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It has been an incredible year here at the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

Grant County is one of the 20th oldest Oregon Counties. Our first Sheriff, M. P. Berry served his term in 1864-65 It was the wild west then, and at times still seems to be.

We are unbelievably busy for such a small Office, and have been putting in more work than at any time in our 158-year history. I am thankful for each and every one of you that has taken the effort to make this Office what it is today.

You and your co-workers have handled over 7020 calls for service this year, along with 781 cases documented. And on top of that 741 paper processes were served and over 520 Concealed Handgun Licenses were issued or renewed.

341 bookings were performed and 13,500 meals were served in the jail. Our Jail inspection also netted the highest percentage yet to date. Over 50 persons were individually served by Community Corrections, helping them to find a better way. This compounded through family and children and relatives, affects conservatively hundreds through positive interaction.

And, we absorbed the policing duties for the City of John Day, which left the Sheriff's Office as the only local government Law Enforcement in the County, for all ten of our cities and the many unincorporated towns.

It has been a record year, needless to say.

I know it has been a strain, and want you to know the numbers behind it. I am proud of what we have accomplished with so few, and hope to increase our staffing and ease the burden on you all. The year has not been without its adversity, and some significant events. Deaths, murders, fires, missing persons, trial, retirements, departures, and the like.

When history looks back on the Grant County Sheriff's Office of the 2020's, records will show that the staff of that era took to heart the Oath of Office, and "well and truly performed the duties of Deputy Sheriff to the best of their ability, so help them God."

Thank you.

Todd McKinley

Sheriff