

## 2020 Annual Report

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Message From the Sheriff

2020 was an extremely challenging year for the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office with the onset of COVID-19 and the ever-changing environment we were working in for most of the year. My Deputies and Administrative staff adapted and continued to function at a high level. As I write this, we are currently the only agency in the county that is open for fingerprinting. To give you some idea that the workload has not decreased, during the restrictions we processed 37% more gun transfers, 21% more Concealed Pistol Permits, 1208 and 1013, respectively.

We also balanced quarantines and isolation of various employees while maintaining our normal levels of service. We are excited to fill three Deputy positions in 2021 from some well-deserved retirements. We are losing over 75 years of experience, but I am confident our new hires will continue to uphold the vision, mission, and core values of the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office.

We continue to look to the future and how best to increase our staffing levels given the resources available. We will work with the county commissioners to develop innovative ways to most effectively use our citizens tax dollars to accomplish this goal. This annual report is designed to provide us and our citizens with an overview of the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office along with statistical information of what occurred in 2020. Remember, look at the data with a critical eye as it provides only one aspect of what is going on in our county and it will help us shape our strategy well into the future.

Sincerely,

Mark Crider

Sheriff, Walla Walla County

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#### Vision

Our vision is to be amongst the finest law enforcement agencies in the State of Washington; one which consistently delivers the highest quality public service in an effort to make Walla Walla the safest county in the nation.

#### Mission

Our mission is to safeguard the lives, property, and rights of the people we serve; reduce the incidence and fear of crime; and to enhance public safety while working with our community to improve their quality of life.

Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain the confidence of the public we serve.

#### **Core Values**

The Core Values of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office

We recognize the seven pointed star badge of our office which we are privileged to wear as a symbol of public trust. With the hep-tagram being an ancient traditional symbol for warding off evil, each point of our badge represents one of our seven Core Values.

#### **HONOR**

Our daily actions shall embody our Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Code of Ethics.

#### INTEGRITY

We shall always do what is legally and morally right. We are honest and truthful in our words, and our actions shall match our words. Our integrity will build trust and confidence. Integrity is our moral defense against corruption.

#### LOYALTY

We bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, the State of Washington, and the County of Walla Walla. We are loyal and faithful to our fellow law enforcement officers and the citizens we serve.

#### **COURAGE**

We shall have the personal courage to stand up for what is right. We will remain courageous and calm in the face of danger.

#### **COMMITMENT**

We are committed to our profession, the vision and mission of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, and an accountable partnership with our community.

#### **DUTY**

We will fulfill our obligations with selfless service and reverence for the law.

#### FAIRNESS

We will be courteous, just, and impartial in all of our interactions. We respect law and order and the individual. We will apply our knowledge and experience for the best advantage of all concerned. We will treat everyone with dignity and our decisions shall be made without personal favor.

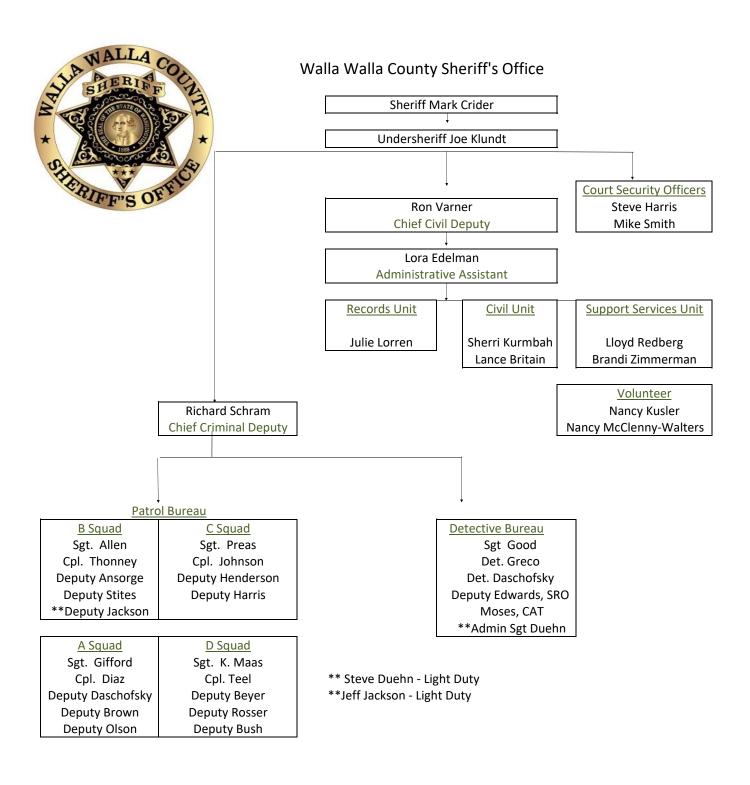
#### **Law Enforcement Code of Ethics**

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my office. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.



# New Walla Walla County Sheriff's in 2020



Deputy Stites comes to us as a lateral from Kennewick Police Department. Aaron is a family man who holds a Bachelors degree in Chinese and Asian Studies and a Masters of Science in Exercise Physiology. Deputy Stites is also certified and licensed to teach Radkids curriculum; the national leader in child safety education.

### Retirements in Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office in 2020

Sergeant Frisvold graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1974. After high school, he served 19 years in the Army National Guard and Reserves and earned the rank of Captain. In December of 1983, Sergeant Frisvold began his journey as a WWSO Deputy Sheriff. During his tenure, Sergeant Frisvold started our WWSO Search and Rescue program and was the coordinator for 22 years. He spent 9 years as a DARE instructor and served as a part of our Marine Patrol division. He also instructed, held several other specialty assignments and earned many commendations including the coveted Tom Bowman Deputy of the Year award, in 2019! Sergeant Frisvold has also served 25 years with Walla Walla County Fire District #8 and holds the rank of Lieutenant.

In retirement, he plans to work on projects around the house, enjoy time with his grandkids and looks forward to many adventures with his wife, Linda.

Sergeant Frisvold, there will never be another one like you. Your knack for always being positive, no matter what, can never be replaced. You're a wealth of knowledge and have more stories than most have experiences. You've earned your retirement many times over, and we wish you and your family nothing but joy in the future!



## **Support Services**

Our friendly support services staff is available Monday through Friday during business hours of 8am – 5pm. They assist with concealed weapons permits, fingerprinting, civil paper service, special events applications, public disclosure requests, property and crime prevention.

Our team is here to provide the best customer service to the community and is an essential to the operations of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.



Sherri Krumbah

Support Services Specialist



Julie Lorren

Support Services
Specialist



Brandi Zimmerman

Support Services Clerk II



Lloyd Redberg

Support Services
Clerk II



**Lance Britain** 

Civil Services Process
Officer

	2017	2018	2019	2020
CPL Fingerprints Processed	340	445	373	312
CPL permits processed	801	1004	837	1043
Pistol Transfers Process	483	678	880	1208
Public Records Requests Processed	265	336	298	348
Protection Orders Received	115	99	138	132
Protection Orders Served	116	162	197	135
Civils Processed	1927	2222	2202	2234
Writs Served (or executed)	94	148	95	55
Sheriff Sales	28	7	17	3
Registered Sex Offenders	122	131	130	134



#### 2020 Patrol Statistics at a glance

Year	2018	2019	2020
Arrests	281	350	387
Cases	1202	1257	1331
Incidents	13299	13069	11339
Tickets	602	569	668
Traffic Calls/Stops	3913	3244	2886







Category	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder	0	1	1	1
Forcible Sex Offenses	17	13	7	14
Aggravated Assault	33	34	14	34
Simple Assault	81	99	71	69
Intimidation	53	26	26	14
Kidnapping	5	2	1	5
Incest	1	1	0	0
Non-Force Sex Offenses	0	1	1	1
No Contact Violations	31	26	42	38
Robbery	1	1	1	2
Burglary	62	80	91	108
Larceny	223	280	243	289
Motor Vehicle Theft	42	25	34	53
Arson	3	5	1	2
Vandalism	118	131	142	149
Counterfeiting/Forgery	10	7	8	3
Stolen Property	25	14	24	22
Fraud	31	32	33	53
Animal Cruelty	1	1	3	0
Drug/Narcotics Offenses	48	48	49	36
Weapon Violations	5	10	7	7
Collisions (incident or reported)	454	391	428	382
DUI Arrests (incl Assists)	31	28	28	30
Narcotics Arrests	36	33	34	38
Warrant Arrests	107	149	134	124

## Investigations

Year	2019	2020
Cases for Prosecution	23	31
Detective Investigations	90	81







**Detective James Greco** 



**Detective Kristen Daschofsky** 

#### Registered Sex Offenders in Walla Walla County

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
Level 1	91	101	95	98
Level 2	19	21	22	20
Level 3	12	9	13	16
Transient	9	11	11	10

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER @ WALLA WALLA HIGH SCHOOL



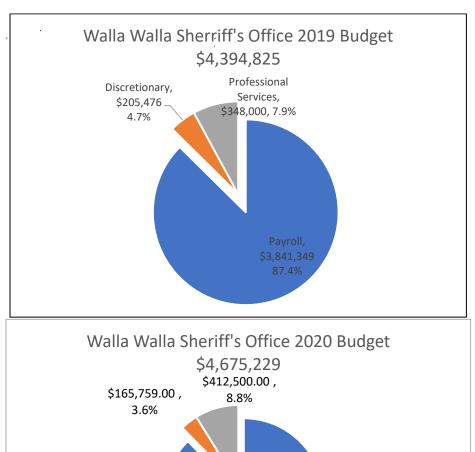
#### **DEPUTY IAN M. EDWARDS**

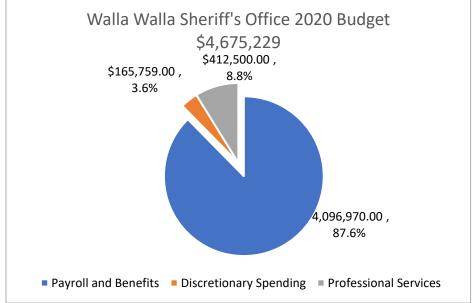
SRO Statistics at a Glance (WA-HI)

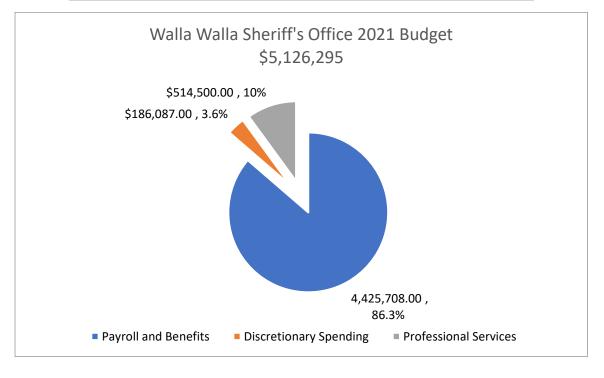
	2019	2020
Incidents	85	39
Criminal Investigations (Case Reports)	21	12
CPS Referrals	0	0
Arrests	10	8

Both the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office and the Walla Walla Public School District understand the importance and value of Safe Schools and believe the best way to achieve this goal is to TEAM-UP together to provide a full-time, fully commissioned Deputy Sheriff as Walla Walla High School's SRO (School Resource Officer). The scope of the SRO's duties while working on campus far exceed just normal patrol functions (like only taking reports when requested by students or staff). The duties include mentoring students, working on all types of issues or concerns that come up in day to day life with both students and staff, and acting as a liaison between school administrators, parents and the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Edwards has landed his dream job as being chosen as the SRO. He has 3 school-aged children himself that have or will be attending WA-HI in the next few years to come. Deputy Edwards has an open-door policy for ALL students and staff — and loves to talk. His congenial personality seems to make most students feel comfortable around him and know he is here to guide and help in any way needed by each student. Deputy Edwards joined the WWSO in 2006 as a full-time Deputy — and taught the DARE Program to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students in Walla Walla County Schools between 2009 and 2019. Deputy Edwards loves being "home again" as he graduated from WA-HI in 1999 and now gets to team up with many of his old teachers.







Deputy of the Year 2019

## Sgt. Tom Bowman Deputy of the Year

**AWARDS** 

Nominees for the Sgt. Tom Bowman Deputy of the Year Award are submitted annually by any Deputy of the WWSO according to a memorandum from Sheriff J. Michael Humphreys who established this award in 2005 in memory of Sgt. Tom Bowman. . The Deputy of the Year is selected by Command Staff.



Deputy of the Year 2020

Jared Brown



# Sergeant Robin Frisvold



Life Saving Award Corporal Dan Teel

#### **Life-Saving Medal**

The Sheriff's Life-Saving Medal is an award for bravery and/or heroism, usually awarded to Deputies or Officers for taking action in order to rescue or attempt the rescue of either a fellow officer or any person from imminent danger.



Life Saving Award Sergeant Kevan Maas and Corporal Federico Diaz



Commendation

**Deputy Joseph Henderson** 



Lloyd Redberg Administrative Employee of the Year for 2020



#### **Dual Accreditation**

This year the team of Deputy Daschofsky and K9 Murphy achieved dual accreditation through both CJTC and WSPCA with WSPCA accreditation being a much harder and more thorough accreditation to achieve. WSPCA is not required but goes to show the K9 team can exceed requirements far beyond the minimum state requirements.

"Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really."

- Agnes Sligh Turnbull

### **WWSO K9 TEAM 2020** YEAR IN REVIEW





#### Quarry Certification

Deputy Olson became fully certified as a K9 quarry allowing us to have a an always available certified quarry on hand. In dog training the quarry is equally as important as the handler and can truly strengthen and develop the dogs.



#### **Public Interactions**

Having a K9 team provides a unique opportunity for a far greater amount of positive public interactions then could ever be possible without it, a benefit which has proven more valuable this year than in years prior.

### New **Partnerships**

The WWSO K9 team transitioned our monthly trainings to Spokane, WA thus allowing us access to highly advanced and nationally renowned trainers and exercises put on monthly by the City of Spokane Police K9 program.





### **Sheriff Office Events**



Sheriff Crider and Undersheriff Klundt covid style



Covid Stop by Deputy



Homemade Masks made for first responders



Swearing in of the Fish and Wildlife Officers for 2020

Thanks to the Deputies and dinner provided by Big Cheese Pizza





Dinner provided by Walla Walla Pasta Factory



Happiest of Birthdays to Brandi Zimmerman, Support Services Clerk II



Swearing in of Deputy Aaron Stites



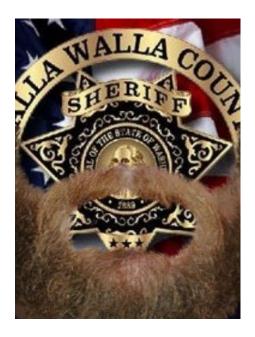


K9 Deputy Murphy receiving special recognition





Superhero Run 2020



No Shave November 2020



Return of Corporal Chris Johnson after year deployment



The Great Toilet Paper Caper of 2020



No Shave November participant Deputy Ben Olson



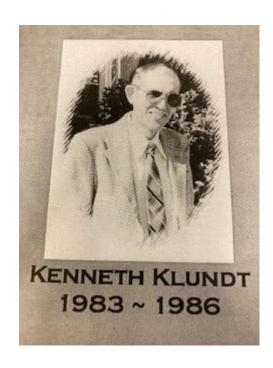
Sergeant Steve Duehn undergoing treatment in Seattle



**Deputy Social Distancing** 

# Memorial Sheriff Kenneth Klundt





Retired Walla Walla County Sheriff Kenneth James "Buz" Klundt passed away December 10th, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Buz was born to Arthur and Peggy Klundt on March 23, 1946, in Bismarck, North Dakota. The family moved to Walla Walla when he was 2 years old. Buz graduated from Wa-Hi In 1966 and later that year enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Buz served his country until 1970 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Buz earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Law and Justice from Central Washington University. Buz was hired by the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office in 1972. Buz served as a Deputy Sheriff until he was elected Sheriff in 1982. Buz was also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Buz's father Arthur, was also the Walla Walla County Sheriff for 4 elected terms, serving from 1962 until 1976. Buz served one term as Sheriff. He then continued to serve as a Sergeant at the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office until his retirement in 1988.

Buz is survived by his daughters, his siblings, stepmother, as well as numerous cousins including current Walla Walla County Undersheriff Joe Klundt.