### From the Sheriff's Desk...

by Jeff Dickerson, Columbia County Sheriff



### The Sheriff and the Jail

One of the most challenging aspects to the mission of the sheriff is the operation of the jail. It is definitely the most expensive element of conserving the peace of our communities here in

Columbia County. It is also one of the most meaningful things we do.

The Columbia County Jail was moved to its present site in 2001, after voters approved a bond to build our current facility. The old jail held a capacity of 35 inmates. The current facility holds 195. We usually hold between 160 and 180 inmates per night.

While it might be the most complex and expensive thing we do, housing, feeding, securing and providing programs and medical care for thousands of individuals each year is not first in the list of the duties of the sheriff. State law em-

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### Col. Co. Sheriff

Mar. 22 - Took Harassment report on Airport Road and Airport Way after a report that a neighbor struck the mirror on their car when they drove past; case is pending.

### Vernonia Justice Court

March 30-April 6, 2010

Traffic	1
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