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Updates from your Morrow County Sheriff's Office



Your MCSO

current topics >>>

MC Emergency Management

*Passing of the torch last year –
Morrow County hired a full time
Emergency Manager.*

"Pulling double duty as both Undersheriff and MC Emergency Manager has made for a busy 5 ½ years. With many others, we have worked through Blue Green Algae Blooms, Drought, Winter Weather Events, Flooding, Wind Storms, Historic Fires, the Eclipse and the first 18 months of COVID.

I met a lot of great people and made some important contacts and will be able to continue to use these vital resources for Morrow County, with my Undersheriff duties.

Law Enforcement is where my heart is and I'm very happy to be able to focus on that full time.

The transition has been a smooth one and working with H. Paul Gray has been a pleasure as we welcome him to the Emergency Manager position and to the Morrow County family."

Morrow County Strong, Together!
John A. Bowles, Undersheriff

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."

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Sheriff Ken Matlack



Undersheriff John A. Bowles



Deputy in the

SPOTLIGHT

Marine Deputy Steve Gray

for the 2022 Season

1. Most unusual job? *None*

2. Favorite charity?

St. Jude's Children's Hospital

3. Hobbies? *Leatherwork – Saddle maker*

4. Dogs, Cats or? *Dogs*

5. Favorite family tradition?

Hunting & camping

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

7. Favorite dinner and/or treat? *Steak.*

8. Pet peeve? *Group Texts*

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

George Strait

10. Favorite Book and/or Movie? *Book: The man from Coolibah / Movie: Tombstone*

11. Mountains or Beach or both? *Mountains*

12. Hometown? *Joseph, OR*

13. Favorite color? *Blue*

14. Which two people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with?

John Wayne & my dad

15. #1 on your bucket list?

Moose hunt in Alaska

MCSO Marine Program

Sgt. Nathen Braun, Program Supervisor
Laurie Snyder, 20-21 Marine Deputy
Steven Gray, 2022 Marine Deputy

Marine Deputy Snyder completed **135 Boat Inspections** for the 2021 season with 35 people advised of marine issues that needed corrections with only one person receiving a citation.

As with road traffic citations, **education and safety is the goal**, not writing citations to our citizens.

She held four **Water Safety Education** presentations at the North-end Elementary Schools, totaling **21 hours of water safety education for our kids.**

Our Marine Program also completed **Five On-the-Water Rescues** during the 2021 Boating Season Great Job!



Marine Deputy Laurie Snyder gave **342 people boat rides** during the **2021 Irrigon Watermelon Festival** she shared information on **proper life vest fitting, boating and water safety.**



It's not always fun in the sun! Sometimes duties include diving to clean out the milfoil weeds in the marina, so they do not cause problems with the boats. A day in the life of our Marine Deputy ;)



Deputy in the

SPOTLIGHT

Marine Deputy Laurie Snyder

for the 2020 & 2021 Seasons

1. Most unusual job? *None*

2. Favorite charity? *Anything helping kids.*

3. Hobbies? *My grandkids & crafting.*

4. Dogs, Cats or? *Dogs*

5. Favorite family tradition? *Christmas dinner Always getting the family together.*

6. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go? *Italy or Greece.*

7. Favorite dinner and/or treat? *Tacos. Love tacos from the food trucks.*

8. Pet peeve? *None*

9. Who would you swap places with, for a day? *No one. I love my life, I would not want to be anyone else.*

10. Favorite Book and/or Movie? *Twilight series and all three Bad Boys movies.*

11. Mountains or Beach or both? *Mountains, but don't mind the beach if the wind is not blowing.*

12. Hometown? *Boardman*

13. Favorite color? *Black*

14. Which two people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with? *My dad and my grandfather.*

15. #1 on your bucket list? *None listed*

MCSO Communications Center

Our dispatchers handled 6,347 - 911 calls during **2021** and 49,289 administrative calls, resulting in 18,842 calls for service.

The Center has had quite a few changes during the last year or so. Jacob Stutzman moved on to Patrol and replacing him we have Jessica Trujillo and Michelle Vaughn has been hired as our newest dispatcher.

Also, four of our dispatchers welcomed new babies into their families in 2021.

Dispatchers in training ;)

Welcome all to the MCSO family!

The voices you hear when you call 911

Lt. Kristen Bowles

Sgt. Sarah Baker

Marcy Walton

Joe Armato

Caroline Robinson

Andrea Acosta Garcia

Kaitlin Kennedy

Travis Carr

Jessica Trujillo

Michelle Vaughn

**They are the first “on-scene”
when you are having a very bad day.
They are your lifeline when you need it.
They have your back . . . always.
Our Communications Deputies are
our un-sung heros and a vital part
of the First Responder Team.**

Did you know???

History bites from MCSO...



George McDuffee

served as Sheriff of Morrow County
1915-1928

TELLY's TALES...

K-9 adventures



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

**Follow me at:
k9_telly**

K-9 Program 2021 Deployment Stats

Our K-9 Team was deployed 58 times in 2021

9 were for Drug Detection and

49 were for Patrol Duties

Some of those deployments included;
building searches, human searches,
tracking and non-search deployments.

Our K-9 Team also occasionally
assists other agencies

Telly loves her job!

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

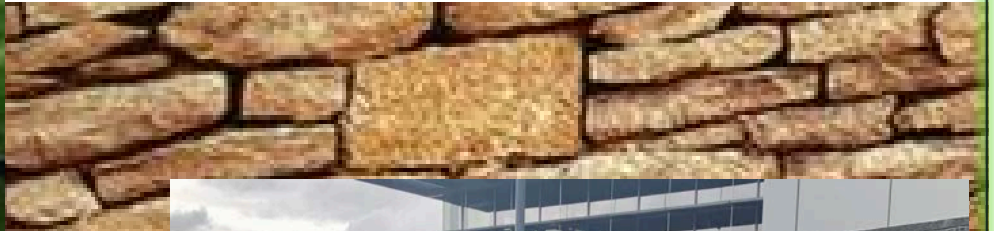
Welcome Home to our Academy Graduates! Morrow County Deputies Graduate the Oregon Police Academy



On Friday October 15, 2021 Deputies Collin Brill, Zachary Kilgore and Jacob Stutzman, graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem.

Normally the training is over a sixteen-week timeframe, but due to COVID delays the training for this trio was twenty-weeks.

I'm sure it will go down in our history as one of the most unusual experiences at the Police Academy.



On June 10, 2022 Deputy Miguel Flores graduated from the DPSST in Salem.

The 16-weeks covers intensive classroom and operational skills training and scenario-based training. After graduation deputies complete an in-house 12-week training program and evaluation with their agency.

Pictured Patrol Sgt. Gordon Adams, Patrol Deputy Miguel Flores and Operations Lieutenant Brian Snyder.

Congratulations Deputy Flores!



On August 12, 2022 Patrol Deputy Tamara Beardsley graduated from DPSST in Salem.

She received the Dr. Ernest M. Ogard, Jr.
Academic Achievement Award
from DPSST.

The honor is presented to the student who
**achieved the highest average test scores
over the 16 weeks of training.**

She is pictured here with Academy staff.

Deputy Beardsley started with the Morrow
County Sheriff's Office on January 3, 2022
and started learning the ropes here before
leaving for the Academy back in May.

We are extremely proud of Deputy
Beardsley for her recognition and
accomplishments.

Congratulations on a job well done.
John A. Bowles, Undersheriff

Each deputy will complete a twelve-week field training program
with the Sheriff's Office and additional required
84 hours of training over the next three years.



To all our graduates. . .
Congratulations on your graduation and enjoy a long successful career with the
Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Welcome to the Morrow County family
John A. Bowles, Undersheriff



We have a new dispatcher!

On August 10, 2022 Sheriff Matlack
swore-in our newest

Communication Deputy Michelle Vaughn.

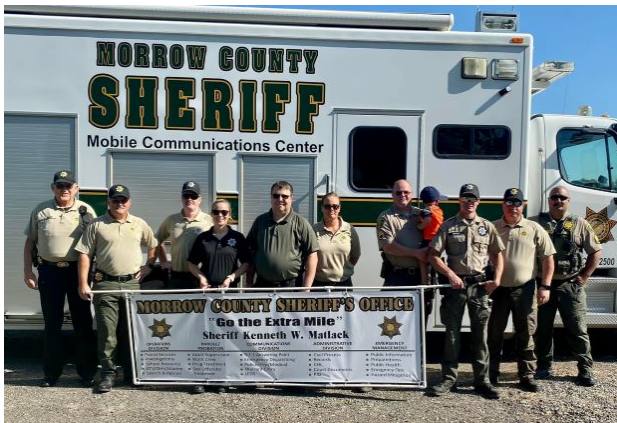
Michelle will train here in-house before heading off
to the Academy for three weeks of Communications
Deputy Training and then one week of Emergency
Medical Dispatch Training.

Welcome to the MCSO Family Michelle!
We are glad you are here!

It more than just work . . .

THE COMMUNITY IS WHERE ARE HEARTS ARE . . .

SUMMER FUN!



final thoughts...

Morrow County Schools Security Summit

Morrow County Sheriff's Office sent nine of our staff members, to participate in a training put on by Intermountain Education Service District (ESD). We have participated with the schools on many other trainings and safety remains a primary focus for school leaders and law enforcement throughout Morrow County.

On August 8, 2022

Morrow County agencies participated in a regional School Security Summit hosted by the Intermountain ESD in Pendleton. It was well attended by over 200 staff, from many different agencies all coordinating to help ensure the safety of our children. School administrators from Morrow and Ione school districts, along with representatives from Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Boardman Police Department, all participated in a review of the regionally adopted school safety protocols from the "I Love u Guys" Foundation. Other pertinent groups were involved as well, like fire departments, counselors and the bus transportation company. All in attendance are instrumental in the process and provided their own valuable perspective to the Security Summit.

Looking ahead

There is another training scheduled for September that we will be attending. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with the schools and other agencies to stop tragic school events before they can occur, as we train for the day, we hope never comes.

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