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## **Sheriff Troy Morton**

Sheriff Troy Morton was elected Penobscot County Sheriff in November of 2014 and assumed his new position in January 2015. He is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of Maine Sheriffs' Association and also an MSA Legislative Committee member. Sheriff Morton was appointed by Governor Paul R. LePage to the Maine Commission on Domestic Assault and Sexual Abuse. Sheriff Morton's career with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office expands more than 28 years. He started his career in the corrections division, before being promoted to rural patrol, investigations and supervision. During this time, he completed specialized training from the National Institute of Correction, FBI, National Sheriffs' Institute and International Chiefs of Police. Sheriff Morton's continued education includes a degree in criminal justice. He currently serves on several committees focusing on crimes against seniors, mental health issues and substance abuse challenges.



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## Community Law Enforcement Engagement

Amid recent tensions between law enforcement and the public nationwide; the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office wanted to share a few examples of the tremendous partnerships we share with those we serve. Community Policing is made up of three key components community partnerships, organizational transformation and problem solving. Methods in which we reach out to our communities have changed; the days of hosting a strict agenda town hall meeting have passed. Today, law enforcement must engage the community through interactive forums. When these partnerships are developed and trust has been established, then the real problem-solving work begins.

Here are just a few of the fun events our office has participated in to help engage law enforcement and community relations:

Color runs have become a fun and healthy way to bring awareness to many issues. Helping make these events safe for all involved have helped form strong bonds between participants and our deputies. Participating in veterans' ceremonies has been a positive way to show respect to those men and women who have served this great country. Supporting our seniors through a strong TRIAD helps keep us connected to those often vulnerable to crime.



Katie's Color Run  
In Corinth



American Legion Post 200  
in Hermon  
Flag Retirement Ceremony



The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior  
Expo

## Corrections Community Relations

Overcrowding, substance abuse and mental health issues continue to be topics that are often mentioned when it comes to corrections. Although these men and women face one of the most challenging jobs in the criminal justice system, our officers still understand the importance of community engagement. Above and beyond running a safe and human correctional facility they find time to make an impact in our communities. Whether participating in local fundraising events, educating the public about corrections or developing positive opportunities for personal growth our officers are truly making a difference.

We are fortunate in this state to have a very good community and police relationship. Law Enforcement often receives praise for removing offenders from the streets making the community safer. Unfortunately, once an offender is removed from the streets, citizens are not aware of where those individuals go or who is responsible for managing them. Our corrections officers have engaged in many of the same community policing strategies to help bond relations between corrections and the citizens we serve.

Here are just a few of the fun events our corrections officers participated in to help engage corrections and community relations:



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Good Samaritan Bowl-A-Thon



No Shave November  
Donation to EMMC  
Cancer Care of Maine



The Bangor Region  
Leadership Institute's  
Amazing Race ~  
Celebrity Mug Shots

Whether it's our Law Enforcement, Corrections or Civil Division, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office is committed to developing solutions to problems and increasing trust in the criminal justice system.

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Bangor Community Block Party



Veterans Valentines Dance



Sunbury Village Coffee with A Cop



Alton Adopt-A-School Program

## **Law Enforcement Division**

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division includes 45 Deputy Sheriffs, assigned to management, rural patrol and criminal investigations. The division provides law enforcement services to more than 54 towns and communities across the county. In 2017, the division responded to more than 17,000 calls for service.

## **Law Enforcement Outreach**

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office takes great pride in providing law enforcement services throughout the county. While responding to calls of service, crimes in progress, and traffic enforcement; community outreach to a key function of the law enforcement division. Secret Santa, kickoff with a cop and the thin blue line dog tag initiative are just a few of the powerful ways they've connected with those they serve.

The secret Santa initiative was developed, when a kind citizen came forward and offered an opportunity to financially help citizens throughout the county. While many purchase toys and other items; we know that one way to life fulfillment, is having the foundation of basic needs. Deputy Sheriffs went to several stores across the county and purchased groceries and basic need items, for hundreds of unsuspecting citizens. Yes, of course they did purchase a toy or two.

"Kickoff with a cop" was developed as the result of the positive impact deputy sheriffs had through, "coffee with a cop". Deputies and community members came together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships and watch great high school football. With the help of Former NFL Star, Kansas City Chief Mike DeVito, deputies attending several Friday football games across our county. Handing out mini footballs and greeting fans proved to a very positive way of conducting community policing.

The thin blue line dog tag initiative showed the tremendous support deputies have from the faith community. This Texas based program partnered the faith community, with law enforcement across our Penobscot County. Six hundred and fifty (650) thin blue line dog tags, with the inscription "Matthews 5:9 Blessed are the Peacemakers for they are the children of God", were purchased and disseminated from the Penobscot County Sheriff's office, to every law enforcement and corrections official in the county.