse sting. Sergeant Carter, Detectives Ivanovich and Gallaher, and TNT staff which includes our own Captain Johnson and Detective McIver, were instrumental in the arrest of 23 individuals for various felony level child sex crimes.
- Sergeant Carter attended the Amber Alert/Missing/Unidentified Persons Conference in Wenatchee. She was able to network with other coordinators from across the state and receive training to assist with our local Amber Alert process.
- Legal Assistant Sheryl Drake transferred into the SOR position and the unit is running very smooth.
- The Varidesk project was completed. All SSB staff who wanted one received their height-adjustable standing desks.
- The following staff successfully graduated from G.O.L.D. (Guardian Officer Leadership Development) Training: Lieutenant Claude Belcher, Sergeants J.R. Klene and Chris Dhuyvetter, Detective Ben Elkins, Deputies Daryl Leischner, Jason Casebolt, and Ruben Mancillas, and Legal Assistant Pam McClure. They have collectively increased their knowledge base in the areas of leadership, teamwork, and overall supervisory skills.
- Chief Todd Thoma attended and participated in the County Jail Population Crisis Action Team (JPCAT) work session. This team was created with the goal of finding new and innovative ways to reduce the jail population.
- The following staff attended the FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute: Captains Jim Downing and George Eaton, Lieutenant Paul Counts, and Sergeants Dave Claridge, Kevin Slease, and Brian Cassidy. Captain Downing received his Trilogy Award.

- Deputy Josh Gibbons graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on September 16, 2016 and is now on his Field Training.

October:

- A homicide victim located in the Capitol Forest was identified after only three days thanks to an excellent sketch by Detective King. Within three days of identifying the victim, ISD Detectives took two suspects into custody.
- On October 27, 2016 Deputies Isabelle Reddy and John Covais graduated from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Shortly after that they began the Field Training Program and are progressing well.
- Due to savings the FOB was authorized to purchase several items of equipment that were needed for mission critical responses and officer safety. These items have already begun arriving and will be implemented within the bureau immediately.
- October 4, 2016, Undersheriff Tim Braniff, Chiefs Todd Thoma, Brad Watkins, and Dave Pearsall, Lieutenant Tim Rudloff, and Sergeants Kevin Slease and Brian Cassidy attended the "100 Men Who Care About Domestic Violence" charity event in support of the Family Support Center of South Sound.
- October 7, 2016, Corrections Deputies Corey Lund, Gilbert Tuinei, and Joseph Gerkman graduated the Corrections Officer Academy. CD Gerkman was recognized for Highest Overall.
- October 12, 2016 ~ 10 people graduated from the Chemical Dependency Program.
- October 22, 2016, Sergeant Brian Cassidy, Corrections Sergeant Dave Rodgers, Corrections Deputies Corey Luck and Jonathan Dalton, Traci Gurley, and volunteer Michael Boss participated in the Tip-A-Cop at Red Robin. The event raised over \$3,800 for the Special Olympics.

November:

- FOB had several "field" incidents that were handled professionally, efficiently, and had positive outcomes. These incidents consisted of two SWAT missions and two CERT deployments. We commend these two specialty teams on their outstanding work!
- The Field Operations Bureau was able to secure funding to purchase additional mission critical equipment/supplies prior to the end of the year that will enhance our response capabilities and update technology/equipment in the field.
- Deputies Kyle Peters and Tim English successfully completed the Field Training Program and have been released to solo patrol, congratulations to both!

- Under SSB Sgt. Jeff Dehan's guidance, a successful Citizens Academy was completed in November.
- Social media Facebook following reached 13,000 followers.
- On November 3, 2016 the jail hosted a Citizens Academy Tour for 16 people, provided by Lieutenant Kellie Guenzel. The tour went well and the group asked good questions.

December:

- Field Operations Bureau hired two entry level Deputies (Chris Elia and Michael Shipley) who started on January 1, 2017. This leaves one more position to fill.
- Deputy Josh Gibbons completed his Field Training Program and is now on solo patrol, congratulations Josh!
- Deputy Mark Stagner started his Basic Law Enforcement Academy at CJTC on December 12, 2017.
- The agency posted a courtesy Facebook posting on a crime tip for Lacey PD which led to the suspect capture within three hours.
- We hired five new employees in December: 2 Patrol Deputies, 2 Corrections Deputies, and 1 Legal Assistant.
- Two high profile robbery suspects (dubbed Bonnie and Clyde) were captured in New York.
- Support Services Bureau maximized year end budget by making last minute, yet important equipment purchases.
- The SOR unit effectively responded to an attempt to open a sex offender-run warming center through partnership with Code Enforcement and local media.
- Services Division staff processed a large number of clearance backgrounds for new cleaning services personnel that was received with a two-day timeline to complete.
- Corrections Captain George Eaton completed the LEEDA Training on December 16, 2016 and received his Trilogy Award.
- In 2016, a total of 1,910 pounds of unused medication was collected in the Drug Drop Box and destroyed.