



YAKIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
3/10th of a Penny Sales Tax 2007 – 2008 Annual Report

Since we began receiving the 3/10th of a penny sales tax in 2005 we have given you an annual “Report Card” to show how those funds are being spent at the Sheriff’s Office. It is extremely important to me that we are accountable to you the tax payer for every dollar with which we are entrusted.

The positive impact on our county is real and here are statistics from the Washington Association of Sheriff’s and Police Chiefs “Crime in Washington 2007 Report”:

Crime Index Offenses / Rate per 1,000 people

2005 – 2006 - **10.5%** from the year before in rural Yakima County
2006 – 2007 - **12.9%** from the year before in rural Yakima County

This has resulted in our crime rate per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated portion of Yakima County (approx. 90,000 people +/-) to drop in 2007 to **37.4**. We continue to work on doing our part in getting it lower and lower as we discover new strategies, techniques and efficiencies.

Comparison counties:

Adams Co. (10,000 +/-)	31.6	Kittitas Co. (17,000 +/-)	43.3
Benton Co. (40,000 +/-)	20.5	Pierce Co. (365,000 +/-)	34.2
Chelan Co. (41,000 +/-)	26.1	Skagit Co. (51,000 +/-)	39.5
Grant Co. (41,000 +/-)	49.3	Yakima Co. (90,000 +/-)	37.4

Our emphasis with 3/10th funds have been on:

- A quality first response when you call;
- Combating illegal narcotics in cooperation with all area law enforcement;
- Fighting gang violence in cooperation with all area law enforcement;
- Enforcing sex offender registration; and
- Auto theft prevention and suppression in cooperation with all area law enforcement.

Because citizens of Yakima County understood and respected the needs of the Sheriff’s Office, the following was possible from June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008:

Financial Report

17 deputies and 1 DOS officer:

- 3 New deputy positions remained funded.
- 14 Existing deputy positions funded that would have been lost due to the inability of the county's General Fund Budget to keep pace with rising costs.
- 1 Department of Security officer (Court and courthouse security force).

Salaries
Benefits
Overtime
Training

Total \$1,057,681.24

Supplies:

Office and operating supplies	Training air-soft pistol
Printing	Stop-Sticks
Gym mats for tactical training	Gun sights
SWAT gun supplies – 3 deputies	Modems
SWAT ammo – 3 deputies	Tasers
Computer supplies	SWAT 2-way radios – 3 deputies
Spanish on Patrol books	Portable radio mic's
	New hire lap-tops
Taser cartridges	Computer software

Total \$71,578.77

Other Services – Charges:

Polygraphs
ER&R – 17 patrol vehicles
County Technology Services support
Physical evaluations
Telephones charges
Travel
Liability insurance
Street Survival training
Advertising

Total \$109,740.71

TOTAL 3/10th funds expended this reporting period **\$ 1,239,000.72**

We appreciate your continued support while we work to make this a safer, more prosperous community to live in, work in, and visit.

Sheriff Ken Irwin