

Coos County Community Corrections



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The county started this department in 1985 in a combined effort with the State Department of Corrections and as of May 1, 1996 it was fully operated by Coos County. The largest source of funding comes from the state although revenue is also received from assessments as part of fines imposed by the courts from fees collected from treatment services, and the criminal offenders being supervised. The department has 26 staff and is managed by a director who answers to the Board of Commissioners.

The staff includes 12 Parole and Probation Officers who supervise approximately 850 criminal offenders for the courts and parole board. The remaining personnel are support staff and program employees who provide drug and alcohol treatment, mental health counseling, drug screening and life skills training.

Community Corrections holds a unique place in the criminal justice system's effort to provide public safety. Parole and probation officers hold peace officer authority and may conduct ar-

rests and searches. However, they also act as counselors and try to cause the criminal offender to stop committing crime by getting a job, finishing basic education, discontinuing drug and alcohol abuse, becoming better parents, etc...Community corrections program staff provide many of these treatment components.

The local Community Corrections office has consistently been one of the state's top rated departments. A number of programs have been started in Coos County and copied throughout Oregon and the nation including Oregon's first substance abuse treatment program operated by corrections and a drug reduction program which has been used by numerous other states in the United States.

Notable Dates in Coquille History

1853...The Territorial Legislature made a portion of Douglas County into Coos County in December of this year and named Empire City as the county seat.

1860...First census of Coos County, population 445.

1873...Daily mail route from Roseburg to the bay area along the just completed wagon road.

1876...Marshfield (Coos Bay) starts a movement to change the county seat to that town. This continued on for 20 years, but the people of the Coquille Valley thought the county government should be centrally located.

1880...Census shows Coos County population as 4,834.

1889...Telegraph communication between Coquille and Empire.

1893...Railroad brings the first train.

1896...The county seat two-to-one vote moves the county seat from Empire to Coquille City.

1900...Coos County population 10,324.

1910...Coos County population 17,959.

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