



# FROM THE SHERIFF

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## FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF MANSFIELD

### Secure Communities A New Approach to Dealing with Criminal Aliens

When I became Sheriff in 2005, I immediately recognized a glaring problem in our ability to remove criminal aliens from our communities, along with an alarming lack of support from Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). The problem did not appear to be a lack of desire by ICE agents to do their jobs, but rather a lack of clear policy, differences in priorities and limited resources. Over the years, I have been working to strengthen our relationship resulting in an improved partnership with ICE. ICE has made significant progress in their ability to not only enforce federal immigration laws, but also to address our concerns and priorities in dealing with illegal aliens who commit crimes in our communities.

As Sheriff, my position and priority on issues involving criminal aliens is simple...whether they are here legally or illegally, if they commit crimes, they need to be put on “the bus” and sent back to whatever country they came from. In 2005, I was told that there were only so many seats on “the bus”. The ICE priority was split between rounding up illegal aliens whose only criminal act was not going through the immigration process and the legal and illegal aliens who had committed both state and federal crimes since being in the United States. From a safety and security standpoint, I felt the ICE policy was seriously flawed and it appears they have now modified their position and priority.

We have made progress. For example in 2009, only 34% of all illegal aliens removed from the United States were criminal aliens. Last year, that figure increased to 59%. With the implementation of the Secure Communities Initiative, which I will talk more about below, I expect this number to increase substantially in the next few years.

Recently, we have been offered an opportunity to further enhance public safety through an initiative called Secure Communities. With a goal of removing a larger percentage of illegal aliens from local jurisdictions and the United States when they have committed crimes, Secure Communities involves local collaboration with the Washington State Patrol (WSP), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in the use of biometric fingerprint data to help identify illegal criminal aliens.

The Secure Communities Initiative will improve and modernize the ability to identify and remove convicted criminal aliens from the United States. Secure Communities streamlines the process for our jail to share information and assist ICE in determining if an individual in local custody is a potentially removable criminal alien.

As of March 1, 2011, biometric identification was available in 1,074 jurisdictions in 39 states and since October 2008, more than 6.1 million fingerprint submissions have been processed, resulting in more than

120,000 convicted criminal aliens taken into ICE custody and more than 62,000 convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

In the near future, I anticipate most, if not all, county jails in Washington State will be involved with Secure Communities. I am targeting July 2011 as the implementation date upon which the fingerprints of every current and future inmate booked into the Lewis County Jail will be available to ICE.

The enforcement of immigration laws and social concerns over racial profiling are very sensitive issues. Having been thoroughly briefed on the Secure Communities Initiative, I am very comfortable with the philosophy and process involved. This is not profiling, as all inmates booked into the Lewis County Jail will have fingerprints submitted, as they have in the past. The new link now is between the FBI and ICE, who will have access to this database, and they will be able to immediately identify and place holds on criminal aliens. It's not perfect, but it is a move in the right direction in making our community safer and a more secure place to live. At the same time, we will be doing our part locally to help address the complex issue of illegal immigration without jeopardizing public safety for everyone who lives in Lewis County.

*Sheriff Steve*

The following link to the ICE website can be viewed for additional information:

[http://www.ice.gov/secure\\_communities/](http://www.ice.gov/secure_communities/)

## PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX PROGRAM



Director of Property Management Isabelle Williams and Sheriff Steve Mansfield empty the drop box at the Law & Justice Center in Chehalis.

In partnership with Lewis County Public Health & Social Services, the Sheriff's Office has developed a prescription drug disposal program for Lewis County residents to use to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription medications.

By properly disposing of medications, the potential for medications to fall into the hands of children, teenagers, or adults who may misuse them is reduced.

Additionally, this important program will help protect our environment and drinking water supply as unused medicine will no longer be flushed down the toilet or put in the garbage.

Funding for the initial secure disposal bins was provided by Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking (NW HIDTA). The drop box at the Lewis County Law & Justice Center was installed in November and as of June 15th, 84.32 pounds of unwanted medications have been removed from the drop box.

"Many citizens aren't aware of their options for the disposal of unused medicines, and sometimes dispose of them improperly or leave them sitting in cabinets and drawers. I hope the citizens of Lewis County will take full advantage of the ability to safely dispose of their unwanted medications," said Sheriff Steve Mansfield.

### DROP BOX LOCATIONS IN LEWIS COUNTY

Lewis County Law & Justice Center (Inside)  
345 W. Main Street, Chehalis

Centralia Police Department (Outside)  
316 N. Pearl Street, Centralia

Morton Police Department (Outside)  
260 Main Street, Morton

Sheriff's Office Packwood Substation (Inside)  
12990 US Highway 12, Packwood

Winlock Police Department (Inside)  
323 NE 1st Street, Winlock

## BAILEY'S IGA IN MORTON TO HOST K-9 FUNDRAISER



Bailey's IGA is hosting a fundraiser for the Sheriff's Office K-9 program. Those who donate will get a dog bone with their name inscribed and placed on the wall in the store.



Then on July 16th, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Bailey's will host a kids festival in the parking lot of the grocery store. Sheriff's Office K-9 Leko and his handler, Deputy Gabe Frase, will be on hand at noon. There will be activities for the kids, along with an Operation ID station where kids can be fingerprinted.

Bring your family and come join in the festivities!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**\$1,000 Scholarship of Excellence**

**Brianna Teitzel**

**W. F. West High School**

**\$500 Cardinal Scholarship**

**Alisha Miller**

**Winlock High School**



*Good luck in reaching  
your career goals!*

# LEWIS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

## Chehalis Shop'n Kart YARD BIRDS MALL



The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association (LCSOA) is in the process of planning a law enforcement memorial to honor all officers in Lewis County who have died in the line of duty. Permission has been granted by Lewis County to use a location outside the entryway of the Lewis County Law & Justice Center for the memorial. This location is highly visible by all citizens entering the building. Our goal is to complete the project by the fall of 2012. At that time, the Sheriff's Association will dedicate the memorial to all law enforcement officers who willingly risk their lives each day while protecting others.



The Association's fundraising efforts are underway. A hot dog lunch and bake sale was held in May. Shop'n Kart owner Darris McDaniel donated the supplies for the hot dog lunch, along with barbeques, a tent and other supplies.

Above: McGruff greeting McDonald's patrons. Below: Detective Kimsey working the drive through.



Sheriff's Office employees then worked a "McTakeover" at the Chehalis McDonald's on May 26th. After a crash training course, Sheriff's employees went to work waiting on customers. McGruff & Safety Pup were there to greet the children. McDonald's generously donated a percentage of the profits made during the two hour time span to the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Thank you to Shop'n Kart & McDonald's for their generous support of the memorial project!

Additional information on the project and our upcoming fundraisers is posted on the Sheriff's Office website at [www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff) and click on Pennies for Protectors. Donations to the memorial are also being accepted. Checks can be made payable to LCSOA Memorial Project, and mailed to the Sheriff's Office at 345 W. Main Street, Chehalis, WA 98532.

### Officers to be Memorialized:

Deputy Stephen "Mike" Gallagher  
End of Watch 08-18-2009  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Richard Snider  
End of Watch 02-08-1986  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

K-9 Ward  
End of Watch 10-15-85  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Ernest Runke  
End of Watch 09-19-1957  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Seth "Riv" Jackson  
End of Watch 04-07-1937  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Deputized Civilian John M. Haney  
End of Watch 11-15-1919  
Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Officer William H. Smith  
End of Watch 12-23-1910  
Centralia Police Department

Marshal James C. A. Parsons  
End of Watch 06-30-1903  
Centralia Police Department

# Lewis County Sheriff's Office Employee of the Year Awards for 2010

**Corrections Bureau - Corrections Officer Bobby Jacobsen**  
**Operations Bureau - Deputy Matt Wallace**  
**Support Staff - Ramona Romine**



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES WASPC ACCREDITATION AWARD

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office was formally presented the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Accreditation Award at the spring conference in Yakima on May 25th. The accreditation process took the Sheriff's Office over a year to complete.



Only about 50 agencies statewide have met the accreditation standards and have been awarded accredited agency status. The process takes considerable time, effort and determination to complete and occurs in seven phases—Interest and contract; self-assessment; on-site assessment and evaluation; accreditation commission review; executive board review; award and re-accreditation.

"This formal accreditation is something our office and the community should be very proud of. The men and women employed by this office continually strive to make a positive difference in our community. The accreditation is just another way to show members of this community how truly professional and progressive our office is. The formal accreditation does not change the standard of excellence I have always expected from members of my office but it does prove to the public that we are following the best practices and models set forth by Washington State law enforcement," said Sheriff Steve Mansfield.

### ***About the WASPC Accreditation Program***

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Accreditation Program is intended to provide law enforcement agencies of this state an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly accepted standards for efficient and effective operation. The program is voluntary and is open to all general law enforcement agencies having primary responsibility for the enforcement of Washington criminal and traffic laws.

Accreditation is a way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The key to this successful system lies in the consensus of published and circulated standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. The benefits of Accreditation include: Increase public confidence and credibility in the agency; provide a systemized agency self-assessment; broaden perspectives; intensify administrative and operational effectiveness; ensure recruitment, selection and promotion processes are fair and equitable; strengthen understanding of agency policies and procedures by agency personnel; improve agency morale and pride; decrease susceptibility to litigation and costly civil court settlements; potentially reduce liability insurance costs; provide state and local recognition of professional compe-

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

The number of registered motorcycles on our public roadways has increased in recent years. Higher gas prices and warmer weather have also contributed to the increase in the number of motorcycles on our roads. Unfortunately, traffic related deaths are also on the rise. From an automobile driver's perspective, it's natural to conclude that most fatalities can be attributed to the motorcycle's relatively small profile when compared to that of a car. Some drivers don't recognize a motorcycle; they usually just don't see it. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it really is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car. However, motorcycle riders themselves can be at fault. Statistics show the top three rider-causes of motorcycle crashes are alcohol or drug impairment, improper lane position, and speeding.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) provides the following guidelines for riding a motorcycle safely:

## **Be visible:**

- ⇒ Motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- ⇒ Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- ⇒ Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- ⇒ Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- ⇒ Flash your brake lights when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- ⇒ If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.



## **Dress for safety:**

- ⇒ Wear a quality helmet and eye protection, bright clothing and a light colored helmet.
- ⇒ Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- ⇒ Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.

The only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

## **Apply effective mental strategies:**

- ⇒ Constantly search the road for changing conditions.
- ⇒ Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- ⇒ Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- ⇒ Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- ⇒ Watch for turning vehicles.
- ⇒ Signal your next move in advance.
- ⇒ Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- ⇒ Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- ⇒ Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

## **Know your bike and how to use it:**

- ⇒ Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- ⇒ Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

**Remember, be wary of other drivers, don't take unnecessary risks and obey the rules of the road at all times!**



The Lewis County Crime Stopper Program turned on their phones in 1995, giving local citizens a means to report tip information anonymously, along with the possibility of receiving a cash reward if the information they provide leads to the arrest or filing of charges.

Since launching the program, over 2,400 tips have been received. Tip information provided to Crime Stoppers is passed on to the appropriate law enforcement agency and investigated. To date, the non-profit organization has paid out \$40,950 to anonymous tipsters. Information provided has also led to the recovery of \$1,571,843 in property, \$1,551,820 in drugs seized, and to the arrest of 307 criminals.

Each week a "Crime of the Week" is highlighted in local newspapers, radio stations, the Crime Stopper website, along with being posted in the lobby of the Law & Justice Center, Lewis County Jail and in several other locations.

Crime Stoppers is a unique crime fighting tool that creates a partnership between the media, private citizens, businesses, and local law enforcement in an organized effort to solve crimes and put criminals behind bars. Citizens are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers if they have tip information that could assist law enforcement. **Remember, you never have to leave your name!**



**To report an anonymous tip, call 1-800-748-6422  
or go on-line at [www.lewiscountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.lewiscountycrimestoppers.org)  
to report a tip through the on-line submission form.**

**CELEBRATE SAFELY & LEGALLY THIS FOURTH OF JULY**

***Be Prepared, Be Safe, Be Responsible***

***Be prepared before you light fireworks***

- Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets.
- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Keep pets safe indoors.
- Always keep water handy.

***Be safe when lighting fireworks***

- Only adults should light fireworks.
- Only use outdoors.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
- Protect your eyes.
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
- Never relight a "dud."
- Be considerate of your neighbors and family pets.

***Be responsible after you finish lighting fireworks***

- Soak used fireworks in water.
- Be considerate—clean up used fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.



**DATES & HOURS FIREWORKS CAN BE DISCHARGED**

*(Except cities with restrictions or bans—Cities of Centralia & Vader)*

**June 28th**

Between 12:00 noon & 11:00 p.m.

**June 29th - July 3rd**

Between 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.

**July 4th**

Between 9:00 a.m. & Midnight

**July 5th**

Between 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.