

## STAFF REPORT

<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	April 22, 2025
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**CATEGORY:** Presentations 3

**SUBJECT:** Receive a presentation from the Shasta County Sheriff acknowledging Sheriff's Office Volunteers (Sponsored by Supervisor Crye).

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Toni Schlapia, Interim Executive Assistant, (530) 245-6000

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Michael L. Johnson, Sheriff-Coroner

<u><b>Vote Required?</b></u>	<u><b>General Fund Impact?</b></u>
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No Vote

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No Additional General Fund Impact

<u><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></u>
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### **DISCUSSION**

Receive a presentation from Sheriff Michael L. Johnson acknowledging the Sheriff's Office volunteers who serve the citizens of Shasta County on a daily basis. Sheriff's Office volunteers are invaluable in the services that they provide in the following areas:

#### **Law Enforcement Chaplaincy**

A nonprofit corporation, the members of the Shasta County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy dedicate thousands of hours each year to respond to call outs from multiple agencies and to minister to members of law enforcement, their families, and the community.

#### **Citizen Volunteer Patrols**

There are currently 6 Citizen Volunteer Patrol (CVP) units in Shasta County serving the communities of Burney, City of Shasta Lake, Cottonwood, Fall River Mills, Happy Valley, and Shingletown. The CVP membership currently stands at 64 volunteers. In 2024, these combined units volunteered over 6,330 hours including having conducted daytime and nighttime patrols, performed business checks, house checks, and reported suspicious incidents to the Sheriff's Office. They also provided 418 hours of much needed clerical support to the Sheriff's Office stations located in Burney and City of Shasta Lake Station. They annually participate in multiple community events including the Salmon Festival, Redding Marathon, Big Bike Weekend, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, and parades within the City of Shasta Lake.

#### **Explorer Program**

This group of young volunteers, known as Explorers, range in age from 14 to 21 and are supervised by both sworn and non-sworn staff from the Sheriff's Office. In 2024, the Sheriff's Office had 5 active Explorers. These dedicated individuals volunteer numerous hours assisting with various community events, attending regular Explorer meetings, and riding along with deputies, all while balancing other commitments while attend high school or college full time.

#### **Reserve Program**

The Reserve Unit consist of 4 sworn reserve deputies who volunteer their time in service to the community. Under the supervision of a Sheriff's Office Sergeant, these non-paid professionals assist in a variety of roles, including public events, major incidents, community outreach, and patrol operations such as arrestee transportation and booking. In addition to supporting multiple assignments throughout the year, each reserve deputy is required to attend and complete annual training to maintain readiness and ensure operational effectiveness.

### **Asphalt Cowboys**

While the Asphalt Cowboys are an independent organization, they routinely support the Sheriff's Office by providing meals during special events and emergency incidents. Their members have consistently made themselves available when called upon, demonstrating their commitment to serving the community alongside local law enforcement.

### **Search and Rescue**

The volunteers who make up our Search and Rescue teams come from all walks of life and form the backbone of the unit. These dedicated individuals play an invaluable role in a wide range of operations. From training and search missions to supporting fire response efforts, their service extends beyond Shasta County, as they are often called upon to assist in other jurisdictions when needed.

The Search and Rescue teams assisted with multiple local searches and several mutual aid searches in 2024. The search and rescue teams are composed of the following:

Communication Posse  
Dirt Riders  
Dive Team  
Flying Posse  
Ground Team  
Jeep Posse  
K-9 Team  
Mountain Bike Team  
Mountain Rescue Team  
Mounted Posse  
Snowmobile Team

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may choose not to receive the presentation, may defer the presentation for a different time, or may request additional information from staff.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

While the services of these volunteers are mainly supportive of Sheriff's Office functions, their assistance has many times been afforded to other community organizations and other counties in California. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Administrative oversight is provided by the Sheriff's Office; however, these volunteer organizations are funded primarily from community donations. There is no additional General Fund impact associated with this presentation.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: None