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The Patrol Division serves as a rural patrol and provides uniform police services on Oregon's transportation system while assisting local communities and law enforcement.

- Collision Reconstruction
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement
- Drug Recognition Expert
- Impaired Driving
- Ignition Interlock Device
- High Visibility Enforcement Unit
- Honor Guard
- Canine Program
- Mobile Response Team
- Special Weapons & Tactics
- Tow Program
- Sworn Recruiting





Enhancing Public Safety

Protect people and property, and improve community livability.

Patrol Division Statistics for 2024	
Traffic Enforcement - Routine Stops	209,171
Calls for Service	108,513
Crash Investigations	18,198
Responding to Driving Complaints	33,049
Rendering Aid to Citizens - Motor Assists	17,636
Arrests/Criminal Charges by Patrol Division staff	14,327
Assistance rendered to other Law Enforcement Agencies	10,637



K-9 Program

Statewide K-9 Teams

- Multiple disciplines stationed throughout the state
 - Drug detection 7
 - Albany, Bend, La Grande, Ontario, Roseburg, Salem, and Springfield
 - SWAT 2
 - Fish and Wildlife 2
 - Explosives detection 1
 - Capitol Mall patrol office
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 - In training

Sr. Trooper Show with drug detection K-9 Millie

Drug Detection K-9 Highglights

K-9 Program Applications and Seizure	S*
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	2024	2023
Cocaine	14.8 lbs.	218.5 lbs.
Heroin	9.4 lbs.	18.7 lbs.
Methamphetamine	894.20 lbs.	633 lbs.
Marijuana	655.2 lbs.	2,186 lbs.
Fentanyl Pills	1,441,549 pills	594,092 pills
Fentanyl Powder	62.6 lbs.	82 lbs.
Firearms	45	23
Currency Seized	\$347,334.00	\$65,448.00
Currency Encountered Not Seized	\$98,242.00	\$69,857.00
Other Notable Seizures	\$22,700 recovered stolen	
	merchandise;	
	200 stolen gift cards	
Combined fentanyl powder/pill	1,444,370.34 (du)	597,811.46 (du)
seizures in dosage units (du)		
Total K-9 Applications	103	75
(number of times dog deployed to search)		

Dosage unit = 1 pill or .1 gram of powder

*The above seizures originated from both Oregon State Police and outside agency cases where the K-9 and handler were utilized to locate contraband.



High Visibility Enforcement Unit

High Visibility Enforcement Unit (HVEU)

- Pilot Project
 - July 2023 Start of pilot project with a part-time unit focused on Fatal-5 driving behaviors
 - Enhancing patrols using crash and traffic data
 - Traffic safety collaborations in Portland metro area and Central Oregon
- Impacts
 - 49 operations statewide
 - 12,796 traffic stops
 - Mobile breath testing more than 110 uses, saving 45-60 minutes per investigation
- Crash Reduction (2024 compared to 2023)
 - 5.6% reduction in fatal crashes





Collision Reconstruction Unit

Collision Reconstruction Unit

- Leveraging technology to reduce the on-scene time for serious injury and fatal collisions
- 21% reduction in the average time a trooper was assigned to a crash call agency-wide:
 - 2024 83 minutes
 - 2022 105 minutes
- Dedicated data servers improve processing time and back-end investigation work

s-UAS Program

- Crash investigations
- Special operations
- Criminal investigations



Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement

- Reinvestment in Heavy Truck Collision Reconstruction and commercial motor vehicle enforcement
- 23% of CMVs and 6% of drivers placed out of service during Point of Entry saturation events in 2024



Strengthening Relationships

- Annual Law Enforcement Career Camp
- Drug Recognition Experts (2023-2024)
 - 30 new DREs trained
 - 349 officers trained in ARIDE for enhanced drug-impaired driving investigations

Name Our K-9 Contest

- Winning name: Millie
- 778 entries from elementary students statewide





Sworn Recruiting

Recruiting Efforts

- Moved to Patrol Services Division to improve coordination and strategic planning
- Hiring process adjustments
 - Improve outcomes
 - Maintain standards
- Regional Recruiting
 - Initiated in 2023
 - Goal of recruiting and retaining applicants in local communities

Staffing Successes

- Reduced average monthly vacancies
- Initiated mentoring program pairing new recruits with seasoned troopers



Key Performance Measure #1: Reduce fatal crashes on state and interstate highways to fewer than 5.06 per 1 billion VMT where OSP has primary responsibility.

Target: 5.06 fatal crashes on OSP-patrolled highways per 1 billion VMT



Key Performance Measure #2: Percent of lane-blocking crashes cleared within 90 minutes.

Target: 80% of crashes cleared in 90 minutes or less



Key Performance Measure #3: Increase compliance with Ignition Interlock Device (IID) installation to reduce crashes and improve transportation safety.

Target: 50% compliance rate



Patrol & Public Safety Services **2025-2027 Governor's Budget**





All Funds = \$300,612,502





Oregon State Police Questions



Criminal Investigation Division

Captain Cameron Bailey and Major Teresa Livingston



The Criminal Division provides investigative support and assistance to OSP divisions, state agencies, and local law enforcement.

Responsibilities

- Arson Investigators
- Drug Enforcement Section
- Explosives Unit
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Missing Person Clearinghouse
- Major Crimes
- Digital Forensic Unit
- Cold Case Unit
- Evidence Technicians (added in 2024)

 State Overdose Response Team (Jan 2025)

Criminal Investigation

Priorities

- Protect people and property through investigations and partnerships in:
 - Major Crime Teams
 - Crimes against children
 - State institution investigations
 - Public official investigations
 - Examining and analyzing digital evidence
 - Threat assessments and counter-terrorism
 - Disrupting drug trafficking and illicit drug production
 - Reducing and deterring arson/explosive-related crimes





Drug Enforcement Section

Apex Drug Seizures

- In Oregon, the "Apex" drugs of cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin are historically the most prevalent
- 2024 methamphetamine seizures increased by 152% and cocaine seizures were up 94% when compared to 2023 full-year seizure amounts
- Heroin has remained consistent and 2024 ended with seizure amounts similar to 2023. The downward trend indicates that fentanyl has replaced heroin in Oregon's illicit drug market





Fentanyl Strategic Enforcement and Disruption Initiative

Initiative Start

• Spring 2023

Partnerships

- Drug Enforcement Section detectives are assigned to 10 HIDTA Task Force teams throughout the state
- Domestic Highway Enforcement (DHE) detectives are assigned as DEA task force officers

2024 Total Fentanyl Seized

- 32% increase from 2023
- 398% increase since 2021

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Portland Drug Enforcement Operations

Objective

 Bike-certified troopers were deployed to assist the Portland Police Bureau's Central Neighborhood Response Bike Team patrols in visible missions focused on preventing crime and stopping open-air drug markets in downtown Portland

Partners

 Portland Police Bureau, U.S. Attorney's Office, Multnomah County District Attorney, Clackamas County Interagency Task Force, Linn Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team, Port of Portland Police, TriMet Police, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Federal Bureau of Investigations

Missions (2024)

- 31 Mobile Response Team
- 8 Collaborations with OSP DES
 - Targeted missions in downtown Portland to address street-level methamphetamine and fentanyl dealers

Highlights

- 54 persons arrested for Delivery of a Controlled Substance
- 8 firearms seized
- 9 Naloxone (Narcan) deployments
- 59 people referred to services (or entered deflection post 9-1-2024)





State Overdose Response Team (SORT)

Seeking justice for overdose victims by investigating their deaths and holding those responsible for supplying deadly drugs accountable for their crimes.

Why SORT

- Most prevalent injury death in Oregon
 - Exceeds combined firearm and motor vehicle deaths
- 197% increase in overdose deaths from 2018-2023 in Oregon

Response

- SORT responds at the request of local law enforcement
- Incident types:
 - Juvenile deaths
 - Witnessed deaths (where there is a cooperative witness)
 - Deaths where the victim's phone is present and unlocked
 - In-custody overdose deaths



Major Crimes Section

- 24/7 criminal investigation callouts
- Complex criminal investigations
 - January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024
 - 6,304 total major crime Cases statewide
 - 1,498 cases involved a criminal complaint at a state institution (Oregon Youth Authority,
 - Department of Corrections, or Oregon State Hospital)
 - 721 cases involved the investigation of physical or sexual child abuse
 - 132 cases involved a homicide/attempted homicide
 - 141 cases involved the activation of a Major Crime Team (MCT)



Cold Case Unit

Case Information

- 56 unsolved homicide cases
- 65 missing person cases (some of which are likely homicides)
- 32 unidentified human remains cases
- 11 suspicious/unsolved death investigation cases

Progress

- 29 cold cases are currently assigned to OSP detectives for investigation
- Tangible progress on cases as old as 50 years
- Forensic analysis and genetic genealogy being maximized in multiple cases
- All OSP led Missing or Murdered Indigenous People cases are assigned and being investigated
- Cold case tips:
 - Finalizing cold case web page
 - Email: OSP.CCU@osp.oregon.gov





Agency Assists

2024 Agency Assists

- Law enforcement: 2,358
- State institutions: 723

Agencies Assisted

- Sheriff's offices
- Police departments
- Federal agencies
- Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Out-of-state law enforcement agencies
- Fire departments
- Fire districts
- Oregon Dept. of Justice
- Tribal agencies
- District Attorneys
- Oregon Dept. of Forestry

23.5% of the total MCS cases across the state in 2024 were institution cases.



Criminal Investigation Division Key Performance Measure #6: Percent of Major Crime Team call-outs resolved within 12 months from call-out date.

Target: 95% of MCT investigations resolved within 12 months



Criminal Investigation Division Key Performance Measure #7: Number of dismantled or disrupted drug trafficking organizations (DTO)

Target: Disrupt or dismantle 45 DTOs annually (beginning in 2022)



Criminal Investigation Division 2025-2027 Governor's Budget



All Funds = \$65,014,886





Oregon State Police Questions



STATE TROOPER

Captain Casey Thomas and Major Teresa Livingston

The Fish and Wildlife Division ensures compliance with the laws and regulations for Oregon's fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend.

Responsibilities

- Wildlife and Fisheries sections
- Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) program
- Marine Fisheries Team
- Special Investigations Unit
- Aviation Unit
- K-9 Unit



Priorities

- Through Education, Engagement and Enforcement:
 - Protect fish and wildlife resources for future generations
 - Ensure sustainable commercial fisheries
 - Protect Oregon's environment and natural resources
- Work collaboratively with partner agencies to protect Oregon's natural resources
- Provide rural law enforcement services
- Protect Oregon's residents and visitors participating in outdoor recreational activities





Strengthening Community Relations

- Engaging with new groups
- Hunter education, Fish and Shop with a Cop events
- Student engagement
- Looking for new ways to make a positive impact particularly with youth



Creating a culture of excellence and accountability

- Investing in and developing staff
 - Leadership Summit
 - Various topics and instructors
 - Build morale and develop Esprit De Corps
- Providing leadership opportunities to troopers
 - Mentorship program
 - Troopers leading specific projects and trainings





Program spotlight

Fish and Wildlife K-9 Program

- Expanded program in 2023
 - K-9 Buck Springfield
 - K-9 Scout Bend
 - Future expansion planned for 2026
- Locating evidence
 - Illegally taken fish and wildlife
 - Spent shell casings
 - Tracking Fish and Wildlife violators
- Public outreach
 - Youth, sport, and conservation groups



Key Performance Measure #4: Increase interactions with anglers and hunters.

Target: 85,000 hunter and angler contacts annually



Key Performance Measure #5: Improve detection of illegally harvested non-commercial fish and wildlife.

Target: 2,000 illegal harvest detections annually



Fish and Wildlife Division **2025-2027 Governor's Budget**



All Funds = \$65,145,619





Oregon State Police Questions


Dispatch Command Centers Major Alex Gardner

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The Dispatch Centers provide statewide 24/7 communication support of Oregon State Police operations and our public safety partners.

Locations

- Northern Command Center (Salem)
- Southern Command Center (Central Point)



Dispatch Centers

Annual call volume:

Event Category	2023	2024
Calls for Service	161,040	162,523
Crashes	20,748	21,798
Routine Contacts	206,206	215,571
Annual Subtotals	387,994	399,892





Dispatch Centers

Operational efficiencies and successes

- A CAD Replacement Project to modernize the dispatch center software and improve information sharing between agencies is slated for June 2025
- The Southern Command Center was remodeled and dispatch console furniture modernized in October 2024
- An Agency Operations Center at GHQ with dispatch consoles and auxiliary radio equipment for incident management was completed in October 2024
- Dispatchers from each center received critical incident awards from APCO/NENA and the Northern Command Center received a critical incident award from OPOA for its coordination of the response to the April 2024 AMBER Alert









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Oregon State Medical Examiner

Dr. Sean Hurst, State Medical Examiner Major Alex Gardner



The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office provides comprehensive forensic pathology services to every county throughout Oregon, delivering professional, timely, consistent, and compassionate death investigation services.

Forensic pathology services: Autopsy

- Examiner
- medical examiner programs
- include:
 - Communication with families

 - Expert Witness Testimony
 - Death Certification
 - Mortality Data Collection

• All medicolegal autopsies in Oregon are performed by boardcertified forensic pathologists employed by the State Medical

• Autopsy services are provided by the state office to all county Beyond postmortem examinations, forensic pathology services also

Interpretation of toxicology and other ancillary testing results



Oregon's Medical Examiner System

Forensic Pathologist

- Board certified physician, responsible for forensic pathology services and subject matter expertise
- Practices full-time

County Medical Examiner

- Board certified physician, responsible for forensic pathology services and subject matter expertise
- Practices full-time

Medicolegal Death Investigator

- County-level employees, responsible for day-to-day activities of death investigation
- Can be full-time or part-time



What do State Medical Examiner services mean to Oregonians?

In Oregon, the State Medical Examiner's Office and each county medical examiner program are responsible for different but complementary and interconnected aspects of medicolegal death investigations.

County

- Medicolegal death investigators take reports of death, provide a scene response and investigation, and perform other nonmedical death investigation actions.
- County medical examiners are appointed physicians who are not required to have formal training in forensic pathology or death investigation. Most fulfill their roles as a county medical examiner as limited, part-time contractors or volunteers.
- They provide death certification of routine cases that don't require toxicology testing or examination by a state forensic pathologist.





Oregon's Medical Examiner System

Public Health

- Data generated by general death investigation work, autopsies, and toxicology testing supports public health.
- The State Medical Examiner's Office participates in the surveillance of violent deaths, opioid overdoses, sudden unexplained cardiac deaths, workplace deaths, etc. with many external partners.
- State Medical Examiner physicians participate in multidisciplinary fatality review groups, such as child fatality reviews.

Oregon Residents

- Thorough medicolegal death investigations and autopsies provide crucial information to Oregon families.
- Clear causes of death give answers to grieving spouses, parents, and children and inform healthcare decisions of surviving family members.
- Timely and accurate death certifications are needed for estate management and disposition.
- Support for life-saving organ and tissue donations

Mass Fatality Planning

• Supports state disaster readiness by participating in workgroups and providing subject matter expertise.

Current Trends: Total Cases



ABORATORY

EXAMINERS OFFICE

The medical examiner caseload has increased steadily. The yearly post-pandemic caseload has stabilized around 6,500 cases per year:

- 2019 4759
- 2020 5424 (+14%)
- 2021 6542 (+21%)
- 2022 6560 (+0.3%)
- 2023 6748 (+3%)
- 2024 6581 (-2%)
- An SMEO physician has some involvement in about 70% of all ME cases, even when an autopsy is not performed.

Deaths due to Drug Toxicity



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State Medical Examiner: Examinations



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Autopsy Performance: Drug Deaths





Selected Trends: Deaths involving fentanyl and fentanyl/ethanol



Selected Trends: Youth Drug Deaths







Homicides in Oregon





Collaborations

County-State Collaboration

- The SMEO instituted a new triage strategy for the Portland Metro area in 2023:
 - Cases meeting certain criteria, including any that require an autopsy or toxicology testing, are accepted by SMEO; others are managed by county medical examiners
- Efficient way to divide work among county programs and the SMEO
- Better allocation of forensic pathologist expertise
- Strategy can be used as a model for further expansion of the SMEO service delivery

Medical Examiner Improvement in Oregon Workgroup (MEIOW)

- ME system stakeholders: medicolegal death investigators, county MEs, tribal representatives, public health officials, law enforcement, and county representatives
- Goal: To analyze the challenges faced by the state and county programs and make recommendations for solving the most urgent concerns
- MEIOW Report: Details deficits within Oregon's medical examiner structure alongside proposed solutions



ME System Enhancements

- Renovations to the Central Point facility are expected to be completed in late 2025
- Three additional autopsy stations
- Two additional physician offices
- LODOX body scanner
- Eugene facility is expected to be completed in the fall of 2027
- Three additional forensic pathologists, including one deputy chief
- Additional support staff
- Impactful steps toward a regionalized state medical examiner system
- More direct access to forensic pathology services and reduced transport costs for proximate counties





SMEO Progress

Pathologist recruitment

- New pathologists added in 2022, 2023, and 2024
- An additional pathologist is anticipated in August 2025
- By September 2025: Anticipate filling eight of nine funded Deputy State Medical Examiner positions
- Temporary office space available in Clackamas to accommodate all eight physicians
- Pathologist recruiting challenges:
 - Board-certified medical specialty requiring up to 13 years of education and training
 - Timing of Fellowship training
 - All recent Forensic Pathologist hires have been Fellowship candidates

Support staff

- An administrative specialist and autopsy assistant have been added to the Central Point SMEO
- Recruitment of Research Analysts will begin in 2025





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