

Washington County Sheriff's Office

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TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

As I reflect on the past year, many thoughts come to mind, including pride, progress, challenges, and optimism. I am entering my 11th year as your Sheriff. I am expressing my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Washington County for their overwhelming support and steadfast confidence in myself and the Washington County Sheriff's Office employees.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office performs vital services in four separate divisions. In 2024, our patrol division responded to 9,643 calls. They also performed daily rural patrols, spent tireless hours on critical criminal investigations, and attended numerous community and public safety activities. Our civil division serves all civil-related documents within the county and processed 925 documents in 2024. The Regional Communications Center is the public safety answering and dispatching service for fire, ambulance, and law enforcement agencies in Washington County. They answered 22,320 calls in 2024. The Washington County Jail provides a safe and secure environment for incarcerated individuals. In 2024, the Washington County Jail booked 621 individuals into their facility.

As responsibilities and volume of work have continuously increased over the last several years, personnel increased as well. The administrative offices and our civil and patrol divisions are housed in the original Sheriff's office building, built in 1858 at 83 Court Street in Machias. Unfortunately, the growth and deteriorating condition of this building are no longer adequate for our needs. Fortunately, the Washington County Commissioners recognized our needs and unanimously voted to expend ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to construct a new facility. In April 2024, groundwork commenced at 82 Court Street in Machias, where construction will conclude by late April or early May 2025.

In closing, I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the Washington County Sheriff's Office employees who take pride in their work and are committed to protecting the lives and property of the people we serve. I am immensely proud of their dedication to carrying out our mission with honor, integrity, and the highest ethical standards.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Curtis".

Sheriff Barry Curtis