

## From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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cient, effective way to do so.

The committee also expressed a desire to see polling that would indicate support for such an effort, and last fall, a scientific survey of citizens county-wide came up with the following major ideas supported by the public:

1. Law enforcement in rural areas of the county is inadequate;
2. Enhanced county law enforcement benefits both city and rural safety by deterring criminal activity outside city limits;
3. The lack of county investigational person-

nel makes Columbia County a criminal target; and

4. City police officers should be able to rely on county sheriff's deputies for assistance and backup.

Armed with this information, I worked with the Board of County Commissioners to identify the best way to address the concerns of voters and provide the resources necessary to get the job done. Together, we identified a property tax rate of \$0.6203 per \$1,000 in assessed value. The County Board of Commissioners, also has com-

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## Police/Court Abbreviations

Abbreviations: A&D, Alcohol & Drug; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; BUII, Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants; CCSO, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; DWS, Driving While License is Suspended; MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; MV, Motor Vehicle Accident; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; ODL, Oregon Driver License; FTA, Failure to Appear in Court; NTSI, National Traffic Safety Institute; DA, District Attorney; VIP, Victim Impact Panel; FF&A, Fines, Fees and Assessments.

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