

MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Names New Public Information Officer

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The Washington County Sheriff's Office has appointed Deputy Brian van Kleef to the position of public information officer (PIO).

Deputy van Kleef has served the sheriff's office for five years in the jail division. His assignments include jail release and intake management coordinator, special needs pod deputy, and he continues to serve on the sheriff's office diversity, equity and inclusion team. Deputy van Kleef formally served for three years as a court security transport unit and reserve deputy with the agency.

In addition to his law enforcement experience, Deputy van Kleef brings a wealth of news media experience to the agency. Over a 17 year career, he worked at KPTV and KGW (Portland), KING and KCPQ (Seattle), KHQ (Spokane), KNDU/KNDO (Tri-Cities/Yakima), and KPHO/KTVK (Phoenix). Deputy van Kleef was the executive producer of "Good Day Oregon" for six years, earning his first of two Emmys in 2009.



"Building trust and ongoing communication are key in creating transparency with the public," said Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett. "To that end, the PIO is crucial in ensuring the public receives information in an accurate and timely manner while further building trust. We are excited to bring Deputy van Kleef to this position and see how he will continue the success of this program."

Media inquiries may continue to be directed the media-only PIO phone number (503-209-5613) and email address (WCSOPIO@co.washington.or.us).

Deputy van Kleef replaces former public information officer Deputy Jeff Talbot, who is relocating with his family to Seattle.



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