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Waldo County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Statement

Scott L. Story

Thanks for taking the time to look over our latest newsletter. Inside you will find information regarding our recent activities in your communities as well as statistics from 2009 county wide. Our staff has worked very hard over the last year to respond to the requests of the citizens of Waldo County as well as be proactive in many areas of Corrections and Law Enforcement. We are proud of the opening of the new Maine Coast Regional Re-entry Center and know that this is a huge step forward in progressive corrections. Simply warehousing individuals and later putting them back in our communities with no more tools than what they came in with, will certainly lead to more crime and more victims. By providing individuals with the skills to go back into society and gain employment, housing, positive relationships, mentoring and support for issues that led them into our system, we are making our communities a much safer place helping to mend the tear in our social fabric.

Our Patrol Division has been extremely busy and has recently received some new equipment to assist them in providing services to your communities. The receipt of a federal grant to upgrade the video recording units in our cruisers will assist them in making strong cases for prosecution and are a great asset in our ability to train new officers and make them more effective in performing their duties. We recently got together with the Belfast and Searsport Police Departments and received a grant for two speed boards and a mobile intoxilizer unit in an effort to address speeding and OUI violations on our roads.

Our Detective Division has conducted some outstanding investigations recently, leading to the arrest of several individuals for felony violations as well as the recovery of thousands of dollars of

stolen property and the seizure of thousands of dollars of drugs and cash. Their expertise in conducting more forensic investigations into the more serious crimes has been a huge asset to the citizens of Waldo County.

Our Civil Division will have wrapped up 2009 with yet again a record year for service of civil papers to include another record of serving foreclosure notices. While this work is our statutory obligation, we take no pleasure in it and look forward to the time when we have none to serve.

I am certain you will find the newsletter interesting and informative. Please feel free to contact this office at any time, after all, we are **YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE** and we work for you, **THE CITIZENS OF WALDO COUNTY**.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Scott L. Story, Sheriff

Robert B. Keating, Chief Deputy

Robert Walker, Captain

Jason W. Trundy, Lt.

Kathy Cunningham, Admin.
Assist

Brenda Dakin, Admin. Assist.



OUR MISSION:

To provide the best possible service in Corrections, Law Enforcement, and Civil Service in a professional, courteous and fair manner to improve the quality of life in Waldo County while maintaining public trust and support.

*Serving the Citizens
of Waldo County
Since 1827*



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Chief Deputy's Report

Robert B. Keating

October: Both Patrol and Detective Divisions were extremely busy through the month of October, responding to 625 calls for service and covering 56 traffic accidents. Deputies conducted 177 traffic stops for various traffic law violations, conducted 26 background checks and responded to 31–911 hang-up calls. Detectives cleared several burglaries, including residential burglaries and a burglary of an automobile.

Our Patrol Division welcomed two new part-time Patrol Deputies this month. Deputies Darrin Moody and Ben Wheeler entered our FTO program, which will give them 300 hours of additional training beyond the 100 hours they spent at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Our Agency continues to run well. Deputies have participated in many public speaking engagements through October. Lt. Jason Trundy and Detective Merl Reed, with Neva, did a Halloween safety talk and demonstration at the Unity Barn Raisers. Sgt. Dale Brown spoke at a Cub Scout Den and participated in a child safety clinic in Brooks during a soccer tournament, in partnership with the Masons.

November: Calls for service were down slightly from the high numbers we have experienced to date. Deputies responded to 555 calls for service and covered 60 traffic accidents. Deputies conducted 200 traffic stops for various traffic law violations, conducted 24 background checks and responded to 24-911 hang-up calls.

Our Patrol and Detective Divisions, together with the Belfast Police Department responded to a kidnapping and attempted murder of a Belfast woman who nearly lost her life in the Town of Waldo. The two agencies are investigating this incident together with the Maine State Police.

Our Detective Division cleared several burglaries including one in Palermo where a citizen's cottage was destroyed and an arson was attempted.

The Patrol Division continues to work well. Our new Deputies are working through the FTO program and doing well. After meeting with the Review Board, one Deputy is moving to the third and final phase of our FTO program.

We received, with regret, the resignation of Deputy Glenn Graef. He will be missed by this Agency. We all wish him well. The vacancy created by Deputy Graef's departure will be filled by part-time Deputy Darrin Moody, who will begin work full-time on December 13, 2009.

December: During the month of December Deputies responded to 583 calls for services. They responded to 92 traffic accidents and conducted 154 traffic stops for various traffic law violations. We conducted 22 background investigations and responded to 24-911 disconnect calls.

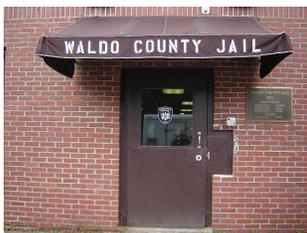
Our Civil Deputies have been extremely busy this past year, serving 2,073 papers, including

182 foreclosures. In addition, we received 46 Civil Arrest Warrants and are happy to report that all 46 have been served. Where we once had a tremendous back-log of Civil Arrest Warrants, we are now up to date.

Our Detective Division continues to be extremely busy and at the end of December, 2009, our Deputies, along with Searsport Police, Maine Drug Enforcement, a Maine State Police Trooper and his K-9 served a search warrant in the Town of Swanville during which 3 pounds of marijuana was seized together with 500 prescription pills, cocaine, and over \$26,000 in cash. Three arrests were made during the execution of the search warrant and a major dealer living and dealing in Waldo County was arrested.

Our two Deputies in the Field Training Program are both doing well. One is almost through the FTO program and should be ready for the road soon; and the other is coming along well and is halfway through Phase Two of the three-phase program.

Deputy Kevin Littlefield has completed all the necessary tests and assignments to enter the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for 18 weeks of training which will begin January 18, 2010.



Civil Service

Civil Deputies served 2,073 papers in the 2009 calendar year, setting a record from the previous year of 1,969. The record for services of foreclosures was tied with the previous year at 182. We continue to stay up to date on the service of Civil Orders of Arrest.

The path to the possibility of a Civil Arrest Warrant being issued begins with the filing with the Court and service of a Statement of Claim or Small Claims proceeding. The Court notifies the debtor when a date and time has been scheduled for hearing. If the debtor fails to appear at the date and time scheduled, then a Notice of Disclosure Hearing is issued by the Court and served upon the debtor by a Civil Deputy. That notice will also have a date and time to appear.

Upon receipt of the Civil Order of Arrest, this office drafts a letter to the debtor giving the individual 10 days to contact this office to make arrangements to appear voluntarily so as to avoid the unpleasantness and embarrassment of being arrested by one of our Deputies at their place of work, home or on the roadside and brought by them to the court. Failure to contact us in the time frame outlined in the correspondence will result in them being placed under arrest and taken to the court.

This method of dealing with the Civil Orders of Arrest has been very effective. There have been only a handful of times that we have, in fact, been required to send a Deputy out to arrest an individual on one of these warrants.

Civil Deputies
Wendall Story
John Ford
John Bryant
Brenda Dakin,
Civil Secretary

FORENSIC INTERVIEW TRAINING

Deputy Ben Seekins, Detectives Merl Reed, Jason Bosco and Matt Curtis attended a Forensic Interview Training class sponsored by Spurwink. Joyce Wientzen, LCSW is the Program Co-Director of the Spurwink Child Abuse Program. Joyce has been conducting forensic interviews of children for the past thirteen years. She also has extensive experience providing treatment to children who have been abused. She provides supervision, consultation and training on forensic interviewing of children and the treatment of sexually abused children.

Spurwink Services was founded in 1960 as a residential treatment center. Spurwink has grown significantly over the years to address the growing need for comprehensive programming and community-based services for families in Maine and beyond. Spurwink developed what was a unique concept—the treatment of troubled children within the community, rather than in institutional settings. The agency's first residential program served eight boys. That same residence is now one of over 60 treatment homes Spurwink operates for children, adolescents and adults.

Residential treatment is a significant part of Spurwink's services and is just one segment of the agency's comprehensive mental health programming. Over the years its services have expanded to include a wide array of community-based programs designed to meet the unique, identified needs of each client.

Spurwink has gained a reputation for excellence in evidence-based treatment with 850 caring and dedicated professionals employed by them. Spurwink's foundation remains strong and provides a stable, emotionally supportive environment that is the most effective in helping clients find their strengths, reach their full potential and lead healthy and productive lives.

This was very valuable training for our Officers.

If you have a question or would like more information about Spurwink's programs, please see the contact information shown below.

spurwink services

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Portland, ME 04103
207-871-1200
1-888-889-3903
info@spurwink.org



NEVA

Neva made several appearances throughout the County during this quarter. One such appearance was a Halloween party, put on by the Unity Barn Raisers held at the Community Center in Unity and another at the Stockton Springs Elementary School to give a Halloween safety and law enforcement presentation. Neva was escorted to these events by Lt. Jason Trundy and Detective Merl Reed.

Detective Reed introduced Neva to the children and demonstrated how they work together to find illegal substances. Lt. Trundy passed out Halloween pamphlets containing safety tips for the children, a sticker of this Agency's arm patch and a postcard with a picture of Neva sporting a witches hat.

It was a genuine pleasure for Lt. Trundy, Detective Reed and Neva to interact with the area children at these locations. It was a treat to show off Neva's skills as this Agency's Drug Detection K-9. Neva appreciated all the pats, ear scratches and belly rubs that were lavished upon her by the participants at those events.

Neva and Detective Reed performed a K-9 demonstration at Volunteers of America on Booth drive in Belfast. Detective Reed spoke to a group of tenants about how Neva came to be with this Agency and she performed demonstrations to show off her skills. For one demonstration, Detective Reed hid some contraband on his wife and performed an area search outside. Again, it was a hit for the tenants to be able to see Neva up close and say hello to her. We want to thank Detective Reed's wife, Tammy, for volunteering for the "people search".

Neva's services were called upon by other agencies to use her skills. Sgt. Steve Saucier of the Searsport Police Department requested Neva's services to search a lock box that he had seized during a traffic stop. It was suspected that the box contained marijuana. Neva searched the area where the box was and she "alerted" on the box. As a result, a search warrant was obtained and .366 ounces of marijuana was found inside the lock box.

Neva was requested by Trooper Corey Smith to respond to Searsport to search two U-Haul trucks where a couple of marijuana roaches were found and removed by him. Detective Reed and Neva began their search inside one of the U-Haul trucks and Neva "alerted" on a lighter that was on the seat. Neva also searched the contents of the U-Haul and the second truck and found nothing further.



On December 10 Sheriff Scott Story, Detective Merl Reed, Neva, Adam Weymouth, Jeff Sholes and Probation Officers Matt Magnussen and Dan Delahanty were at Mt. View High School to speak with the students for Alcohol Awareness Week. During the assembly Sheriff Story spoke about Maine's alcohol laws, and Detective Reed and Neva performed a drug search demonstration. Jeff Sholes and Adam Weymouth gave speeches regarding their personal life stories involving alcohol. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Mt. View High School for allowing us to participate in this event.

Neva's Halloween safety postcard



*Detective Reed & Neva
@ Mt. View High School*



*Detective Reed & Neva
@ VOA*

In November of 2009, Sergeant Dale Brown was asked to speak at a local scout meeting. The meeting was held for the Unity Pack E#233 (Den #4—Bears) in Unity. The pack asked questions about the duties of local police.

This discussion included descriptions of crime scenes, general patrol, investigations and community relations. The boys in the pack asked several questions regarding duties that the police play in today's society. They also were given different scenarios and asked what they thought they would do in the same situation. The boys went over what they felt they could help their families with for security in their homes. This created a great discussion.

The pack also showed their experience in making casts of their own foot prints. They were given tips for gathering good evidence and how not to destroy it so the evidence could be used at a later time. There was a good discussion about gathering fingerprints and the benefit to having them at a crime scene. This rolled over into another talk about DNA. The pack showed great enthusiasm regarding the possibility of getting into police work.



*Sheriff Scott Story, center;
Lt. Jason Trundy 2nd f/right;
Sgt. Dale Brown far right;
Also shown are Brooks Volunteer
Firefighters Roscoe Kinney,
Clayton Ellis, Louis Brown,
James Coulsey & Bryan Menard*



Lt. Jason Trundy—right

Officers from our Agency presented meritorious service awards to five firefighters from the Brooks Volunteer Fire Department at a meeting of the Waldo County Firefighters association.

Sheriff Scott Story, Lt. Jason Trundy and Sgt. Dale Brown presented the honors to Brooks firefighters Roscoe Kinney, Clayton Ellis, Louis Brown, James Coulsey and Bryan Menard for their roles in rescuing 9-year-old Hannah Clifford, of Brooks. Hannah, her mother and siblings were involved in a serious car accident last summer when Hannah was trapped beneath the family's van.

Five firefighters were among the rescue workers who lifted the vehicle off the child. Each firefighter was presented with a certificate and a meritorious service pin that can be worn on their uniforms. The pin is the same kind of award that is given to law enforcement officers. Sheriff Story presented the awards and Sgt. Brown spoke about the night he worked with the firefighters on this incident. Trundy offered statistics on how much law enforcement depended upon firefighters, who responded to 1,143 calls last year. "They do a lot for us, not just fighting fires."

What you can do to prevent winter slips, trips and falls:

Wear footwear that is appropriate for the conditions inside and outside. On smooth or wet surfaces wear slip resistant soles. Avoid wearing high heels. On snowy, icy and rainy days wear boots to work and change after arriving;

Clean footwear of mud, snow, etc. when entering a building;

Be aware of changes in elevation and changes in walking surfaces. When moving from carpet to tile or dry tile to wet tile, etc. the friction (grip) between the sole of the shoe and the floor surface lessens. Alter your stride to take shorter, slower steps.

Use "three point position" when entering or exiting trucks, equipment or construction vehicles. Maintain three points of attachment at all times; both hands and one foot or both feet and one hand. Enter and exit equipment facing it. Use all of the steps, never jump.

During winter months remove snow and ice and apply sand and salt frequently. Note areas that drain poorly, retain snow, or are habitually slippery, and initiate permanent changes to eliminate the hazard.



Maine Municipal Association
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Augusta, ME 04330
207-623-8428

There are certain in-service training requirements for every Law Enforcement Officer, both full and part time in the State of Maine in order to maintain their certification. The Board of Trustees is required by law to revoke the certificate of any officer who fails to meet those training requirements. In addition to the 20 hours of mandatory training, every officer must complete an additional 20 hours of elective training as approved by the employing agency's chief officer.

This training must take place between January 1, and December 31 of each year. Mandatory in-service training requirements for the calendar year 2010 are 2 hrs each in MCJA Firearms Qualification, New Law/Case Law Updates; Human Trafficking; Drug Overdoses and Death Investigation Protocol; and Legal Issues regarding Roadside Stops. Mandatory training changes year to year.

In 1978 laws were passed by the Maine Legislature mandating the Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to establish standards for training for Corrections Officers. The purpose of this mandate was to ensure that no person could serve as a Corrections Officer without meeting minimal training standards. The mandate calls for a basic course and regular in-service training.

There are four levels required. The first is to be presented before a new employee could interact with inmates; the second is taught after the new officer has had enough experience to understand the issues raised in the training; the third level would be later and cover advanced and professional topics and issues; and the fourth and final level would be refresher and new issues. The first two levels are taught at each correctional facility, the third at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. When the training staff at an agency feels that a new corrections officer is ready, then the Academy staff administer a test. A passing grade on the test will allow the Corrections Officer (CO) to go to the third level. That program is eighty hours in a two week period, with two written tests. The third level must be completed within one year of the hiring date for new officers.

Each year a Corrections Advisory Committee recommends to the Academy Trustees a number of topics to be presented as mandatory in-service. Those topics are usually comprised of two or three specific subjects and two or three subjects which the employing agency determines through the use of a needs assessment. To remain certified an officer must attend all the mandatory in-service training. The mandatory requirements for the year 2010 are: New Law Updates; Staff Wellbeing; Pandemic Issues and two elective topics of choice. Those topics will be chosen by the Correctional Facility in areas of need to that particular facility.

As can be seen, graduation from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy is not the end of the training required when one chooses a career as a Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Maine.

ARIDE TRAINING: Sgt. James Porter and Deputy Dan Thompson attended an Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement "ARIDE" Class on October 26 and 27. This class was sponsored by the Old Town Police Department and is designed to teach the full time law enforcement officer signs and symptoms of drug impairment. Officers must be Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) proficient.

This class is a step between standard SFST and DRE (Drug Recognition Expert). The class is designed to provide officers with many new tools to identify and describe drug impaired operators as well as individuals under the influence of drugs in their every day police operations.

NATIONAL STANDARDIZED CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION TRAINING: On October 15, 16 and 19 through the 21st, Deputy James Greeley attended a "Keep Me Safe" class sponsored by the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department. Unfortunately, in Maine, approximately 90% of car seats are not being used properly. Maine law requires all children who are less than age 8 and who weigh less than 80 pounds be properly secured in a child safety seat. The class included lectures, discussions, role playing and hands-on practice with a wide variety of child safety seats and vehicle seat belt systems. The class is designed to teach through learning, practicing and explaining the technical skills to serve

as a child passenger safety resource. Successful completion of this class provides the police operations. Skills such as these are helpful in situations such as bail and probation searches as well.

Law Enforcement Officer with national certification as a child passenger safety technician for two years. Deputy Greeley was instructed in the skills needed to correctly install car seats; identify and correct misuse of child restraints and how to teach parents and caregivers to install car seats correctly.

For additional information, contact Suzanne Cook, Falmouth Fire-EMS (207-781-2610).
scook@town.falmouth.me.us

*“Keeping Maine Children Safe . . .
 One Car Seat at a Time”*

40 HR BASIC CRISIS NEGOTIATION COURSE:
 Sgts. Dale Brown and James Porter and Deputy Gerald Lincoln attended the 40 hr. Basic Crisis Negotiation Course November 2 through November 6. This course was sponsored by Two Bridges Regional Jail and the FBI. The training is designed for seasoned law enforcement personnel who will serve as crisis/hostage negotiators. Training included classroom instruction, case studies and role-play exercises. Attendees actively participated in all of the exercises.

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The State of Maine has a unified Correctional System. In Waldo County the former Waldo County Correctional Facility has experienced a mission change and is now known as the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center and 72 hour holding facility. The new mission encompasses two missions within the same facility. The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center serves 32 inmates (residents) as a regional reentry center. The service region for the reentry center consists of Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Knox, Waldo, Hancock and Washington Counties. The 72 hour holding facility serves as a temporary holding facility for newly arrested persons and court commitments. Waldo County has established working relation-

ships with other County Correctional Facilities to accomplish long term holding of the inmate population.

Waldo County was chosen as the site of a reentry facility in part because of the County’s work with rehabilitative organizations, including Volunteers of America (which was chosen to oversee programming at the new facility) and Restorative Justice of Waldo County.

The reentry facility will start with 6 residents and will gradually accept up to 32 residents, who will be near the end of their sentences. Residents will have to meet a number of criteria before they are accepted at MCRRC. The facility will accept only male residents who are over the age of 18. At the end of their rehabilitation, the residents will be released in their home counties. Residents will attend meetings, counseling and other activities designed to “minimize down-time”. VOA will offer services designed to prepare the residents for life on the outside, from substance-abuse counseling to job training as well as educational and housing assistance. Restorative Justice will play a large role in the rehabilitative process.

On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center received its Occupancy license from the Maine Department of Corrections following months of redesigning the old Waldo County Jail to the new reentry facility. New residents are expected to enter the facility shortly after Christmas.

Corrections Officers

- Captain Robert Walker
- Corporal Chris Loureiro
- Corporal Robert Cartier
- Corporal Chris Albert
- Corporal Steve Cole
- Corporal Josh Bowles
- CO Richard Roberts
- CO Randy Fox
- CO Laurel Kragh
- CO Matthew Hall
- CO Michael Hopkins
- CO Carlene Thornton
- CO Chad Corbin
- Nancy Carroll, Head Cook



*Pictured from left to right is Director Michael Tausek
 Of Volunteers of America,
 Detention Manager Robert Walker and
 Sheriff Scott Story*



Old Jail Bedroom



New Jail Bedroom

TRIAD

PATROL DIVISION

- Sgt. James Porter
- Sgt. Dale Brown
- Deputy Eugene Rega
- Deputy Benjamin Seekins
- Deputy David Mushrall
- Deputy Daniel Thompson
- Deputy James Greeley
- Deputy Scott Jones
- Deputy Gerald Lincoln
- Deputy Kevin Littlefield
- Deputy Darrin Moody
- Deputy Christopher Dyer
- Deputy David Caswell
- Deputy Ben Wheeler
- Deputy Glenn Graef



**Serving the
Citizens of Waldo
County since 1827**

Triad is a joint venture in Waldo County between law enforcement agencies, seniors, and service providers. It is a partnership whose goal is to address crime issues that affect senior citizens and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to the senior population. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension is one of the member organizations. The basic goal of Triad is one that allows seniors the opportunity to enjoy their independence within their homes, while protecting them from victimization.

Triad educates seniors on crime prevention and provides a forum for law enforcement and the community to share needs and concerns. Triad holds many fund raisers throughout the year in an effort to provide seniors with items of security such as medical files of life, a magnetic pocket holding individual medical information which is kept on the refrigerator door. In the

event of a medical emergency, ambulance workers have access to the information they need immediately.

Also offered is an Emergency Beacon Light which, when flipped twice, flashes sending out a beam for 1/4 mile. This makes it easy for emergency responders to locate the house where help is needed.

Triad offers educational programs to help people avoid victimization by scam artists. Older people are often victims of theft due to the fact that they are likely to have prescription drugs in their homes.

The Waldo County Regional Communications Center established a daily call program in conjunction with Triad. Individuals call WCRCC to let staff know they're okay. If there is no call, an officer is dispatched to determine if help is needed.

GO HIGH TECH TO SEARCH FOR MISSING CHILDREN

Sheriff Scott Story of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, Chief Jeffrey Trafton, of the Belfast Police Department and Owen Smith, Director of the Waldo County Regional Communications Center, have formalized an agreement with A Child is Missing alert program that has led to a high tech method now in place to search locally for missing children, missing elderly (often with alzheimers), college students, and missing persons who may be mentally or physically challenged.

Upon receipt of a missing person call, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, Belfast Police Department and Waldo County Regional Communications Center will make their first telephone call to a toll free number that rings in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This call, answered 24/7, by a technician at A Child is Missing, initiates a rapid process of information gathering and sophisticated mapping systems which expedites thousands of phone calls within minutes with a customized recorded message detailing the missing person's description and last known whereabouts. The message will also include the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, Belfast Police Department or Waldo County Communications Center phone numbers to be called by anyone who has infor-

mation regarding the location of the missing person.

A Child is Missing utilizes sophisticated computer mapping systems and trained technicians with the capacity to place 1,000 alert phone calls in one minute to residents and businesses in the area where someone has gone missing. To date the efforts of A Child is Missing have been credit with 201 safe recoveries. To register your unpublished home or cell phone number, visit www.achildismissing.org.



GETTING STARTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Maine Criminal Justice Academy (MCJA) is responsible for the training of Law Enforcement personnel in the State of Maine. The process of becoming a Law Enforcement Officer in Maine is the same for all Departments including the State Police, Sheriff's Offices and Municipal Police Departments.

The first step for anyone interested in becoming a Law Enforcement Officer is to contact the MCJA and arrange to take the Alert Test. The Alert Test is an aptitude test administered by the MCJA. For additional information about the test and study materials, please visit the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's website at www.maine.gov/dps/mcja/ or contact the Academy at:

Maine Criminal Justice Academy

15 Oak Grove Road

Vassalboro, ME 04989

(207)877-8000

MCJA also runs the Pre-Service Training Program. This program is a 100 hour pre-service class that is designed to provide the basic education required for an individual to work as a part time Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Maine. There are several criteria that must be met for participation in the pre-service class and an application must be completed and submitted to the MCJA. For additional information regarding the Pre-Service class and a copy of the application, please visit the MCJA website or contact MCJA directly at the above address.

18 WEEK PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

The Basic Law Enforcement Training Program is an 18 week residential program that is run twice a year at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. This program is open, on a space available basis, to persons who meet the entrance requirements.

There is a tuition associated with the program. Completion of the program does not guarantee employment as a Law Enforcement Officer, but would allow you to state to a prospective employer that you have fulfilled the mandatory training requirements of a full time municipal, county or state law enforcement officer. Upon employment, you would be eligible to take the Maine Law Enforcement Officer's Certification Examination.

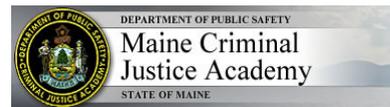
WALDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The County of Waldo is comprised of 25 towns plus the county seat located in the City of Belfast. The population of Waldo County is approximately 36,000. There are 853 square miles in Waldo County, 724 of which is land and 129 square miles of which is water.

The Waldo County Sheriff's Office has been in existence since the county was formed as we know it today, in 1827.

The Sheriff's Office consists of 17 full time Deputies including Sheriff Scott Story. The Sheriff's Office also has a compliment of part time Deputies who are assigned to patrol duties and various details as needed.

The Sheriff's Office is interested in attracting and retaining qualified individuals as part-time Deputy Sheriff's. An applicant must submit to an intensive hiring process that meets MCJA standards. The Sheriff's Office has an extensive Field Training Program for newly hired Deputy Sheriffs.



Duties of the Office of the Sheriff

“Thomas Jefferson wrote, “*There is no honorable law enforcement authority in Anglo-American law, so ancient as that of the County Sheriff whose role as a peace officer goes back at least to the time of Alfred the Great.*”

The most ancient service to the Crown is the Office of the Sheriff. When English settlers began to travel to the New World, the office of the Sheriff traveled with them. The first American counties were established in Virginia in 1634, and records show that one of these counties elected a Sheriff in 1651. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, American Sheriffs were assigned a broad range of responsibilities by colonial and state legislature, such as law enforcement and tax collection. Other responsibilities, such as overseeing jails and workhouses, were new. As people began to move westward, the concept of the county jail and Office of the Sheriff was taken along with them, in an effort to establish order in the lawless territories where power belonged to those with the fastest draw and most accurate shot.

There are more than 3,000 counties in the United States today, and almost every one of them has a Sheriff. In the majority of states, the office of Sheriff is established by the State Constitution. Most of the remaining states have established the office by acts of their State Legislatures. Alaska is the only state in which the office of Sheriff does not exist. In Rhode Island a Sheriff is appointed by the governor and in Hawaii Sheriffs are appointed by the State's Chief Justice.

Most Sheriff's offices have a responsibility for law enforcement, although the authority of the Sheriff varies from state-to-state. Maine Sheriffs not only have the power, but the duty to preserve the peace, enforce the laws, arrest and commit to jail those who commit felonies and other infractions of the law. The Sheriff also must execute process, attend upon the trial courts of record and to execute and carry out the mandates, orders and directions of the Courts. The Sheriff is also responsible for the correct proceedings on all process which is served, whether criminal or civil. The Sheriff is the Chief Administrator of the Agency.

The Sheriff in the State of Maine is an elected official with a four year term, and the office shall be held in

accordance with the Constitution of the State of Maine, although under certain conditions the Sheriff may be appointed by the current Governor. The Sheriff MAY appoint Deputies. Their appointment and discharge is to be in writing, signed by the Sheriff and recorded with the County Commissioners. Appointments are for a three year period, and are not valid until so recorded. As the **Chief Law Enforcement Officer** of the County, the Sheriff is responsible for enforcing all of the laws within the confines of the county. The Sheriff is also the one responsible for keeping the jail, the care and safety of the prisoners therein, and their criminal records. The Sheriff is also responsible for the correct proceedings on all process.

Most Sheriffs' offices maintain and operate county jails. Sheriffs, and the jail officers are responsible for supervising inmates and protecting their rights. They are also responsible for providing inmates with food, clothing, exercise, recreation and medical services. This responsibility has become more difficult as old jail facilities deteriorate and become overcrowded.

The importance of the modern Sheriff was stressed by President Ronald Reagan in his address to the National Sheriff's Association in June of 1984. He said “*Thank you for standing up for this nation's dream of personal freedom under the rule of law. Thank you for standing against those who would transform that dream into a nightmare of wrongdoing and lawlessness. And thank you for your service to your communities, to your country and to the cause of law and justice.*”

NOTE: As a way to keep our readers advised of upcoming events, safety updates and other details, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office has joined FACEBOOK. To keep updated, please pay us a visit.

Waldo County Regional
Communication Center

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EMERGENCY 911

Owen Smith, Director



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mainers can save a life by donating cell phones to domestic violence projects and sexual assault support centers. A new law went into effect that requires Maine people to properly dispose of their cell phones. Cellular Telephone Recycling bans Mainers from throwing their old and unwanted cell phones in the trash.

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault encourage Mainers to contact their local domestic violence project or sexual assault support centers to donate their phone. Donated cell phones will either be given to a victim or will be exchanged for a monetary donation to fund services.

The simple act of providing a 900- programmed cell phone allows scared, threatened and endangered victims to reach out to law enforcement. One cell phone may save a life.

To find out how to donate your cell phone you can call the state-wide domestic violence helpline at 1-866-834-4357 or the state-wide sexual assault crisis and support line at 1-800-871-7741, or go to their website at: <http://www.ncadv.org/files/BodyShop-NCADV/Pre-paidLabel.pdf>

Waldo County
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PROMOTIONS/RETIREMENTS

Deputy Glenn Graef

Patrol Deputy Glenn Graef resigned his full-time position with this Agency effective December 31, 2009. Glenn began his career in Law Enforcement with this Agency as a part-time Deputy on June 15, 2005. He completed the three phases of his Field Training Program on August 2, 2005. He was hired to a full-time position November 18, 2006. Glenn completed his training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy December 14, 2007. Although Glenn will remain with this Agency as a part-time patrol Deputy, his presence will, none-the-less, be missed on a full-time basis. We wish him well in his endeavors.

Linda Paul

Our friend, and long-time "jail house" cook, Linda Paul, retired on December 30, 2009 after 27 years of service to this Agency. Linda took over the position of Head Cook in July of

1992. During her early years with this Agency in conjunction with her function as a cook, she served as a matron for the Correctional Center. After calculating the years and number of meals during the course of her 27 years, we figured that Linda served well over 100,000 meals. Her retirement was celebrated on December 30. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for her long tenure and dedication to this Agency and wish her well in her retirement.

Deputy Ben Wheeler

Deputy Wheeler was hired as a part-time Deputy on October 9, 2009. Ben was formerly a part-time Officer with the Old Orchard Beach Police Department and is currently attending Unity College. He completed the requirements for pre-service/part-time law enforcement training at Maine Criminal Justice Academy in June of 2009. Ben is currently in this Agency's Field

Training Program and is doing a good job and is a fine addition to our Agency. We welcome him to our Patrol Division.

Deputy Darrin Moody

Darrin Moody was hired as a part-time Deputy October 9, 2009 and as a full-time Deputy December 13, 2009. Darrin formerly worked part-time for the Searsport and Stockton Springs Police Departments and worked full-time at the Searsport Highway Department. Darrin is in the final phase of his FTO and we are confident he'll do a fine job as a representative of this Agency. We welcome him to our team.



Sheriff Scott Story, Retired
Cook Linda Paul and
Commissioner Amy Fowler

The year 2009 was a very busy and successful year for the Waldo County Sheriff's Office. Our Deputies responded to 7,142 calls for service compared to 5,915 in 2008.

Deputies responded to and investigated 3 fatal motor vehicle accidents in the County this year.

In February Detectives worked with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Belfast Police serving search warrants. They found marijuana grow operations and harvested 37 healthy plants with one arrest being made. An additional search was done in Searsmont and two more arrests were made.

In February our Deputies covered a fatal accident on the 27th, on Route 1 in the Town of Stockton Springs.

In March Deputy Gerald Lincoln was named President of his class at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

In April our Agency applied for and was awarded a traffic enforcement grant of \$3,242.00 through the Bureau of Highway Safety which would be used for speed enforcement throughout the County. We also entered into an agreement to work with the Hampden Police Department under a grant they had received to combat underage drinking. We worked with Hampden in the towns of Winterport, Frankfort and Monroe and targeted underage drinking parties and the illegal sales of alcohol to underage persons.

In the month of May, Deputy Gerald Lincoln graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He was the President of his class and was honored with the Professionalism Award by the Academy. He graduated third in his class of 53 cadets.

Also in May Detectives with this Agency executed search warrants and found two very large "indoor marijuana grow" operations and seized 404 plants. Detectives also recovered over \$80,000 worth of stolen or fraudulently obtained motor vehicles, to include a BMW. These vehicles were recovered in the Town of Searsport.

In May we also held our annual awards banquet at the Searsport District High School. Corrections Officer Joshua Bowles was named Corrections Officer of the Year, and Det. Merl Reed was named Deputy of the Year.

By June, working in cooperation with Hampden Police and other Law Enforcement Officers, we had charged 27 minors for possession of alcohol by a minor. 4 others were charged with illegal transportation of liquor by a minor, and one adult was charged with furnishing liquor to minors. All of these charges were from April, May and June.

The months of May, June, July and August and into September we sent Patrol Deputies to the town of Islesboro. We were able to accomplish this with very minimal overtime being spent. We utilized "float days" and part-

time Deputies.

At the end of June, Lt. Bryant White retired from this Agency. A tremendous amount of police experience and knowledge left when Lt. White retired. Bryant had a career that exceeded 30 plus years. He was our polygraph officer and was in charge of the Detective Division.

In the month of August Detectives and Patrol Deputies searched 3 locations and harvested over 90 marijuana plants. These searches occurred in Belfast and Morrill.

Also in August Deputies responded to and investigated a fatal carsh on the Howard Road in Searsmont.

Lt. Jason Trundy was welcomed to our Patrol Division the middle of August. Jason has many years of experience both in corrections and in patrol.

In September we closed out our speed enforcement grant with the Bureau of Highway Safety. We were able to stay within the amount allotted in the grant. We had a very successful grant period making a total of 127 traffic stops for various motor vehicle law violations during the grant period from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Also in September, our Deputies responded to and investigated another fatal vehicle crash on Route 1 in Stockton Springs.

In October our Patrol and Detective Divisions cleared several residential burglaries that had occurred in the towns of Unity, Waldo and Freedom. As a result they recovered thousands of dollars worth of stolen property.

In October we had two new part-time Deputies join our ranks. Darrin Moody and Benjamin Wheeler entered our 300 hour Field Training Officer Program.

November saw our calls for services slow slightly, which was a welcome relief for our Deputies, as this has been an extremely busy year for them. Also, in November, we were notified by Deputy Glenn Graef that he would be leaving as a full-time Patrol Deputy at the end of December.

In November our Agency published its first "Quarterly Newsletter" to the citizens regarding our Agency. This was the brain child of Lt. Jason Trundy, and was accomplished by a lot of hard work by Lt. Trundy and Administrative Assistant Brenda Dakin.

December saw our calls for service go back up to 583 for the

month. We also covered a total of 92 traffic accidents, mostly due to slippery roads.

Our Deputies worked with the Searsport Police Department and executed a search warrant in the Town of Swanville where 3 pounds of marijuana, over 500 prescription pills and over \$26,000 in cash were seized and resulted in the arrest of 3 individuals.

Darrin Moody moved from part-time to full-time position in December to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Glenn Graef.

In summation, I am pleased to advise that our Agency is running well and continues to provide good, solid, and professional law enforcement, in a cost-effective manner to the citizens we serve in Waldo County.

2009 Activities in Review

Calls for service	7,142
Accidents	648
Fatal Accidents	3
9 1 1 Disconnects	368
Traffic Stops	2,280
Background Checks	316
Drunk Drivers (OUI)	67
Civil papers Served	2,073
Foreclosures	182

DETECTIVE DIVISION

This Agency received a complaint on October 1, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. from a homeowner of a residence on Moosehead Trail (Rt 7) in Waldo. The homeowner reported arriving home after being away for a short period of time to find that their home had been broken into. The homeowner discovered the garage door open and the inside of their home had been ransacked. Stolen in the burglary were jewelry, a Sony camera and docking station, cash and coin collections.

Detectives Merl Reed and Matt Curtis, Deputy Gerry Lincoln, Maine State Police Officers Jason Andrews and Jonah O’Roak responded to this complaint. Later on the same day, Waldo County Deputies, assisted by Belfast Police Officers, detained a male subject who was later taken into custody for an alleged violation of probation. The Ford LTD Sedan the individual was driving was seized by Deputies, a search warrant was obtained, the vehicle was searched and all of the property stolen from the residence was recovered. A Husqvarna chainsaw and pulp hooks that had been reported stolen from a residential burglary in early September on the Berry Road in Unity was also recovered in the vehicle.

On October 2, Waldo County Deputies and Maine State Police Officers executed a search warrant at a residence at 77 Glidden Road in Freedom. There the Officers found additional stolen property from the Unity burglary along with property identified as stolen from a residential burglary which occurred September, 2008 in the Town of Albion. Also recovered was property stolen from a residential burglary in the Town of Dixmont which had been reported stolen on September 28, 2009 as well as jewelry, old photographs and books, a Compaq lap top computer with screen saver “Keith” which have not been identified. The Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone who may be missing the above items to contact Lt. Jason Trundy or Detective Merl Reed at the Waldo County Sheriff’s Office at 338-2040.

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