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WASCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE  
NEWSLETTER

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*Wildfire Planning*

With wildfire season set to arrive early this year, we must prepare now in order to protect our families and our property when faced with an emergency. The last two summers have brought consecutive large scale wildfires to Wasco County, and this year may very well be no exception to the trend. Last year's Rowena Fire was the highest priority fire in the nation for 3 days. Over 400 homes were placed under Level 3 evacuation status. Fighting the fire ultimately cost an estimated \$4.6 million. Two homes and several outbuildings were destroyed. Thankfully, no lives were lost.

There are actions you can take now to protect against future wildfire emergencies. *Oregon Ready, Set, Go!*, [www.oregonrsg.org](http://www.oregonrsg.org), is a great resource for wildfire planning information:

**Ready** - Fireproof your home and create defensible space to protect against wildfires. Make a wildfire action plan addressing evacuation, communications and plans for pets/livestock. Know how to respond safely and leave early if threatened by wildfire. Register now for **Wasco County Citizen Alert** by visiting [www.co.wasco.or.us](http://www.co.wasco.or.us) and clicking on *Citizen Alert Notification Sign Up*. All emergency alerts, including evacuations, are issued through the Citizen Alert system.

**Set** - Create a 72 hour kit for your home including food and emergency supplies, as well as kits for your car and workplace in case a wildfire prevents you from going home. Create a special go-kit and be sure to include important documents, medications, etc. When a wildfire occurs, make sure to stay tuned in for information about evacuation areas and be prepared to leave immediately if an evacuation order is issued. Know the three levels of evacuation: Level 1- Get Ready, Level 2- Get Set. Level 3- Go!

**Go** - Leave early! Knowing when to leave, what to take, where to go, and how to get there will help keep you and your family from being caught in smoke, fire, or road congestion while evacuating during a wildfire.

By taking these steps today as individuals, we will be better prepared as a community should a wildfire occur tomorrow. For additional emergency planning resources, please visit [http://www.co.wasco.or.us/county/dept\\_sheriff\\_emergency.cfm](http://www.co.wasco.or.us/county/dept_sheriff_emergency.cfm).

Sincerely,  
Kristy Beachamp  
Wasco County Emergency Manager



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In matters of style,  
swim with the cur-  
rent; in matters of  
principle, stand  
like a rock.

**Thomas Jefferson**



## *School Resources are here!*

A number months ago the Wasco County Sheriff's Office was approached by the National Child Safety Council in an effort to provide K-12 material related to a myriad issues our youth face on a day to day basis. These include the illegal use of marijuana, alcohol abuse, binge drinking, internet safety, know your local Sheriff's Office, and other safety issues.

As part of this process the Wasco County Sheriff's Office sent out a letter to all businesses in Wasco County asking for financial support to provide information to the youth of our communities.

We are proud to announce the Sheriff's Office received almost \$6500.00 from local business establishments around the county! The Sheriff's Office would like to personally thank the following businesses and individuals for their support:

Akita Chiropractic Clinic

Bi-Mart

Bohn's Printing

Casa El Mirador

Cascade Eye Center

Cascade Motors

C.H. Urness Motor Company

David A. Griffith

Devon Mechanical

Grant & Leonie Robbins

Jim Hunt Trucking

Kielman Dental Clinic

James Habberstad (Attorney)

Life Line Baptist Church

Lori Fischer

McClaskey Orchards

Mel's Sanitary Service

Montira's Thai Cuisine

Neal R. Harth

Northern Wasco County PUD

Old West Oil

Oliver's Floor Covering

Oregon Equipment Co.

Richmond's Service

Ridgeline Plumbing

Root Orchards

Spee-dee Haulers

Spooky's

Steve's Chevron

Remlap Corp.

Thomas Peachy (Attorney)

Two Dogs Plumbing & Drain Cleaning

Wasco Title Co.

All school materials will be distributed to students at the beginning of the 2015 school year. Thanks again for the support and please remember to support your local businesses!

## Parole and Probations Most Wanted

Take a look at these "Most Wanted" by Wasco County Parole and Probation

RODNEY JONES

DOB: 5/30/1975

Age: 39

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Height/Weight: 5'11"/190 lbs

Currently absconded

On Post-Prison supervision for 3 counts of Possession of Meth.

Past conviction for Forgery.



# Parole and Probations Most Wanted.....

JUAN MARTIN PEREZ HAMMOND (aka  
Marty Perez)  
DOB: 11/21/1990  
Age: 24  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Height/Weight: 5'10" / 160 lbs  
Currently absconded  
On Probation for Sex Abuse 3, Criminal Mischief I,  
and Resisting Arrest.



## DEPUTY SPOTLIGHTS

In August 2014 the Sheriff's Office began the process of filling two vacated deputy positions for the patrol division. During the application period the Sheriff's Office selected Deputy Ray Thomas and Jonathon Swiger. Both began full time in October 2014 and then January 26th 2015, both attended the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Basic Police Academy and graduating May 15th 2015 with honors.

DPSST sets the standard for excellence in training as recruits are instructed in the areas of police tactics, criminal law, report writing, community policing, mental health, defensive tactics, firearms, emergency vehicle operations and numerous other related subjects to law enforcement.

With the bar set high, the class Ray and Jonathon attended was the first Basic Police Academy Class to obtain four (4) citations in the categories of Tactical, Drill & Ceremony, Survival Skills and Academic. This class also obtained the Directors Award for donating \$1000.00 to the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund.

Congratulations to Ray and Jonathon for representing Wasco County and a job well done!

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Wasco County Sheriff's Office is to serve and protect persons and property in Wasco County.

#### VISION STATEMENT

The Wasco County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency within Wasco County and provides a superior level of safety to the citizens of Wasco County. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will provide superior and innovative services to the citizens of Wasco County.

#### CORE VALUES

Dedicated to Excellence

Provide superior, face to face, service to the citizens of Wasco County

Committed to Integrity, Teamwork, and Excellence

Financially responsible

Relationships are Primary

## DEPUTY SPOTLIGHTS CONT.....



Pictured L-R, Sheriff Rick Eiesland, Ray Thomas, Jonathon Swiger, Chief Deputy Lane Magill

Deputy Ray Thomas grew up in Wasco County and is a graduate of Dufur High School. He was an active member of the U.S. Army and after leaving the military he became a federal police officer, stationed in Washington. Ray also was employed by the Washington Department of Corrections in Walla Walla Washington. Ray is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing.

Deputy Jonathon Swiger grew up in Washougal Washington and has had an interest in law enforcement since he was a child. He attended Clark College and Mt. Hood Community College. He then began work with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. After leaving Clark County he was employed with the Oregon Department of Corrections as a corrections officer in Pendleton Oregon. He enjoys outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, and camping.

Welcome Aboard!