

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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 sheriff's office for their law enforcement needs have several options available to them, depending on the desires of the city council and the ability of the sheriff to provide the service.

The first option a city has is to eliminate its police services altogether and rely on the sheriff to respond inside the city as time and resources allow. This is the least expensive option, as it requires no city resources. It also leaves the city with only emergency response and major crime investigation, with very little attention to traffic laws and none to municipal ordinance. The Sheriff responds to issues within the city with the same amount of resources the sheriff has to address problems county-wide. The city becomes part of the county-wide sheriff's response.

The next option is for the sheriff and the city to work cooperatively to determine the number of deputies required to provide a given number of patrol hours within the city. These patrol hours would be dedicated to enforcing all laws and municipal ordinances in the city with county deputies who would be otherwise engaged in wider county issues.

Another option is for the sheriff to manage a city police department with the number of deputies for which the city council wishes to contract. These deputies would drive police cars and wear uniforms that distinctly identify them as city police officers.
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Police/Court Abbreviations

Abbreviations: A&D, Alcohol & Drug; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; BUUI, 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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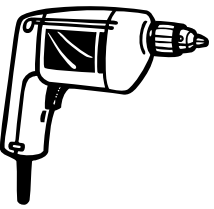
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