

The Sheriff's Round-Up

COMMUNITY EDITION

OFFICE OF THE CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Dear Clark County Neighbors,

Established in 1849, the Clark County Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement organization in the State of Washington.

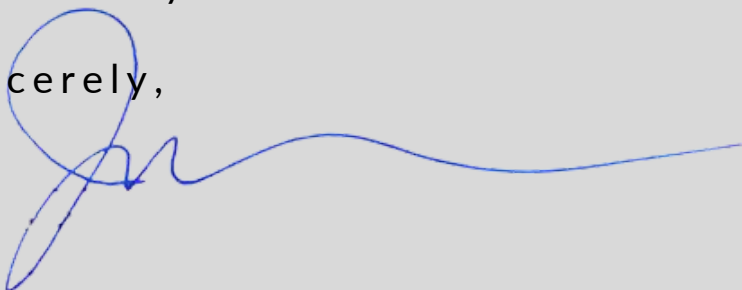
As the 35th elected Sheriff of Clark County, I'm committed to serving all our citizens and maintaining law and order throughout the community.

Our agency values open communication and we welcome feedback from our community members. Therefore, I'm pleased to introduce the very first edition of The Sheriff's Round-Up Newsletter, Community Edition.

The newsletter will serve to keep you, our community members, informed and engaged in our joint effort for public safety.

Protecting and safeguarding our community is our mission.

Sincerely,



JOHN HORCH, SHERIFF

VISION:

Make Clark County as safe and livable as possible and have the Clark County Sheriff's Office be the most professional and sought-after Sheriff's Office to work for in our state.

MISSION:

To protect and safeguard our community.

VALUES:

- Hard Work, Dedication, and Service
- Teamwork and Unity:
- Work-Life Balance:
- Personal Integrity and Respect



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TWO BRANCHES : ONE TEAM!

Enforcement Branch

The Clark County Sheriff's Office Enforcement Branch is entrusted with serving and protecting the citizens of Clark County.

Deputies perform general police duties including, but not limited to: patrolling the county, investigating crimes, serving arrest warrants, transporting prisoners, controlling disturbances, and providing a safe atmosphere at large county events, along with a variety of other emergency and routine activities.

Many deputies also serve in a variety of specialty assignments, such as detective, SWAT, canine handler, marine patrol, bomb technician, traffic homicide investigator, etc.

Support Branch

The Sheriff's Office Support branch provides a full range of support functions to the agency and a high level of service to the community. These duties include facilitation of criminal justice processes with courts and other law enforcement entities; records management; public disclosure requests; civil processes; and property/evidence management.





Staffing Update:

We are making great progress with getting fully staffed again. We have about 20 new recruits in training who will soon be hitting the road on patrol. The Clark County Council has shown continued support for public safety and the Sheriff's Office by approving many of the CCSO budget requests.

Body Worn Cameras: (BWC)

The Sheriff's Office will initiate its body-worn camera program in November 2023. BWC will enhance transparency, accountability, and public and officer safety.

Traffic Enforcement:

Traffic-related problems are a large concern in our community. Excessive speeding, racing, DUI, etc is an ongoing issue. As our staffing increases, we will provide additional resources to combat this safety issue.

K-9's:

We are adding three additional K-9 Handlers to bring our unit back to its full strength. K9s are an invaluable asset for both officers and the public's safety.



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Citizens' **ACADEMY**

The Citizens' Academy is a six-week program designed to provide insight into the criminal justice system and create greater awareness and understanding between community members and their local law enforcement.



Spring 2024



To be placed on a waiting list and receive updates for the next academy, email:
CntySheriff.CommunityOutreach@clark.wa.gov

Phone: 564-397-3380

REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY UPDATE

Law enforcement recruits are required to attend 720 hours of training near Seattle, Washington, to become certified police officers. This distance from home presents many challenges for applicants and has prevented many qualified individuals from pursuing a career with their local police departments. Additionally, having only one academy in the state has created extremely long wait times for candidate enrollment, which is detrimental to public safety.

In order to help alleviate these issues, the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) has expanded and is adding an additional four police academies around the state. The SW Washington academy will be centrally located within Clark County.

Our inaugural academy class will start in January 2024 and will train approximately 30 students. The Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Vancouver Police Department will provide instructors at our local academy.



CRIME PREVENTION



With changing seasons come additional opportunities for criminals to strike but there are things you can do to prevent crime too!

Home:

- Always lock and secure all doors and windows.
- Keep your outside lights on all night - even when you are asleep
- It only takes a second to remove or cut a screen and then access your home through the open window.
- At night, use dowels in windows if you must sleep with a window open a bit; this is especially important in children's rooms. Some criminals are not afraid to enter an occupied home and not all of them are there to steal.

Package Theft Prevention:

- Pick up packages promptly after they have been delivered.
- Ask neighbors to receive and store your package deliveries when you are not home.
- Consider shipping the package to a relative who will be available to receive the package.
- Require signature delivery to avoid the package being left unattended.
- Utilize tracking services offered by the delivery company.
- Request specific delivery times that are suitable for when you will be home.
- Invest in a camera system to monitor your packages and home.
- Send packages to secure delivery, holding, or pick-up locations.

Vacation safety:

- Let a trusted neighbor know so they can keep an eye out for anything suspicious.
- Have mail and newspapers held so they don't pile up.
- Wait until you are back to post your great vacation photos on social media. Criminals check social media and can take that opportunity to burglarize your home while they know you are on vacation.



CCSO Citizen Awareness Reminder

BE AWARE

NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WILL CALL YOU FOR ANY TYPE OF PARKING TICKET, WARRANT, JURY DUTY, ETC.

ASSUME IT IS A SCAM IF CONTACT IS UNEXPECTED AND IN EMAIL OR PHONE FORM. YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL US AT 564-397-2211 TO CONFIRM.



CASE SPOTLIGHT:

THE TACTICAL DETECTIVE UNIT

UNWANTED CALL LEADS TO MULTIPLE ARRESTS

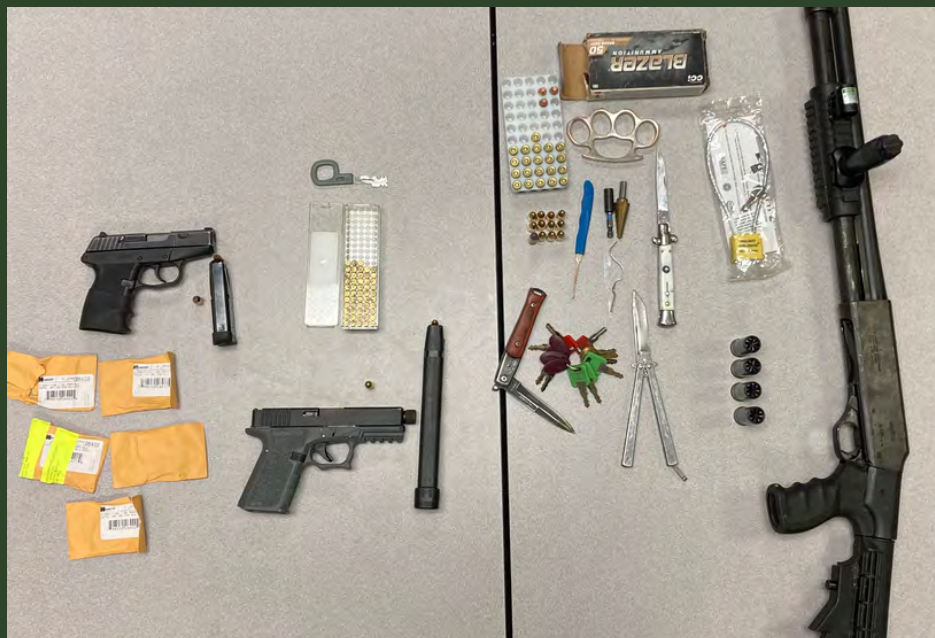
On 7/18/23, CCSO Patrol Deputies were dispatched to a call involving several unwanted transients and RVs on the property.

When deputies arrived, they realized there were several stolen vehicles on the property, and while detaining one of the suspects, they located a pistol.

TDU Detectives were called out to assist with the investigation and obtained a search warrant for the property. Several witnesses were interviewed, and probable cause was established to arrest two subjects on the property and arrest a third resident who was not present.

The operation recovered two stolen Ducati motorcycles, a stolen F-250, and a stolen travel trailer. As evidence, two pistols, a shotgun, brass knuckles, illegal knives, firearm ammunition, and a USPS mailbox key were also collected.

This incident is an excellent example of Patrol and TDU working together to protect and safeguard our community.



CASE SPOTLIGHT:

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT (MCU)

A COMPLEX AND DISTURBING HOMICIDE CASE

In August, MCU responded to a puzzling missing persons case in Hazel Dell, which quickly evolved into a chilling homicide investigation. Detective Henschel's exceptional dedication shone throughout.

A pivotal moment occurred when a search warrant revealed burnt human remains inside a vehicle at an ordinary property, igniting a relentless multi-day effort. This operation involved MCU, TDU, Traffic, and collaboration with ATF, the WSP Crime Scene Response Team, and the ME's Office.

As the primary crime scene expert, Detective Henschel led documentation and evidence collection at challenging sites, including the burnt car in the front yard, the driveway where the vehicle was torched and relocated, a burn pit in the cluttered backyard, and the rat-infested hoarder's house.

Despite repulsive conditions and the odor of decomposing remains, Detective Henschel and the team persevered, ensuring thorough evidence gathering. As the investigation progressed, Detectives Henschel and Stevens secured additional warrants for returns to the property on August 24th and 28th. On August 31st, Henschel led a search during a torrential downpour at an associated rural property, discovering more burnt remains.

To date, Detective Henschel has collected over 130 pieces of evidence, significantly aiding this intricate investigation. His relentless dedication, attention to detail, and leadership have been indispensable in a case where the suspect's cooperation is lacking. Henschel and the team carry the solemn responsibility of representing the silenced victim and ensuring justice prevails.

Detective Henschel's unwavering commitment exemplifies the professionalism of law enforcement officers in their pursuit of justice.








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PAWS ON PATROL

SIGN UP TODAY!

Paws on Patrol is a crime awareness program for walkers and their pets to assist as extra eyes, ears and paws while out on their routine walk.

-  Help improve neighborhood safety
-  Be an observant walker
-  Positive community engagement

To sign-up, visit:
clark.wa.gov/sheriff/paws-on-patrol

FREE pet tag when you register!



CONTACT US!
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26 YEARS WITH SANTA'S POSSE

What is Santa's Posse?

A partnership between the Clark County Sheriff's Office and our local partners. We work together collecting and distributing toys and food to less fortunate families in our community.

In 1997, Santa's Posse was created as a way to help families in need during the holiday season.

We are grateful to the numerous sponsors and volunteers who support Santa's Posse. Our partnerships continue to grow each year. What started with the delivery of food, gifts, and personal care items for 43 families has now expanded to 1,500 families. In 2023, Santa's Posse will provide Christmas for more than 4,800 children in our community!

How Can You Help?

We need food and toy donations as well as help delivering the food boxes and gifts. Delivery day will be **December 17, 2023**. Please follow us on our Facebook page facebook.com/SantasPosse or check out our [website](#) for further details. To Volunteer click here: [How Can I Help?](#)

You can also make donations to Santa's Posse in the form of:

- new, unwrapped toys
- non-perishable food
- personal care items
- and/or monetary donations.

For more information about volunteering or to make a donation, contact Kasey Frazier at 564.397.3380 or email at kasey.frazier@clark.wa.gov.

RECRUITMENT



**WE ARE RECRUITING
CANDIDATES THAT TAKE
PRIDE IN SERVICE:
HONORING TRADITION,
EMBRACING THE FUTURE**



PROTECT & SERVE

Join a team that feels like home.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is a nationally accredited Washington State full-service law enforcement agency. CCSO is committed to providing superior law enforcement services in a manner that builds public confidence and improves the quality of life in our community. With available positions for both Enforcement and Support Staff, we are sure that we have a position for you. Apply today to help us fulfill our mission to protect and safeguard our community!



APPLY NOW

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL?



Check out our most recent video documenting Deputy Kennison's return!



THE FIRST QUARTER ISSUE OF THE
SHERIFF'S ROUNDUP COMMUNITY EDITION
WILL BE IN JANUARY 2024

Have feedback, suggestions or questions?

Contact the [Sheriff's Office](#)

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