Message from the Sheriff of Wallowa County

Wallowa County is a beautiful place to live, work, and play. **The Wallowa County Sheriff's Office** strives to provide community service through public safety to support and enrich the quality of life for our citizens and our visitors. The Sheriff's Office provides our community professional law enforcement, emergency dispatch, civil service, and concealed handgun license services.

We are responsive to your emergency needs 24/7 and look forward to working with you to keep our community a safe, prosperous, and enjoyable place to live. Thank you for visiting our website.

Wallowa County Sheriff, Ryan Moody:

Ryan Moody was born in Lincoln City in 1972 and moved to Corvallis in 1977 where he attended Corvallis High School followed by Linn-Benton Community College.

Ryan started his Law Enforcement career as a Benton County Sheriff's Cadet through the Explorer program in 1989. During this time, he attended a Cadet Academy for six months, followed by a Reserve Academy after he was hired in 1992 as a Marine Cadet for the Sheriff's Office. During his third season as a Marine Deputy in 1994, he was hired full time as a Patrol Deputy for the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

He was a Patrol Deputy until 2001 when he was promoted to Patrol Corporal, followed by Patrol Sergeant in 2008.

During his career, he was assigned to the Detective Division for three years, was an active member of the Linn-Benton Regional SWAT Team for almost 15 years. During his career at Benton County, he managed the entire fleet of vehicles for almost 25 years, managing the fleet budget as well as supervising the Marine Patrol for six years.

Ryan was employed by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training as a Vehicle Stop Instructor as well as an Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) Instructor. Ryan still holds this position and teaches around the state as well as at the Academy and has for the last 19 years. He retired from the Benton County Sheriff's Office in 2022 after serving 30 years in the county. Ryan has been married to his wife for 13 years and together they have five children and five grandchildren together.

Ryan is familiar with Wallowa County as his family started having annual summer vacations at Trouthaven Resort since 1969 and continued up to 2009.

Wallowa County Sheriffs:

- Sheriff R. H. Coshow – April 6, 1887 to September 8, 1887
- Sheriff Frank L. Brown – September 8, 1887, to April 1888, Died in Office
- Sheriff Samuel Amey – April 7, 1888 to July 1888
- Sheriff O. H. Rinehart – July 1888 to February 15, 1890
- Sheriff D. B. Reavis – February 15, 1890 to July 1890
- Sheriff Thomas Humphreys – July 1890 to July 1894
- Sheriff M. R. Neal – July 1894 to July 1896
- Sheriff Elmer Johnston Forsythe – July 1896 to July 1898
- Sheriff J. A. French – July 1898 to July 1900
- Sheriff Hiram C. Cramer – July 1900 to July 1902
- Sheriff J. C. Shackleford – July 1902 to July 1904
- Sheriff James M. Blakely – July 1904 to July 1908
- Sheriff Oliver Edgar Marvin – July 1908 to January 1917
- Sheriff Frederick David Rinehart – January 1917 to January 1925
- Sheriff Albert Burton "Burt" Miller – January 1925 to July 1, 1948
- Sheriff Gayle Stockdale – July 1, 1948 to January 3, 1949
- Sheriff Gilbert "Gib" Cox – January 3, 1949, to October 26, 1950; Called back to military service
- Sheriff Clarence Booth – October 26, 1950, to August 1955, Died in Office
- Sheriff Mark Benjamin Marks – September 15, 1955 to January 1957
- Sheriff Richard N. O'Brien – January 1957 to June 1959, Died in Office
- Sheriff Mark Benjamin Marks – July 10, 1959 to September 1971
- Sheriff John Edward Duckworth – September 1971 to March 1975
- Sheriff Guy Davis – March 1975 to March 1978
- Sheriff Jody Williamson – March 1978 to May 1984
- Sheriff Roger Alan Decker – May 1984 to December 1996
- Sheriff Ron Jett – December 23, 1996 to December 18, 2000
- Sheriff Fred Steen – December 18, 2000 to January 7, 2013

- Sheriff Steve Rogers – January 7, 2013 to January 4, 2021
- Sheriff Joel Fish – January 4, 2021, December 31, 2023
- Sheriff Ryan Moody, January 1, 2024 - present.