

2019 ~ TCSO SUCCESSES

January:

- During 2018, Financial Operations Assistant Holli Stewart saved the agency \$75,000 in medical costs, including \$34,000 for Patrol and \$41,000 for Corrections. Holli works hard to find coverage and resources for those who are uninsured so all their medical expenses are not born by the agency.
- In January, ISD Detectives successfully deployed a bait generator that resulted in the recovery of a stolen truck and trailer.
- The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) completed a successful mission involving a barricaded and armed suspect in the Clearwood Development. By utilizing their training and assistance of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) they safely resolved this incident.
- January 30, 2019, the Field Operations Bureau hosted 100 Cub Scouts and their parents. Our SWAT, Dive, Marine Services, and K-9 teams answered questions and demonstrated their equipment. It was a great event with positive feedback.
- On January 25, 2019, the Corrections Bureau selected and honored Deputy Glen Halpain as the Employee of the Quarter for 4th Quarter of 2018.

February:

- The Financial Services Bureau successfully submitted all fiscal year close documents on time to the Auditor's Office. The agency returned 0.26% of the Law Enforcement Budget and 0.25% of the Corrections Budget for the General Fund.
- On February 5, detectives and deputies, with the assistance of surveillance images and tips from the public, were able to arrest the suspect with 12-hours of the robbery of Community Credit Union.
- During February, the Field Operations Bureau purchased replacement equipment and re-stocked disposable items thanks to the diligence of Sergeant Dave Claridge.

March:

- The following FOB Sergeants graduated the NW Command College: Dave Claridge, Malcolm McIver, Mike Brooks, and Kris Kimball. Congratulations on this outstanding leadership achievement!

- The Investigative Services Division (ISD) launched a new Cold Case Investigation Unit. Volunteers Ron Knapp and Jim Lindsay are looking into 20 of our unsolved homicide cases.
- March 21, Lieutenant Tim Rudloff and Detective Sergeant Roland Weiss attended a demonstration of the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer. This device enables officers to scan and identify, on scene and without opening, over 450 controlled substances. The Coroner's Office was selected through a DOH grant to receive one device for use by all agencies. This device will help with data collection on overdose deaths and keep officers safe by identifying unknown substances in the field.
- Financial Services Bureau (FSB) completed and published the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Offsite Drug Testing Services.
- FSB successfully completed and submitted all the quarterly reports required for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).
- All supervisors were provided hands-on training for schedulers in InTime, the new agency time keeping system.
- FSB wrote and submitted 18 budget amendments.
- March 2, Corrections Captain Jim Downing volunteered at the annual Yelm Dollars for Scholars Auction, which raised \$125,000 for student scholarships.
- March 7, jail staff hosted the Leadership Thurston County (LTC) Law & Justice Day. Chief Todd Thoma, Captain Jim Downing, and Lieutenant Shawn Ball facilitated a tour and received all positive comments on the survey from attendees.
- Corrections Sergeant Jenean Binschus volunteered at the Tumwater High School Athletic Booster Association Fundraiser. A total of \$51,000 was raised to support athletic programs.

April:

- Cordant was selected for the off-site drug test vendor. The contract has been drafted and negotiations started.
- SWAT participated in three successful missions in April, including an agency assist to the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office in the search for the suspect in the death of Deputy DeRosier.

- SRO Deputy Jay Swanson was honored with a last day send-off by the Rainer School District. Several members of FOB attended. It was a great event with a lot of laughs at Jay's expense.
- On April 19th, Corrections Sergeants Trevor Davis and Heather Shields graduated the GOLD Leadership Training. Congratulations!

May:

- May 5 – 11, 2019 was National Correctional Officers' week, in recognition of the service and commitment of Corrections Officers nationally.
- The SWAT team completed two successful missions, one in Tumwater and one in Olympia, both with potential hostages. Crisis Negotiators responded and were successful in getting the suspects to surrender. Great work by all involved!
- On May 9, 2019, deputies and detectives responded to a homicide on Meixner St. NE. Deputies secured the scene and detectives processed the scene and conducted the investigation. The suspect surrendered at the scene for an immediate arrest and solve of the case. There was great teamwork by all involved and excellent leadership from Lieutenants Carter and Rudloff.
- The Background Investigation Unit efforts in May led to the hiring of three entry Corrections Deputies, one entry Patrol Deputy, and one transfer from Corrections to Patrol Deputy.
- On May 4, 2019, Detective Carrie Nastansky was honored at the 2019 South Sound Exceptional Woman Awards Banquet by the Olympia Soroptimists.

June:

- June 21, 2019, Corrections Deputies Jonathan Dalton, Sandra Davis, and Lindsey Watt, and Patrol Deputy John Covais were selected as the newest members of the Honor Guard Team.
- June 28, 2019, Corrections Deputies Kendall Jackson and Matt Thayer graduated the four week Basic Corrections Academy. CD Thayer was the Class Speaker and CD Jackson was on the Class Council, 2nd Highest Overall, and elected as Class Guardian by his classmates. Great job representing TCSO!
- June 21, 2019, Corrections Technician Ken Rhoades volunteered at the Thurston County Relay for Life to benefit Cancer Research.
- FOB Command Staff and Sergeant Dave Claridge attended the Bucoda Town and Rainier city Council meetings and received positive feedback on our service to

their communities. They expressed appreciation for the responsiveness to concerns and issues by Sergeant Claridge.

- FOB Field Training Officers (FTOs) have done an outstanding job over the past 18 months training the numerous new hires. Chief Watkins would like to recognize the leadership demonstrated by Lieutenant Carla Carter, and Sergeants Kris Kimball and Jason Casebolt in making this a successful program.
- We received approval from the Board of County Commissioners to hire two new Legal Assistants in the Services Bureau. These new positions will be assigned to Firearms and one to Records.
- The Financial Services Bureau completed the annual state audit.