

Morrow County Sheriff's Office

2021 Report

Heppner, Oregon



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Message from Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack

The 2021 Sheriff's Office Report is a compilation of the last four years of Sheriff's Office activities. The report details our work and efforts, however, Coronavirus (COVID-19) struck and made a significant impact in our normal operations.

One of our biggest concerns has been the increase of Fentanyl drug use and distribution. Fentanyl is primarily manufactured and distributed by Mexican drug cartels. It is one of the most dangerous drugs in our country.

We have experienced several overdoses and deaths attributed to Fentanyl in our local area and surrounding region. Our deputies continue to carry Narcan sprays which are used for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdoses. In 2018, we had very few Fentanyl cases. By 2021, local law enforcement in Umatilla and Morrow counties seized over 42,000 Fentanyl pills. Many of the seizures were conducted by the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Taskforce (BENT), which is made up of deputies and officers from various agencies in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Recent legislative changes reduced many significant drug possession charges from felonies to misdemeanors or down to violations. This continues the debate on whether reducing drug crime penalties and making drug treatment programs more available will lessen criminal drug activity and drug abuse.

Traffic speed continues to be a safety issue for our area. Interesting data shows:

- In 2018, the highest speeding violation of the year was an individual traveling 150 mph in a 70 mph zone, with 27 people cited for traveling at speeds of 100 mph or over.
- In 2019, the highest speeding violation of the year was an individual traveling 128 mph in a 70 mph zone, with 22 people cited for traveling at speeds of 100 mph or over.
- In 2020, the highest speeding violation of the year was an individual traveling 130 mph in a 55 mph zone, with 38 people cited for traveling at speeds of 100 mph or over.
- In 2021, the highest speeding violation of the year was an individual traveling 127mph in a 55 mph zone, with 17 people cited for traveling at speeds of 100 mph or over.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office continues in our belief and mission to do the very best we can to "GO THE EXTRA MILE" for our citizens and those visiting or traveling through.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth W. Matlack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'K' and 'M'.

Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack
Morrow County Sheriff

Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack

Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack grew up in the Irrigon and Umatilla area and graduated from Umatilla High School in 1967. He graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He was a public school teacher and coach at Powder Valley High School in North Powder, Oregon until the Oregon State Police recruited him in 1974.



Sheriff Matlack was assigned and promoted to a variety of different positions with the Oregon State Police, including Trooper, Detective, Detective Sergeant, and Patrol Sergeant. In 1988, he was promoted to Assistant Station Commander in The Dalles. In 1993, he was assigned as Outpost Commander in Arlington, where he supervised field operations for Gilliam and Wheeler counties and a small portion of Morrow County. He retired from the Oregon State Police in March 1999.

Upon retiring from the Oregon State Police, Sheriff Matlack received his private investigator license and worked as a private investigator in Oregon and Washington. He also worked for several years as a contract investigator with the Oregon Department of Corrections. He worked at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla and Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton conducting background investigations on correctional officers and management staff.

Sheriff Matlack was elected Sheriff of Morrow County in the 2004 election cycle and took office in 2005. He is now serving his fifth term of service to the people of Morrow County.

Sheriff Matlack and his wife Shirley currently reside in Irrigon. They enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren and walking with their dogs. You may even see them traversing the various county roadways on their trike (three-wheel motorcycle).

Undersheriff John A. Bowles

Undersheriff John A. Bowles grew up in Banks, Oregon. He served in the US Army, worked as a general contractor in residential and commercial construction and as a journeyman ironworker.

Undersheriff Bowles began his law enforcement career with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office in February of 2002 as a 911 Call Taker/Dispatcher and Reserve Patrol Deputy. In August of 2003, he became a full time Patrol Deputy and was recognized as Patrol Deputy of the Year in 2005.



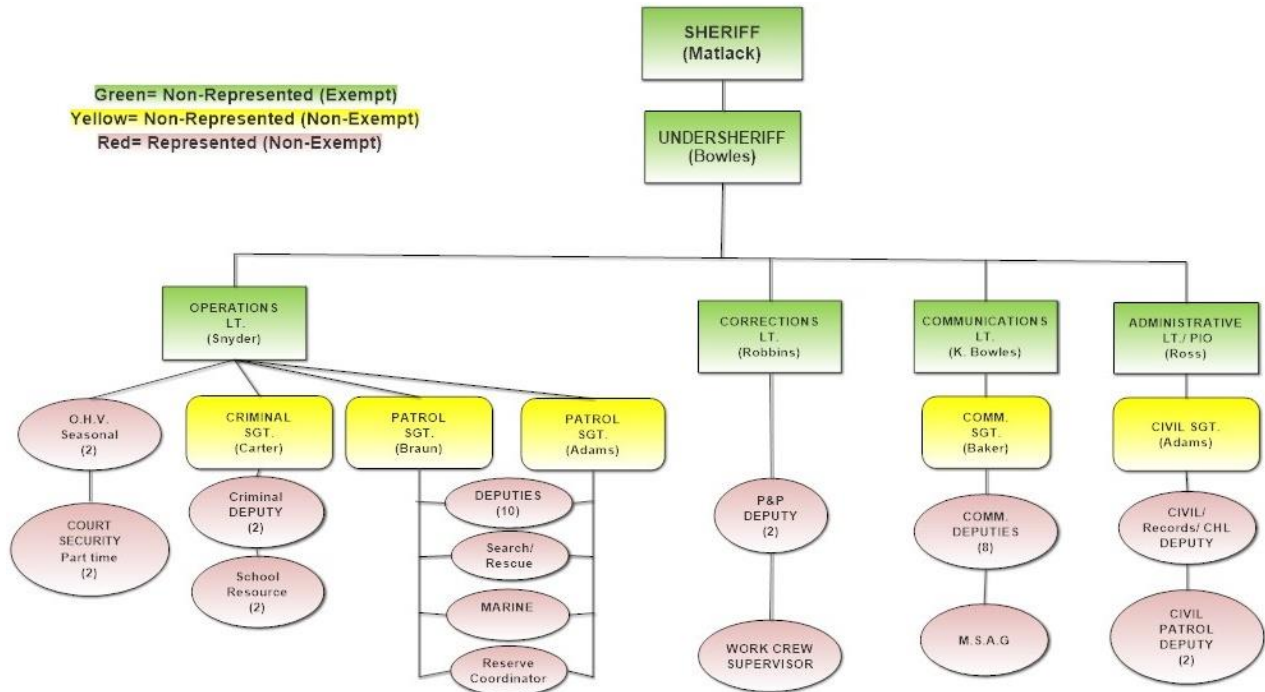
When the Morrow County Sheriff's Office began providing Parole and Probation services in 2010, Undersheriff Bowles was selected as the Parole and Probation Deputy. In 2011, he was awarded the prestigious Victor G. Atiyeh Award at the commencement ceremony for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Parole Officer Certification program. This highly regarded award is presented to the outstanding student who displays exceptional professionalism, exemplary attitude and outstanding achievement in leadership and academics.

In February of 2016, Sheriff Matlack promoted John to the position of Undersheriff for Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The Undersheriff is responsible for the management of all divisions, which include 48 staff members and a budget of \$6.9 million.

Undersheriff Bowles holds multiple certifications and serves on several committees, including Heppner City Council. In 2021, he was selected by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce as Man of the Year for his hard work and dedication.

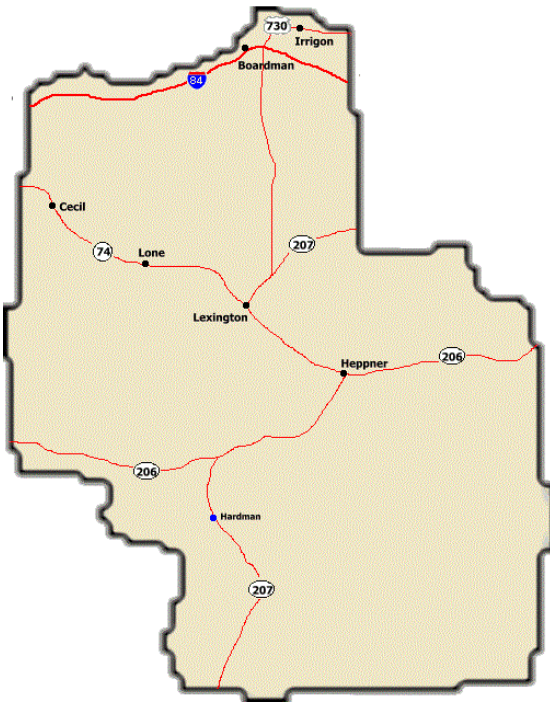
Undersheriff Bowles and his wife Kristen currently reside in Heppner. They enjoy being active in the community and spending time with their children and grandchildren. You may also see them enjoying a round of golf at the Marker 40 Golf Club or Willow Creek Country Club.

Organization and Budget



The Sheriff’s Office is a multi-faceted organization with wide-ranging responsibilities – many of which are mandated under the Oregon State Constitution and Oregon State Law. The office’s annual budget is over \$6.9 million with 38 full-time, two part-time, three seasonal employees and five reserve deputies. Staff is separated into four divisions that depend upon each other to provide the highest possible level of service to everyone living in or visiting the county.

County Facts



- Established: February 16, 1885
- County Seat: Heppner
- Area: 2,032 square miles (land)
17 square miles (water)
- Population: 12,089
- Assessed Value: \$2,935,993,206
- Principal Industries: Agriculture, food processing, lumber, livestock and recreation

Population (2021)

Area (Sq. miles)

Morrow County	12,089	2,049
Boardman	4,415	4.17
Heppner	1,230	1.24
lone	320	0.69
Irrigon	1,731	1.45
Lexington	232	0.44

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement response agency for areas outside incorporated cities and within the incorporated cities of Heppner and Irrigon (by contract). The Sheriff's Office is the first responder for all public safety calls on the Columbia River.

Elected Officials:

- **County Sheriff:** Kenneth W. Matlack
- **Board of Commissioners:** Don Russell, Jim Doherty, Melissa Lindsay
- **District Attorney:** Justin Nelson
- **County Assessor & Tax Collector:** Mike Gorman
- **Justice of the Peace:** Glen Diehl
- **County Clerk:** Bobbi Childers
- **County Treasurer:** Jaylene Papineau

Morrow County Sheriffs 1885 – Present

Kenneth W Matlack	2005-Present	C.J.D. Baumann	1928-1968	Arthur Andrews	1899-1900
Verlin R Denton	1998-2004	George McDuffee	1915-1928	E.L. Matlock	1896-1899
Roy L Drago	1983-1998	Marion Evans	1913-1914	George W. Harrington	1894-1896
Larry D. Fetch	1976-1983	J.C. Hays	1911-1912	George Noble	1890-1894
John Mollahan	1969-1976	E.M. Shutt	1902-1910	T.R. Howard	1886-1890
John H. Fuiten (Protem Sheriff)	1942-1945	J.W. Matlock	1900-1902	George W. Harrington	1885-1886

Special Events

Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration – The Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration takes place the weekend of St. Patrick's Day (dates vary). The small town of Heppner nearly doubles in size each year during this event. Citizens can enjoy a wide variety of food vendors, the Great Green Parade, a leprechaun run, welly toss, and other fun activities.

Lexington May Day Celebration – The Lexington May Day Celebration takes place on the first Saturday in May. People from all around come to enjoy a fireman's breakfast, 5K walk/run, parade, vendor bazaar, car show and the corn-hole tournament.

Lone 4th of July Celebration – The Lone 4th of July Celebration brings in over 1,000 people to enjoy a parade, live music, food & craft vendors, Blue Cruz-In Car Show, talent show, and a fireworks display.

Boardman 4th of July Celebration – The Boardman 4th of July Celebration takes place at the Boardman Marina. Citizens can enjoy food vendors, a parade, fun activities and a fireworks display over the Columbia River.

Irrigon Watermelon Festival – The Irrigon Watermelon Festival is held each year on the last Saturday of July. This is an all-day, family-oriented event with musical entertainment, children's games, food, and raffle prizes. Citizens can enjoy boat rides on the Columbia River courtesy of the MCSO Marine program.

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo – The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is held the third week of August each year at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Citizens can enjoy the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo on Friday and Saturday and the Morrow County Rodeo on Sunday. There is delicious fair food, talent shows, a parade, and 4-H exhibits.

Year in review (pictures)



Sheriff Matlack sworn in for his 5th term as Sheriff of Morrow County



Sheriff Matlack, Retired Operations Lieutenant Harper, Undersheriff Bowles, Operations Lieutenant Snyder, Patrol Sergeant Braun



K-9 Telly



Deputy Brill, Deputy Killgore, Deputy Stutzman



September 11 event in Heppner



2021 News Events

January 4: Sheriff Matlack was sworn in for his fifth term as Sheriff of Morrow County.

February 2: After 31 years serving the citizens of Morrow County and 35 total years in law enforcement, Operations Lieutenant Terry Harper signed off duty for the final time. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners recognized his service to Morrow County and Sheriff Matlack made a point to recognize the dedication and sacrifice his wife Debbie has made all these years. We wish them the best as they head into a new chapter in their lives.

February 4: The Morrow County Board of Commissioners declared February 4 as Steve Myren Day for Morrow County, in honor of all he has done for this county and its citizens. Myren retired as Undersheriff in 2016, and passed away on February 1, 2021.

May 3: K-9 Telly, along with her handler, Deputy Colleen Neubert, testified before the Oregon Senate Committee on Healthcare to explain why HB 2650 would help fellow K-9s. This bill would allow law enforcement K-9s to be transported by ambulance if injured in the line of duty. The bill passed!

July 6: Morrow County Sheriff's Office, along with Boardman Police Department and Oregon State Police, responded to a residence outside the city of Boardman for a report of subjects making Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's). As MCSO and BPD personnel approached the area, they observed a male subject throw three objects into a nearby field. The Oregon State Police Bomb Squad responded and rendered all three devices safe. Adrian L. Ahumada (37 from Boardman, Oregon) and Brenden K. Strickland (19 from Clarkston, Washington) were arrested and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Unlawful Manufacturing of Destructive Device (X3) and Possession of Destructive Device (X3) with bail set at \$60,000 for each subject.

July 8: Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Boardman Police Department, along with Morrow County Ambulance (Irrigon) responded to the Oregon Trail RV Park located in the City of Irrigon for a subject that had been shot. Brett Carson (43 from Irrigon, Oregon) was arrested and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Murder II and Unlawful Use of a Weapon with bail set at \$260,000.

July 19: Morrow County Communications Center received a 911 call from a property owner west of Boardman reporting someone had just stolen items from his scrapyard. The caller was following a gray SUV pulling a small utility trailer. Sergeant Nathen Braun and Deputy Dalton Garcia responded to the area and located the vehicle traveling the backroads south of the Boardman area. They attempted a traffic stop but the suspects refused to comply. The trailer lost its tires and was throwing sparks. The vehicle traveled many of the roadways south and west of the city of Boardman, forcing one vehicle off the road. The vehicle finally stopped when they lost a tire on the SUV. Lawrence A. Perrin (45 of Irrigon, Oregon) was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Theft II, Criminal Trespass II and Attempt to Elude-Vehicle with bail set at \$16,000. Maria A. Price (37 of Hermiston,

Oregon) was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Theft II and Criminal Trespass II with bail set at \$6,000.

August 22: K-9 Telly and handler Deputy Neubert showed off their skills during the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Check our Facebook page for the video. [Facebook.com/MCSOHeppner](https://www.facebook.com/MCSOHeppner)

October 2: At about 10:15 PM, deputies were dispatched to a report of a suspicious person at a residence near Ione. The person left in a vehicle headed towards Lexington. Deputy Ivan Dike located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop near Heppner. The driver provided a false name. With continued investigation, it was determined that the driver had a warrant from Washington State. When questioned about the warrant, the driver fled in his vehicle. The subject traveled south of Heppner onto Shobe Canyon Rd and then crashed on Sanford Canyon Ln and eluded on foot. Deputies searched until 1 AM but were unable to locate the subject. On October 3 at 10:03 AM, a resident on Upper Rhea Creek contacted dispatch reporting a stolen 4-Wheeler. Deputies arrived in the area and contacted multiple residents and hunters. Oregon State Police sent a plane to assist in the search. Around 5:30 PM, hunters in the area found the 4-Wheeler undamaged but out of fuel. Jeremy J. Combes (42 from Ocean Shores, Washington) was taken into custody at 6:17 PM after a 911 call from a hunter. Combes was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on multiple charges including Eluding, Reckless Endangering Another, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle with total bail set at \$75,000.

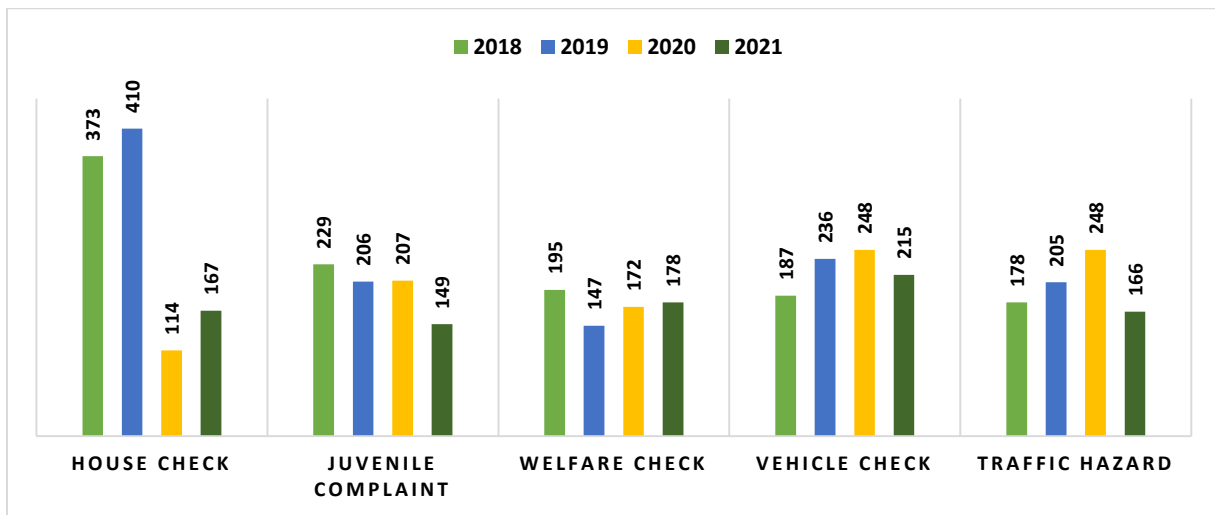
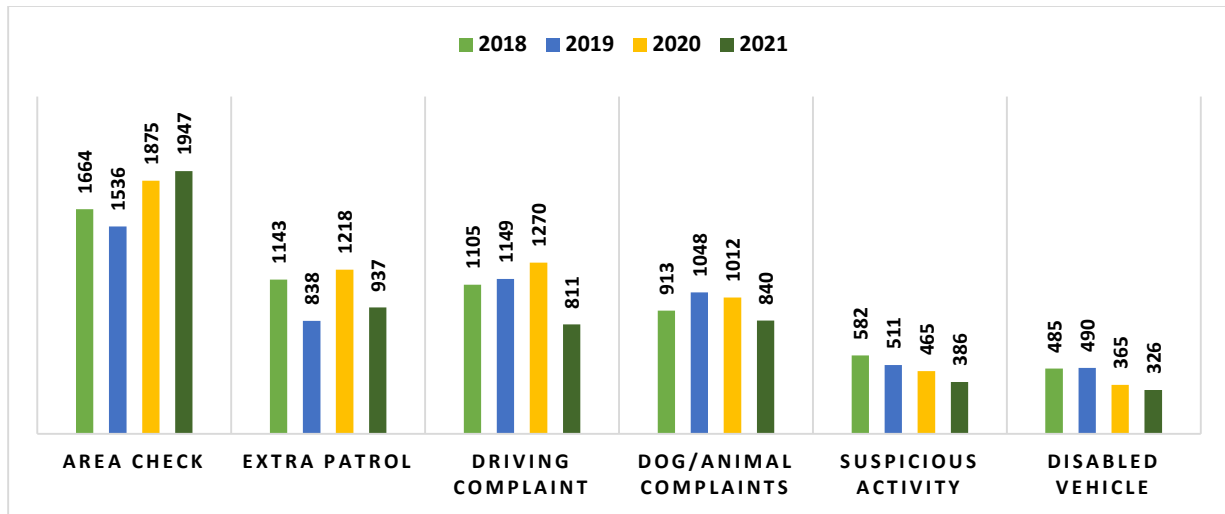
October 18: At 2:05 AM, Morrow County Communications Center received a 911 call reporting that the Irrigon Shell Station had just been robbed. Deputy Miguel Flores and Deputy Ivan Dike were on scene in one minute. They immediately began their investigation and within 30 minutes had their suspect, Jace A. Hendren (28 of Irrigon, Oregon) detained in a nearby home that he had entered uninvited. The property and money taken from the Shell Station were returned and Hendren was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on charges of Burglary I, Theft II, Criminal Trespass II and Criminal Mischief III with bail set at \$57,000.

October 23: At 9:11 AM, Oregon State Police requested assistance from Morrow County Sheriff's Office in locating a subject driving recklessly westbound on Interstate 84. Deputy Colleen Neubert located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The subject failed to stop and continued traveling west, reaching speeds of 115 MPH. During the pursuit, the subject spoke with Oregon State Police Dispatch and stated that he was not going to pull over. The subject exited Interstate 84 at Arlington and pulled into the gas station. With assistance from K-9 Telly, Boardman Police Department, Gilliam County Sheriff's Office and Arlington Ambulance, Christopher R. Mollette (48 from Boise, Idaho) was taken into custody on charges of Reckless Driving, Attempting to Elude-Vehicle, Reckless Endanger Another x2 and Interfering with Police Animal. After being evaluated by medical staff, Mollette was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with bail set at \$30,000.

Cases/Calls for Service

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a variety of different calls for service, ranging from barking dogs to murder.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Calls for Service	17,904	18,467	17,073	14,750
Case Reports	1,198	1,055	954	876



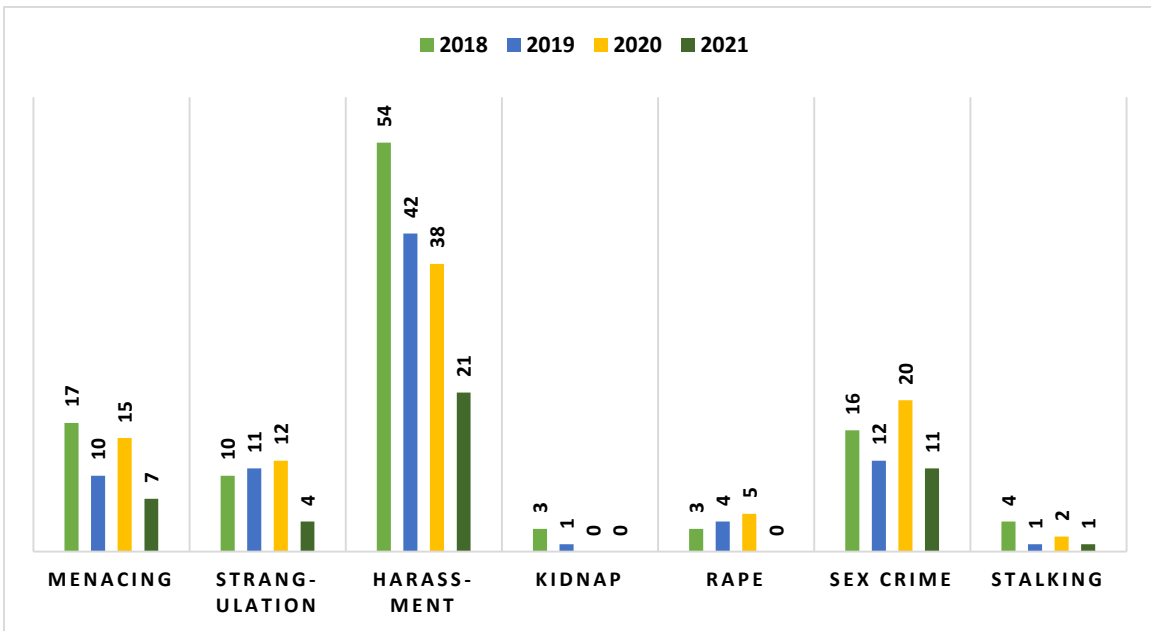
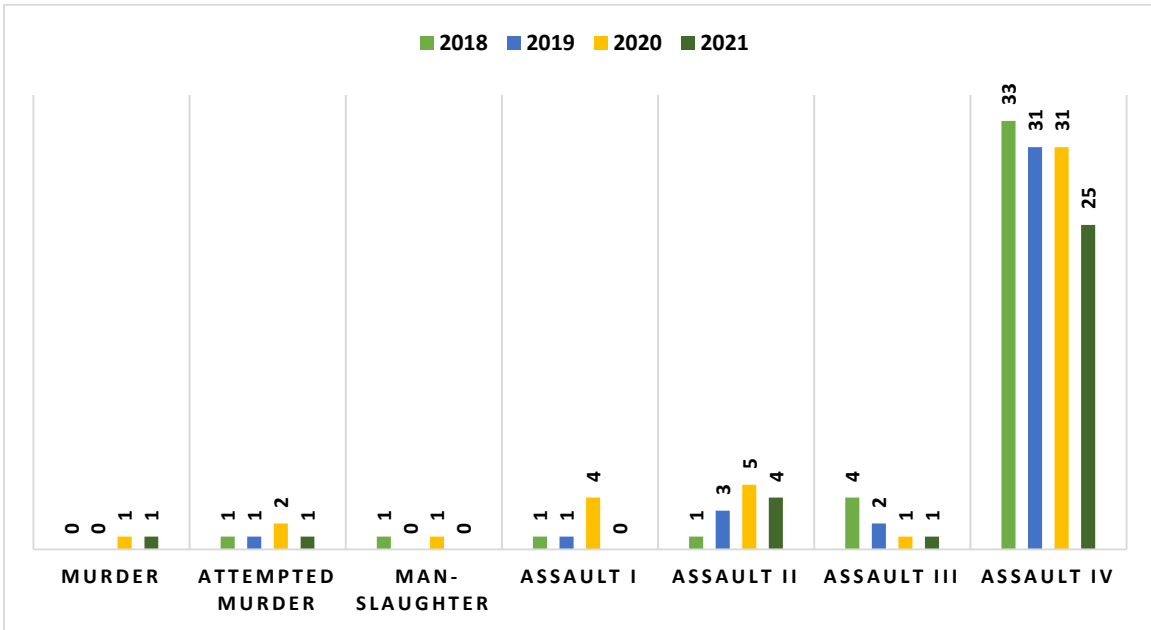
Measure 11 Crimes

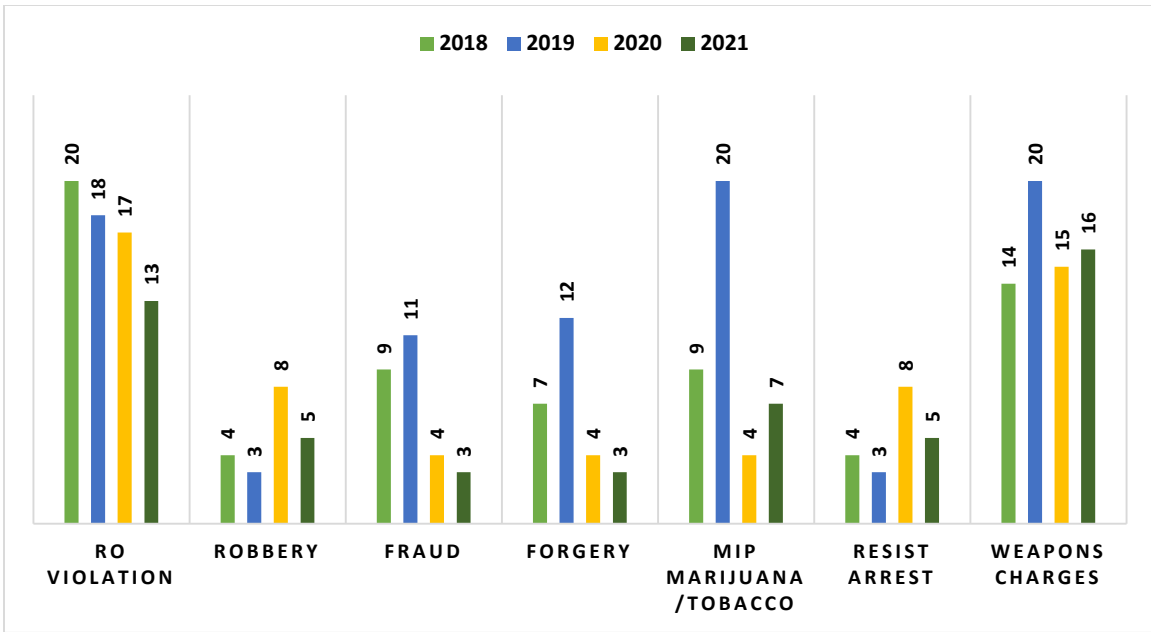
The Morrow County Sheriff's Office forwarded the following Measure 11 crimes to the Morrow County District Attorney for prosecution.

Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	0	0	1	1
Attempted Murder	1	1	2	1
Manslaughter I	1	0	1	0
Assault I	1	1	4	0
Assault II	1	3	5	4
Kidnap I	1	1	0	0
Kidnap II	2	0	0	0
Rape I	3	2	2	0
Rape II	0	1	0	0
Sodomy I	3	1	1	1
Sodomy II	0	1	0	0
Sexual Penetration I	1	0	1	1
Sexual Penetration II	0	0	1	0
Sexual Abuse I	3	6	6	2
Arson I	1	1	1	0
Robbery I	1	1	1	0
Robbery II	0	1	0	0
TOTAL:	20	20	25	9

Person Crimes

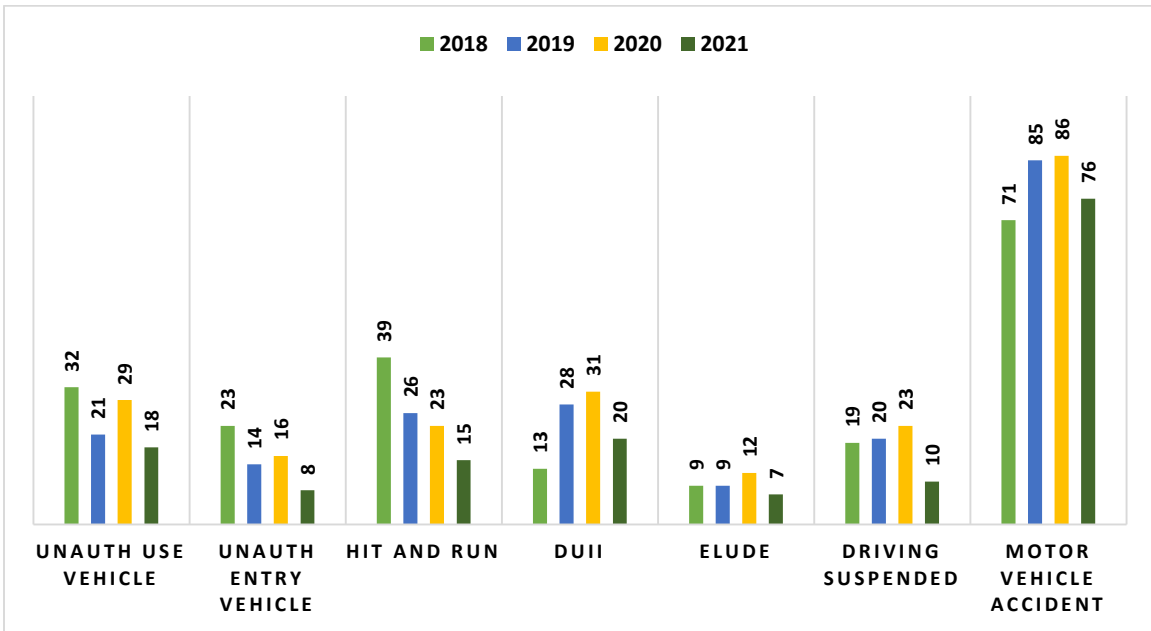
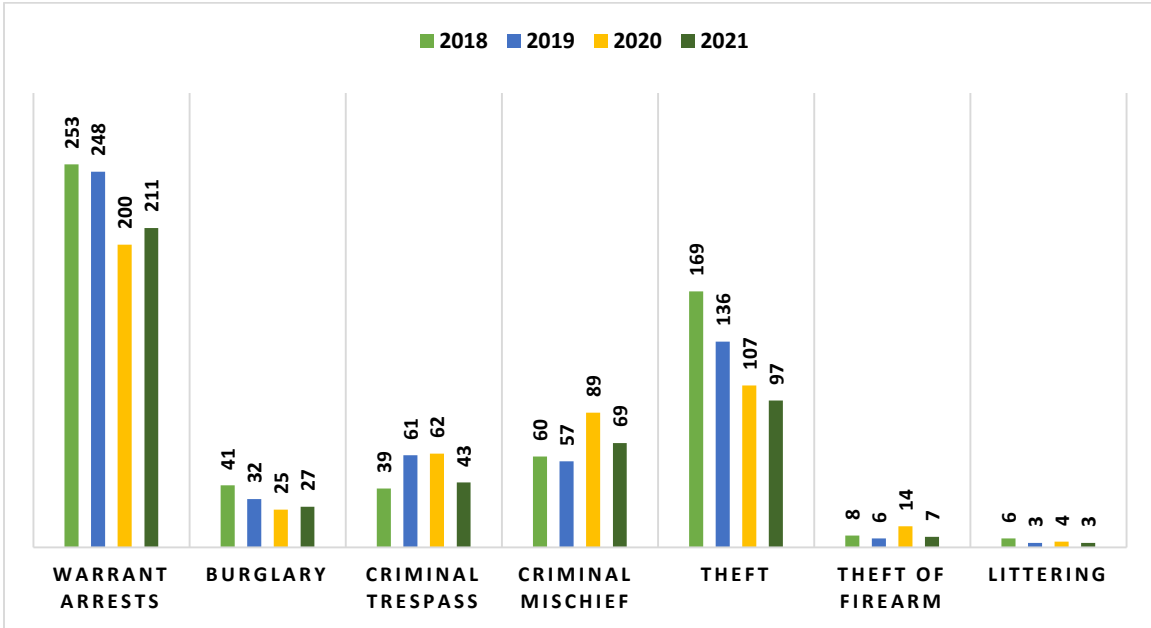
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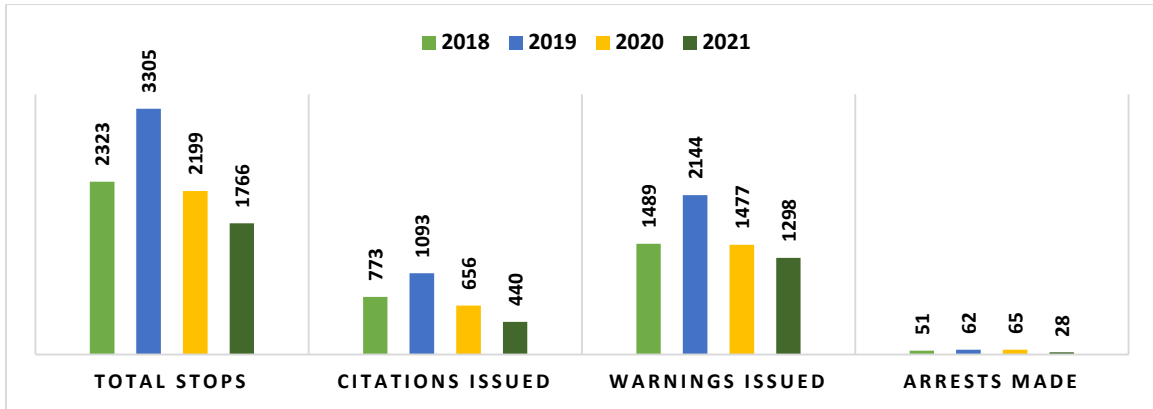


Other Crimes

The below charts represent the majority of non-person crimes forwarded to the Morrow County District Attorney for prosecution.



Traffic Stats

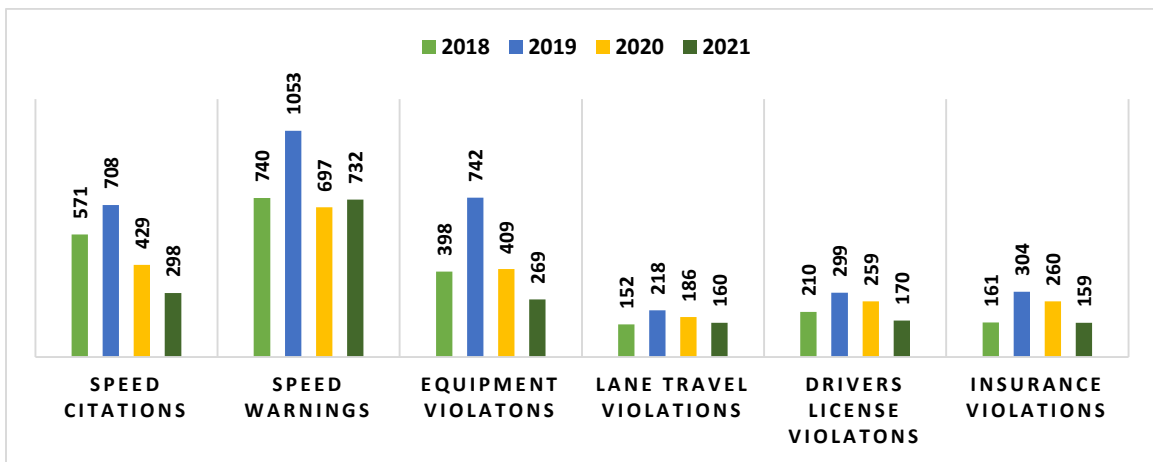


In 2018, one person was cited for traveling 80 MPH (150/70) over the posted speed limit on Interstate 84. 27 people were cited for traveling at 100 MPH or more. The average speed per traffic stop was 20.3 MPH over the posted speed limit.

In 2019, one person was cited for traveling 58 MPH (128/70) over the posted speed limit on Interstate 84. 22 people were cited for traveling at 100 MPH or more. The average speed per traffic stop was 19.9 MPH over the posted speed limit.

In 2020, one person was cited for traveling 75 MPH (130/55) over the posted speed limit on Highway 730. 38 people were cited for traveling at 100 MPH or more. The average speed per traffic stop was 23 MPH over the posted speed limit.

In 2021, one person was cited for traveling 72 MPH (127/55) over the posted speed limit on Highway 74. 17 people were cited for traveling at 100 MPH or more. The average speed per traffic stop was 19.7 MPH over the posted speed limit.



Uniformed Patrol

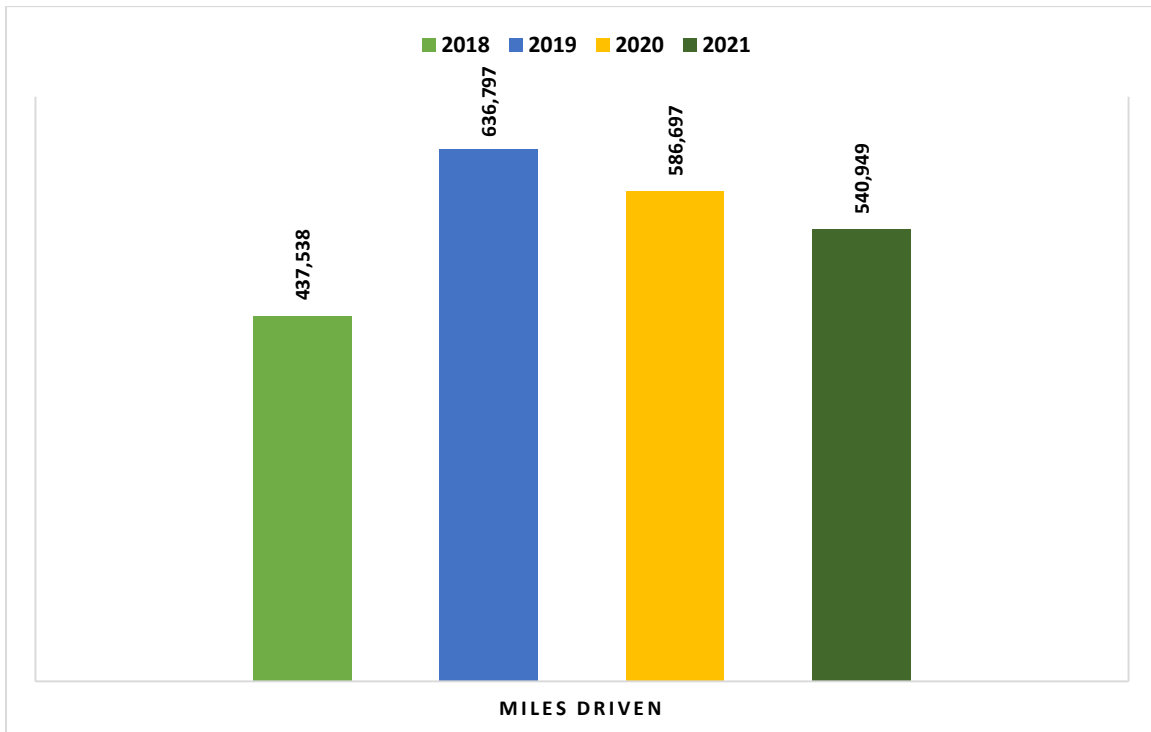
The most visible section of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office is Uniformed Patrol. The patrol deputies are often the only members of the Sheriff's Office with whom the public has personal interaction. As the first to respond to dispatched calls, the deputies represent not only patrol, but also the Morrow County Sheriff's Office as a whole.

Uniformed Patrol is responsible for responding to all calls for police service, both criminal and non-criminal. Deputies travel over 500,000 miles per year and respond to more than 14,000 calls for police service. They respond to assaults, kidnappings, domestic violence crimes, burglaries, robberies, shootings, drug complaints, deceased persons, juvenile problems, missing persons, animal and driving complaints. Deputies routinely enforce traffic laws, investigate traffic crashes, provide search and rescue (SAR), conduct prisoner transports, marine patrol, provide court security and serve criminal subpoenas and civil process.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office provides police services to the cities of Heppner and Irrigon per contract.

Uniformed Patrol consists of ten patrol deputies supervised by two patrol sergeants.

Each member is dedicated to providing service to all of the citizens of Morrow County.



Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Unit consists of a criminal sergeant and two detectives assigned to narcotics and general criminal investigation duties. Investigators are members of the Umatilla/Morrow Major Crimes Team which investigate homicides, officer involved shootings and other major incidents within the two counties. Investigators have been utilized to assist with other events such as the Pendleton Round-Up with emphasis on street patrols.

The Criminal Investigation Detective generally works on crimes against persons such as Homicide, Assault, and Child Abuse. Investigators also work fraud and elder abuse cases, execute search warrants and assist with major property crime investigations.

The Narcotics Detective is assigned to the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT). BENT is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force serving Umatilla and Morrow counties. The team investigates and enforces state and federal drug laws.

BENT works to detect, disrupt, dismantle and apprehend drug trafficking organizations and individuals actively engaged in the manufacture and delivery of controlled substances. BENT gathers and disseminates intelligence related to narcotics and other relevant criminal matters to participating entities and other affected criminal justice/law enforcement agencies. The task force strives to enhance and maintain cooperative efforts among criminal justice agencies charged with investigating and prosecuting criminal activities nationwide.

In 2018, BENT detectives arrested 91 subjects. They seized 63 firearms, 18.1 kilograms of Marijuana, .3 kilograms of Cocaine, 38 kilograms of Methamphetamine, 1.9 kilograms of Heroin and 590 prescription pills.

In 2019, BENT detectives arrested 162 subjects. They seized 21 firearms, .22 kilograms of Marijuana, .17 kilograms of Cocaine, 1.25 kilograms of Methamphetamine, 7.45 kilograms of Heroin, 20,608 Fentanyl pills, and 45 prescription pills.

In 2020, BENT detectives arrested 92 subjects. They seized 41 firearms, 28 kilograms of Marijuana, 5 kilograms of Methamphetamine, 2 kilograms of Heroin, 6,497 Fentanyl pills, 421 dose units of synthetic hallucinogens and 485 prescription pills.

In 2021, BENT detectives arrested 113 subjects. They seized 40 firearms, 1 kilogram of Marijuana, 22 kilograms of Methamphetamine, 3 kilograms of Heroin, 41,956 Fentanyl pills, and 79 prescription pills.

School Resource Officer

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Program is comprised of two deputies serving the Morrow County School District and Lone School District. The primary focus of the SRO Program is to provide regular deputy presence in the schools in our service area.

MCSO recognizes the tremendous opportunity to positively impact the lives of our youth and to represent to them adult role models who are not only law enforcement officers, but also people who care for their welfare and success.

The SRO's focus on three main areas: **Mentoring, Resource to School Staff, and Conducting Law Enforcement Investigations.**

Mentoring: SROs are encouraged to spend time in schools getting to know the students through regular interaction. Building relationships, being approachable, and participating in discussions when students face difficulties extends the Sheriff's Office as a problem-solving resource in the community.

Resource to School Staff: SROs collaborate with education professionals to identify long lasting solutions to problems affecting students, parents, and the school staff and environment. SROs are there to assist and advise the school in the development of safety plans and procedures for dealing with everything from school violence to unexpected emergencies.

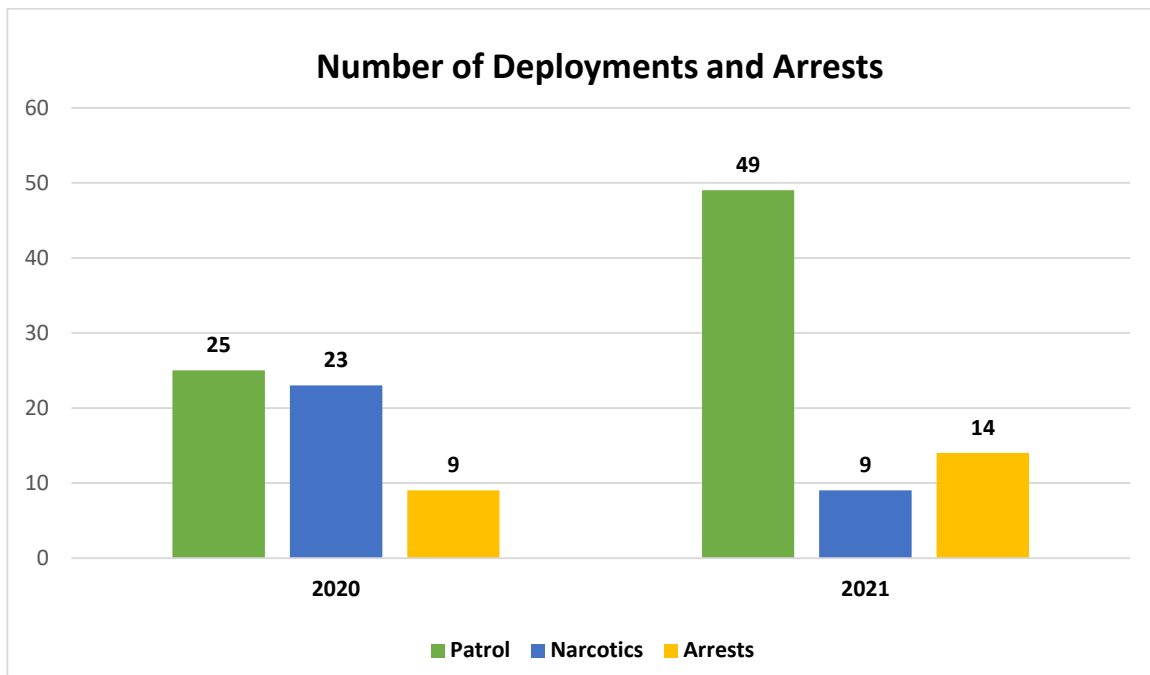
Conducting law enforcement investigations: When alerted to possible juvenile delinquency or other concerns that may affect the well-being of young people, SROs are expected to provide thorough front-line investigations and bring those matters to an appropriate conclusion.

The School Resource Officer Program is a dynamic front-line approach that provides proactive community police service to our most valued citizens. The Sheriff's Office is committed to this opportunity to prevent crime, assist youth, parents, and teachers, and to provide leadership and mentoring to children in Morrow County.

K-9 Patrol

The K-9 Unit currently consists of one cross trained dog/handler team. K-9 Telly is a four-year-old Dutch Shepherd who is trained in Patrol and Narcotics Detection. The K-9 Unit responds to many different types of calls, including search and rescue, searches of un-secure buildings, tracking armed suspects, and barricaded suspect calls. K-9 Telly also attends and works many public events such as Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. In many instances, suspects have elected to surrender without further incident solely because of the presence of K-9 Telly.

K-9 Telly started with Morrow County in July of 2019. K-9 Telly has assisted several neighboring agencies. There has been an increase in patrol deployments, almost doubling in number from the previous year. Current case law and Measure 110 have had a very negative effect on narcotics deployments causing those to drop severely in number while the amount of drugs on the street has increased.



Search and Rescue

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is statutorily required to provide search and rescue services for Morrow County. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office utilizes full time deputies and supplements search efforts with mutual aid agreements from neighboring Sheriff's Offices, community volunteers and local fire departments. Morrow County is a member of Eastern Oregon Search and Rescue (EOSAR) and assists and supports the ten counties within Region 5. Typical SAR missions generally involve searching for missing or overdue hunters, outdoorsmen, missing persons, as well as river and snow rescues.

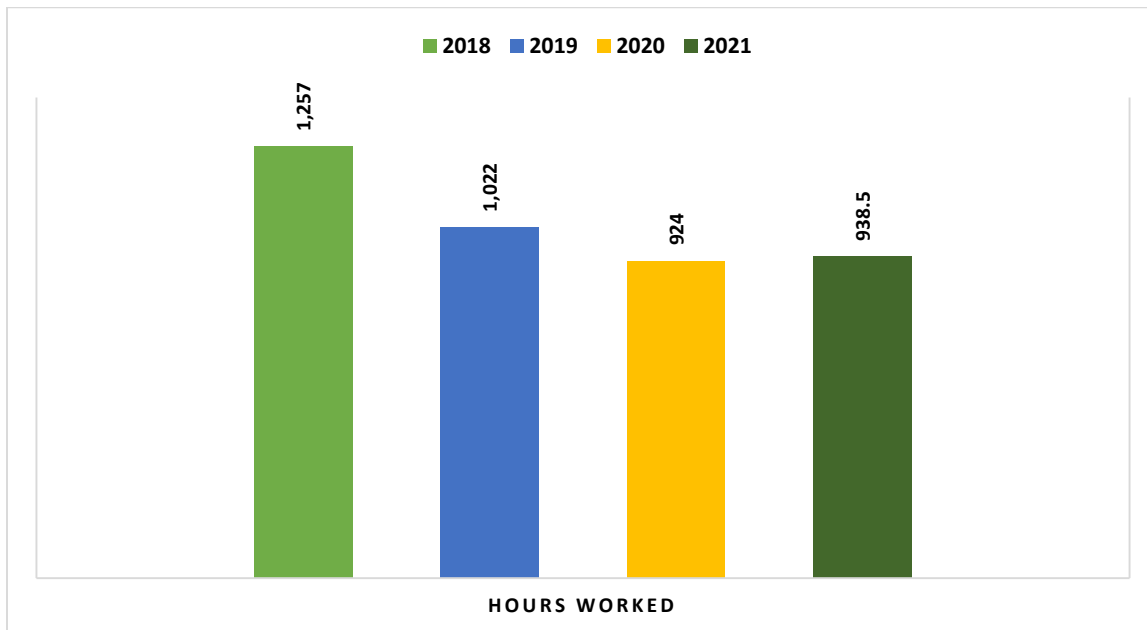


Court Security

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office provides court security services for Morrow County Circuit Court in Heppner. Deputies perform security sweeps of the court room and screen all persons and bags entering the court room using a walk-through metal detector. Deputies also do fingerprinting and provide security for judges and court staff.

A deputy is also assigned to provide security and screening for the Irrigon Justice Court. Deputies check all people entering the court with a metal detector and provide security for the judge and staff.

Prohibited items that have been found by deputies include brass knuckles, knives and wood chisels.



Marine Patrol

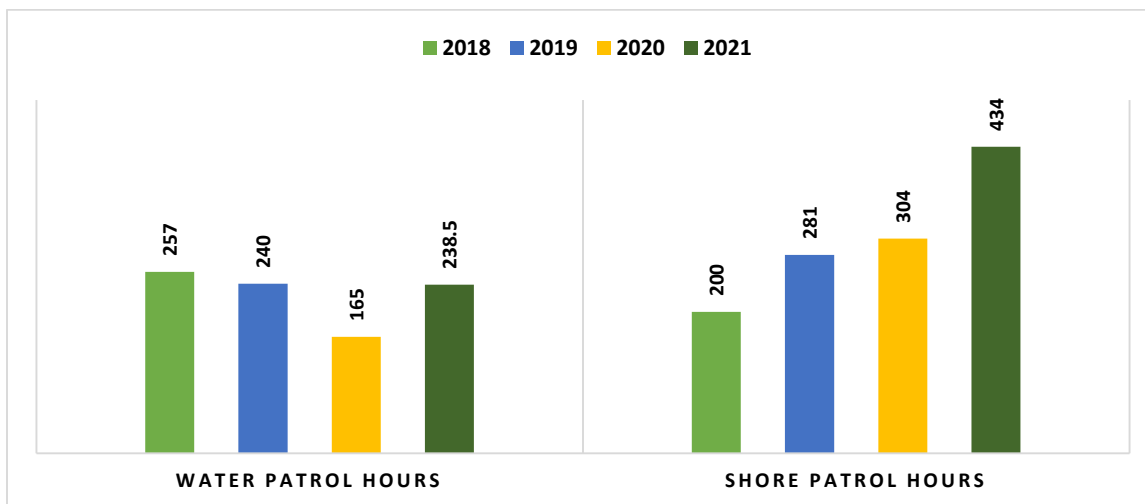
The Morrow County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol is contracted with the Oregon State Marine Board to provide 750 water patrol hours on the Columbia River and Willow Creek Reservoir per year. Most of the contracted hours are spent on the Columbia River since that is the area of the highest boating traffic. While out on the water, marine deputies look for unsafe boating operations, life jacket violations, impaired boaters and provide boater assists. Marine deputies will contact boaters at the docks in the marina and out on the water for safety inspections.

Marine Patrol is able to use structure sonar to assist with search and rescue, as well as body recovery. The Marine Board provides two jet boats for patrol; a 2018 24 ft. River Wild, and a 2013 22 ft. River Wild.

Marine deputies receive 80 hours of academy training. They learn boating laws, boating safety, and receive hands on training. Marine deputies spend time with instructors out on the water, practicing close quarter boat operation skills, docking, and coming alongside other vessels. Most academy boat instructors are also marine program managers. Deputies must tread water in a swimming pool wearing all of their gear. This exercise uses a safe environment to show how quickly a person can tire out and sink, no matter their skill level.

When not on the water, Marine Patrol goes to schools throughout the county teaching water safety. The marine deputies put on several fun demonstrations for the students, including having a half-inflated rubber raft and life jackets inside the classroom.

During the Irrigon Watermelon Festival, marine deputies and other agency employees provide free boat rides to citizens at the Irrigon Marina. It's always popular with the public.



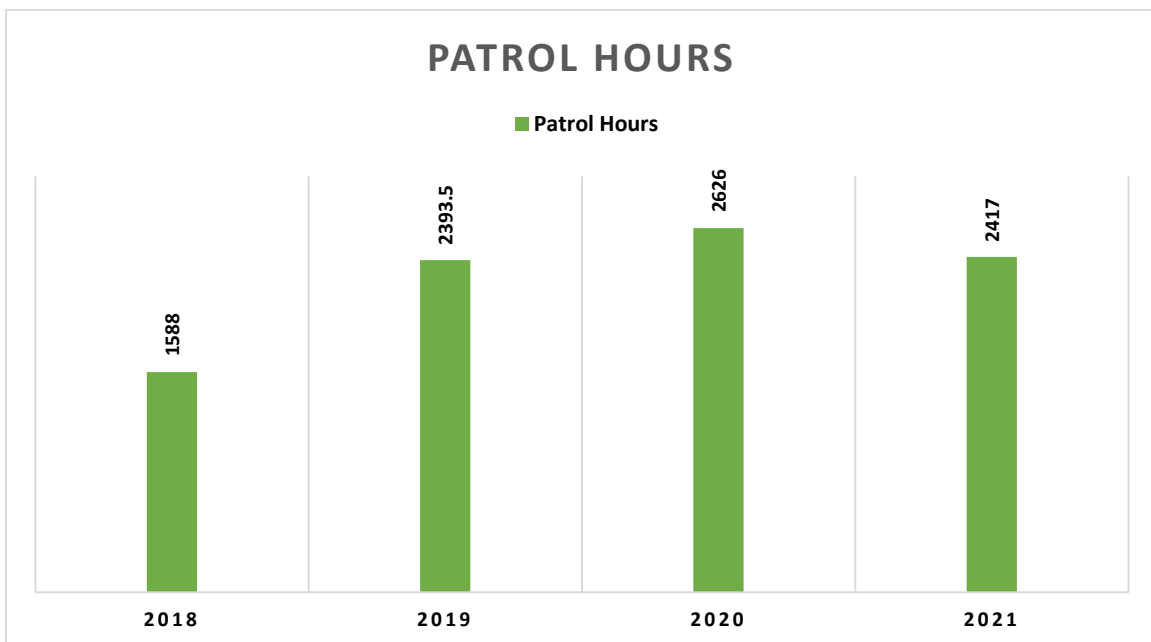
Morrow/Grant OHV Park

The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office provides seasonal patrol coverage to the Morrow-Grant OHV Park from May 1 to November 15. The position is funded by a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The 9,000 acre OHV Park sits on the border between Morrow and Grant counties, with the majority on the Morrow County side. There are more than 200 miles of trails for Jeeps, quads, side-by-sides, and dirt bikes to traverse. The trails vary in skill from easy to very difficult.

The park continues to gain in popularity and has an annual attendance that has been steadily increasing from year to year. There are full and partial hook-up camp sites as well as limited cabins and dry camping areas. The park has a restaurant on site, shower facilities and a bike wash-down area.

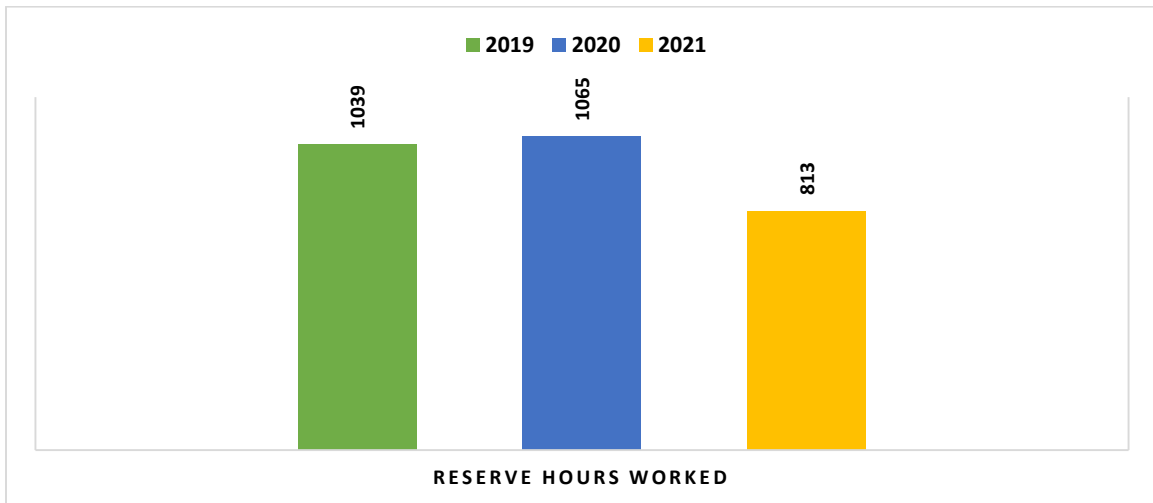
There are two part-time deputies that provide coverage seven days a week during the season. Additional information about the OHV Park can be found by visiting MorrowCountyParks.org



Reserve Deputy Program

Morrow County Reserve deputies supplement full time deputies, often riding in the car with them as a second unit. They provide court security, assist at the Morrow County OHV Park, and at major crime scenes. Reserve deputies provide security during community celebrations such as the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, Lone's Fourth of July Celebration and the Irrigon Watermelon Festival. The reserves volunteer their time to complete these patrols.

The reserve program provides reserve deputies with the opportunity to learn about police work. Many former reserve deputies are now full time employees with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

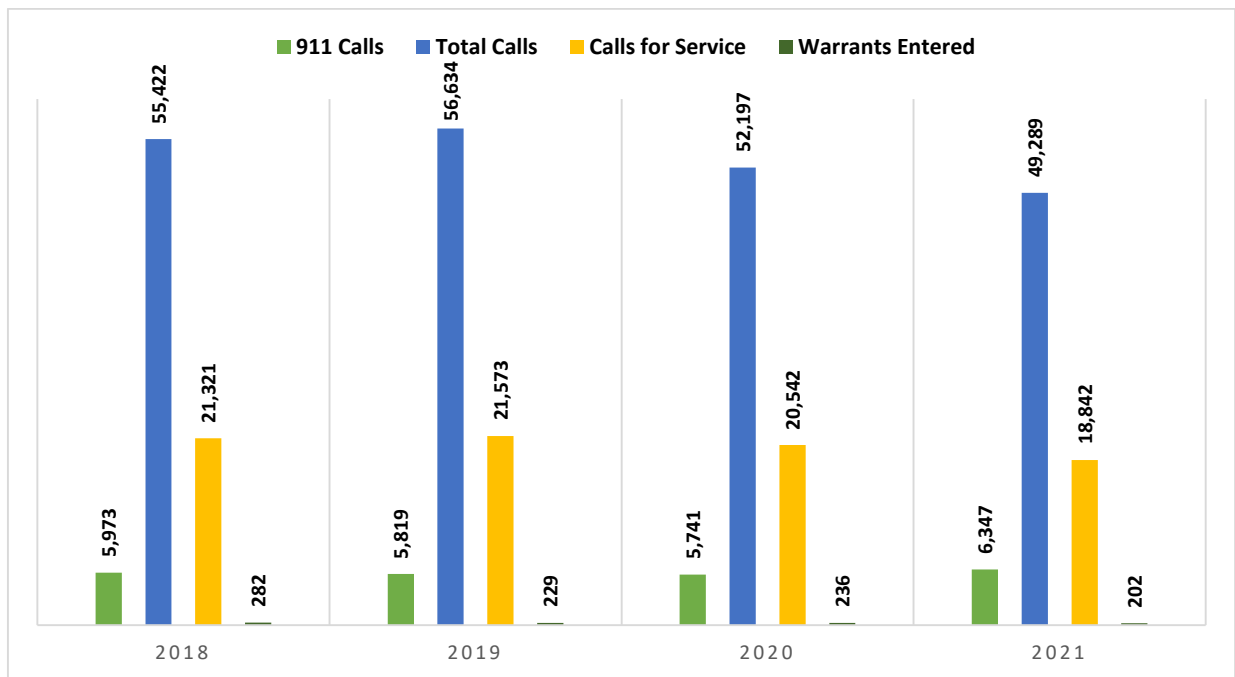


Communications Center

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is comprised of nine (9) full-time communications deputies supervised by a communication sergeant and a communications lieutenant. The Communications Center dispatches for all police, fire and emergency medical agencies in the county. All communication deputies are dual certified in 911 call taking and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), which provides pre-arrival instructions for medical calls.

The Communications Center utilizes the Umatilla-Morrow Radio and Data District radio system which is a trunked 700 MHz system that is shared by agencies in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. The center also uses a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system provided by Sun Ridge Systems that is also shared by agencies in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. All communications deputies are required to be Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) certified. The LEDS/NCIC system has the ability to communicate with other law enforcement agencies throughout the country to inquire and obtain various information on persons, vehicles, articles and firearms.

The Communications Center is responsible for entering, modifying, clearing and canceling all warrants, protection orders, and stolen, lost or recovered vehicles, articles and firearms within the county.



Jail

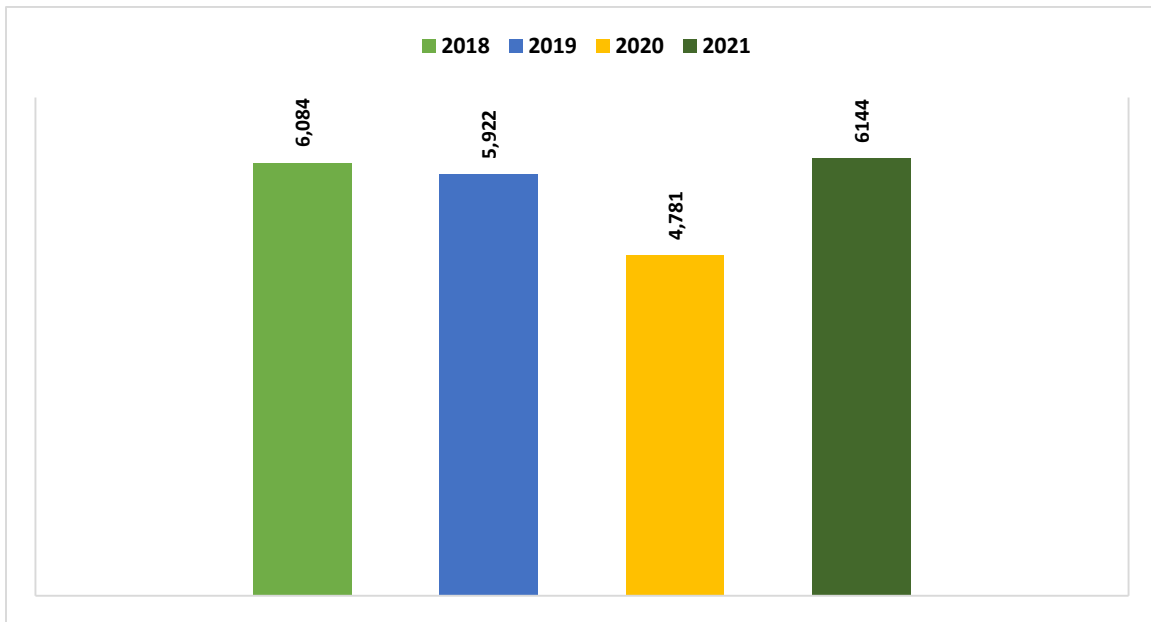
The Morrow County Sheriff's Office contracts with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office in Pendleton for jail services. The current contract allows the Sheriff's Office 20 jail beds per day for persons that are arrested and need to be lodged for their crimes.

Sheriff's deputies arrest and lodge persons on a number of serious crimes. Custodies can spend long periods of time in the Umatilla County Jail while awaiting or attending court appearances and/or trials, sometimes spending more than a year in jail while the courts and attorneys work out legal issues. Serious crimes include: sexual assaults, felony assaults, as well as various weapons and narcotics crimes.

All Morrow County custody actions are tracked, including court appearances, mental health and medical appointments and any transports requested by the District Attorney, defense lawyers or judge. The communications sergeant is responsible for prisoner billing and prisoner medical billing budgets for each fiscal cycle.

When prisoners are sentenced to the Department of Corrections, they are transferred to the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility for intake, and are then processed and transferred again to the correctional facility where they will finish serving their sentence.

Beds Used Per Year



Civil Unit

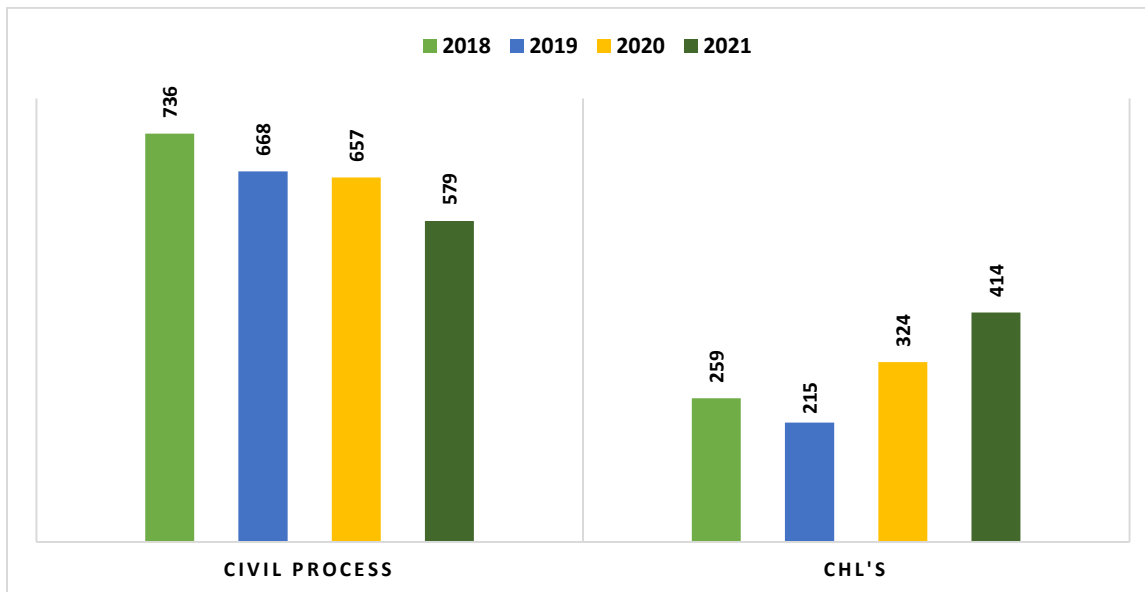
The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office Civil Unit responds to all legal processes directed to the Sheriff, including, but not limited to, Writs of Execution (Real and Personal Property sales), Forcible Entry Detainers/Evictions, Notice, Provisional and Enforcement processes, and various other court orders/documents.

Information about Sheriff Sales can be found by going to oregonsheriffssales.org and then selecting the appropriate county.

The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office Civil Unit is comprised of a civil sergeant and a civil deputy who process all notices, provisional and enforcement processes. They also conduct all property sales. Patrol deputies serve all process documents received in Morrow County.

The Civil Unit is also in charge of processing all Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL). This is done in accordance to Oregon Revised Statute 166.291 pertaining to CHL’s.

The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office and public safety agencies, along with Oregon Courts, are not permitted to give legal advice pursuant to Oregon Law. “Legal Advice” is defined as telling a person how to go about court proceedings, filing, etc., speculating about the outcome in a court case, advising or recommending one procedure, form, or pleading over another, advising what words to put in a form or what to say in court, suggesting what you should do, recommending the services of a specific attorney or group of attorneys, etc. Person or persons can obtain legal assistance from the Lawyer Referral Service by calling 1-800-452-4776 or www.orbar.org/public.

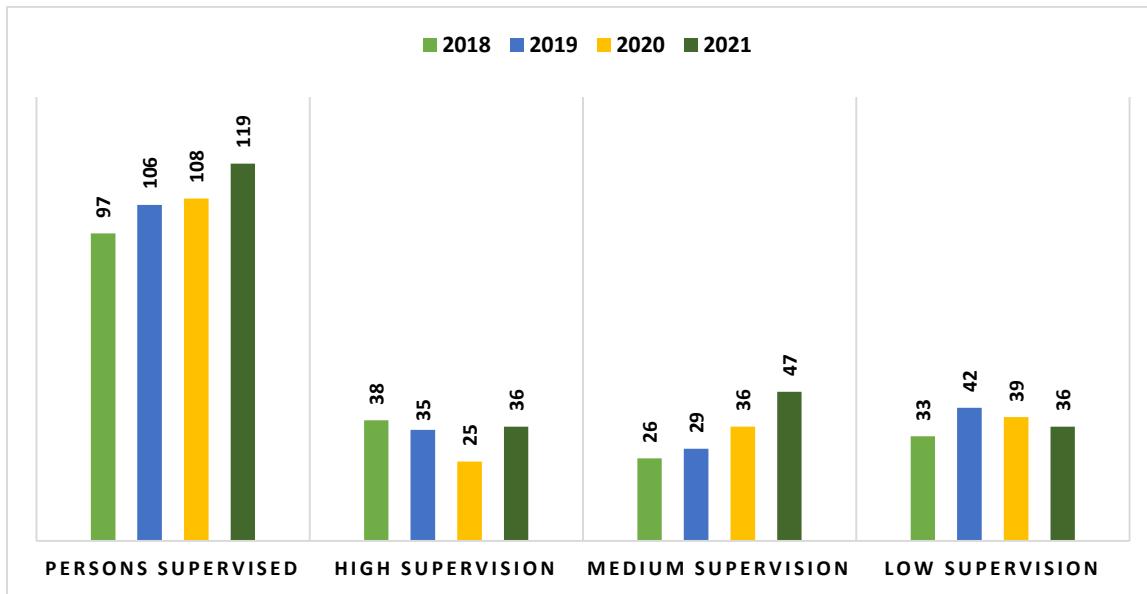


Parole and Probation

In Oregon, the supervision of adult offenders on parole, probation, and post-prison supervision is known as Community Corrections. According to the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors, "Community Corrections is responsible for the supervision of convicted adult felons whom the courts and parole board have placed in the community under a limited, structured state of freedom. The overall goal is to protect the community by helping offenders become law-abiding, contributing citizens."

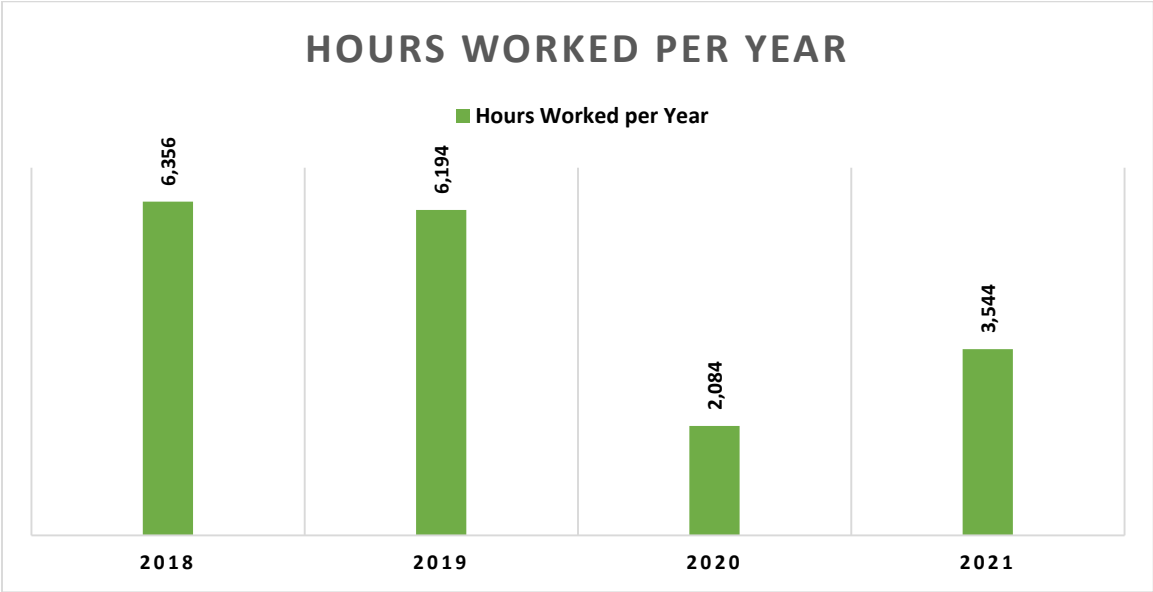
In Morrow County, Community Corrections is the responsibility of the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Office. The Corrections Division is responsible for supervising adult offenders on parole, probation, and post-prison supervision who reside in Morrow County.

Deputies within the Corrections Division are known as Parole & Probation Deputies, or PO's. Their job requires them to play many different roles. These roles may range from enforcement of numerous rules or violations to counseling offenders in various life decisions. Parole and Probation deputies provide the highest level of supervision to offenders who present the greatest risk to the community. A variety of statutory, policy and contractual mandates are satisfied such as: sex offender notification, management of offenders sentenced to one year or less in local jails, transitional pre-release assessment and planning, and hearings.



Community Service Work

The Community Service Work program allows for the placement and monitoring of offenders ordered to perform community service work as a condition of court order supervision. The program also provides alternative sanctions for offenders who violate their conditions of supervision. The Community Service Work program helps offenders learn job skills and tools to become successful employees.



Training

Training is an essential part of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. All employees working in certifiable positions are certified through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

Patrol deputies are required to complete 84 hours of training every three years, which includes at least 8 hours of annual use of force/firearms training. Newly hired patrol deputies are required to attend a 16 week (640 hours) academy at the DPSST facility located in Salem, Oregon. The academy highlights areas of Use of Force, Procedural Law, Defensive Tactics, Firearms and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

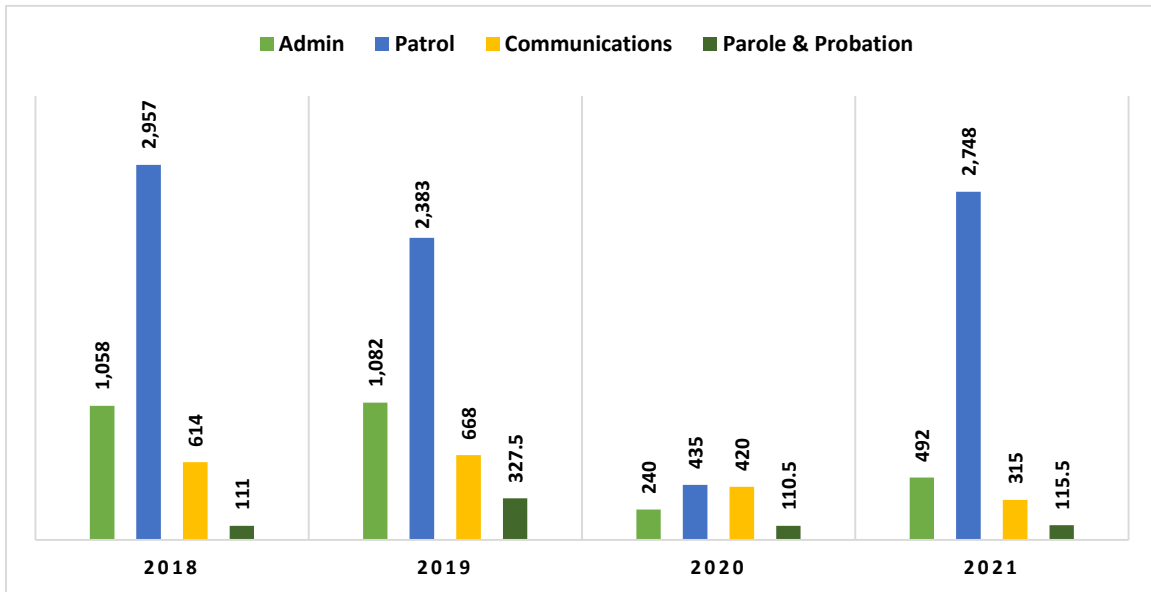
Morrow County Sheriff's Office provides a week of annual training for each Patrol deputy. The nature of the training varies from year to year, but highlights mental health, ethics and leadership skills along with use of force and firearms training. Patrol deputies are also required to qualify quarterly with their duty weapon and once per year with their shotgun and rifle. Deputies regularly complete specialized training updates in accordance with their instructor credentials or other specialized duties.

Communication deputies are required to complete 16 hours of training each year. When a communications deputy is hired, they are required to complete 120 hours of telecommunicator training and an additional 20 hours of training specializing in Emergency Medical Dispatch at the DPSST academy.

Employees that hold a leadership position are required to complete an additional eight hours of approved leadership training each year.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office currently has eight field training officers (FTO), four firearms instructors, two TASER instructors, two defensive tactics instructors, one simunition instructor, one radar instructor and one use of force instructor.

Training Hours



NOTES:

- In 2018, three patrol deputies and two communications deputies attended academy
- In 2019, one communications deputy and one parole and probation deputy attended academy
- In 2020, one communications deputy attended academy. Most training was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns
- In 2021, three patrol deputies and one communications deputy attended academy



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