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Updates from your Morrow County Sheriff's Office



Your MCSO

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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"

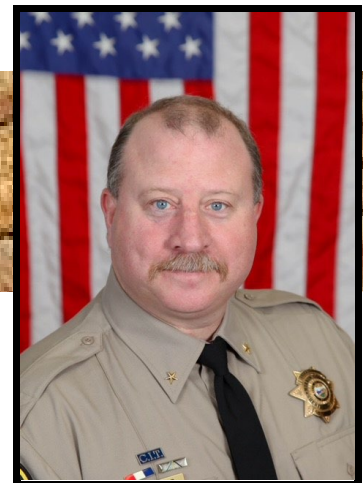
Support your local Sheriff

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Sheriffs'
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Sheriff John A. Bowles



Undersheriff Brian Snyder



In the

SPOTLIGHT

**Parole & Probation Admin. Assist
Iryna Wrecsics**

1. Most unusual job? **Customer Support Specialist for an IT Company**

2. Favorite charity?

Animal Shelters

3. Hobbies?

Yardwork, yoga, walks, hiking, reading

4. Dogs, Cats or?

Both

5. Favorite family tradition?

Christmas Eve

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

Hard questions because I want to visit lots of places.

7. Favorite dinner and/or treat?

Cob Salad / Black Cherries

8. Pet peeve?

Bullies

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

Nobody comes to mind

10. Favorite Book and/or Movie?

**Quiet: The power of introverts by Susan Cain
Powder 1995, Peaceful Warrior 2006**

11. Mountains, Beach or both?

Both

12. Hometown?

Mykolaiv in Ukraine

13. Favorite color?

Blue and Green

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

My dad and grandparents on my dad's side

15. #1 on your bucket list?

I don't really have one.

MCSO Parole & Probation

Morrow County P&P is currently supervising 104 individuals.

A probation officer wears "many hats", this means that we aid and assist in many different ways, we listen, we tend to be counselors, we rehabilitate, give professional advice, hold offenders accountable, offer support and much more.

It's not about putting someone back in jail, it's about understanding and getting someone the support that they need with recovery and whatever difficult situation they are dealing with.

We see a persons good, bad and ugly side and we help based on the need, while also making sure one is adhering to the rules set fourth in their court ordered judgment.

**-Lt. Gina Wilson
Morrow County P&P Director**



Morrow County Sheriff John A. Bowles wishes to congratulate Parole & Probation Lieutenant Daniel Robbins upon his retirement from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

In 2010 you were tasked with creating the Parole & Probation Division for Morrow County.

Your hard work has developed this division into the effective community service it is today.

Thank you for your 13 years of service to Morrow County. Enjoy your much deserved retirement.

Please join us in congratulating
Parole & Probation
Lieutenant Gina Wilson.

She was promoted to
P&P Director, and
sworn in as Lieutenant
on September 5th, by
Undersheriff Brian Snyder.



Sheriff Bowles presenting the Lt. badge

Lt. Wilson began her career with MCSO as a dispatcher, then moved over to P&P to become a Deputy and today she is the head of the MCSO P&P Division.

**Congratulations Lt. Wilson!
Your hard work paid off!**

Introducing our new
School Resource Officer
for Heppner & Ione Schools.
Deputy Jacob Stutzman, SRO



I am super excited to announce that last week I was offered the SRO (School Resource Officer) position through [Morrow County Sheriff's Office](#) for the South Morrow County Schools, Heppner and Ione! 🇺🇸👮 This will be a fun and exciting new Position with the Sheriffs Office and I hope to grow working relationships with all the staff, parents, and students during this! I'm super thankful for this opportunity!

-Deputy Stutzman, SRO



Did you know???

History bites from Oregon State Sheriff's Association

The Office of Sheriff is not simply another department of county government. The internal operations are the sole responsibility of the Sheriff. County department heads are subordinate to a county administrator or board of commissioners. This is not the case with the Sheriff's Office, it is not a "department" of county government. The Sheriff is elected by the people and is the "Chief Executive Officer" and "Conservator of the Peace" in the county, and answers to his constituents, not the county government. That is why is it named the Sheriff's Office, not Sheriff's Department.

TELLY's TALES...

K-9 adventures



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

Follow me at:
k9_telly

Telly wants to remind everyone. . .

The kids are back in school!



**Please watch for school buses stopping
to pick up and drop off kids,
and for kids walking
to and from the schools.**

Welcome our new deputy to the MCSO family



On September 13th, 2023
Deputy Jordan DiBartolo was sworn-in by Sheriff Bowles before a room full of her co-workers. Deputy DiBartolo is headed to the Police Academy soon for 16 weeks of intense training. Congratulations on starting your law enforcement career. We are happy you are with us here in Morrow County!



Deputy Brandon Royal graduated from the Police Academy on September 15th, 2023. Sheriff Bowles, Undersheriff Snyder, Patrol Lt. Bruan and Patrol Sgt. Adams were all present for the big day, along with family and friends. Deputy Royal will now be back in Morrow County and continue his training with MCSO staff.

Congratulations Deputy Royal
and welcome back!

Graduation Time!



~CHANGES AT MCSO~

Colten Seelye started with MCSO as a Reserve Deputy, then became a Special Deputy, working sesasonally at the OHV Park.

He now is a regular full-time Patrol Deputy!

He will be attending the Police Academy in Salem, later this year.

Congratulations Patrol Deputy Seelye!

**The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has begun using the
*"What 3 Words" App. (W3W)***

**This is a LOCATOR app that is used all over the world.
It is advertised as the
*"simplest way to talk about location"***

**This is NOT a tracking app. It does not track your every move.
You only activate this when you need it, similar to GPS.**

**This App allocates a unique 3-word-sequence to every 10 square feet.
If you are traveling, and have an emergency,
Emergency Services can always find you if you both use the
What3words App. This app is accepted by over 4,800 Emergency
Communications 9-1-1 Centers across the U.S.
It is also compatible with Google Maps and Apple Maps.**

**If you are on a remote highway somewhere, or in a busy city,
and don't know the address of your location, or how to tell
someone how to find you, that is no longer a problem
with What 3 Words.**

**Even if you have the address we might lose time, trying to find you
In Emergency situations saving time, can save lives.**

**If you are at a big complex, like a school or sporting events center,
or even at a large park, and you share your unique 3 words location,
we will then be able to get help to your exact location.**

**Try it out between you and your family and friends, see what you think.
This is not just for emergencies. It works for everyday use between
you and whoever you wish to share your location with
or if you are trying to travel to a specific location.**

Other people only know your location, if you tell them.

For more information go to. . . [What3words.com](https://www.what3words.com)

Don't fall victim to a Telephone Scammer – the following is some information to help protect you and your loved ones.



Morrow County Sheriff's Office

24-hour Business Line (541) 676-5317

Boardman (541) 481-2112 Ext. 5129

Irrigon (541) 922-5207 Ext. 5129

IRS Tax Fraud Hotline (800) 829-0433

Social Security Fraud Hotline (800) 269-0271

We encourage citizens to regularly check in with friends and family members who they believe may be vulnerable to scammers.

Make them aware of people who may try to take advantage and the tactics they may use. Scammers are well trained and have detailed scripts that make them seem legitimate.

When in doubt, HANG UP.

If you believe you are the victim of a Telephone Scam, please contact us!

Morrow County Sheriff's Office

541-676-5317

Further information on Scam attempts:

- ✚ Scammers are spoofing (stealing) legitimate phone numbers.
- ✚ Scammers are requesting gift cards as payment for fines.
- ✚ Scammers are requesting access to computers and bank information.
- ✚ Receiving a call from a potential scammer does not mean you are a victim.

People with warrants are generally aware of their charges.

*If you believe you may have a warrant, contact the court
or local law enforcement agency.*

Banks will not call and ask you for account or card information.

*If you are called and believe your banking accounts or debit/credit cards are compromised,
hang up and call your local branch directly using a phone number you know to be valid
or the number on the back of the card.*

**Businesses and government agencies do not take PayPal
or gift cards as payment.**

*Once you give someone gift card information by phone or photo,
it is gone with no way to recover the funds.*

**Neither Apple nor Microsoft will call you to advise
that your computer system is compromised.**

*If you believe that your computer or electronics are compromised,
use a service provider you trust.*

Verifying a phone number via caller ID is not a valid form of verification.

*Current technology allows scammers to spoof legitimate phone numbers. If there is a
legitimate company contacting you, they will understand your need to
hang up and verify by calling back on a number you trust.*

***If you are ever contacted by anyone requesting you
send money or verify personal information, HANG UP.***

Call someone you know who can verify the request such as:

Friends, Family, Local Bank Branch, Corporate Phone Number or Local Police.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office

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MESO Wrapped up Parade Season with two of our favorite events...

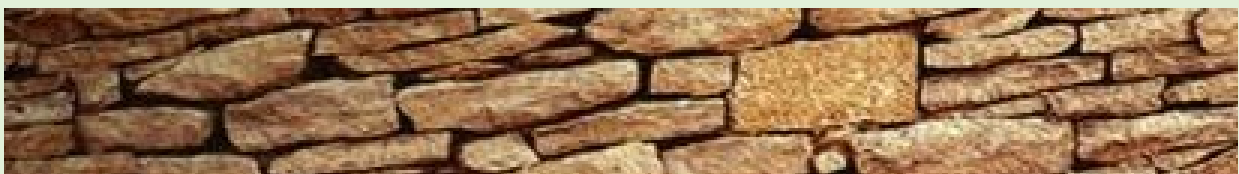
Irrigon Watermelon Festival



Morrow County Fair & Rodeo.



We always love participating in our community events and spending time with our neighbors and friends.



Thank you for another wonderful summer!

**Winter is just around the corner,
please consider putting a
“Winter Ready” bag in your vehicle.**

**Every year, MCSO conducts several Search & Rescue
missions to rescue people when they unexpectedly
encountered snow in the mountains
and they ended up stuck.**

**Often, there are children involved and no one is prepared
for the weather. No winter clothing, food or water,
to get by until we can find them.**

**We get it, everyone gets surprised once in a while,
but a little preparation can go a long way,
in those unexpected circumstances.**

**Customize your own “Winter Ready” bag to what fits you
and your family. It might include things such as:**

**Extra coats, gloves, stocking hats, water, granola bars,
cell phone charging cords, flashlight with new batteries
and extra batteries –
maybe throw in an activity book for the kids.**

**Then, if the unexpected happens, hopefully you have cell service.
Call or text 911, and we will come find you.**

Don't forget to put those TIRE CHAINS back into your vehicle!

**We hope your “Winter Ready” bag,
makes the wait a little more comfortable 😊**

Crime Victims' Rights

The first hearing in a case can come within hours of an arrest. If you are concerned about someone's release from custody after an arrest, contact **Morrow County Victim Assistance** 541-676-5665 or **Morrow County Juvenile Dept.** 541-676-5642 immediately.

You have the right to . . .

- ~ A support person
- ~ Be treated with dignity and respect
- ~ Reasonable protection from the offender
- ~ Fair and impartial treatment
- ~ A meaningful role in the justice process

For more information about your rights, call the Oregon Department of Justice, **Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division** 1-800-503-7983 or visit **www.oregoncrimevictimrights.org**

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