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## THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

Thomas Jefferson, in his work called "The Value of Constitutions", wrote "the office of Sheriff is the most important of all the executive offices in the country".

After two hundred years, experience has proven that the perspective of Jefferson and our founding fathers is just as valid today as it was when they first perceived of how a free society could be structured.

The office of Sheriff is certainly significant, and was in fact the first county office established in the United States. Some very outstanding Americans have held the office of County Sheriff, from the earliest days down to our present era. George Washington's father was an early Sheriff in Colonia Virginia.

The first person to read the Declaration of Independence publicly was John Nixon, the Sheriff in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1776.

According to tradition, the framers of the Declaration of Independence could not decide who should read the document publicly. After a lengthy discourse, it was decided that John Hancock should have the honor.

Hancock declined saying that he would already be number one on the blacklist of King George because of his emboldened signature.

After more discussion it was decided that the Sheriff of Philadelphia, John Nixon, would be the first man to read the Declaration of Independence publicly.

Nixon accepted the honor in somewhat the same spirit of Nathan Hale and is reported to have said that he would be happy to lose his life in order to have that distinction.

The Sheriffs of America have indeed played a significant role in the history of our Nation, and the Sheriffs of Oregon are certainly no exception to this heritage.

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**Yes, I want to support my local sheriff!**

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**\$30 Individual Membership** (includes membership card, two window decals and one-year subscription to *Oregon Sheriff* magazine)

**\$100 Individual Sponsor Membership** (includes membership card, two window decals and one-year subscription to *Oregon Sheriff* magazine with your name listed as a sponsor (subject to sheriff's approval))

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution**

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*Citizens rely on local law enforcement to protect their investment and livelihoods.*

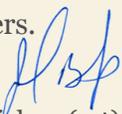


## WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

As Sheriffs our top priority is to protect life and property. The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association helps provide the resources and training to the Sheriffs to do their job more effectively and efficiently.

With one call our deputies can be faced with life-threatening situations where everything is on the line. Proper training and education will help save lives, sometimes even their own. Our partnership with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and its Training Center for Policing Excellence are just a few ways in which we achieve this training. Promoting crime prevention, drug awareness and public safety programs will change lives. Our neighborhood watch, crime prevention, safety fairs and water safety programs in our communities are vital. We have invested in our youth through college scholarships and other educational programs.

Help us protect your community by becoming a Individual Member today and join our distinguished list of members.

  
Sheriff John Bishop (ret)  
Executive Director

## MISSION

To promote, protect, preserve, enhance and support the Office of Sheriff as conservator of the peace in providing public safety services to the citizens of Oregon.

## HISTORY

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association was formed in 1916 to give Oregon Sheriffs a single, effective voice – every sheriff working diligently with their fellow sheriffs through the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to update and improve their profession and to elevate the entire law enforcement system through cooperation with all other law enforcement agencies, from the FBI to the one-man police departments.

## MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership dues are \$30.00 per year. You will receive a membership wallet card, window decals and an annual subscription to our quarterly magazine, *Oregon Sheriff* and product offers which are made available to our members.

Individual Sponsor membership dues are \$100 per year and will include your name listed as a sponsor in our *Oregon Sheriff* quarterly magazine (subject to sheriff's approval) in addition to all the individual membership items.

OSSA is a nonprofit, tax exempt and tax deductible organization as established by Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Did you know that there are more than 110 statutes that are specific to a Sheriff's responsibilities and duties?*

## THE DUTY OF THE SHERIFF

In each of the 36 counties in Oregon, the Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer. Their primary duty is to give full police protection to the unincorporated areas of the county. However, they maintain full police jurisdiction in all municipalities.

Their responsibilities cover the entire spectrum of law enforcement – criminal investigation, search and rescue, service of legal process of the courts, operation of the county jail, and total police services on a 24-hour basis. The Sheriff's Office must provide court security, transport all criminals to and from penal institutions, and is also called upon to handle mental patients within their jurisdiction.

In many counties the Oregon Sheriff is directing large numbers of personnel, and managing budgets in excess of several million dollars. The efficient and effective management of the Sheriff's Office demands a highly trained and experienced Sheriff.

All Sheriffs have full police authority in any county in Oregon when requested by another Sheriff. In this respect, they have established a great working rapport. The communication between the respective Sheriffs is effective, efficient, and a true service to the people of Oregon.

