

# Washington County Sheriff's Office

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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*"Take the Time to Prevent a Crime"*

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### Statistics for March

ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	27
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	10
CREDITCARD FRUAD	4
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	19
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	3
DRUNKENNESS	13
DUI	12
EXTORTION	1
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	6
IMPERSONATION	4
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	49
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	3
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6
SHOPLIFTING	11
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	3
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	4
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	91
TOTAL OFFENSES	254
TOTAL ARRESTS	164 ADULTS 14 JUVENILE
TOTAL WARRANTS	1988 CIVIL 394 CRIMINAL

### Sheriff's Message

When you make a call to the Washington County Sheriff's Office more than likely you will end up talking to a deputy from the Patrol Division. They are our first line of defense. The patrol unit is made up of twenty law enforcement sworn Deputies, four Sergeants, one Lieutenant, and one Captain. Our deputies are trained to handle many types of different and difficult calls. They are constantly receiving training, in all areas of law enforcement, from radar to handling intoxicated pedestrians, domestic violence calls to delinquent juveniles. They are also trained in CPR, first aid, and the use of AED machines. They strive to make Washington County a safer place to live. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

**Thanks Sheriff Newman**

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

05-07	BURSON CORNER Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
05-03	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7:30 PM
05-22	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
09-04	HIGH POINT High Point Elementary School	7PM
05-15	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
05-24	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM
05-17	ZION COMMUNITY Zion Church	7PM

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

06 -04	CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
06-05	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
06-14	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
06-11	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING	7PM
06-12	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
06-21	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
06-19	MELVIN HILLS/ OAK HILL ESTATES Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
06-20	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
07-10	WOODLAND HILLS Woodland Hills Christian Church	7PM
07-12	GATE CITY HIGHWAY Three Springs Methodist	7PM
Fall	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	7PM

**PATROL DIVISION**

## PATROL DIVISION

The only time I see a cop is when I'm getting pulled over." We have all heard it. Our deputies on patrol do more than pull you over. It's easy to picture the distinctive brown uniform, and the marked car. This isn't always true; a lot of times when the public sees a deputy they are working patrol making Washington County a safe place. A patrol deputy is probably the person most people think of first when they hear the words Sheriff's Office. The deputies on patrol are the ones that respond when you call. Deputies are one of the few public services that come to you in any weather, any day, at any time day or night. The Patrol Division consists of Sheriff's Office personnel that are most often seen by our county's residents. They are our frontline of defense against crime. The primary goal of the Patrol Division, through patrol and other proactive law enforcement methods is to develop and maintain a safe and orderly environment for the citizens of Washington County. The Patrol Division has four shifts each shift has four deputies and a sergeant. Each deputy is assigned to one of four sectors within the 574 square miles of Washington County. They work monthly swing shifts, one month of day shift and then a month of nightshift. They work weekends and holidays. The men and women on patrol see the citizens of Washington County more than they do their own families. Deputies have found while on patrol the only predictable thing is to expect the unpredictable. Deputies are entrusted to work alone and handle a large variety of calls, make good common sense decisions, and adhere to our policy, codes, and state laws. They never know what the next radio call will bring. In a day's work it is common to assist a stranded motorist, assist a business owner with shoplifting issues, gas drive offs, and even complaints among neighbors. The citizens they are sworn to protect expect the deputies to identify their problem and solve it, even though it may have taken months or years for the problem to become a crisis. Deputies investigate assaults, larcenies, vandalisms, robberies, burglaries, frauds and pretty much any other type of crime that exists (other than federal offenses). They preserve, collect, and package critical evidence, and may photograph the scene and lift latent fingerprints. They determine from training what certain illegal substances are, and field test suspected narcotics if necessary. They also deal with a variety of problems that aren't criminal such as evictions, neighbor disputes, natural death investigations, and even disobedient children. They can respond to a call that may seem routine and end up in an all-out fight for their lives while backup is responding to help them. They have no choice but to be in top mental and physical condition to ensure they go home to their families. Deputies have the personal satisfaction that they have touched someone's life, usually at a low point, and helped them reach a satisfactory outcome. Last year in 2011 The Patrol Division answered the following calls for service. 12- Aggravated Assault, 7-Arson, 228- Assault (simple) ,1 Bribery, 210-Burglary/Break and Entering, 47- Credit Card Fraud , , 65 Counterfeiting

/Forgery, 22- Destruction /Damage /Vandalism, 107 -Driving Under Influence, 197-Drug/Narcotic Violation, 106- Drunkenness,8-Embezzlement,2-Extortion, 83-False Pretense , 27-Family Offenses non violent, 30- Impersonation, 11- Intimidation, 5-Kidnapping, 527-Larceny(all Other), 19-Liquor Law Violation,25 Motor Vehicle Theft, 22-Runaway, 188- Shoplifting, 6- Trespass on Real Property, 12 Weapon Law Violation, and 1055 All Other Offenses. This doesn't include the extras that they do. They also do funeral escorts, transports, direct traffic when needed, work ballgames, and help conduct road checks, work the fair, and offer security when needed. They are involved in a lot of what is going on and happening in Washington County. A lot of the deputies on patrol are also involved in our Special Operations Division. This Division consists of the Underwater Recovery Team, Bicycle Patrol, Honor Guard, and Special Emergency Response Team or (SERT). This division requires a tremendous amount of dedication, intense and strenuous training from all those involved. All of the deputies on the special operations do this on a voluntary basis this is more time they spend away from their families and dedicate themselves to the citizens of Washington County. The men and women of the patrol division are out there to protect and serve, and they do that every day. No deputy ever knows what a call will bring and with a job that's unpredictable they never know if it's going to be their last. So the next time you see a deputy just remember they are out working to keep you safe.

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## Chaplain's Corner

God loves me so much, why can't I get my locker open? This was the title of a Christian book that my wife read as a teenager, and I have used to teach youth lessons with over the years. The book addresses the issue of strength and growth through struggle. The bottom line is sometimes bad things happen to good people. We have been through so much over the past month. In fact our entire country has been through a lot. So many people are looking for answers; some are looking to pass blame, while some are finding the hand of God. I have had the blessing of seeing God work in both large ways, and in ways that could easily be chalked up to coincidence. We may not know on this side of eternity what God is teaching us through all these trials and difficulties, but rest assured that He is with us through it all. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, you *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. Psalm 139:7-10

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