

A photograph of two men in law enforcement gear standing on a large steel truss bridge over a river. The man on the left is wearing a black beanie and glasses. The man on the right is wearing glasses and a vest with "SHERIFF" and "C.M." visible. The bridge has a concrete pier in the water. The sky is overcast.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2018**

**SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MOUNT VERNON WA**

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Mission Statement

*“The Skagit County Sheriff’s Office is committed
to the safety of the citizens we serve,
visitors to our community and our employees.
Professionalism, enthusiasm and integrity
shall be our guiding principles
in accomplishing this mission. “*

Vision

“Safety through courage and professionalism.”



IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR

It has been the greatest honor of my life to have had the opportunity to serve as Skagit County Sheriff these past 8 years.

Thirty-five years ago, when I first was hired here at the Sheriff's Office, I never could have imagined how rewarding this career would be. I've had the chance to see and do things most never get to experience. I've worked with the finest people I could ever have hoped to call my friends. We've taken on challenges with confidence knowing that collectively we would always prevail. It has been so much fun, thanks to all of you, and I will be forever grate-

I believe that, together over these last 8 years, we have accomplished a great deal to be proud of.

ful. Skagit County is well served thanks to all of you and the level of professionalism you all exhibit on a daily basis.

During these past 8 years my goal was always to work to make the Sheriff's Office the best law enforcement agency possible. I know that you all shared that same vision. I saw examples on a daily basis of the enthusiasm, courage and pride you each showed in your assigned duties. I believe that together we have accomplished a great deal to be proud of. It is easy

to forget some of the changes you have all helped bring about, but I am particularly proud of how we embraced changing with the times and new technology.

In Patrol we made some obvious changes going from sedans to SUV's. Less noticeable were the major upgrades to our mobile software, and expediting reports through a new work flow system. The addition of a new patrol boat, on-line crime reporting, adding a robot to our HRT options and an unmanned aerial vehicle unit, all helped us keep up with the latest tools to fight crime. We were instrumental in helping to form a county-wide SMART (Skagit Multi-Agency Response Team) investigative team and dedicating resources to a new Pro-Active patrol unit.

In investigations we were able to implement a bar coding system in evidence and add a detective dedicated exclusively to computer forensics. We also began using social media for the first time and just in the last few months have finally been able to complete the first phase of our radio overhaul by activating the simulcast system.

In Corrections we were able to "slay the dragon" and push through with the construction of a new 400 bed jail. This was a project that had been talked about since the late 1990's and was considered a critical need for at least the past 15 years. So many different people, all working in one direction (most of the time), made this happen. I believe it will be a facility we can all be proud of for many years to come.

During the past 8 years we have seen other significant changes in corrections. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program is a model envied statewide. We added a cell extraction team and increased our defensive tactics training. Jail alternatives and the program for one day offenders, held at the fairgrounds, have been expanded. With the new justice center opening we have also seen dramatic advancement in medical protocol and inmate screening. We are also seeing the expansion of new programs designed to better address mental health and substance abuse needs. Our interaction

with the courts and the implementation of video court is a huge step towards efficiently handling an ever increasing inmate population.

Our Support Services Division had their share of changes as well. These included collaborating with

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other county departments to go “paperless”, and implementing E-discovery which greatly enhanced efficiency. We met the demand for becoming NIBRS certified and have kept up with increased public disclosure challenges and requests. Integrating software to better track internal investigations, software upgrades to allow for full implementation of e-tickets and countywide digitizing of warrants are just a few of the other behind the scenes changes that were made. Coordinating and managing the hiring of new staff that has seen us go from 102 employees in 2011 to our current 140 funded positions today.

As I look back at what has been accomplished, several items come immediately to mind. First and foremost I realize that specific individuals were integral in getting these things done. I am so appreciative of your talent, dedication and determination to see

these projects to completion. I also realize that there will always be more to do. Change and growth are a good thing for a healthy organization and I know that we are well positioned to continue to improve. Lastly, I am very proud of the trust we have built between the Sheriff's Office and our community. This is not something that is just a “given.” There are examples all over our country where law enforcement does not enjoy a positive or supporting relationship with the citizens they serve. Building public trust comes about in three main ways, beginning with being open and communicative with the community regarding law enforcement business. Secondly, it is about how effectively we do our jobs, by being professional and getting results. Lastly, it is all about how each of you are involved in the community when not at work. There have been so many times that I have had the pleasure of hearing from the public regarding what a great interaction they had with one of you, either at work or off duty. That was always so gratifying and always reinforced what a wonderful group of people I got to work with every day.

So as you go forward into 2019, I wish you all the best. You will have challenges, and adversity at times, in all of your jobs. Don't let the adversity define you. Rather, let how you respond and overcome that adversity, be what people remember. Be kind to each other. Have one another's back. This job is hard enough just dealing with the bad guys.

See you all. It has been an honor.

Sheriff Will Reichardt



Joining the ranks of past Skagit County Sheriff:

Left to Right:

Gary Frazier	1986-1994
Ed Goodman	1995-2002
Will Reichardt	2011-2018
Rick Grimstead	2003-2010

INTRODUCTION

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office is the largest law enforcement agency in Skagit County. We are responsible for a population of approximately **125,619**. The unincorporated population is approximately **51,500** and is spread out over a geographical area measuring approximately 1,735 square miles. The county also has over 850 miles of county roads.

We are committed to the safety of the citizens we serve by providing the most professional, well trained employees possible and supplying them with the tools needed to carry out almost any task.

The Sheriff's Office is comprised of 4 major divisions



2018 BUDGETED POSITIONS	
Sheriff (Elected)	1
Undersheriff (appointed)	1
Chief Criminal Deputy (appointed)	1
Chief Field Services (appointed)	1
Chief of Corrections (appointed)	1
Chief of Admin Services (appointed)	1
Corrections Lieutenant	1
Patrol Sergeants	7
Detective Sergeant	1
Corrections Sergeants	10
Patrol Deputies	39
Detectives	6
Animal Control Officer	1
Corrections Deputies	53
Accountant	2
RSO Coordinator	1
Civil Assistant	2
Evidence Technician	1
Support Services Technician	9
Case Expeditor	1
TOTAL	140

2018 BUDGET SUMMARY			
SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER	
Budget Expenses	\$ 8,536,802	Budget Expenses	\$ 15,756,034
Actual Expenses	\$ 8,272,538	Actual Expenses	\$ 15,487,426
Budgeted Revenue	\$ 1,139,881	Budgeted Revenue	\$ 14,264,126
Actual Revenue	\$ 1,124,607	Actual Revenue	\$ 14,594,977

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



In 2018 the Investigations Division was headed by Chief Criminal Deputy Tom Molitor. The Chief Criminal Deputy conducts most internal investigations, and oversees the evidence unit. Additionally, he supervises SCIDEU, the Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit. The day-to-day review of detective reports and assignment of resources is the responsibility of the Detective Sergeant, Sergeant Jennifer Sheahan-Lee, who also supervises the Evidence Technician.

The goal of the Investigation Division is to provide the highest quality criminal investigative support to the Skagit County Sheriff's Office by conducting timely and thorough criminal investigations. Detectives recognize their responsibilities to the community they serve and are committed to investigating all criminal allegations in an ethical and impartial manner with sensitivity toward the needs of victims and witnesses.

The Investigations Division is responsible for the most complex criminal investigations. Detectives are promoted from the ranks of the Patrol Division. Our Detectives are highly trained and receive many hours of specialized training each year.

As part of our regular processes, detectives often re-evaluate cold cases to consider new forensic techniques and whether they might be applicable to our evidence from those cases. In 2018, the investigations division was able to identify a suspect from a 1987 homicide. Detectives 30 years earlier collected evidence not knowing the progress that would occur forensically. The investigations division overcame challenges with this case that included handling and processing 30 year old hand written reports and documents, which included reports from the WSP Crime Lab on items previously submitted for evaluations. Each document was reviewed and organized.

Also in 2018, detectives began a process supported by a local group of citizen to help raise money for the exhumation and DNA extraction of "Bow Doe". Although this was not considered a homicide, it remained a cold unidentified remains case. "Bow Doe" was an individual found in 1989 in the Chuckanut Mountain area of Skagit County. A former deputy involved in "Bow Doe's" recovery, encouraged by new DNA and ancestry techniques, suggested the attempt in hopes that a general composite drawing could be rendered based on a combination of his genetic profile and reconstructive work and possibly someone would recognize and identify him.

Nationally and locally, law enforcement is fighting an opioid epidemic. In 2018 the Sheriff's Office started to see an increase in drug overdose deaths, specifically related to fentanyl. Fentanyl, when used appropriately and under the supervision of a doctor, can

Detectives work various major crimes including:

- Homicides and serious physical assaults
- Death investigations
- Child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assaults
- Kidnapping and robbery
- Missing persons and child abductions
- Burglaries and other major property crimes
- Complex financial fraud investigations
- Cybercrimes and computer and other electronic forensic examinations
- Investigation of cases involving public confidence and maintaining criminal intelligence
- Other significant and complex cases, which constitute higher liability concerns

have medical advantages. However, it has found its way into illegal use. We first saw fentanyl being marketed as Percocet on the illegal market. Detectives investigated and charged two Controlled Substance Homicides in 2018 both due to fentanyl.

Detectives also work with Child Protective Services in investigating multiple incidents generally reported to Department of Youth and Family Services as part of mandatory reporting requirements. They also work with Adult Protective Services regarding cases involving vulnerable adults.

Detectives worked with multiple agencies throughout the year in order to accomplish the mission of the Investigations Division. These included the Prosecutor’s Office, Coroner’s Office, Washington State Patrol, Mount Vernon PD, Burlington PD, Sedro Woolley PD, Anacortes PD, Whatcom County SO, Snohomish County SO, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Social Security Administration, ATF, and FBI.

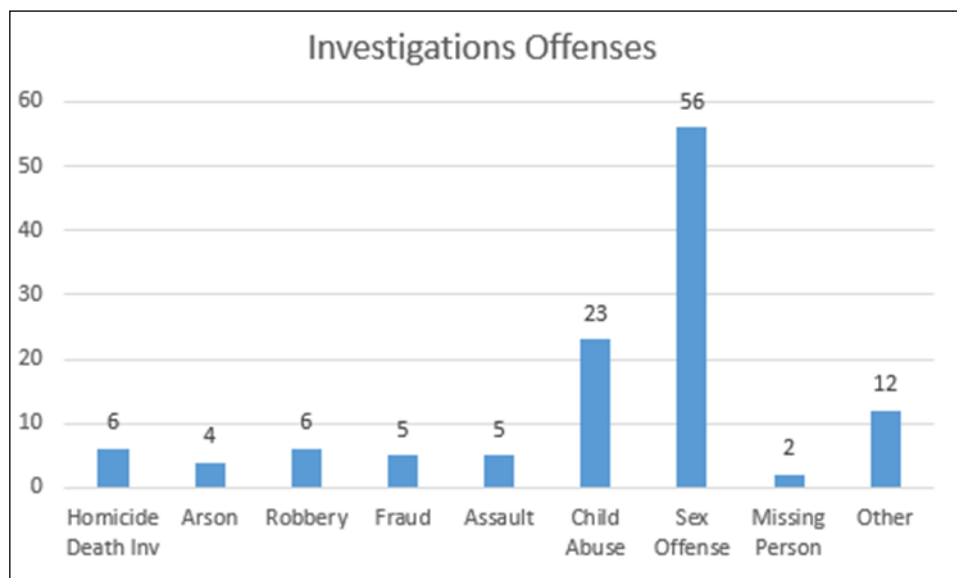
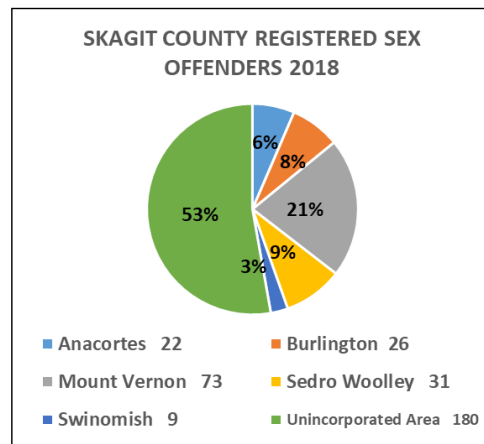
In 2018 the detectives of the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office continued to participate on the Skagit County Multi-Agency Response Team (SMART). The mission of this team is to provide investigative resources when an officer involved shooting results in serious injury or death or in cases where a significant criminal act is alleged toward the officer or when a significant criminal event occurs that has or is likely to exhaust the venue agency’s investigative resources. SMART is commanded by administrative staff from the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office. Lead Investigative Supervisors are comprised of detective sergeants from the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office, Mount Vernon Police Department and the Washington State Patrol. The entire group of SMART personnel bring a diverse amount of experience and skills to this team.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Registered Sex Offender Coordinator, (RSOC) Laurie Jarolimek, continues to monitor registration and address verification for over 340 sex offenders living in Skagit County. Verification involves coordination between the Sheriff’s Office and five other police departments within Skagit to make sure all offender addresses are personally verified.

2018 STATISTICS

- Level I offenders are the lowest risk to reoffend in the community, and Level III are the highest risk to reoffend.
- There are approximately 341 registered sex offenders currently living in Skagit County. See chart below for areas of distribution.
- There are 205 Level I offenders
- 100 Level II offenders
- 36 Level III offenders
- 23 offenders are homeless
- 7 offenders are female.
- 6 offenders are under 18 years of age.



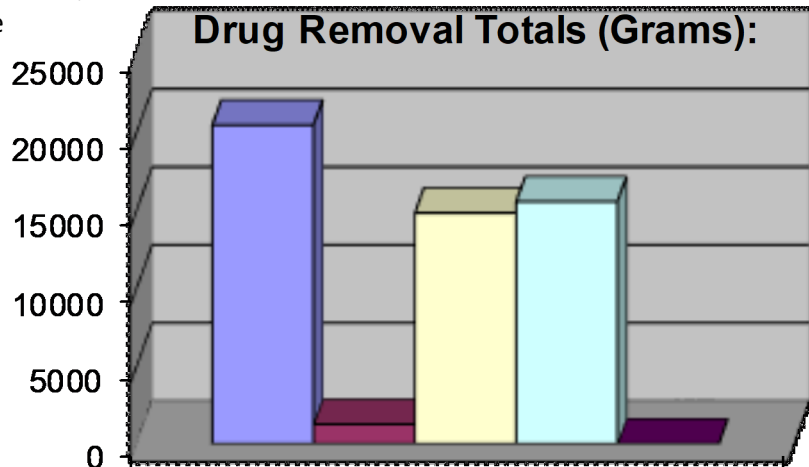


S.C.I.D.E.U.

The Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU) is a multi-agency task force commanded by the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, and comprised of law enforcement personnel from the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Washington State Patrol and the United States Border Patrol.

In addition to the core agencies, SCIDEU conducts complex joint investigations with surrounding county and city jurisdictional agencies as well as state and federal agencies to include the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This unit achieves their goals through undercover surveillance, undercover buys, and with in-depth investigations based on intelligence information gained from the community. They could not be effective without help provided by the community.

2019 is anticipated to be a year of change for the Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit starting with a change in command. Chief Tobin Meyer has been assigned as the new unit commander beginning in 2019. Chief Meyer has begun work with the unit executive board to more closely align the needs of the board and the community with the operational output of the unit. SCSO Sgt. Chris Kading will also be taking over as the daily operations supervisor for the unit in 2019.



■ Marijuana:	20441.25665
■ Cocaine:	1252.9
■ Heroin:	14801.8
■ Meth:	15536
■ Labs (Number):	0

Washington State Patrol
 Detective Sergeant Chris Cogizer
 retired after working with SCIDEU
 from May 2006-November 2018

MISSION — The Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU) is created to disrupt, dismantle, and effectively prosecute criminal organizations such as gangs, drug traffickers and other high to mid-level criminal elements anywhere within Skagit County. SCIDEU will also work closely with other agencies and units in surrounding counties with similar responsibilities in an effort to support enforcement activities.

PATROL DIVISION

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office responds to calls for service that can vary in many ways. The patrol division for the sheriff's office is comprised of professional men and women that handle all calls for service. In 2018 the sheriff's office responded to over 19,000 calls for service. The types of calls vary from crimes against persons, property crimes, traffic related issues, civil disputes and animal problems.

The Sheriff's Office is comprised in squads to adequately handle the calls for service and to remain as pro-active as possible. Four primary patrol squads include five patrol deputies, one traffic deputy and one sergeant as a team that rotates through dayshift



and nightshift together. On most occasions, deputies are assigned to a specific zone in the county to familiarize themselves with the communities and crime trends.

The Pro-Act unit is a plain-clothes unit that works low-level drug problems and community issues. They focus on crime analysis to give them specific problem areas to concentrate on. They use drug buys and informants as a tool to gather further information into the communities. The Pro-Act unit was instrumental in disbanding a criminal element that was squatting on private property that had been foreclosed on and being managed by a bank. The squatters were selling drugs, trafficking in stolen property. There were nu-



merous issues that resulted in several arrests and moving the people away. This was a priority due to the high visibility of abandoned cars and trailers on the property.

Besides the Pro-Act unit the sheriff's office features several specialty programs to include: Traffic, Marine patrol, K-9 team, Search and Rescue, Animal Control, High Risk Tactical Team. The Sheriff's Office also contracts police services with the Towns of Concrete and La Conner. Our East Detachment unit that works in the eastern portion of our county also covers the Town of Concrete. Our HRT (Tactical team) trains once a month for 10 hours. We are a regional team with members from the sheriff's office, Sedro-Woolley PD, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Burlington PD. They respond to all incidents that are deemed to require more specialized training and equipment that patrol deputies aren't as equipped to handle. All team members are certified Washington State Tactical Officers.

The Sheriff's Office introduced our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle unit that operates our three drones. The sheriff's office has eight pilots that are certified through the FAA and are able to operate day and night. The pilots operated more than 40 missions for 2018. The UAV's are utilized to keep all first responders safe from unforeseen dangers. We have utilized them on rockslides, floods, search and rescues, and tactical missions. The UAV's are kept in the trunk of the on duty pilot so they can be utilized anywhere in the county.

Our deputies receive quality training throughout the year. Firearms, emergency vehicle operations, active shooter response, defensive tactics, de-escalation tactics are just some of the topics we cover.



TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic unit, made up of a Patrol Sergeant and five deputies, is responsible for around the clock traffic enforcement and collision investigation on over 850 miles of Skagit County roads. Their mission is to reduce collisions that result in injuries and property damage to the citizens of Skagit County and the people who visit our community.

The Traffic Unit leads the traffic safety effort in the county and is committed to the Target Zero effort. Emphasis patrols during high traffic volume events,

such as Tulip Festival, Big Lake Fireworks, and Oyster Run, are another important part of providing traffic safety to our community. The Traffic Sergeant is responsible for other county wide emphasis patrols funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission such as “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”, Distracted Driving, and Click it or Ticket campaigns.

In 2018 Deputy Mark Walker completed extensive training to become a state certified Drug Recognition Expert. Deputy Walker’s training will improve the Traffic Unit’s ability to identify and arrest drug impaired drivers on Skagit County roadways.

Working collaboratively with Skagit County Public Works on education, enforcement, and engineering issues, the Traffic Unit assists public works with enforcement while the chip seal process is occurring on county roads. This is an important step in reducing speeds which keep people safe and reduce damage to private property and the road surface.

The Traffic Unit has three Harley Davidson Road King Police Motorcycles that are used for enforcement and community events, such as assisting the United States Secret Service and other Motor Units in the Puget Sound region with escorting dignitaries during their visits.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Traffic Related Calls for Service	3290	3546	3461	3529	3144
Traffic Stops	13607	13685	11767	11092	9727
Criminal Traffic	1011	1094	834	857	794
Criminal Non-Traffic	406	588	491	451	436
Traffic Infractions	5709	5086	3849	3095	2548
Collisions Reportable	254	462	405	427	359
Collisions Non-Reportable	244	367	496	457	379
DUI	139	103	103	140	125
Written Warnings-Traffic	5	36	5	1	0



LACONNER DETACHMENT

Situated on the delta near the mouth of the Skagit River, along the Swinomish Channel, La Conner was founded in 1867 and is Skagit

County's oldest community. The town was first settled by non-natives just after the Civil War, and named after the town founder's wife, Louisa A. Conner. At the turn of the century the population was over 1000 residents. La Conner was briefly the county seat before Mount Vernon and had the first courthouse north of Seattle. In the late 1800's, the town briefly dis-incorporated, apparently to avoid anti-temperance laws enacted by the city council which would have closed the saloons.



Today, La Conner is a thriving tourist destination with a full time population of approximately 800 persons. This popular tourist location hosts many large events such as the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Smelt Derby, Daffodil Festival, bicycle, running and kayak events, art festivals, etc. La Conner is a destination location as the town's population grows exponentially for many tourist events.

The Swinomish Channel is a vital seaport access to the Town. The narrow 12 foot deep channel is a popular waterway for boaters from all over the Northwest and Canada.

Since May of 2001, the Sheriff's Office has been retained to provide police services to the citizens of La Conner. The La Conner Detachment is a division of

the Skagit County Sheriff's Office.

Beginning in 2017, the Town of La Conner requested a change to their contract with the Sheriff's Office. The new contract took the Detachment from a Sergeant and two full time deputies assigned to the town and changed it to request the Sheriff's Office provide 80 hours of patrol services within a 10 minute response area of town limits. Law enforcement services to the Town are now provided by the Sheriff's Office general patrol division, providing 24 hour police protection to the community and day to day administrative needs are covered by the assigned detachment sergeant.

The La Conner Detachment accounts for an average of approximately 650 calls for service annually. The most frequent calls for service continue to typically be alarm calls, alcohol violations, civil cases and citizen assists.

The La Conner Detachment was involved in several community functions and school activities, including Sound Rowers, the Smelt Derby, Daffodil Festival, Tulip Festival Parade, July 4th Independence Day Parade, the Halloween Parade, Turkey Trot, and Christmas Tree Lighting, which included a lighted boat parade.

The Sheriff's deputies can routinely be found patrolling the school zones before and after classes start and throughout the day. Additionally, deputies continue to work with the school to improve safe travels to and from school and attending special events.

Looking ahead to 2019 there has been a change in command at the Sheriff's Office La Conner Detachment. Chief Tobin Meyer has handed command of the La Conner detachment over to Sgt. Jeff Willard, who looks forward to serving the La Conner community.

Calls for service	
Year	Calls
2018	594
2017	643
2016	608
2015	760
2014	606
2013	588
2012	641
2011	606
2010	669
2009	669
2008	701
2007	624
2006	611
2005	763
2004	722

Unmanned Aerial Support Unit



2018 marked the inaugural year of operation for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aerial Support Unit.

After extensive research, public outreach, and policy and procedure development, that included reviews by attorneys, risk managers, and outside agencies, the unit selected the first Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) pilots for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office.

The unit was founded by one sergeant and six deputy pilots certified by the FAA to operate unmanned aerial vehicles for law enforcement related purposes and missions. The unit purchased three aircraft including one equipped with thermal vision technology and anti-collision lights for flights at night after receiving a special FAA night flight waiver.

With specialized equipment and extensive training, the SCSO UAV unit has been able to provide nearly 24/7 air support for the surrounding law enforcement, public works, DEM and first response agencies in Skagit County and the greater north Puget Sound region.

In 2018 the SCSO UAV unit has located missing persons, located dangerous criminals, assisted with search



and rescue operations, assisted in providing video and photos of natural disasters including dike breaches, rock slides, etc. to public works and Dept. of Emergency Management (DEM) officials. The unit has also assisted in crime scene documentation.

In 2018 the SCSO UAV unit conducted a total of 83 flights, completed 56 missions that netted 20 successful outcomes (suspect located, missing person located etc.). The SCSO UAV pilots completed 3,722 minutes of flight. As the unit grows and first responders adapt to the way these tools can be used, the SCSO UAS unit has seen a continued trend of increased uses. To that end, the SCSO UAS unit is excited to look to 2019 where it has already received a \$27,000 donation to procure an all-weather aircraft capable of longer flight times and more complex payloads and sensors to further assist law enforcement keep our citizens and visitors of our community safe.

EAST DETACHMENT



The East Detachment was established by the Sheriff's Office in 1996. Covering approximately 1250 square miles, from just east of Sedro Woolley all

the way to the eastern county line at the top of the North Cascade Pass, deputies provide coverage for almost three quarters of the entire area of Skagit County. This also includes law enforcement services to the towns of Lyman, Hamilton, Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount, in addition to all the surrounding population.

This unit is made up of a small but dedicated squad consisting of one Sergeant and six deputies, providing coverage around the clock, every day of the year. During 2018, they actually worked with only five deputies due to staffing shortages. During this time they handled 4136 calls, a decrease of 9%. Calls within the city limits of Concrete decreased 7% to 584 calls.

The Detachment headquarters is located in downtown Concrete to better provide more comprehensive law enforcement services to the town. These additional small town policing services include business checks, foot patrols and school security services. East Detachment deputies are also assigned to patrol the unincorporated areas of eastern Skagit County. This often requires working cooperatively with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and US Forest Service to provide law enforcement and Search and Rescue services to the vast stretches of wilderness areas east of Sedro Woolley.

Sergeant Adams is in charge of the East Detachment, as well as the Search and Rescue (SAR) program. His squad also acts as primary SAR coordinators. Each deputy is then assigned to an individual SAR group and functions as the liaison between volunteers and the Sheriff's Office.

The East Detachment is a unique unit within the Sheriff's Office, responsible for all elements of law enforcement in eastern Skagit communities. Deputies attend community meetings and work cooperatively with community members to help solve issues and decrease crime. Two such innovative programs between the East Detachment deputies and the community



include continued work with United General Hospital, and other partners, on underage "Party Intervention Patrols". These patrols focus on underage youth drinking in the eastern portion of the county. This program, led by Deputy Paul Wolfe, is directed at young, first time offenders, to keep them out of the criminal justice system by providing classes, instead of tickets. The East Detachment has also continued its successful partnership with 5B'S Bakery, in Concrete, to provide warm jackets and clothing to needy persons within our eastern communities.

East Detachment deputies remain committed to maintaining a high level of service to both citizens and "Upriver" visitors to Eastern Skagit County.



PRO-ACT UNIT



In January, 2016, the Sheriff's Office created a Pro Active Policing Unit (ProAct) to address community problems, both criminal and civil. Using a variety of investigative methods, including crime analysis, citizen informants and community involvement, the unit develops creative ways to find solutions before they become a larger community problem. Currently, the unit consists of two full time deputies, and a part time Sergeant.

ProAct continues to work with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other local, state and federal agencies. Criminals do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries, therefore having multiple agencies involved has proven beneficial. By expanding our list of available resources, the Unit has been very effective in targeting Skagit County's "Most Harmful Criminals", and aggressively working in response to the opioid epidemic affecting Skagit County.



In 2018 ProAct began working closely with the Skagit County Drug Task Force, and detectives from local jurisdictions, including several investigations involving the illicit manufacturing of pills laced with Fentanyl. The Skagit County ProAct Unit took the lead in a collaborative effort by multiple agencies to investigate and charge dealers with the crime of Controlled Substance Homicide for selling pills laced with Fentanyl.

Community problems are often fueled by the combination of stolen property and illicit drug transactions. In 2018, ProAct served multiple search warrants, seized methamphetamine, heroin, multiple vehicles and a significant amount of currency based off illicit drug sales. They saw great success, with numerous felony arrests for drugs, stolen property, burglaries and misdemeanor crimes. Known drug locations were shut down, stolen property was recovered and returned to owners, and many related community problems were resolved. Several cases initiated by ProAct have expanded into larger investigations involving multiple agencies.





K-9 UNIT

K-9 Espo and his partner Deputy Moses, are currently the only K-9 team at the Sheriff's Office. K9 Espo is now 6 years old with a weight of 81 pounds, and can run almost 30 mph. His maturity level has allowed the team to reach "Master Handler" status. In 2018 after an additional 200 hours of training they certified as dual purpose for generalist and narcotic detection.

Deputy Moses and K-9 Espo routinely assist other agencies with tracking and drug detection. They also provide additional training to new deputies during the field training program, giving them insight on how to work with a K9 team, set a perimeter and assist in apprehension. During actual deployment this additional experience helps make the entire team even more successful.

Deployments were down slightly in 2018 because of surgeries and injuries on the team. Between the

training component and deployments. K-9 work is very physically demanding

Patrol Deployments	27
Drug Deployments	32
Search Warrants	15
Drugs Recovered	20
Guns Recovered	3

The K-9 team continued to provide public demonstrations to schools and service clubs, educating and demonstrating the unique skills a K-9 brings to the office. They remain active members of the Skagit County High Risk Team.

In 2019 Deputy Moses and K-9 Espo look forward to working more cooperatively with the Pro-Act Unit and additional K-9 teams in Skagit and surrounding counties.





MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Skagit County Sheriff's

Office Marine Patrol Unit is supervised by Sergeant Brian Morgan who has been a unit member since 2007 and appointed supervisor in 2017. The Marine Patrol is committed to water safety and boat accident prevention. We work in conjunction with search and rescue groups and partner agencies to decrease emergency response times and increase capabilities.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol unit consists of 1 sergeant and 8 deputies who are trained in marine law enforcement and search and rescue. Each boating deputy participates in continual training to maintain proficiency and meet NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) standards. Most boating deputies have extensive knowledge of our local waterways. They enjoy this unique assignment.

In 2018 Marine Patrol focused on program goals established by Washington State Parks. We placed a particular emphasis on tougher enforcement. This included issuing more tickets for no boater education card, expired vessel registration, and wake zone violations. Most of the contacts were positive in nature and did not call for enforcement action. Boating deputies consider each contact as an opportunity to educate the public.

Every year we contact new boat owners, 2018 was no exception. Deputies appreciate taking extra time to ensure new boaters are knowledgeable, and that their vessels are properly equipped.

Skagit County has a very diverse and potentially hazardous marine environment. Those who choose to enjoy the resource have a responsibility to educate themselves and comply with established regulations. The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit provides public education and outreach in hopes of avoiding mishaps.

In 2018 Marine Patrol managed several search and rescue missions, conducted hundreds of hours of

underway patrols, and attended several public safety events. We said goodbye to two members due to promotion and retirement. Those have since been replaced with two new boating deputies. The new boating deputies should be fully qualified in 2019.



2018 Accomplishments

In 2018 Marine Patrol accomplished 419 documented patrol hours on Skagit County waterways and participated in 48 hours of community outreach and education events.

Within those hours marine patrol deputies accomplished:

- 101 Boat Safety Inspections
- 122 Hours on Search and Rescue Cases
- Assisted or Rescued 10 vessels
- Assisted or Rescued 15 People
- Completed 8 Boating Accident Investigations

SEARCH AND RESCUE



Skagit County's Search and Rescue (SAR) Program is one of the top SAR groups in the State. With several thousand training hours this year, they remain one of the most capable units in Washington state.

All SAR volunteers are assigned a Washington State Department of Emergency Management Emergency Worker Card number and are available to assist other jurisdictions upon request. SAR volunteers conduct Search and Rescue missions within Skagit County, and throughout the state. They also work cooperatively with the Washington State Parks Department, and federal assets including the US Navy at Whidbey Island, the US Coast Guard at Port Angeles, and Homeland Security.

Sergeant Brian Morgan, the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit Supervisor, assists Sergeant Greg Adams, with the marine based SAR units. All six deputies currently assigned to the East Detachment hold collateral duties as Search and Rescue leaders. These deputies are assigned to individual SAR units, responsible for the supervision of actual missions.

Tina Bobbitt was hired in August as the new SAR Volunteer Coordinator. She was tasked with creating and implementing new administrative procedures, implementing the new State Core Training Standards, managing county owned SAR equipment, coordinating with the SAR Council, member groups, State DEM, and helping to coordinate SAR training and missions.

In 2018, the Council continued to implement the

Core Training Standards that were mandated by the state to maintain accountability and standardized training for all state SAR units.

The Skagit County Search and Rescue Council provides guidance to the various SAR groups. Each group specializes in a certain discipline, but works cooperatively during missions. Skagit SAR has several groups consisting of over 100 active members:

- **GSAR – Skagit Ground Search and Rescue**
- **ECWR – East County Water Rescue**
- **K9 – Skagit K9 Search and Rescue**
- **ORV – ORV Search and Rescue (Off Road Vehicle – ATV)**
- **SBSAR – Skagit Bay Search and Rescue**
- **SMRU – Skagit Mountain Rescue Unit**
- **STWR – Skagit Technical Water Rescue (Dive)**
- **4 Rivers – 4 Rivers Search and Rescue (4X4 and Snowmobile)**
- **ARES/RACES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (Support/Associate)**

Skagit County SAR also works closely with the US Navy based at NAS Whidbey Island. Whidbey aircrews have proven invaluable in assisting with patient extrication from remote locations. US Navy aircrews also assist the SCSO Marine Patrol Unit and work cooperatively with SAR deputies. Skagit County SAR also relies on SnoHawk, and the Helicopter Rescue Team from Snohomish County. Airborne SAR assets are extremely important in the vast rugged terrain of Skagit County.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Program handled 37 missions in 2018 in addition to over 9,000 training hours.

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue will strive to continue to be one of the leading teams in the State of Washington.

ANIMAL CONTROL



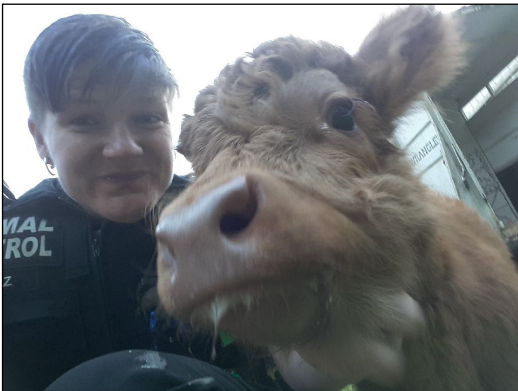
The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer, Emily Diaz, responds to calls for service regarding a wide variety of animal related complaints, throughout the entire county. These include reports of animal cruelty, welfare checks, dangerous dogs, nuisance problems, injured animals, traffic hazards, abandoned animals, barking dogs, illegal kennels, cockfighting, weapon offenses, and neglect. On average, the Sheriff's Office receives more than thirteen hundred animal problem complaints each year.



In 2018 our Animal Control Officer seized over 150 emaciated cattle from a single, large animal cruelty case. A tremendous amount of time and work was necessary to rescue and transport the surviving cattle to either a holding facility, or to find and arrange for foster homes. This case required a large amount of time and resources.

During the year, in addition to the more than 150 head of cattle, the Sheriff Office seized, picked up, or impounded 66 dogs, 4 cats, 3 horses, 4 goats, and 1 Pot belly pig named Goober.

Another part of the Animal Control job is the responsibility for declaring aggressive dogs as Potentially Dangerous(4) and Dangerous (2). Animal Control then follows up to monitor these dogs to ensure the owners are in compliance with the laws.



The Animal Control Officer (ACO) also investigates, applies for, and executes search warrants, and all charging documents related to

animal cases in the county. Once animals are seized, appropriate placement must then be found. This leads to the additional task of maintaining and overseeing foster homes for animals that are seized when directly related to Sheriff's Office cases, and finding appropriate permanent placement when possible.

TYPE OF CALL	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Animal Problem-Total Calls for Service	1529	1522	1408	1555	1381
Lost or Found Animals	323	321	286	306	241
Traffic Hazard (Animal Related)	279	307	197	310	130
Animal Cruelty or Neglect Calls for Service	180	259	226	195	236



HIGH RISK TEAM (HRT)

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) High Risk Team (HRT) is a multi-jurisdictional team which is commanded by the Sheriff's Office. HRT is comprised of SCSO Deputies and Officers from the Burlington Police Department, Sedro-Woolley Police Department, and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. HRT is certified in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. HRT is a member of the Washington State Tactical Officers Association and the National Tactical Officers Association.

HRT utilizes highly trained and skilled operators to

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help keep the citizens of Skagit County safe. HRT trains every month and utilizes specialized equipment to handle situations that rise above patrol division capabilities. HRT's training includes active threat response, high risk warrant service, hostage rescue, building searches, barricaded subjects, linear bus entries, and boat interdiction techniques, among other specialized tactics. HRT is also responsible for training much of patrol in many of the above tactics.

In order to accomplish its demanding mission, HRT utilizes many pieces of specialized equipment that includes but is not limited to a Mine Resistant Ambush Protection (MRAP) vehicle, an AVATAR III tactical robot, eye ball remote cameras, a cell phone disrupter, night vision goggles, a thermal imager, and a combination of gas/less lethal munitions. In 2018 HRT acquired Sig Sauer MCX rifles with suppressors to enhance our mission readiness.

HRT coordinates with other units within the Sheriff's

Office and partner agencies, to include, but not limited to, the Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU), the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) team, K-9, Investigations, and other tactical teams to resolve situations safely.

In 2018 HRT responded to 12 calls for service. These calls included the following:

HRT operators responded to the Marblemount area of Skagit County to take custody of a homicide suspect out of San Juan County who had been located in the area. Upon initial contact, the subject refused to comply with commands. He began to stab and cut at himself and made suicidal comments. HRT operators deployed less lethal munitions and diversionary devices which resulted in the subject being taken into custody. He was treated for self-inflicted injuries and transferred to the San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

HRT operators from the Burlington and Sedro Woolley Police Departments, who were on routine patrol, utilized their special weapons and tactics during an incident in Burlington in which officers recovered a stolen vehicle and needed to conduct an entry into a nearby residence to take custody of a possibly barricaded subject. HRT operators utilized specific equipment to breach the door and assist in clearing the residence. The suspect was apprehended without incident.

HRT was called out to assist in the apprehension of a subject who had pointed a gun at a real estate agent and then taken that agent's personal telephone by force. HRT deployed the AVATAR III tactical robot, into the residence and was able to clear the majority of the residence. HRT operators utilized their special weapon and tactics to conduct a breach of a window where the subject was thought to be located. They were able to confirm the location of the suspect and make entry into that location where the subject was located.

A HRT operator on routine patrol was called to assist with a suicidal subject in the City of Anacortes. That subject had a pistol and had fired into the ground



while walking toward Anacortes Police Officers and asking them to “kill” her. After negotiations were unsuccessful, the HRT operator was able to deploy less lethal munitions that convinced the subject to drop the pistol. The subject was taken into custody without further incident and was transported for mental health and medical support.

HRT operators were called to the scene of a suicidal subject at a camping area. The area was accessed by families and children. The subject was holding a knife to his throat and was sawing at both his throat and his wrists. Negotiations were ongoing, however, the subject did not appear to be responding. An HRT operator and a patrol deputy deployed less lethal munitions and the subject was taken into custody without further incident. The subject was transported for mental health and medical support.

Mount Vernon Police responded to a weapon offense in their city. The subject was surrounded inside a residence. The Mount Vernon Police Tactical Operations (PTO) Team was present. An HRT operator, who was on routine patrol at the time, was requested to collaborate with PTO and became a part of the entry team. The subject was taken into custody without incident after a locked bedroom door was breached.

HRT responded to a request for assistance from the Patrol Division when a subject pointed a shotgun at a victim and threatened him and his dog. The subject had barricaded himself in his residence and was not

responding to attempts to negotiate with him. HRT responded and set up a perimeter. HRT assisted in the deployment of a throw phone. HRT was preparing to utilize chemical munitions while the Crisis Negotiation Team continued to negotiate. The subject decided to surrender. HRT took custody of the subject. He was provided medical treatment by the HRT medic and then transported to jail for booking.

HRT also assisted SCIDEU and various federal agencies in serving several high risk drug related search warrants in 2018, resulting in the removal of drugs and the arrest of numerous dealers in Skagit County.

HRT is responsible for the eradication of illegal marijuana growing operations in the county. HRT partners with SCIDEU, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the National Guard in flying the county to spot illegal marijuana growing operations. HRT has several ATV's that it utilizes in patrolling forest lands for marijuana eradication.

HRT operators work regular patrol shifts and are distributed evenly among the various patrol squads. HRT operators are often called to high risk calls while on normal patrol. HRT operators often utilize their HRT training, tools, and experience to resolve these calls before the full team responds.

HRT is subject to call out 24 hours a day 7 days a week. HRT is state certified and is the most trained unit in the Sheriff's Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

In 2018, the Administrative Services Division was supervised by Chief Jackie Brunson. There are eleven full time positions in the division, including two Accountants, two Civil Assistants, and seven Support Services Technicians.

The Chief Accountant processes all accounts payable and accounts receivable, semi-monthly payroll, and general ledger entries. She also does most of the purchasing for the entire department, including the jail. In addition, she manages inventory and assists in the budget preparation process. The jail accountant is primarily responsible for all jail billings for housing and medical.

The Civil Assistants carry out the Sheriff's statutory responsibility for the service of civil process and execution of writs. Judicial process documents originate from the courts, governmental agencies and private attorneys in Washington. Examples of documents include subpoenas, writs of restitution, orders of protection and civil evictions. In 2018 Civil Assistants processed 232 total writs to include restitutions. Additionally they processed 862 protection orders, subpoenas and other miscellaneous papers.

The Data Entry unit processed 7,508 case reports and supplemental reports. An additional 2306 were completed by other records staff to assist with the back log.

Our Warrant Entry unit entered 6,965 warrants and 2,130 court orders with a total number of entries and queries of 30,210. The electronic warrants process has expedited the retrieval and service of papers. We are working on entering court orders electronically in the coming weeks. The warrant entry unit is also responsible for entering all stolen guns, and stolen property, and provide criminal history reports to detectives and patrol deputies. The Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) for the Sheriff's Office was commended by the State ACCESS Auditor on being organized and thorough in all her audit documents and procedures.

3,473 reports and referrals were prepared and sent to the Skagit County Prosecutors Office. There were 2,175 public records requests processed for dissemination. We respond to the majority of the public disclosure requests electronically therefore we only receive a minimal amount of revenue for those public disclosure requests, the maximum allowed by law.

In 2018, 5,861 old case files were purged in accordance with the Washington State Retention Schedule. This is an ongoing project, we continue to receive assistance from the Registered Sex Offender Coordinator to accomplish this task .

In 2018, we issued 2,275 concealed weapon permits, this is a 10% increase from last year. Pistol transfers also increased processing 1,916, a 13% increase from last year.

DEPT	TYPE	2017	2018	DIFFERENCE
CIVIL	WRITS & RESTITUTION	263	232	-12%
	ORDERS & SUBPOENAS	802	862	7%
DATA	CASE REPORTS	12,000	9814	-18%
WARRANTS	WARRANTS	5924	6965	18%
	ORDERS	1707	2130	25%
RECORDS	PROSECUTOR	3215	3473	8%
	PUBLIC REQUEST	2237	2175	-3%
ARCHIVES	PURGED CASE FILES	4221	5861	39%
GUNS	CONCEALED PISTOL LIC	2010	2275	13%
	PISTOL TRANSFERS	1631	1961	20%
TRAFFIC	TRAFFIC STOPS	11092	9727	-12%
	RESULTING CITATIONS	5484	4403	-20%

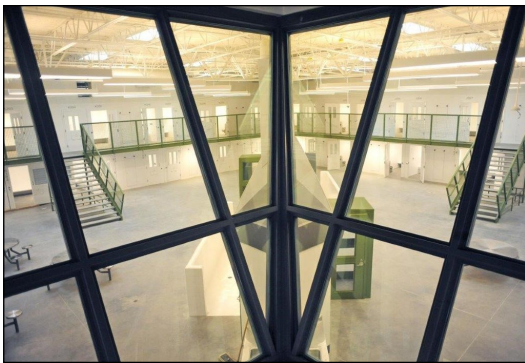
Statistics from our Traffic Records unit show that there were 9727 traffic stops conducted and of those stops, 4403 citations were written.

SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER



2018, was the first operational year for the newly opened Skagit County Community Justice Center located at 201 Suzanne Lane in Mount Vernon

Programming is a major goal and philosophy for the inmates housed within our facility. The current programs focus on substance abuse education, life skills, life transition back into society, and food handler permits. We have collaborated with Skagit Valley College, Goodwill Industries, Worksource, Skagit County Health Department, Didgwalic Treatment Center, Pioneer Center and other entities with the goal in mind of changing inmate behavior to reduce recidivism



Center is approximately **267** inmates. This is an average daily population increase of **79** inmates from the **188** inmates that were moved into the SCCJC in October 2017. In the month of August, the population briefly peaked at 310 inmates. This gave us a glimpse at how we must prepare to accommodate 300 plus prisoners in the future. Over the past year, **6,265** people were booked into the SCCJC and **6,170** people were released from custody. This accumulates to over

12,000 book/release entries by staff responsible for accurate documentation.

Though the increase in the inmate population was anticipated, it has nevertheless created a strain on other partners within the criminal justice system. There have been an increase in the calls for service over previous years. This has a direct impact on the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, The Public Defender's Office and the Courts. Our goal is to reduce the calls for service generated from the SCCJC.

Classification

The SCCJC Classification Unit is comprised of one sergeant and four deputies. During the year, our classification unit, which is responsible for assessing inmates upon intake and reassessing throughout their stay, made **3,423** housing adjustments due to incidents such as behavioral issues, gang affiliation, medical and other various reasons. They also addressed **19,471** general kites (inmate grievances) and **275** inmate disciplinary infractions. This team is often called upon to assist their co-workers and cover multiple responsibilities to help maintain the orderly function of the SCCJC.

Court

The Transport Team consists of one sergeant, one corporal and two deputies. Our transport unit is responsible for the safe and orderly transport of inmates to court and courtroom security. This includes transport to both the Superior and the District Courts. The team also facilitate professional visits with inmates and their attorneys, mental health hearings and medical appointments outside the SCCJC. We have become very efficient in moving inmates in and out of hearings as the courtroom is directly connected to our jail. Our in-custody felony hearing calendar averages over 80 inmates every Thursday. We are able to seamlessly move inmates into the courtroom with no delay, which had been a major concern previously.

Health Care

We have hired NaphCare, which is a private, corrections based healthcare company. Through this company, we are able to give the basic care required to the inmates while they are incarcerated. The service starts at the intake area where the inmate is screened for fitness to be admitted into the facility. At this point, any underlying substance abuse, mental health and physical issues are discovered, as-



essed and handled in the appropriate manner. This helps staff direct specific services, classification and housing assignments. NaphCare provides mental health care, contracts for dental services and has tele-med services available to ensure the inmates health care is being addressed appropriately. The health care contract is supervised by Health Department Manager, Amie Tidrington.

Programs

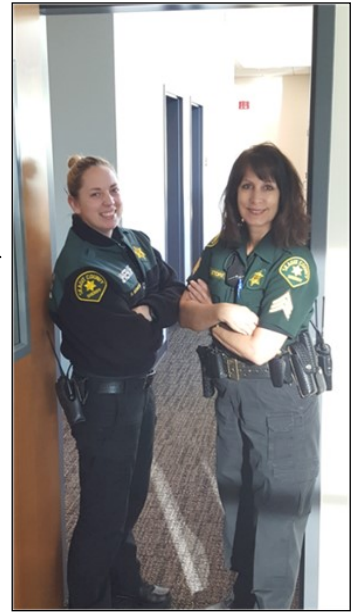
Programming is an essential part of our daily business of helping inmates improve themselves so they can better reintegrate into society in a positive way. We offer varied programs including food handler education to

obtain health cards for working in the food industry. We also offer kitchen work which helps build basic culinary skills and equipment operation. We have partnered with the Skagit Valley College to offer a program called "Underground Writing", which is a literature based creative writing program. Our "Life Transitions Class" includes career exploration and job search techniques. We have also partnered with Goodwill and Worksource to help with finding jobs and services post incarceration.

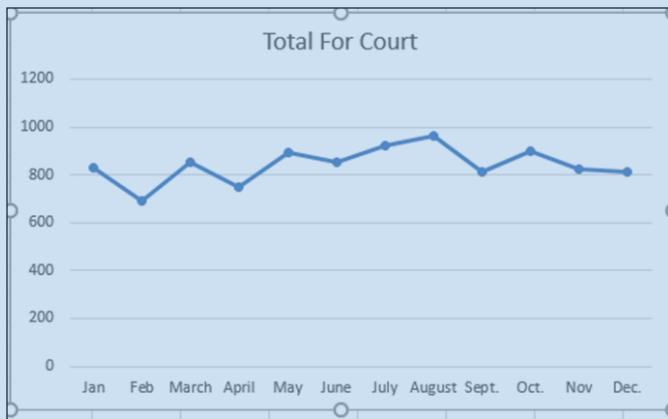
We have expanded our RSAT program to offering classes to both male and female inmates. All of this while continuing our NA/AA and church meetings and services.

MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment)

MAT has become a major portion of our medical process. This process screens those with addictions,



TOTAL COURT APPEARANCES



This is an average of **843** court movements per month.

PROFESSIONAL VISITS



This unit also facilitated **7113** professional visits (attorney, mental health etc.) in 2018 for an average of **593** visits per month.

helps them get detoxed and for those who are on substance use disorder programs, it allows them to maintain their treatment while in custody. Our goal for 2019 is to identify those who need access to opioid addiction medication, get them on board and connect them with outside treatment centers post incarceration.

As with many new buildings, the Skagit County Community Justice Center has had to overcome some construction issues. Fortunately, most of the issues were identified early on and have been addressed. This has been a collaborative effort between Skagit County Facilities Maintenance, Skagit County Information Services, the various construction companies



and the staff of the SCCJC. Because of this team approach, we have been able to safely and securely operate the facility.

We continued the transition process in 2018 as we discovered what worked well in our pre-planning for the operation of the SCCJC and what needed an adjustment. We realized in this new facility that we would have to realign roles, responsibilities and shifts to become more efficient and maintain our primary duty to provide a safe and secure jail. Increased staffing is recognized as necessary to operate the SCCJC as it was intended, blending the safety and security component with rehabilitative programming. The Jail Finance Committee, represented by the county and municipal partners, recommended the increase of four additional corrections deputies for 2019 and the Board of County Commissioners approved the request.

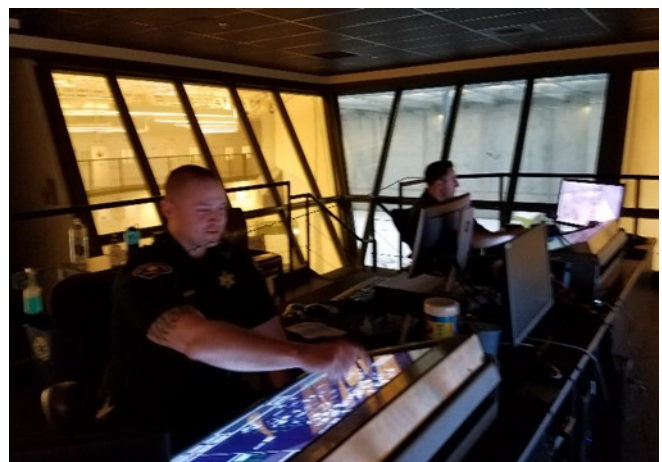
The use of technology has helped us to become more efficient and it allows us to concentrate on our primary responsibilities. An example is Securus, a

private company that provides a kiosk in the pods that give the inmates access to various things such as the law library, grievances, commissary and video chat with friends and family. This is also a labor saver for staff as it reduces inmate movement and paperwork for grievances along with creating electronic records.

2019 Goals

As we begin our second year of operation, we will continue to assess the operations of the SCCJC. We have established both short and long-term goals. Below we have listed the goals we have set to achieve in 2019.

- Hire vacant deputy positions, keep process current with pool of candidates
- Bring medical up to standard by having deputy available for clinics/therapy sessions
- More presence in pods to reduce vandalism and assaults
- Contract for service to perform background investigations
- Install/make operational Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Inmate tracking system
- Collaborate with courts for video hearings to reduce staff time
- Complete bunk retrofit
- Further explore attorney /client phone options
- Continue with Lt. proposal
- Sergeants exam/ fill vacancies
- Explore feasibility pilot programs to increase staff efficiency
- Explore Mail Scanning Capabilities
- Explore Body Scanner possibility identifying for illegal drug concealment





**SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER
Classification Statistical Annual Report**



	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	Total
Booked	1553	1564	1446	1369	6265
Released	1572	1559	1523	1418	6170

All inmate movement within SCCJC have been classified & assessed as follows:

Housing Movements

J-pod (moved out to other housing)	689	703	623	512	2015
K-pod	58	52	61	55	226
M-pod (including incidents)	30	43	27	24	124
N-pod (not including MRT)	31	19	49	38	137
P-pod	233	156	192	178	759
Q-pod	256	214	188	125	783
R-pod (Classified)	167	167	149	N/A	483
Medical	57	45	41	40	183
Male IW (New Kitchen Worker)	24	52	29	21	126
Female IW (Commits/Laundry)	38	32	34	35	139
Male Work Release	54	78	87	60	279
Female Work Release (and MRT)	1	8	10	0	19
SKAT Crew (New SKAT)	15	16	14	6	51
MRT (Males and Females)	38	47	16	13	114
Total Movements	1059	814	798	595	3423

KITES & GRIEVENCES	4705	4962	5296	4508	19471
DISCIPLINARIES	N/A	61	92	122	275
MEDICAL (medical/dental/MHP)	N/A	653	1,457	1911	4021

S.T.G.	(Received)	120	83	110	103	416
SURENOS	78	47	61	58	244	
NORTENOS	31	21	33	24	109	
WHITE SUPREMACY	6	4	5	8	23	
CRIPS	0	2	4	3	9	
BLOODS	0	2	2	1	5	
BANDIDOS	2	2	2	1	7	
OTHERS	3	5	4	8	20	

Thank you to all who helped with Classification's Movements, Kites, S.T.G's & Recommendations.
Any question or feedback, feel free to contact the Chain of Command or our Classification Team.
From your Classification Team



JAIL ALTERNATIVES

The varied duties of the personnel in the Alternatives Section include Inmate Work and Treatment Programs, Courthouse Security, Trial Security Planning, Therapeutic Court Liaison and Fugitive Extradition. The Alternatives Section encompasses numerous diverse programs, including inmates that are employed and continue to work during their sentence, those who do community service, jail internal operations work and even substance treatment. Staffing for this section in 2018 consisted of 1 Sergeant, 1 Court Deputy and 3 Alternatives Deputies.¹



The Alternatives staff deals with defendants from immediately after their conviction until their sentence has been completed. Each defendant undergoes an initial screening to determine appropriate sentence resolution, followed by a specific program-oriented interview, booking, supervision while completing the sentence and release from control. Alternatives inmates are tested for alcohol and drug use prior to commencement and randomly during their sentence. All Alternatives inmates are “booked in” and are carried on the Skagit County Jail Roster.

Alternatives staff processed 2453 court commitments, conducted 1406 interviews and 548² bookings.

The Alternatives staff also maintains the schedule of those defendants who must serve straight jail time and is responsible for court notification if the defendant fails to report for their sentence.

158 referrals were submitted for failure to comply with commits, 156 failure to comply cases were resolved, resulting in defendants spending an additional 431 jail days more than their original sentences.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING (EHM)

Inmates live at a private residence and wear an electronic ankle that records when they leave and return to the premises. These inmates are allowed

to go to their job, treatment appointments, self-help meetings (AA, NA, etc.) and some other limited destinations. All instances of leaving the premises must be approved by Alternatives Staff. These inmates pay a daily fee to participate in this program. We also utilize the Transdermal Alcohol Detection (TAD) program, which is a continuous alcohol detection system in conjunction with the EHM system, sampling alcohol intake from the perspiration of the offender.

256 defendants participated on EHM, serving 8558 days.

ALTERNATIVE INTERVIEW BOOKINGS (AIB)

Some defendants are allowed by the sentencing Judge to serve their sentence in a program administered by agencies other than the Skagit County Jail. These defendants must meet the same screening criteria as Alternatives inmates, to ensure that the basic participation criteria are met, as well as generating the appropriate tracking paperwork so the proper information is submitted to the Courts and State. Legislative changes in July 2015 dramatically affected this program, resulting in a significant decrease.

6 defendants were authorized to participate in other agency programs.

¹Due to staffing shortage, only 2 Deputies were assigned beginning in April

²Total bookings for the Skagit County Jail in 2018 were 5933

ONE DAY OFFENDER PROGRAM

Minimum security inmates spend their required hours in custody at a location other than the jail. During this time they may receive an alcohol/drug evaluation, attend Alcohol Information School, attend the DUI Victim Impact Panel or complete Community Service work. These inmates pay a fee to participate in this program, \$5411 was collected.

137 defendants participated in the ODO, serving 192 jail days and completing 1160 hours of work at the Skagit County fairgrounds.

WORK RELEASE

Inmates live in the jail and are released daily to continue to work at their job in the community. These inmates pay a daily fee to participate in the program.

56 inmates (51 male, 5 female) participated on Work Release, serving 3079 days.

In 2018, 455 defendants/inmates served a total of 11,829 days on Jail Alternatives. (In 2017, 398 defendants/inmates served a total of 10,712 days on Jail Alternatives.)

OUT OF CUSTODY WORKER ALTERNATIVES (Not housed in the jail):

Litter Crew – Joint program with Skagit County Public Works, Sheriff, Health Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, and Washington Department of Ecology. Also provides workers to other governmental agencies, including Cities of Mt Vernon and Sedro Woolley; Town of Lyman; Skagit County Departments (Facilities, Sheriff's Office, Law Library, Prosecutor's Office, Parks, Records).

81 defendants participated on the Litter Crew, serving 14,528 hours, 12 defendants worked for other agencies, completing 980 hours.



IN-CUSTODY WORKER PROGRAMS (Housed in jail):

1. Skagit Transit – Contractual compensation agreement to provide workers 6 nights a week.

75 inmates participated on Skagit Transit Crews, serving 7752 hours.

2. Inmate Workers – Kitchen, laundry and cleanup workers for interior jail operations.

Inmates participating in trustee duties served 55,000 hours.

In 2018, defendants/inmates worked 78,260 hours on Jail Programs. (In 2017, defendants/inmates worked 72,144 hours on Jail Programs.)

TRIAL SECURITY

The Alternatives Sergeant is responsible for the planning and staffing of court proceedings which may pose security risks. This includes trials which are high-profile, proceedings having an in-custody defendant or defendants, domestic issues or any other heightened security matters.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Security for the courthouse complex is provided in two ways: visitor screening by contract security personnel and uniformed deputies patrolling the complex. Pacific Security Agency provides personnel who run security checkpoints. With the opening of the new facility, there are now 3 checkpoints: one each in the Superior Courthouse, the Public Safety Building and the SCCJC. The PSA personnel also provide security checkpoint control for after-hours activities in the courthouse complex and SCCJC, including Domestic Violence Victim Impact Panels and Small Claims Court.

The Court Deputy patrols 3 buildings, maintaining a uniformed presence in the corridors, outside premises and the 6 courtrooms and 3 hearing rooms. The Deputy's primary responsibility is maintaining security and order within the courtrooms. The Deputy also assists with security of inmates being transported to hearings, fingerprint defendants upon conviction, perform DNA sample collections and arrest defendants with outstanding warrants or when ordered by a Judge. The Court Deputy is responsible for preparing and disseminating the weekly Superior Court criminal in-custody calendar. This includes coordinating the transport to court of juveniles charged in adult court but held in Juvenile Detention.

The Court Deputy made 192 arrests, fingerprinted 437 defendants and conducted 182 DNA sample collections. 799 defendants were transported from the jail to court appearances in the complex.

Along with the courts, the campus houses the Clerk’s Office, District Court Probation, Office of Assigned Counsel, Family Law Facilitator, Law Library and Public Defender. In 2018, a security post was added to the Skagit County Community Justice Center as well.

165,251 visitors entered through the security checkpoints and 26³ after-hours events requiring security were held. 452⁴ prohibited items were abandoned at the checkpoints.

THERAPEUTIC COURT LIAISON

The Alternatives Sergeant is the Sheriff’s representative on the Skagit County Drug Court & Mental Health Court teams. These innovative programs combine supervision and treatment for offenders whose criminal actions are a result of their mental illness or dependence on drugs. Once an offender is admitted to a Therapeutic Court, they begin a two year treatment plan. Clients make monthly restitution payments and in order to graduate are required to attain certain treatment and life goals, including education, continuing sobriety, treatment and employment. Successful completion of the Program results in the charges being dismissed.

The teams consist of a Superior Court Judge (or Commissioner), Court Coordinator, treatment professionals (Skagit Recovery Center, Compass Health), legal professionals (Prosecutor, Public Defender) and law enforcement (Mount Vernon Police Department and Sheriff’s Office). As the liaison, the Alternatives Sergeant is responsible for ensuring good communication between Courts, Jail and Sheriff’s Office. Other duties include security for the courts, arranging transport for any in-custody clients, taking sanctioned clients into custody and reporting on client’s behavior while in custody.

203 in-custody clients were transported to Therapeutic Courts and 65 taken into custody for transport to the Jail.

FUGITIVE EXTRADITION

The Alternatives Sergeant is the Sheriff’s representative to the Northwest Cooperative Shuttle Prisoner

Transport System and also arranges extradition and transport of fugitives to and from Skagit County from around the state and country.

39 fugitive extraditions were arranged.

- Alternatives Section Goals for 2019**
1. Increased substance testing of Alternative participants, particularly Work Detail and Home Monitoring clients
 2. Continued expansion of the One Day Offender Program+
 3. Continued expansion of the Transdermal Alcohol Detection program for sentenced inmates & pre-trial defendants
 4. Continued transfer of filing and records to electronic format

Fund	Amount
Application Fees	\$10,311
CSW Day Fees	\$1,781
UA Fees	\$5,620
Hook Up Fees	\$4,977
Address change Fees	\$40
WR Duffle Bags	\$621
WR Hygiene Pak	\$327
WR Fee	\$31,966
EHM Fee	\$132,406
EHM OC Fee	\$12,206
ODO Fee	\$5,411
Total Collected	\$205,666
WASPC Pd EHM	\$98,915
UA Tests	\$2,957
WR Duffle Bags	\$725
WR Hygiene Pak	\$327
ODO Rental	\$800
Total Equip Cost	\$103,724
Total	\$101,942

³DV panels, Small claims court, late jury or hearings

⁴ Prohibited items include knives, scissors, etc. These items are destroyed by the SCSO Evidence Technician.

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

Animal Cruelty Case

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office began the investigation into an animal cruelty case in December of 2017 and the case continued through the first few months of 2018. This was an extraordinarily sad case of neglect and abuse of approximately 230 Scottish Highlander cattle. Several of the cows were found



dead or dying and over 130 cows had to be removed to a livestock auction. Veterinarians and animal control officers from throughout Skagit County were on the scene and they advised that this case is one of the worst cases of animal neglect they had ever seen.

FEBRUARY

Skagit County contracts with Naphcare

Naphcare, an independent partner to correctional facilities nationwide for innovative healthcare management and technology solutions, was selected by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners and the Jail Finance Committee to provide comprehensive medical care to the inmates housed at the recently opened Skagit County Community Justice Center. Starting in February, Naphcare assumed responsibility for the management of all facets of medical, dental, and emergency care at the Justice Center. NaphCare now also provides off-site hospital/physician network development, medical scheduling, and has installed a web-based electronic medical

records system to optimally manage inmate care and costs. Prior to NaphCare, Skagit County ran the jail medical program themselves. Sheriff Will Reichardt added, "The Skagit County Sheriff's Office is looking forward to this partnership with NaphCare as we continue to grow into our new Justice Center facility. NaphCare shares our goal to provide quality, cost efficient care in a safe and secure environment."

MARCH

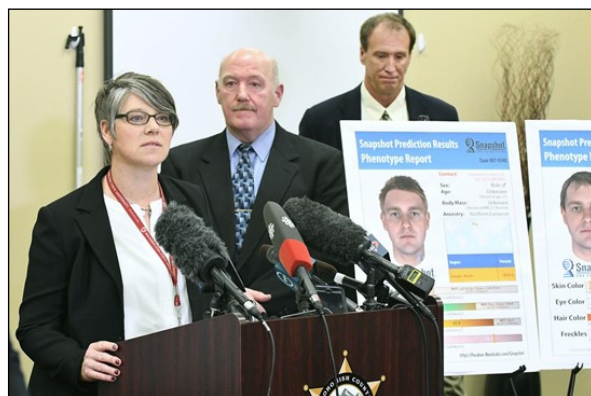
Skagit County Sheriff's UAV Program

2018 marked the inaugural year of operation for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aerial Support Unit, consisting of one sergeant and six deputies certified to fly drones for law enforcement purposes. This year they conducted 83 flights, completed 56 missions, and netted 20 successful outcomes. They have located missing persons and dangerous criminals, assisted with search and rescue operations, videoed natural disasters and crime scene documentation.

APRIL

Arrest made in Cold Case Homicide

William Earl Talbott II, 55, was arrested Thursday and charged Friday in Skagit County District Court with one count of first-degree murder in the death of



Tanya Van Cuylenborg, whose body was found Nov. 24, 1987, in a ditch off Parson Creek Road near Alger. Talbott, of SeaTac, was also charged in Snohomish County in the death of Van Cuylenborg's boyfriend, Jay Cook. Cook's body was discovered near Monroe two days after Van Cuylenborg's body was found. "It's been 31 years since that horrific crime took place,"

Skagit County Sheriff Will Reichardt said at a Friday morning news conference in Everett. "Today we are one step closer to justice for Jay Cook and Tanya Van Cuylenborg." Skagit County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Jennifer Sheahan-Lee, who was an 18-year-old intern in the department when Van Cuylenborg's body was found, said the case has remained with her. She remembers the day she found a key piece of evidence - a shell casing from the weapon used to shoot Van Cuylenborg. She said to see the suspect's possible image after all these years gives her hope that investigators will bring closure to the families.

Multi-Agency team arrests San Juan County Homicide Suspect

On April 3rd, Skagit County Sheriff's deputies assisted in the search for a man wanted by the San Juan County Sheriff's Office for investigation of murder. Eric Kulp was wanted in connection with the murder of his wife, according to a news release from the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. "Aid personnel were called to assist a man in Marblemount, who was later identified as Kulp. Skagit and Whatcom county deputies responded to the scene and began a search for Kulp using two helicopters, two K-9 units and the Skagit County Sheriff's Office unmanned aerial vehicle, Clark said." Kulp was taken into custody after a standoff with law enforcement personnel on scene. The effort to capture Kulp was aided by Skagit County Detectives.

JUNE

First Graduates of the new Life Skills Class at the SCCJC

The Skagit County Community Justice Center held the first graduation for our Life Skills Class. This class is a 12 week course taught in conjunction with Skagit Valley Community College and course attendees receive college credit. The purpose of this class is to redirect inmate behavior and help them to become productive members of our community. Skagit County Commissioner Janicki attended the ceremony. There were three such graduations in 2018.

JULY

Blood Draws begin at the SCCJC

In late July, intake nurses at the Skagit County Community Justice Center began performing blood draws

for DUI processing. This has been a long awaited process and it is expected to help expedite the DUI process. We received very positive reviews from law enforcement personnel across the county advising how impressive, smooth, efficient and professional the process is.

AUGUST

The inmate population at the SCCJC tops 300!

"The Skagit County Community Justice Center population hit a high of 301 inmates. This is the highest population thus far for a year that averaged 267" according to Chief of Corrections Don Marlow.

SEPTEMBER

Developing partnerships at the SCCJC

The Skagit County Community Justice Center collaborated with the newly opened Didgwalic Center for inmate methadone services. The Didgwalic center, owned and operated by the Swinomish Tribe, helps inmates and others who are addicted to opiates by providing methadone treatment. The center is licensed to deliver and administer methadone to those incarcerated at the Justice Center.

OCTOBER

Guemes Tire Roundup

In partnership with the Washington State of Ecology and Skagit County Public Health, the Skagit County Jail Alternatives Program Litter Crew worked with the citizens of Guemes Island to offer free tire disposal to the public.



The results were very successful:

990 tires in total were removed from Guemes Island

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Deputy honored with Linda Nelson Community Champion Award

Congratulations to Sheriff's deputy Paul Wolfe, this year's recipient of the Skagit County Child and Family Consortium's Linda Nelson Community Champion Award! The award is presented annually to an outstanding community member whose efforts with children and families in the community shows exceptional commitment to

the well-being of children and families, regard for human dignity, and being a visionary with the passion to bring ideas to reality.

Paul works in the east county detachment and is dedicated to community and prevention efforts. He was instrumental in developing the Sheriff's Office Education Citation Program that allows deputies to cite minors with education rather than a Minor in Possession charge. He donated much of his time to develop and create this prevention-based program. Paul is committed to making a difference in the community, and often spends personal time attending community events and participating in mentoring programs.



SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER TURNS ONE

2018 SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Deputy Jason Moses | Police Medal |
| Deputy Jesse Koback | Police Medal |
| Deputy Patrick Beisler | Life Saving |
| Ron Vater | Anne Jackson Memorial |
| Chaplain Bob Weltz | Anne Jackson Memorial |

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival-Traffic Division receives award

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office preps annually for the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, the largest tulip festival in Washington State. It is held annually in the spring and brings several hundred thousand visitors each year. The Sheriff's Office coordinates with other local law enforcement agencies, municipalities, fire departments, and several other county resources to help provide a safe environment for visitors and locals. In 2018, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Traffic Division re-



ceived an award in recognition of their preparation, professionalism and commitment to the event by the Tulip Festival Committee.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

PROMOTIONS



Patrol Sergeant
Kevin Sigman



Corporal
Teresa Dorcy



Corporal
Richard Scott



Corporal
Frank Liekhus



Corporal
Chris Loveless



Corporal
Guillermo Garcia



Corporal
Shane Parker



Drug Detection
K-9 Espo

NEW EMPLOYEES

Patrol

Keith Hill
Trevor Grant
Joshua Murdock
Seiya Kitchens

Corrections

Devrishi Kashayap
Cameron Larson
Dennis James
Ashley Moreland
David Goeden
William Olberg

Support Services

Jessica Arnold

Transfer

Corrections to Patrol

Austin Brenner
Richard Eichman
Brad Johnson
Mitchell Kahns

Support Services:

Michele Brisson from Data Entry
to Warrant Unit
Jacoba Gage from Warrant Unit
to Traffic Records Tech

RETIRED/DEPARTURES

after 10 years or more of service

Sheriff Will Reichardt
Chief Tom Molitor
Chief Jackie Brunson
Sergeant Annette Lindquist
Deputy Steve Wade
Deputy Von LaQuet
Deputy Glenn Backstrom
Deputy Shane Parker
Deputy Todd Adams
Support Dep Julia Benson
Volunteer Richard Treston

SCHOLARSHIPS & SERVICE

SCHOLARSHIPS for 2018

The Anne Jackson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has a parent or grandparent who is employed, or has retired, from a law enforcement agency within Skagit County.

The recipient of the **2018 Anne Jackson Memorial Scholarship** is **Alex Nelson**. He is the son of Kevin and Christy Nelson. Alex will graduate from Sedro-Woolley High School in June and plans on attending either Gonzaga or Washington State University in the fall to study Accounting.

The Erick Valenzuela Memorial Scholarship is open to All high school seniors who reside in Skagit County. The recipient of the **2018 Erick Valenzuela Memorial Scholarship** is **Kamira Hamilton**. She is the daughter of Verl and Lisa Hamilton. She will graduate from Sedro-Woolley High School in June and plans on attending the University of Washington or Washington State University in the fall to study Biology and French.

YEARS OF SERVICE

February	
Patrol Sgt. Annette Lindquist	30 years
March	
Accountant Michele Long	15 years
April	
Corr Deputy Mary Margaret Ryan	10 years
May	
Civil Dep Carolyn Vandenneuvel	15 years
Patrol Deputy Brad Walton	5 years
June	
Support Dep Julia Benson	30 years
RSO Coordinator Laure Jarolimek	15 years
Support Dep Laurie Suttles	10 years
Patrol Deputy Freddy Harrison	10 years
Case Expeditor Cathy Sisk	5 years
July	
Patrol Deputy Steve Gonzales	10 years
August	
Records Deputy Jacoba Gage	5 years
September	
Patrol Deputy Jess Brannon	10 years
Corr Deputy Richard Eichman	5 years

2018 GATES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Michael Baldwin-Spokane Community College-Freshman-Chris and Theresa Baldwin

Mitchell Baldwin-Lakewood Vocational Training-Chris and Theresa Baldwin

Taylor Algeo-Central WA Univ.-Senior-Marty Steiner

Madi Algeo-Central WA Univ.-Junior-Marty Steiner

Payton Holmgren-Skagit Valley College-Soph.-John Hamlin

Nathan Dills-University of WA-Junior-Sтивен Dills

Grant Craig-WA State Univ.-Soph.-Kevin Sigman

Matt Molitor-WA State Univ.-Junior Tom Molitor

Thomas Molitor Jr-Western WA Univ.-Senior-Tom Molitor

Timothy Esskew-Skagit Valley College-Soph.-Terry Esskew

Devin Willard-Whitworth Univ.-Junior-Jeff Willard

Kailey Willard-Eastern WA Univ.-Freshman-Jeff Willard

Drew Adams-Skagit Valley College-Freshman-Greg Adams

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association was created by Sheriff's Office employees for the betterment of the members of the association, all other Sheriff's Office Employees, as well as the communities in which they serve.

2018 was a productive year:

- \$2500 Anne Jackson and Erick Valenzuela Scholarship .
- Assist and facilitate the Robert Gates Scholarship Fund
- Anne Jackson Memorial Picnic
- Paid for Junior Deputy Stickers/badges
- \$250 to Skagit DV and Sexual Assault Services
- Halloween Party for Sheriff's employee children.
- \$250 donated to MVPD Winter Coat drive
- 2 families in Sedro Woolley received toys and clothes for Christmas
- \$200 Brigid Collins
- \$100 Burlington Little School
- \$500 Burlington Rotary for Leadership Skagit
- \$1000 La Conner School District for after school program
- \$250 Needle Clean Up in Concrete



The annual "Shop with a Hero" event, where children receive gift cards from Walmart and get to spend an hour or so shopping with local law enforcement officers in preparation for Christmas.

This year, law enforcement officers with the State Patrol, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Swinomish Tribal police departments participated in the event.




Art Johnson ▶ Skagit County Sheriff's Office
 July 10 at 11:40 PM · 🌐

On May 29, I was at the Plantation Pistol range and somehow my Wedding ring slipped off my finger, which I didn't notice until I got home. I notified the staff at the Pistol range but they were unable to find it. The staff notified the fine officers of Skagit County who were able to find my ring. My sincerest thanks to all the officers involved. Be careful out there.

Dear officer josh:
 Date 11/7/18

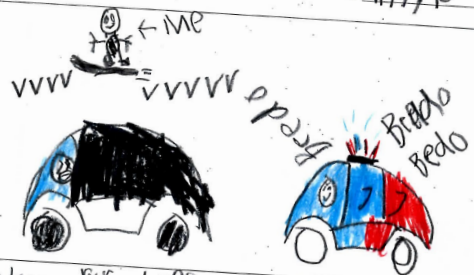
Name Brooklyn H



Thank you for protecting our town. my favorite part of you coming was when you told us what you do! And whats on your belt.



Dear: Officer josh
 Name Bradley Date 11/7/18



Thank you for keeping us safe! My favorite part was seeing the taser, pepper spray, and the gun. officer? I know every thing you do! Stop Robbers, Make People Pull over, and chase Bad guys.

I didnt get his name but want to say THANKS again to the sheriff that took the moment & stopped by my girls lemonade stand today!! They thought it was so awesome!!!



FALLEN HEROES



Fallen Colors

A gold medallion held firm
 by a blue ribbon looking over
 the Sea of shiny coins. Each one,
 a story held in a casket.
 Like the one in the picture,
 blanketed by
 a 50 starred and 13 striped shield.
 Meant to protect, not bullets
 for that is already too late,
 But instead time. A shield for time
 to protect the fallen hero. A hero
 I call family.

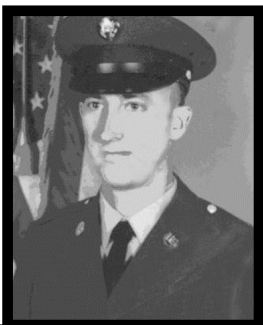
by Nathan Rood Nephew of Anne Jackson



DEPUTY ANNE JACKSON
SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 9/2/08



On September 2, 2008, Skagit County Deputy Anne Jackson responded to a call in Alger. Reporting party stated that Zamora, had been entering neighbors' homes uninvited all afternoon. Deputy was aware of Zamora's mental health issues and criminal history. Deputy Jackson went to check on the neighbor. When Deputy Jackson didn't answer multiple status checks, deputies responded to the house and found both Jackson and the neighbor, dead at the scene. Zamora then left and lead police on a high speed chase on southbound I-5 where he wounded a Trooper, killed a motorist and wounded another. Eventually, Zamora turned himself in at the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. It was later discovered that he had also shot and killed three others in Alger, and wounded 2 more. Zamora was convicted in 2009 and sentenced to life in a secure mental institution in the murders of four, after pleading guilty. If he is ever found competent, he was to be transferred to prison to serve the remainder of his life sentence. Zamora was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the murder of Deputy Jackson and the first neighbor in a plea agreement. Deputy Jackson served the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for six years. She is survived by her parents.



DEPUTY ALAN HULTGREN
SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 8/7/81



On Friday, August 7, 1981, Skagit County Deputy Alan Hultgren was struck head-on by a drunk driver and killed on Highway 20, about four miles west of Marblemount. Deputy Hultgren was responding to an injury collision at the time of the incident. Deputy Hultgren served the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for five years. He is survived by his wife and family.



DETECTIVE BRENT HANGER
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL-
COUNTY: SNOHOMISH
END OF WATCH: 8/6/15



Detective Brent Hanger suffered a fatal heart attack while hiking into a remote area of Chinook Pass, near Yakima, to investigate reports of a marijuana

growing operation. He began to suffer chest pains and shortness of breath. Other detectives who were with him immediately called for assistance and started CPR after he collapsed, but were unable to revive him. Detective Hanger served with the Washington State Patrol for 17 years. He is survived by his wife and six children.

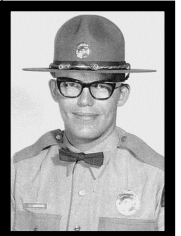


TROOPER SEAN O'CONNELL
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
COUNTY: SNOHOMISH
END OF WATCH: 5/31/13



On Friday, May 24, 2013, a bridge in Skagit County collapsed after an oversized drill rig casing hit a bridge girder. The collapse came at the start of the busy holiday weekend. On May 31, 2013, Trooper Sean O'Connell was

working traffic control on his motorcycle, assessing the backup. He was traveling on the shoulder of the road when a box truck traveling in the same direction and attempting to make a right hand turn pinned O'Connell and his motorcycle against a guard rail. The box truck drug the Trooper and his motorcycle through the turn, knocking him off his bike, then ran over him and his motorcycle. Trooper O'Connell served the Washington State Patrol for 16 years. He is survived by his wife and son and daughter.

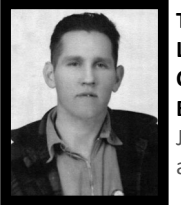


TROOPER THOMAS HENDRICKSON
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 11/17/74



On Sunday, November 17, 1974, Trooper Tom Hendrickson of the Washington State Patrol conducted a traffic stop on SR-20 in Mount Vernon when a

vehicle traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes crossed over the center line and struck him. The suspect was arrested for driving while intoxicated and found to have a .12 BAC. Trooper Hendrickson had served almost four years with the Washington State Patrol. He is survived by his wife and two children.

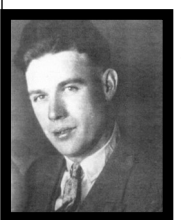


TOWN MARSHALL JOHN HILSINGER
LA CONNER POLICE
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 7/27/45



John Hilsinger was a town marshal and volunteer firefighter for the city of La Conner. He

was assisting with a fire at a local shingle mill when he was electrocuted. Marshal Hilsinger had just taken the nozzle and stepped in a pool of water when a wire fell to the ground electrifying the pool of water he was standing in. A pulmeter was used but failed to revive him. Marshal Hilsinger is survived by his wife, daughter, mother, three brothers and two sisters.

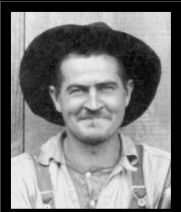


OFFICER CARL STROM
SEDRO WOOLLEY POLICE DEPT
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 4/15/33



On April 15, 1933, Officer Carl Strom of the Sedro-Woolley Police Department interrupted a burglary at a local bank. The suspects attacked

Officer Strom, then dragged him to a shed behind the bank where he was shot and killed. His body was discovered the morning after the burglary by employees who were arriving for work at the bank.



MARSHAL EDWARD LUTON
HAMILTON TOWN MARSHAL
COUNTY: SKAGIT
END OF WATCH: 12/15/1929



On Sunday, December 15, 1929, Marshal Ed Luton of the Hamilton area of Skagit County attempted to break up a drinking party in town. After pouring all of the liquor down a sink drain, he was assaulted by partygoers and died in the kitchen area of the house. His body was dragged to a main street near the house and eventually run over by one or more passing vehi-

cles. It's believed that Marshal Luton's body was moved to make it appear that he was struck by a car. Autopsy results showed he was killed by blunt force to his head. The party house burned to the ground the following day and no evidence was really collected. One of the partygoers was the daughter of a local politician, causing political controversy to surround the incident. The case remains unsolved and no suspects were ever identified. Marshal Luton's expectant wife was named Hamilton's marshal, becoming the first female law enforcement officer in this area of the country. She served until a permanent replacement was named the following spring. He is survived by his wife and four children



DEPUTY GEORGE POOR
KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COUNTY: KING
END OF WATCH: 7/26/1891



On Sunday, July 26, 1891, Deputy George Poor of the King County Sheriff's Office went to Skagit County to assist a federal customs inspec-

tor. Customs was investigating the report of illegal Chinese immigrants who had been smuggled into Washington from Canada. After Deputy Poor and the inspector took the group of immigrants into custody, they escorted them back into Sedro-Woolley. As they conducted the escort, another customs inspector ambushed Deputy Poor and the inspector in a case of mistaken identity. Deputy Poor died from gunshot wounds.

