



WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office is very sad to inform you that Honorably Retired Sheriff J. Michael Humphreys passed away on Monday March 17, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mike Humphreys started his law enforcement career in 1973 as a Reserve Police Officer with the Spokane Police Department, graduating from the first reserve academy held for that agency. In 1976 he became a Deputy Sheriff with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office. Mike worked his way up through the ranks working Patrol, as Detective including undercover narcotics investigations, as a Sergeant, and as a Captain.

Sheriff Humphreys was appointed to the position of Sheriff in January of 1998 and was subsequently elected to the position that same fall. He retired December 31st 2010, serving 13 years as Sheriff of Walla Walla County. Retired Sheriff Humphreys was a 1989 graduate of the FBI National Academy and a 1999 graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute. He was a certified polygraphist since 1995. He has attended Spokane Falls Community College and Walla Walla Community College. In 1989, Sheriff Humphreys became a member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC). He also held memberships in the Washington State Sheriffs Association, the Western States Sheriffs Association, the National Sheriffs Association, and the Northwest Polygraph Examiners Association. He served on the Washington State Forensics Investigation Council for 6 years.

Law Enforcement leaders from across the state have been sending their condolences for Mike's passing and reminiscing about what a professional and excellent ambassador for law enforcement and Walla Walla County Mike was.

"March 17th was a very difficult day for the members of this Sheriff's Office. There were many tears; Mike was loved and will be missed by many." said current Sheriff John Turner. "The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office sends our deepest respect, sympathies, and condolences to Sheriff Humphrey's family and loved ones. They are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time."

The family has asked that all inquiries be directed to Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home in Walla Walla, 315 West Alder Street, (509) 525-1150.