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It is with honor that I announce that I will not seek re-election for the position of Sheriff of Yamhill County. My three terms as your elected sheriff have been both rewarding and gratifying.

I can think of no higher honor than to know that you have entrusted this high office to me for so many years. Being the 29th sheriff since our beginning in 1845 has been a gift that I will be eternally grateful for. The fact that I was able to be the 4th longest serving sheriff of the 29 adds an additional sense of accomplishment for me personally.

The goals and promises that I have made to you have been exceeded and for that I am thankful. I am thankful because I had the staff that made it so. Without question we have the best public safety staff in the state.

I can say that the Sheriff's office is operating at a level that the citizens expect and deserve. The Sheriff's Office is staffed by highly motivated and well trained individuals that understand team work and appreciate what it means to serve.

The Sheriff's Office is fully accredited by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance, which simply put means that all our operating systems are fully functional and operating in the most efficient manner. By meeting this high standard, our citizens can rest assured that their Sheriff's Office is one of the best in the state.

My decision is based on two things; the first is that I have completed what I set out to do, to be one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state. That goal has been met. The second is to give others the opportunities that I have been blessed to enjoy.

Being sheriff is not easy but I believe that I have prepared a very responsible succession plan for this organization to succeed beyond my departure. It has been my mantra for the past 11 years that everything we do should include plans for the future. Looking back was never an option. Our team was and still is determined to focus on the future. In our business we don't have time to do anything less.

I want to take this opportunity to tell the citizens that I am truly and deeply thankful for the trust and confidence that they have had in me not only during my three terms as sheriff but for the nearly 29 years I will have served in various capacities with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office. I can't stress enough how deeply grateful I am.

Though my term and my service to you do not end until January 2015, the filing opportunity for this position becomes available this week. For that reason, it is important that I make this announcement now so that the election process can move forward in a way that will best serve all those involved.

Sheriff Jack Crabtree

It is the Mission of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office to provide our citizens with high quality law enforcement services, in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner.