2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Mark Crider

2023 was no different than most years here at the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office and presented its own set of challenges. Once again, we focused on personnel issues and recruiting quality individuals for our Administrative Services Division, Court Security, and Deputies. We have five Administrative Services positions, and this past year, we had to replace two of those. You will likely meet them if you visit the office as they are the face of the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office and interact daily with the citizens of our county. They are both extremely quick learners and doing a tremendous job. They have been a valuable addition to our team.

We are pleased to have added two new Court Security Officers to our team, further bolstering our commitment to your safety. Our collaboration with the Commissioners has resulted in a single-entry point at the courthouse, significantly improving our security measures.

On the Patrol side, we hired three new deputies this year to replace retiring deputies. Even though we are losing a lot of experience, our new deputies are working hard to fill that void. As of this writing, we still have two deputy openings and are working hard to find quality applicants.

One of our top priorities for the upcoming year is urgently addressing the need for new facilities. Our jail and Sheriff's Office are operating beyond their intended lifespan and require immediate replacement.

Although this may not occur immediately, we are committed to pursuing it collaboratively with our commissioners to secure the necessary funding and identify an appropriate location. We will work diligently towards this goal, leveraging our expertise and resources to ensure its success. Through careful planning and strategic execution, we can bring this ambitious project to fruition and significantly impact our field.

UNDERSHERIFF



Joe Klundt

2023 marked my 40 years of proudly serving the citizens of Walla Walla County and the State of Washington.

I am honored to serve as an Undersheriff at the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office. My journey in law enforcement started in 1983 with WWSO, and later in 1985, I joined the Washington State Patrol where I worked for 34 years. After Sheriff Mark Crider's election in 2018, I was appointed as the Undersheriff, and I am happy to be back. I am profoundly grateful for the hard work and dedication of the WWSO's men and women.

The Sheriff's Office remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding its Vision, Mission, and Core Values. The citizens of Walla Walla County can rest assured that our entire team is dedicated to serving and protecting, ensuring the safety and security of our community.

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.

Values

We recognize the seven-pointed star badge of our office which we are privileged to wear as a symbol of public trust. With the heptagram 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.

WELCOME
NEW DEPUTIES



David Hunnings
#163
1.3.2023



Josh Atkins
#162
1.3.2023



Camdon Costello
#159
3.1.2023



Seth Hansen
#164
8.14.2023

WELCOME
NEW HIRES



Kevin Davis
Court Security
1.3.2023



Dean Davis
Court Security
10.18.2023



Shyla Jepsen
Support Services
3.16.2023



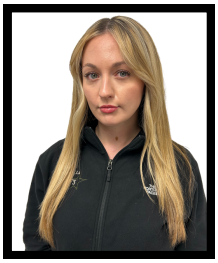
Monica Ramos
Support Services
9.12.2023

SUPPORT SERVICES

Our helpful support services staff is available to assist you from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, during business hours. They can help with a range of services, including concealed weapons permits, fingerprinting, civil paper service, special events applications, public disclosure requests, and property and crime prevention.

Our team is dedicated to providing excellent customer service to the community and play a vital role in the operations of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

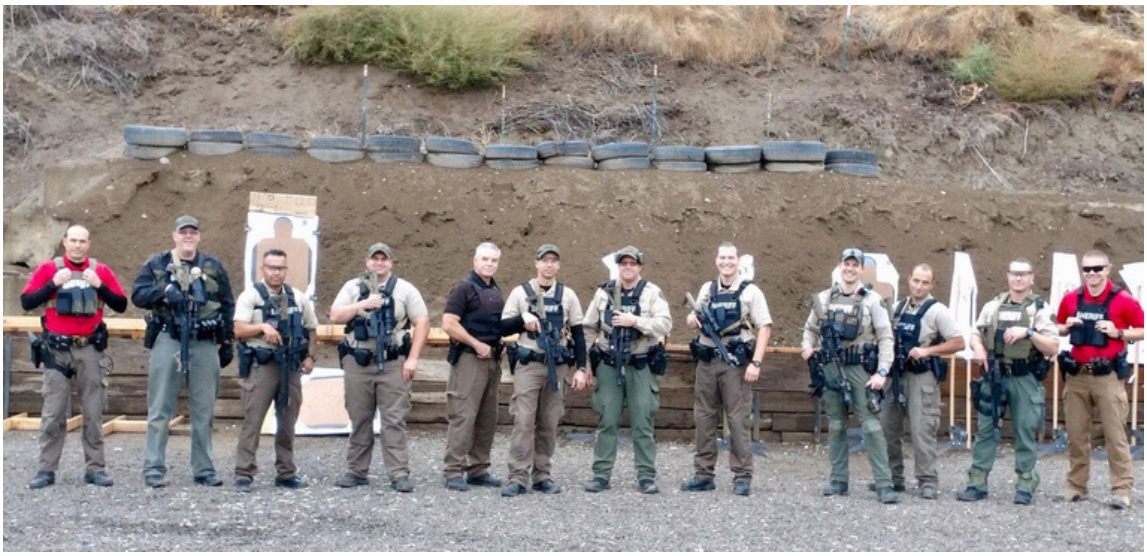



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CPL Fingerprints Processed	445	373	312	489	293	314
CPL permits processed	1004	837	1043	1141	860	913
Pistol Transfers Process (after 2023 no longer at WWSO done at WSP)	678	880	1208	1159	997	143
Public Records Requests Processed	336	298	348	339	335	418
Protection Orders Received	99	138	132	68	100	102
Protection Orders Served	162	197	135	111	102	90
Civils Processed	222	2202	2234	1748	1120	1455
Writs Served (or executed)	148	95	55	76	139	143
Sheriff Sales	7	17	3	0	2	0
Registered Sex Offenders	131	130	134	135	107	97

OPERATIONS

Chief Criminal Deputy Richard Schram oversees the WWSO Operations Division. The Patrol Bureau has 22 Deputies, 6 Sergeants (1 Admin, 1 Detective, and 4 Patrol), and 4 Corporals, divided into four squads, covering about 1,000 miles of county roads. The Detective Bureau investigates major crimes and has 3 detectives, a school resource officer, and a crime analyst. The K-9 unit currently deploys one patrol K-9 team. Additionally, there is one task force detective.

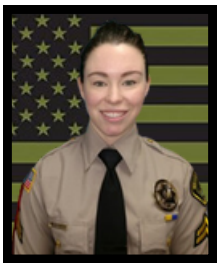


Patrol

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arrests	284	350	387	365	257	309
Cases	1202	1257	1331	1093	1015	918
Incidents	13299	13069	11339	11452	10801	11633
Tickets	602	569	668	728	356	499
Traffic Calls/Stops	3913	3244	2886	3730	2346	2890

Category	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Murder	1	1	1	0	1	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	13	7	14	6	5	12
Aggravated Assault	34	14	34	37	38	37
Simple Assault	99	71	69	54	46	60
Intimidation	26	26	14	7	13	13
Kidnapping	2	1	5	2	1	6
Incest	1	0	0	0	1	1
Non-Force Sex Offenses	1	1	1	1	1	0
No Contact Violations	26	42	38	25	41	30
Robbery	1	1	2	4	1	1
Burglary	80	91	108	62	68	61
Larceny	280	243	289	154	181	210
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	34	53	28	57	41
Arson	5	1	2	1	2	2
Vandalism	131	142	149	103	112	90
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	8	3	3	12	5
Stolen Property	14	24	22	16	17	16
Fraud	32	33	53	30	37	38
Animal Cruelty	1	3	0	5	0	1
Drug/Narcotics Offenses	48	49	36	15	11	18
Weapon Violations	10	7	7	2	7	12
Collisions (incident or reported)	391	428	382	369	451	141
DUI Arrests (include Assist	28	28	30	30	29	31
Narcotics Arrest	33	34	38	21	3	11
Warrant Arrests	149	134	124	79	78	123
Calls For Service	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
County	13277	12997	11255	11384	10801	9585
Burbank	2345	2196	1965	2054	1794	1857
Prescott	422	511	458	406	369	367
Waitsburg	775	726	913	703	597	590

DETECTIVES

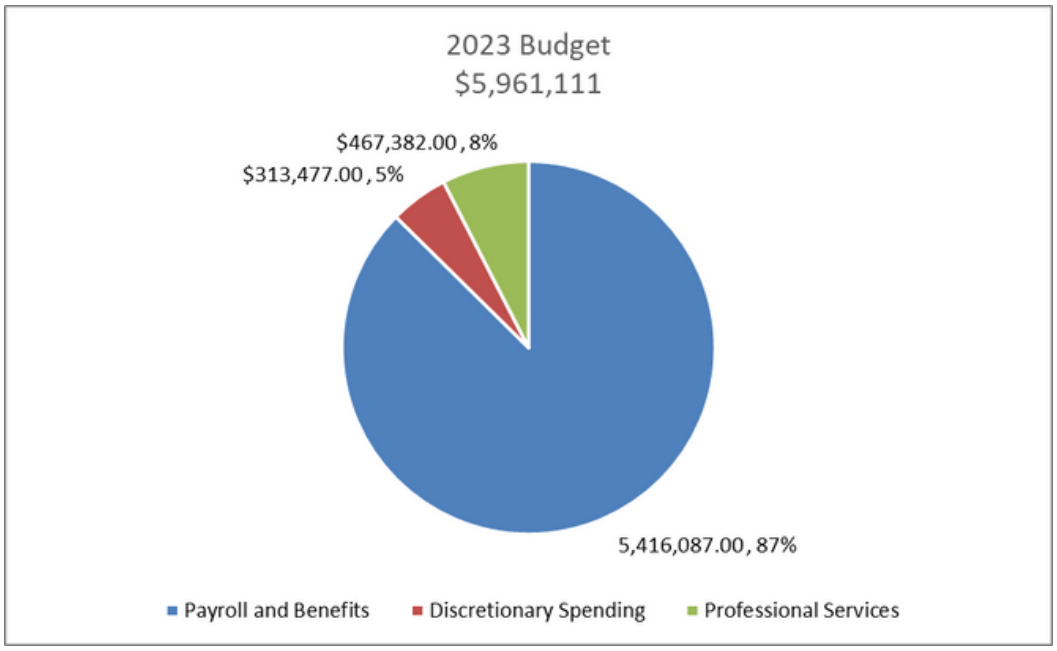



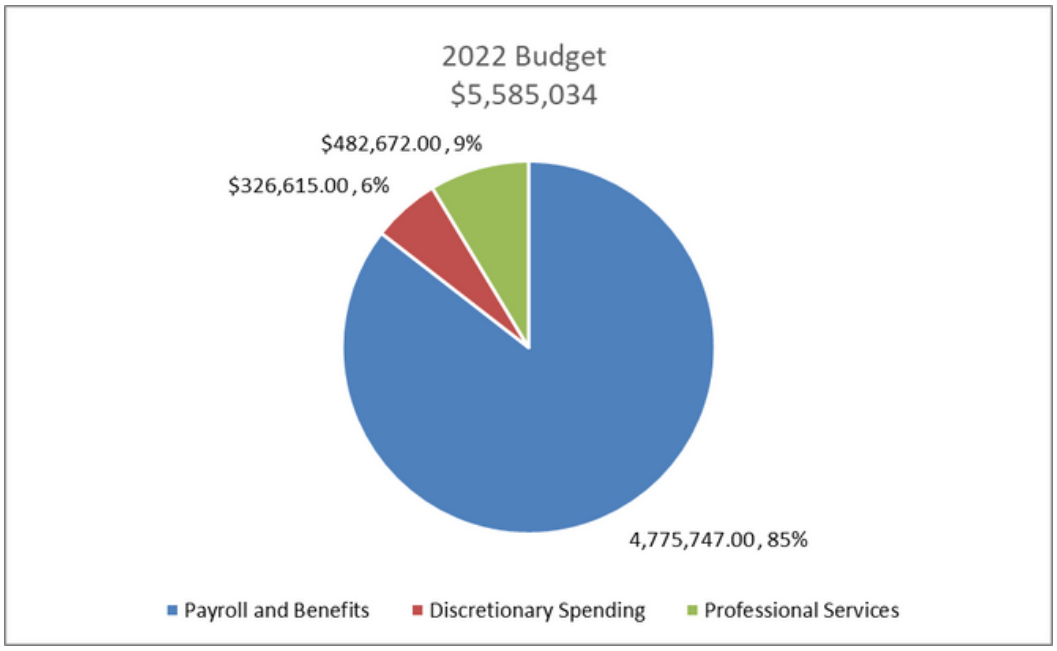

Investigations

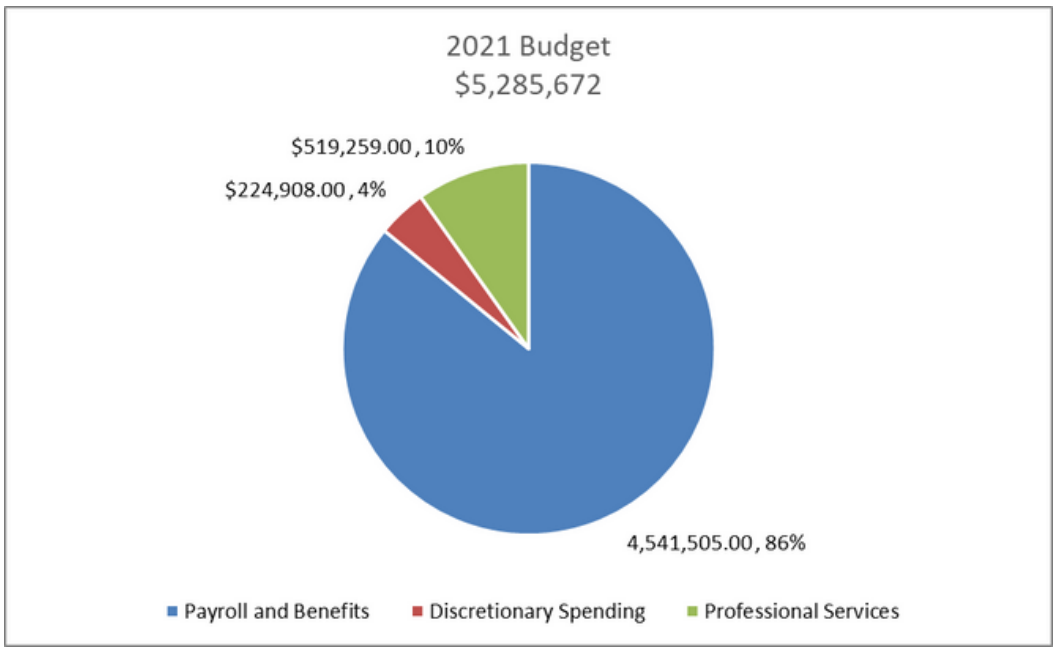
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Cases for Prosecution	23	31	12	10	21
Detective Investigations	90	81	62	13	84

Registered Sex Offender - Walla Walla County

	2018	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023
Level 1	101	95	98	101	84	72
Level 2	21	22	20	19	14	46
Level 3	9	13	16	14	11	9
Transient	11	11	10	13	10	22

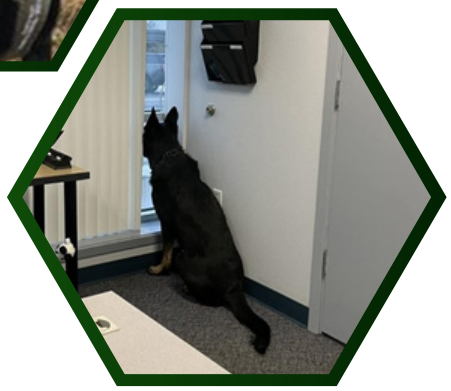

2023 Budget
$5,961,111
$467,382.00, 8%
$313,477.00, 5%
5,416,087.00, 87%
Payroll and Benefits
Discretionary Spending
Professional Services


2022 Budget
$5,585,034
$482,672.00, 9%
$326,615.00, 6%
4,775,747.00, 85%
Payroll and Benefits
Discretionary Spending
Professional Services


2021 Budget
$5,285,672
$519,259.00, 10%
$224,908.00, 4%
4,541,505.00, 86%
Payroll and Benefits
Discretionary Spending
Professional Services







K9 Murphy taking it easy on the job.



K9 TEAM

HIGHLIGHTS & DEPLOYMENTS

04/13/2023 – Assisted Milton Freewater Police with tracking of eluding and attempted carjacking subject.

06/10/2023 – WWSO track in the Wallula, WA area for a subject who was wanted in relation to a serious assault.

07/04/2023 – Assisted Walla Walla Police Department in tracking subject who had kidnapped his ex-girlfriend at gunpoint.

08/07/2023- Assisted WWPD with building search looking for a subject who had just committed a serious arson offense.

08/29/2023 – WWSO track for subject who was alleged to have shot at another person before fleeing the area on foot.

12/04/2023 – Assisted Umatilla County Deputies with a building search looking for a subject who had entered his ex-girlfriend's residence and held her hostage.

- Continued our monthly trainings alongside the Spokane Police K9 Team.
- Retired K9 Murphy after serving 6 and a half years due to a medical issue.
- Began the process to obtain our next K9 from Adlerhorst International in May of 2024.



We will miss you



Marine Program

The WWSO Marine program consists of a marine lead, Deputy Bush, and eight other marine-certified deputies. Those deputies patrol about 100 miles of combined Snake and Columbia Rivers that border our county. The marine program participates in several public events annually and speaks with grade school children about water safety. Chief Deputy Schram and Corporal Brown teach the public through Adventures in Boating classes every year. Chief Deputy Schram also teaches at the Washington State Marine Basic Academy and is a certified instructor for NASBLA. Our Marine program has received several lifesaving awards in recent years. Chief Deputy Schram was Washington's Marine Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2022. In 2023, Chief Schram wrote and received a federal grant to replace our aging patrol vessel. Life Proof is building the new replacement, which is expected to be delivered in 2024.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



1

Deputy of the Year!

Federico Diaz

Corporal Diaz has been with us three years and continues to display dedication to the job and the community. Diaz has gone above and beyond to assist fellow deputies and participates in community events, including interpreting for Spanish-speaking victims, witnesses, and suspects.

2

Top DUI Enforcement Officer

Ashley Daschofsky

Deputy Daschofsky worked tirelessly to keep our community safe. He has a proven track record of consistently making DUI arrests and ensuring that impaired drivers are taken off the road.





3

Administrative Employee of the Year!

Lora Edelman

Lora filled the role of Administrative Assistant and Chief Civil Deputy, which was a challenging task. Lora worked on improving the morale and cohesion of the front office staff, and she implemented an FTO program for new administrative services employees, which resulted in professionalizing and standardizing the training process. These are just some of the many reasons why Lora was recognized for her efforts.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



4

Swearing in of Sheriff Crider

2nd Term

Sheriff Crider was sworn in for his second term as the Walla Walla County Sheriff. We are fortunate to have a Sheriff committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, fairness, and safety for all.

5

WASPC Accreditation

Award

WWSO has been Accredited. The accreditation process is rigorous and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) doesn't take it lightly. We are committed to upholding the highest standards.





6

Sergeant Promotion

Chris Johnson

Sergeant Johnson is an exceptional example of our core values. He consistently strives to improve our agency and better our community.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



7

Corporal Promotions

Aaron Stites & Benjamin Olson

Two of our Sergeants were promoted to the rank of Corporal. This is a significant milestone in their careers and a testament to their hard work, dedication, and excellence in their duties.

8

FBI NA Graduation

Richard Schram

Chief Deputy Schram graduated the 287th FBI National Academy-Quantico. The course is a rigorous 10 weeks of academic and physical training. He is one of four from Washington that made up the 199 members of the class, from all over the world, who lived and studied together at the FBI training academy since July 9th.

Undersheriff Klundt and Sergeant Gifford made the trip to Quantico to support our Chief. The last FBI NA grad from WWSO was Retired Sheriff Humphreys 34 years ago in 1989!







ACADEMY GRADUATION









COMMUNITY

A Reason to Celebrate!





























DARE GRADUATIONS

Teaching Students Decision-Making Skills to Lead Safe and Healthy Lifestyles!

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT