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Updates from your Morrow County Sheriff's Office



Your MCSO

current topics >>>

MC Emergency Management – Fire Season

MCSO Mission

“To promote and maintain the protection of the people and their property and to enhance the livability of Morrow County for all citizens.”

*John Bowles, the Morrow County
Undersheriff, is also the Morrow County
Emergency Manager.*

**Fire Season is upon us, and
we are in a serious drought
situation.**

To burn or not to burn?

- Ask your local fire agency or air authority if it's OK to burn.
- Don't burn on hot, dry, or windy days.
- Debris burning is generally prohibited during fire season.

*The few exceptions require permits.



#WildfireAwarenessMonth

**Please also be very careful with your
campfires, BBQ, or any outdoor burning!**

Support your local Sheriff

Please Visit
**Oregon State
Sheriff's
Association**

oregonsheriffs.org



Sheriff Ken Matlack



Undersheriff John A. Bowles

Patrol Staff

Deputy Colleen Neubert

Deputy Dalton Garcia

Deputy Daniel Thomas

Deputy Andrew Martin

Deputy Jacob Stutzman

Deputy Collin Brill

Deputy Zachary Killgore

Patrol Sergeants

Nathen Braun & Gordon Adams

Supervise the Patrol Staff

Criminal Division

works homicides, assaults, abuse and sex crimes. Investigators work fraud and elder abuse cases, execute search warrants and are members of the Umatilla/Morrow Major Crimes Team which investigate homicides, officer involved shootings and other major incidents within our two counties

Patrol Division

Is responsible for responding to all calls for police service, both criminal and non-criminal calls. Uniformed deputies conduct the initial investigation, gather evidence and follow up as necessary. They enforce traffic laws, investigate collisions and serve civil papers.

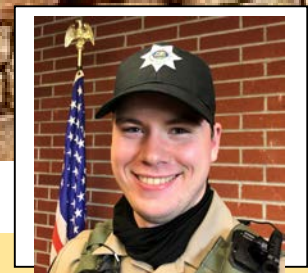
Patrol & Criminal
both under
Operations Division
Lead by
Ops. Lt. Brian Snyder

Criminal Staff
BENT Detective
Criminal Sgt. Scott Carter
Crim. Deputy Matt Crowell

Get to Know MCSO

(bold & checked – featured in this issue)

- ✓ Patrol Division
- ✓ Criminal Division
- ✓ Drug Task Force
- ✓ K-9 Program
- School Resource Officer Program
- Reserve Deputy Program
- ✓ Communications Center (9-1-1)
- ✓ Marine Patrol
- ✓ OHV Park Patrol
- ✓ Emergency Management
- Search and Rescue
- Administrative Division
 - Civil Unit
 - Records Unit
- Parole and Probation Division
 - Community Service Work
- Code Enforcement



Deputy in the

SPOTLIGHT

Patrol Deputy Collin Brill

with MCSO since 2021

1. Most unusual job?

Replacing pump in Dairy Farm manure pit.

2. Favorite charity?

Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP)

3. Hobbies?

Hunting, making music, family and friends

4. Dogs, Cats or? Dogs, without a doubt.

5. Favorite family tradition?

Christmas Eve and 4th of July with family

6. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go? New Zealand

7. Favorite dinner and/or treat?

Homegrown Smoked Pork Chops

8. Pet peeve?

Leaving lights on when you leave a room

9. Who would you swap places with, for a day?

My buddy Parker in N.Dakota, family is there.

10. Favorite Book and/or Movie?

Revenge of the Sith

11. Mountains or Beach or both? Mountains

12. Hometown? Aumsville, OR

13. Favorite color? Orange – Go BEAVS!

14. Which two people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with? Hard to beat going home, dinner with mom and dad.

15. #1 on bucket list? Live life to the fullest.





TELLY's TALES...

K-9 adventures



Do you know me?
I have my own
Instagram Page!

Follow me at:
k9_telly

Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT)

BENT was founded in 1984 by Pendleton Police Department and Oregon State Police. From those two, the team has grown to include nine agencies, with a focus on Umatilla and Morrow Counties. In 2005 BENT was designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) task force. BENT's mission is to disrupt and/or dismantle mid to upper level drug trafficking organizations (DTO). BENT has received recognition as the "Western States Drug Task Force of the Year" twice in the last ten years.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office is very proud to have a Detective serving with BENT and helping to keep our communities safer.

(Due to the nature of the work they do, we will not be sharing the name of our BENT member).

Did you know???

History bites from MCSO...

George W. Harrington was appointed as the very first Sheriff of Morrow County on **February 16, 1885**

He served for one year and then returned several years later to be elected to a two-year term.

Sheriff Harrington served Morrow County
1885-1886
1894-1896

Telly just turned 4 years old!

She recently needed some dental work and now has a very stylish silver tooth ;)

Oregon HB2650 working it's way through the state legislature, would allow Police K9's to be transported in an ambulance.

– Great news, for our four legged heroes!

Telly says; Please Report Suspicious Activity to the Sheriff's Office. Don't attempt to take things into your own hands, or put yourself in any danger.

- ✚ Descriptions of persons and/or vehicles
- ✚ Direction of travel
- ✚ License plate number if applicable



If you see something. . . say something

Call dispatch 541-676-5317 / Emergency 9-1-1



MANY OREGONIANS DON'T KNOW THAT **DEBRIS BURNING** IS A LEADING CAUSE OF WILDFIRES IN OUR STATE.

Review these tips to prevent your debris burn from starting a wildfire.

- Instead of burning, chip, compost, or haul debris to a recycling center
- Check with your local fire agency or air quality authority before you burn
- Know the weather forecast
- Burn only yard debris
- Don't use gasoline or diesel to start your fire
- Keep your burn pile small or use a burn barrel with a screen
- Clear a 15-foot radius around your burn pile down to bare soil and away from overhead vegetation
- Always have water and a shovel on site, and stay with the fire
- Make sure your burn pile is completely out

BELIEVE in Fire Safety.



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final **thoughts...**

It is boating season!

Our Marine Program is up and going strong for the 2021 boating season. Marine Deputy Laurie Snyder reminds all of our citizens and visitors that the water in the Columbia is extremely cold all year, and hypothermia is an extreme danger even in the heat of summer.

Please Wear your Personal Flotation Devices!

Once you need them, it's too late to scramble to find them and put them on. In many cases, a person is launched out of their boat very suddenly. We are all out there to have fun in the sun, let's keep our days on the water happy ones.

Power, Paddle or Sail Wear your PFD!



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www.co.morrow.or.us/sheriff



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Morrow County Sheriff's Office Seasonal Programs

The OHV Park is open!

We have a new deputy patrolling at the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park!

Colton Seelye has been a reserve for MCSO and has now been hired for OHV Park Patrol. He joins Todd Hoodenpyl in keeping the park safe for all to enjoy.

Please stop Colton when you see him and say hello!

As a reminder you can book your stay at the OHV Park or the other county parks by contacting Morrow County Parks at **541.989.8214** or by email at mcparks@co.morrow.or.us

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Together
Everyone
Achieves
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