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Who gets the credit?

In Super Bowl 41-winning coach Tony Dungy's book, *The Mentor Leader*, Dungy asks the question, "Am I ready to have great success and not get any of the credit?" This is a question I would ask to everyone who is part of our team at the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. It is also something I am proud to say "yes" to on my own behalf, and believe many others at the Sheriff's Office commit to as well. In providing leadership, there is always some form of sacrifice and putting others before self.

2016 proved to be a year that would support this type of self-sacrifice and putting others before self. We worked closely with Cascade, Cashmere and Chelan School Districts, together with our contract cities of Leavenworth and Chelan, to establish a partnership that would provide one full-time School Resource Officer (total of 3) in each of the school districts during the school year, starting January of 2017. During the off season, those Deputies are scheduled to the partnering city to provide extended coverage within the city limits.

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office hosted our first ever Citizen's Academy, designed to educate members of our community on what Law Enforcement looks like at the Sheriff's Office in training, operations, and administration. The academy led 30 student through 14 weeks, with over 80 hours of class time and hands on instruction, provided by multiple local and state agencies. Ultimately, this built lasting relationships and further trust within our communities.

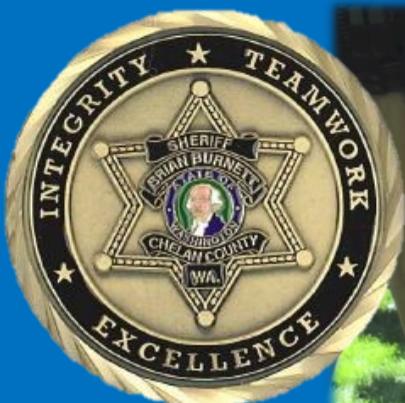
There is no doubt that 2016 brought many other challenges for Law Enforcement Agencies across America, as there appeared to be a trending disregard for the law and a downright contempt towards Law Enforcement Officer's in general, as we saw "War" declared on the Peace Keepers of our land.

We are fortunate, however, to live in one of the greatest places on earth, as the lifestyle and demeanor of our citizens has proven. We treat each other with a much greater respect. I believe this is a true testimony of the citizens of Chelan County and what they strive for in quality of life for their families, friends, and loved ones.

Let us continue to work together to leave a legacy and maintain a lifestyle in Chelan County for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Brian Burnett





The **Patrol Division** of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office will always be the backbone of the organization. We are funded for 36 Patrol Deputies and two Contract City Sergeants. This provides 24-hour law enforcement coverage for our County and Contract City residents. In 2017, we are implanting two new summertime Deputy positions in the Cities of Leavenworth and Chelan. One of our biggest challenges is filling these positions with more than just a body. We strive to recruit, hire, and retain the highest quality individuals available.

The definition of **Law enforcement** encompasses all of our Criminal Justice system, from those of us who enforce the Laws of the State of Washington, all the way through our Court system, local Jails, and State Prisons. When defining a Sheriff's Deputy in terms of Law Enforcement, we are described as members of society that act in an organized manner to enforce Laws by deterring or discovering crime. To define it further, it is typically applied to those who directly engage in patrols or surveillance to dissuade and discover criminal activity, and those who investigate crimes and apprehend offenders, a task typically carried out by the police or another law enforcement agency.

Our Country's current morale and trust in Law Enforcement, at least in larger cities, is at an all-time low. On any given night you can turn on the news and watch a demonstration, or a riot, or some type of movement against Law

Enforcement. All the negative media coverage, social media coverage, or one-sided view has cast a shadow of doubt toward the profession we all hold close and believe in.

Overwhelmingly, our County and its community members are supportive and respectful of our local Law Enforcement and the actions we take. To maintain that trust and truly build on it, which is one of our Agency's goals, it begins within the walls of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. We, as in our Administrative team and the Supervisors of this office, must show trust and support in our Deputy's that represent our Agency. Our Deputy's are entrusted to uphold all the Laws of Washington State and are the face of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. It is our Deputies that make the initial contact with a reporting party, a victim of a crime, the lost child who can't find their parents, or a suspect. In perspective it might seem like a small or inconsequential incident to us, but to the person speaking, it can easily be a catastrophic or life altering event. Initial contacts such as this have a lifetime effect on someone, and will influence their demeanor, reaction, interaction, or overall experience with the next Law Enforcement Officer they have contact with.

It is an honor and privilege to wear a Law Enforcement uniform. We have the opportunity to forever change someone's life in a positive way.





Detectives

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office **Detectives** Unit consists of one Detective Sergeant, three civil service Detectives and one rotating detective position. One of the Detectives is responsible for overseeing approximately 165 sex offenders that are required to register in Chelan County.

Major cases that the Detectives Unit investigated in 2016 included a hit and run fatality accident in Chelan, WA involving a bicyclist and a major burglary investigation involving multiple victims which resulted in the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen property. Also in 2016, an arrest was made in connection with the 2015 Sleepy Hollow Fire where over 20 homes and numerous businesses were lost due to the fire. All these cases have resulted in the arrest of suspects.



to pool all available resources to combat the heroin/opiate epidemic sweeping across our community and across the country.

Highlights for the year included taking down two large illegal marijuana grows being run and financed by Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations on public lands in Chelan County. Two suspects were arrested in the illegal grow and successfully prosecuted. CRDTF seized 9 guns from drug dealers, 3 of which were stolen. We also seized close to \$100,000 in cash and assets from drug dealers during the course of the year. We arrested one of our better known drug dealers who had been moving major amounts of heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine for years. When he was arrested, a large amount of drugs, cash and a gun were located in his apartment. The suspect is a convicted felon and is currently awaiting trial on numerous felony charges with school-based enhancements.

We are now beginning to see illegally manufactured Fentanyl locally. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid. Pharmaceutical Fentanyl is often 100 times more potent than Morphine and like other opiates can be ingested, inhaled, injected, or absorbed through the mucous membranes and the skin. Fentanyl may be mixed with other substances including heroin, and is commonly seen in a powdered form, but has recently been seen locally in tablet form. If you encounter any suspicious substance, handle it extremely carefully and contact your local law enforcement agency.

Moving forward into 2017, we are remaining vigilant in combating heroin/opiate based drugs coming into our county by partnering with all the law enforcement agencies in Chelan County to collaborate, share information, and work together as a team. One of the biggest hurdles we face is staying up on the latest trends of drugs being used and sold in our area, as well as identifying the people who are selling these drugs. We plan on specifically targeting gang organizations in our area that are affiliated with firearms and drug distribution.

Columbia River Drug Task Force

In 2016, the **Columbia River Drug Task Force** worked 65 drug investigations in the Wenatchee Valley. Those investigations led to arresting numerous drug dealers in Chelan County and surrounding areas dealing heroin, methamphetamine, diverted pharmaceutical pills, cocaine and marijuana. CRDTF focused their efforts on heroin, pharmaceuticals and methamphetamine investigations as these two drugs are closely tied to the majority of victim related crime in Chelan County. Heroin is still a major problem in the Wenatchee Valley, especially with young people who are addicted to this dangerous drug, along with opiate based pharmaceutical pills. There have been numerous heroin/opiate related overdoses in the Wenatchee Valley this year and we recognize this as a huge problem. The Columbia River Drug Task Force is committed to targeting the drug dealers selling this poison to our community. We worked closely with the Wenatchee ProAct unit and Wenatchee ICE agents to share information and work together



The Chelan County Sheriff's Office has 3 **School Resource Officers** (SRO). The first SRO started in the Chelan area several years ago. Cascade and Cashmere School Districts combined resources to share an SRO a few years ago. That shared SRO was filled by longtime Deputy Brent Patterson, who retired in 2016. Deputy Dominic Mutch took Deputy Patterson's place at retirement. Starting in January 2017, Cascade School District and the City of Leavenworth provided funding for a full-time deputy to work solely in the Cascade Schools during the school year, and to then patrol the streets of Leavenworth during the summer. Deputy Mike Morrison was chosen for the Leavenworth position. The Cashmere School District took over the responsibility of funding Deputy Mutch's Cashmere position during the school year. Deputy Mutch will fill in where needed on patrol in the summer months.

Deputy Sean Duke is the school resource officer in the Chelan area. Sean was born and raised in Chelan. He graduated from Chelan High School, spent 6 years in the Marines, was hired by the Chelan County Sheriff's department as a corrections Deputy in 1993, and 7 years later was hired by the Chelan Police Department. Two years after starting with Chelan PD, Sean was hired by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Duke is a year around coach for school sports teams where he lives in Cashmere. This past year he coached football, two baseball teams, two basketball teams, and a varsity girl's softball team. In his free time, Deputy Sean Duke likes to fish, hunt and almost any other outdoor activity. Within the sheriff's department, he is a crew chief for the helicopter program, he is a hostage negotiator, and he does Marine Patrol during the summer months. As the SRO Deputy for Chelan and Manson School Districts, he has taught several classes to kids at both school districts, including courses in water safety, drugs, alcohol, and did skits in classes concerning underage partying. He also instructed on the rules of the road and teen driving.

Deputy Dominic Mutch is presently the School Resource Officer for the Cashmere School District. He has been employed by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office since August 2008. Deputy Mutch started his career in 2003 with the Leesburg Police Department in Virginia,

and then the Goldendale Police Department in south central Washington State. During his time with Chelan County, he was assigned to night patrol until August 2016, when he became the School Resource Officer (SRO) for both the Cashmere and Cascade School Districts. In January 2017, the Sheriff's Office added an additional SRO at which time Deputy Mutch was assigned full-time during the school year to the Cashmere School District. Deputy Mutch is also an assistant coach for the Cashmere High School Wrestling program. In addition to being an SRO, Deputy Mutch is a member of the Chelan County Regional SWAT Team, an Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVO) instructor, a Defensive Tactics instructor, and also a Field Training Officer (FTO) for newly hired deputies. Outside of Law Enforcement, Deputy Mutch enjoys spending time with his family. His family time includes boating, fishing, riding motorcycles, pretending to be a farmer, caring for animals, camping, and snowboarding. He also loves to coach his kids' sports teams to include baseball, football, and wrestling.



Deputy Mike Morrison is the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Cascade School District. He has been employed by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office since March 2014. Deputy Morrison started his career in 2006 with the Omak Police Department. During his time with CCSO he was assigned to night patrol until January 2017, when he became the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Cascade School District. Deputy Morrison is also an assistant coach for Cascade High School's Track and Field Team. In addition to being an SRO, Deputy Morrison is a member of CCSO's Search & Rescue Team (SAR), the High Angle Rope Rescue Team (HARRT), he is an Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVO) instructor, Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) Instructor, and a Field Training Officer (FTO) for newly hired deputies. Outside of Law Enforcement Deputy Morrison enjoys hiking, biking, fishing, other outdoor activities and traveling. Deputy Morrison also enjoys participating in obstacle course races (Tough Mudder, Spartan, Iron Man, Etc.) and working out in his spare time. Deputy Morrison is a graduate of Central Washington University where he holds a degree in Law and Justice with a minor in Sociology.



Traffic Enforcement Unit

The Chelan County **Traffic Enforcement Unit** consists of 1 Sergeant, 2 Traffic Deputies, and 1 Commercial Vehicle Deputy. These deputies are responsible for performing traffic enforcement, traffic safety education (schools and public meetings, etc), and collision investigation within the county.

The Sergeant is a Drug Recognition Expert that can assist with investigating drivers that are impaired by drugs other than alcohol. The Commercial Vehicle Deputy works within the county. The primary responsibility is to be the liaison between Public Works and the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. Duties normally consist of daily contact with Chelan County Public Works Road Superintendent and Foremen, traffic enforcement, and traffic investigations in the county in a patrol vehicle. The two Traffic Deputies divide their time between traffic enforcement and training Sheriff's Office employees.

Total Contacts	2,231
Total Warnings	862
Total Criminal Cites	57
Total Infractions	777
Other Arrests	45

Commercial Vehicle Statistics

Total Inspections -	79
Single Unit Trucks -	36
Total Violations Cited -	170
Total Citations Issued -	23
Total CVSA Stickers Issued -	3
Total OOS Violations -	11
Size and Weight Enforcement -	44
Traffic/Local Enforcement -	62

High Angle Rope Rescue Team

The CCSO **High Angle Rope Rescue Team** is a specialty team within search and rescue. HARRT conducts rescue and recovery operations in high angle (60-90 degree slope) and steep angle (30-60 degree) terrain. The CCSO HARRT team consists of eight commissioned Deputies. Most of the HARRT Deputies are technician level certified in rope rescue.

Several volunteers train consistently with the HARRT team, many of which are technician level certified. HARRT also works regularly along side Chelan County Mountain Rescue, a team of highly experienced, well trained volunteers who are willing and eager to respond to emergencies. These volunteers are essential to the operation of CCSO HARRT. Paramedics and EMT's from Cascade Ambulance in Leavenworth also train and operate with this team, as many calls for service are located within their area.

All CCSO HARRT team members are equipped with personal gear that allows them to respond directly from patrol duty or their residence when needed. There is also a large cache of gear in a designated trailer stored in a central location in the county. Through consistent training and dedication, the CCSO HARRT team is able to respond quickly, when needed, to high and steep angle rescues within Chelan County.





The Chelan County Sheriff's Office partners with the Wenatchee Police Department to operate a regional **SWAT** team. The team has a commander and assistant commander, as well as a team leader, assistant team leader, operators, and two tactical paramedics. Members of the SWAT team have full time duty assignments in their respective agencies and attend SWAT training monthly.

The primary mission of the SWAT team is the successful resolution of a serious incident endangering a person or persons. Deployment of the team is preceded by an analysis of the situation and persons involved to determine risk. Examples of situations where the SWAT team may be used include: high-risk warrant service, barricaded individuals, hostage situations, and in-progress workplace/school violence.

In 2016 the SWAT team deployed 13 times.

- 3 for barricaded subjects
- 3 high-risk narcotics related search warrants
- 3 for illegal marijuana growing operations
- 2 high-risk search warrants with related felony assault charges
- 1 mutual deployment in another jurisdiction
- 1 high risk arrest/vehicle takedown

Multiple arrests were made during these deployments, along with the seizure of illegal drugs and the recovery of several stolen firearms.

Members of the SWAT team are dedicated to providing first responders and the public with an effective and successful resolution to any high-risk situation occurring in Chelan County.





K-9

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office has three working K-9 teams and a fourth team in training for SAR (Search & Rescue).

Deputy Mark Hegberg has a brand new Narcotics K-9 Ruben. Ruben is a black Labrador mix-breed who was trained for drug detection at the Washington State Penitentiary in Shelton, WA. Dep. Hegberg and Ruben regularly assist the Columbia River Drug Task Force, Wenatchee Police Department, other local law enforcement agencies, businesses, and local school districts. Ruben is active doing a lot of school searches and is regularly used inside The Chelan County Regional Jail. Ruben was put into service in November of 2016.

Drug Dog Ruben Involved Criminal Incidents by Year;
2016 = 6

Deputy Mike Lamon manages patrol dog Axel. Axel is a 7 year old large pure-bred black German Shepard. Axel is trained in apprehension, tracking, and evidence area search. Axel works with all area law enforcement agencies and the local multi-agency SWAT team. Axel is very attached to his handler and family, is a big lap dog at home, loves the family cat, and Mike's other retired German Shepard bomb dog. Axel was slowed down late in year 2015 by a bad front canine tooth brought on by lots of K-9 hard sleeve training. He came back into full service in early Spring 2016. Axel's tooth surgery was paid for by a generous private donor from the Chelan area. Axel is known within the agency as being calm and cool, and loves to sneak up on the bad guys.

Patrol Dog Axel Involved Incidents by Year;
2014 = 25
2015 = 30
2016 = 41

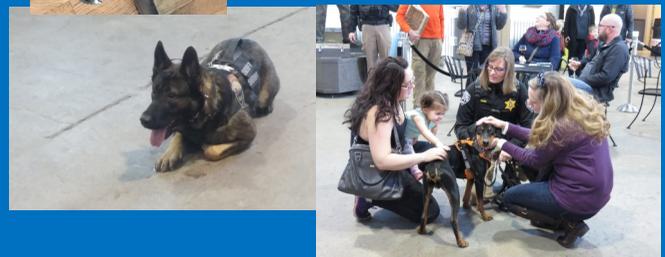
In December of 2014, the Sheriff's Office added Deputy Aaron Shepard with his patrol dog Reno. Reno is a 3 year old German Shepard. Reno is trained in apprehension, tracking, and evidence search. Reno absolutely loves his job, and enjoys barking at everything while in the back of his handler's patrol car. Reno lives with Deputy Shepard at home, in harmony with the household cats and dogs. Reno gets along well with other animals and children. Reno has been on numerous demonstrations with children, at schools, sporting events, and K-9 fundraisers. Reno is known within the agency as being a hard hitter. In 2016, Reno was hit by a car while chasing a fleeing felon. He suffered a broken elbow, and after a complicated but successful surgery performed in Kirkland, WA, Reno has made a full recovery. This was a very expensive surgery and rehab which again was all paid for by very generous donations from the Chelan &

Douglas County area. Late in 2016, Deputy Shepard and Reno were added to the regional SWAT Team after a competitive selection process.

Patrol Dog Reno Involved Incidents by Year;
2015 = 23
2016 = 65

In 2015, Sheriff's Office Corporal Monika Haynes acquired and began training Search & Rescue dog Spur. Spur is a German Pinscher and was chosen for his high drive, easy to maintain size/stature, and mobility on the trail. In 2014, the Sheriff's Office responded to 42 search and rescue calls, in 2015, had 51 SAR calls, and in 2016 there were 87 SAR calls, a 40% increase from year to year. K-9 teams from outside Chelan County were frequently called in to assist. The average response time for an outside K-9 search dog is 2 to 4 days. Having our own search dog in Chelan County will reduce that response time to just hours. Corporal Haynes' dog will also work on evidence detection, emergency response for natural disasters, and urban search and rescue within our local communities. Search and rescue dogs are trained by their handlers, which generally takes about 2 years. Spur wrapped up his first year of training in 2016 and he should be fully capable by the end of 2017. Most of Spur's funding came from a Leavenworth area high school student's senior fundraising project.

The Sheriff's Office received a large donation in 2016 from a single donor, meant for acquiring a new police K-9. The Sheriff's office intends to add a new patrol dog to the force in 2017. The K-9 team also holds its own annual fundraiser called K-9's & Wines held at Pybus Market. Over \$5,000 was raised in 2016, and those funds were all directed towards K-9 acquisition, equipment, and training. As outlined here, outside funding and donations are critical to keep the Sheriff's Office K-9 program viable. Please consider giving to support your Sheriff's office K-9 Unit.





Marine Patrol

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office **Marine Patrol** Unit is responsible for patrolling the waters of Chelan County for the purpose of preventing crime, enforcing federal, state, and county laws. In addition, the Marine Patrol Unit is responsible for performing rescue operations for persons and vessels in distress, assisting other divisions and agencies as needed, maintaining buoys and navigational markers, and investigating marine accidents and incidents.

The major waterways the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for, include; Lake Chelan (55 miles long), 70 miles of the Columbia River, Lake Wenatchee, Wapato Lake, and the Wenatchee River. There are many other additional lakes and rivers that the marine unit patrols and performs Search and Rescues on.

The Marine Patrol Unit consists of:

- 1 Full Time Deputy
- 1 part time Deputy (Summer Time)
- 1 Sergeant that oversees the Unit
- 5 active volunteers
- 3 boats
- 2 Sea Doo PWCs



In 2016, the Chelan County Marine Patrol vessels spent 310 hours on the waters of Chelan County. Deputies conducted 494 spot inspections and 209 written vessel inspections. Additionally, the Marine Patrol Unit provides presentations to the public to promote boating safety. In 2016 Chelan County Marine Patrol partnered with Lake Chelan and Manson School districts to take students on the waters of Lake Chelan to give students the opportunity to conduct water quality testing on Lake Chelan as part of their learning. This gave deputies the ability to build positive relationships with students, as well as promote boating safety, while the students were able to get hands on learning outside the classroom. The Sheriff's Office looks forward to making this an annual program.

The overall mission of the Chelan County Marine Patrol is to continue to promote boating safety and make the waters of Chelan County a safe place for people to recreate.

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office **Air Support Unit** operates two OH-58 helicopters. The unit consists of pilots, commissioned tactical flight officers (TFO's), volunteer ground support, and a civilian mechanic. There are seven tactical flight officers, all of which are CCSO Deputies. There are three contracted helicopter pilots who are highly experienced and fly as a full-time job outside of the Sheriff's Office.

The Air Support Unit provides assistance for several functions within the Sheriff's Office, although the primary use is for search and rescue. The unit accumulates approximately 60 to 80 flight hours per year. In 2016, missions were flown for search and rescue, evidence search, patrol assistance, marijuana eradication, and training. The Chelan County Air Support Unit also assisted Okanogan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties with search and rescue missions in 2016.

The Air Support Unit trains frequently alongside the Search and Rescue team and High Angle Rope Rescue Team.

Air Support Unit





Emergency Management

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management (EM) was very active throughout 2016. Our staff responded to sixty-seven (67) all-hazard and search & rescue incidents. We also coordinated a hazardous material response exercise in Leavenworth, created and updated emergency response plans, worked with other agencies and private industry to improve overall emergency response plans, and continued the process of seeking FEMA reimbursement for the county after the 2014 and 2015 wildfire seasons.

In 2016, the Emergency Management team consisted of 4 full-time and one-half time EM Specialist positions. EM is responsible for prevention, planning, mitigation, response and recovery related to all-hazard emergencies or disasters. We work closely with local fire districts and Chelan County Public Works. Further, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office EM division is responsible for coordination of all search and rescue missions within Chelan County. This includes training and exercising with local search and rescue volunteer groups. The United States Forest Service inter-local agreement and assigned patrol deputy is managed within the EM division.

Chelan County Emergency Management began contracting with the City of Wenatchee for Emergency Management operations on January 1, 2016 via an inter-local agreement. Prior to this, the city fire department had overseen EM functions for Wenatchee. The agreement with the City of Wenatchee allowed us to add a half-time EM Specialist position to focus on the City of Wenatchee Emergency Management plans and needs. Stan Smoke, retired fire chief for the City of Wenatchee was hired to fill this role. Stan's background as a fire chief, city emergency manager, planner, and educator has complimented our team well. We now contract with all five municipalities in Chelan County for EM services.

In May 2016, Chelan County EM staff once again facilitated a hazardous material response exercise in the City of Leavenworth and outlying area. We are able to conduct this type of exercise and training thanks to a federal Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness grant (HMEP) awarded to the county over the past several years. The 2016 scenario involved a simulated leak of ammonia from a Burlington Northern Sante-Fe rail car near the North Road siding track outside of Leavenworth. The virtual hazardous plume was described as drifting into the City of Leavenworth during a busy summer tourist weekend. The exercise - both a tabletop and functional - tested emergency response plans for a wide variety of agencies, to include: Washington State Patrol, Chelan County Fire

District #3, Cascade Medical Center, Cascade School District, BNSF, Chelan County Public Works, Chelan-Douglas Public Health, Central Washington Hospital, and other mutual aid agencies. In addition to the exercise, a special training session was held for fire fighters from three county fire districts using a "training tanker car" provided by BNSF, which allows hands on training for personnel who would respond to this type of incident. Applying for, and receiving the HMEP grants, has been an on-going and very successful effort for Chelan County Emergency Management. The 2016 - 2017 HMEP grant will allow for a tabletop exercise and training sessions involving agencies in, and around the City of Wenatchee.

In March of 2016, the Chelan County Emergency Management Division was notified of an unstable slope with a potential to trigger a large-scale landslide in an area known as the Whispering Ridge housing development southwest of Wenatchee. Chelan County PUD water district personnel originally notified county Emergency Management officials they were experiencing recurring movement of the slope along a portion of Whispering Ridge Road, causing breaks in the underground domestic water line. They had responded to repair the line several times over the course of the previous two years. A geo-technical firm used by the PUD advised that the moving slope could potentially cause a massive and predictable landslide. It was determined there were obvious signs the slope was moving and shifting. One home had already been vacated by its owners due to significant ground movement on that property. Due to the obvious and consistent movement of the ground along both sides of Whispering Ridge Road, emergency management personnel notified residents residing along the affected area of the slope, and a short portion of Squilchuck Road below the slope, that a massive landslide could occur without notice. During the past year, a geo-technical firm was hired by the county to continue to monitor the slope movement. As of this time, there has not been a massive landslide but the monitoring devices do show nearly constant movement in the hillside. Monitoring of the Whispering Ridge slope continues.





Wildfires

The 2016 wildfire season in Chelan County was fairly nominal compared to the previous two seasons. Emergency Management staff responded to three significant wildfires and a few other fires within the county. The Antilon Lake Fire ignited on the evening of July 29th when a driver lost control of her vehicle and traveled off the roadway into dry grasses and brush near Antilon Lake. The fire eventually burned 315 acres of DNR and USFS land. Level 1 evacuation notifications were issued for 16 homes in the area of Grade Creek Road, but no structures were ever in imminent danger or damaged by the fire. A type 3 Incident Management Team was deployed to the incident. The fire was contained by August 2nd.



The Suncrest Fire started on the afternoon of August 27th below power lines located beyond the end of Suncrest Drive just northeast of Leavenworth, WA. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Strong erratic winds created a threat to homes along Suncrest Drive, Fox Road, and the North Road. Approximately 200 homes were placed under either Level 2 or Level 3 evacuation notification. An arsenal of fire apparatus and air assets quickly responded to battle the fire. It was nearly a week before full containment was established. Several of the property owners in the affected area of the Suncrest Fire had previously conducted prevention work by cutting back or removing brush and other growth around the structures on their property. In several instances, those efforts kept the flames of the wind-driven fire from damaging homes and outbuildings. Chelan County EM and local fire districts highly recommend property owners in this county conduct similar preventive techniques around their homes and other structures prior to the wildfire season.



On the afternoon of July 30th, a brush fire ignited along Highway 97-ALT in the City of Chelan. The cause of this fire was suspected as being related to the driver of a vehicle who had pulled off the shoulder of the roadway after encountering engine difficulties. The fast moving wind-driven fire ran up the south slope of the highway burning, several PUD power poles and affecting Frontier telephone lines. The fire initially threatened dozens of residences and Level 3 evacuation notifications were issued for those homes. The highway was closed for nearly two hours. The expedited response of the local fire districts and other cooperating agencies, kept the fire to less than 10 acres in size. It was contained by that evening and the highway was reopened.

The use of social media to inform and update the public during any all-hazard emergency has become an essential task of Emergency Management. EM Specialist Eileen Ervin used the Chelan County EM Facebook page to post up-to-date and factual information relating to the several wildfires this past year. Further, during the 2016 wildfire season Chelan County EM and RIVERCOM used the AlertSense mass notification system to alert residents of hazardous situation. Over 33,000 people currently follow the Chelan County EM Facebook page and several hundred are signed up to receive public AlertSense notifications.



Chelan County continues to recover a significant portion of the costs related to the vast wildfire response, which occurred during the 2015 fire season. The devastating Sleepy Hollow and Chelan Complex Fire incidents received FEMA declarations, which allow the affected county, cities, and PUD to receive reimbursement. We are able to recoup a high percentage of costs related to overtime, power pole destruction, vehicle usage, animal sheltering, and other services provided during the fire periods.



Search & Rescue

In 2016, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office – along with volunteer organizations – responded to sixty-one (61) **search and rescue** missions. This is one of the highest mission volume years on record with our agency. The vast majority of these missions were successful rescues of injured climbers, hikers, or off-road vehicle operators within our county. However, five (5) missions were out of county assists for other agencies. All five of those requests were specific to a need for a helicopter to assist in attempting to locate missing hikers, rafters, or climbers. In one instance, the Sheriff's Office helicopter crew located a raft of four teenagers who had become disoriented due to darkness and heavy brush along the Yakima River near Easton, WA. The subjects were rescued and flown out by our helicopter.

As in most years, along with the many successful rescues and searches, there were fatalities. In 2016, there were four drownings, all occurring in the Wenatchee River. In May, a 54-year-old male fell out of a commercial raft and drowned near the Dryden Dam. He could not be revived after being located

downstream. On a late evening in August, a 68-year-old male and 39-year-old female jumped out of a small private raft while attempting to float the very precarious and unpredictable rapids in the Tumwater Canyon area of the river. The female was rescued by our agency's Swift Water Rescue Team. After an extensive search of the

river, the male was located deceased, downstream the next morning. In November, a 30-year-old male suspect jumped into the Wenatchee River near the Goodwin Street Bridge, after fleeing the vehicle he had just stolen. He was seen by deputies and witnesses struggling to swim in the middle of the river and disappeared before swift water rescuers arrived. After an extensive search, the subject was located the next day, deceased on the bottom of the river. In December, a male subject was reported missing after a reported domestic incident at his residence. He was last seen near an orchard adjacent to the Wenatchee River in Monitor, WA. Deputies, family and friends conducted an extensive search of the area for the subject during the next few months. His body was eventually located in the Columbia River in February of 2017.

Chelan County Search and Rescue responded to several incidents of injured climbers located on mountainous terrain in 2016. Some of the high altitude rescues had to be performed by hoist-equipped helicopters requested via State Emergency Management and responded from

either Snohomish County, King County, or Naval Base Whidbey Island. There were five instances of subjects either injured or stranded on Mount Stuart last year. The Sheriff's Office has noticed an increase of inexperienced climbers attempting the ascent and descent of that mountain.

In early June, a 25-year-old male Chinese National citizen died while glissading with co-workers near Asgaard Pass above Colchuck Lake in the Enchantment Wilderness. The subject slid into a hole in the deep hard snow which had been created by a waterfall. He disappeared from sight and was swept well under the deep snowpack by the submerged stream. Rescuers responded to the scene but were not able to observe or access the potential body location. Chelan County Mountain Rescue personnel assisted in the retrieval of the body in early July when the area was more accessible due to snow melt. Search and Rescue coordinators must consistently weigh the risk of placing rescuers into extremely dangerous situations when it is known that the mission involves a body recovery.



Northwest Buttress of Colchuck

In September of 2016, the body of Adam Ochshorn (33 years of age from Portland, Oregon) was recovered from the west side of the North Buttress adjacent to Colchuck Peak. Ochshorn was originally reported missing in late November of 2015 after telling friends, he was going to solo ice climb a couloir above Colchuck Lake up to the Colchuck Peak summit. Ochshorn's camping gear was found at the lake.

Other than footprints leading up to the couloir, there were no other signs of him. Several weather patterns then blanketed the area with heavy snow during the winter of 2015-2016. Several aerial searches and a ground search of the area were conducted during the spring and summer of 2016 with no success. Finally, in September of 2016 a helicopter crew spotted Ochshorn's backpack lying in scree rock on a steep slope on the west side of the buttress. A ground team retrieved the backpack from the very dangerous terrain, but did not locate Ochshorn. An investigative search conducted by a Chelan County Mountain Rescue team a few days later located Ochshorn's remains well above the backpack location. It was obvious that he had suffered a significant fall after reaching the top of the couloir in 2015. His remains were recovered in a separate mission and his family, in New York State, was notified.



The Sheriff's Office relies heavily upon various volunteer organizations and individuals to assist during search and rescue and other all-hazard situations. In 2016, the sheriff's office search and rescue volunteers became an independent organization as "Chelan County Volunteer Search & Rescue" (CCVSAR). This change occurred primarily to allow the group to transition to a tax-exempt organizational status so they could conduct structured fund raising. The Sheriff's Office search and rescue coordinators continue to work closely with the group on trainings, and oversee all actual missions. During 2016, the CCVSAR organization logged over 663 volunteer hours on search and rescue missions. They had a total of 1,982 hours devoted to training, and nearly 664 hours of logged administrative time. The search and rescue objectives of the Sheriff's Office could not be accomplished without these dedicated and trained volunteers.

The Chelan County Mountain Rescue Association (CCMR) was requested several times during the past year to assist in mountainous rescues and recovery missions. The CCMR consists of several local mountaineering volunteers, which train specifically to accomplish high-elevation and slope rescues in the wilderness. These individuals also work closely with our agency's High Angle Rope Rescue Team. Many of the CCMR personnel are trained to be deployed via helicopter to access remote areas of the wilderness more readily.

All of the volunteer services units which work with the Sheriff's Office are vital to our many successes within the EM division. We continue to rely on volunteers to assist, not only during search and rescue missions, but also during wildfire evacuations, emergency operations center staffing, and logistical support needs.

CCSO Chaplain Program is currently serving as the NCW Chaplain Foundation, a 501c3 Non-Profit Chaplain organization, and has 7 Chaplains serving throughout Chelan and Douglas counties. Our Chaplains have served all the First Responder agencies within our counties on a regular basis. Our Chaplain team includes the following servants:

- K372 Darren Crutchfield- Lead Chaplain
- K451 Jay Caron
- K365 Matthew Paine (relocated Feb 2017- no longer in area)
- K452 Stephen Whitney
- K345 Gary Beck
- K336 Ben Torkelson
- K337 Mary Gandee



Our Chaplains were involved in various incidents and events over the course of 2016:

- *23 death notification calls in serving the civilians of Chelan County. These death notifications often included follow-up, assistance with survivors for resources, connections, visits, walking with them for the days following the death of loved ones.
- *Numerous office visits and rounds for routine check-in, and follow-up for post-incident issues.
- *Hospital visits for civilians, CCSO staff & extended CCSO family.
- *Active Participants in Special awards and events such as Apple Blossom, Chief for the Day, Night of 1000 Stars, BLEA graduations, Citizens Academy, officer promotions, etc.
- *Continuance of care from other counties and agencies for death notifications of civilians and 1 officer.
- *Assisting various agencies with debriefing, CISM, counseling and providing resources as needed post-incident at special request of supervisors and co-workers.
- *Further Training in CISM, Chaplain Care and Chaplain Academy training.
- *Public Relations work as liaisons for CCSO through various events.
- *Ride along opportunities with officers.

The chaplains have done a great job of responding to incidents and personnel in professional and courteous means. We continue to check-in on one another for accountability on a regular basis, as well as for post incident check, to verify that our chaplains are being cared for as well. We maintain high standards and expectations of all our chaplains and are privileged to serve and work with the great First Responder agencies here in NCW.

As Chaplains for CCSO, it is our privilege and honor to serve you, your families and the community in which we live. We pray daily for your safety and wisdom as you encounter various situations, events and people. We thank you for your continued service to the community. Your families and loved ones are a crucial part of your mental, emotional, spiritual wholeness and well-being, and we are mindful of the role they play as well.



Records & Civil Division

The Records and Civil Divisions are comprised of 1 supervisor, 1 Civil Deputy, and 7 Administrative Specialists. These two divisions have numerous responsibilities and functions providing complex data entry, customer service, and are an integral part of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

The Records and Civil professional staff members are dedicated to serving the citizens and visitors of Chelan County with the highest degree of customer service. They strive to be responsive to customers needs while following Washington's Public Records Laws and RCW's. The staff is continually reviewing how to meet the growing demand for law enforcement related information and tasks in a timely manner.

The Records Division is responsible for public disclosure requests, transcription of interviews, processing and issuing concealed pistol licenses, pistol transfers, dissemination of reports/photos/videos to the prosecutor, warrant and protection order entry, registered sex offender check-in, agency payroll, and National Incident Based Reporting System submissions.

The Civil Division is responsible for receiving, processing, and service of all non-criminal legal documents that are issued from the Clerk of Court. The Civil Division processes all subpoenas, writs, notice of claim, dissolution documents, child custody orders, etc. These require particular work to be done, including seizure of property, legal publications and notices, Sheriff's sales on real property, various deeds and returns to court.

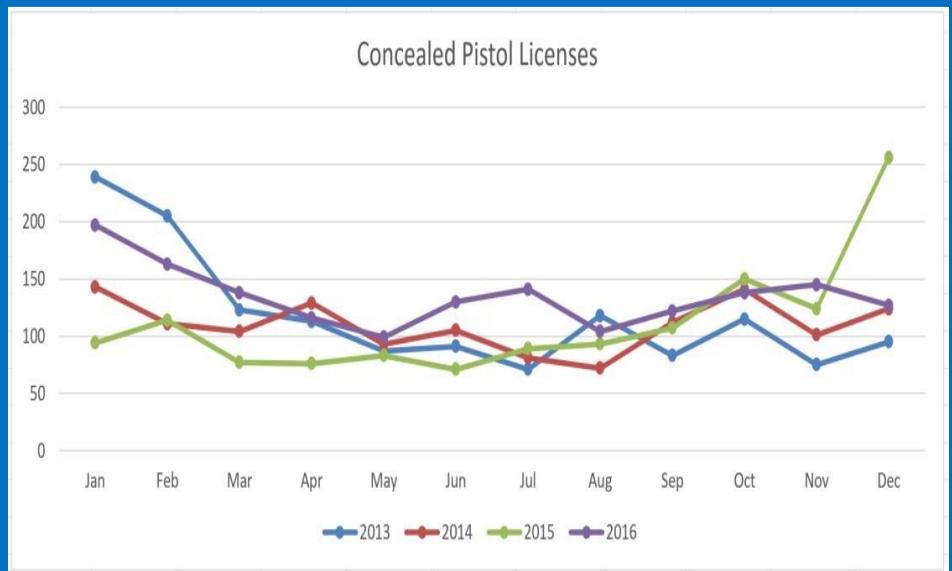
The divisions are looking forward to 2017, when they will receive a well deserved remodel to their work

Concealed Pistol Licenses	2016	2015	2014
Licenses Processed	1620	1334	1316

Civil Process	2016	2015	2014
Civil Process Served	2093	2638	2221

Public Disclosure Requests	2016	2015	2014
Requests Processed	2441	1814	1473

Warrants	2016	2015	2014
Warrants Processed	1857	2328	2190



areas, to include a separate Civil Division customer window and waiting area. This will allow for the two divisions to have much larger and more comfortable waiting areas for citizens and to be able to provide a thoroughly efficient working environment for all staff.



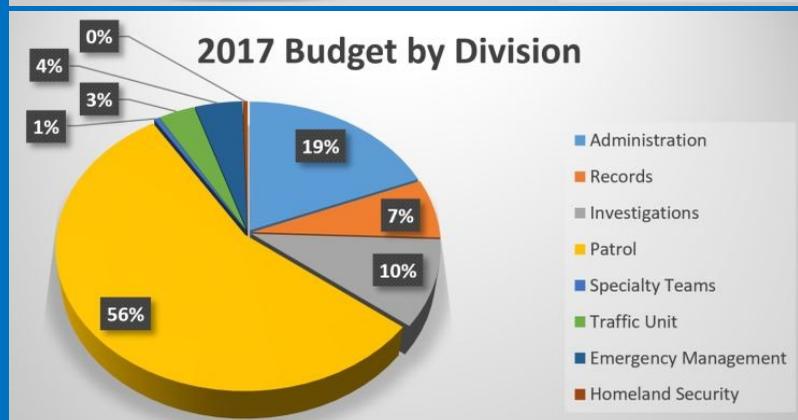
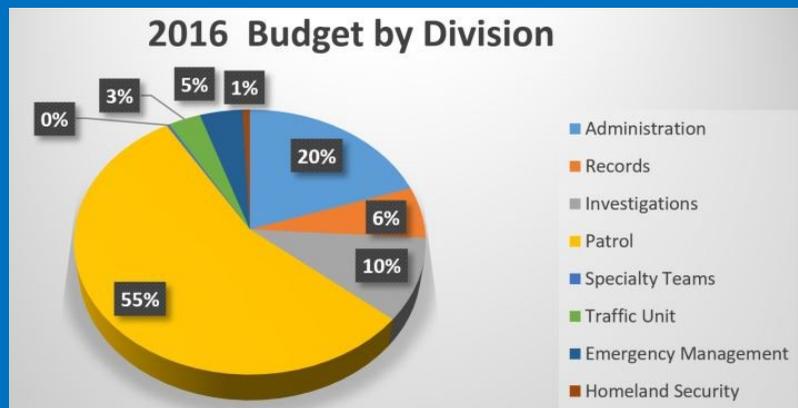
Budget	2015		2016	
	Original	Actual	Original**	Actual
Administration *	\$ 1,904,180	\$ 1,755,424	\$ 1,995,651	\$ 1,978,101
Records	\$ 696,148	\$ 706,130	\$ 682,533	\$ 630,842
Investigations	\$ 1,013,466	\$ 1,054,469	\$ 1,109,010	\$ 1,013,514
Patrol	\$ 5,316,138	\$ 5,521,326	\$ 5,296,107	\$ 5,541,254
Specialty Teams	\$ 29,125	\$ 39,158	\$ 34,965	\$ 29,380
Traffic Unit	\$ 347,027	\$ 357,637	\$ 362,601	\$ 326,887
Emergency Management	\$ 403,898	\$ 426,752	\$ 468,438	\$ 432,555
Homeland Security	\$ 76,611	\$ 76,545	\$ 78,191	\$ 73,038
Total	\$ 9,786,593	\$ 9,937,441	\$ 10,027,496	\$ 10,025,571

****The Sheriff's office had supplemental budget appropriations in 2016 after the original budget was approved, in the amount of \$8,280. All of the additional expenses were offset with additional corresponding revenue to match. The funds were in the following areas:**

- HSGP Grant \$6,005** Purchase plotter for maps for use during emergencies
- Traffic Safety Grant \$2,275** Washington Traffic Safety Commission, School Zone Enforcement

***Top 8 Expenditures**
These line items fall under the Administration, but cover the entire agency.

- *Licensing/Software**
- *Pre-Employment Screening**
- *Communications**
- *Telephone**
- *Operating Rentals & Leases**
- *Contractual Services**
- *Motor Pool**
- *Tort Claims & Insurance**





City of Cashmere	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
City Patrol Hours	6504	6702	6977	7033.5	6440
Calls for Service	1226	1033	948	938	855
Adult Arrests	67	54	110	87	117
Juvenile Arrests	17	27	14	27	10
Violent Offenses	6	0	0	3	0
Injury Traffic Collision	6	7	1	6	1
Non-injury Collisions	69	65	64	63	48



City of Chelan	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
City Patrol Hours	18460	17796	19774	19338	16548
Calls for Service	2485	2302	2177	2286	2317
Adult Arrests	243	261	337	346	418
Juvenile Arrests	32	39	33	23	12
Violent Offenses	5	10	6	3	6
Injury Traffic Collision	21	11	5	3	3
Non-injury Collisions	145	94	129	100	119
Marine Related Offenses	49	43	90	134	204



City of Entiat	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
City Patrol Hours	1963	1915	2324	2206	1706
Calls for Service	310	277	222	272	236
Adult Arrests	21	28	20	34	14
Juvenile Arrests	3	0	2	4	0
Violent Offenses	3	2	1	1	0
Injury Traffic Collision	2	1	1	0	0
Non-injury Collisions	15	7	10	5	5



City of Leavenworth	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
City Patrol Hours	10453	10217	9449	8614	6659
Calls for Service	1498	1398	1267	1297	1336
Adult Arrests	89	70	137	121	132
Juvenile Arrests	9	20	32	23	13
Violent Offenses	3	0	1	3	1
Injury Traffic Collision	7	4	1	3	3
Non-injury Collisions	95	106	82	81	74





Activity Summary	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth	Outside Cities	Totals
Adult Arrests	67	243	21	89	630	1050
Calls for Service	1226	2485	310	1498	9827	15346
DV Incident	27	49	9	41	266	392
Fatality Collision	0	0	0	0	2	2
Injury Traffic Collisions	6	21	2	7	142	178
Juvenile Arrests	17	32	3	9	25	86
Marine Related	1	49	1	2	68	121
Non-Injury Traffic Collision	69	145	15	95	561	885
Violent Offenses	6	5	3	3	14	31
Warrant Arrest	96	199	22	61	974	1352

Arrests (Not DV or Traffic)	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth	Outside Cities	Totals
Alcohol	2	8	2	1	15	28
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	3	11	0	3	27	44
Burglary	0	11	1	0	0	12
Drug Violations	9	5	0	1	21	36
Forgery	0	0	0	0	1	1
Harassment	0	2	1	0	6	9
Malicious Mischief	4	4	0	1	10	19
Minor in Possession	1	11	0	1	7	20
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	3	3
Theft	3	50	1	13	10	77
Trespass	0	7	0	0	0	7
Other offenses	22	71	11	10	192	306
Total	44	180	16	30	292	

Civil Process	
Cashmere Area	169
Chelan Area	263
Entiat Areas	42
Lake Wenatchee Area	0
Leavenworth Area	128
Wenatchee Area	1491
Total	2093

Suicides	
Chelan County	5



Reported Offenses	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth	Outside Cities	Totals
Alarm	53	117	11	46	479	706
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	1
Assault	41	65	11	37	306	460
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	8	28	6	18	145	205
Child Abuse/Neglect	12	18	4	7	124	165
Disorderly	26	107	4	79	157	373
Drugs	8	25	0	7	103	143
DUI	5	14	3	31	78	131
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	6	9	0	4	43	62
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kidnapping/Child Custody	1	0	0	0	1	2
Liquor Violations	5	14	0	4	21	44
Littering	4	7	3	3	77	94
Malicious Mischief	13	9	2	9	32	65
Marijuana	5	5	0	0	9	19
Noise	25	61	7	27	250	370
Robbery	0	0	1	0	1	2
Sex Offenses	5	8	2	5	53	73
Theft	73	138	10	71	328	620
Trespass	45	116	6	60	258	485
Vehicle Theft	2	3	0	2	18	25
Weapons	2	1	0	1	80	84
Total	340	745	70	411	2564	

School	Cascade	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Manson	Totals
Alarm	13	0	25	0	29	67
Assault	3	0	1	0	0	4
Drugs	0	2	0	0	0	2
Harassment	2	1	3	2	3	11
Malicious Mischief	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sexual Offense	1	1	1	0	0	3
Threatening	0	0	1	0	0	1
Theft	1	4	1	0	1	7
Other	30	58	33	7	12	140
Total	50	67	65	9	45	236

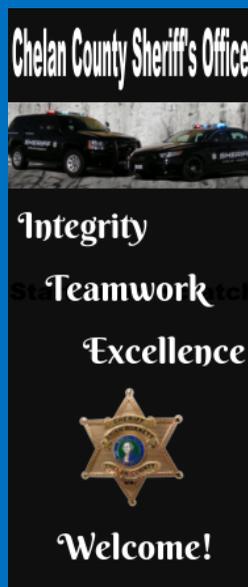


Domestic Violence Arrests	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth	Outside Cities	Totals
Assault	13	19	5	12	119	168
Child Rape/Molestation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment	3	1	0	1	6	11
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interfere with DV Report	4	1	0	0	10	15
Kidnap/Unlawful Imprisonment	4	1	0	0	2	7
Malicious Mischief	6	0	0	3	16	25
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violation of Court Order	0	1	0	0	4	5
Totals	30	23	5	16	157	

Contract City Patrol Hours	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth
January	607	1469	130	766
February	515	1368	157	717
March	566	1534	186	743
April	557	1508	171	752
May	530	2217	147	864
June	577	1517	145	788
July	519	1467	168	738
August	553	1609	175	773
September	555	1585	172	849
October	488	1314	172	1635
November	509	1501	176	747
December	528	1371	165	1081
Total Patrol Hours	6504	18460	1963	10453



Violations	Cashmere	Chelan	Entiat	Leavenworth	Outside Cities	Total
Attempt to Elude Police Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cell Phone Related	3	10	2	1	31	47
Defective Equipment	1	20	0	1	82	104
DUI / Physical Control	12	57	5	5	261	340
Driving While License Suspended	4	14	2	31	99	150
Hit and Run Attended	0	0	1	0	4	5
Hit and Run Unattended	2	2	1	2	16	23
Marine Violations	0	8	0	0	288	296
Negligent Driving	3	5	1	1	30	40
No Proof of Liability Insurance	22	114	8	13	708	865
Operator License Violations	20	85	5	5	268	383
Other Moving Violations	10	43	4	24	321	402
Other Offenses	0	3	1	8	27	39
Parking Violations	3	9	0	77	146	235
Pedestrian Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reckless Driving	1	1	0	2	25	29
Seatbelt Violations	0	12	0	2	74	88
Speeding	18	72	41	3	948	1082
Speeding in Construction Zone	0	0	0	0	4	4
Speeding in School Zone	3	36	0	2	153	194
Vehicle License Violations	11	38	6	11	385	451
Total	113	529	77	188	3870	





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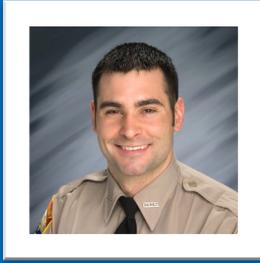
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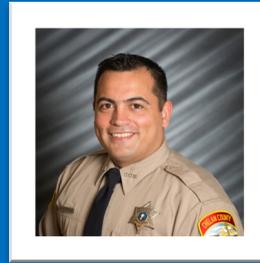
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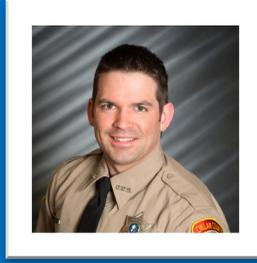
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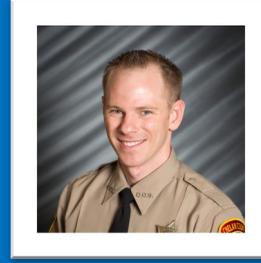
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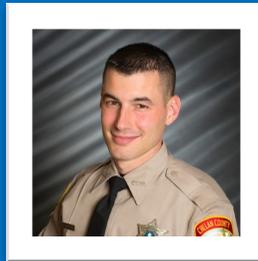
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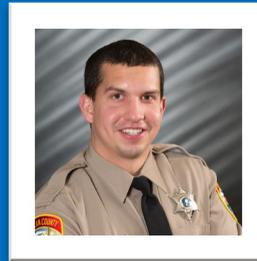
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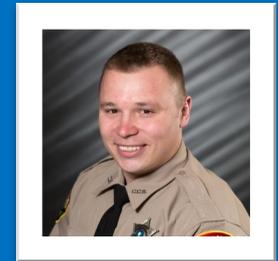
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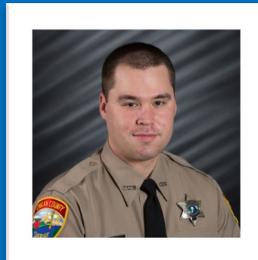
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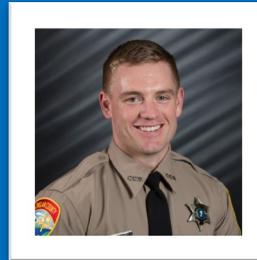
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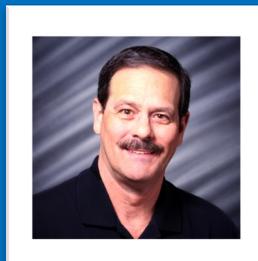
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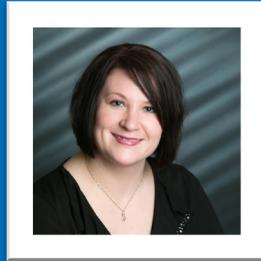
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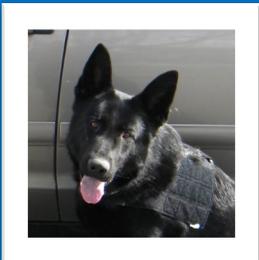
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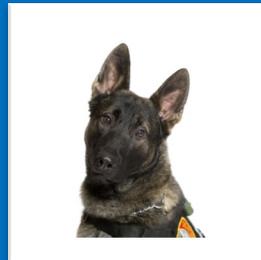
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Deputy
Levi Ferguson



Records Specialist
Bob Cochran





2016 Annual Award Recipients



Deputy of the Year
*Deputy Lee Risdon
Deputy Brett Peterson*

Support Staff of the Year
Rachel Jones

Volunteer of the Year
Robert "Bob" Inn

Sheriff's "Beyond the Badge" Award
Deputy Adam Musgrove

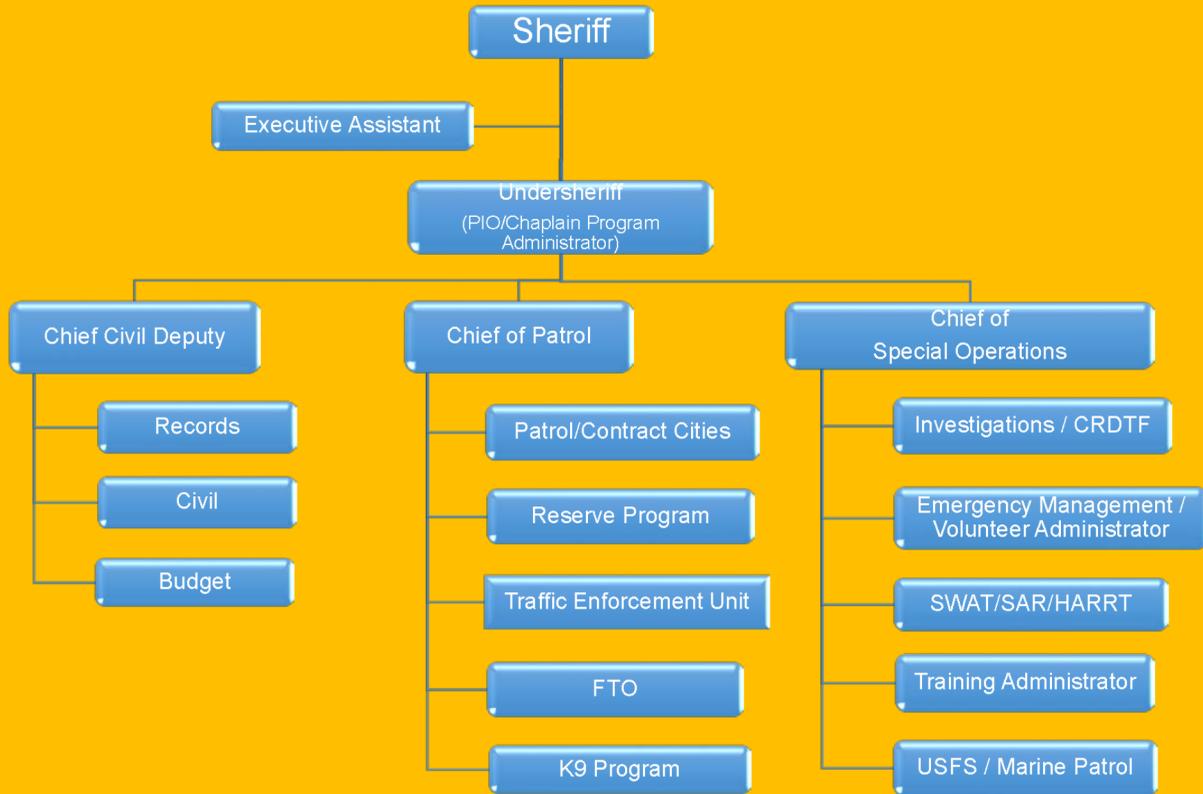
Service Award
Jenn Foreman and Ryan Swan

Commendations
*Deputy Carl Mohns
Deputy Dan McCue
Deputy Sean Duke*





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