

Michael A. Ray

Michael is married to his wife Tracey, and they have two grown children, Alexandra and Kyle. He currently lives in Ocean Park. In the house he has lived in for almost 30 years.

In 1965, Michael was born in the old Ilwaco Hospital, before it became the Ilwaco library. He graduated from the Ilwaco High School in 1984. Michael joined the United States Army and was in boot camp 10 days after graduation from High School. He trained as a Strategic Microwave Systems repairer (Communication electronics), and was stationed in South Carolina, Georgia, West Germany, and Arizona. After 4 years he was honorably discharged and returned to Pacific County. He joined the Oregon Army National Guard, and his duty station was Camp Rilea in Warrenton Oregon. He trained as a Combat Engineer where he learned to operate Heavy Equipment and drive large trucks. Michael was honorably discharged after seven years at the rank of Sergeant.

In 1990 Michael was hired by the Portland Police Bureau after scoring #4 on a list of 2000 applicants. He worked in Portland for 1 ½ years and then was hired by the Long Beach Police Department, returning to Pacific County once again.

In 1995, Michael was hired by to work for the Pacific County Sheriff's office. He was the resident deputy of Tokeland and patrolled North Pacific County for the first two years of his career and then transferred to South Pacific County where he patrolled for the next 22 years. During this time, he attended 100's of hours of training to include, Tactical Tracking, Basic Drug Investigation (DEA), Personal watercraft safety and rescue training, Basic Marine Law enforcement, Enhanced Vessel Operator's course, Field Interviewing, The Reid method of Criminal Interviews and Interrogation, Death investigation, Crime Scene Forensics, Leadership Training, First Level Supervision, and Gold Standard Officer Leadership Development, to name a few. Michael served on the Drug Task Force and the Sheriff's office Marine patrol.

Michael was promoted to Sergeant and served in this position for 8 ½ years until his retirement in June of 2019.

Michael currently is a member of the Pacific County Reserves Association.

"I have decided to come out of retirement and serve as Undersheriff under Daniel Garcia. I believe in the visions that Garcia has for the future of the Sheriff's office and community. I feel I can have a positive impact on implementing the changes that are needed to improve the relationships within the Agency, other entities, and the citizens of Pacific County."



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