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THOMAS 'TOM' J. BERGIN

Elected: Nov. 2, 2004, General Election

Sworn into office: Jan. 3, 2005 **Term:** Four years

Tom Bergin is the 31st person to serve as the Sheriff of Clatsop County, Oregon.
(The first was Thomas Owens in April 1845.)

Sheriff Bergin has worked in law enforcement in Clatsop County for 18 years. He worked for the Seaside Police Department as a patrol officer for five years and a reserve officer for one year.

He joined the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 14, 1992, as a patrol deputy in the criminal division and rose through the ranks. He developed the K9 narcotics detective program and was the K9 officer. He was promoted to patrol sergeant in March 1996. Two years later, he was chosen to supervise and reorganize the Clatsop County Inter-Agency Narcotic Team. As the detective sergeant, he rewrote policies and re-established working relationships among law enforcement agencies to form a five-person team. In 2002, the Western States Information Network named the Clatsop County unit as the Narcotics Agency of the Year for Oregon. He has also received a commendation from the FBI for his work in a child abduction investigation. In September 2003, he was named Chief Deputy, second-in-command of the department.

Sheriff Bergin has completed 1,690 hours of training through the Oregon Department of Public Safety and Standards and holds all law enforcement certifications through executive level.

Sheriff Bergin grew up in Portland and graduated from Wilson High School. As a youth, he surfed in Seaside and moved to that city when he turned 18. He attended Chemeketa Community College, Portland State University and Oregon State University. He is married with two daughters. He is a member of the Astoria Rotary.

Sheriff Bergin is responsible for a \$5.3 million budget and a staff of 54.4 fulltime-equivalent employees. The sheriff oversees the criminal division, civil division, marine patrol, corrections (jail), emergency/disaster preparedness and response, and the support division.

The Sheriff is an elected, nonpartisan position. The Sheriff oversees 55 employees in the criminal division, corrections division, support division, marine patrol and emergency management services.

