



Annual Volunteer Report

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Marion County, Oregon



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INTRODUCTION

Marion County, Oregon, includes fifteen departments and offices of elected officials. The county's workforce consists of more than 1,400 employees and over 1,600 active volunteers at one time.

During National Volunteer Week, the Board of Commissioners presents volunteer awards at its weekly board session, broadcast by a local access channel. Annual volunteer awards include the following categories: Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year, Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group, Advisory Board Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, and Program and Division Volunteer awards.

In addition to the annual awards ceremony, all active volunteers are mailed a greeting and recognition item from the Board of Commissioners during National Volunteer Week. Departments and offices of elected officials are encouraged to individually recognize volunteers throughout the year.



*George Grabenhorst, Public Works Planning Commission, 2015
Advisory Board Member of the Year*

The tables in this report indicate the numbers of volunteers and the hours they contributed to each county department. The tables are followed by a narrative of volunteer activities and accomplishments reported by staff in county departments.

In order to communicate the “value” of our volunteers, an estimated national value of a volunteer's time is \$22.75 per hour per The Independent Sector. For 2016, that value of workforce to Marion County would be over \$3 million! Beyond that, the scope and depth of Marion County's services are enhanced by our volunteers.



For more information about Marion County volunteers and volunteer programs, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Lisa Miller at (503) 588-7990, visit the website at www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/Pages/default.aspx or e-mail volunteer@co.marion.or.us.

HOURS BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	VOLUNTEERS	HOURS	\$ VALUE *
BOARD OF COMMISIONERS				
	Budget Committee	3	44	
	Council of Economic Advisors	9	12	
	Marion County Homeless Initiative	20	748	
	Public Safety Coordinating Council	29	254	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	61	1,058	\$24,058
BUSINESS SERVICES				
	Compensation Board	3	5	
	Office volunteers	2	344	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	5	349	\$7,945
CLERK-ELECTIONS				
	Board of Property Tax Appeals	4	210	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4	210	\$4,778
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
	Children and Family Commission	25	169	
	Dog Shelter	442	5,381	
	Economic Development Advisory Board	18		
	Family Preservation Action Team	12	84	
	Marion County Fair Board & Volunteers	656	7,442	
	Marion County Reentry Initiative & Events	90	3,292	
	Youth Resources Action Team	9	84	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1252	16,451	\$374,255
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
	Victim Advocate Interns & Volunteer	55	19,400	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	55	19,400	\$441,350
EXTENSION (OSU)				
	4-H Youth Development - Volunteer Leaders	241	27,824	
	Public Health Interns	9	1,680	
	Master Food Preserver Program	20	571	
	Master Gardener Program	130	17,489	
	Master Woodland Managers	15	105	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	415	47,669	\$1,084,470
HEALTH				
	Ambulance Service Area Committee	7	84	
	Consumer Care Partnerships (CCP)	13	1,756	
	Health Advisory Board	11	211	
	Intellectual Developmental Disability Comm.	12	216	
	Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee	9	135	

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	Public Health Volunteers & Interns	7	1,405	
	Reproductive Health Nurses	2	240	
	WIC Student Interns & Volunteers	8	1,912	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	69	5,959	\$135,556
JUVENILE				
	Alternative Programs	1	307	
	Detention - Group Counseling	11	72	
	Guaranteed Attendance Program	7	700	
	Probation/Practicum	1	112	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	20	1,191	\$27,084
LEGAL COUNSEL				
	Law Library Volunteers	2	116	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2	116	\$2,628
PUBLIC WORKS				
	Adopt-a-Road	667	1,984	
	Amateur Radio Emergency Service	47	3,438	
	Community Emergency Response Team	156	11,788	
	Master Recycler	43	636	
	Medical Reserve Corps	73	1,750	
	Parks	58	1,775	
	Planning Commission	7	84	
	Parks Commission	6	110	
	Environmental Services	15	30	
	Solid Waste Mgmt. Advisory Committee	12	219	
	Water Quality Advisory Board	9	54	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1093	21,868	\$497,491
SHERIFF				
	Administration/Events/Other		790	
	Cadets		6,546	
	Cold Case Squad	3	1,080	
	Interns		2,260	
	Institutions (support group leaders)	128	2,484	
	Marine Patrol		110	
	Parole & Probation Interns/Volunteers	6	1,048	
	Search and Rescue	84	9,116	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	221	23,432	\$533,067
Total		3197	137,701	\$3,132,704

**\$22.75 an hour is the value of volunteer time in Oregon according to Independent Sector.
Total number of volunteers reported includes duplicates; some volunteers serve in more than one dept.*

PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERS

Board of Commissioners

Mission: Provide leadership on critical public policy issues, ensure fiscal accountability, and promote citizen empowerment to enhance the health, safety and livability of our communities.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee consists of three volunteer citizen members, and the three Marion County Commissioners who together set the recommended budgets for all county departments, operations and capital improvements.

Council of Economic Advisors

The Council of Economic Advisors is made up of a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen members. There are nine volunteer members who represent the business, finance and government sectors. The council annually reviews significant revenue sources and predicts trends and develops recommendations for improving the county's revenue forecasting methodology and processes.

Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force

The Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative was created in January 2016 by the cities of Keizer and Salem and Marion and Polk counties, with the purpose of identifying and launching proven strategies to reduce homelessness in the Marion-Polk county region. The initiative convened a 20-person regional task force appointed by the four jurisdictions with leaders representing local governments, social services, housing, public safety and business. Through monthly task force presentations and in-depth discussions in eight subcommittees, the task force developed a strategic plan designed to combat some of the problems faced by people experiencing homelessness in our community.



Members of the Homeless Task Force (including Sheriff Myers and Salem Police Chief Jerry Moore) during a regular meeting.

According to the 2015 Point-In-Time Count conducted by the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, an estimated 1,660 people experiencing homelessness live in Marion and Polk counties, with a large, visible concentration in the Salem area. Effective strategies vary depending on the unique needs of the many populations facing homelessness. What works for addressing the issues of homeless veterans may not work for a runaway or homeless youth, a person experiencing severe mental illness, or

a victim of domestic violence fleeing an unsafe situation. Presentations focused on regional issues, such as lack of affordable housing, best practices to address chronic homelessness, service gaps, impacts on public safety and business, data collection and coordinating assessments and assistance.

Implementation of the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative's strategic plan will begin in 2017.

Public Safety Coordinating Council

The 29-member Public Safety Coordinating Council, created by Oregon statute, advises the Board of Commissioners on community corrections and other public safety issues. The council works to forge long-term partnerships in the public safety system through an environment of collaboration, leadership, data-driven policy, transparency and accountability. Membership includes civic and business leaders, and practitioners representing education, social services, law enforcement, prosecution, community corrections, public defense, judiciary, victim services, health and juvenile justice. The council meets monthly at Courthouse Square in Salem. All meetings are open to the public.



Commissioner Carlson and longtime volunteer, Bob Royer, participate in the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

During 2016, the council visited neighborhood associations and hosted community forums, including a telephone town hall. Forums offered an opportunity for community members to discuss issues of importance to specific neighborhoods as well as general concerns. Reaching out to the community allowed council members to meet people in settings conducive to open dialogue and direct feedback. With the 24 community forums and telephone town hall, council members connected directly with 1,700 Marion County residents.

Business Services

Mission: To provide essential services supporting all of Marion County in its pursuit of excellence and serving the people. We continually strive to deliver the ultimate customer service experience, program expertise, and innovative strategies that exceed customer expectations for all those we support and serve.

Compensation Board

The Compensation Board Committee in 2016 was made up of 3 citizens who are very knowledgeable in personnel and compensation management. They came together to determine and provide the Marion

County Budget Committee a recommendation of the compensation schedule for each Marion County elected official.

Office Volunteers

Customers calling or visiting Business Services may be greeted at the front desk by one of our regular volunteers who have been helping with administrative duties this past year. These volunteer duties include updating records, filing, scanning, and helping direct customer's questions to the appropriate department. This much needed help gave the office staff more time to focus and complete projects that have been set aside in the past.



Volunteer Becky Watson working to update electronic files at the front counter of Business Services.

Clerk – Elections

Mission: Provides access to and preserves for posterity, those property records entrusted to our care; promotes public trust and confidence by conducting fair and open elections.

Board of Property Tax Appeals

Marion County residents have the right to appeal through petition the amount of value placed on their property by the Assessor's office. Their petitions are heard by the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA). This citizen board provides a level of accountability to government and an independent review, plus an explanation to the taxpayer of property value methods used by the Assessor.

Community Services

Mission: To promote safe and thriving communities for people to live, learn, work and play. Thriving communities are important for social and economic health and are a priority for the county.

Children and Family Commission

The Children and Families Commission (CFC) and the steering committee work to mobilize the community to address policy and systemic issues that hinder prosperous conditions for children, youth, families and communities. The CFC monitors the pulse of Marion County's children, youth and families, addressing expensive problems that are beyond the scope of any single organization. The CFC brings together the right people to develop creative solutions to complex issues. Grounded in research and fueled by passion, CFC members employ their influence to improve the lives and futures of our children and youth. The CFC is committed to breaking barriers, building capacity, and responding to community needs to maximize the life success of every child in Marion County.

Dog Shelter

Volunteers at the Marion County Dog Shelter impact the program on a daily basis. Dog walkers keep our dogs healthy, happy and mentally stimulated; outreach volunteers spend weekends in the community promoting pet safety, educating citizens on the services provided by the shelter and introducing adoptable dogs to potential new owners; kennel volunteers work hard to make sure the shelter is disease free, and office volunteers assist staff and the public wherever needed.

In the past year, Dog Shelter volunteers have helped to return 812 lost dogs to their families, 333 dogs found their new families and 239 dogs were placed with rescues.



Outreach volunteer, Debbie West, introduces a puppy to potential new families

Economic Development Advisory Board

This board serves the interests of the citizens of Marion County by providing advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding economic development and those issues that impact economic growth within Marion County and the region.

Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT)

FPAT works collaboratively to address the needs of, and provide support to, at risk families. The team is safely reducing the number of children entering foster care, and supporting youth transitioning out of care. In the context of carefully forged, trusting relationships, FPAT scrutinizes the child welfare system and the community as a whole to find ways to abate our child welfare crisis. FPAT prompts policy changes, mobilizes the community, aligns systems, plus develops and secures new resources.

Marion County Fair Board & Volunteers

Marion County Fair volunteers include the seven-member fair board, volunteers who come in to organize an event or activity, and those that carry out the directions from others. We couldn't conduct the fair without all of our volunteers.

Marion County Reentry Initiative & Events (MCRI)

A collaborative effort involving community corrections, education, law enforcement, health and non-profit agencies working together to



Mother and daughter team, Charlene Garcia and Charlene McCormick, volunteer at the Marion County Fair.

rebuild lives, promote community safety and save taxpayer money by breaking the cycle of criminal activity. MCRI works to reduce crime and recidivism by offering coordinated services which are critical for successful community reentry after release from prison. MCRI's key partners provide housing, transportation, treatment, mentoring, family strengthening, and employment services for MCRI clients.

Youth Resources Action Team

This nine-member team works to mobilize the community to address policy and systemic issues that hinder prosperous conditions for children, youth, families and communities.

District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office is responsible for seeking justice through:

Promoting accountability for criminal offenders; interpreting, enforcing and executing law; responding to the concerns of victims and the public; and working cooperatively with members of the justice system.

Victim Advocate Interns & Volunteers

In 2016, the Victim Assistance Division trained 35 new volunteers; 8 of who were interns. The volunteer program assisted over 1700 victims of crime and contributed over 19,400 hours to the program. Volunteers responded to the hospital to provide support to crime victims over 120 times.



Sexual assault response volunteers fight for victims

For every one of her shifts as a sexual assault response volunteer, Laura Bennett stays glued to her pager.

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In addition to response to the hospital, volunteers also helped the department by assisting with communications staff to be able to reach out to hundreds more victims than our staff could have ever done, but attending court with them, providing crisis intervention, acting as a liaison between our busy Deputy District Attorney's and providing referrals for community resources.

Laura Bennett, a 10-year volunteer with Marion County Victim Assistance, featured in a November 22, 2016 article in the Statesman Journal.

Extension (OSU)

Mission: The Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals.

O.S.U. Extension Service currently operates under the Community Services Department. It provides education to communities on agriculture, 4-H, horticulture, forestry and natural resources, nutrition education, and sustainable communities.

4-H Youth Development

4-H Volunteer Club Leaders work directly with youth engaging them in out-of-school time activities that promote positive youth development and learning. Within the 4-H Club program, we have 180 volunteers and more than 600 youth that participate yearly. The program relies on volunteers to help the 1.5 FTE (full time equivalent) 4-H Club program staff members reach youth in Marion County using researched-based information and positive youth development practices.



Public Health Interns

Student interns increase OSU Extension Service capacity to support healthy eating and physical activity projects in the community. Some interns have a specific project, while others work on a variety of programs. Some specific projects interns have assisted with this year include development of a program plan for pre-school obesity prevention curriculum, development of pre-school obesity prevention curriculum, mapping of Points of Health assets in two neighborhoods and supporting the nutrition education program.



Master Food Preserver Program

The Master Food Preserver program is a volunteer training/certification program sponsored by OSU Extension Service. Participants complete 48-hours of training and then give back at least 40 hours volunteering in the community. Master Food Preservers help home food preservers avoid serious illness and avert food waste.

Volunteer activities include but are not limited to preparing for and/or conducting demonstrations and workshops, testing pressure canner gauges, staffing exhibits at county fairs or Farmer's Markets, and providing nutrition information.

Master Gardener Program

The OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program in Marion County trained and graduated 30 class members in 2016. These class members and an additional 100 veteran Master Gardeners (MG's) volunteered a total of 17,489 hours of community service in the county in 2016. Volunteers staff clinics at various County venues throughout the year including Salem Saturday Market, the Yard, Garden and Patio Show, Earth Day, Agfest and the State Fair.

MG's also helped to provide the Seed-to-Supper educational series (in partnership with Marion-Polk Food Share) to 67 low-income adults; facilitate the Sustainable Gardening program at Mill Creek Correctional Facility and at MacLaren Youth Correctional facility; and host public workshops on tree pruning, ornamental pruning and beneficial insects in the Marion Garden.

Master Woodland Managers

Extension programs rely on volunteers to extend and enhance outreach of the OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources program in Marion County.

Health

Mission: The Marion County Health Department, in collaboration with community partners, provides and purchases high quality services which promote individual and community health to all people in Marion County.

Ambulance Service Area Committee

This 11-member committee reviews complaints about ambulance service delivery in Marion County, monitors quality of service, develops performance standards, evaluates proposed amendments to ambulance service areas and the ambulance service area plan, and makes recommendations for interagency cooperation regarding the county disaster plan.

Consumer Care Partnerships (CCP)

CCP Volunteer Peer Facilitators provide additional peer support for individuals referred to us by self-referral and Mental Health agencies. These volunteers provide opportunities for people to venture out of their residences and meeting them at local coffee shops or locations of their choosing. They help individuals identify their strengths, needs, goals and people in their lives who provide natural support for them.

Health Advisory Board

The Health Advisory Board focuses on Public Health services and work to increase productivity and efficiency for our clients/community.

Intellectual Developmental Disability Committee

This twelve-member committee meets monthly to provide oversight of local resources and services that address the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and assists the Health Department in planning local programs.

Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee

This committee makes recommendations to the Marion County Health Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners on matters related to alcoholism, alcohol and drug abuse, and drug addiction. The committee addresses education, treatment, prevention, rehabilitation, law enforcement, criminal justice and law reform.

Public Health Volunteers & Interns

Volunteers and Interns assigned to various programs in the Public Health department assisted with creating health messaging bulletin boards and print materials; developing, organizing and implementing lobby area activities; developing press releases for local media; developing social media posts, and participating in multiple community events.



Two new interns attend New Volunteer Orientation in preparation for their placement.

This year, one of the volunteers conducted an evaluation of the Oregon Mothers' Care program, looking at how successful the program was at helping pregnant women access care within the first trimester. The volunteer recruited members and helped lead the first meeting of the prenatal care access CHIP workgroup.

With the help of a long-term volunteer who serves in the HIV Prevention and Outreach Program, the health department was also able to provide HIV and STI information to 107 people who attended the classes with the Marion County Parole and Probation Program.

WIC Student Interns & Volunteers

Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) - includes marketing, program organization of materials, inventoried supplies and related data collection, recommendations for future improvements, collaborating with partners.

Volunteers also assisting with outreach to community partners - included updating and cleanup of our excel data system for our various partners, preparing and delivering information about WIC program and offering further information.

Juvenile Department

Mission: Improve public safety by working with parents, guardians, youth and the community, to provide youth accountability and opportunities for positive change.

Alternative Programs

Alternative Programs has one dedicated volunteer who serves every year. With his assistance, the program was able to provide low income seniors and disabled people of our community with over 60 cords of wood to ensure they had heat for the winter. Our volunteer works tirelessly to boost the morale of staff, including bringing donuts on the days he comes in. Our volunteers' contribution allows staff to focus on projects that may not otherwise have time to get done.

Detention – Group Counseling

Narcotics Anonymous, Youth for Christ and Ala-teen provide confidential group counseling in their respective disciplines. Each session is facilitated with one or more subject matter experts providing mentorship and guidance to affected youth on a voluntary basis.

Guaranteed Attendance Program (GAP)

Volunteers with the GAP Program at the Juvenile Department provide assistance to staff working with youth. The GAP program is a voluntary shelter care residential facility that serves court involved Marion County juveniles, ages 12-17. Volunteers learn the role that staff plays in providing supervision, structure, evidence-based programming and skills training, while also modeling positive behaviors and mentoring juveniles.

Probation/Practicum Students

Practicum students may be assigned to probation during the time of their term to follow the Probation Officers to learn the processes with which case are handled, petitions are filed, court is conducted and juvenile after care is handled.

Legal Counsel

The Office of Legal Counsel provides legal services to the Board of Commissioners, county departments, boards, commissions and to individual county employees when required by the Oregon Tort Claims Act. The Office of Legal Counsel has an attorney-client relationship with the County. County Counsel and Assistant Legal Counsels are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

Law Library Volunteers

Marion County Law Library (MCLL) provides legal resources and research services to the local legal community, the courts and the public. MCLL had two volunteers this year that helped take care of daily tasks such as labeling books with library spines and bar code labels, sorting out newspapers, and re-shelving publications. In addition, they helped develop trivia questions and create informational book marks for library patrons.



A MCLL volunteer cuts bookmarks for patrons.

Public Works

Mission: Utilize available resources as efficiently as possible and provide superior customer service that is attentive and engaging and shows the customer they are the reason we are here.

Adopt-a-Road



This year, the Adopt-a-Road program had 667 individual volunteers who spent 1,984 hours cleaning 301 miles of Marion County roadsides. In addition, the program had 88 active Adopt-A-Road groups including 10 new groups that joined the program during 2016.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

ARES participates in several Simulated Emergency Tests throughout the year. These tests test our radio capability of contacting agencies outside Marion County. ARES also provides communications during community events such as the Cascade Half Marathon and MS Walk in Salem.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

The multiple CERTs (Mt. Angel, Woodburn, Keizer, Turner, Stayton, Silverton, Chinook Estates) have provided hundreds of hours in service to each of their communities.



CERT Training hosted by the East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association (ESSNA)

Environmental Services

On June 22nd, we had another Repair Fair & Share event. We collected 30 tickets. 25 items were fixed, 4 items were not repairable, and 1 was in the progress of getting repaired. The event was sponsored by Marion County Environmental Services, and the space was donated by Willamette Heritage Center. We had 20 volunteers and we couldn't have done so much work without their help. Dana Canning from the Salem Sleeping Bag Project was also there to show us how we can help crochet, sew, or cut to help make sleeping bags and sleeping mats for the homeless.



Display for the Salem Sleeping Bag Project



The Blue Jean swap at the Salem Public Library was a success. Over 100 folks left with new-to-them jeans and over 250 jeans were donated. Unclaimed jeans were donated to local family shelters and even the blue jean scraps were made into artwork for the Cart 2 Art Benefit Auction.

From back left: Anisa Rodriguez Foroughi (volunteer), Dotty Tessler (volunteer, Master Recycler), Chris Doner (volunteer), Ann Schepcke (City of Salem Public Library), Amanda Doner (volunteer), Annabella Ramey (volunteer)

Medical Reserve Corps

The Marion County Medical Reserve Corps' (MRC) mission is to offer disaster-related healthcare training and education to teams of local volunteers, and to provide appropriate healthcare response and interventions during times of crisis.

Master Recycler

Master Recyclers did a wide variety of volunteer work for the Environmental Services Division in 2016. Many volunteers spent time staffing booths or helping to set up successful recycling programs at community events. Some volunteers took what they learned from the class and applied it to their workplace and/or church by revamping the recycling program. Several volunteers applied their hours toward strengthening their green teams' EarthWISE efforts at their work. A few others did community presentations to neighborhood associations and community service organizations.



Master Recyclers Class #31

Parks

The bulk of volunteer hours for Marion County Parks were logged by two volunteers. 450 hours were logged by the volunteer at Bear Creek Campground. The park host provided maintenance to the campground and park as well as provided great customer service for the many campers who stayed at the park.

Our second long term volunteer was again provided to us with our continuing cooperation with the BLM. This volunteer started in January and provided maintenance to all parks open in the off season. Starting in May until the end of June, six parks along highway 22 and North Fork Road were maintained. In total, 480 volunteer hours were achieved.

Other volunteers worked a variety of jobs in many different parks. Groups that have adopted parks provided essential services. These services included litter pickup, painting, trail work and weed removal. Similar services were provided by "one time" volunteer groups. These efforts were more concentrated in noxious weed removal and trail maintenance.

Covanta Energy provided and planted 9 native oak trees on Make a Difference Day for Bonesteele Park. The trees will provide a natural look to an area that underwent parking improvements.

Planning Commission (PC)

The Planning Commission reviewed two requests from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for Special Assessment of Open Space Land, and made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. These requests are new to the County. The PC also held several meetings and public hearings on possible amendments to the Marion County Zone Codes pending the outcome of the November 2016 general election vote on recreational and medical marijuana. The PC also reviewed and held hearings on two subdivision development applications and amendments to the Zone Codes to reduce regulations on rooftop solar units, mobile food vendors, home offices, and limited home occupations. Recommendations were made to the Board of Commissioners and all passed without issue.

Parks Commission

The Parks Commission continues to provide guidance on many parks activities and projects. This past year a good deal of time was given to future capital projects selection for parks. The Commissioners

participated in several park tours and longer than usual meetings. Although this was a long and tedious process, our Commissioners handled it with grace and purpose. They are a terrific group of people to work with, coming to common ground from very diverse backgrounds and opinions

Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC)

Marion County Public Works - Environmental Services has a sixteen member advisory council that makes recommendations to the department on waste reduction and disposal policy issues. The council is made up of citizens-at-large (50%) and businesses and industry representatives (50%). Members meet once per month in a formal setting to discuss policies on how to reduce both waste flow and toxicity in our county.

Water Quality Advisory Commission (MWQAC)

The Marion County Water Quality Advisory Commission provides input for ordinances subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners. The group directed county staff on strategies for education and outreach efforts as a county advisory board.

Sheriff's Office

Mission: To provide the highest level of public safety services in partnership with our communities. The Sheriff's Office provides this through the foundational character traits of Integrity, Courage, Discipline, Loyalty, Diligence, Humility, Optimism, and Conviction.

Administration

Volunteers were placed in various divisions around the Sheriff's Office, assisting with administrative duties at the Jail Administration, Enforcement, Operations, Civil Unit and CHL

Cadets

There was a decrease in the total number of Cadets for 2016, as a few reached the maximum age (21), and a couple that resigned for various reasons. Even though the total number of hours they completed was down from last year, the number of events they participated in was much higher. They participated in over 50 different events during 2016, as well as maintaining the minimum number of required training/ride hours.



Cadets receiving recognition at the 2015 Volunteer Awards Presentation during National Volunteer Week.

Cold Case Squad

The Cold Case Squad worked three cases in 2016 which are all currently still open, active investigations. In November of this year, the Cold Case Squad identified the human remains of a victim in a 2004 unsolved homicide and are currently working to get the remains returned to the family.

Events

Participation in community events would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Some of these events included Detroit fishing derby, Jr. Police fishing derby, 4th of July Fireworks at Detroit Lake, Marion County Fair, Oregon State Fair, Keizer Safety Fair, National Night Out, World Beat, Jefferson Safety Expo, Home Depot Safety Fair and Shop with a Cop, to name a few.

Institutions

Volunteers provide religious, AA, NA type classes to inmates while incarcerated. In 2016, there were 128 volunteers representing a wide variety of denominations and support groups that contributed a total of 2,484 hours. Volunteers held group program meetings as well as one-on-one sessions with inmates. They spend time with inmates for Alcoholics Anonymous, anger management and some life skills. The program meetings were well attended and appreciated by the inmates. Institution staff is grateful for their commitment and consistent care of the inmates at the Marion County Jail.

Marine Patrol

The Marine Patrol Safety Team conducted boat inspections at several locations, including Sportsman Warehouse and Stayton Motor Sports. The volunteers were also able to spend some time at Detroit Lake, assisting Marine Patrol with safety checks, towing disabled boats and volunteering their time during several events, to include, Fishing Derby, 4th of July Fireworks, Ski Competitions, etc.

Parole & Probation Interns/Volunteers

Practicum students and volunteers work with Parole & Probation Deputies to develop supervision plans for offenders, gather information for contacts and treatment services for offenders, monitor court-ordered obligations, process a variety of paperwork, and perform other duties as assigned. Work assignments can be with a specialty unit (i.e., Domestic Violence Unit, Sex Offender Unit, Special Services Unit, and Drug Endangered Children Unit) or the General Supervision Unit. The program is mutually beneficial for division employees as well as for practicum students and volunteers. Employees benefit from having extra time and resources freed-up



Recruiting for volunteers and new applicants at the Marion County Fair, July 10, 2016.

for other duties and the volunteers benefit from receiving valuable on-the-job training for future career development.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Marion County Search and Rescue volunteers provided search and rescue services, community presentations, and disaster relief. Notable incidents this year include an 8 day search for a missing person in the Detroit area, providing additional SAR resources to assist other counties on large searches, assisting with meal deliveries during snow emergencies (Meals on Wheels), as well as annual unit training.



MCSO SAR, cadets and other volunteers join Sheriff Myers and his team to help prepare Thanksgiving meals.



SAR members provided transportation to emergency personnel during a recent snow storm.



Mounted Posse at the Keizer Iris Day Parade, May 21, 2016

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



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*Marion County Relies on Thousands of Volunteers Every Year.
THANK YOU to all who serve.*





The Marion County Board of Commissioners
Sam Brentano, Janet Carlson, and Kevin Cameron



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