

MARION COUNTY VOLUNTEER REPORT 2015



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INTRODUCTION

WE VALUE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Marion County, Oregon, includes seventeen departments and offices of elected officials. The county's workforce consists of more than 1,600 employees and over 1,600 active volunteers at one time.

During National Volunteer Week, the Board of Commissioners presents volunteer awards at its weekly board session, broadcast by a local access channel. Annual volunteer awards include the following categories: Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year, Commissioner Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group, Advisory Board Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, and Program and Division Volunteer awards. In addition to the annual awards ceremony, all active volunteers are mailed a greeting and recognition item from the Board of Commissioners during National Volunteer Week. Departments and offices of elected officials are encouraged to individually recognize volunteers throughout the year. The volunteer coordinator also acknowledges birthdays and holidays.

The tables in this report indicate the numbers of volunteers and the hours they contributed to each county department. The tables are followed by a narrative of volunteer accomplishments reported by staff in county departments.

In order to communicate the "value" of our volunteers, an estimated national value of a volunteer's time is \$23.07 per hour per The Independent Sector. For 2015, that value of workforce to Marion County would be nearly \$3 million! Beyond that, the scope and depth of Marion County's services are enhanced by our volunteers.

For more information about Marion County volunteers and volunteer programs, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Lisa Miller at (503) 588-7990, visit the website at www.co.marion.or.us/BS/VOL/Pages/default.aspx or e-mail volunteer@co.marion.or.us.



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HOURS

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DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	VOLUNTEERS	HOURS	TOTAL	\$ VALUE *
ASSESSOR					
	FARM BOARD	4	2	2	\$ 46
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS					
	MWAC TRANSPORTATION	1	12		
	PUBLIC SAFETY COORD COMM	27	354	366	\$ 8,444
BUSINESS SERVICES					
	COMPENSATION BOARD	5	13		
	COMPENSATION STUDY COMMITTEE	2	29		
	RISK / WELLNESS - INTERN	1	30	71	\$ 1,646
CLERK-ELECTIONS					
	BOPTA (PROP TAX APPEALS)	5	42	42	\$ 969
COMMUNITY SERVICES					
	CFC COMMISSION & EXEC	29	877		
	DOG SHELTER	208	2,933		
	ECONOMIC DEV. ADVISORY BOARD	16	288		
	FAMILY PRES. ACTION TEAM	13	72		
	MC FAIR BOARD & VOLS	788	5,759		
	MC REENTRY INITIATIVE & EVENTS	64	120		
	YOUTH RESOURCES ACTION TEAM	7	10.5	10,060	\$ 232,073
DISTRICT ATTORNEY					
	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS INTERN	2	194		
	VICTIM ADVOCATE INTERNS & VOLS	55	18,859	19,053	\$ 439,553
EXTENSION (OSU)					
	4-H (CLUB & SOCCER) VOLUNTEERS	296	26,690		
	GENERAL VOLUNTEERS	17	1218		
	MASTER FOOD PRESERVERS	17	366		
	MASTER GARDENERS	112	17,638	45,912	\$1,059,190
FINANCE					
	BUDGET COMMITTEE	3	50		
	COUNCIL OF ECON. ADVISORS	5	10	60	\$ 1,384
HEALTH					
	AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA COMMITTEE	7	84		
	CHILDRENS BEHAV HEALTH	2	780		
	CONSUMER CARE PARTNERSHIPS (CCP)	18	2734		
	HEALTH ADV BOARD	10	200		
	HEALTH EDUCATOR VOLUNTEER	4	244		
	INTELLECTUAL DEV DISABILITY COMM	11	198		
	LOCAL ALCOHOL & DRUG COMM	10	30		
	NEW SOLUTIONS MENTOR	1	90		
	NURSE PRACTITIONER INTERN	1	22		
	PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNS	17	3833		
	WIC STUDENT INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS	9	1104	9403	\$216,916

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DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	VOLUNTEERS	HOURS	TOTAL	\$ VALUE *
JUVENILE					
	ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS	10	1909		
	DETENTION	16	914		
	PROBATION PRACTICUM	1	200	3023	\$69,741
LEGAL COUNSEL					
	LAW LIBRARY VOLUNTEER	2	100	100	\$2,307
PUBLIC WORKS					
	ADOPT-A-ROAD	559	1960		
	AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE	30	2876		
	COMM. EMERGENCY RESPONSE -CERT	300	6544		
	MASTER RECYCLER	46	479		
	MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS	35	3063		
	PARKS	118	2426		
	PLANNING COMMISSION	9	135		
	PARKS COMMISSION	6	48		
	SOLID WASTE MGMT. ADVISORY COMM.	12	36		
	WATER QUALITY ADV BRD	9	75	17,677	\$ 407,808
SHERIFF					
	ADMINISTRATION / OFFICE CLERICAL	12	794		
	CADETS	23	8071		
	COLD CASE SQUAD	5	1488		
	DISABLED PARKING TEAM	3	98		
	ENFORCEMENT / GRAFFITI	15	204		
	INSTITUTIONS	105	2630		
	INTERNS	10	2533		
	MARINE PATROL / EDUCATION	23	105		
	PAROLE/PROBATION	3	753		
	RESERVES	5	286		
	SEARCH & RESCUE UNITS	133	91		
	SHERIFF'S OFFICE EVENTS	9	197	17,248	\$397,917
Totals					
		3283	123,017		\$ 2,837,993

*\$23.07 an hour is the value of volunteer time nationally according to Independent Sector

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PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERS

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Mission: To continually improve service to the public while meeting statutory obligations, and to fairly assess the property in Marion County as required by Oregon state law.

Farm Board

This Board consists of five volunteers from the local agriculture community. They meet annually with representatives of the Assessor's Office (generally in March) to review the income and expense factors the Assessor uses to value farm-use land. Volunteers give expert advice on current farming practices, land use laws, and equipment for appraisal purposes. This benefits our appraisal staff in determining values for taxation purposes, and also to help us determine if farm/rural properties may qualify for special assessment (reduction in taxes).



A Master Recycler volunteer fixes small electronics at the Repair and Share

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mission: To provide leadership that ensures fiscal accountability and enhances the health, safety and livability of our communities.

Public Safety Coordinating Council

The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council was formed in 1997, and today there are 27 volunteer members. Membership includes public safety, education, social service, civic and business leaders and practitioners representing the following breadth of disciplines: law enforcement, prosecution, community corrections, public defense, judiciary, domestic violence, public health, and juvenile justice. The group meets monthly to carry out its responsibilities to coordinate resources and services for adult and juvenile offenders. In addition to requirements outlined in the Oregon statute, the council also works to forge long term partnerships in the public safety system through an environment of collaboration, leadership, data-driven policy, transparency and accountability. Since December 2014, the council has been meeting jointly with the Marion County Reentry Council which advises the Marion County Sheriff. All meetings are open to the public.



The work produced by council members directly impacts the health and safety of Marion County residents. 2014 was a land mark year for the council because of significant legislative changes that impacted all Oregon public safety councils. The passage of House Bill 3194 (2013) transformed the level of council engagement, allowing more investments in community safety by controlling the growth of Oregon's prison population.

2015 saw the council working diligently to create an application for approximately \$3.5 million in state Justice

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Reinvestment funds that reward success through evidence-based corrections programs that deter recidivism and crime. In November 2015, the state approved Marion County's application.

Marion County, through the exemplary groundwork laid by the Marion County Reentry Council, is in an excellent position to effectively target these Justice Reinvestment funds. Since 2009, the Marion County Reentry Initiative has built and refined a continuum of services to address the criminogenic needs of the adult reentry population. The initiative has targeted high to medium risk offenders (who are the most likely to recidivate) transitioning back to the county. Innovative initiatives include Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR), Senate Bill 416 Prison Diversion, the one-stop DeMuniz Reentry Resource Center, and mentoring and treatment to address substance abuse and mental health disorders. The Marion County Reentry Initiative has been a catalyst in reducing recidivism in Marion County from 36% in 2002 to an all-time county low of 14% in 2014!

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation

MWACT is a Council of Governments committee. One volunteer from Marion County's private sector as well as Commissioner Brentano sit on this committee. Participation allows the opportunity to provide input and assist the coordination of long range regional transportation plans, help prioritize regional transportation infrastructure and capital investments, advocate for regional transportation issues, and advise the Oregon Transportation Commission on policies affecting the Mid-Willamette area.



BUSINESS SERVICES

Mission: To provide a core foundation of business practices and consultation that assists Marion County departments to achieve their missions.

Compensation Study Committee

The Compensation Study Committee was created to establish a sound classification and compensation system that is fair, flexible, and competitive. This committee has a total of 13 members, 2 of which are volunteers who have compensation related experience.



A new volunteer finishes up orientation.

Compensation Board

The Compensation Board is comprised of three to five individuals who are knowledgeable in personnel and compensation management to determine the compensation schedule for elected officials.

Risk Management—Wellness

An intern from Willamette University was a part of the MC Wellness Program during the 2015 year as a Health-Wellness Specialist who gave 30 hours of service.

Clerk

Mission: Record, provide access, and preserve for prosperity those records entrusted in our care; and to promote public trust and confidence by our conduct of accurate, fair and open elections, which accurately reflect the intent of the electorate.

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Board of Property Tax Appeals

Marion County residents have the right to appeal through petition the amount of value placed on their property by the Assessor's office. Their petitions are heard by the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA). This citizen board provides both a level of accountability to government and an independent review, plus an explanation to the taxpayer of property value methods used by the Assessor.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mission: To promote safe and thriving communities for people to live, learn, work and play. Thriving communities are important for social and economic health and are a priority for the county.



Dog Shelter Volunteers at the local Saturday Market

Children and Families Commission

The Children and Families Commission (CFC) and the steering committee work to mobilize the community to address policy and systemic issues that hinder prosperous conditions for children, youth, families and communities. The Children and Families Commission monitors the pulse of Marion County's children, youth and families, addressing expensive problems that are beyond the scope of any single organization. The Commission brings together the right people to develop creative solutions to complex issues. Grounded in research and fueled by passion, Children and Families Commission members employ their influence to improve the lives and futures of our children and youth. The Commission is committed to breaking barriers, building capacity, and responding to community needs to maximize the life success of every child in Marion County.

Dog Shelter

Our volunteers at the Marion County Dog Shelter impact our program on a daily basis. Our dog walkers keep our dogs healthy, happy and mentally stimulated giving them all the tools they need to find that perfect new family. The outreach volunteers spend every weekend in the community promoting pet safety, educating citizens on all the great services we provide and taking out adoptable dogs, showcasing their cuteness to anyone that walks by. We have kennel volunteers that help keep our shelter disease free, administrative volunteers that assist staff and the public wherever needed. In the past year our volunteers have helped to return 727 lost dogs to their families, 273 dogs found their new families and 185 special dogs were placed with rescues, our volunteers don't just impact our program they impact lives.

Economic Development Advisory Board

This board serves the interests of the citizens of Marion County by providing advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding economic development and those issues that impact economic growth within Marion County and the region.

Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT)

FPAT works collaboratively to address the needs of, and provide support to, at risk families. The team is safely reducing the number of children entering foster care, and supporting youth transitioning out of care. In the context of carefully forged, trusting relationships, FPAT scrutinizes the child welfare system and the community as a whole to find ways to abate our child welfare crisis. FPAT prompts policy changes, mobilizes

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Members of the 2015 Marion County Fair Board.

the community, aligns systems, plus develops and secures new resources.

Marion County Fair/Board:

The Marion County Fair is run by a seven member board. The board makes decisions on how to operate the fair based on the strategic plan, which is updated annually. Their creativity and dedication has increased fair attendance and raised revenues to make the fair a sustainable family-friendly event for the county.

The Marion County Fair Board was recognized with the Governor's Volunteer Award in 2015 for the creative work

they did to reduce costs, increase attendance and raised revenues. These changes included a pre-fair fundraising event, providing additional activities attendees and institution an electronic ticketing system to allow for credit card use and accurate capturing of attendance numbers.

Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI)

A collaborative effort involving community corrections, education, law enforcement, health and non-profit agencies working together to rebuild lives, promote community safety and save taxpayer money by breaking the cycle of criminal activity. MCRI works to reduce crime and recidivism by offering coordinated services which are critical for successful community reentry after release from prison. MCRI's key partners provide housing, transportation, treatment, mentoring, family strengthening, and employment services for MCRI clients.

The Youth Resources Action Team (YRAT)

This nine member team works to mobilize the community to address policy and systemic issues that hinder prosperous conditions for children, youth, families and communities. The Children and Families Commission membership recommended and approved that the CFC would focus on prevention and Intervention efforts that target youth, ages 11 to 18.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The District Attorney's Office is responsible for seeking justice through:

- *Promoting accountability for criminal offenders;*
- *Interpreting, enforcing and executing law;*
- *Responding to the concerns of victims and the public; and*
- *Working cooperatively with members of the justice system.*

Investigations

Our volunteer intern helped in so many ways by completing the time consuming tasks required to prepare major cases for trial. This allowed the investigators to focus on other specific tasks for the cases.

Victim Assistance Advocate Basic Training



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Victim Assistance

Volunteers make a one year commitment and interns a 6 month, 20 hours a week commitment. With the help of these volunteers, the District Attorney's Office served approximately 2,600 victims and provided in excess of 10,000 services to these victims. This includes crisis intervention, case information and referral for resources, referral for emergency financial assistance, assistance filling out temporary restraining order forms, accompaniment to court, restitution information, and Spanish speaking court advocacy. Volunteers are integral to the work of the Victim Assistance Division.



Emergency Management
Volunteers in action

FINANCE

Mission: Safeguarding the county's fiscal integrity.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee consists of three volunteer citizen members and the three county commissioners who together set the recommended budgets for all county departments, operations and capital improvements.

Council of Economic Advisors

The Council of Economic Advisors is made up of a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen members. There are nine volunteer members representing the business, finance and government sectors. The council annually reviews significant revenue sources and predicts trends and develops recommendations for improving the county's revenue forecasting methodology and processes.

HEALTH

Mission: The Marion County Health Department, in collaboration with community partners, provides and purchases high quality services which promote individual and community health to all people in Marion County.

Consumer Care Partnership (CCP)

The Consumer Care Partnership volunteer facilitators provide additional Peer Support for individuals referred to the Community and Provider Services Program (CAPS) by self referral and mental health agencies. They help individuals venture out of their residences by meeting at local coffee shops or locations of their choosing. They help people identify their strengths, needs, goals, and people in their lives who provide them with natural support.

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee (LADPC)

The LADPC has been a strong advocate for alcohol and drug treatment services in Marion County. LADPC has played an integral role in identifying treatment and prevention needs of the



Public Health Interns provide resource materials at a community fair.

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community. The committee provide review and comment for new Alcohol and Drug Treatment Providers as part of their application process for Letter of Approval from Health Services Division. In 2015, they continue to keep abreast of local Opiate abuse concerns and identify gaps in service.

New Solutions Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program

This mentoring program connects positive community role models with children and teens to help them achieve their maximum potential through the development of trusting, responsible and supportive relationships.

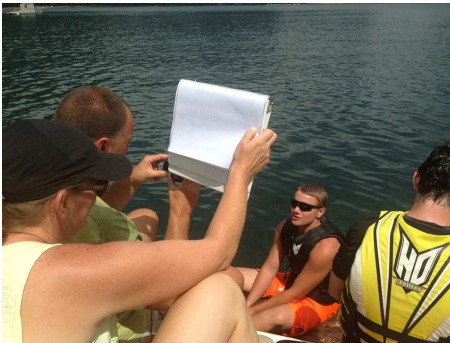
Volunteer mentors are an invaluable asset to the youth in this program. One such example is a volunteer mentor who has worked with a youth for several years. The youth and mentor do a variety of fun activities together such as hiking, fishing, and volunteering. The youth enjoys volunteering at the Willamette Humane Society where the duo serves as Kennel Buddies. As Kennel Buddies, they walk and play with dogs and take care of them. This is a great opportunity to allow the youth to give back to the community, as well as gain new skills. The mentors worth cannot be calculated by the many hours put in this year, but by the amazing difference he has made in this youth's life.



Volunteers at the Dog Shelter

Children's Behavioral Health—Early Assessment and Support Alliance

Interns provided one-on-one counseling with hard to engage clients at risk for severe mental illness, provided orientations to family members for multifamily group therapy, co-led multifamily group, and attended/co-led the advisory council.



Youth volunteers created a public service announcement to prevent Underage Drinking



Public Health

Public Health hosted a variety of student interns to support the day to day activities within the Health Department. Public Health Nurses manage a caseload of clients in consultations and some assist with nurse triage and treatment functions.

Volunteers/Interns in the Prevention department participated in a number of different activities, including creating health profiles, helping facilitate Community Health Assessment Forums, conducting research on the Cuidate program and the senior population. Furthermore, volunteers/interns help in the day to day functioning of the office by supporting full-time staff with a number of tasks such as stuffing envelopes, creating folders etc.

Youth volunteers with the Substance Abuse Prevention Program helped create an underage drinking PSA with a message to parents of teenagers, reminding them not to provide alcohol to minors. The PSA, "You've taught us so many things already, why stop now?" was on rotation in several local theater screens and CCTV during 2015.

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During 2015, HIV Prevention volunteers assisted the health department by providing HIV, STD and Hepatitis C prevention education in eleven HIV Awareness Classes to 204 clients from the Marion County Parole and Probation program. Some of these clients may be at higher risk for HIV, Hepatitis C and STDs than the general population due to drug use and/or other risk factors. In addition to learning about their risks for acquiring one or more of these infections and how to prevent that, their participation in one of these monthly educational classes allowed each one of them to get 50% off their supervision fee for that month.

Health Advisory Board

The Marion County Health Advisory Board (HAB) advocates for the community on issues related to public and mental health services offered by Marion County. The Board advises the Board of Commissioners and Health Department. In 2014, the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (IDDAC) was created as a sub-committee to primarily focus on the oversight of local resources and services that address the needs of IDD individuals.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Student interns performed a variety of tasks designed to prepare them for the work place. They developed outreach strategies and materials as well as collaborated with other WIC agencies around the state. A few of the key projects interns participated in included the implementation of the Farm Direct Nutrition Program, WIC program marketing/outreach, and special events such as breast feeding promotion during World Breast Feeding Week.

JUVENILE

Mission: To improve public safety by working with parents and the community to provide youth accountability and opportunities for positive change.

Alternative Programs

Alternative Programs had practicum students in the past who have helped with the gardening and market facilities.

Counseling and Education Services

The Juvenile Department has had a longstanding relationship with Portland State University to host second year students in the Masters of Social Work program. These interns develop skills to assist youth in the Guaranteed Attendance Program, the department's shelter program, as well as those in detention and in need of short term individual counseling.

Education & Guaranteed Attendance Program (GAP)

Volunteers with the Education Advocate program at the Juvenile Department provide program youth with individual education support consisting primarily of tutoring and homework assistance, all under the guidance of the program staff.

Detention

Narcotics Anonymous, Youth for Christ and Ala-teen provide confidential group counseling in their respective disciplines. Each



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session is facilitated with one or more subject matter experts providing mentorship and guidance to affected youth on a voluntary basis.

Probation

Practicum students may be assigned to probation during the time of their term to follow the Probation Officers to learn the processes with which case are handled, petitions are filed, court is conducted and juvenile after care is handled.

Training/Management

Volunteers in the past have helped with training tracking, setting up the rooms for the trainings, responsible for any food/drink items that would be provided, tracking of trainings evaluation forms, and moving those forms to appropriate trainers for further uses.

OSU EXTENSION SERVICE

Mission: The Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals.

O.S.U. Extension Service currently operates under the Community Services Department. It provides education to communities on agriculture, 4-H, horticulture, forestry and natural resources, nutrition education, and sustainable communities. OSU Extension Service trains volunteers on selected programs and relies on them to support and extend our education into the community. Volunteers play a significant role in the following programs:

4-H Youth Development Program

The 4-H program is an informal, educational youth development program. 4-H helps youth grow and develop into positive citizens by providing lifelong learning and life-skill development through a variety of trainings, clubs, and activities. Adult 4-H volunteers serve as soccer coaches, club leaders, event coordinators, teachers, and mentors. Adult 4-H volunteers work in partnership with youth at both the club and county level to plan and conduct programs which lead to the positive youth development outcomes of competence, caring, confidence, connection, and character.

Marion County Fair

The largest event that culminates many activities is the Marion County Fair. The fair provides a unique and multi-faceted educational experience for 4-H members and the public. 4-H members gain experience and knowledge from experts in the field related to their project discipline and life-skills such as presentations, communications, reporting, and ethics. The fair also provides an opportunity for the public to become educated on a plethora of projects such as agriculture, public speaking, arts and science.

Sustainable Communities Groups and Efforts

The combined after-school programs, including Early College High School and Straub Summer Camp day programs in the field, engaged students in education and service learning.



Master Recyclers at a local grocery distribution center

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Youth Enviro Squad (YES)

The Youth Enviro Squad adult volunteers and mentors help provide guidance and support to the inspired youth of Marion County. Volunteers do their part in teaching, facilitating events, and helping build capacity in the programs.

Master Gardeners

The Master Gardener program in Marion County train and graduate class members who staff the Home Gardener help line in the Extension office throughout the year. They also staff clinics at various County venues throughout the year including Salem

Saturday Market, the Yard, Garden and Patio Show, Earth Day, Agfest and the State Fair. They offer presentations and provided speakers to area organizations on horticultural education. Master Gardeners act as consultants for community garden start-ups throughout the county while continuing to develop the Marion Garden, their 1.75 acre demonstration garden behind the Extension office.

Master Woodland Managers

OSU Master Woodland Manager volunteers contribute to their communities via leadership, interactions with the general public, and woodland owner education. Activities include consultations with forest owners, assistance with youth education in natural resources, invasive weed control projects and service on the Oregon Tree Farm Committee.

Master Food Preservers

The Master Food Preserver Program helped plan and deliver community food preservation classes, lead food preservation demonstrations, and staff community education booths. These volunteers significantly increased the capacity for delivering up-to-date food preservation and safety information to the public.

LEGAL

The Office of Legal Counsel provides legal services to the Board of Commissioners, county departments, boards, commissions and to individual county employees when required by the Oregon Tort Claims Act. The Office of Legal Counsel has an attorney-client relationship with the County. County Counsel and Assistant Legal Counsels are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

Law Library

The Marion County Law Library provides legal information services to the Marion County courts, judges, attorneys, and general public. During 2015, we had two dedicated volunteers who assisted in shelving items for easy retrieval by library patrons and staff; maintaining the order of library materials, preparing documents and much more.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mission: To utilize available resources as efficiently as possible; to serve the public works needs of the community including providing for the health and safety



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of its citizens; to maintain and improve the quality of life and improve the agricultural and forestry economies of Marion County; and to provide customers with an environmentally responsible and cost-effective system for reduction and disposal of solid waste through quality services, education, and involvement.



Adopt –A– Road

During 2015 we had 559 individual volunteers spend 1,960 hours cleaning 282 miles of Marion County roadsides. We had 91 active Adopt-A-Road groups which included 12 groups that joined the program during 2015.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

ARES participated in several Simulated Emergency Tests throughout the year. These tests test our radio capability of contacting agencies outside Marion County. Hundreds of contacts were made throughout the world! ARES also provided communications at the Cascade Half Marathon and MS Walk in Salem.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

All of the CERTs (Mt. Angel, Woodburn, Keizer, Turner, Stayton, Silverton, Chinook Estates) have provided hundreds of hours in service to each of their communities. Recently the CERT's provided help in flood response. They were mainly in charge of overseeing sandbag fill sites as well as oversee road closures.

Woodburn CERT this past year has established a fire fighter rehab program. The CERT has trained members in responding to large incidents (when called by fire personnel) to provide food, drink, rest and medical observation to the fire fighters on scene. This is a very important task that is starting to get utilized more and more. Woodburn CERT has been called out about 6 times this past year for firefighter rehab.



Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The Marion County Medical Reserve Corps' (MRC) mission is to offer disaster-related healthcare training and education to teams of local volunteers, and to provide appropriate healthcare response and interventions during times of crisis.

The Medical Reserve Corps along with assistance from ARES and CERT provided first aid at the St. Paul Rodeo. The first aid tent was staffed around the clock for 4 days! First aid was also provided to the Antique Powerland Steam Up, Fiesta Mexican in Woodburn and the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. During all these events the MRC saw dozens of patients with issues ranging from minor cuts to

dehydration. About a quarter of the patients seen would have been needed to be evaluated / possibly transported by local fire if we had not be there. Having us there provided a great service to the community and also saved the local fire districts / ambulance companies from having to respond to "minor" medical issues.

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The Medical Reserve Corps has also established a behavioral health section that is focusing on teaching Psychological First Aid to first responders, medical professionals and CERT/MRC/ARES volunteers. The program has really taken off this past year with training being requested by agencies in other counties!

Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee

The Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee was created to provide direction to Marion County staff and make recommendations to the Marion County Board of Commissioners with regard to storm water and water quality education, regulation, and county programs. The board is comprised of eleven members.

Master Recyclers

Master Recyclers did a wide variety of volunteer work for the Environmental Services Division in 2015. Many volunteers spent time staffing booths or helping to set up successful recycling programs at community events. Some volunteers took what they learned from the class and applied it to their workplace and/or church by revamping the recycling program. Several volunteers applied their hours toward strengthening their green teams' EarthWISE efforts at their work. A few others did community presentations to neighborhood associations and community service organizations.



A volunteer fixes a bike at the Repair Fair & Share

Parks

Volunteers in 2015 worked a variety of jobs in many different parks. Groups that have adopted parks provided essential services. These services included litter pickup, painting, trail work and weed removal. Similar services were provided by "one time" volunteer groups. These efforts were more concentrated in noxious weed removal, trail maintenance and painting over graffiti. There have been several volunteer groups that have stood out this past year.

Cascade High School continues to work diligently to improve Aumsville Ponds Park. They are removing noxious weeds, litter and improving/rehabilitating the Wester Pond Turtle nesting area. They have also planted native trees throughout the park. Cooperation with the BLM continued in 2015 with one volunteer who provided maintenance to six parks along highway 22 and North Fork Road. Work was from April to the middle of September and 550 volunteer hours were achieved.

420 volunteer hours were logged at Bear Creek Campground. The park host provided maintenance to the campground and park as well as provided great customer service for the many

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campers who stayed at the park.

Parks Commission

The purpose of this Commission is to advise the Board of Commissioners in matters pertaining to the county parks and recreation facilities.

Planning Commission

In 2015, the Planning Commission reviewed three subdivision proposals; held a public hearing to receive testimony on amending the county zone code to allow backyard chickens (at the request of the Board of Commissioners) and provided recommendations to the Board.



Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC)

Volunteers from Solid Waste Management Advisory Council discussed and made recommendations for potential changes to the group's bylaws. They also continued to look at the implementation of the county's solid waste management plan.

Water Quality Advisory Commission (MWQAC)

The Marion County Water Quality Advisory Commission provided input for ordinances subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners. The group directed county staff on strategies for education and outreach efforts as a county advisory board.

SHERIFF

Mission: To provide the highest level of public safety services in partnership with our communities.

During 2015, there was a substantial increase in the number of students from local colleges that completed an internship/practicum with the Sheriff's Office. They volunteered a total of 2,533 hours working in the Operations, Institutions, and Enforcement Divisions. They participated in many of the events and were also able to participate in SWAT trainings, in-service trainings and K9 trainings.



At the close of 2015, there were 30 volunteers. There are many new applicants being processed that should join the team during 2016. There are also several applicants for internship, from Western Oregon, Corban College, Willamette University, and Chemeketa. They have applied for an internship position for the upcoming spring, summer and fall terms and their applications are currently being processed.

Looking ahead to 2016, there are several new projects in the planning stages, which

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will involve the use of the volunteers, expanding their duties and giving some of them more opportunity to get involved.

Administrative

During 2015, volunteers recorded a total of 997.5 hours, assisting with administrative duties at different locations, including the Jail Administration, Enforcement, Operations, Civil, and the Cadet Unit.

Cadets

The Cadets were busy during the year and have seen a substantial increase in the number of events that they participate in. The Cadets reported a total of 8,070.50 hours at various events.

Some of these events were St. Paul Rodeo, Aurora Colony Days, Shop with a Cop, Sublimity Christmas Parade, Drug Take Back, Home Depot Safety Fair, Sublimity Harvest Fest, Awesome 3000, Law Enforcement Challenge, many career fairs, as well as many other events.

Cold Case Squad (CCS)

During 2015, the Cold Case Squad has been working on a 1986 cold case murder. This case has been the bulk of their work for the year. This case is an active investigation, thus cannot be commented on.

Disabled Parking Team

During 2015, after analyzing the functions of the Disabled Parking Team, the decision was to suspend the program after March. Through the month of march, the team had recorded 97.5 hours. The Disabled Parking Team will be reestablished during 2016, but the main function of the team will be to educate, rather than enforcing the ordinance and issuing citations.



Events

The team also volunteered for a total of 197 hours, at several events throughout the year, including: Detroit fishing derby, Jr. Police fishing derby, 4th of July weekend at Detroit Lake, Marion County Fair, Oregon State Fair/K9 demonstrations, Keizer safety Fair, National Night Out, Domestic Violence Awareness Walk/Run, World Beat, Strike Out Meth, Jefferson Safety Expo, Home Depot Safety Fair and Shop with a Cop.

Institutions

Volunteers provide religious, AA, NA type classes to inmates while incarcerated. There were 101 religious volunteers representing a wide variety of denominations that contributed a total of 2,133 hours. Volunteers held group program meetings as well as one-on-one sessions with inmates. They spend time with inmates for Alcoholics Anonymous, anger management and some life skills. The program meetings were well attended and appreciated by the inmates. Institution staff are grateful for their commitment and consistent care of the inmates at the Marion County Jail.

Marine Safety Patrol

The Marine Safety Team volunteered a total of 105 hours in 2015. Due to the lack of water and low water levels, especially at Detroit Lake, the majority of those hours were spent conducting watercraft inspections at various locations.

SEARCH AND RESCUE



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For the year, the team conducted inspections at several different locations, including Sportsman Warehouse and Stayton Motor Sports. The volunteers also conducted several educational boating safety classes, which enabled the participants to obtain a boater's certificate from the State Marine Board.



Parole and Probation

Practicum students and volunteers work with Parole & Probation Deputies to develop supervision plans for offenders, gather information for contacts and treatment services for offenders, monitor court-ordered obligations, process a variety of paperwork, and perform other duties as assigned. Work assignments can be with a specialty unit (i.e., Domestic Violence Unit, Sex Offender Unit, Special Services Unit, and Drug Endangered Children Unit) or the General Supervision Unit. The program is mutually beneficial for division employees as well as for practicum students and volunteers. Employees benefit from having extra time and resources freed-up for other duties and the volunteers benefit from receiving valuable on-the-job training for future career development.

Reserves

The Reserves Unit has been with the Sheriff's Office for many years. They have given countless hours to the county and help in many ways. They give time while on patrol with other deputies, they work the St Paul Rodeo and anytime we need a booth or a table at any county functions, they are there.



Search and Rescue

During 2015, volunteers from six specialized search and rescue units conducted over 25 search and rescue missions, multiple monthly trainings, and several civic events. They travelled close to 20,000 miles, mostly using personally owned vehicles. The Marion County Sheriff's Search and Rescue unit not only provides service to Marion County, but assists other Oregon counties as additional search and rescue resources are needed.

The individual units are: Marion County Jeep Patrol, Mounted Posse, Special Vehicle Unit, Team 18, Marion County SARCOM, and SAR Chuck Wagon.



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"You will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others."

-Audrey Hepburn



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