



## National County Government Month is April 2016

### “Safe & Secure Counties”

*“Counties play an essential role in keeping America’s communities safe and secure by preserving public health and well-being, ensuring public safety and promoting local economies and resiliency.”*

*Sallie Clark, President – National Association of Counties*

### ***DID YOU KNOW???***

## **THE COUNTY OF WALDO PROVIDES THESE SERVICES:**

- **Waldo County Regional Communications Center** – Waldo County Dispatchers provide dispatching service for **32 agencies** and received **32,638 calls for service in 2015**. WCRCC is **one of only 4** Maine County Dispatch Centers that **offers a “Friendly Caller” service** – offering a daily “check-in” with local citizens who sign up for this **free service**. If the citizen does not call by a certain time each day, a dispatcher telephones to check on them. A number of senior citizens and others who live alone take advantage of this safety measure.
- **Waldo County Emergency Management Agency** – In 2015, this department activated the **County Emergency Operations Center for a Winter Storm**, deployed the **Incident Management Team** for a structure fire and a wildfire, and deployed the **County Hazardous Materials Team** for a spill. EMA completed **16 exercises** and **53 training and planning events**. EMA **supports emergency shelters (human and pet), search and rescue operations and amateur radio operations**. EMA received almost **\$243,000 in grant funding**. The EMA Conference Room serves as a **meeting place** for the **Amateur Radio Club, Search & Rescue Team, the Rotary, Boy Scouts, Triad, County EMS Association, County Fire Chiefs Association and the Sheriff’s Office**.
- **Waldo County Sheriff’s Office** – In 2015, the **Patrol Division received 7,652 calls for service**, (which included traffic stops and all types of incidents). The **Corrections Division served 52 clients** at the **Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center**, and **processed 1,023 arrest bookings** at the **Waldo County Jail** with an average daily population of 37. The **Civil Division served 1,536 sets of civil legal papers**. The Sheriff’s Office also participated in the following programs: **Waldo County Triad, Camp Postcard, School Resource Officer in RSU 3** (WCSO partners with RSU 3 to provide a School Resource Officer), **numerous speaking engagements and educational presentations** throughout the year at youth groups, schools and other organizations, **School Visits**, provided **Volunteer Work** including working along with **Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center** residents in the **Garden Project**, and provided **over 3,000 hours of volunteer community service to thirty-five community partners** throughout Waldo County.
- **A Prescription Discount Card Program** - This great program is **offered to all Waldo County citizens** with no cost to the County and **no cost to residents**. The program can help county residents save money on prescriptions at an **average savings of 24%** and assists residents who are struggling financially or who pay out of pocket for their prescriptions. **The entire family can be covered with one card** and the discounts are negotiated directly with participating pharmacies. For more information, contact the County Clerk at the Waldo County Commissioners Office – (207) 338-3282.
- **Waldo County Garden Project** – This nearly five-acre garden produced **over 31.5 tons of fresh produce** in 2015 that was **provided to local food pantries, other non-profit organizations and the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center kitchen**. Participating **Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center Residents provided 2,014 hours of labor**, ensuring its success.
- **Funding for Economic Development** – The County of Waldo annually allocates funds for such organizations as **Midcoast Economic Development District, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Waldo Community Action Partners, Waldo County Firefighters Association and Belfast Creative Coalition**. In 2015, the County also set aside \$35,000.00 as an incentive for OnProcess Technology to hire Waldo County Citizens. \$350.00 will be paid to OnProcess Technology per Waldo County Citizen hired, trained and remained employed at OnProcess for at least one year.