

# **SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**



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MOUNT VERNON, WA**





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# SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on 2024, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office remains steadfast in our commitment to the community and public safety. We prioritize transparency, accountability, and ensuring that we provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in Skagit County.

The dedicated men and women of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office embody our core values and mission, consistently going above and beyond to serve our community. Their accomplishments and contributions are woven into the fabric of our agency, representing the very best in law enforcement. We believe that mutual respect, trust, and pride in both our organization and the community, combined with traditional values and innovative techniques, create a safe place to live, work, and visit.

We are fortunate to have strong community support, the backing of county and city elected officials, and great working relationships with neighboring communities and partners throughout the state. I extend my deepest gratitude to all our public safety partners, elected officials, and our community for their unwavering support. Together, we can make a positive difference.

Our annual report provides an opportunity to share the vital work we are called upon to do each day as public servants—serving and protecting you. It is my honor to work alongside a group of talented professionals who consistently answer the call to duty, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Don McDermott  
Skagit County Sheriff



The Skagit County Sheriff's Office is the largest law enforcement agency in Skagit County. We are responsible for a total population of approximately **133,300**. The unincorporated population is approximately **53,210** and is spread out over a geographical area measuring approximately 1,735 square miles, and 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 four Major Bureaus: Patrol, Corrections, Support, and Investigations, as depicted on our Challenge coin.



# BUDGET

## 2024 BUDGETED POSITIONS

Sheriff	1
Admin (Unclassified)	6
Lieutenant (Patrol)	2
Lieutenant (Corrections)	2
Corrections Sergeant	8
Patrol Sergeant	10
Corrections Deputy	59
Patrol Deputy	50
Civil Assistant	1
Animal Control	1
Support Services Tech	13
Evidence Tech	2
Registered Sex Offender Coordinator	1
Jail Accountant	1
Accountant	1
Total	158



## 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."*



## 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY UPDATE

SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER	
Budget Expenses	\$15,396,024.00	Budget Expenses	\$24,827,087.00
Actual Expenses	\$14,709,816.53	Actual Expenses	\$22,382,922.78
Budgeted Revenue	\$1,249,348.00	Budgeted Revenue	\$19,953,719.00
Actual Revenue	\$1,304,536.52	Actual Revenue	\$20,725,794.77

# SKAGIT COUNTY INTER-LOCAL DRUG TASK FORCE

## CHIEF TOBIN MEYER



**MISSION** — *The Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU) was created in 1987 to disrupt, dismantle, and effectively prosecute criminal organizations such as gangs, drug traffickers and other high to mid-level criminal elements within Skagit County and beyond.*

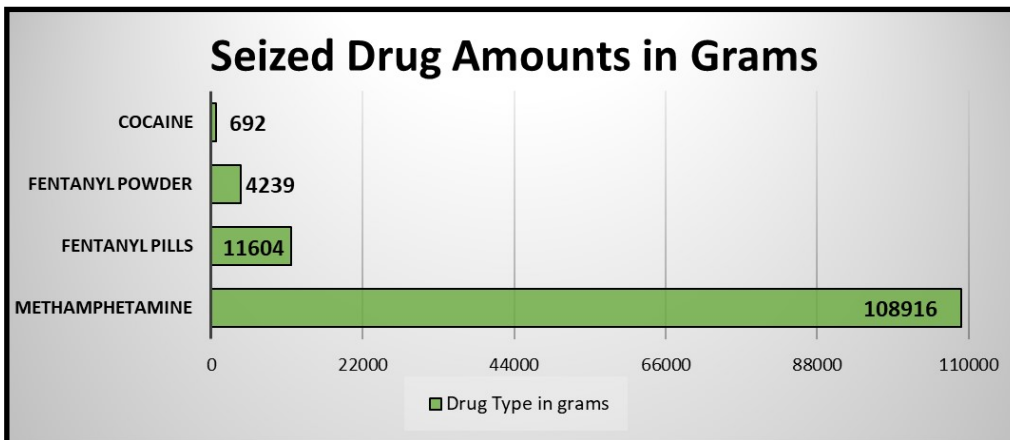
SCIDEU is a multi-jurisdictional task force commanded by the Skagit County Sheriff's Office comprised of personnel from several

Skagit County law enforcement agencies, and federal partners



SCIDEU continues to work cooperatively with our state and federal agencies which include the Homeland Security Investigations-(HSI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation-(FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration-(DEA) and the US Postal Service Inspection Service. (USPIS)

Several SCIDEU detectives hold collateral duties as Task Force Officers (TFO) with the FBI, and HSI allowing them to work cases in the Federal criminal justice system. The Task Force achieves their goals through covert surveillance, undercover and controlled evidence buys, along with in-depth investigations to gather the evidence needed for a successful prosecution.



Since 2019, and under the direction of the SCIDEU Executive Board, the Task Force has broadened its scope of work and aligned the needs of the agencies and the communities we work in, with the operational output of the unit. This broader mission has expanded our scope from primarily focusing on drug trafficking, up to multi-jurisdictional international criminal

investigations.

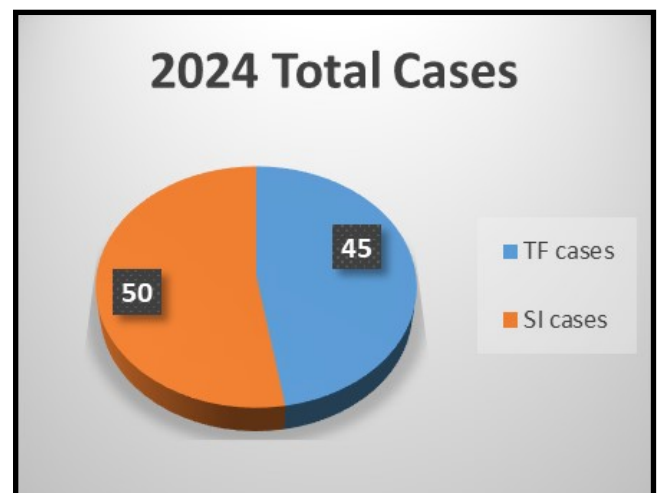
SCIDEU generated 95 cases in 2024

45 TF cases for drug related crimes

50 SI cases for Special Investigations

In 2024 SCIDEU's request for Special Investigation assistance surpassed that of Task Force cases. We expect this trend to continue as the need for forensic investigations grows.

SCIDEU follows WA State R.C.W. title 69 crimes and Federal 21 USC drug statutes to bring cases forward into the appropriate criminal justice system. SCIDEU has created local Special Investigation (SI)



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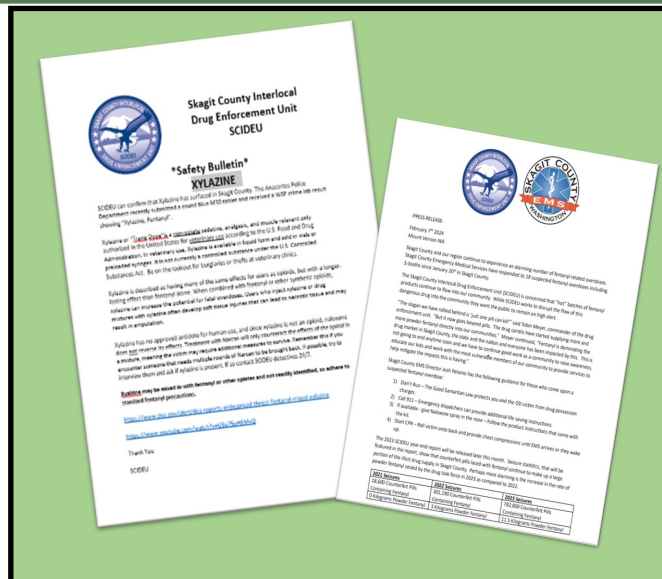
cases that assist agencies in the areas of fugitive apprehension, missing persons, violent felony crimes, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) and Human Trafficking.

SCIDEU detectives continue to expand our use of electronic technology including cell phone forensics to assist in fugitive apprehensions, human trafficking, money laundering and extortion.

SCIDEU continues participation in Northwest HIDTA Initiative. HIDTA provides supplemental funding, equipment and training to SCIDEU.

Fentanyl continues to strengthen its foothold in Skagit County resulting in 57 fatal overdoses in Skagit County.

Skagit County remains higher than Whatcom and Snohomish County per capita for fatal drug overdose deaths.



SCIDEU detectives continue to work with local investigators, the Skagit County Coroner's Office and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Controlled Substance Homicide investigations.

SCIDEU continues our partnership with Skagit County EMS, Public Health, and other stakeholders to share Public Safety information via our social media platforms.

SCIDEU has reached out to the Skagit County S.O. CRT team along with members of the Mount Vernon Integrated Outreach (IOS) team to spread the word about public safety drug concerns.

In August of 2024 SCIDEU strengthened our partnership with WA State Department of Corrections. SCIDEU met with DOC administration in reference to SCIDEU defendants being released back into the community via the Graduated Reentry Program (GRE). A coordinated effort between agencies allows DOC and local Law Enforcement to screen potential GRE

applicants prior to placement in an effort to keep our communities safer.

In late 2024 the SCIDEU Executive board approved a relocation of the Task Force office. SCIDEU had been at that location for over 20 years; the newer building provides much needed upgrades.





# INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

## CHIEF TOBIN MEYER

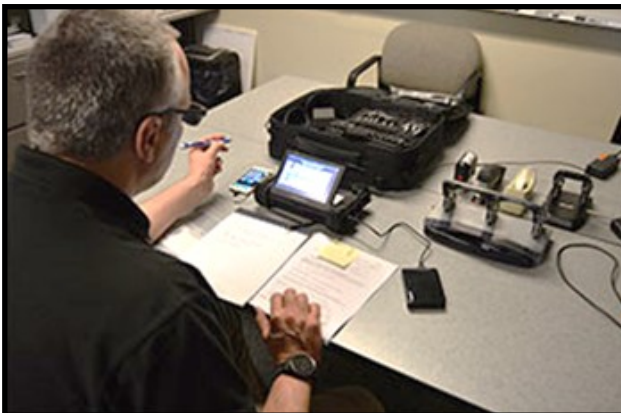
The Investigations Bureau of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office is comprised of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), Evidence Unit, Internal Affairs, Unmanned Aerial Unit, in addition to overseeing the Skagit County Inter-Local Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU) administration and operations.

The criminal investigations bureau provides professional and expert criminal investigative support to Skagit County by conducting complex and often highly technical criminal investigations. The bureau is responsible for criminal investigations into serious felony level offenses to include arson, major assaults, special victims, sex crimes, kidnapping, homicides, robberies, missing persons, and high-tech crimes.

2024 was another busy year for CID. Personnel completed approximately 655 reports related to 365 cases, which extend back as far as 1980. This includes assists to Patrol Bureau, other agencies, and cases handled by CID.

There were reports for 269 new cases in 2024. The remaining 96 cases were reported prior to 2024. As of January 2025, CID has 195 open cases.

There were 75 new sex offenses investigated by CID in 2024 in whole or in part, including 65 crimes against children. Additionally, there were 11 sex offense reports in the jail handled by this section. At least 57 cases in 2024 were related to computers or cell phone forensics. There were approximately 53 child abuse or neglect cases.



ALL SKAGIT COUNTY						
Nature	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual Average
ABANDONED VEHICLE	539	496	597	563	511	541
ALARM	706	794	688	604	568	672
ALCOHOL PROBLEM	53	41	35	28	33	38
ANIMAL PROBLEM	1221	1284	1321	1351	1262	1288
ARSON	1	5	0	2	0	2
ASSAULT	84	135	129	148	164	132
BOATING PROBLEM	94	63	47	55	51	62
BURGLARY	274	302	328	211	174	258
CIVIL	1038	1079	997	1070	1115	1060
DEATH	63	69	53	82	74	68
DOMESTIC	861	882	793	727	656	784
DRUG PROBLEM	252	250	249	182	164	219
FRAUD	566	412	349	328	403	412
HARASSMENT	251	297	252	276	219	259
JUVENILE	149	145	189	272	215	194
MEDICAL	205	136	99	186	144	154
MENTAL	239	253	379	438	469	356
MISCELLANEOUS	3671	4007	3662	3671	3456	3693
MISSING PERSON	1901	2070	1857	1695	1536	1812
PROWLER	84	117	118	90	98	101
RECOVERED VEHICLE	69	105	104	65	62	81
ROBBERY	13	33	36	18	11	22
SEARCH & RESCUE	53	48	35	33	25	39
SEX OFFENSE	64	45	42	61	42	51
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	133	138	111	108	109	120
SUSPICIOUS	1177	1045	1067	897	818	1001
THEFT	888	919	913	656	601	795
TMVWOP	213	294	279	225	182	239
TRAFFIC	1708	1590	1557	1560	1585	1600
VEHICLE PROWL	285	331	310	176	96	240
WEAPON OFFENSE	1342	1177	1069	1078	962	1126
ALL SKAGIT COUNTY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5 Year Average
TOTAL	18197	18562	17665	16856	15805	17419

# INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

## CHIEF TOBIN MEYER



Detective Luvera retired from SCSO in May 2023 after many years of distinguished service to the community. Detective Walker replaced her in January 2024. Also, RSO Coordinator Lewis was transferred to CID in January. Detective Weed was promoted to sergeant in October and Detective Marsh replaced her in November. The section received a new crime scene response vehicle in December which will assist in major crime scene investigations.

CID members attended critical training including shooting incident recon-

struction, officer involved shooting, homicide conference, basic homicide training, advanced homicide training, water death investigations, leadership training, crime analysis, crime scene processing and photography, internet crimes against children, firearms crimes investigation, crime scene reconstruction, firearms training, DNA training, buried body recovery, and arson investigation.

In addition to casework and training, detectives continued with specialty assignments to support the office including marine patrol, firearms instruction, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and patrol deputy mentoring.

**Detectives and support personnel are looking forward to continuing casework, training, and special assignments in 2025.**

## 2024 Criminal Investigation Bureau Accomplishment Highlights

- ◆ Arrest and murder charge for the murder of Justin Spaeth.
- ◆ Arrest and murder charge for the murder of Daniel Snyder.
- ◆ Arrest and two defendants charged with manslaughter for the death of a six-year-old child in 2022.
- ◆ Arrest and vehicular homicide charge for the death of a six-month-old passenger.
- ◆ Guilty plea to vehicular homicide for the death of a 17-year-old passenger.
- ◆ Arrest and assault 1<sup>st</sup> degree charge for a violent knife attack.
- ◆ Human remains recovered in 2017 were identified and the family was notified.





# FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

## CHIEF CHRIS BALDWIN

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Field Operations Bureau is the second largest bureau within the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, led by Chief Chris Baldwin. The day-to-day operations of the Patrol Bureau are overseen by Lieutenant Jeff Willard. In 2024, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office responded to over 16,514 calls for service. These calls included crimes against persons, property crimes, traffic-related issues, civil disputes, community caretaking, and animal-related problems.

The Field Operations Bureau employs a squad system to provide 24/7 law enforcement coverage throughout Skagit County. There are four primary patrol squads responsible for the central and western geographical areas of Skagit County. Each patrol squad comprised of a sergeant, Corporal and five deputies. The East Precinct oversees the eastern geographical area with a sergeant and six deputies.

The Field Operations Bureau features several specialty programs and assignments, including:

- Animal Control
- Traffic Unit
- Motors
- K9 Team
- North Cascade Regional SWAT Team (NCRS)
- Marine Patrol
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- Crisis Response Team
- Search and Rescue

Additionally, the towns of Concrete and La Conner contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services within their city limits.



In 2024, the sheriff's office was approved for an additional sergeant's position specifically designed to oversee the Crisis Response Team. This specialized team is comprised of four specially trained deputies and five integrated Mental Health Professionals, reflecting a comprehensive approach to crisis intervention.

Sergeant Anne Weed, with her background in behavioral health, was selected for this role. Her unique qualifications and extensive experience make her the ideal candidate to lead this team, ensuring that the community receives expert and compassionate crisis support.

By integrating mental health expertise directly into law enforcement operations, this initiative represents a forward-thinking, professional approach to addressing and managing crises within Skagit County.



# FIELD TRAINING

## SGT. BRAD HOLMES

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Field Training Unit is responsible for the development and training of all new recruits and recent graduates of the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The training program is guided by instruction from the State of Wash-

ington but is also left to develop its own training methods based on the needs of the recruits and the office.

The Field Training Officer's (FTO's) have been selected as mentors and leaders who are working on developing the future of this office. There were 10 FTO's for 2024 who were certified with the state to perform the duties and documentation involved in training. These FTO's often work adjusted shifts and take on more work than others to make sure the program is a success. Our office is grateful for all they do and know our success is because of them.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office has been hiring continuously for several years to try and reach staffing levels necessary to serve the citizens that live, work, and visit our county. The office hired 10 recruits in 2023 and raised that to 11 in 2024. The 2024 hires include 3 laterals with many years of experience, 2 exceptional hires who are post academy but less than one year experience, and 6 new hires who attended the full training academy as members of our office. Of the 11 hired, we have 8 that have completed training and are working the road, 2 currently in field training, and 1 that made the difficult decision to resign during the training process.

In 2025 we anticipate the continued growth of our office and look forward to the challenges that come with train-

ing new recruits. We believe the Skagit County Sheriff's Office is a great place to work and it is our duty to put out the best product possible to ensure that continues in the future.



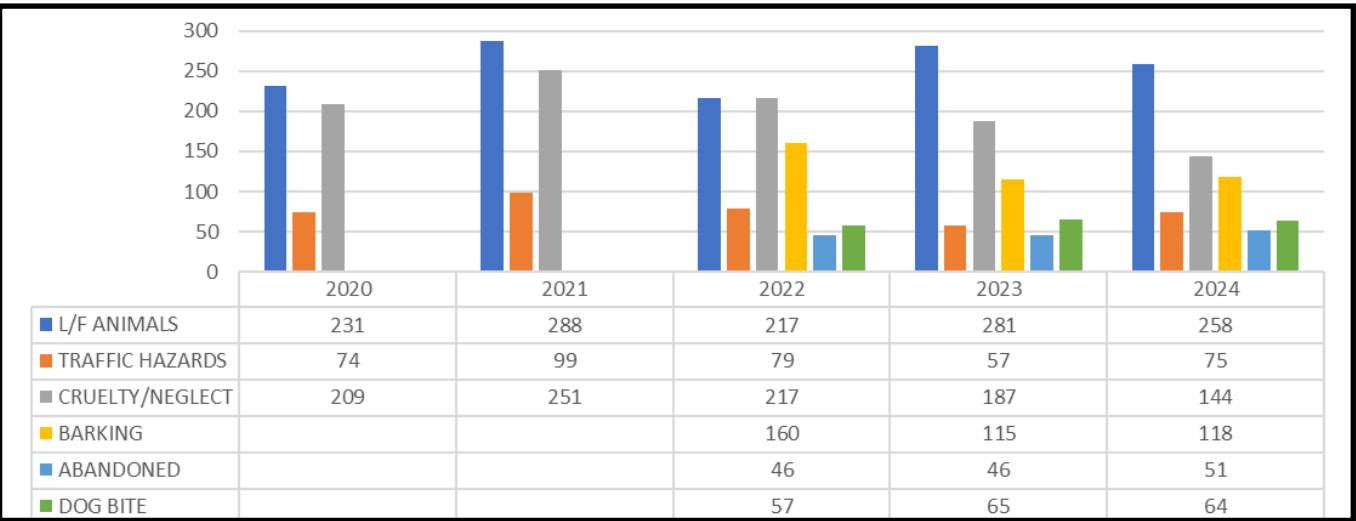
# ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

## ACO EMILY DIAZ

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, theft, natural disasters, rescue, and neglect. On average, the Sheriff’s Office receives more than 1,300 animal problem complaints each year.



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. In 2024 there were 19 arrests made in Animal cases. This year she was able to provide needed grant funded equipment to the patrol division, such as dog catch poles, to better prepare deputies when they respond to animal complaints in her absence. During the 2024-year Animal Control seized 49 dogs, 13 cats, 2 horses, 2 sheep, 1 goat, and 1 duck.





# ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

## ACO EMILY DIAZ

This year, Skagit County, in cooperation with Animal Control, entered into an agreement with a Marblemount man owning over 100 dogs. The law allows him to own 50 dogs, but we signed a contract with him, only allowing 25 dogs. This was due to efforts from our ACO, Sheriff Office, and our Prosecutors to think outside of the box to come up with a better outcome than the law would allow. He is expected to be in compliance by March of



2025. In September 2 dogs were

seized from a residence in Hamilton after they were left unattended for weeks without care in a garage on the property.

Officer Diaz also played an important role in getting House Bill 1961 signed by Governor Inslee, which aims to protect vulnerable animals from harm and hold perpetrators accountable. This created stricter penalties for offenders of animal cruelty and provided clarity to judges, prosecutors and defense attorney's regarding the gravity of those offenses and corresponding penalties.

As always, Officer Diaz continues to participate in end of year school activities, and Community events to spread awareness and educate the youth on appropriate animal care. This year ACO Diaz appeared at City of Burlington Touch a Truck Event, and Shop with a Cop.

Another part of the Animal Control job is the responsibility for investigating and declaring aggressive dogs as Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous. In 2024 we had 3 dogs deemed Potentially Dangerous Dog, and 3 dogs deemed Dangerous Dogs. Animal Control then follows up to monitor these dogs to ensure the owners are in compliance with the laws. We currently have 36 Potentially Dangerous Dogs and 12 Dangerous Dogs living in the unincorporated areas of Skagit County.





# TRAFFIC UNIT

## SGT CRAIG CAULK

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit comprises of a Sergeant and five deputies. The unit supplements the patrol bureau and works in partnership with Public Works Traffic Engineers to ensure safety through enforcement, education and engineering revisions. The mission is to reduce collisions and property damage to the citizens of Skagit County on more than 850 miles of county roadways.

Sergeant Craig Caulk was appointed to the position of Traffic Sergeant in 2022 and has 24 years of law enforcement experience. He served as a traffic deputy and is a police motorcycle instructor and trained in our ARIDE program (Advanced Roadside Impaired Drivers Enforcement). This year, two new deputies were selected to fill traffic positions that opened due to promotions and lateral move-



ment. Deputy Kuzminsky and Deputy Smith completed Basic Collision Investigation and attended advanced training in alcohol and marijuana DUI recognition and enforcement. The Motors (motorcycle) Unit also instructed Basic and Advanced motorcycle trainings with neighboring agencies. This year, numerous citizens requested our radar/reader board be posted in their communities. The sign was de-

ployed several times to neighborhoods experiencing speeding concerns and posted in chip-seal construction zones, informing and educating drivers to reduce their speeds for safety. This is an important tool to educate drivers about their speed.

In 2024, the Washington State Patrol informed the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit that they would no longer investigate serious injury and fatality collisions on Skagit County roadways. As lead investigators,



our traffic deputies now receive more than 150 hours of training in crash investigations, advanced DUI recognition and training with portable breath test equipment that prepares the deputies to successfully respond, investigate and submit technical case packages to our prosecuting attorney's office.





# TRAFFIC UNIT

SGT CRAIG CAULK



The Traffic Unit leads the traffic safety effort in the county and is committed to the Target Zero goal. Emphasis patrols during high traffic volume events, such as the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Big Lake Fireworks, Oyster



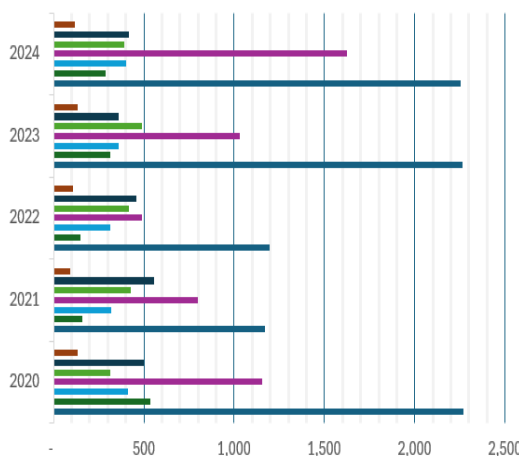
Run, and major holidays are another important part of providing traffic safety to our community. The Traffic Sergeant is the Region 11 Law Enforcement Liaison for the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and is responsible for all county wide emphasis patrols. This includes networking with neighboring agencies to promote training and patrols funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission like "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over", "Distracted Driving," "Click it or Ticket" campaigns and Motorcycle Safety Enforcement. This year WTSC funded emphasis patrols for Oyster Run resulting in no motorcycle injury collisions. WTSC also funded the traffic units patrol-motorcycle speed emphasis for the City of Concrete, which resulted in more than 130 traffic stops in just two days.

TRAFFIC STOPS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	9,568	4,621	2,283	7,260	6,508

The traffic unit has participated in several funeral processions and ceremonies this year. The traffic unit also attended several parades and other community events such as the Skagit County Fair, North Star Autism Awareness Event, Concrete Days and traffic safety awareness presentations at our local schools. Through a grant provided by Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, the traffic unit was able to purchase and supply patrol deputies with four new handheld radars. Skagit County also collaborated with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to secure a grant to produce a statewide, multi-agency motorcycle safety message. With the help of the Port of Skagit County, Washington State Patrol, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and local motorcycle instructors who volunteered from Cascade Motorcycle Safety, the video was published on social media and has been viewed more than 116,000 times!

Check it out: [Motorcycle Safety Message](#)

## 2024 TRAFFIC STATISTICS



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DUI	134	94	107	133	120
Collisions Non-Reportable	499	554	456	360	416
Collisions Reportable	315	427	419	489	389
Traffic Infractions	1,156	800	487	1,032	1,622
Non Criminal Traffic	413	321	312	359	400
Criminal Traffic	538	157	148	314	290
Traffic related calls for service	2,268	1,171	1,195	2,265	2,252

# LA CONNER PRECINCT

SGT BRAD HOLMES

Since 2001, Skagit County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) has contracted law enforcement services for the town of La Conner. A full time Skagit County Sheriff's Sergeant is attached to the town of La Conner as well as 24-hour patrol support. The assigned Sergeant provides policing services to the community as a liaison between the town of La Conner and the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Along with community policing services, the SCSO supports the La Conner School District, prioritizing the safety of their students and district personnel. Additionally, the SCSO coordinates policing efforts with the Swinomish Tribal Police Department, establishing a positive working relationship between the offices while ensuring a common goal of safety and well-being of the residents of La Conner.

2024 was another good year for La Conner with only a few changes to the town. The biggest change for the community was the conversion of 1<sup>st</sup> street to one-way. The change has allowed easier parking on both sides of the street and has reduced collisions significantly. The town commerce is geared toward tourism and this change has helped people navigate during those busy festivals and sunny summer days. The town has welcomed several new businesses that have brought more visitors and have been welcomed by the community.

La Conner has remained a happy and healthy place to live with 911 calls remaining at an expected number for a town of this size. The Sheriff's Office has been quick to respond and take care of the needs of our citizens. The Sheriff's Office attends community meetings on a regular basis and maintains contact with the school district to be there to support the growth of our youth.



La Conner Calls for Service	
Year	# of Calls
2024	639
2023	624
2022	585
2021	585
2020	569





# LA CONNER PRECINCT

SGT BRAD HOLMES

We look forward to 2025 and the opportunity to continuing building on the relationships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors



WESTERN COUNTY						
Nature	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual
ABANDONED VEHICLE	55	58	92	46	73	65
ALARM	176	234	196	193	187	197
ALCOHOL PROBLEM	5	5	7	5	6	6
ANIMAL PROBLEM	141	133	148	167	148	147
ARSON	0	2	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	10	12	7	5	14	10
BOATING PROBLEM	52	47	27	36	36	40
BURGLARY	39	37	50	23	20	34
CIVIL	119	114	120	114	108	115
DEATH	9	13	10	7	12	10
DOMESTIC	102	89	77	67	66	80
DRUG PROBLEM	28	20	23	20	22	23
FRAUD	83	67	64	52	77	69
HARASSMENT	27	32	26	39	25	30
JUVENILE	14	22	21	29	17	21
MEDICAL	41	13	5	3	4	13
MENTAL	58	43	43	62	35	48
MISCELLANEOUS	744	854	813	725	695	766
MISSING PERSON	13	13	7	3	4	8
PROWLER	16	19	19	13	15	16
RECOVERED VEHICLE	3	7	15	6	2	7
ROBBERY	2	0	0	3	1	1
SEARCH & RESCUE	24	9	16	8	10	13
SEX OFFENSE	14	5	8	10	6	9
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	26	35	26	9	14	22
SUSPICIOUS	242	228	220	146	148	197
THEFT	79	86	107	43	32	69
TMVWOP	18	28	29	20	13	22
TRAFFIC	286	336	278	287	302	298
VEHICLE PROWL	59	95	95	34	16	60
WEAPON OFFENSE	51	27	20	26	24	30
<b>WESTERN COUNTY</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>5 Year Average</b>
TOTAL	2536	2683	2569	2201	2132	2426



# EAST PRECINCT

## SGT STEVEN DILLS

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office East Precinct operates out of the Town of Concrete and remains the primary law enforcement presence in eastern Skagit County. With a population of just over 750 residents, the Town of Concrete has contracted with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services since 2004. The East Precinct serves not only the Town of Concrete but our upriver communities of Lyman, Hamilton, Rockport and Marblemount represent the most rural and geographically expansive section of the county. The East Precinct is comprised of one sergeant and six patrol deputies who are dedicated to providing professional and community-oriented law enforcement. Deputies work closely with several partner agencies including the United States Forest Service, Washington State Patrol, National Park Service and Sauk Suaittle and Upper Skagit Tribal Law enforcement to ensure the



safety and well-being of the communities within eastern Skagit County.

In 2024, the East Precinct responded to a total of 4,044 calls for service with an additional 495 calls for service within the

Town of Concrete. The most frequent types of calls that deputies responded to were suspicious complaints, civil matters and thefts. These calls reflect the challenges of rural policing and the unique needs of the communities in eastern Skagit County.

Community-oriented policing is central to the mission of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Deputies regularly attend community



# EAST PRECINCT

## SGT STEVEN DILLS

meetings, town council sessions, and stakeholder events to foster open communication. Deputies actively participate in community events and parades throughout the year and are



vested in the community they serve.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office East Precinct remains committed to continuing to build our community partnerships and service to the community we serve in 2025 and remain actively involved in the community.



EASTERN COUNTY						
Nature	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual Average
ABANDONED VEHICLE	193	140	157	191	133	163
ALARM	122	116	119	116	88	112
ALCOHOL PROBLEM	15	14	6	6	4	9
ANIMAL PROBLEM	286	336	301	293	249	293
ARSON	0	2	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	7	41	39	44	55	37
BOATING PROBLEM	7	1	2	7	1	4
BURGLARY	119	91	101	73	69	91
CIVIL	340	368	318	352	378	351
DEATH	10	22	17	30	19	20
DOMESTIC	285	318	263	239	208	263
DRUG PROBLEM	50	59	50	37	30	45
FRAUD	81	96	45	49	61	66
HARASSMENT	75	113	92	85	90	91
JUVENILE	31	37	50	43	30	38
MEDICAL	48	25	7	8	6	19
MENTAL	46	99	225	173	292	167
MISCELLANEOUS	1487	1530	1335	1403	1279	1407
MISSING PERSON	14	16	17	13	13	15
PROWLER	27	51	40	27	33	36
RECOVERED VEHICLE	14	9	19	7	14	13
ROBBERY	2	1	3	3	2	2
SEARCH & RESCUE	17	19	10	17	9	14
SEX OFFENSE	21	14	15	28	29	21
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	54	36	38	35	38	40
SUSPICIOUS	425	373	386	345	294	365
THEFT	146	143	136	136	110	134
TMVWOP	25	43	50	33	25	35
TRAFFIC	502	416	395	372	406	418
VEHICLE PROWL	47	37	31	37	20	34
WEAPON OFFENSE	89	81	87	90	59	81
<b>EASTERN COUNTY</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>5 Year Average</b>
TOTAL	4585	4647	4354	4292	4044	4384



# K-9 UNIT

## SGT JASON MOSES

In the Spring of 2024, Deputy Andrew Mueller was selected as the next K9 Handler for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Mueller paired up with K9 Dutch, a 14-month-old German Shepherd/Malinois mix born in the Netherlands. The team then completed an extensive 400-hour Basic K9 Academy for Patrol work followed by another 200-hour Drug Detection Academy. The class was hosted by Bellingham Police Department and occurred in several areas within Whatcom and Skagit Counties.

During the initial training, it was discovered that K9 Dutch had significant inflammation in his shoulder. Further evaluation was done and determined that 6 weeks of rest and physical therapy was all that was needed to get him back to full health.



After certifying in September, K9 Dutch can now be utilized as a locating tool for patrol to find subjects wanted for crimes and check areas that would otherwise be dangerous for a deputy to enter. The mere presence of a K9 can help deter crime or alter a decision of a subject who may want to do harm to the public or deputy.

Illegal substances such as Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Cocaine and Heroin are some of the odors K9 Dutch can detect. If a deputy reasonably believes someone is concealing drugs in their vehicle, K9 Dutch can be called upon for a free air sniff around the vehicle to help get these illegal drugs off our streets.

Deployments: Deputy Mueller and K9 Dutch had 7 drug sniffs and 6 patrol deployments following his first couple months in 2024. He even recorded his first locate of a suspect!

K9 Dutch was purchased in Alabama with funds graciously donated by citizens of Skagit County. In 2025, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office will be adding a second K9 to bring the K9 Unit up to full staffing. This will provide 7 days a week coverage to help keep our community safe from dangerous subjects and harmful substances.





# NORTH CASCADE REGIONAL SWAT

## SGT JASON MOSES

Officially founded in spring of 2023, North Cascades Regional SWAT (NCRS) is a multi-jurisdictional SWAT team that is comprised of law enforcement and medical personnel. These dedicated operators and medics are highly trained, skilled, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to save lives.



The team is composed of members from the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, Oak Harbor Police, Sedro Woolley Police, Burlington Police, Island County Sheriff's Office and Anacortes Fire Department.

North Cascades Regional SWAT members participate in monthly training exercises which include weapon proficiency, emergency vehicle operation, less lethal munitions, building searches, high risk warrant service, and tactical medical operations. Furthermore, NCRS has a Sniper element and Open Air Scout Intervention Specialists (OASIS). OASIS members assist in bringing about the safe and peaceful resolution of critical incidents through

stealth, tactics, and skills by providing real time information and protective overwatch. SWAT team members must demonstrate good judgment and understanding of their critical roles. Members of the team are subject to 24-hour callouts and unusual working conditions and training obligations. NCRS works closely with Skagit County Inter-Local Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU), Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), Unmanned Aerial Systems Team (UAS), Investigations, Marine Patrol, and other tactical teams to bring resolution to calls exceeding the capability of the patrol bureau.

NCRS responded to 9 missions in 2024. This included both full team callouts and on-duty or partial team callouts. A "full team"

callout is utilized in situations when SWAT personnel and resources are needed to bring a safe resolution to an incident, whether planned or in progress. An "on duty" callout occurs only as a supplemental resource to existing patrol or detective staff and typically is due to the complexity of the incident.





# MARINE PATROL UNIT

## SGT STEVE GONZALES

Skagit County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit has undergone many changes for 2024. New boats were added to the program along with two new deputies. Sergeant Steve Gonzales is the supervisor for the marine program and his Lead Deputy is Kyle Wiggins. Sergeant Steve Gonzales is committed to maintaining the high standards and expectations asked of the Marine Patrol Unit when it comes to safety and enforcement. The Marine Patrol Unit currently has 6



operators in the program. With two scheduled for the marine academy is 2025. Two additional openings are in the program and will be filled in 2025.

The Marine Patrol Unit has 6 boats in operation. The 6 vessels are a 33' Safe Boat, 21' Safe Boat, two 18' River Sleds, and 2 inflatable Zodiacs. The 33' Safe Boat is the primary vessel for saltwater response. The 33' Safe

Boat is equipped with a Fire pump and monitor. The 21' Safe Boat is used for lake patrol and as a second saltwater boat. The two river sleds are stored in Burlington and Concrete. The Zodiacs were added to the program in 2024. They are used for shallow water operations and rescue response. New technology was added to the program. Lead Deputy Kyle Wiggins researched under water cameras and side scan sonars. Deputy Kyle Wiggins put together mounts allowing the use of this new





# MARINE PATROL UNIT

## SGT STEVE GONZALES

tech to be used on multiple boats within the program. This new technology has and will continue to improve the programs search and rescue abilities.

The two river boats got repowered in 2024 with new Mercury jet drives. Both river boats got front, side, and rear lights installed to assist with search efforts and low light operations.

The Marine Patrol Unit increased training in 2024. We completed a joint training with Burlington Fire Department and some of our partners in East County Water Rescue. A strong focus for 2024 trainings were oper-



ating and learning the new Zodiacs that were added to the program. The Marine Patrol Unit practiced mock scenes of water rescues and implementing first aid. The Marine Unit looks forward to continuing efforts in improving the program and working along with our partners. Skagit County Sheriff's Office responded to 54 calls related to boating problems, 6 water rescues, 4 Boating accidents, and a couple reports of boat fires. The Marine Patrol Unit completed 415 Boat Safety Inspections in 2024. The Marine Patrol Unit is looking forward to 2025 and will continue its efforts on enforcement and promoting water safety.



# SEARCH AND RESCUE

## SGT STEVEN DILLS

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) Program remains one of the most capable units in Washington State. Comprising trained and dedicated volunteers, the SAR team is committed to saving lives and helping those in need. Supervised by Sgt. Steven Dills and full time SAR Deputy Kyle Wiggins, our team remains diverse and cohesive, prepared to respond to a wide range of emergencies.

In 2024 the SAR Program continued to support the sheriff's office and our surrounding agencies and communities in various capacities, including evidence collection, flood preparedness, and various trainings. Through these efforts, SAR remains ever ready to respond to calls for service at a moment's notice.

The Skagit County Search and Rescue team consists of seven groups divided between land and water operations. These groups work collaboratively to ensure a seamless response to missions. Land operations consist of Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR), Mountain Rescue, Canine Unit, and 4 Rivers Motorized

(ORV) group. The marine division consists of Skagit Bay Search and Rescue, East County Water Rescue and Skagit Technical Water Rescue. In total Skagit County SAR is made up of over 121 certified members, each trained in their respective disciplines. Search and Rescue members undergo rigorous training before deploying in the field. The training process includes the Support Academy, a six-week training





# SEARCH AND RESCUE

## SGT STEVEN DILLS

program focusing on logistics and radio communications. After completion of the training students can choose to move on in the ground academy which is a four-month program focused on searching techniques and lost person behavior.

The Skagit County Search and Rescue

program is deeply committed to community involvement. In 2024 members participated in several outreach activities including Concrete Youth activity day engaging with local youth and showcasing SAR capabilities, Sedro Woolley Logger Rodeo Parade, and ORV events hosted at Walker Valley ORV Park. By participating in these events, it increases public awareness of the mission of Skagit County Sheriff's Search and Rescue and as-



sists in recruiting members for our program. Our SAR teams responded to a total of 32 missions in 2024. This represents a decrease from 2023 when the teams responded to 38 missions. De-

spite the decrease in call volume, these missions highlight the team's preparedness and unwavering commitment to answering the call for service within the community they serve.



# UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)

## SGT BEN HAGGLUND

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office began operations in early 2018 with Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). SCSO maintains a UAS section primarily for search and rescue incidents, locating missing persons or fleeing suspects, and public demonstrations. The UAS section exists to further the Sheriff's Office mission of public safety.



Pilots are commissioned patrol deputies that receive initial training and complete testing and pilot certificates with the FAA. The Sheriff's Office currently has seven certified pilots, including six deputies/detectives and one sergeant. After initial training, pilots are evaluated individually on each aircraft the unit maintains. The section works toward 24x7 availability; pilots are called out as needed.

In 2024, the UAS section completed 25 total missions. Training flights normally include night operations, familiarization, maintenance, and competency. Active missions include search and rescue, assisting K9, searching for suspects, and other events such as flood survey. SCSO regularly assists allied agencies including local police, and government agencies.

**We are looking forward to continued success in 2025**



### The UAS section maintains multiple aircraft for a wide variety of missions:

- ♦ Mavic 3 Enterprise carries thermal and zoom cameras. It can be flown with attached loudspeakers for announcements
- ♦ Brinc Lemur is used for indoor operations, primarily with the SWAT team
- ♦ Matrice M210 carries thermal and zoom cameras. It can fly day or night.
- ♦ Inspire 1 can also fly day or night and can easily deliver a payload such as a life jacket
- ♦ Phantom is flown in daytime flights with quick launch and longer flight times
- ♦ DJI Spark allows for interior or Hazmat operations

# CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

## SGT ANNE WEED

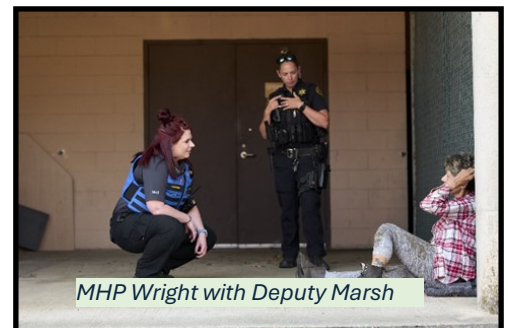
The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Crisis Response Team (CRT) partners dedicated Crisis Response Deputies with Mental Health Professionals employed by Skagit County Public Health. It is the primary mission of CRT to respond to calls for service involving behavioral health crises and ensure public safety, while prioritizing de-escalation, diversion from the criminal justice system, and linking community members with appropriate mental health and/or substance use resources. It is the goal of CRT to support the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau and other requesting law enforcement entities in responding to community members experiencing a crisis and to reach an appropriate, safe, and lawful solution.



In 2024, the Crisis Response Team added a Sergeant position to the team to provide law enforcement supervision of the program. The Team now consists of one sergeant, four deputies, and three mental health professionals with licensures including Independent Clinical Social Worker and Substance Use Disorder Professional. We have two open positions for mental health clinicians that we hope to fill in 2025.

CRT has worked with various resources in Skagit County to connect community members with temporary and long-term housing opportunities, transportation

resources, food and clothing distribution, and various treatment facilities in addition to providing support and follow-up to those in crisis and their family members. CRT continues to work closely with community resource agencies and other agency programs including Mount Vernon Police Department Integrated Outreach Services and Anacortes Fire Community Paramedic Program.



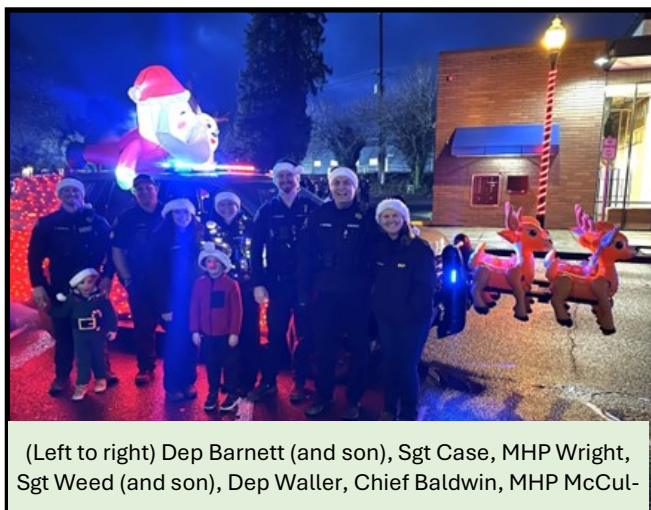
CRT has also set a goal to increase outreach services, especially with community members experiencing homelessness, substance use, and evictions. CRT attempts to identify those community members needing extra support and providing services such as connection to resources, transportation, basic needs, and completion of assessments for beginning treatment. CRT also provides regular follow-up contacts and connects with those in need and their families.

CRT is committed to community involvement and enjoyed several events and opportunities to strengthen community engagement and positive interaction.



We don't just want to limit our time in the community to when people are having their worst day, and we hope CRT can foster positive relationships with our citizens and resource agencies.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau was dispatched to 583 calls for service involving a non-criminal mental health problem and 994 involving a welfare check. Patrol involved CRT on an additional 176 calls. CRT deputies responded to over 2,000 calls for service and CRT mental health professionals contacted community members 1,200 times.



(Left to right) Dep Barnett (and son), Sgt Case, MHP Wright, Sgt Weed (and son), Dep Waller, Chief Baldwin, MHP McCulloch



# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

CHIEF DON MARLOW

## Goals and Vision of the Skagit County Community Justice Center

The Skagit County Community Justice Center is committed to fostering a safer, more just community through a strategic blend of innovative practices, effective programs, and dedicated service. Our vision is to create a transformative

environment where justice, rehabilitation, and community well-being go hand in hand. Through these efforts, the Skagit County Community Justice Center remains dedicated to not only enforcing justice but also

ALL-TIME Yearly Professional Visit Stats				
YEAR	CLIENTS SEEN	REFUSED/ NOT SEEN	Visit Success %	VISITS REQUESTED
2018	7082	461	93.9%	7543
2019	6610	278	96.0%	6888
2020	4000	75	98.2%	4075
2021	4391	139	96.9%	4530
2022	7232	438	94.2%	7670
2023	7430	289	96.26%	7719
2024	8072	183	97.78%	8255

to making a lasting positive impact on the lives of individuals and the broader community. In the year 2024, the Skagit County Community Justice Center, along with the Skagit County Human Resources Department, aggressively continued to recruit employees to fill our 12 vacancies. By December 2024, we had successfully hired 14 deputies and only had 7 departures for a net gain of 6 deputies. 4 of the departing deputies continued their employment in law enforcement work, 2 were terminated and 2 left the field completely. We will continue to have turn over as jails are traditionally training grounds for future patrol members, however, our goal is to continue building a culture to keep more from making that jump. The industry has become more professionalized and this goal should be attainable. This was a big year for recruiting and moving forward, once all are trained it should create a reduction in our overtime and allow more flexibility in our programming and connection to services for our inmates.

The average daily population for the year was 212. The population achieved its highest point on November 23 at 243 inmates housed in the jail.

2024 Transport Stats: Monthly Court Breakdown							
	Municipal Court	Superior Court	Misdemeanor Rights	Felony Rights	District Court	ZOOM	Downtown
Jan	81	322	164	99	58	29	20
Feb	64	356	187	99	35	9	19
Mar	85	344	173	117	77	14	5
Apr	94	323	216	114	39	11	2
May	82	399	199	131	79	14	16
Jun	58	340	161	103	41	18	6
Jul	85	392	217	153	64	18	3
Aug	84	338	189	112	63	15	13
Sep	92	313	218	121	58	20	22
Oct	93	439	210	116	76	27	18
Nov	85	386	201	147	52	15	20
Dec	96	332	187	97	58	15	6
TOTAL	999	4284	2322	1409	700	205	150

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2024 Professional Visits: Monthly Breakdown				
	Seen	Not Seen/Ref	Total Requested	Visit Success %
Jan	637	8	645	98.76%
Feb	626	17	643	97.36%
Mar	655	12	667	98.20%
Apr	664	16	680	97.65%
May	816	19	835	97.72%
Jun	598	18	616	97.08%
Jul	724	15	739	97.97%
Aug	660	22	682	96.77%
Sep	673	11	684	98.39%
Oct	788	22	810	97.28%
Nov	639	14	653	97.86%
Dec	592	9	601	98.50%
TOTAL	8072	183	8255	97.78%

# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

CHIEF DON MARLOW

## Transport Unit

The SCCJC Transport Unit is responsible for all inmate movement to the courts, professional visits, medical and other offsite appointments. Transport has been very busy accommodating attorney, Department of Social Health and Services (DSHS), Competency Evaluations and other types of inmate visits – while also managing multiple court calendars, medical appointments and out of county transports.

In 2023, we saw a significant increase in the number of professional visits to our facility. Additionally, the success rate of these visits improved by about 1.5% compared to the previous year. In 2024, our success rate was the second highest in the history of the Skagit County Community Justice Center. The record for the highest success rate is still held by the year 2020, which was during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2024 Out of Facility: Monthly Breakdown		
	Offsite Med	Out of Area
Jan	10	2
Feb	9	2
Mar	11	5
Apr	13	1
May	10	2
Jun	10	4
Jul	14	1
Aug	5	1
Sep	9	1
Oct	14	1
Nov	15	3
Dec	9	0
TOTAL	129	23
	GRAND Total:	152

2024 PIR Visits			
	Seen	NO-SHOWS	Cancels
Jan	17	X	X
Feb	21	2	5
Mar	14	2	1
Apr	14	1	1
May	15	0	1
Jun	13	0	2
Jul	16	0	1
Aug	21	0	1
Sep	11	0	2
Oct	11	1	1
Nov	10	0	0
Dec	16	1	0
TOTAL	179	7	15
TOTAL PIR scheduled:			201

## Classification Unit

The Classification Unit has several important tasks. They respond to inmate requests and concerns, assign inmates to the right housing areas, coordinate with inmates representing themselves in court, enforce rules and hold hearings, and help support the jail staff when they have time.

In 2024, this unit handled 12,080 inmate requests (often called "kites"), created 318 recordings of jail-related events on thumb drives for jail and law enforcement purposes, and monitored 159 phone calls.

Additionally, in 2024, the jail's control board and camera system were updated, which caused some challenges. The Classification Unit spent about 50 hours helping to resolve these issues.

Hours Deputies Spent Performing Classification related duties	
Detail	Hours
Isolation moves	938
Medication Pass	742
ARNP clinic	8320
Mental Health Clinic	1664
Dental Clinic	192
Inmate Pro Se rounds	90
Initial classification	1385
Inmate Re-classification	632
Inmate Disciplinary hearings	156
Assist in jail	207
Video Upload for Law Enforcement	318
Electronic Inmate Requests	12,080
Monitoring I/M phone calls	159



# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

CHIEF DON MARLOW

## Training Unit

The training program has made great efforts to expand our reach and become a regional leader in Corrections. Our efforts included maintaining instructor status with the Criminal Justice Training Commission and hosting Field Training Officer (FTO) Instructor sessions in March and September. This helps us provide ongoing, free FTO training for both new and existing employees and ensures that the Sheriff’s office has a sufficient number of qualified trainers for our new hires. The FTO coordinator dedicated over 80 hours of in-class time to these training sessions.

We also hosted multiple multi agency trainings this year which included: Corrections Tactics Seminar, Transport Training, FTO Academy through CJTC, and Cell Extraction Training, and CRT Training.



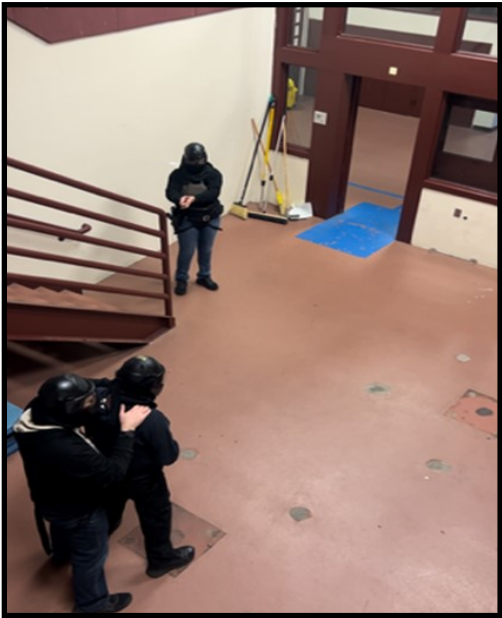
Another focus of the training division this year was to streamline the training and enhance existing training. We have added de-escalation and negotiating training into our new hire training to expand on the already robust 40 hours in service initial training. This allows us to meet the state mandated Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) training that starts in 2026 for all employees.

The firearms program was expanded upon this year by adding an extra training days to mirror the training our patrol partners have. This was expanded to our specialty positions that work in the courts and have as-

Training Type	Total Hours	New Hire Required Hours
Mandatory	2748 Hours	Academy 800 Hours
Non-Mandatory	420 Hours	FTO Program 400
Average Training Hours per Deputy	52.5 Hours	Initial User Trainings 40 Hours
Total New Hire Training Hours		1240 Hours

signed firearms.

The Taser program was very successful this year. We were able to train every single person in Taser and initiate a role-playing process with our staff to better simulate live events that staff may encounter. This was thanks in large part to having multiple instructors.



# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

CHIEF DON MARLOW

## Jail Alternatives

The Jail Alternatives Section has several important responsibilities:

1. **Inmate Work and Treatment Programs:** This includes programs where inmates can continue their regular jobs or do community service while serving their sentences.
2. **Courthouse Security and Trial Security Planning:** Providing security at the courthouse and planning security measures for trials.
3. **Therapeutic Court Liaison:** Coordinating with special courts that focus on treatment and rehabilitation.
4. **Fugitive Extradition:** Arranging for the return of fugitives from other states.



Jail Alternatives staff work with approved defendants from the time they are convicted until they complete their sentence. Defendants are screened to determine the best way to serve their sentence, which is followed by an interview, booking, and supervision while they complete their sentence. Participants in these programs are tested for alcohol and drug use before and during their sentence.





# CORRECTIONS BUREAU

## CHIEF DON MARLOW

All inmates in these programs are officially recorded as inmates of the Skagit County Community Justice Center. Additionally, the Jail Alternatives staff provide security for our main Superior and District court buildings with a deputy who moves between them. This deputy made 55 arrests, fingerprinted 27 defendants, and collected 35 DNA samples as required by the court. In 2024, 99,508 people passed through security checkpoints, and 533 prohibited items were confiscated. This unit also coordinated the extradition of 27 fugitives from other states.

Jail Alternative personnel coordinate with Skagit County Public Works with the litter/work crew participants. This program allows sentenced inmates to show up and clean litter and trash in public areas such as illegal campsites, dumpsites, roadsides etc. 35 inmates participated serving 4280 hours of work. Work release is coordinated and monitored also by this unit. 30 inmates participated and served 1100 days, allowing them to work and spend their off time in the jail. Other programs monitored by this unit are:

Electronic Home Monitoring: 142 participants serving 5852 days

Pretrial GPS: 1 participant

One Day Offender Program: 91 participants serving 101 days completing 808 hours of fairground maintenance.

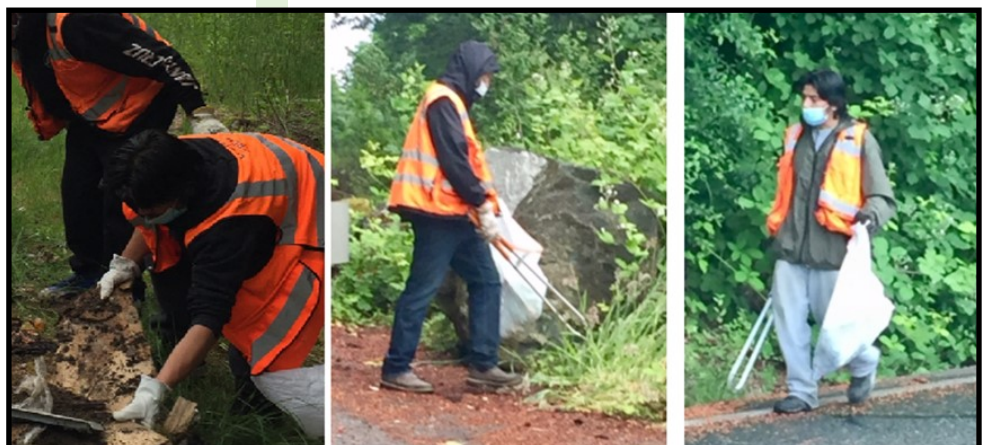


### Therapeutic Court Liaison

The Alternatives Sergeant is the Sheriff's representative on the Skagit County Drug Court team.

This program combines supervision and treatment for offenders whose criminal actions are a result of their dependence on drugs. Once an offender is admitted to Drug Court, they begin an approximately 24-month treatment program. Drug Court participants 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 Drug Court results in the charges being dismissed.

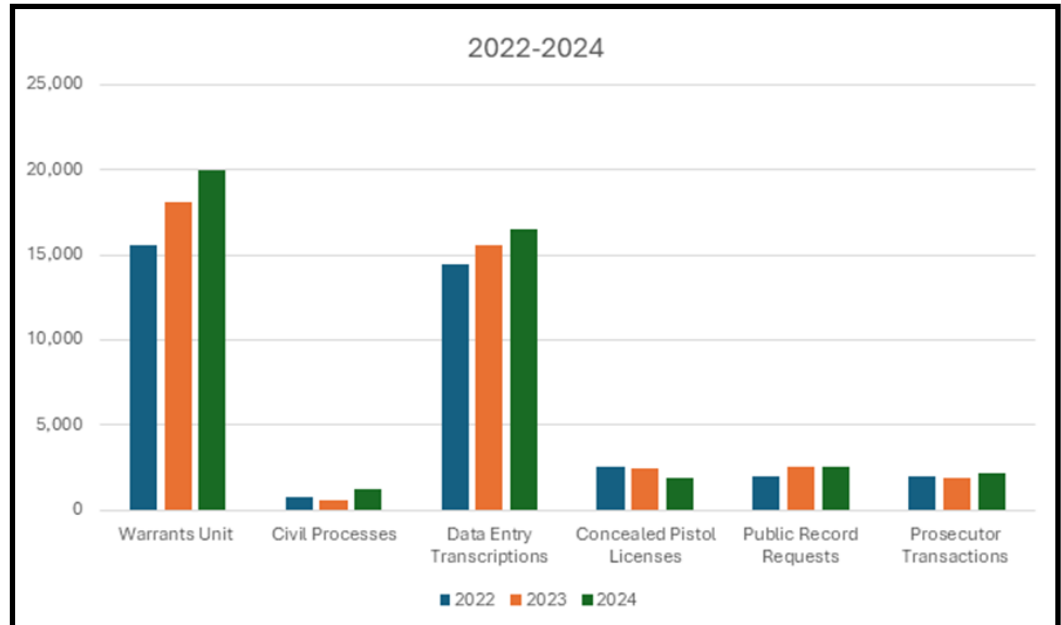


# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

## CHIEF ANNETTE LINDQUIST

The Sheriff's Office Administrative Services Bureau serves as the backbone of law enforcement documentation, ensuring the accurate collection, maintenance, and distribution of critical information. This unit is responsible for processing reports, managing case files, handling public records requests, and maintaining compliance with legal and confidentiality standards. By utilizing ad-

vanced data management systems, they play a pivotal role in supporting investigations, court proceedings, and public safety. Their meticulous work ensures the integrity, security, and accessibility of essential records, facilitating efficient law enforcement operations and fostering transparency within the community.



- **Prosecutor Transactions:** Preparing cases to send to the PA for review/charging. Tracking updates and correspondence to and from the PA.
- **Concealed Weapon Permits and Renewals:** New applications or late renewals require fingerprints all require mental health and background check.
- **Pistol Transfers Completed:** Requires
  - background and mental health check.
- **Fingerprinting:** Hard printed cards for submission to other agencies for employment/ other purposes.
- **Registered Sex Offender Coordinator:** Processes sex offenders that are required to register and live in Skagit County.
- **Civil Division:** Processes all orders from the court, evictions, property sales, writs, restitutions and subpoenas.
- **PDR Requests:** Public Records Act RCW 42.56 Rules governing the release of records including exemptions, special privileges and protections
- **Report Dictation:** Deputies dictate case reports, and two data support services techs transcribe them adding them to the SPSS computer system.
- **Warrant/Court Orders/Stolen Property:** Added, removed or modified into multiple data bases by warrant support services techs as information is received.
- **Background screening** for Search and Rescue volunteers, other county departments and screening for LE employment.
- **Daily reception service** at the Justice Center and Sheriff's Office.



# SCHOLARSHIPS & RECOGNITION

## 2024 SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S SCHOLARSHIPS

**Anne Jackson Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a High School senior whose parent or grandparent is or was employed by a law enforcement agency in Skagit County.

Abby Hagglund - \$1500 SCHOLARSHIP

**Erick Valenzuela Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to an outstanding Skagit County High School senior.

Anthony Ortiz - \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

### ROBERT GATES SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gates provide \$4000 toward the cost of college or technical school for children of fully sworn and commissioned deputies

Jonathan Hagglund

Abby Hagglund

Bergen Holmes

Christian Clawson

#### PATROL NEW HIRES

Charles Barnett  
Hunter Cates  
Christopher Greaves  
Bryan Hull  
Dominique Kiblinger  
Richard Mcguigan  
Jaime Sanchez  
Casey Schmidt  
Tucker Urick

#### RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gena McDermott

#### CORRECTIONS NEW HIRES

Steven Curtin  
N Dimas-Contreras  
Phillip Isaksen  
Mikyla Lallas  
Jayden McBurney  
Charles Reeks  
Mitchall Roderick  
Gian Russo  
Jonathan Soto-Garcia  
Juan Villagomez

#### OFFICE NEW HIRES

Katie Backstrom  
Shelby Baisch  
Danielle Bliesner  
Rosa Strong

## 2024 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

### 35 YEARS

Gena McDermott

Jenny Sheahan

### 30 YEARS

Chief Chris Baldwin

Detective Duane Neufeld

Lieutenant Jeff Willard

### 25 YEARS

Corrections Sergeant Aaron McIntosh

Lieutenant Deanna Randall-Secret

### 20 YEARS

Deputy Kyle Wiggins

### 10 YEARS

Elizabeth Christensen

Corrections Sergeant Teresa Dorcy

Corrections Deputy Sean Otto

Detective Jason Slack

Detective Mark Walker

Sergeant Anne Weed

### 5 YEARS

Deputy Adam Brown

Corporal Shaun Dalton

Corrections Deputy Gregory Likhachev

Deputy Josh Meldrum

K-9 Deputy Andrew Muller

Deputy Conor O'Reilly

Deputy Chris Rogers

Corrections Deputy Zachary Rosengren

Corrections Deputy Caitlyn Sorensen

# EMPLOYEE AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## 2024 SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDS

### LIFE SAVING AWARD:

Awarded to a Sheriff's office employee who acted in a significant manner to save or prolong another's life or directly assisted in delivery of a child.

#### ***PATROL:***

Deputy Erik Kading (2) Awards  
Deputy Hilton Hostler (2) Awards  
Deputy Bryan Hull  
Deputy Josh Meldrum  
Deputy Gavin Pfuhl  
Deputy Conor O'Reilly  
Sergeant Jason Moses  
Deputy Richard Eichman

#### ***CORRECTIONS:***

Deputy Mikyla Lallas

### CORRECTIONS DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Cameron Banas

### DEPUTY ANNE JACKSON AWARD:

In remembrance of Dep Jackson's characteristics of teamwork, commitment, thoughtfulness, charity, selflessness, humanity and humor. It serves as a reminder of the powerful impact we as individuals have on those around us.

Tim Halloran

### SHERIFF'S AWARD:

Demonstrated either through a single event or a prolonged period, exceptional or superior work performance.

Animal Control Officer Emily Diaz  
Deputy Trevor Grant

### HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT AWARD:

The Washington Traffic Safety Administration established the High Visibility Enforcement Award for Outstanding Officer in the Medium Agency category in Washington State, and we are honored that our deputy has received it.

Deputy Trevor Grant



# 2024 WA LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIALS

American writer, Joseph Skagit once said, “A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

The Skagit County Sheriff’s Office, established since 1883, has lost two deputies in the Line of Duty, Deputy Alan Hultgren and Deputy Anne Jackson. While the month of May is set aside to honor their memory, not a day goes by that they are not part of our thoughts. We must keep the light of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, burning brightly.

## Recognition of the loss of Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of Washington in 2024:



**Trooper Christopher M. Gadd**  
Washington State Patrol  
March 2nd 2024

Trooper Christopher Gadd was killed in the line of duty in March of 2024 in a collision caused by an impaired driver. He and his detachment were involved in DUI emphasis that night and they messaged Trooper Gadd that they were gathering for a short break. Trooper Gadd said he’d be there, but he wanted to make “One More Stop” first. Christopher was

killed during that stop when, parked on the side of I-5; an impaired driver left the roadway at a high rate of speed and impacted Trooper Gadd’s vehicle. The impaired driver was apprehended and is currently in jail awaiting trial. In response to this tragedy, Sergeant (Sgt.) Chelsea Hodgson of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) reached out to Washington’s Statewide Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) – Bob Thompson to share the idea of the “One More Stop” emphasis that would be conducted in honor of Trooper Gadd.

The Skagit County Sheriff’s Office stands with the Washington State Patrol in mourning the loss of Trooper Gadd and removing DUI’s drivers from our roadways. The Skagit County Sheriff’s Office attended and participated in the funeral of Trooper Gadd. In honor of Christopher’s badge number 927 “One More Stop” was performed on 9/27/2024. Skagit County Sheriff Deputies including deputies Murdock, Kuzminsky, Chou and Sgt. Caulk worked alongside the WSP to participate in the memorial traffic emphasis “One More Stop.” Together the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office arrested two DUI drivers and contributed towards the total of 66 traffic stops made in this county during that time, making our county roadways safer for all of our citizens. We value our partnership with the Washington State Patrol and work together to reduce collisions and remove DUI drivers from our roadways.

# ONE MORE STOP



- The “One More Stop” dedicated High visibility Enforcement (HVE) event dedicated to WSP Trooper Gadd had well over 50 agencies participate from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.
- The reported number of contacts by these agencies was nearly **6,900!**
- The reported number of driving under the influence (DUI) arrest during this emphasis were **149!**
- There is an interest in enhancing participation from more agencies in future events.

Results of the 12-hour operational period of the “One More Stop” emphasis						
Agency	# Agencies	Contacts	DUI Arrests	Infractions	Warnings	Hours
Oregon SP	1	565	19	-	-	
Oregon Allied	13	199	15	-	-	
Idaho- SP and Allied	1 + Allied	621	15	255	-	
WSP	1	4,600	68	1,600	2,600	
Washington Allied – WEMS	34	900	32	470	545	561
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>561</b>

## A word about data collection challenges and lessons learned

The table is incomplete as there is not a consistent method of collecting statistics across the three states which affects the clarity and accuracy of the outcomes from the initiative. There was no prescribed method of reporting from other states, or from Washington if the agency participation was on straight time. The information in Washington was obtained from those officers completing a WTSC's Enterprise Management System (WEMS) activity log. In terms of interstate participation, the event, was a success despite inconsistencies in data reporting. Future efforts will include a discussion of a common set of metrics that all participating agencies will report. This and improved coordination could be accomplished through a pre-event planning meeting to improve details, reporting enhancements and department involvement.



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## FEBRUARY

8th	SVH Recruiting presentation
14th	Concrete Mardi Gras
23rd	Human Services Conference SVH

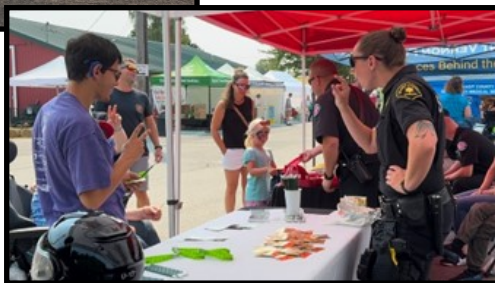


## MARCH

21st	Community meeting Hillwood Dr
22nd	Tulip Gala

## APRIL

April	Tulip Festival
6th	Kulshan Creek Community Meeting Tulip Parade
April	National Drug Take Back Day
22nd	Community Meeting - District 1



## MAY

5th	Cinco De Mayo Parade MV
5th	Autism Awareness Day Skagit Fairground
6th	Skagit Valley College presentation/mock interviews LE class
20th	Guemes Island Ferry Townhall
29th	BEHS Class Presentation
31st	Samish Elementary Career Day

## JUNE

5th	Special Olympics Torch Run Escort
22nd	Community Meeting Sanchez Ln
23rd	Samish Elementary Play-Day

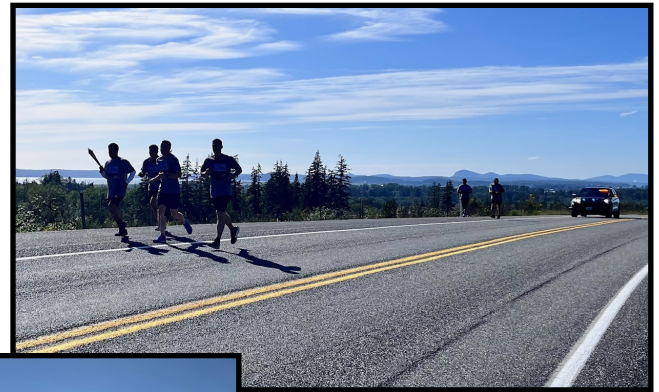
## SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

- \$1000 Skagit DV Services donation
- \$300 Donation to Sedro Woolley Little League
- Sponsored the Annual Anne Jackson Memorial Picnic
- \$1500 Cascadia Clubhouse- assist with coordinating activities for special needs individuals
- \$750.00 for the Crisis Response team to sponsor a toy drive and decorate a police vehicle to place in the Annual Downtown Mount Vernon Christmas Parade
- \$500 for the Sedro Woolley Rodeo Queen Scholarship





JULY	
3rd	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Big Lake
4th	Concrete 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
4th	Anacortes 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
4th	La Conner Parade
4th	Samish Island Parade
9th	Community Meeting Mclean Rd Fire Hall
18th	Concrete Youth Day
19-20th	Concrete Fly In
25th	Concrete Disaster Meeting



AUGUST	
1st	Pioneer Picnic
6th	National Night Out for Safety- Burlington
8th	Skagit County Fair-Safety Day
9 & 10th	Patrol August
9 & 10th	Skagit County Fair
29th	BESD Lockdown Safety Drill
16 & 17th	Cascade Days Parade Concrete
22th	Motor Marvels Touch a Truck



SEPTEMBER	
3th	Back to School Braves' Day, LC
11th	Big Lake First Responder Parade
21th	Concrete Disaster Fair
28th	Concrete Sauk Block Watch
29th	Savvi Bank staff, Active Threat education

October	
Oct	National Drug Take Back Day
31st	Concrete Trunk or Treat



DECEMBER	
8th	Toy Drive and Christmas parade
11th	Shop With a Hero
14th	La Conner Boat Christmas Parade
14th	Concrete Christmas Tree Lighting



# SHENANIGANS

Fidalgo Bay Half Marathon



Joking around in photo session



County Picnic Kickball Tournament



Training with a smile



County Picnic Kickball Tournament

