

1) Deadly force	2) Force at protests
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Background	<i>Records show that Multnomah County officers were rarely involved in deadly force incidents between 1995 and 2017, but Deputies were involved in at least four shootings from 2018 to early 2022, and two of the victims died.</i>	<i>The Portland Police have made national news for their violent crackdowns on political protests. The Sheriff's office has also used similar tactics, including the use of chemicals at the Justice Center in November 2021, but has escaped the same kind of scrutiny.</i>
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Questions	<i>What will you do to change this trend toward more lethal force being used by MCSO employees?</i>	<i>What are your plans to involve the community in forming the training and policies around MCSO crowd control response, and will that emphasize the state laws limiting the use of certain kinds of weapons?</i>
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No answers from:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell * Nicholas Alberts 	Note: answers over 150 words were truncated.
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Derrick Peterson	<p>As Sheriff, I will encourage our deputies to be as proactive as possible rather than reactionary to aid in preventing "use of force" situations.</p> <p>In addition, community groups play a critical role in reducing gun violence. They have a true pulse of citizen's wants and needs in the communities they serve. It is vitally important to establish clear lines of communication supported by relationships fostered through trust. It is through these cultivated relationships; individuals are compelled to report issues, provide vital information and potentially prevent future crimes or violence.</p> <p>Community groups can act as a buffer or conduit between citizens and police to encourage healthy relationships that can help lead to positive change in the county.</p> <p>Community policing is a key component and requires police to engage and participate on a community level, not just when a crime is committed, but in all aspects of community affairs, such as, PTA meetings, sporting events,</p>	<p>I participated on several statewide committees as a representative of law enforcement to help formulate police reform resulting in several senate bills being passed and/or updated related to crowd control. The most recent Oregon legislative committee that I participated in amending a house bill addressing the use of munitions. The Sheriff's Office will need to be intentional in its practice of transparency, especially in the use of munitions. It will be important for the agency to proactively engage the community through listening sessions, informational sessions, and various academies designed to inform and give insight on the operations of the Sheriff's Office. I would be a proponent of expanding oversight to include the Sheriff's Office and would hold our agency accountable to follow current laws regarding use and application of munitions.</p>
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3) Joint Terrorism Task Force	4) Oversight and accountability	5) Policing of people experiencing houselessness
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Background	<p><i>Although Portland pulled out of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2005-2011, and since 2019 has a policy only to work with them on a case-by-case basis, the MCSO has remained a full member of the JTTF. Oregon law restricts conducting investigations with no reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct, while the FBI can open investigations based of speculation. The FBI has a long history of disrupting and harassing people of color, immigrants, Muslims and social change activists.</i></p>	<p><i>The Sheriff rewrote guidelines around complaints against MCSO employees to include a small number of community members in the disciplinary investigations. To our knowledge, no data have ever been released, the civilians have never been publicly identified, and there is little transparency around the investigations or their outcomes unless a high-profile incident makes the news (such as the Deputy who yelled "Trump!" at people waiting in line to vote).</i></p>	<p><i>Houseless community members across the county receive disproportionate amounts of attention from law enforcement officers, often with little benefit to the community. Sweeps result in disrupted lives and lost belongings, but generally just displace people from one place to another.</i></p>
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Questions	<p><i>What measures do you intend to take to either remove the Sheriff's Office from the JTTF or ensure those given clearance to work with the FBI are following all MCSO rules and state laws?</i></p>	<p><i>What plans do you have to increase community involvement in an acceptability system for the MCSO, and do they include a civilian oversight system similar to the one passed by Portland voters in 2020?</i></p>	<p><i>What do you see as the proper for role Sheriffs in the county's response to our houseless neighbors?</i></p>
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Derrick Peterson	<p>It is important the Sheriff's Office work with our local, state, and federal partners to make sure the citizens of Multnomah County are being protected. Law enforcement agencies cannot afford to be siloed as this practice has resulted in lack of information sharing that are vital in linking cases across jurisdictional lines. As the top law enforcement officer in the County, I have a duty to uphold the law and protect the rights of all citizens, including our minority communities by holding federal agencies accountable. As a person of color, I have a unique perspective and view point that I will bring to the Sheriff's Office in dealing with these circumstances as I have deep roots with faith leader and organizations that help bridge relationships between police and community such as word is bond.</p>	<p>As Sheriff, I would meet with the community to address the issues of oversight and how they would like to participate in the process. The Sheriff's Office must continue to expand its efforts to become more transparent. I would look to improve reporting, mechanisms of reporting, and participation of individuals in the current oversight system.</p>	<p>The Sheriff's Office must continue to be a vital partner and a leader in addressing houselessness while balancing the safety of the community to include our homeless citizens. I would like to see the Sheriff's Office expand its Homeless Outreach and Program Engagement Team (HOPE). The HOPE team does an excellent job in engaging the houseless population by relationship building, ensuring they are diverted to services and they are safe to include the safety of all citizens. The deputies in the unit are able to demonstrate a sincere understanding of how disruptive sweeps can be. They react with compassion and care when implementing policy in an effort to ensure the houseless population is treated with dignity and respect, which includes being sensitive in processing property. Several mechanisms are in place to return property to its proper owner, however, as Sheriff, I will look at expanded ways to return property to its original owner.</p>
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