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WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Correctional Supervisor of the Year

Washington County Sergeant David Stumpner selected as recipient of 2022 Minnesota Sheriffs' Association award



Pictured: Sergeant David Stumpner (center) received his award at the 2022 Jail Administrators Conference in September. L-R Sergeant Nick Klinkner, Lieutenant John Warnake, Sergeant David Stumpner, Sergeant Jacqueline Dahms, Sheriff Dan Starry, and Commander Roger Heinen

Sheriff Starry and fellow Washington County Jail supervisory staff were honored to be present at the 2022 Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Jail Administrators Conference earlier this month where Sergeant David Stumpner was awarded Correctional Supervisor of the Year.

Sergeant Stumpner began his career in Washington County as a Correctional Officer in 1999 before being promoted to Sergeant in 2010. Sergeant Stumpner has worked as a Shift Sergeant, Administrative Operations Sergeant, and currently serves as the Sergeant of our Jail Programs unit.

Sergeant Stumpner was chosen for this award because he exemplifies servant leadership. He is a hard worker, always engaged and willing to

help anyone at anytime. He is a positive leader who sees the "big picture", recently implementing inmate tablets, a new GPS and electronic home monitoring system, and is on the verge of introducing inmate video visitation. He is well-liked by his peers and programmers and is seen as a person with great integrity and dependability.

David said that he was humbled and honored to be recognized, but that any success he has had is because of his teammates and peers who have been there for him. David is married with two daughters and enjoys nature, rock hunting and visiting his native Iowa.

This recognition is well-deserved and we are proud to have Sergeant Stumpner on our team.

- Commander Roger Heinen, Jail Division

Your Stats
at a glance

Incidents

21

Citations

2



Welcome Odie!

In July, the Sheriff's Office welcomed a brand new K9 to the Narcotics Unit. Odie is a 3-year old German Wirehaired Pointer from Texas. Odie has been certified in drug detection by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) after four weeks of intensive training with his handler.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Laura Perkins
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Laura Perkins has been serving in the newly-created Public Information Officer (PIO) position since last December after having previously worked for the Washington County Sheriff's Office as a deputy from 2014-2020.

During her time as a deputy, Laura worked patrol in Newport, Mahtomedi, and the Lower St. Croix Valley, was a Field Training Officer, firearms instructor, explorers advisor, SWAT negotiator, and community engagement team member. Prior to joining WCSO, Laura was the first female police officer in her hometown of La Crescent, Minnesota.

As the PIO, Laura is responsible for all media relations, internal and external communications, social media, community outreach and engagement, and all other mass communication. She serves in this role for both the Sheriff's Office and the Washington County Attorney's Office.

Laura enjoys spending time with her husband and two young sons, ages 5 and (almost) 2.

Back-to-school with Washington County SROs

WCSO provides school resource officers, or "SROs" at Mahtomedi Public Schools and Oak-Land Middle School. Our SROs are carefully selected and specially trained to enhance safety and security, build constructive and supportive relationships with students, parents, and staff, and collaborate to solve problems. These officers become an integral part of their respective school communities and make a significant impact on our youth.

Deputy Jason Stafne is in his first year as an SRO at Oak-Land Middle School and says he is really enjoying his new role. He looks forward to the challenges to come and getting to know more students throughout the year.

Deputy Kelly Olson is currently in her third year as Mahtomedi Public School's SRO. She says growing up she didn't know if she wanted to be a teacher or a police officer, and now she says she gets the best of both worlds! Deputy Olson's favorite part of being an SRO are the connections she gets to make with students on a daily basis. She also loves the opportunity to coach softball and volleyball for Mahtomedi.



Pictured: Oak-Land Middle School School Resource Officer Deputy Jason Stafne (L) and Mathomedi Public School Resource Officer Deputy Kelly Olson (R) on the first day of school.

Online Survey: All-Hazard Mitigation Planning



Every five years, Washington County Emergency Management updates the All Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies risks and vulnerabilities as well as opportunities to lessen or eliminate potential future risks in the communities. By doing so, our neighborhoods and communities become more resilient.

You and other city representatives have been meeting with Washington County Emergency Management as we work through the 2022-2023 update, and we are looking for additional input from our community members.

We have created a quick online survey designed for individuals who live or work in Washington County to tell us their experiences or concerns regarding hazards that affect or could affect our county.

Please share the link to our online survey to your residents as you are able:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WX6SHWY>

Dive Team Training



In September, the Washington County Water Recovery Team traveled to Lake Superior for three days of intensive training off the Apostle Islands. The clarity of the water provided maximum visibility for divers to practice basic diving skills, nighttime diving skills, and use of the underwater robot while exploring sunken ships that remain in the harbor from the 1900's.

The Water Recovery Team is operational year round and utilizes divers and specialized equipment to search for and recover decedents or evidence. They service all bodies of water in Washington County and have also assisted in recovery efforts around the region.

Shop with a Cop

Just before school began, WCSO hosted a group of Lake Elmo students at this year's "Shop with a Cop: Back to School". Deputies, correctional officers, telecommunicators, and support staff had the pleasure of accompanying these young shoppers as they picked out school supplies, shoes, clothing, and anything else they might need to get ready for the new school year! This event was sponsored by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Target-Oakdale, Mike & Sharon Tolva, Pizza Ranch, and Walgreens.

