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***Serving the
Citizens of Waldo
County since 1827***

Waldo County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Statement

Thank you for taking the time to read the first ever Waldo County Sheriff's Office Newsletter. This Newsletter was put together with contributions from several divisions of the Sheriff's Office in an effort to keep you, the reader, informed with what is going on with YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Within this Newsletter you will find some recent statistical information regarding law enforcement activity as well as a number of other items of interest pertaining to the law enforcement, corrections and civil divisions.

As your Sheriff, I am responsible to provide these services in the most cost effective manner possible. Living within a budget that is reviewed and ultimately approved by officials representing your communities, we look hard to find grants that will help reduce the tax burden on the property tax payers. This year alone we have received over forty thousand dollars in grant funds to help provide in-cruiser digital video cameras, bullet proof vests, traffic enforcement overtime costs and traffic enforcement equipment. This has been accomplished by some very aggressive work by many people, including the County's Grant Writer. This is equipment and compensation that would normally be required to be a budget item over several years. We have also recently instituted a fleet management service for fuel purchasing and consumption monitoring to assist in saving money with one of our largest expenses.

You will read later in this Newsletter about the new mission of the Corrections Division. With the implementation of the new state and county uni-

Scott L. Story

fied corrections system, it was very apparent that with the aged structure we were working out of, as well as the high staff-to-inmate ratio driven by the physical plant, it didn't take a great leap to know that we would be subject to closure and downsized to a simple 72 hour hold facility. Our proactive approach to find a "need" in the new system, and adjust our staffing and facility to provide that need, support from the County Commissioners, and State Board of Corrections, has brought us to where we are today, preparing to open a new Re-Entry facility.

I hope that you find this Newsletter informative and we encourage feedback so that we may improve it as we move forward. I would also like to encourage anyone who has any questions or concerns with this Agency to contact us. After all, we are YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE and we work for you, THE CITIZENS OF WALDO COUNTY.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Scott L. Story, Sheriff

Robert B. Keating, Chief Deputy

Robert Walker, Captain

Jason W. Trundy, Lt.

Kathy Cunningham, Admin. Assist

Brenda Dakin, Admin. Assist.

STATISTICS

July:

Assault	3
Burglary	7
Citizen Dispute	22
Radar detail	12
Family fights	13
Traffic Accident PD	39
Traffic Accident PI	8
Violation PO	4

August:

Assault	11
Burglary, Res	5
Citizen Dispute	36
Detail Radar	16
Family Fight	14
Traffic Accident PD	2
Traffic Accident PI	13
Violation PO	2

September:

Assault	2
Burglary	15
Citizen dispute	25
Family Fight	16
Traffic Accident Fatal	1
Traffic Accident PD	37
Traffic Accident PI	11

Detective Matt Curtis

Detective Jason Bosco

Detective Merl Reed

K-9 Neva

Chief Deputy's Report**Robert B. Keating**

The Sheriff's Office has had a busy year to date. In the first 9 months our Deputies have responded to 5,380 calls for service. During the month of July, our Deputies responded to 653 calls for service, an increase of 20 calls from the month of June. In August there were 699 calls for service which shows a 28% increase from 2008 when our Deputies responded to 543 calls and in the month of September Deputies responded to 591 calls for service and covered 48 traffic accidents, one of which was a fatal crash, compared to September of 2008, when our Officers responded to 490 calls. In the month of July Deputies conducted 279 traffic stops and 215 in August and for the month of September made 209 traffic stops for various motor vehicle law violations. During the month of July this Agency's Deputies made six arrests for OUI.

During the month of August this Agency's Detective Division executed 4 search warrants after locating marijuana growing on properties within the County. A total of 106 marijuana plants were removed during the execution of these search warrants.

During the 2009 season, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office removed 1,070 marijuana plants within the County of Waldo. Some of these were indoor grows

During the months of July, August and September our Deputies continued working radar details and have continued working on the detection and harvesting of illegal marijuana plants and as a result, numerous individuals have been charged.

During the month of July our Detective Division arrested several individuals in connection with a residential burglary in which several hundred dollars worth of stolen property was recovered together with numerous checks that were stolen from the residence. Those checks were being cashed in Waldo and Kennebec Counties. In addition, our Detective Division has worked hard during the month of August on various burglaries and obtaining and executing search warrants. They have worked closely with other law enforcement agencies in the County as well as the Maine Drug Enforce-

ment Agency in this regard. In one day alone, our Detectives and Patrol Deputies searched three locations, one by "consent search" and two under search warrants. On this day they harvested 90 marijuana plants on the Hunt Road in Belfast and on White Oak Lane in Morrill.

During the month of July we responded to 47 traffic accidents, during the month of August 51, as well as a fatal car crash and responded to 49 traffic accidents in September. During the month of July we responded to 37-911 hang-up calls, during the month of August responded to 34-911 hang-up calls and 32 -911 calls in the month of September.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

which were started early in the spring. Out of the 1,070 plants which were eradicated this year, we were unable to trace 63 plants back to the owner. The Detective's Division executed a total of 16 search warrants which were drug related. The Agency's K-9 (Neva) was requested by a Deputy at a traffic stop. Neva found a useable amount of marijuana inside the vehicle as well as a small plastic baggy of marijuana that a passenger had concealed in his

front pants pocket. The passenger turned the marijuana over to the deputy once Neva indicated on his pocket.

NEVA—K-9

In June of 2006, then Deputy, Merl Reed approached Sheriff Story with a proposal to add a drug canine unit to the Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office. We were extremely fortunate to have had Francis Plessner, of Morrill, Maine, who owns a kennel in Morrill and breeds working dogs, donate a Chocolate Labrador Retriever named Neva to this Agency for drug detection purposes. Neva, at the time she became a member of this Agency,

was 2 years old, her birthday being June 1, 2005.

Neva and her handler, Merl Reed, began their training on September 11, 2006 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine, and completed their training on November 3, 2006. Neva and Detective Reed are required to attend training which is conducted by the Maine State Police K-9 Unit twice a month. It is also a requirement that Neva be recer-

tified under the Maine Criminal Justice Academy standards twice a year.

Neva has become an integral part of this Agency and instrumental to the success of this Agency in its fight against drugs in and around Waldo County.

We look forward to sharing Neva's adventures in future publications of our Newsletter.



CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Captain Robert Walker

The Corrections Division of the County of Waldo's Office of the Sheriff for the last two years has been like a rollercoaster ride for inmates and Officers of the Waldo County Jail. The 1976 jail has provided a safe place for the incarceration of the County's inmates through the years. In late 2007 Governor Baldacci expressed a desire for a combined State and County Correction system. This announcement resulted in negotiations between the State and County agencies. The resulting legislation, LD 2080, *An Act to Better Coordinate and Reduce the Cost of the Delivery of State and County Correctional Services*, resulted in the creation of the Board of Corrections.

As a result of the work of the Board of Corrections and its many subcommittees and the subsequent review of the current mission of each jail, the decision was made that the Waldo County Correctional Center would experience a mission change. For many years the Waldo County Correctional Center has served Waldo County as a full service facility, housing pretrial and sentenced County male and female inmates.

On July 1, 2009, the Waldo County Correctional Facility began the first steps towards transformation into a dual purpose facility. The area formerly known as the "booking area" was redesigned to serve as the heart of the facility, the control room, and maintain a 72 hour holding facility to accommodate new arrest and court

commitments. Long-term housing of the inmate population beyond 72 hours will be handled at other correctional facilities. Currently, Waldo County inmates held beyond 72 hours will be transferred to Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ) in Wiscasset, Maine.

The second part of the transformation is the creation of the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center (MCRRC). The Re-entry Center will serve the correctional Region known as the Coastal Region consisting of Washington, Hancock, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties. The purpose of the new mission is to successfully integrate State and County inmates back into the communities in which they are returning and meet the following criteria. They must have a completed LSI-R and must score moderate to high risk of re-offending and minimum security status, must be entering the Counties listed above, must be male, must have 6-12 months left on their sentence and must be an adult (over the age of 18). These inmates would receive intensive treatment such as substance abuse counseling and each resident will have a case worker assigned to them. All of the foregoing is designed to reduce recidivism rates.

The MCRRC is near completion and is sched-



Sheriff Story at a Fight Crime; Invest in Kids event @ the Searsport Head Start where he read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" to the youngsters there.

Fight Crime; Invest in Kids Maine is made up of 121 members, the Maine Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Safety, Chief of the State Police, all 16 Sheriffs, all 8 District Attorneys, 90 Chiefs of Police and violence survivors.

Members get involved and speak out on proven crime prevention policy that impact children across the nation and in our communities.



uled to open sometime in November. Volunteers of America have been awarded the contract to provide services to the clients entering the Re-entry Center.

This accomplishment has taken its toll on many of our County's employees and most particularly, this Agency's Correction Officers. The physical plant changes would not have happened under budget without the assistance of all Corrections staff. The Correctional Officers have shown what can be accomplished as a team and the many skills that they possess. As a

team we have demoed tons of concrete, tiled floors, painted walls, and demoed areas to change the function of the facility.

Corrections Officers

- Captain Robert Walker
- Corporal Chris Loureiro
- Corporal Robert Cartier
- Corporal Chris Albert
- Corporal Steve Cole
- Corporal Josh Bowles

- CO Richard Roberts
- CO Randy Fox
- CO Laurel Kragh
- CO Matthew Hall
- CO Michael Hopkins
- CO Carlene Thornton
- Linda Paul, Head Cook
- Nancy Carroll, Cook

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Delores Page, Register of Deeds

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Eric J. Walker, DDA
Neil J. Prendergast, ADA

The Waldo County Sheriff's Office Color Guard marched at the Maine County Commissioner's Association Convention held at Point Lookout in Northport on September 11, 12, and 13th. From left to right: Deputy James Greeley, Sgt. Dale Brown, Deputy Dan Thompson and Detective Matt Curtis.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Relations Class Relating to domestic violence in Maine was presented followed by a discussion of domestic violence response and investigation by the rural law enforcement officer from the initial call to the final disposition.

Detective Curtis is primarily assigned to domestic violence investigation and follow-up in Waldo County and is, himself a 1998 graduate of Unity College. The majority of the students in the Interpersonal Relations class are upper classmen seeking a Bachelor's Degree in Conservation and Law Enforcement.



On September 29, 2009, Detective Matt Curtis was the guest speaker for Lynn Hadyniak's Interpersonal

DRUG DEMONSTRATION BY NEVA @ WCTC

On September 23, 2009 Belfast School Resource Officer Greg Stearns and Detective Merl Reed went to Waldo County Technical



Center to speak with the Law Enforcement Class. Detective Reed spoke to the class about how Neva came to be with the Sheriff's Office and then Detective Reed answered the questions that the class had. Then Neva and Merl did a few demonstrations for them. Merl explained how Neva works and the drugs that she is trained to find and that she is called upon to search the lockers in local schools such as the Belfast Area High School, Searsport School and Mt. View School. The instructor, Shawn McDermott (smcdermott@#msln.net) was glad that Neva and Merl were able to speak to his class. Merl set up demonstrations that included searching for drugs on a person. Those drugs were placed on Officer Stearns; a search for drugs on the school bus and a search of an area on the back lawn of the Technical Center.



The students in the class (shown below left) are: Mark Bennett; Lewis Dyer; Matthew Jewell; Detective Merl Reed and Neva; Cory Leathers, Timothy Parker, Zachary Parker and Nikki Philbrook.



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HOUSE CHECKS SERVICE

There are often times when a Waldo County citizen has a need to be out of town and away from their properties, for whatever reason, for some period of time throughout the year. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office provides a service, free of charge, for those eventualities.

When you find that you will be away from your property and would like to have your property checked while you are away, merely notify this Agency or the Waldo County Regional Communication Center at the numbers shown at the end of this article, and we will set your property up for a "house check". A Deputy will come to your property to

ensure that all is secure.

When you call in you will be asked to leave your name, address, the date you will leave and when you are coming back, who is going to be entering the property in your absence, a number where we can reach you while you are away, if necessary, and the name and number of a local contact person.

A Deputy who is working in the area of your property will check to make sure all is well and the Deputy will document the date and time that he checked your property.

We recognize the peace of mind this service gives individuals while it is necessary to be away from

your property. It is also a deterrent to would-be perpetrators, knowing that Law Enforcement is keeping an eye on your property in your absence. It is very important that you let us know when you have returned to your property.

We are very happy to provide this free service to our Waldo County citizens.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

8 am—4pm 207-338-6786

Waldo County Com Center

24/7 — 207-338-2040



*To serve and
Protect*

There were two major automobile accidents that this Agency responded to during this quarter; one in Brooks and one in Stockton Springs, as follows:

On August 30, 2009, the Waldo County Regional Dispatch Center received a call regarding a serious two vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 139 and the Bog Road. It was further reported that there were several injured and that the people could not find one of the passengers, a young female (identified as Hannah Clifford). A short time later the Dispatch Center was advised that the young child was found, pinned underneath one of the vehicle's wheels.

Her mother was trying desperately to get her little girl out; however, she was not successful.

The Waldo County Dispatch Center paged out emergency services and several units responded to the scene. Deputies David Murrall and Kevin Littlefield arrived at the scene with some of the EMS units, and Sgt. Dale Brown arrived minutes later. As Sgt. Brown assessed the scene, it was clear that the EMS people were trying to lift the vehicle off the girl with the Jaws of Life.

They were not successful and were waiting for a lifting unit coming from the Morrill Fire Department.

Sgt. Brown advised Deputy Littlefield to get three firemen and meet him at the front of the vehicle. A few moments later, the front of the vehicle was lifted off the little girl. Assisting were Clayton Ellis, 1st Asst. Chief Roscoe Kenney, Louis Brown and James Coulsey, all members of the Brooks Fire Department. Hannah's mother, Andrea, pulled Hannah out from underneath the vehicle. Hannah and several others were transported to different hospitals for treatment.

During the investigation, it was determined that Andrea's vehicle was hit after a truck driven by John Pelletier did not stop at a

sign at the intersection. The crash remains under investigation.

On September 17, 2009, the Waldo County Regional Dispatch Center received a call regarding a fatal motor vehicle crash on Route 1 in the town of Stockton Springs. The Dispatch Center paged EMS to the scene. Once the first responders got to the scene, we were advised that one of the vehicles, a 5-ton delivery truck, was on its side, and engulfed in flames, and the driver could not be found. It was assumed at that point that the driver was still in the burning vehicle. It was unknown what kind, if any, chemicals were on the truck. Deputies were advised that the driver of the other vehicle involved was deceased.

Deputies James Greeley, David Mushrall and Kevin Littlefield responded to the scene, as did EMS crews from Prospect and Stockton Springs Fire Departments. Upon Sgt. Brown's arrival, he could see that debris was scattered for several hundred yards on the roadway. The delivery truck was still on fire and fire fighters were attempting to put out the fire which had spread all over the roadway.

After checking the other vehicle involved, it was confirmed that the driver died on impact. We were able to locate the driver of the delivery truck at a nearby residence. The driver indicated to Deputy Greeley that he was traveling south on Route 1 transporting lobsters out of state

when the other vehicle crossed the centerline at the last moment into the delivery truck's path. The surviving driver stated that he tried to avoid the collision, but it was too late. He was transported to the hospital for cuts and bruises and later released.

Whenever incidences such as we have written about in this section occur, Emergency Personnel, such as Fire, Ambulance and other Law Enforcement Agencies respond to the incident scene and assist Law Enforcement in a multitude of ways. In one of the incidences above, firefighters helped Law Enforcement Officers from this Agency lift a van off a little girl, enabling her mother to pull her out from under it.

We wish to thank, particularly, in the instances mentioned herein, the Stockton Springs, Prospect, Unity, Brooks, Morrill and Monroe Fire Departments and the Stockton Springs, Brooks and Belfast Ambulances for their help and response to these two serious accidents.

We are very aware of the vital roll that is played by Emergency Responders and Hospital Emergency Room Staff and want to take this opportunity to express our most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all Emergency Responders, Hospital Emergency Room Staff and Law Enforcement agencies for their assistance in any situation in which they may be called upon to lend their experience, help and expertise.

PATROL DIVISION

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Sgt. Dale Brown

Deputy Eugene Rega

Deputy Benjamin Seekins

Deputy David Mushrall

Deputy Daniel Thompson

Deputy Glenn Graef

Deputy James Greeley

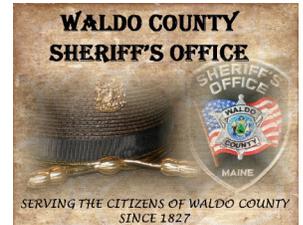
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HISTORY OF WALDO COUNTY JAIL

Waldo County's first jail was built in 1828 on seven acres of land located on the corner of Miller and Congress Streets. The jail was poorly constructed, the cells were small, damp and had little or no ventilation. The grand jury "indicted" the 2 year old jail and it was demolished and in 1851 was replaced by a new jail. That jail is still standing, and is attached to the current Administrative Offices.

The jail is a two-story granite structure with four cells on each side. A narrow stairway leads up the outside of the block on each side to the second story structure. There is a single barred window and narrow door in each cell.

Aside from the eight cells in the block, there was a dungeon underneath. There was a women's cell and a debtor's cell.

The women's cell was large enough to accommodate several residents and had built-in plumbing. These accommodations were well removed from the main section. Debtors were not considered to be criminals and the law provided that they must not be placed in the same place as those individuals who were sentenced to spend time in jail. Two cells in the block were usually kept open for transients, people who have not been sentenced to jail,

but are being held pending court action. An occasional boarder, a person who has no other place to sleep, was accommodated in a transient cell.

At the front part of the jail was a house for the Sheriff. The law prescribed at that time that he must live at the jail. An office and rooms for the "turnkey" (an old term for Corrections Officer) were also provided in the house.

A resident was issued blue denim clothing, or he could wear his own clothes, if he wished. The jailers kept a supply of tobacco and cigarette papers for those who had no means to obtain smokes. Residents were able to earn a little pocket money once in awhile by polishing a car or trimming a lawn in the neighborhood.

Residents were not sentenced to do hard labor, but they were expected to do some labor for their keep. They would raise a garden, take care of the jail's cow, keep the place clean, wash dishes and trim the lawns.

Promotions/Retirements

On July 1, 2006, Bryant White was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the Waldo County Sheriff's Office, in charge of the Patrol and Detective Divisions. He resigned his position with this Agency effective July 4, 2009 after 10 years of outstanding service. Prior to his promotion to Lieutenant, Bryant served this Agency as its Domestic Violence Coordinator. Bryant assisted not only the Waldo County Sheriff's Office in this regard, but other agencies within

the Waldo County area as well. Bryant has many years experience as a Law Enforcement Officer, having retired as a Maine State Trooper after 20 years of service. We wish him well in his retirement.

With the vacancy of the Lieutenant's position, this Agency was faced with the challenge of filling Bryant White's shoes. Out of an exceptionally qualified group of applicants within this Agency,

Jason Trundy was selected to fill the shoes of our retired Lieutenant Bryant White. Jason took over his new responsibilities on August 16, 2009.

Jason began his career with this Agency in June, 1994, as a part time Deputy and Corrections Officer. He began in June of 1995 as a full-time Corrections Officer and in April of 1997 he successfully completed his field training program. On August 24, 1997

Jason was hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff. He completed his training at the Criminal Justice Academy and graduated from the 86th Municipal/County Basic Police School on May 22, 1998. In early 2000 Jason was promoted to the position of Detective, a position in which he served until September 3, 2007, when he applied for and was awarded the position of Jail Administrator and was promoted to the rank of Captain of the Waldo County Correctional Center.

We welcome Lieutenant Trundy back to the Patrol Division. He has "hit the ground running" in his new position. We are confident that Lieutenant Trundy will excel in his position.

With the promotion of Jason Trundy, that, in turn, left a vacancy to be filled at our Correc-

tional Facility. It was with great pleasure that Robert Walker was selected to assume those duties as Captain of the Waldo County Correctional Center, the duties of which he assumed on August 16, 2009. Captain Walker joined this Agency as a part-time Corrections Officer in March of 1998 and became as a full-time Corrections Officer on November 19, 2000. Captain Walker was promoted to the rank of Corporal in March of 2002. He was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant March 28, 2006 and took on the responsibilities as Transport Supervisor on July 1, 2009.

We are pleased to have "Bobby" Walker assume the duties as Captain and we are confident that he possesses the experience and skills necessary to manage the Waldo County Correctional Center.

Civil Service News

Civil Deputies provide the Waldo County Sheriff's Office with the service of non-criminal legal paperwork upon individuals and/or business entities. The Civil Deputy is a sworn Deputy, however, he is not required to be a licensed Law Enforcement Officer. The Civil Deputy has an area within the County assigned to him and travels throughout assigned areas for the purpose of delivering those civil documents assigned to them by proper means as mandated by Maine Statute. This Agency has three civil deputies. Wendall story, John Ford and John Bryant.

Last year this Agency's Civil Department handled 1,969 civil services, 182 of which were foreclosure. So far this year we have handled 1,727 services, 153 of which were foreclosures. The Civil Deputies have handled 98 more services to date than this same time last year.

At one point we had in excess of 80 Civil Orders of Arrest. We were able to effectively serve all of those Civil Orders and are now up to date.

The service of civil papers can sometimes expose our Civil Depu-

ties to physical and/or life threatening situations which requires them to participate in training in any other hazards or job related situations that may be encountered in the course of civil service duties.

Joshua Bowles was chosen to fill the position of Transport Supervisor left vacant by the promotion of "Bobby" Walker to Captain. Josh began his career with this Agency as a part-time Corrections Officer in November of 2003. In November of 2005 he was hired as a full-time Corrections Officer. He is doing a fine job taking over the responsibilities required of this position. We are sure that he will excel in his role as Transportation Supervisor.

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