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*Believe in Your Community*

*Be On the Look-Out is common police jargon to typically broadcast information to other law enforcement agencies. Our partnership and ability to share information with the people of our community is invaluable to keeping our neighborhoods safe.*

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## A Message from Sheriff Jason Myers

It amazes me that principles captured 185 years ago can be so perfectly relevant in a modern, fast-paced, digital world. You'd assume that over time we'd find a new, better way of doing things. But some ideas are timeless. It was 1829 when Sir Robert Peel wrote nine principles – called the Peelian Principles – that laid the foundation for law enforcement.

Twenty-four years ago, I joined the Marion County Sheriff's Office after learning about the unique role and structure of such an Office. A leader elected by the people, working for the people the agency is called to police and protect; responsibilities spread across the public safety system spectrum; a variety of functions distinctly different from a police department. I was fascinated. And, I saw no better place to directly



Sheriff Jason Myers.

apply those Peelian Principles. A Sheriff's Office must have the support of the people.

*Peelian Principle #2: "The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions."* This rings true even to this day.

*Enforcer. Jailer. Supervisor. Rescuer.* These are common roles associated with law enforcement. But what about the roles of Teacher, Neighbor, Volunteer, Friend?

*Peelian Principle #7 says (in part), "the police are the public and the public are the police." We don't just enforce the law – we try to take the extra time to educate, engage and collaborate with our community. And, the individuals that make up this office are also individual community members, who also want their neighborhoods, schools and roadways to be safe. It takes greater effort and more time than strictly performing enforcement functions, but working together toward *Peelian Principle #3: "Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public"* is simply the right thing to do. (Cont'd Pg 2).*

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(Cont'd from pg 1) Our methods may change, but our foundation does not. Those Peelian Principles, written 185 years ago, are intertwined in everything we strive to do.

Read about them; consider them when watching the news. We continue to apply them as we “give [our] full time attention to duties that are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and

existence [Peelian Principle #7].” Community and law enforcement together are more successful in preventing crime and disorder. I’m glad to be part of this Office and this community.

Sheriff Jason Myers  
Marion County Sheriff’s Office

## How to become a Marion County Sheriff’s Deputy:

We’re on the Web!

See us at:

[www.co.marion.or.us/SO/](http://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/)

### **MCSO Twitter Page:**

<https://twitter.com/MCSOInTheKnow>

### **MCSO Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/MCSOInTheKnow>

### **MCSO Virtual Tour:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfUVjf28ulk&index=14&list=UU9ioKROjrK>

Please forward any comments or suggestions to our e-mail;

[Thebolo@co.marion.or.us](mailto:Thebolo@co.marion.or.us)

The Marion County Sheriff’s Office is always looking for brave and committed individuals to join the team. Here is a basic breakdown of the application and training process, as well as some helpful hints and suggestions for success. For further information on employment with MCSO, please view our “[Join the Team](#)” webpage.

### Basic Application/Training Steps:

1. Pass ORPAT exam and written exam
2. Pass initial interview and subsequent follow-up oral boards
3. Pass medical and psychological examinations
4. Once hired, attend DPSST academy in Salem
5. Complete FTEP
6. Complete Probationary status



DPSST Campus, Salem,  
(Oregon State Archives Photo)

### Tips and Suggestions:

- Schedule a ride-along with a deputy to familiarize yourself with the profession and career realities
- Be honest! Dishonesty will disqualify you regardless of resume or experience
- Gain prior experience through volunteer and reserve deputy opportunities
- For those between 14-21 years old, consider the MCSO Cadet Program
- Be patient with the process; the initial hiring process alone may take as long as 4-9 months

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## Marion County Sheriff's Office

## Self-initiated Code Enforcement: WHY?

The mission of MCSO's Code Enforcement Unit is to protect the health, safety, and environment of the county's residents and visitors, and the livability of the community.

It is the policy of the Code Enforcement Unit to respond to any and all complaints from citizens regarding county ordinance violations; additionally, this unit will be conducting self-initiated enforcement with properties in areas with historically higher crime rates.

The purpose of this project is to proactively abate nuisances within the residential areas of the Salem Urban Growth Boundaries in an effort to prevent more serious crimes in the future. This new ideology traces its roots back to the "broken windows" theory of criminology.

Imagine, if you will, a suburban neighborhood consisting of only two houses: The first house is generally well cared for. It has maintained vegetation, properly parked vehicles, and lacks any unsightly debris. The second house is similar to the first, however, this one is not nearly as cared for as the first. It has inoperable vehicles parked in the yard, waste strewn across the property, and the landscape has fallen into a state of disrepair. Which of these two properties is more likely to fall victim to a crime?

Broken windows argues that maintaining urban environments to a well-ordered standard may

stop future vandalism from occurring which can escalate into more serious

From left to right,  
Lead Code Enforcement  
Officer Art Stinson,  
Code Enforcement Aide  
Barbara Dickson, and  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Laura Pekarek.



criminal activities. Thus, by maintaining properties within our urban areas, we, as a community, can actively prevent serious crimes.

Rather than reacting to ordinance issues throughout the county, the Code Enforcement Unit is going to be self-initiating contacts with problem areas. The idea is to prevent more serious crimes from ever occurring by encouraging neighbors to join together as a community to deal with any issues that may exist and clean up neighborhoods around the county. Code enforcement officers will be periodically traveling through neighborhoods within their districts to talk with citizens about any violations that may be present. This enforcement is done equally across all residences in hopes of increasing public safety by improving the overall look of our neighborhoods.



An example of what a property clean up looks like, before and after.

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## Neighborhood Watch

Remembering Kitty Genovese and the importance of community involvement



Kitty Genovese and the Bystander effect. This tragic murder from 1964 continues to strike a chord with many people. Outrage, sadness, cynicism and endless questions surround the conversations about Kitty Genovese's murder. Most importantly citizens ask, *why didn't anyone do anything?* Kitty Genovese was murdered in the early morning of March 13, 1964, with an audience of her neighbors in shock, each expecting the other neighbor to intervene. Initially, her attacker fled after hearing a neighbor yell, but after realizing that nobody came to help he returned and stabbed her to death. Her murder created waves in the ocean of people occupying our country and spawned a flurry of crime prevention ideas, one of them being *The Neighborhood Watch*. The Marion County Sheriff's Office involvement with Neighborhood Watch goes with the ebb and flow of the needs of each area.

As a grassroots movement, any neighborhood can contact the Community Resource Unit to begin a Neighborhood Watch, or inquire amongst their neighbors if one already exists. Communities gather for block parties, or parties at a nearby park to celebrate safe streets and community unity against crime. The main three missions of Neighborhood Watch groups is to help reduce crime and fear of crime in our neighborhoods, to assist with a prompt response to ongoing crime

activity within their respective neighborhoods, and to promote positive comradeship amongst neighbors.

Participants learn about evidence based practices that assist with deterring crime in their neighborhoods. In addition to this, community members learn how to be perceptive to the signs of crime in their neighborhood and identify potential issues that could arise in the future.

For further information about the Neighborhood Watch Program in Marion County, please visit our website at:

<http://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/Operations/programs/NW.htm>

### Bystander Effect:

When the presence of others hinders an individual from intervening in an emergency situation.

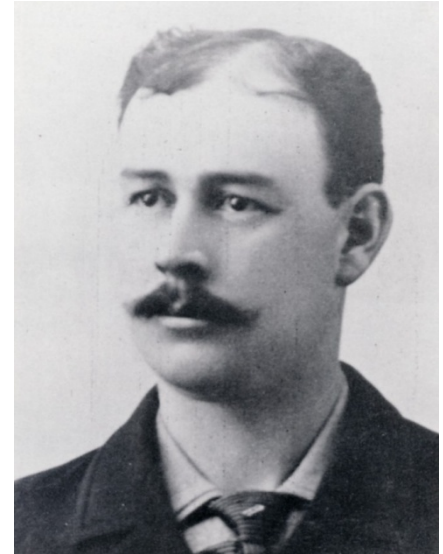
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## Historical Highlight

# Harry Minto

Marion County Sheriff, 1908 - 1913

Henry Percy “Harry” Minto had been a hard-working and well-regarded peace officer for many years when he was elected into the office of sheriff in 1907. Born on October 16, 1864, in Marion County, Harry was one of three brothers who wore badges. Harry’s brother John Wilson Minto served as Marion County’s chief law enforcement officer as sheriff from 1884 to 1890, and later as Portland’s police chief. Harry’s brother Douglas Minto served as the constable for the Salem Township, and also as a Marion County deputy sheriff for his brother John.



*Sheriff Harry Minto  
(Oregon Dept. of Corrections)*



*1873 Courthouse, circa 1900's.  
(Salem Public Library Historic Photograph Collections,  
Salem Public Library, Salem, Oregon.)*

Harry spent many years on the Salem police force, serving as an officer, a captain, and as the Salem marshal.

Early papers regularly documented incidents that he was involved in. In one such incident in 1889, Harry was walking his beat along Commercial Street when he happened onto a group of individuals having an argument. One of the men was just about to throw a brick when Minto interceded. As Officer Minto was dealing with this man, he was struck in the head from behind by someone else. Harry struck his forehead on some steps leading into a building as he fell, receiving a cut over one eye. This did not slow Minto down, as he chased down the two offenders, marching them both over to the jail. The newspaper at the time commented, “Harry is too gritty to allow any such thing as that to interfere in his arresting the scamps.”

When Sheriff Harry Minto took office in 1908, he and his trusted deputies, William Esch, Walter Johnson, and William Tweedy, were kept busy and the newspapers often wrote of their exploits. In addition to the law enforcement responsibilities of his office, the sheriff was also responsible for collecting taxes for the county.

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The August 4, 1909 issue of the *Daily Capitol Journal* chronicled the prisoners held in the jail by Sheriff Minto at the time. Of the six men held in the county clink, one was in for highway robbery; one was facing charges of assault and robbery; two were cooling their heels for larceny from a building; one for larceny from a person; and one for receiving stolen property. During the first sixteen months of his term, Sheriff Minto and Marion County's other officers had lodged 225 prisoners in the jail.

When Harry Minto left office in 1913 he was succeeded by his trusted deputy and friend, William Esch.



*Otto Hooker, circa 1915  
(Oregon Dept. of Corrections)*

Minto stayed on as a deputy for Esch, who spoke very highly of their relationship.

On May 1, 1915, Harry Minto took the helm at the Oregon State Penitentiary as the warden, after being voted into that position by the state Board of Control in March of that year. Four months later, on September 27, Warden Minto was shot and killed while on a manhunt for an

escaped prisoner. Inmate Otto Hooker (seen left), serving a two and a half year sentence for burglary, had been outside of the prison walls on a work detail when he fled.

Warden Minto, along with prison officers Walter Johnson (a former deputy sheriff under Minto) and Sam Barkhart followed leads which took them south and out of Salem towards Jefferson. That evening Warden Minto met with Jefferson's city marshal, J.J. Benson, and briefed him on the escaped prisoner. Minto and his men then continued on to Albany to continue their search.

Hooker had made his way into Jefferson. Marshal Benson spotted Hooker, still dressed in prison stripes, and confronted him. A struggle ensued and Hooker got a hold of the marshal's gun. After striking the marshal unconscious, Hooker stood over Benson and shot him. Marshal Benson would, however, survive.

It was around 11:00 at night when word of the Marshal's shooting reached Warden Minto. Minto and Officer Johnson searched the railroad tracks running north out of Albany for the escaped prisoner. At about 11:30pm, while the officers were walking along the tracks near Millersburg, they encountered Hooker, still armed with Marshal Benson's gun. During a very short exchange of gunfire, Warden Minto was killed after receiving a gunshot wound to the forehead. Hooker was killed the next day in Albany by a posse of officers that had assembled from across the region after Warden Minto's death. Harry Minto left a widow to grieve his loss.

We can all be grateful that we have law enforcement officers who still carry a badge in the name of our community today. Cut of the same cloth as Harry Minto, these men and women are willing to go into the breach every day to keep us safe.

John Basalto  
Volunteer, MCSO



William Esch was a deputy for Sheriff Minto and later became a Sheriff for Marion County  
(Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.)

**The Bolo Bulletin is looking for any historical photos or memorabilia readers may have. Please contact us at our e-mail, [Thebolo@co.marion.or.us](mailto:Thebolo@co.marion.or.us).**

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## Friendly Faces of the Sheriff's Office



Cherie Thorn  
Operations Division, Records  
*Serving Since 1994*

Marion County Sheriff's Office is featuring two individuals this quarter that are essential for the operations of this office. Their hard work and dedication is appreciated.



Carrie McVey  
Operations Division, Records  
*Serving Since 2007*

## School Safety Tips

A few tips for going back to school this fall

As we come to the end of summer, the back-to-school season is quickly approaching our families. Many hazards can occur, from over weighing our children's backpacks, to children becoming lost traveling to and from school.

Kids should utilize both straps of their backpack and should only carry 10 to 20% of their body weight on their shoulders. If your child appears to be struggling, has poor posture or if there are red marks or indents on their shoulders, these are signs that their backpack is too heavy.

Practicing riding the bus, bicycling or walking to school can help kids build confidence and become familiar with their surroundings.

Ensuring that children wear the correct fitting safety gear when riding their bikes can be lifesaving and going over safe habits, like how to properly cross the street, always walking with friends and learning their home phone number can also assist with keeping your children safe this school season. While riding the bus, kids should be reminded of these few tips:



- Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Talking should be kept at a low volume.
- Never put anything out the window of the bus.
- When exiting, never walk behind the bus.
- When walking in front of the bus after the bus driver sees you, walk 10 ft in front.

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