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Updates from your Morrow County Sheriff's Office



Your MCSO

OSSA

Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association was formed in 1916 to give Oregon sheriffs a single and effective voice. Oregon's 36 elected sheriffs and their staff strive to improve citizen and community safety on a daily basis.

BECOME A MEMBER

Individuals and businesses who want to support public safety across the State of Oregon may join the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), a tax-exempt non-profit organization. Your tax deductible dues and contributions support Oregon's 36 elected sheriffs and their staff as they strive to improve citizen and community safety on a daily basis.

It is easy to join and all gifts are tax deductible. You'll also receive special membership benefits including the quarterly magazine, *Oregon Sheriff*, which will keep you up-to-date with sheriffs around the state and current public safety issues; a membership card; decals; and one automatic entry into the drawing for a Glock G43 handgun, generously donated by Greystone Tactical.

MCSO Mission

"The Mission of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office is to protect the rights of all people and to promote **safety, security and livability** for all Morrow County citizens and visitors"

Support your local Sheriff

Please Visit
**Oregon State
Sheriffs'
Association**

oregonsheriffs.org



Sheriff John A. Bowles



Undersheriff Brian Snyder



Deputy in the

SPOTLIGHT

Comm. Lt. Kristen Bowles

1. Most unusual job?
This one
2. Favorite charity?
St. Jude's Childrens Hospital
3. Hobbies?
Yard work, golf and reading
4. Dogs, Cats or?
Dogs
5. Favorite family tradition?
Christmas Eve at Grandma & Grandpa's
6. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go? **Scotland**
7. Favorite dinner and/or treat? **Chinese**
8. Pet peeve? **Rude People**
9. Who would you swap places with for a day?
No one comes to mind.
10. Favorite Book and/or Movie?
Any book I can get my hands on
11. Mountains, Beach or both?
Both
12. Hometown?
La Grande
13. Favorite color?
Purple
14. Which two people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with?
My dad
15. #1 on your bucket list?
I don't really have a bucket list

MCSO DISPATCH

Our dispatchers handled
5,705 - 911 calls during 2022 and
46,642 administrative calls,
resulting in **16,878** calls for service
(all while talking on the radio and
doing computer work;)

Our hard working
Communications Deputies
are awesome!

They are the first "on-scene"
when you are having
a very bad day.

They are your lifeline when
you need it most.

They have your back . . . always.

Our Communications Deputies are
our un-sung heroes and a vital part
of the First Responder Team.

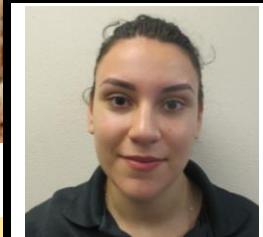
Thanks for all you do!



The 2nd week in April is
Dispatcher Appreciation Week -
Our dispatchers were spoiled by
several members of our
community with food, flowers &
some goodies from MCSO

The voices you hear when you call 911

Lt. Kristen Bowles
Sgt. Sarah Baker
Marcy Walton
Caroline Robinson
Andrea Acosta Garcia
Kaitlin Kennedy
Travis Carr
Jessica Trujillo
Madi Hoke
Jody "Jo" Sullivan



Deputy in the

SPOTLIGHT

Comm. Deputy Andrea Acosta Garcia

1. Most unusual job?
This one
2. Favorite charity?
St. Jude's Childrens Hospital
3. Hobbies?
Gardening and hiking
4. Dogs, Cats or?
Dogs
5. Favorite family tradition?
Cultural Tradition – "Day of the Dead"
6. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go? **Spain**
7. Favorite dinner and/or treat?
Dinner: Mole / Treat: Capirotada
8. Pet peeve?
Leaving hand tools in the kitchen
9. Who would you swap places with for a day?
Can't think of anyone
10. Favorite Book and/or Movie?
The child in me says : Shrek
The adult in me says: Passion of the Christ
11. Mountains, Beach or both?
Hot sunny beach
12. Hometown?
Umatilla
13. Favorite color?
Burgundy
14. Which two people, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with?
Even though I see them all the time, mom & dad, cherish the moments while I have them.
15. #1 on your bucket list?
See the Northern Lights



PET HEAT SAFETY

SAVE A PET'S LIFE IN A HOT CAR

Animals can die of heatstroke within 15 minutes.

Cracking the windows does not help, the inside still gets dangerously hot.

During hot weather, keep your pets at home.

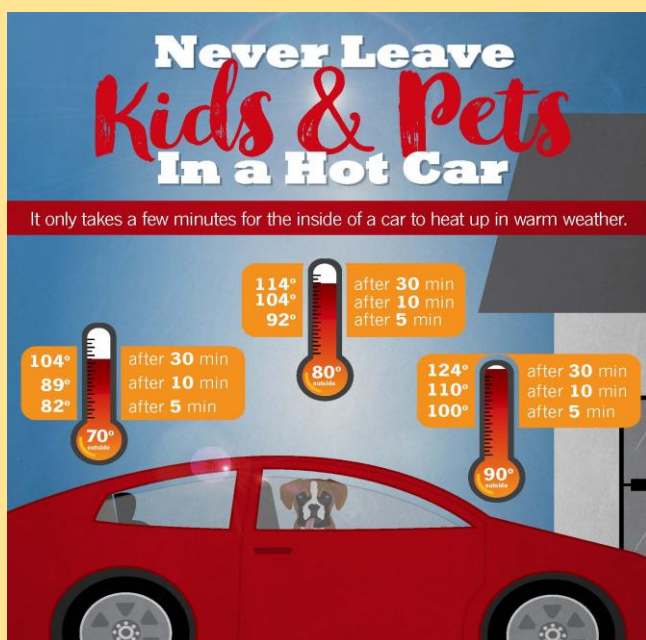
If you see a pet in an unattended vehicle, do not leave until the problem has been resolved!



weather.gov/heat

Kids, pets and hot cars don't mix

As the weather is warming up, please be aware that the temperature inside a vehicle can get very hot, very fast. An alarming number of children and pets die in these types of senseless tragedies each year.



Did you know???

History bites from Oregon Sheriffs'...

Joseph Lafayette Meek

was Oregon's first elected sheriff. He was born in Washington County, Virginia on February 7th, 1810. He came to Oregon in 1840 and was elected sheriff in 1843.

He was re-elected in 1845.

Meek enforced liquor laws, and he was the first tax collector. Failure to pay had a penalty of losing voting rights, and others could jump your property claim.

TELLY's TALES...

K-9 adventures



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

Follow me at:
k9_telly

Telly wants you to know. . .

Things you can do to prevent the unthinkable

Any parent or caregiver, even a very loving and attentive one, can forget a child is in the back seat.

Being especially busy or distracted or having a change from the usual routine increases the risk.

Here are some safety reminders from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Always check the back seat and make sure all children are out of the car before locking it and walking away.
- Be extra alert when there is a change in your routine, like when [someone else is driving](#) your child or you take a different route to work or child care.
- Have your child care provider call if your child is more than 10 minutes late.
- Put your cell phone, bag, or purse in the back seat, so you check the back seat when you arrive.
- If someone else is driving your child, always check to make sure he has arrived safely.
- Many hot car deaths have occurred when a child mistakenly locks himself inside.
- Make sure children do not have easy access to your car keys. Store them [out of a child's reach](#).

Take action if you see a child or pet alone in a hot car

If you see an unattended child or pet in a hot car you should immediately call 911 and stay until help arrives.

Welcome new deputies to the MCSO family



On January 3, 2023
Deputy Brandon Royal was sworn-in by Sheriff Bowles as our first new deputy of 2023. Deputy Royal is headed to the Police Academy soon for 16 weeks of intense training. Congratulations on starting your law enforcement career with Morrow County. We are happy you are here!

Marine Deputy Jovanny Bedolla-Chavez was sworn-in by Sheriff Bowles on April 18th. He attended the two-week Marine Academy and became certified on May 5th. You will be seeing him on the waters of Morrow County very soon! Welcome aboard!



Patrol Deputy Steve Larsen has been a long-time reserve for MCSO. We are excited to say as of April 18th he is finally a regular full-time deputy. Welcome home :)



We have a new dispatcher!

On April 25, 2023 Sheriff John Bowles
swore-in our newest

**Communication Deputy
Jody "Jo" Sullivan**

Jo will train here in-house before heading off
to the Academy for three weeks of
Communications Deputy Training and then
3 days of Emergency Medical Dispatch Training.
Welcome to the MCSO Family Jo!
We are glad you are here!

~PROMOTIONS AT MCSO~



Patrol Deputy Crowell has been with MCSO
since 2014. He was a great deputy and excelled
at the many special duties he was assigned.

In January he received a well deserved
promotion to

Patrol Sgt Crowell

Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Patrol Deputy Garcia has been with MCSO since
2018 and has done a great job, being one of our go-
to deputies for what ever needed to be done.

In March he was promoted to
Criminal Deputy/Detective Garcia
All your hard work has paid off!
Congratulations!



PATROL ANNUAL TRAINING

Law Enforcement Personnel have training requirements to complete each year, to keep up their certification and stay sharp with their many skills. MCSO does their training each May with some of the other local agencies, and below is a snapshot of a couple of them.

ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Hosted by Umatilla PD, with instruction by the guys at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), there was classroom time and hands-on practical trainings.



E.V.O.C. TRAINING (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course)

Held at the Boardman Airport, where they have plenty of room to set up different courses to maneuver and practice. Again, multiple agencies took part in this annual training.



It's more than just work . . .

OUR HEARTS ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES



MCSO

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

+ St. Patrick's Day celebration in Heppner – March 17th



The annual St. Patty's celebration was one of the best and most attended events in many years. It was great to participate in the weekend's festivities topped off by the Green Parade. Big thank you to all those who attended, participated and organized this great event.

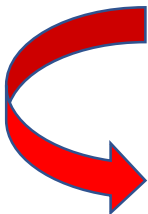
+ May Day Celebration – Town of Lexington – May 6th

This is a great celebration for the Town of Lexington and it was a beautiful day with lots of family fun. We are very happy to be able to have participated again this year.

+ Independence day – Ione & Boardman – July 4th

+ Watermelon Festival – Irrigon – Last Weekend in July

+ Morrow County Fair & Rodeo – Heppner - August



**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ALL OF OUR
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS!**

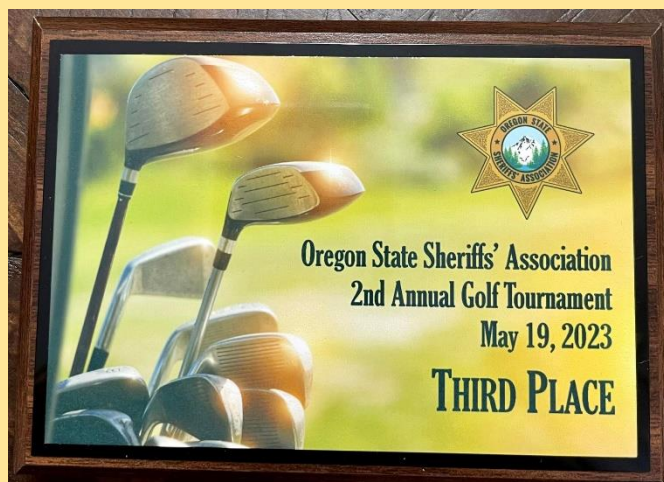
**Great day at the 2nd Annual Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
golf tournament at Indian Creek in Hood River.
Sponsored by Western Shelter.**

Team was John, Bob, Nathan, and Erin.

**The weather and comaraderie was great and the
golf was pretty good as well.
Just inches from a 180 yard hole in one.**

**Brought some hardware back to Morrow County,
3rd place this year.
I'm looking forward to getting the team back together next year.**

-Sheriff John Bowles



MCSO

Health & Wellness Program

The Health portion of the program focuses on eating healthy, drinking plenty of water, exercise and stressing the importance of healing sleep.

The Wellness portion of the program is all about mental health, which we do through peer support.

Peer Support



in conjunction with

Community Counseling Solutions

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office recognizes the sacrifice and commitment of its employees, who in the course of their duties, expose themselves to danger, violence, and the worst in human behavior.

To assist our employees in dealing with this stress and trauma, the Office has created the Peer Support Program.

The Peer Support Program aids employees who have experienced the emotional, psychological and physical strain associated with law enforcement professional and personal life stressors.

The Program offers the support of trained peer counselors to assist employees with the day to day stress and trauma, and will provide timely intervention and prevention strategies for those in need.

**The goal Sheriff Bowles has is for all his employees, is to have a long healthy career with MCSO, and remain healthy physically and mentally, so they are able to enjoy a much deserved retirement.
We can get there. . . together.**

OHV Park opened May 5, 2023



**RV, Tent camping and cabin rentals are open in
May for the 2023 camping season.
Reservations went live and active online January 01, 2023
for the 2023 camping season**

(For further info – please check out. . . morrowcountyparks.org)

**MCSO has maintained a presence at the park since they first opened years ago.
Currently OHV Patrol Deputy Seelye is our man on the grounds. He conducts ATV
rider safety trainings, ATV inspections and regularly patrols the park to assist where
needed and make sure we are all having fun safely!**

Upcoming OHV Park events scheduled. . .

**May 13, 2023 - North West Trail Riders Association – Ride in the Blues
(If you missed it, put it on your calendar for next year!)**



June 3-4, 2023 – Great Escape Motorcycle Club



Heppner Hare Scramble

final thoughts...

Honoring a hero –

Cpl. Joseph “JJ” Johnson

Nyssa Police Department

From Boise Police Department:

Honoring a hero

Agencies from all over Idaho and Oregon joined the Nyssa community to pay our respects to Corporal Johnson.

Today and always we will stand by the Johnson family and help remember their husband and father who made the ultimate sacrifice in protection of his community.

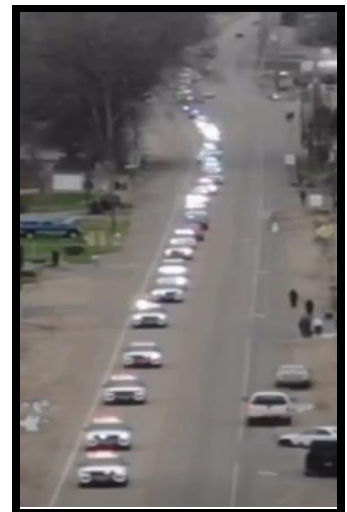




**Sheriff John Bowles
was honored to be able to attend
the service for Cpl. Johnson
along with hundreds of other
law enforcement officers from
across our region.**



Rest in Peace Cpl. Johnson



Lord I ask for courage. Courage to face and
conquer my own fears. Courage to take me
where others will not go. I ask for strength.
Strength of body to protect others and strength
of spirit to lead others. I ask for dedication.
Dedication to my job, to do it well. Dedication
to my community to keep it safe. Give me Lord,
concern for others who trust me and
compassion for those who need me. And please
Lord, through it all, be at my side.
-- Peace Officer's Prayer



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Everyone

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