



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Crisis Negotiation Unit Recognized at Competition

October 20, 2015—The Washington County Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) team competed in the two-day 2015 Pacific Northwest Crisis Negotiator Seminar and Competition that concluded on Friday, October 16, 2015. The competition, which has continued to intensify each year, consisted of eight negotiations teams from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and 185 attendees.

Each team was provided identical simultaneous hostage scenarios and was judged by experienced negotiators from as far away as British Columbia. Negotiators worked on the complex scenario for more than five hours as they gathered over 50 pages of critical intelligence information. They then utilized that information into a team strategy for a safe resolution to the incident. There were two teams that raised above all the rest to tie for first place.

Congratulations to the Washington County Crisis Negotiation Unit and the Salem Police Tactical Negotiation Team for outstanding performances and the award of first place in the 2015 Pacific Northwest Crisis Negotiator Seminar and Competition.

The mission of the CNU is to defuse and de-escalate potentially life-threatening situations through the use of proven crisis management techniques. They also provide incident command with specially trained crisis negotiation and intelligence personnel to bring about peaceful resolutions to volatile situations. The CNU regularly trains and deploys with the Washington County Tactical Negotiation Team.

