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Believe in Your Community

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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

Introducing a New Way to keep your Neighborhood Safe: www.Nextdoor.com

We're expanding the reach of Neighborhood Watch by joining Nextdoor.com, a private social network for neighborhoods and neighborhood watches. With Nextdoor, Marion County residents can join private neighborhood websites, accessible only to residents in the neighborhood to:

- Share neighborhood public safety issues
- Post neighborhood events and activities
- Give tips about local services
- Get the word out about a lost pet.

The Sheriff's Office may post safety tips and crime alerts to help neighbors be aware. With Nextdoor, we hope to empower neighbors to expand their efforts to keep their communities safe and to stay connected by collaborating on virtual neighborhood watch efforts. And...*Nextdoor is free!*



Sheriff Jason Myers.

For those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their home address.

Project Lifesaver: Now in Marion County!

Project Lifesaver International (PLI) is a well-established program, designed for individuals suffering from developmental or dementia-type disorders that are prone to wander, and it's now available for eligible participants in Marion County.

PLI provides a tool to help find and rescue missing loved ones.

Program participants wear a personalized bracelet which emits a tracking signal on an individualized assigned FM radio frequency. The radio frequency is unique to both the individual and their geographical area. When a PLI client is determined missing, a caregiver will contact the Marion County Sheriff's Office via 911. Trained deputies will immediately respond to search for the missing person using PLI's radio-frequency tracking equipment.

There are costs associated with participating in the Project Lifesaver Program. To find out how you or your organization can donate to Marion County's Project Lifesaver program, please contact our Project Lifesaver Coordinator at 503-588-7981.



Awards Ceremony

Recently, Marion County Sheriff's Office employees and family members filled the seats and lined the walls of the Senator Hearing Room in the Courthouse Square building to honor some significant events and actions by staff. Lifesaving awards, a Purple Heart, and Medals of Valor were presented.

Sheriff Jason Myers welcomed the group and briefly spoke about the work of the Office. In his welcoming speech, he said, "It's about what the men and women of this office do collectively, daily, diligently, and relentlessly. You all make this office what it is. I get to be here to shine a light on that great work." During the ceremony, the following awards were presented:

Lifesaving Awards:

Deputy Jason Hickam, Deputy Jerry Wollenschlaeger and K9 Yo - In near freezing weather, they searched for and located a suicidal woman who had fled into rural Marion County. After finding her, Deputy Hickam carried the woman across a field to staged medics.



Deputy Wollenschlaeger and K9 Yo

Deputy Ryan Dunbar, Deputy Derrell Maddy and Nurse Renee Hansen - Deputies discovered an inmate had attempted suicide and they immediately began CPR. Jail Nurse, Renee Hansen, responded to the cell to assist and they performed CPR until additional medical teams could respond.



Deputies Dunbar and Maddy

Deputy Jacob Thompson - Responding to a call of an unconscious woman, Deputy Thompson arrived on scene and immediately began CPR. Deputy Thompson twice cleared her airway and performed CPR until medics arrived on scene.

Purple Heart:

A Purple Heart medal was bestowed upon Deputy James Buchholz who, while tracking down a suspect, was shot. He protected himself and bandaged his bullet wound while other deputies and medics responded to the area. Deputy Buchholz received a standing ovation from the entire room while he received his award.



Medal of Valor:

Deputy Steve Duncan and Deputy Dale Huitt - A wanted fugitive engaged the deputies in gun fire when they responded to a call of a man slumped over the steering wheel of a parked vehicle. The deputies were able to resolve the threat, and then they provided medical aid until additional units arrived. The man had committed crimes across several states and hours prior had pointed handgun at a Tigard Police Officer.

Deputy Ryan Postlewait, Deputy Cody Lane, Deputy Jeff Nicoloff, Deputy Shawn Bush and Sergeant Nick Hunter - The Deputies and Sergeant responded to the scene of a shooting at an RV Park. The suspect had been shooting at people and had already injured one person. Multiple law enforcement agencies responded and worked together to end the terrifying episode.



Deputy Bush, Sgt. Hunter, Deputy Postlewait, Deputy Lane

Sergeant Don Parise
Public Information Officer



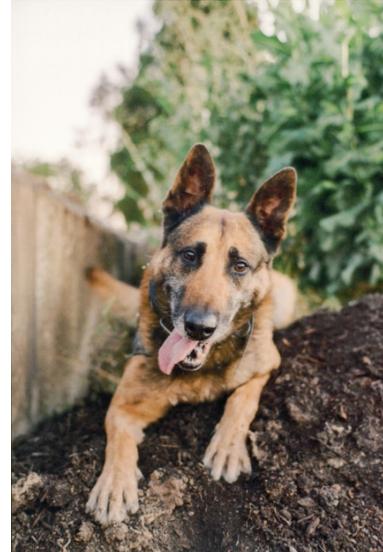
Deputy Shawn Bush and canine Max

Max retired on October 10th. Who is Max, you ask? Max is the four-legged partner of Deputy Shawn Bush, a 75 pound dynamo of jaws and paws enforcing laws. Max is 10 years old and it became harder for him to do the duties of a police canine, so Shawn retired him.

Max is a German Shepherd-Belgium Malinois mix who has worked with Deputy Bush for the last six years. To say they are close is an understatement. Not only have they worked and trained together, but Max lives with Shawn and his family.

Max was actually the fourth canine partner for Shawn, who joined the unit in 2000. A full-time deputy since October of 1996, Shawn had been active with the canine unit since the time he became a reserve deputy and temporary hire in 1995. Shawn acted as the “decoy,” the bad guy if you will, the one who wears the protective suit and acts as the chew object for the dogs. He became close with the deputies on the team and made it a goal to become a canine handler when he was settled into the job.

Max and his canine buddies on the job bring a lot to the table. Besides the obvious asset of using their jaws and teeth and their speed to apprehend a fleeing or resisting criminal, the most important tool the police canine possesses is their olfactory senses their ability to discern different smells in the air and on the ground. The dog’s sense of smell is estimated to be somewhere around 1000 times stronger than a human’s. Properly trained and depending on conditions, a canine can detect the scent of a human for several hours after a man or



woman has passed through an area. This makes locating bad guys much easier and less time consuming for deputies.

Canines also bring a sense of security to their handlers and other deputies. Where criminals will often challenge and fight deputies, they rarely want to take on a police dog. Many a criminal have been shown the error of their ways by running or fighting when a canine is on scene. During their time in the canine unit, Shawn and Max were one of seven teams. Of those seven, four are patrol teams and three are narcotics detection teams. Two are assigned to patrol and one team is assigned to the jail.

Of the many apprehensions that Deputy Bush and Max made as a team there are a few that really stick out in Shawn’s mind. One in particular was very



satisfying, because it kept an elderly couple from further harm. During Memorial Day weekend in 2013, Deputy Jake Thompson was patrolling along east State Street out in the country. It was in the early morning hours of darkness when he spotted a van parked alongside the road. In investigating, Deputy Thompson located two people in the back of the van, and while talking to them he saw a third



person hiding under a blanket. About then, Thompson saw the silhouette of two other people running in the darkness. As it turned out, everyone there was involved in the burglary of a house owned by a couple in their 90s who were home during the crime. It was raining very hard at the time.

Deputy Jason Bernards, along with his canine Rolo, and Deputy Bush and Max responded. About ten minutes into the search, deputies were alerted that a

rifle was missing from the victims’ house. Going through deep water and heavy brush, deputies diligently searched the area. About three hours after the crime, Max started picking up scent in the area of a clump of blackberries. A female suspect was located there and taken into custody. Shortly after that, a deputy saw a male suspect running from the area, heading back towards the victims’ house. The bad guy had quite a jump on the deputies. Based on the circumstances involved, Shawn sent Max. Bounding through tall grass, Max would occasionally jump high so that he could keep an eye on the suspect’s location. It must have looked like a Patriot missile hunting down a SCUD. Max reached his target long before the suspect could get back to the house, and the criminal was taken into custody.

In addition to his normal team duties, Shawn maintains all of the team’s equipment. Max’s retirement has given Shawn the opportunity to change and expand his career path. Recently, Shawn transferred to the Community Resource Unit, where he works closely with neighborhood watch groups and members of the community to solve on-going problems.

Shawn still brings Max to canine training sessions, so that Max (and Shawn) can still feel connected to the team. Max no longer does any type of bite work or agility training – it’s too hard on him at this point. The plan is just to let Max enjoy his retirement, which seems to be fine with him.

John Basalto
Volunteer, MCSO



The Work Center

The Work Center is an integral part of the Institutions Division, and is a major part of the “direct supervision” model that the jail operates under. Headed by Commander Kevin Schultz and staffed by over 150 professional and dedicated people, the Marion County Jail facilities house up to 408 inmates at one time. A major part of the direct supervision management philosophy is to encourage positive behavior from inmates by extending privileges to those who follow the rules. Privileges include things like receiving commissary, living in less restrictive housing units, and being allowed to participate in the Work Program, for those inmates who are serving local sentences.

Inmates go through a classification process at various times during their incarceration. A multitude of factors are evaluated, including things like threat assessment, behavioral problems, medical needs, and needs for special housing. Inmates are classified and have to meet certain standards before they qualify for placement in the Work Center. Inmates who work out in the community at a number of different worksites cannot have committed a violent person-to-person crime, and cannot have committed a sex crime. The goal of the Sheriff’s Office Work Center to provide a positive re-entry model into the community through work experience, programs and educational opportunities to help reduce recidivism and make our county safer.

Directly managed by Lieutenant Doug Cox and supervised by sergeants John McOmer and Warren McDaniel, the Work Center is a benefit to overall

inmate management in several different ways. With a capacity of 144 inmates, the Work Center is a less restrictive housing unit than the units in the main jail, and frees up space in the main jail for unsentenced inmates and those requiring closer supervision. Both male and female inmates are assigned to the Work Center, and all have jobs where they either work outdoors or have greater access to the outdoors. Because the inmates at the Work Center pose less of a risk, it takes less staff to supervise them. And, the inmates provide labor to a number of different governmental agencies. The program has contracts to provide inmate labor at Silver Falls State Park, the Detroit Ranger District, the Oregon state fairgrounds, and for the Marion County Public Works Department. Inmate crews



Intern Cody Crites and Sgt. John McOmer talk about the work center garden

also work at several seasonal sites, and they maintain the grounds of the sheriff’s campus on Aumsville Highway. Female inmates, who are kept separate from the men, work at the county dog



shelter and they wash Sheriff's vehicles, keeping the fleet clean and professional looking.

One of the most important jobs for the inmates is the garden which is grown at the sheriff's facilities. The garden provides produce to the Food Share program, a private, non-profit organization which provides for the needy in our community. The garden was the brainchild of recently retired Deputy Alan Jaskoski, who saw that the sheriff had vacant land at the Aumsville Highway campus and felt that this land could be used to benefit many.

All of the supplies used at the garden are donated by local companies and individuals, including the

seeds that are planted each season and a tractor to till the garden. The City of Salem donates the water. A bounty of a variety of vegetables are grown in the garden. In 2012, approximately 43,000 pounds of vegetables were harvested, and the hopes are that that number can be reached again this year. Personnel from Food Share come to the garden twice a week to make pickups. During harvest season, 10-12 inmates work in the garden.

Everyone at the Sheriff's Office is proud of the Food Share program. It is through the combined efforts of the management staff, supervisors, deputies, civilian staff and inmates that programs like Food Share and the other projects at the Work Center continue to be a success.



View of the garden

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You and Your Dog

Tips for keeping your dog safe within the law

There is something to be said about an animal that provides unconditional love, trust and companionship from the day you bring them home and to the sad day that they pass away. There was no mistake when someone nicknamed the popular companion pet, the dog, as “Man’s Best Friend.” As pet owners we have a responsibility to honor and take care of our furry friend. There are many fears of dog owners, two particular ones are when Fido goes missing, and encountering another aggressive, loose dog when out with your beloved pet. There is a multitude of ways to prevent the escape of your pet and to facilitate a speedy recovery of your lost dog.

To prevent our furry family members from escaping, it is essential to ensure that there is a containment area for the dog. Walk the perimeter of your fence to check for weak areas that could provide a way for the dog to chew and dig their way out. Marion County law requires dogs be licensed when they have a permanent set of canine teeth or when they are 6 months old. When the dog is off their owner’s premises, it is required for the dog to have its license displayed and be under the control of its owner, unless in a designated

area such as a dog park. Following the law could assist with the safe return of your pet in the event that they go missing.

In the event you encounter an aggressive animal, there are ways to prevent an altercation. If possible, cross to the other side of the street. Do not let your dog stare, bark or challenge the other dog. If the dog is determined to continue to come out aggressively, speaking sternly to the dog may discourage the behavior. The last thing you want do is run, get excited or scream. This kind of behavior will stimulate both the other dog and your dog. You want to calmly continue your walk, removing both you and your dog from the situation. If you carry treats, toss them toward the other dog. This confuses them most of the time. They will stop and smell it, and then you can get away from the situation. The best thing is to remain calm. This will keep your dog calm and the other dog will be less likely to react.



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MCSO Virtual Tour:

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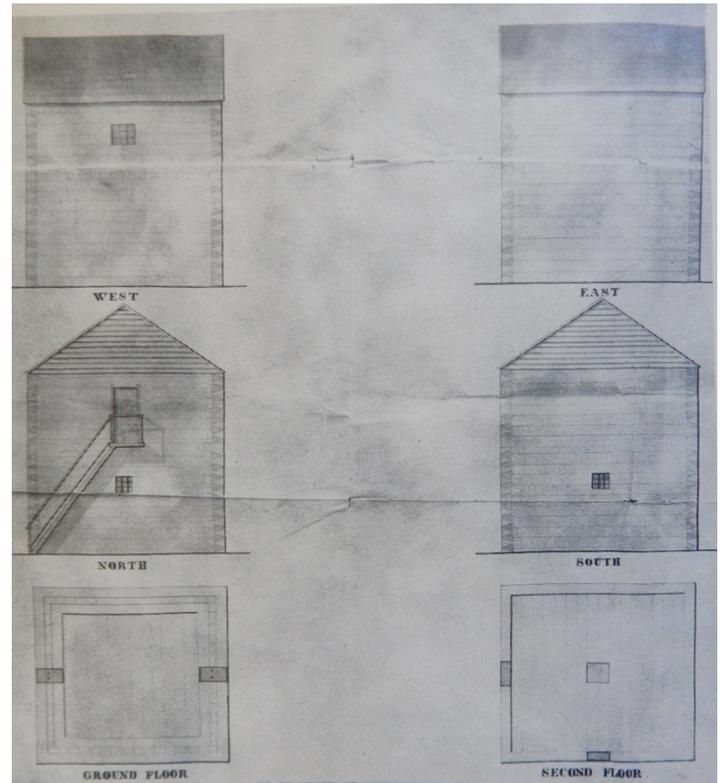
Historical Highlight

Marion County's First Jails

In the late 1840s and early 1850s, during the formative years of Marion County government, there was no secure jail to hold prisoners. County government didn't have the money to construct any buildings to conduct business, and officials held meetings in various locations around Salem. Any time a prisoner was taken into custody the sheriffs had to find a place to keep them. Most likely a prisoner would be kept at a boarding house or hotel, in irons and under guard. The County Commissioner's Court minutes for July 9, 1851, includes an entry authorizing payment for a group of men who moved and guarded a prisoner by the name of William Kendal, who was under arrest for murder.

The Commissioner's Court took up the subject of building a secure jail at their meetings on February 18 and 19, 1852. The Court laid out specifications for the jail, which was subsequently built at the northeast corner of Ferry and Church streets. The specifications, documented in the Court's minutes, are poorly written and very confusing.

The firm of Samuel Parker and Joseph Geer were chosen by bid to construct the first jail, which was completed in December 1852. Parker and Geer were paid \$2,100 for the job. The jail was crudely constructed, two stories tall, 20 feet by 30 feet in area, and made of 8 by 12 inch heavy timbers. The foundation was made of large rocks and dug two feet into the ground. No windows or doors were called for on the ground floor. The walls on this floor were lined with sheet iron on the outside to help prevent



Oregon's first jail built in Oregon City in 1845. It was very similar in design to Marion County's first jail.

escapes. The first floor was divided into two cells, with a door leading in to each cell. The doors were made of wood, four inches thick, with a piece of sheet iron in the center. The doors were hung with heavy iron hinges and straps, and locked with heavy pad locks.

A staircase led up the outside of the building to the second floor. A set of heavy double-doors was located at the top. Once inside, there was a three foot by three foot trap door in the center of the floor, leading to the cells on the first floor. The trap door



was constructed with sheet iron in the center, and a heavy bar ran across the top, secured with pad locks.

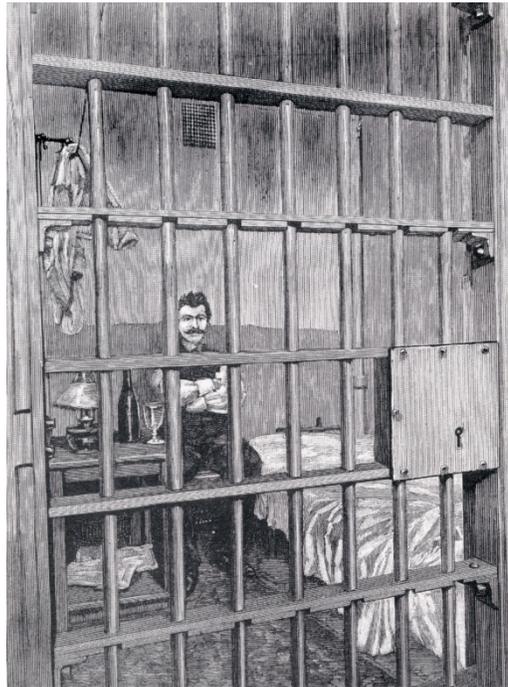
It must have been a dungeon-like building. With no windows or doors, and wrapped in sheet iron, the cells must have been totally devoid of any outside light, sweltering in the summer and bone-chilling in the winter. No mention is made of how prisoners were lowered into the cell block, but the quickest and most convenient method would have been to lower a ladder through the trap door. It certainly makes you wonder.

No images have been located of Marion County's first and second jails, but Marion's first jail appears to have been very similar in design to the first jail built in Oregon Territory, constructed in Oregon City in 1845. Drawings of that jail appeared in the March-April 1957 edition of the *Pacific Northwest Law Enforcement News* magazine. Except for overall dimensions of 20 feet by 20 feet, it too was a two story building, accessed from an exterior staircase leading to the second floor. The Oregon City jail also had a trap door, three feet square, in the center of the upper floor, through which inmates were thrust into the lower room.

The first Marion County jail was in service for almost five years when it was destroyed by fire.

Plans to build a second jail were taken up during the May 1858 session of the Commissioner's Court. The Court outlined specifications for the jail in their minutes, indicating that the jail was to be built at the southeast corner of the block occupied by the courthouse.

Specifications called for the following: "Dimensions 34 feet long, 25 feet wide, two stories in height; brick construction, three cells and two doors to be made of iron; the corridor to be of iron and made secure by a grating with heavy iron bars." The specifications called for one half of the building to be used as a dwelling for the jailer.



The contract for construction of the building went to Charles Craft on September 21, 1858. John Murphy was paid \$20 to draw up plans and specifications. The September 28, 1858 edition of the *Oregon Statesman* reported that the County paid Craft \$8,400 for construction of the "fireproof" brick and stone jail. The second jail was completed and went into service in December 1858. It served until the second courthouse, which had a jail on the ground floor, was completed in late 1873 or early 1874. At its April 1874 session the Court authorized County Judge C.N.

Terry to sell the bars and iron out of the jail after it was demolished. The bars and iron were subsequently sold for scrap at public auction.

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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.



Friendly Faces of the Sheriff's Office



Cammie Ruark
Operations Division, Records.
Since 2008

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.



Justin Ford
Operations Administration,
Since 2010

Holiday Safety Tips

A few tips for staying safe during this holiday season

The holiday season is a fun and exciting time of the year when people spend quality time with their families and friends. Unfortunately, it is also a time when crime rates tend to increase. Nothing can ruin a holiday spirit faster than becoming the victim of a crime. As we approach the holiday season, here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe:

Staying safe while shopping

- Be vigilant of your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lit and high-populated area.
- Don't go shopping alone; take a friend.

- As you approach your vehicle, have your keys out and check for suspicious people and activity around your car.
- Place all valuables, presents, and other purchases in the trunk of your car.

Keeping your home safe

- Lock all your windows and doors, even if you're at home.
- When you leave the house, leave the light and radio on to make it seem like someone is home.
- Don't advertise. Burglar's use piled up mail, newspapers, and other flyers as an indicator of occupancy. Have a neighbor or friend pick them up.



- Burglars know to look for spare keys around the front door. Instead of hiding a key, give it to a trusted neighbor.
- If you come home and see something suspicious, don't investigate. Call the police.

Remember, the key to safety is you. Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

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