

ANNUAL REPORT — 2025



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Our mission is to enhance public safety, reduce the fear and impact of crime, and improve quality of life.



Sheriff Adam Shanks.

In 2025, I stepped into the role of newly elected Sheriff with deep humility and gratitude. I am honored to have earned your trust over the last 28 years of my career with the Sheriff's Office and am committed to continuing to earn that trust. This team has already accomplished so much and continues to find new ways to improve and meet emerging and changing needs.

One thing our teams focused on this year was "getting back to the basics". The meaning behind this statement is meant to be simple. A clear understanding of the core objectives of each of our roles; following best practices, rules and procedures; maintaining consistency, fairness and empathy; and communicating effectively, transparently, and respectfully amongst each other and those we serve. By polishing our basic and core functions, our teams will be ready to tackle bigger and better things for our communities.

In 2025, our team also took on establishing a new strategic plan to help guide efforts and prioritize activities to best meet community needs from 2025 - 2028. Throughout this process, our office continues to find ways to improve and meet changing needs. The 2025 - 2028 Strategic Plan centers around three overarching goals designed to promote team growth and development, organizational excellence and customer service, and community safety and collaboration. The three goals in this plan are:

- Enhance team safety, growth, and retention by creating a safer, more engaging and wellness-focused environment.
- Foster organizational excellence, earn and maintain public trust, and deliver outstanding service through continuous improvement, transparency, and by prioritizing community needs.
- Enhance community safety and improve quality of life for residents and visitors through proactive law enforcement, collaboration, and innovative solutions.

2025 gave us many opportunities to grow and improve as a team, both in the relationships we built and the way we approached the challenges presented.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Adam D. Shanks

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

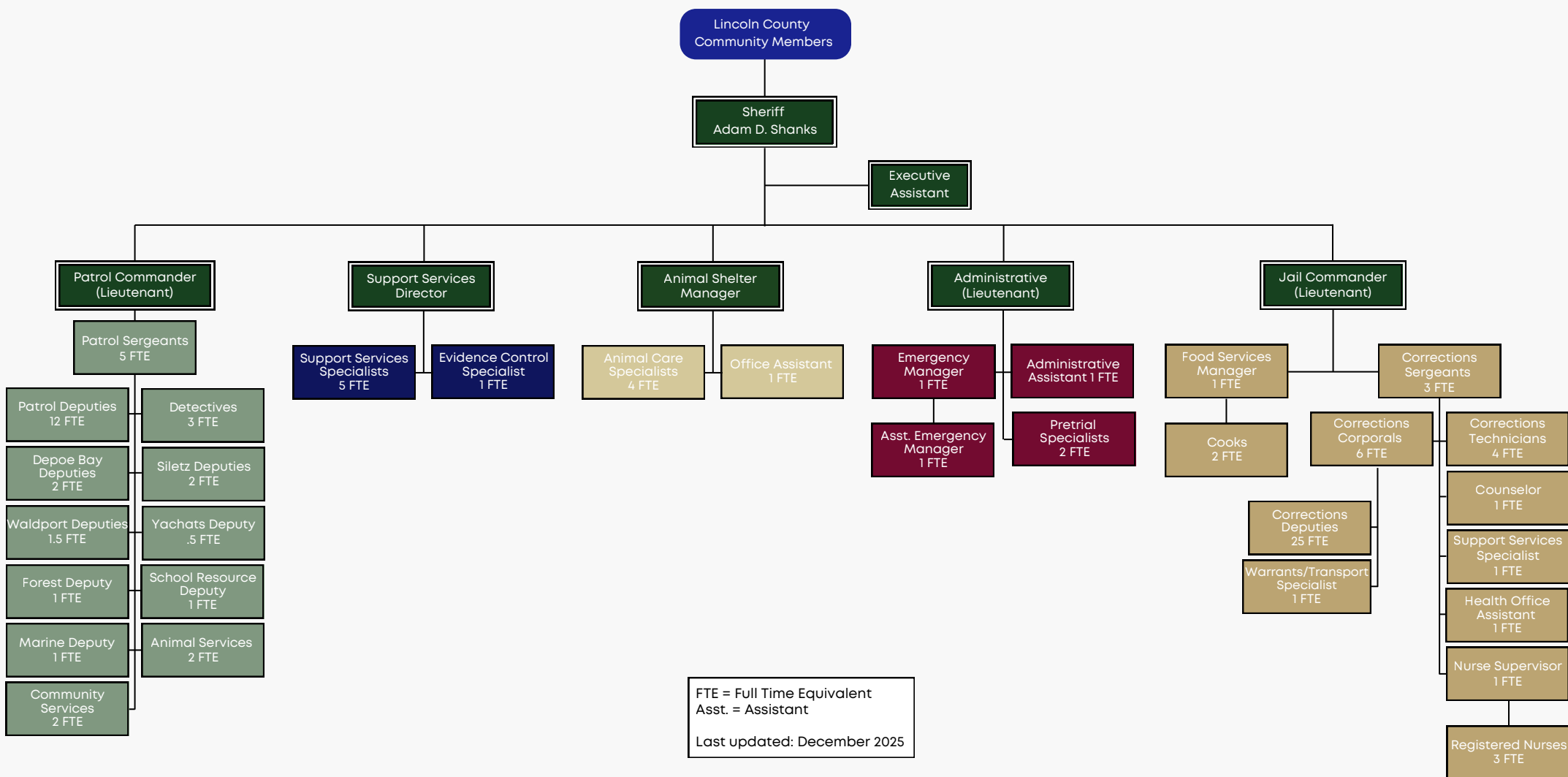


Mission

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The Administrative Division helps maintain regular operations, develops and reviews policies and budgets, is responsible for team health and wellness, organizes community outreach, and more. Administration is committed to creating an environment where we can all grow and learn with our communities while also providing our team the support they need to be their very best on and off duty.

The Administrative Division includes the Sheriff, Executive Assistant, Administrative Lieutenant, and Administrative Assistant. This division impacts and supports all divisions in our Sheriff's Office. The Admin team coordinates many essential onboarding requirements and keeps our teams running by:

- maintaining traditional and essential office functions
- navigating public contacts and community concerns
- administering policies/procedures
- ensuring proper uniform and equipment is available
- processing and maintaining employee records
- coordinating wellness and safety resources for team
- overseeing the Emergency Management division and Pretrial team
- coordinating the Peer Support team
- fulfilling public information duties
- coordinating training, events, and community outreach
- responding to disasters and emergencies
- strategic plan implementation

2025 - 2028 Strategic Plan

In addition to maintaining daily operations, promoting team growth, and improving community connections, we kicked the year off with developing the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan. Using team and community feedback, alongside previous strategic plans, our team identified three overarching goals to help guide office improvements over four years. These goals are designed to promote team growth and development, organizational excellence and customer service, and community safety and collaboration. Though this plan does not cover all efforts and activities for improvement, it helps capture some of our work to improve and meet changing needs. [Read the full strategic plan here.](#)



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Held

Our office facilitates the annual 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. This year, nine team members from the Sheriff's Office were able to attend this very valuable training.

Some topics covered during this training were:

- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)
- Crisis de-escalation
- Suicide prevention
- Substance use disorders

Crisis Intervention Teams are designed to improve the outcomes of encounters between law enforcement and individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Internationally, the program aims to divert individuals in crisis from the criminal justice system to appropriate mental health services, thereby reducing stigma and improving community safety.



CIT participants posing for photo.

Events and Community Outreach

This year we maintained commitments to community events. Some of the events this division organized or supported were:

- Gleneden Community Club Pancake Breakfast
- Coffee with a Deputy Events: Community events held in Depoe Bay and Waldport
- Search and Rescue operations
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) response for the distant tsunami in July and response to Highway 229 landslide and December Winter Storms event
- National Night Out: Hosted events in Otis, Depoe Bay, Siletz, and Waldport and attended others
- Emergency Management's Annual Preparedness Fair
- Shred Day
- Office Hiring Event
- Shop with a Cop: 60 members from our team and partnering agencies helped make the holidays a little brighter for 140 children and their loved ones

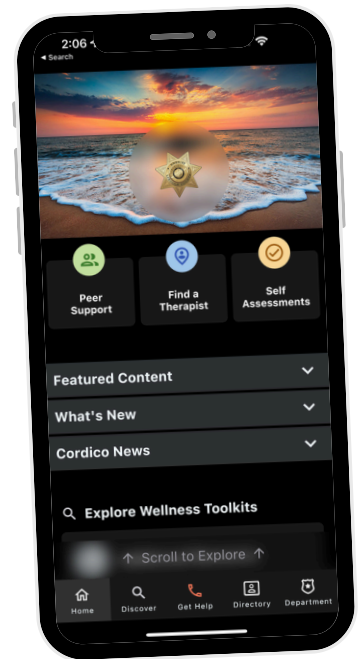


From left to right: Coffee with a Deputy in Depoe Bay, National night Out in Waldport, Hwy 20 landslide response.

Peer Support

Our Peer Support (PS) team offered a ton of support throughout 2025 and ended the year with nine fully trained members. This team offers regular support to LCSO team members, LCSO family members, and partnering agencies in good, tough, and bad times.

In addition to regular check-ins, defusings, and debriefings, the PS team carried out onboarding check-ins to ensure all new LCSO members are connected with a peer support member and have regular contact while they are getting settled into their position and/or while they are at academy. As part of their continuing education requirements, this group completed more than 105 hours of training and education in peer support topics such as suicide prevention, critical incident stress response, trauma, emotional awareness, transitions and change, and resiliency.



LCSO Wellness App

Additional Wellness Highlights

In an effort to create a more wellness-focused and supportive environment right from the start, our team implemented wellness orientations for all new staff. Fourteen new staff members completed wellness orientations and learned about office resources including but not limited to the Peer Support team, Alpha-Stim units, LCSO wellness app, on-site gym access, mental health resources, audiobooks, and upcoming activities from the Wellness and Safety committee.

This team also sought additional funding from multiple sources. Unfortunately, with changes to federal funding/requirements and changes in other organizations' funding, we did not receive wellness grant funds. This team will continue to look for funding opportunities and additional ways to increase team wellness.

More than 105 hours of Peer Support continuing education

14 Wellness Orientations completed

Support for our team, family, volunteers, and other agencies

Why Wellness?

Our teams serve the community in a variety of stressful situations and often work in conditions that are particularly demanding.

Our teams deserve to be healthy, happy, and supported. When they are at their best, they can do their best for the community.

Slide from LCSO Wellness Orientation



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Division is committed to leading collaborative county-wide efforts, inclusive of partners and the communities we serve, to ensure capability of obtaining help in an emergency and to protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

The Emergency Management Division is made up of two full time staff, an Emergency Manager and an Assistant Emergency Manager. This division also manages Emergency Management volunteers and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to increase capacity and perform additional duties that would not be possible without them. Emergency Management utilizes other members from the Sheriff's Office to staff their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergency and disaster response. This team coordinates response activities during major County emergencies and disasters and provides emergency coordination support for our cities when called upon.

2025 was another busy year for the Emergency Management office. One of the highlights of the year included sending Assistant Emergency Manager Susan Trachsel to training to become an instructor for four FEMA courses. This gives the Emergency Management office the capacity to offer Incident Command System (ICS) trainings locally for county employees and partners. In 2025, we had one Emergency Operation Center (EOC) activation for the Highway 229 Landslide and December flooding event. The EOC coordinated with local, state, federal, and tribal partners for information sharing throughout the event.



Assistant EM Trachsel presenting at Oregon Prepared.

After the event, Emergency Management applied for a FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grant on behalf of the county. The PA program is a vital part of disaster recovery, though the process can often take years to complete. Thanks to thorough documentation of the actions taken by county departments during the January 2024 Winter Ice Storm, we successfully secured more than \$85,000 in FEMA funding in 2025.

Community Outreach and Education:

- Attended and presented multiple community events including the 2 Weeks Ready event in Gleneden Beach, "Ask an Expert" panel in Depoe Bay, Logsdon Firewise Open House, and Bilingual Café Resource event.
- Offered training on how to sign up for Lincoln Alerts to Pacific Seafood Employees.
- Attended multiple readiness fairs including in Waldport and Lincoln City.
- Offered two wildfire preparedness presentations in Yachats and Toledo.
- Assistant EM Trachsel presented at multiple conferences including Oregon Prepared, the Oregon Environmental Health Association Conference, and the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Volunteers.
- Hosted our annual Readiness Fair in Newport with approximately 30 resource/information tables.
- Attended National Night out in Siletz and Depoe Bay.



*Left: Public Health
Emergency Coordinator
Dan Norton and
Assistant EM Trachsel
during outreach event
for Spanish speakers.*

*Right: Community
members at a Yachats
Wildfire presentation.*



Exercises:

- Conducted Annual Wildfire Tabletop Exercise for first responders.
- Attended the US Coast Guard Tabletop focusing on response activities for a boat capsizing offshore of Yaquina Bay.
- Participated in a joint Oregon State Sheriff Association (OSSA) Incident Management Team (IMT) and Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) Functional Exercise. This exercise gave us the opportunity to learn about the nuanced differences between an IMT and the state's ECC.
- Participated in the City of Newport's Big Creek Dam Failure tabletop exercise.
- Completed a refresher training for the Civil Division on Call Center Operations.

Emergency Operations Center Activation and Deployments:

- Activated the EOC during the Highway 229 Slide and December Winter Storms event.
- Sent "no tsunami" notices and shared recommended actions and other information during distant tsunami event.
- Assistant EM deployed to Harney County to support the EOC during March/April Floods.

Planning & Coordination:

- Completed Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.
- Completed the Multi-Hazard Evacuation Plan.
- Completed annual Integrated Preparedness Plan.
- Coordinated with County Solid Waste team and local waste haulers to begin review of the Debris Management Plan.



Warehouse clean up with volunteers.



Auxiliary Communications Service booth at Readiness Fair.



Lincoln Alerts booth at Readiness Fair.

Emergency Radio Communications:

- Requested proposals and selected a contractor to complete work on the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to update Radio Communication Towers. This work will continue into 2026.

The Emergency Management Division is looking forward to participating in multiple state exercises in the next year, including Pathfinder with Oregon Health Authority and Lahar'd Times with Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Additionally, we are looking forward to offering more ICS classed in Lincoln County. We will continue to grow the Emergency Management program in support of all Lincoln County residents and visitors.



Community park flooding during Hwy 229 Landslide and winter flooding event.



Neighborhood flooding during Hwy 229 Landslide and winter flooding event.



Road closure during Hwy 229 Landslide and winter flooding event.

ANIMAL SHELTER



The Animal Shelter is committed to providing a safe haven for our community's animals by protecting animal welfare and public safety; rescuing, reuniting, rehabilitating and rehoming animals in need; helping keep pets and families together; and promoting responsible pet guardianship through licensing and education.

The Lincoln County Animal Shelter (LCAS) is the only animal shelter in Lincoln County. For most of 2025, this team was made of five positions: one Animal Shelter Manager and four Animal Care Specialists (with one of these Animal Care Specialist positions vacant and frozen). Towards the end of 2025, our structure changed to add another position in the form of an Office Assistant.

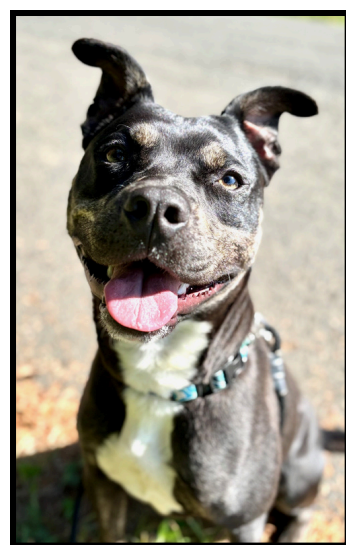
Our primary function is to provide a safe haven for the abandoned, stray, abused and neglected animals in Lincoln County. LCAS strives to go above and beyond what is legally required by providing an enriching environment for the animals in our care. Our goal is to be a model animal shelter for small, rural communities by providing progressive animal care and promoting responsible pet guardianship through licensing and education.

2025 was another exciting year for your Lincoln County Animal Shelter Team. Animal Care Specialists provided excellent care to nearly 380 animals, with an average length of stay being ten days. Our Team continued to participate in community events, raising funds for our Medical Trust and new building project, as well as awareness of the issues facing animal welfare in Lincoln County.

We're excited to announce that your Lincoln County Animal Shelter was officially recognized as a "No Kill" animal shelter by the Best Friends Animal Society (BFAS). Though we have been operating under the philosophy of "no-kill" for many years, the official recognition by BFAS means we have access to more grants and support from BFAS to further our mission of saving lives. This has been very bittersweet for our Animal Care Specialists, though. We have always recoiled at the term "no kill" because it is so insensitive to those who perform humane euthanasia as



Pat the Cat, cat from the animal shelter.



Sunshine, dog from the animal shelter.

a part of their regular job duties. To suggest any certified euthanasia technician is “killing” an animal makes an already emotionally difficult task even more traumatic. Though we hope BFAS someday changes their terminology to protect the emotional wellbeing of those working in animal welfare, for the time being we will continue to educate our community on the work we do at your animal shelter.

Work continued on our new facility on SW Dahl Avenue in Waldport. The new facility nearly triples our capacity for dogs and doubles our capacity for cats. The new facility includes a surgery suite, which means we will be able to get animals spayed or neutered much faster, with hopes of them going to their forever homes a bit quicker.

On December 22, a young community member, Jasper, paid a visit to the Lincoln County animal shelter to drop off a donation in the amount of \$50. Jasper had been busy creating and selling stickers to raise money for the animal shelter. This was Jasper's third donation to the animal shelter in 2025. In addition to Jasper's monetary donation, his family generously donated a bag of goodies for our furry friends. Thanks, Jasper, for your amazing donation!



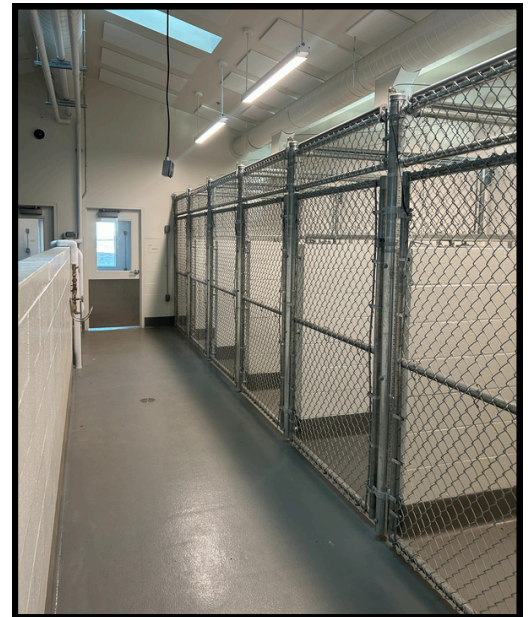
Construction on the new building.



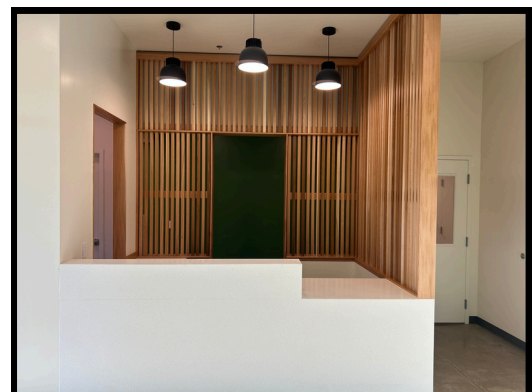
Construction on the new building.



Sheriff Shanks and Jasper.

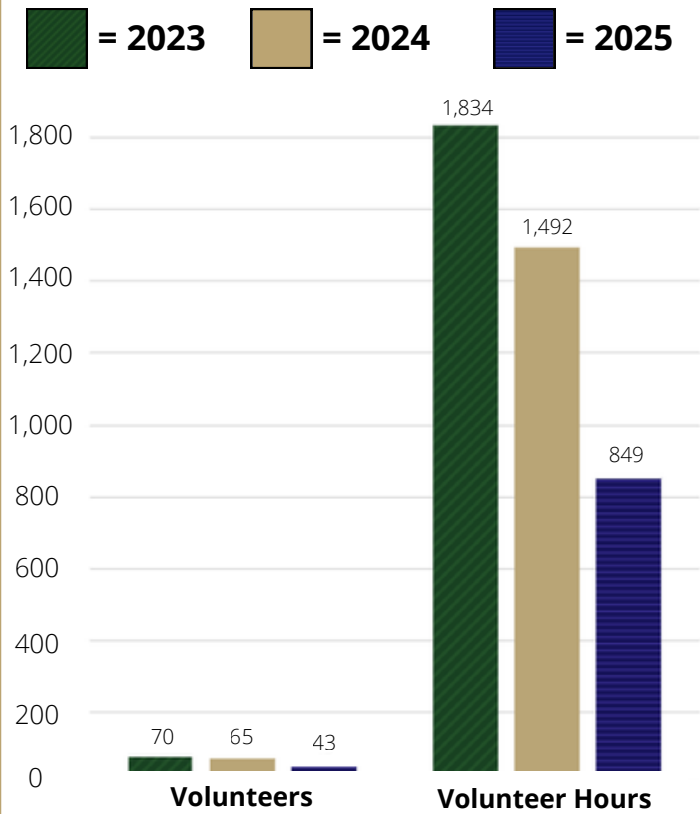


Dog kennel area of the new building.

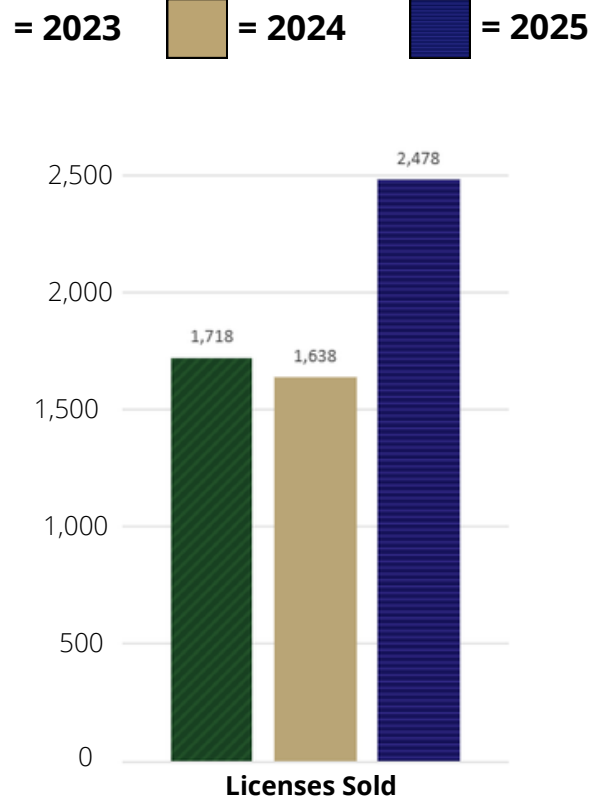


Reception area of the new building.

Animal Shelter Volunteer Data



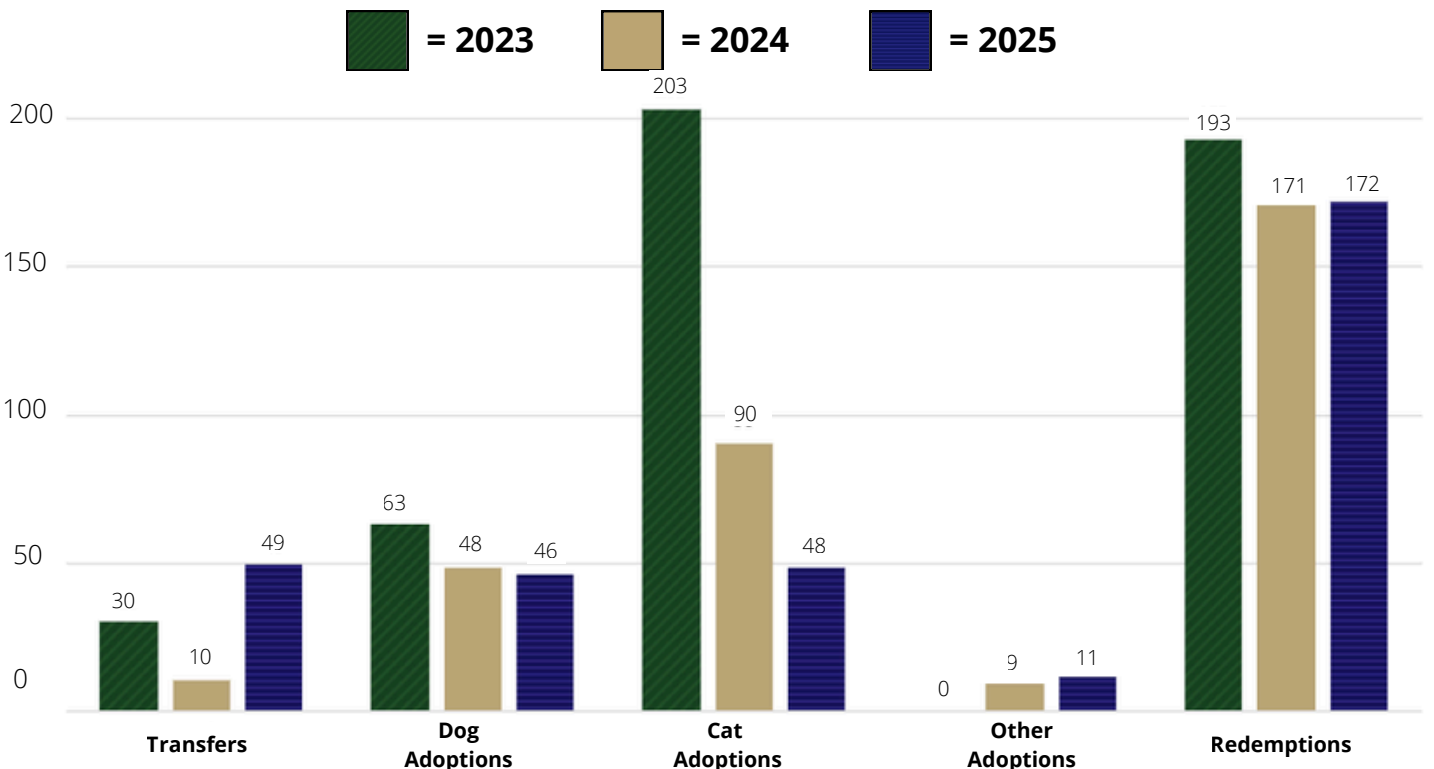
Licenses Sold



From left to right:
 Shelter dog, PC.
 Shelter dog, Dave.
 Shelter cat, Sasha.
 Shelter dog, Peach.



Animal Shelter Statistics





The Patrol Division is committed to professional excellence in providing accredited public safety services for Lincoln County in the form of law enforcement patrol, criminal investigations, community and animal services, and community partnerships. We are committed to developing and retaining talented, professional deputies who demonstrate the highest standards of performance, police practices, and accountability.

The Patrol Division is made up of 34 positions. Our certified positions include 1 Patrol Commander (Lieutenant), 5 Patrol Sergeants, 12 General Fund Deputies, 6 Municipal Contract Deputies, 3 Detectives, 1 Forest Deputy, 1 Marine Deputy, and 1 School Resource Deputy. Our non-certified positions include 2 Animal Service Deputies and 2 Community Services (Code Enforcement) Deputies. Due to budget constraints, not all of these positions are filled.

Technology Improvements and General Updates

In 2025 we updated two of our remote office locations with technology and ergonomic office supplies and equipment to enhance team safety and wellness. One often overlooked aspect is the duty gear our team wears and the need to take off their exterior vests when in a protected area. In addition to more practical desks, wall mounts designed to hold duty gear were installed in our Waldport and Depoe Bay offices to make the spaces more functional and productive.

Our team rolled out two new software programs to better assist members in their duties: Power Ready and Power Professional Standards. Power Ready is program designed for the Field Training and Evaluation Program. It is a robust system that allows for agency specific needs and expectations to help a Trainer and Recruit Deputy track and organize the training and progression. Professional Standards is a program that allows data entry for use of force, complaints, and internal investigations as well as commendations.

2025 allowed all our patrol members to complete a duty gun update that was started in 2024. All patrol members have been fully trained and qualified on the latest Smith and Wesson 9mm with a red dot sight. Our firearms training team also reported great success and increased performance by most members.

Oregon's Deflection program (HB 4002) was implemented in 2025. Our team took an active part helping to form the framework of the Lincoln County Deflection program. Our patrol team continues to support this through deflection citations in lieu of criminal citations when circumstances support this course of action.

Patrol

Our patrol team is made up of 12 general fund deputies and 9 contract deputies. General fund deputies are responsible for all crimes in the unincorporated area of Lincoln County which includes 980 square miles. Six of our contract deputies are responsible for the respective law enforcement duties within the City of Waldport, City of Yachats, City of Depoe Bay, and Siletz Rural Taxing District. Three of our contract deputies patrol forestlands (funded by Lincoln County solid waste and private timber industry), Lincoln County Schools (partially funded by the Lincoln County School District), and Marine (partially funded by the Oregon State Marine Board). In addition to the 23,275 calls for service, our team participated in numerous local community events such as National Night Out, Coffee with a Deputy, Resource Café, Latine Cultural Fest, and Shop with a Cop.



Sergeant Dorsey and Sergeant Holmes.

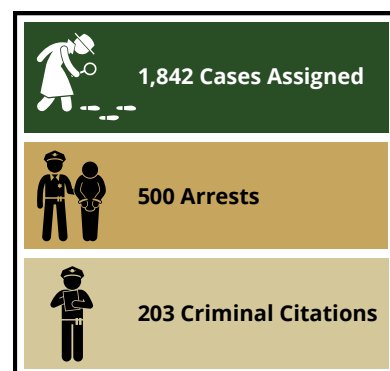
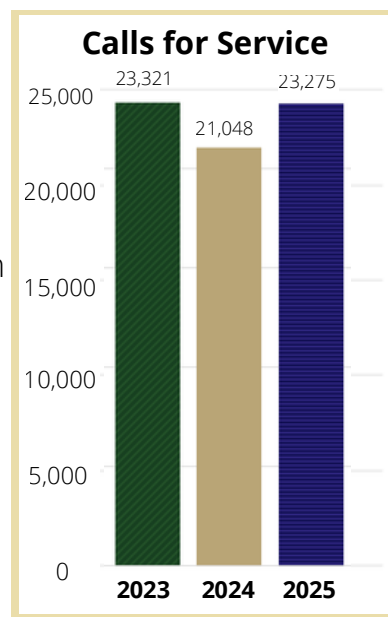
In December, Deputy Abby Dorsey and Deputy James Holmes were each promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Dorsey joined our team in 1992 as a Marine Cadet. After a stint in the US Coast Guard, she returned to LCSO as a Corrections Deputy in 1998 and transferred to Patrol in 1999. Abby took a brief break from our office from 2022 - 2023 and has continued to excel since coming back to the team. Before this promotion, she fulfilled the roles of Field Training Officer (FTO), Drug Detective, Criminal Detective, and Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Dorsey is also recognized as an Expert Witness in Domestic Violence investigations in the State of Oregon.

Before joining the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office as a Community Services Deputy in 2020, Sergeant Holmes had years of experience working with children with mental health disorders and working with children and families through social service work. In 2021, James was promoted to Patrol Deputy and later fulfilled our School Resource Deputy position from 2022- 2025. Sergeant Holmes is also a Peer Support member, Wellness and Safety Committee member, and Defensive Tactics Instructor for our office.

Investigations

Our investigations team continues to excel investigating online predators seeking sexual encounters with teens under the age of 14. In 2025, the team arrested 25 predators who took concerted actions to meet with our underage decoy profile. Six of the suspects were previous sex offenders who continued to seek out vulnerable youth. Dedication to these investigations exposed one predator in a trusted public role as a youth referee.

Another investigation championed in 2025 was a fraud and theft scam where an elderly resident was advised their financial bank account information had been compromised. They were convinced by the scammers, who reported themselves to be FBI agents, to take their life savings and buy gold bars. The scammers then arranged a meeting to collect and "hold" the gold



bars for the victim. Unfortunately, the victim was convinced and handed over several hundred thousand in gold at this first meeting. When the third-party gold vendor became suspicious of the victim's second request for gold, the victim learned this was likely a scam. Our patrol and investigations team set up a second meeting working alongside our partner agencies, including the real FBI. This sting operation resulted in the arrest of the "courier" who was a paid member within the organized crime ring to meet with victims, collect valuables, and pass them to a "handler" within the ring. The investigation revealed that although this organized crime ring was currently operating within the US, it was centralized outside of continental boundaries of the United States. The FBI continued with the investigative information.



Shop with a Cop event.

Forest

Our forest patrol, in partnership with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Department and some funding from US Forest Service, continued investigating abandoned automobiles, boats, and travel trailers throughout the county. The vehicles are often abandoned on both public and private land (timber company land open to the public). Senior Deputy Bruce McGuire tagged and investigated over 45 abandoned vehicles. Forty of those vehicles were removed and destroyed at an estimated cost of tens of thousands of dollars of public funds. This extensive removal campaign would not have been possible without the persistence and determination of Solid Waste District Manager, Paul Seitz. Paul continues to partner with our deputies in reporting suspected illegal dumping on both public and private land. He is able to gather credible leads based upon trail camera photos and videos taken from cameras placed on main access points into the remote forests in Lincoln County.

Community Services

Our Community Service Deputies (CSD) performed a combined 394 inspections or complaint inquires on Short Term Rentals in addition to handling 261 reported County Code violations. CSDs continued to assist our Forest Deputy in tracking and tagging abandoned vehicles as they moved around the county ultimately before being confiscated for violating the abandoned vehicle ordinance.

Patrol K9

Deputy Dowty and his K9 partner Ghost patrolled night shift during 2025. They deployed on 2 investigations and made 1 apprehension. The pair trained throughout the year until late fall when K9 Ghost started to show signs of fatigue. His years of being a working dog took a toll and in November Ghost retired from active duty. He was taken in by a training facility in Texas (Warrior Dog Foundation) with the goal of returning to the life of normal dog.



Deputy Dowty and K9 Ghost at retirement home.

Depoe Bay Contract

In August, the City of Depoe Bay signed an additional contract with LCSO to provide a second Deputy working the last half of the week, offsetting Deputy Casey Elfstrom in the contract area. This provided the City of Depoe Bay with law enforcement 7 days a week and was filled by Deputy Corbin Collins. Deputy Collins wasted no time in homing in on traffic violators on Hwy 101 in the evening hours. Combined traffic stops for both contract Deputies were 1,777. These stops resulted in 166 traffic related citations.

Marine Team

Our marine team was affected by a reduction of funding at the state and federal levels this year, reducing this team from 2 FTEs to just 1.5 FTE positions through August. Despite the reduced funding, our team made a concerted effort to keep the recreational boaters safe during the year. One unusual incident happened in October when our marine team collaborated with several law enforcement partners after a domestic violence suspect led the Lincoln City Police Department in a vehicle pursuit which stopped at the Siletz Bay. The subject exited his vehicle and swam into the bay and towards the ocean. The suspect remained in the water for several hours until our marine team combined with OSP members were able to arrive at the location in boats. Law enforcement subsequently took the suspect into custody after a struggle at the surf zone and shoreline.



Deputy Barth keeping a sea lion pup off Hwy 101 until marine animal experts arrive.

2025 Marine Stats:

- 412 hours of shore patrol/boat ramp checks and dock walks
- 113 hours of on-water enforcement
- Contacts with at least 1,468 vessels
- 190 warnings and 45 citations issued for violations observed

Siletz Contract

Our Siletz Area Law Enforcement Service District was patrol by Deputies Bo Douglas and Travis Iverson in 2025. They accounted for 195 of traffic stops, 600 area checks, and 55 criminal arrests.

In August, we hosted and partnered with the community for National Night Out (NNO). This event occurs on the first Tuesday in August every year and helps build relationships within our communities. Siletz NNO was able to grow as the district dedicated additional funding to the event. Utilizing that special funding, we rented two large bounce houses while the City of Siletz contributed two additional for a total of four bounce houses. The Siletz Valley Charter School Culinary Class joined Bristo's food truck and served 500 meals to the community. It was a very successful event.



Top: LCSO team members getting ready for bounce house fun.



Bottom: Sgt. Dougherty in bounce house obstacle course.

School Resource Deputy (SRD)

2025 brought an increase in the SRD program, moving from one full-time position to two full-time deputies assigned. With the reduction of a Marine Deputy position at the end of summer and an increase in funding for the SRD program, Deputy Dion Blake joined Deputy James Holmes in the schools. This allowed the two SRDs to split up between Waldport and Toledo school programs, ensuring a dedicated and familiar face to students and staff on a regular basis.

Over the course of the year, our SRDs continued to provide mentoring and support through routine contact within the schools in our service area. The education program has continued to grow featuring presentations on sexting, bullying, driver's safety, water safety, specialty programs (like electronic storage detection canine), and other school safety topics.



Deputy Blake and Deputy Holmes.



Detective Bettencourt and ESD K9 Trinity presenting to elementary class.

Animal Services

Our animal service deputies (ASD) were hard at work throughout 2025. Animal service deputies Dave Martin and Tony Panousopoulos responded to 1,416 calls for service. 41 of those calls were reportable dog bites by Oregon law. Our ASDs often work side by side with our patrol team members on criminal cases. One such case came about in October when our animal services team started a neglect case for 16 adult German Shepherds. This case remains ongoing and collaboration amongst our teams is essential in these scenarios. Providing essential documentation and potential evidence allows for a complete and thorough review of the case. Our ASDs work in collaboration with many outside entities to assist in providing the best course of action for the animals in our community.



ASD Panousopoulos.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

2025 was a busier than normal year for SAR. We had 16 calls for service with 7 of those calls being full team callouts. In March our team worked night and day in the search for 3-year-old Dane Paulsen near the city of Siletz. Our team worked tirelessly until Dane was brought home.

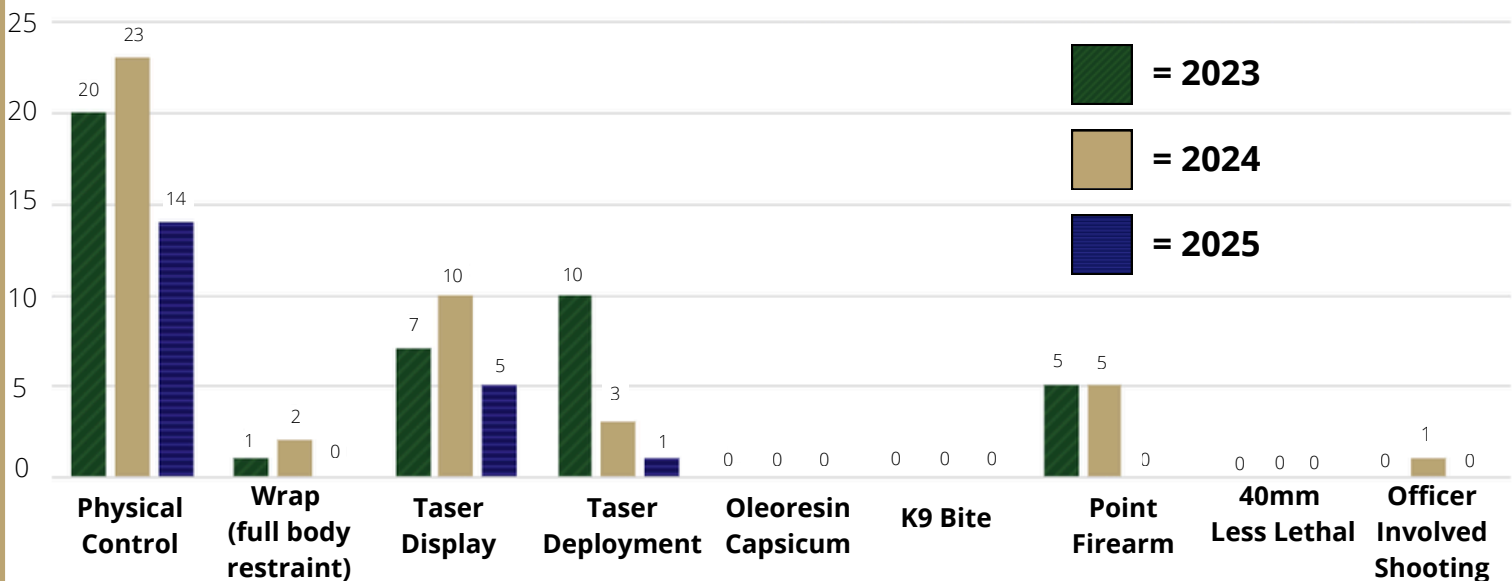


SAR members searching in dense brush.




SAR members posing for group photo.

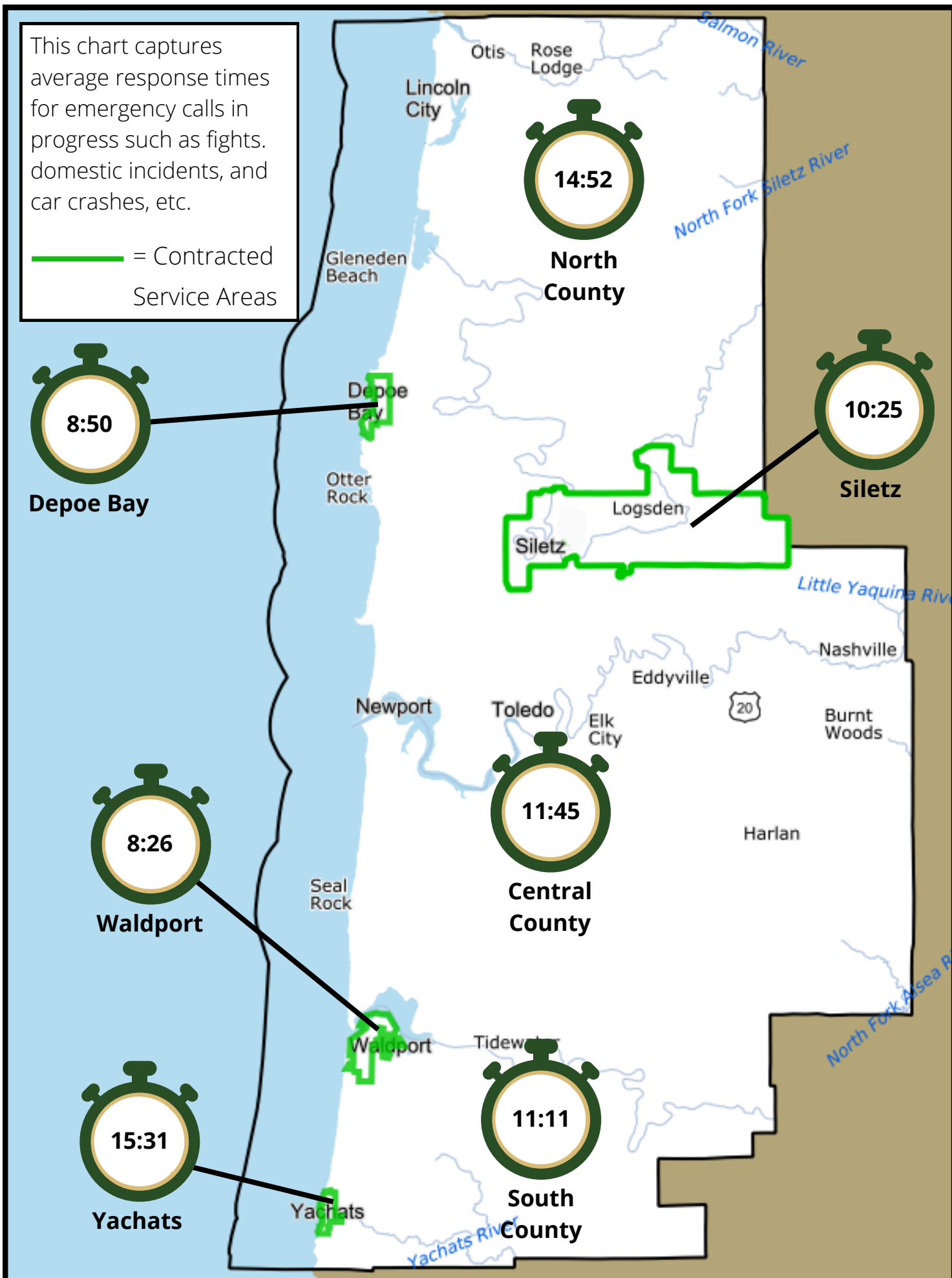
Patrol Use of Force Statistics



Average Response Times to Calls for Service by Area

This chart captures average response times for emergency calls in progress such as fights, domestic incidents, and car crashes, etc.

 = Contracted Service Areas





SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is committed to providing public services to Lincoln County's community members, cooperating agencies, and a variety of external entities with the highest level of integrity, efficiency, and compassion.

Your Support Services Division is comprised of a Support Services Director, five Support Services Specialists, and one Evidence Control Specialist. This team of seven is responsible for the following public services:

- Receive and coordinate civil process and enforcement (notice process, subpoenas, and enforcement actions pursuant to court orders)
- Process public records requests and prepare statistical reports
- Process vehicle impound releases
- Facilitate public fingerprinting services
- Oversee concealed handgun licensing program
- Oversee short-term rental licensing program
- Facilitate sex offender registration
- Maintain property and evidence

The Division started off 2025 fully staffed and ready for a new year. Key achievements included the successful implementation of new software for concealed handgun licensing, expanded community involvement, continued investment in staff training and development, and recognition of staff contributions.



Support Services office space

Implementation of New Concealed Handgun Licensing Software

This software solution by Permutium replaced decades of what was traditionally a paper-driven process in our office thereby modernizing operations and improving efficiency. The software provides a secure, digital platform, that had already been vetted by several Sheriff's Offices in Oregon. Citizens are now able to apply and/or renew their concealed handgun licenses online, as well as schedule appointments and pay fees.

Community Events and Engagement

Our team continued its commitment to community involvement through active participation in local events and school workshops.

National Night Out – Support Services members in conjunction with a significant number of other agencies participated in this annual community-building campaign.

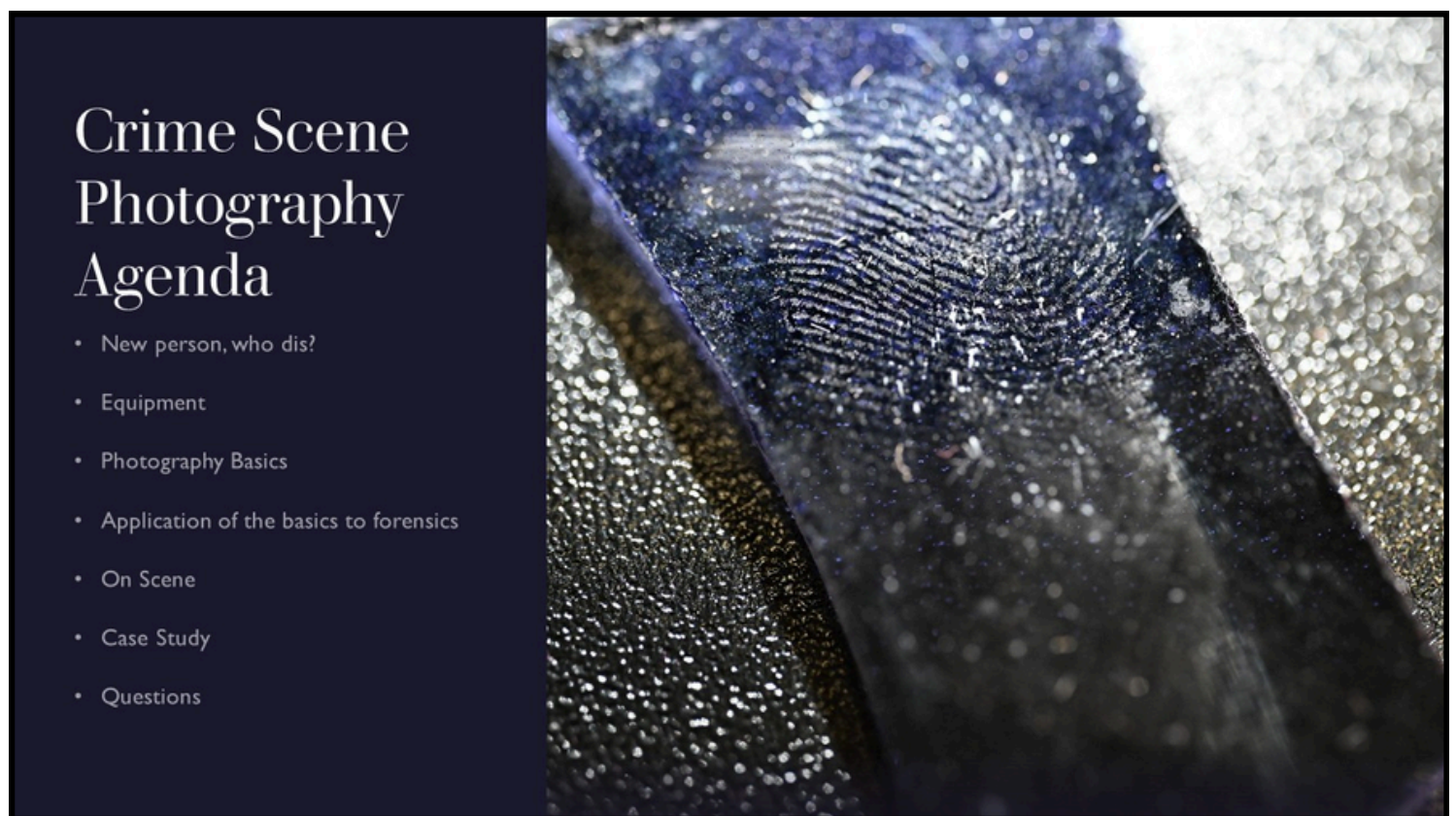
Annual Shred Day – Members of Support Services, the Jail, and Lincoln County Facilities Management participated in this annual shred event provided to community members of Lincoln County for onsite secure shredding of sensitive personal data.



Support Services Specialists providing temporary tattoos at National Night Out.

Outreach at Siletz and Toledo Schools – Our Evidence Control Specialist volunteered at both the Siletz School and Toledo Schools this year to provide workshops to students covering the following topics:

- The life cycle of evidence.
- Crime scene processing.
- Crime scene photography.



Slide from Evidence Control Specialist Tabb's school presentations.

The Siletz class scheduled a field trip to our evidence locker and processing area where they had the opportunity to meet one of our detectives and ESD K9 Trinity. Further discussions were had about cell phone safety and firearm safety while viewing a rifle from an adjudicated case.

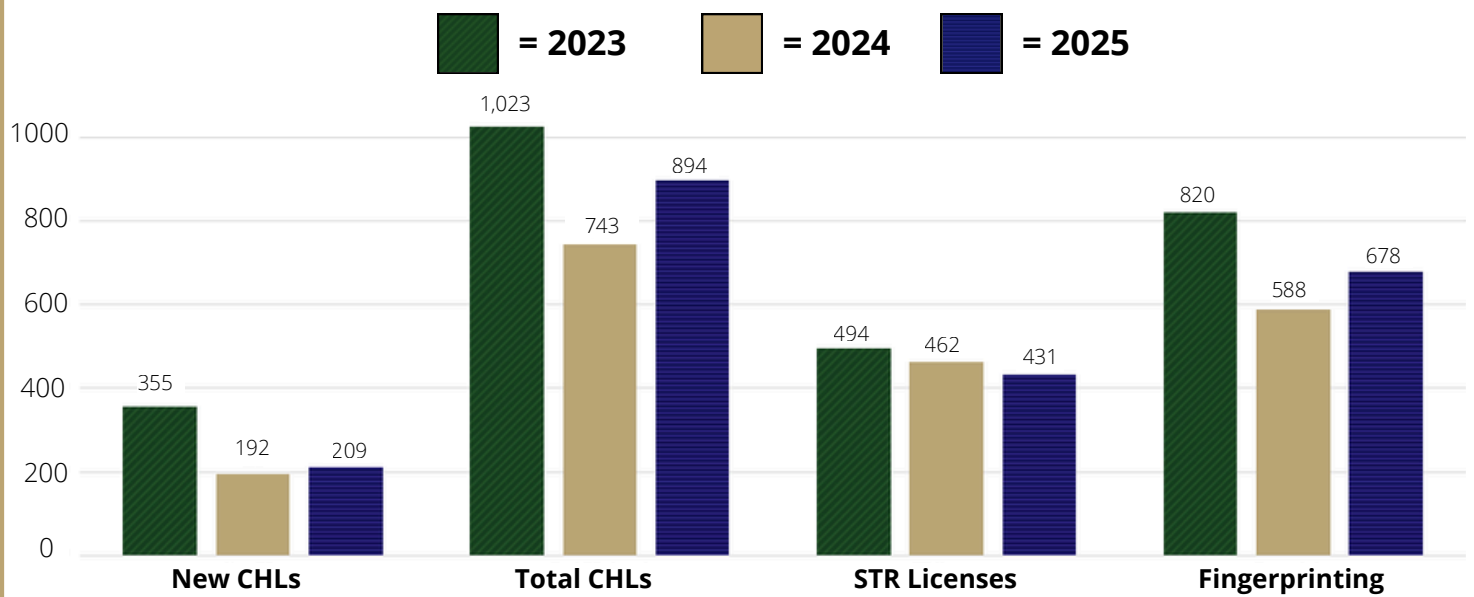
Training and Professional Development

Attendance at statewide training opportunities ensures our members continue their professional growth and stay abreast of legislative changes impacting their areas of expertise. Besides the software and systems training required to implement our new concealed handgun licensing software, members also attended conferences related to civil, concealed handgun licensing, records, and evidence.

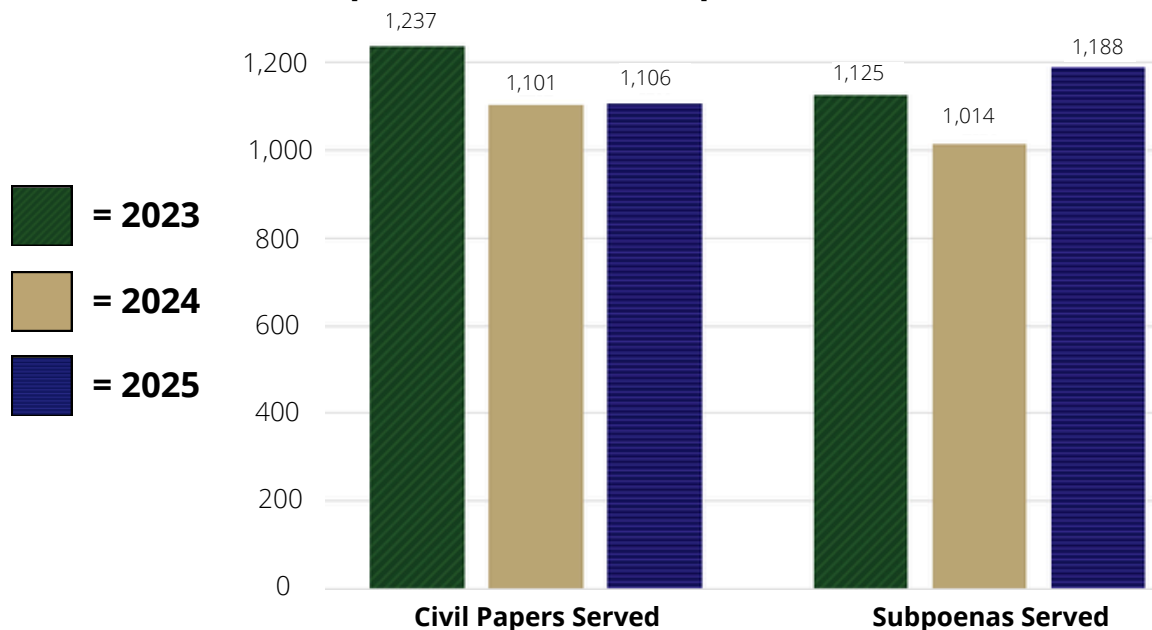
Looking Ahead

In the coming year, our team will be focusing on the implementation of Lexis Crime Mapping software which will provide a link on our website for community viewing and information regarding crime statistics.

Concealed Handgun Licenses (CHL) and Short Term Rental (STR) Licenses issued



Civil Papers Served and Subpoenas Served



CORRECTIONS

The Lincoln County jail is committed to serving our community by providing a safe, secure, and healthy jail environment where everyone is treated with dignity, empathy, and respect.

The Lincoln County Jail serves as the county's only adult correctional facility, housing 127 adults in custody (AIC). With 35 certified corrections deputies and 17 non-certified employees, the jail has a wide variety of responsibilities, ranging from adult in custody housing/management, medical services, court security, transport/extraditions, and food services.

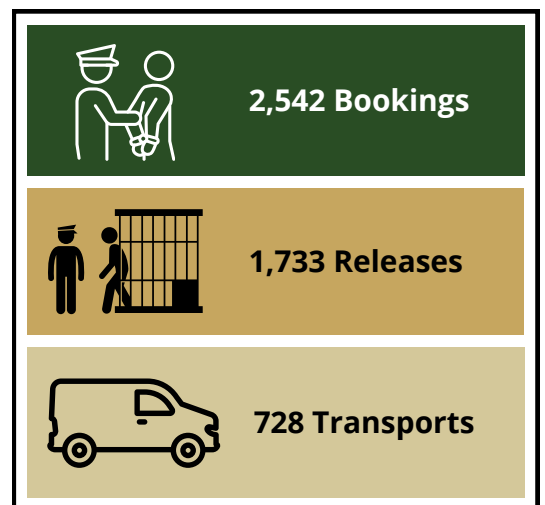
Our certified corrections deputies ensure our facility is safe and secure. Our corrections staff perform hourly welfare checks, process intakes and releases, and manage daily adult in custody activities. Our corrections deputies perform over 40 hours of training annually. Some training topics include, suicide prevention, sexual harassment, defensive tactics, firearms, ethics, and managing individuals with mental illness. Deputies are assisted by our corrections technicians. Corrections technicians process intakes/releases, operate central control, and supervise adult in custody movement and activities using the jail's video monitoring system. Our deputies and technicians processed 2,542 bookings and released 1,733 adults in custody in 2025. Deputies transported 728 adults in custody (230 of which were medical transport), logging over 20,000 miles.

We continue to prioritize essential functions and foundational practices throughout jail operations. Our expanded sanitation and supervisory inspections have resulted in a tremendous reduction in contraband, while increasing adults in custody's accountability to follow facility rules and maintain living spaces to a higher standard. Our certified staff have taken a back-to-basics approach to adult in custody management, focusing on communication, consistency, and accountability.

Just as our certified staff focus on core mission objectives, so does our medical team. Managing all aspects of adult in custody healthcare, ranging from medical, dental, and mental health, all the way to substance abuse disorders. Our medical team has been very creative in providing care with minimal staff resources. They work extremely well at collaborating with community partners to increase access to services,



Corrections Building (Lincoln County Jail).



such as medication assisted treatment (MAT), vaccinations, and sexually transmitted infection screening. The jail medical department recently reinstated a long-standing partnership with the Oregon Coast Community College Nursing Program. Nurses within the program come over and work with our jail nurses as part of their training and education. Our nurses are excited for the opportunity to share some of their expertise and training with the next generation of nurses and hope to plant a couple recruiting seeds along the way!

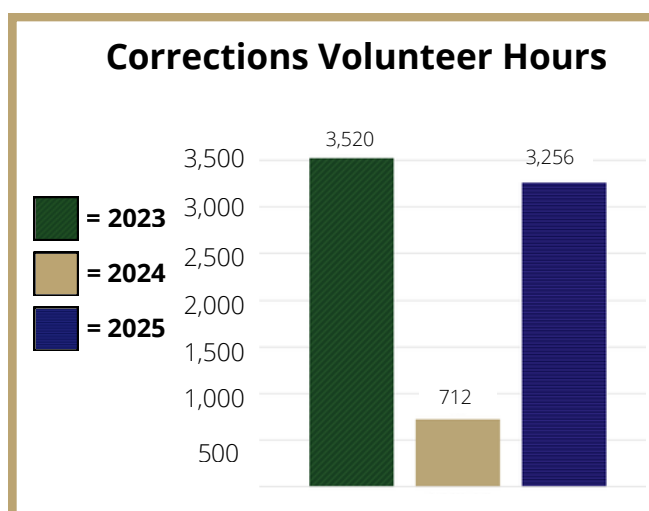
Our kitchen team continues to do an outstanding job. Food services in corrections is a far more difficult task than usually credited for. In fact, many jails contract their food services similar to schools. Our team sources all food products ourselves and builds menus that are cost-effective and approved by a licensed dietician. Using adults in custody that have volunteered, the kitchen team trains and supervises AICs to work in a commercial kitchen, learn safe food handling practices, and prepare large scale orders. They do all this without compromising quality. The jail kitchen gets inspected by the health department annually and consistently receives some of the highest marks possible. Most adults in custody working in the kitchen receive their food handler's license by the end of their stay and walk away with additional life and professional skills. Our Food Services Manager, Dan Driver, built a culinary class for AICs that runs intermittently throughout the year. The class focuses on practical cooking, shopping and budgeting.



Jail Commander, Lt. McDowall at the Gleneden Beach Community Breakfast.

Warrants and Transports Specialist Sally Edwards manages the jail's Law Enforcement Data System, which includes training staff, warrant entries, stolen article entries, protection orders, etc. Sally also helps orchestrate all transports and extraditions. 2025 saw 1,082 warrants, 181 pretrial no-contact orders, and 21 extraditions pass through her desk. There is a great deal of responsibility resting on Sally's desk and she does an excellent job.

Support Services Specialist Sharon Kelly is assigned to the reception area of the jail. She helps professional visitors navigate our visitation process and provides customer assistance and service. Sharon also helps us manage our jail programs. The jail relies on volunteers to provide additional adult in custody programs and services, Sharon helps us organize, schedule and communicate with our volunteers. Every contact Sharon makes, whether in person or on the phone, frees our deputies up to focus on their other responsibilities.



Pretrial Services works tirelessly behind the scenes to support justice, fairness, and public safety in our communities. From risk assessments to monitoring and advocacy, pretrial teams play a crucial role in ensuring due process and helping individuals navigate the system with dignity and accountability. They celebrate successes and provide support during challenges; all of this allows individuals to recover and refocus.

In addition to daily client interactions, data entry, and courtroom testimony, the pretrial team is busy providing needed services to our community members. The average number of open cases on any given day is 800, a majority of those cases have minimal reporting requirements. Minimal reporting requirements may include, court appearance reminders, phone check-ins or in person check-ins.

Some of the services provided to our pretrial clients during 2025 include:

- 57 issued cell phones
- 11 clients were provided lodging at a local hotel
- 36 clients were provided lodging at the Sheriff's Office pretrial house

In addition to the services provided to pretrial clients, we also supplied community members in need (some of which were also pretrial clients) by issuing the following:

- 24 Wagons
- 30 Raincoats
- 60 Tents
- 60 Sleeping bags
- 75 Tarps
- 30 Solar chargers
- 30 Cell phone charging cords
- 5 Pairs of rain boots
- 20 Pairs of winter gloves/beanies



Photos above and below: Pretrial Specialists Yuson and Hoey.



Pretrial Specialists Michelle and Jeff both received their Certified Pretrial Services Professional Certification issued by the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies. This certification is designed to enhance the knowledge and professionalism of individuals working in the pretrial field. Congratulations to both on this amazing accomplishment!

As 2025 wrapped up, we also concluded our multi-year federal COSSAP grant. Since 2019 this grant has brought in \$1,245,870 to Lincoln County which allowed financial support for the many additional services offered by our pretrial team. Materials and services were the main expenses, but the grant also funded a counselor position. This position was a very valuable asset to our pretrial team and allowed for enhanced transition services from our facility back into the community. The employee holding this position had a wealth of knowledge and passion for the job. As her career path changed and we were aware that this funding source would soon discontinue, the position was not re-filled. We continue to partner with our local behavioral health team and numerous other community partners to assist with a successful transition back into the community for our clients.

In addition to regular operations, our team saw two promotions in 2025. In January, our newest Jail Commander, Lieutenant Josh McDowall, was promoted. Josh joined our office in 2006 and has held the positions of Corrections Deputy, Corrections Corporal, and Corrections Sergeant.



Sheriff Shanks and Lt. McDowall.

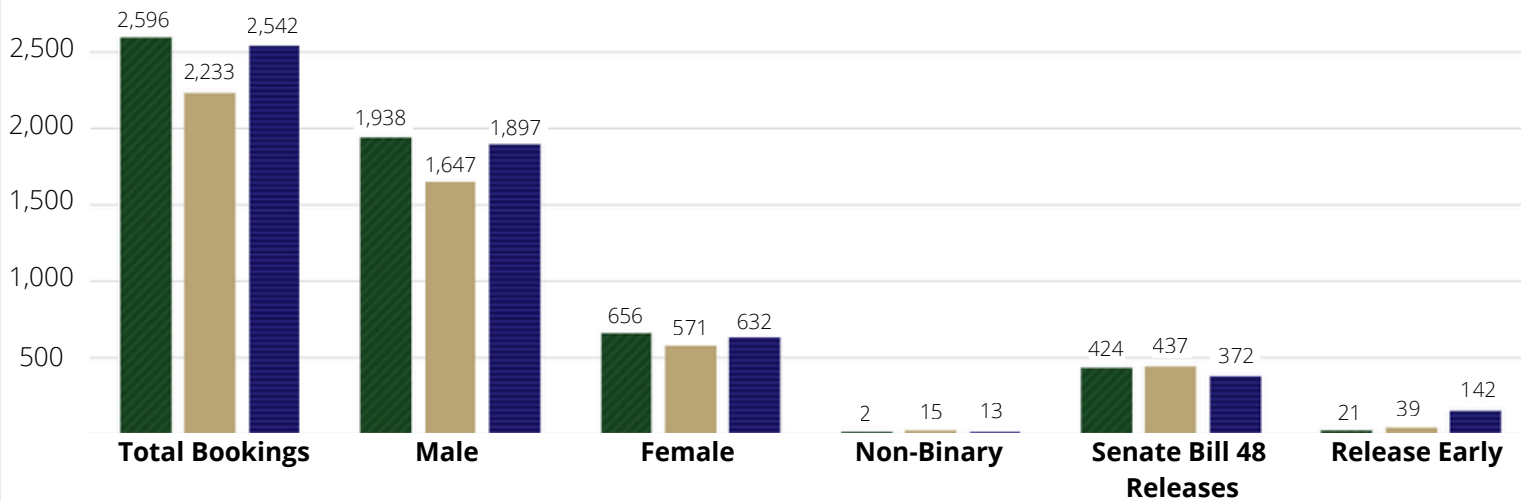
In February, Justin Stark was promoted to Corrections Sergeant. Justin originally joined our team as a Corrections Deputy in June 2014. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Office, he served in the US Army. In addition to Sergeant Stark's daily responsibilities, he is a member of the Sheriff's Office Wellness/Safety team and the Peer Support team.



Right: Sheriff Shanks and Sergeant Stark.

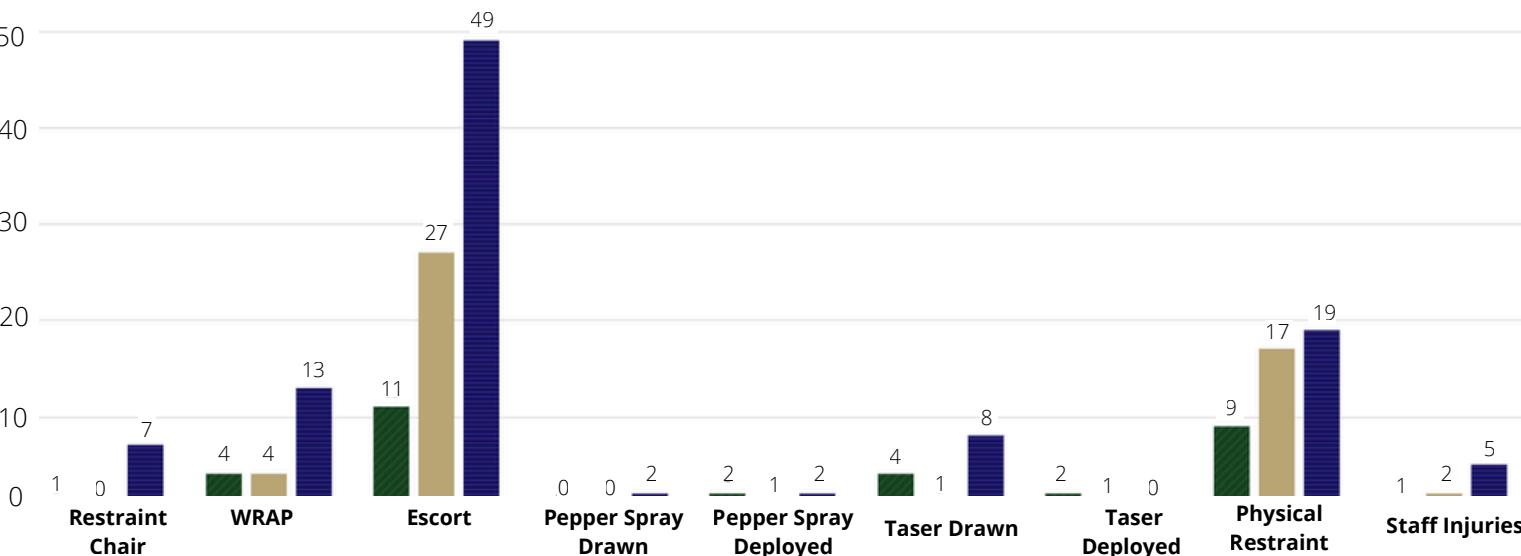
Booking and Release Data

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Corrections Use of Force Statistics

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AWARDS

2025 Responder Recognition Award - Veterans of Foreign Wars



Every year the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4227 selects a local first responder to receive the "Responder Recognition Award." This year, Patrol **Deputy Ben Cloud** received the **2025 VFW Award**. Cloud served in the USAF from 2007-2012.

Cloud joined our team as a Corrections Deputy in 2013 where he served for seven years before transitioning to patrol. He has also served as a Field Training Officer.

Left: VFW representative Buisman and Cloud posing with VFW Award plaque.

Animal Control/Welfare Agency of the Year - Oregon Animal Control Council

The **Lincoln County Animal Shelter** team received the **2025 Animal Control/Welfare Agency of the year** award.

This award was presented to our amazing Animal Shelter team for their hard work as an agency within the animal control and animal welfare field. This team has navigated many challenges through the year and continues to show their service and dedication to Lincoln County communities.



Animal Shelter Team receiving award.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association



In December, long-time **volunteer Lyle Mattson** received the **Lifetime Achievement award** from the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA).

For more than three decades, Lyle has been a cornerstone of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office volunteer community in Search and Rescue (SAR) and the Sheriff's Mounted Posse. His contributions have been both foundational and transformational. Lyle's technical skills have been instrumental in modernizing SAR operations.

Left: Sgt. Dougherty, Lyle Mattson, and Deputy McGuire.

Lifetime Member Recognition - OSSA

Retired Sheriff Curtis Landers received the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association **Lifetime Member recognition** for his 37 years of service to the communities of Lincoln County. It is impossible to highlight all his accomplishments over almost 4 decades of service, but he contributed to the success of many locally and at a statewide level.

Right: Jen Landers and Retired Sheriff Landers.



President's Special Recognition - OSSA



Left: Sheriff Shanks and Lt. Vertner

Right: Support Services Specialist Maresco and Sheriff Shanks.



In December, **Lieutenant Karl Vertner** and **Support Services Specialist Michelle Maresco** were presented with the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association **President's Special Recognition** award for their service during 2025 as the Chair for their respective OSSA Enforcement and Support Services Command Councils. Throughout the year, Lieutenant Vertner and Support Services Specialist Maresco have organized and lead council meetings and coordinated statewide training opportunities.

RETIREMENTS

Sheriff Landers Retired

After 37 years of service, Retired Sheriff Landers completed his last day with our office. Throughout his career, Retired Sheriff Landers held many positions including Records Clerk, Corrections Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Lieutenant, and became Sheriff in 2016. These assignments gave him experience with community policing, allowed him to work closely with community members, and required creative thinking to find solutions for new challenges law enforcement faces each day. Although his eyes were not originally set on becoming Sheriff, his contributions, leadership, and integrity made him an obvious candidate.



Jen Landers and Retired Sheriff Landers.

It is impossible to highlight all his accomplishments over almost 4 decades of service, and Retired Sheriff Landers will tell you that his accomplishments couldn't be done alone. Landers shares and attributes his success to his incredible and supporting wife, Jen. He is also quick to give credit to, and prioritize, his team. "It's not about myself, it's about our team. You always want to leave an organization better than when you found it and hope the next person does the same."



Retired Sheriff Landers and LCSO team during his last radio call.

Thank you, Retired Sheriff Landers for 37 years of service, leadership, and positive impacts to our communities.

Deputy Ross Retired

After 30 years of service to our Lincoln County communities, Deputy Mark Ross retired.

Mark began his career with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in 1981 as a Marine Cadet. He went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps for 10 years, receiving an honorable discharge as a Lieutenant in 1994. Mark returned to work at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in 1995 as a Corrections Deputy before taking a short break to work with Lincoln County Community Corrections as a Parole & Probation Officer. He returned to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Deputy in 1998 where he served his community for the next 27 years. Deputy Ross finished his career with his Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Certifications.



Sheriff Shanks, Deputy Ross, and Ruth Ross.

Mark had an exemplary career with the Sheriff's Office. His leadership, unwavering dedication, and genuine compassion made a lasting impact on our office and community. The character and integrity Mark demonstrated throughout his career embodied professional excellence, always leading by example and setting a positive attitude for those around him. Mark has mentored and inspired so many people throughout his career, from coworkers, volunteers, community members and countless adults in custody. His work-ethic and personality were contagious, always bringing out the best of everyone around him.

Counselor Buckmaster Retired

Counselor Dennis Buckmaster retired after 12 years of service as the Jail Counselor. Dennis joined our team in 2013 after spending more than a decade with Lincoln County Health and Human Services.

Dennis provided a valuable service while he worked with Adults in Custody with mental health and developmental disabilities, as well as helping those in custody experiencing crisis. Dennis managed and taught multiple jail programs such as yoga, Breaking Barriers, Art for Therapy, and more. Thank you Dennis for over 25 years of service to Lincoln County communities.



Counselor Buckmaster.

Community Services Deputy Wooten Retired

Community Services Deputy Larry Wooten retired after serving just over four years with our Sheriff's Office. CSD Wooten worked in code enforcement and conducted short term rental inspections and enforcement. Larry plans to remain local and continue volunteering with the Medical Reserve Corps.



CSD Wooten and his CS truck.

Sergeant Ballentine Retired

After more than three decades of unwavering commitment, leadership, and service, Sergeant Rick Ballentine retired.

Sergeant Ballentine started his career in December 1994 as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Waldport. He was hired fulltime in July 1995 by the City and served for two years before the city dissolved the PD and contracted with LCSO.

During his 30 years with our Office, he worked in the assignments of: Patrol, Forest, Marine, and promoted to Sergeant in 2016. He held other duties such as Marijuana Eradication, Tactical Response Team aka SWAT and Firearms Instructor, Oregon State Marine Board LEO Instructor and SAR member during his Forest Deputy time. He left an indelible mark on many of us throughout his years on our team. We will not soon be forget his cool, calm demeanor and ability to make everyone laugh.



Sgt. Ballentine

Patrol K9 Ghost Retired

After almost 5 years of service and many successful deployments, K9 Ghost let us know it was time to retire. Ghost joined our team in November of 2020 and was trained in tracking and apprehension.

In November 2025, K9 Ghost and handler Dowty arrived at Warrior Dog Foundation in Texas, which specializes in retraining working dogs to get back to a normal dog life.



K9 Ghost.

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