



PRESS RELEASE

Come Learn About Law Enforcement from Deputies

September 27, 2013 — The Washington County Sheriff's Office will begin accepting applications for deputy on Saturday, October 5. We are asking for the public's help in finding the best possible applicants for entry level patrol and jail deputy positions.

With a mission to conserve the peace in all the communities of Washington County, Sheriff Pat Garrett believes some of the best deputy candidates may go undetected. He is asking citizens to look around them and encourage people who they believe would make a good deputy to apply. If you call 9-1-1 or have a neighbor dispute, what type of person do you want to respond?

The Sheriff's Office employs 240 law enforcement deputies and 138 jail deputies, along with 161 civilians. The Sheriff's Office has a goal to hire staff who represent the demographics of the communities we serve and, as an agency, we do well. However, on the enforcement side, several females hired in the late 1980's have become eligible for retirement. Four have retired in the past year.

Undersheriff Jeff Mori explains, "While the Sheriff's Office will always hire the best candidates identified through our rigorous selection process, we are also mindful of the important contributions female deputies have made in patrol. While men are commonly drawn to this line of work, we want to be sure women are also considering police work among their potential career or second career choices."

Toward that end, the Sheriff's Office is making female and male **deputies available in the community on three different occasions** with a very special goal. They are being asked to talk about their work, what they enjoy and find challenging, and to describe what attracted them to this profession. If you know someone who might make a great deputy, please encourage them to attend one of these events, each is from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm:

- Tuesday, October 1, Sheriff's Bethany Substation, 4744 NW Bethany Blvd, Portland
- Thursday, October 3, Ava Roasteria, 15135 SW Barrows Road, Unit 137, Beaverton
- Monday, October 7, Peets Coffee, Bridgeport Village, 7471 SW Bridgeport Rd #G, Tigard

The Sheriff's Office is also hosting a **Recruitment Fair** on Thursday, October 10, from 8:00 am to noon, at the Hillsboro Headquarters, 215 SW Adams Avenue.

Undersheriff Mori encourages all qualified applicants to apply online October 5-18 at www.WCSheriff-OR.com. "When deputies respond to calls, a wide variety of skills improve communications, such as experience working with the mentally ill or speaking a second language. We want a strong pool of applicants who live the **Sheriff's Office core values: Do Your Best, Do the Right Thing, and Treat Other People the Way You Want to be Treated**. This is our first step in hiring people who understand and relate to the citizens we serve." Also visit www.co.washington.or.us/sonews.