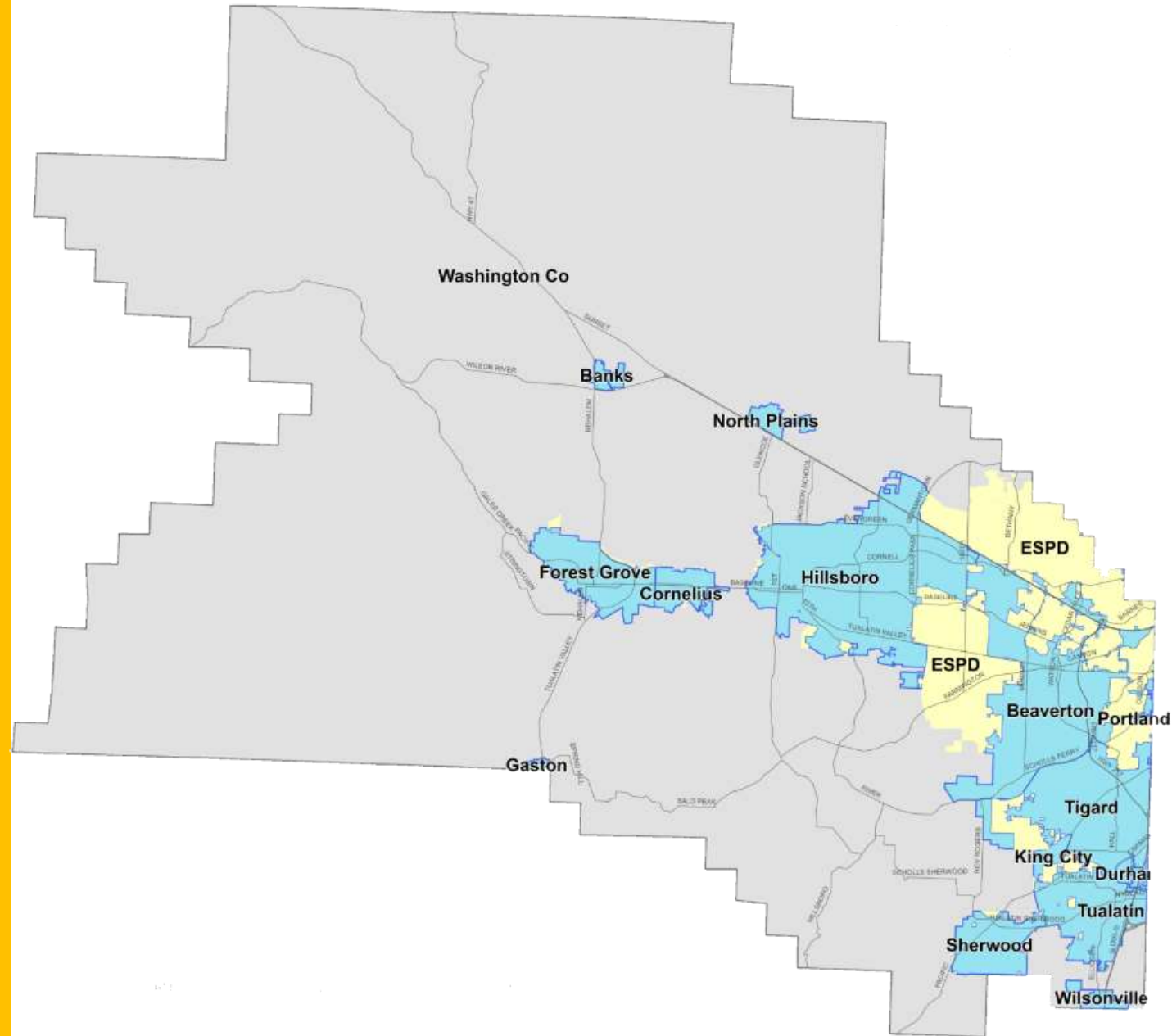# Washington County Sheriff's Office Updates

Tualatin City Council

December 12, 2022

Wherever You Live, We Serve You

- About 600+ professionals and 275+ volunteers

- Manage Washington County's only jail

- Provide county-wide services to 629,000 community members

- Primary first responders for rural, urban unincorporated residents and our municipal contract partners

- Safest major urban county in Oregon*

*Data provided by FBI National Incident Based Report System (NIBRS) Overall Crime Rate for 2021

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Mission and Values

The Sheriff is the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace of the county (Oregon Revised Statute 206.010)

MISSION: Conserving the peace through values driven services

1. Do your best
2. Do the right thing
3. Treat others the way you want to be treated

STRATEGIC GOALS:

1. Strengthen staff relationships, foster professionalism, and build trust.
2. Be accountable in our commitment to our team and community.
3. Be the safest major urban county in Oregon.
4. Provide excellent customer service.
5. Be financially responsible.

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Sheriff's Statutory Duties

913 Oregon statutes mention the Sheriff. The general duties of the Sheriff are set out in ORS chapter 206.

- Arrest individuals who commit crimes

- Defend the county against those who riot or endanger the public peace or safety

- Upon call, attend the Supreme Court and County Court and obey all Court Orders

- **Provide security for State and Justice Courts**

- **Search and Rescue**

- **Operate the County Jail**

- **Execute civil process and court orders**

- **Execute all warrants**

- **Process and issue concealed handgun licenses**

- **Enforce laws on waterways**

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Civil Services

The Sheriff's Office Civil Unit is responsible for booking, serving, and enforcing court orders and documents issued by the courts.

For 2021:

- **6,544 Cases Served**

  - Restraining or protective orders

  - Small claim notices

  - Summons

  - Subpoenas

  - Child support documents

- Writs of garnishment

- Foreclosures of real or personal property

- Writs of assistance

- Property seizures

- Other orders of the courts
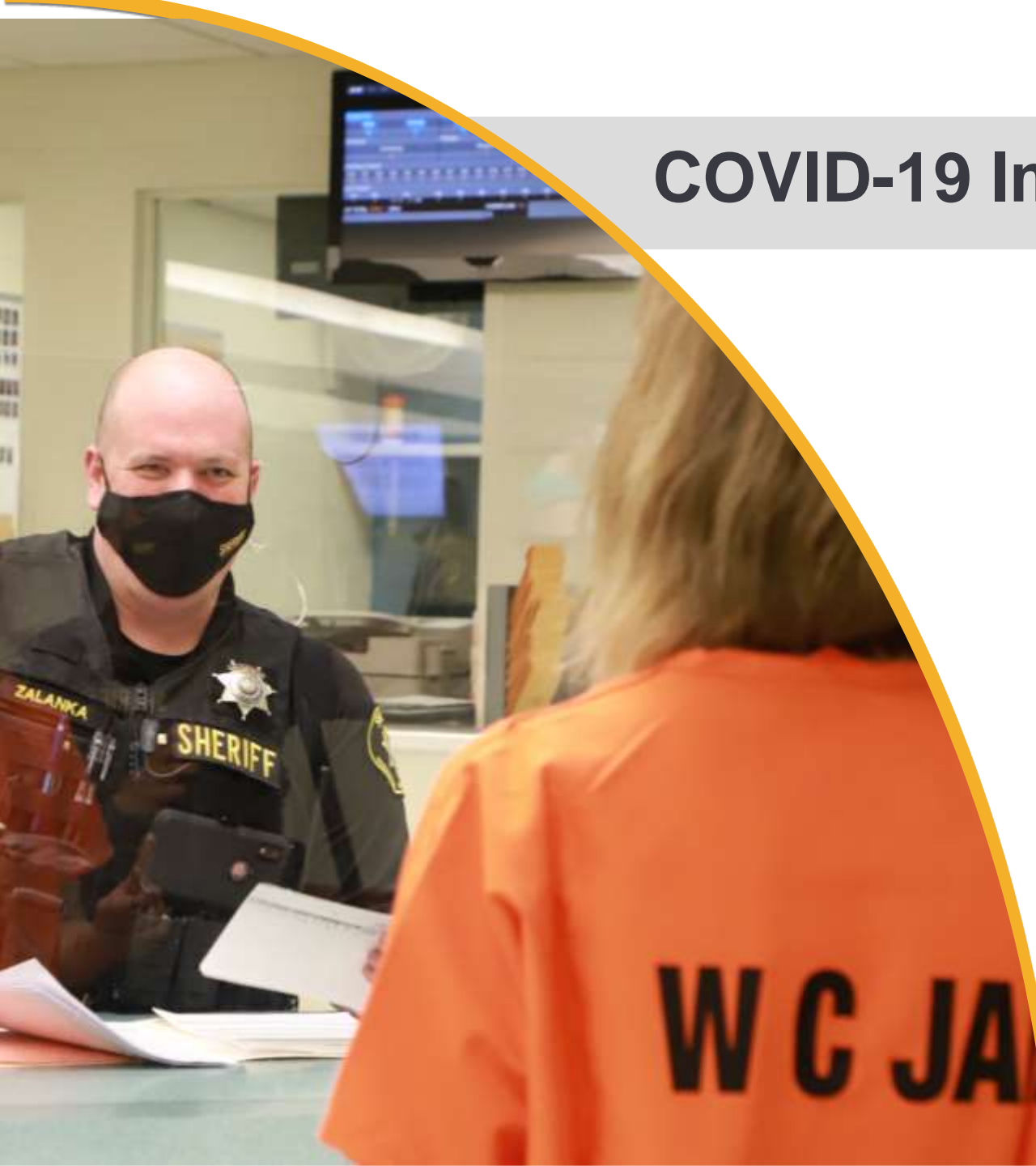
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Managing Washington County's Only Jail

The Washington County jail supports the entire justice system and is a requirement of the Oregon Constitution.

The jail maintains custody of criminal offenders sentenced to a term of incarceration of no more than one year and holds pre-adjudicated individuals the court finds too dangerous for release.

- Jail opened in 1998

- Second smallest jail per 1,000 residents for any county in Oregon

- 572 beds – 508 available beds due to staffing shortage
  - 80 female
  - 24 medical observation
  - 40 segregation
  - 364 general population male

- 10,585 bookings in 2021

- 294 bookings for Tualatin in 2021

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COVID-19 Impacts on Jail Management

- Mandatory masking
- Temporary booking restrictions/capacity limitations
- Distancing
- Return to accepting all arrests and warrants in April 2022
- Facilitate defense attorney visits with clients
- Pandemic-caused court slowdown resulted in a higher percentage of dangerous adults in custody
- Increase in jail population with substance use and/or behavioral health issues

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Navigating Long Term COVID Impacts

- Characteristics and management needs of those in custody make an already challenging job more difficult and have lasting impacts on recruitment and retention
  - Similar justice system pressures on District Attorney, defense bar, Community Corrections, courts
- Services to help reduce recidivism and support transition back to the community
- Robust mental health services
- Substance abuse issues – Narcan response to help address fentanyl threat

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Interagency Teams Improve Countywide Safety

- Certain calls for service or public safety incidents may require an additional response.

- Interagency response teams support healthy outcomes by:
  - Increase potential for peaceful resolution to incidents with high-risk factors.
  - Better meet the needs of those with mental illness
  - Provide expertise needed for complex investigations.

- Respond to calls anywhere in the County and support police functions of all agencies.

Interagency Teams Improve Countywide Safety

Multi-agency teams respond together to all high-risk public safety issues

- **Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT)** - conserve public safety during hazardous situations where conventional police tactics or equipment may be inadequate

- **Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)** – create peaceful solutions by establishing rapport with person or persons in crisis

2021 Countywide Activations

TNT	128
CNU	86
Individuals Detained	124
Use of Force Resulting in Injury	1

Criminal Apprehension Team

- The highly trained deputies assigned to CAT track and arrest offenders wanted for serious felony crimes.

- The team verifies the 2,011 registered sex offenders currently in the county remain in compliance with the laws and their registration requirements.

- The combined effort of patrol deputies and this team's hard work improve community safety and maintain offender compliance.

Criminal Apprehension Team (CAT) 2021 Activity

Home Visits	1,160
Arrests	332

Mental Health Response Team (MHRT)

- MHRT **includes a deputy and a Master's level mental health clinician** paired together.

- As a team, there is more opportunity for problem-solving on scene; minimizing the risk of a situation escalating; help those in crisis get medical attention, often instead of being taken to jail.

- Partnership with Behavioral Health and Lifeworks NW

- After 10 years of serving the County, MHRT grew from four to eight teams.
  - Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tualatin/Tigard/Sherwood, TriMet

2021 MHRT Calls For Service

MHRT Calls for Service	**2,472**
Patrol Calls with MHRT Support	**1,608**
Cornelius calls with MHRT	**53**

Supporting a Safe Community

- TNT Quick Reaction Team (QRT) was on-site ready to respond to any life safety incidents during the 2022 Pumpkin Regatta

- Assisted Tualatin PD with high-risk arrests/attempts to contact, including a barricaded suicidal subject

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THANK YOU