

Sheriff first official for newly formed County

The office of Coos County Sheriff dates back to the creation of the county itself in 1853. When Coos County was created by an act of the Territorial Legislature in January 1854, the first county officers were named in the statute. That first sheriff was J.N. Foster who served until the first general election was held.

The Coos County Sheriff's Office remained a one man department until 1952 when one additional man was hired. The department reverted back to a one man situation in 1853 and remained that way until 1955.

It was in 1955 under Sheriff Charles Strawn that the department started to grow into an investigative agency and was expanded to six men. The office operated primarily during daylight hours with deputies on call after 5 p.m.

Then in 1971 Tony Zarbano was elected sheriff and he initiated the present 24 hour coverage. At that time the department grew to about 30 employees including the jail staff. During the 1970s the sheriff's office was expanded to the present level of over 60 employees.

Sheriffs of Coos County have in-

cluded:

4-15-54 to 6-5-54
1854-56
1856-58
1858-59
1859-60
1860-61
1861-63
1963-64
1964-70
1870-72
1872-73
1873-74
1874-75
1875-76
1876-81
1881-84
1884-85

J.N. Foster 1885-86
C.H. Haskell 1886-90
William M. Jackson 1890-92
J.C. McKay 1892-94
J.S. McNamara 1984-1901
S. Davis 1901-06
William S. Dryden 1906-14
Isaiah Hacker 1914-1916
A.J. Moody 1916-20
C.A. Hascom 1920-26
G.W. Sleeper 1926-30
P.G. Owen 1930-35
Joseph Ferry 1935-55
Jay Tuttle 1955-71
A.G. Aiken 1971-75
John Lane 1975-81
W.R. Simpson 1981-Present

Isaiah Hacker
L. Harlocker
Z.L. Siglin
R.M. Wieder
W.W. Gage
Stephen Gallier
W.W. Gage
Alfred Johnson Jr.
W.W. Gage
Edwin P. Ellingson
W.W. Gage
Henry E. Hess
William F. Howell
Charles Strawn
S. Tony Zarbano
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