

# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## ENHANCED SHERIFF'S PATROL DISTRICT (ESPD)

### SERVING OREGON'S SAFEST MAJOR URBAN COUNTY

Maintaining Washington County as the safest urban County in Oregon requires a thoughtful approach and responsive service. Initially formed in 1987, the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) is a special service district created to respond to the specific safety needs in the urban unincorporated areas of the County. With a denser population and more businesses and schools, this service district requires adequate staffing levels to meet the needs of our growing community.

To best serve our communities, each service area in the County is assigned a Sergeant directly responsible for problem-solving and strategic planning. **Together, deputies and the beat sergeant understand area residents' needs and tailor service locally for community engagement and accountability.** Beat sergeants and deputies regularly connect and collaborate with the community — through events, schools, community groups, local business associations or community meetings, and educational public safety presentations. Lieutenants are responsible for sectors or a collection of beats in similar geographic areas. Taking a broader holistic look, the lieutenants assess the community's collective needs, identify problems, and help leverage available assistance.

### ESPD OVERVIEW

Formed by Board of Commissioners and approved by voters in 1987

Provides around one (1.08) deputy per 1,000 residents

Delivers urban level public safety services to residents in the urban unincorporated areas

Continuous voter approval for the past 33 years, 76% of voters approved levy renewal through 2023

#### UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF:

- Aloha
- Bethany
- Bonny Slope
- Bull Mountain
- Cedar Hill
- Cedar Mill
- Claremont
- Cooper Mountain
- Garden Home
- Metzger
- Oak Hills
- Raleigh Hills
- Reedville
- Rock Creek
- Somerset West
- West Slope

Washington County is a great place to live, work and raise families. Our commitment to provide the safest county in Oregon for all community members is supported daily with the ESPD. Working directly with county leadership we can respond to the unique and diverse needs of an ever growing and evolving community.

**Sheriff Pat Garrett**

## ESPD FUNDING PROVIDES:



- Enhanced level of public safety services
- Immediate 9-1-1 response and follow-up
- Major crime investigations, including homicide, assault, burglary, and domestic violence
- Investigation of property and other crimes like thefts, stolen vehicles, fraud and vandalism
- Advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation when working with those experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis
- Consistent level of policing with population growth
- Community Outreach - working with community members, businesses, and partner agencies to prevent crimes through education and community policing strategies

WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS

URBAN UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS

**607,000\***

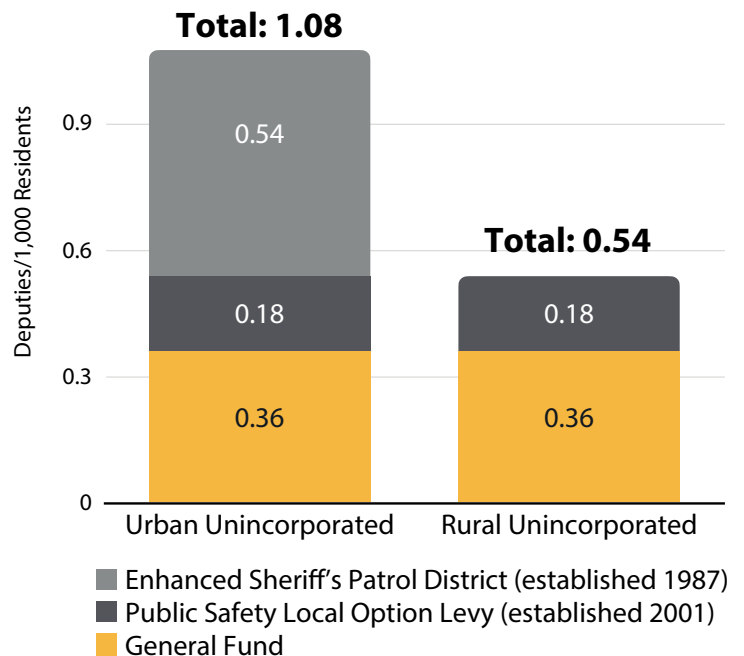
**214,000**

## SERVICE LEVEL AND RESPONSE

The ESPD is a service district formed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and approved by voters in 1987. Its purpose is to provide residents of urban unincorporated Washington County a mechanism to increase public safety service levels beyond the traditionally provided County base-level of about .50 officers-per-1,000 residents to a level of about 1.00 officers-per-1,000 residents. **Maintaining this staffing level is essential for WCSO to provide immediate 9-1-1 response and follow-up investigations.**

\*Population forecasts for 2022 provided by Washington County Land Use and Transportation, Planning and Development Services (6-30-21 update) based on recent trends and historical data from Portland State University population estimates.

## WCSO DEPUTY PER THOUSAND ESTABLISHED 1987



To learn more about ESPD services, including who your service provider is, please visit: [bit.ly/WCSO\\_ESPD](https://bit.ly/WCSO_ESPD)