



# BIRCHWOOD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 2024



## “YOU’RE NOT ALONE”

Chances are, when most people think of the Washington County Jail, a positive experience probably isn’t top of mind. But thanks to two social workers operating there largely behind the scenes since April 2021, some jail inmates may leave with better access to resources than when they arrived.

Kesha Marson and Meg Mickulski, who are part of Washington County Community Services posted in the jail, helped launch the jail’s embedded social services program that is aimed to help people in acute crisis during initial intake, as well as with ongoing mental health support during the average stay of 7 to 10 days. Both social workers visit with 8 to 10 people a day, make sure inmates’ families and case workers know they are there, ensure access to required medications, and help correctional staff de-escalate situations. Marson and Mickulski also provide referrals for transportation, housing, job searches, substance abuse treatment, as well as medical and mental health care in hopes of moving forward once people are released.

The team’s main message: “You’re not here alone.”

NUMBER OF  
INCIDENTS

27

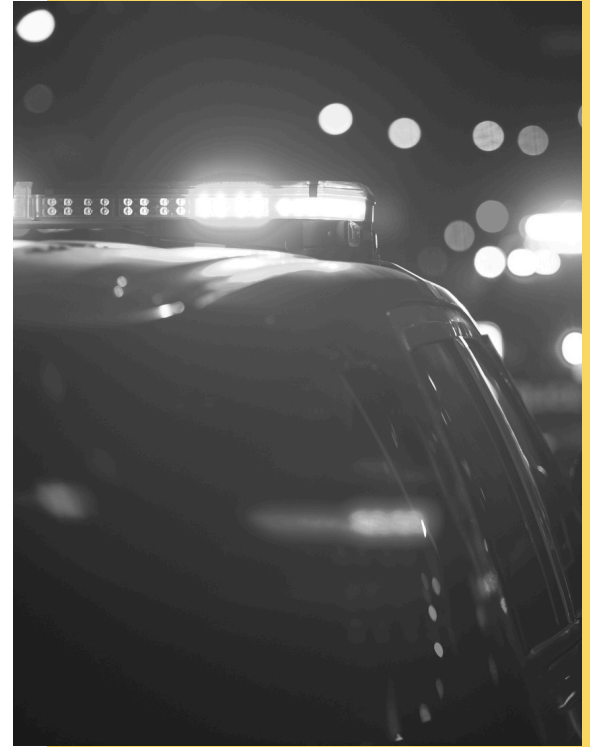
TRAFFIC  
STOPS

28

# WC24034811 ACCIDENT

WILDWOOD AVENUE & EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

At 11:17am on July 3, deputies and medics responded to a reported two-vehicle accident involving injuries. Upon arrival, a deputy found a Subaru Crosstrek facing northwest in the middle of the intersection; it had sustained heavy damage and its airbags were deployed. The deputy spoke with the sole occupant, who was moving freely but had several cuts and seemed dazed and unsure if they had lost consciousness or not. The deputy then checked on the Ford Bronco, which had come to rest in the yard of a home on East County Line Road. The driver of the Bronco, which also had heavy damage with airbags deployed, was confused and unable to answer many simple questions. Two witnesses reported that the Subaru had been stopped at a stop sign when it was rear-ended by the Bronco. One witness said the Bronco had been driving erratically and was speeding before the crash. Both drivers were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.



## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Last month marked my 31st anniversary of service at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Through the years, I've been privileged to serve many roles here: patrol, K9 and investigations, moving from deputy to sergeant, commander, chief deputy and, finally, sheriff. My entire career has been with Washington County, and I've done my best to support our many deputies, correctional officers, and public safety telecommunicators.

In 2024 alone, we've been fortunate to hire 11 additional deputies, 9 correctional officers and 2 telecommunicators, and these public servants will be our leaders in the future. Our most recent swearing-in ceremony, which I consider among the most meaningful events we observe, was on July 6.

I'm proud of all the people who make up WCSO and I know that they are all guided each day by the motto I have followed throughout my time here: "Do the right thing even when no one is watching."

In service,

Sheriff Dan Starry