



RE-ELECT DANIEL GARCIA FOR PACIFIC COUNTY SHERIFF

A man of the People FOR the People



FAQ - Common Questions Answered

1. Why do you wear a cowboy hat, and why don't you take it off indoors?

It is traditional of a Sheriff to wear a cowboy hat especially in the West. The cowboy hat represents truth, justice, and the American way. Additionally, it serves as a tool of the uniform, more formal than a ballcap, to protect from sun and rain. Drawn from my military experience it stays on my head when armed and on duty as a signal of my vigilance and attention to the duty at hand.

2. How much does the K9 program cost and why do the K9 certifications sometimes lapse?

The entire K9 budget includes the salary, benefits, fuel, supplies, (every cost that ALL deputies require). The true cost of these deputies having K9's is much different as our K9 deputies are still deputies regardless of if they have a K9 assigned to them. The actual cost of two law enforcement K9's is approx \$450 per K9 per month for the food, vet, supplements, supplies, and deputy K9 special assignment pay related to the K9 portion of the budget. Additional costs can be one time vehicle upfitting to accommodate K9's (which we have received many donations to offset) and bullet proof vests, of which we have not been able to purchase as of yet.

3. Why did you bring Body Worn Cameras to the Sheriff's Office?

Utilizing body worn cameras is an international standard in Law enforcement and is considered best practice. Body worn cameras offer protection not only for citizens but for deputies as well. In addition, body worn cameras have become a game changer since fielding them into operation. The option to remote view real time footage to be able to back up, brief oneself of the situation, or help a deputy in any way without being on scene has proven to be a force multiplier considering our lower deputy numbers and geographical limitations.

4. Why is your relationship with the Commissioners so contentious?

There have been topics that the Board of County Commissioners and I do not agree on the priority of, specifically public safety. The issues that I am attempting to address have been problems long before I became Sheriff and before the current Commissioners were in office. My approach to getting these things fixed and the importance behind fixing them right the first time find me in conflict with the BoCC on occasion. I have the duty to manage the resources that we have in order to ensure public safety throughout the entire county and in my assessment we cannot sufficiently do that with what is provided. So then it is my responsibility to debrief and make aware the Commissioners of this tremendous liability and explain why using empirical data. I will continue to advocate for the People of the County no matter how difficult the topic.

5. Why do you attend so many events?

Presence at community functions serves multiple purposes. First of which is for law enforcement presence and community safety of which without command staff help we could not provide. Second, it provides an ability for the community to speak directly with me to provide input, ask

questions, express displeasure, and often provide me with information of criminal ongoing throughout the community, allowing us to adjust resources to address those concerns. By coming to where the people are and speaking directly to them the Office of the Sheriff has become approachable. I have made it my business to be present at as many community functions as my schedule permits including those that I am invited to. Being an elected official, I should be in the public, present, and know the nuances of all of the different communities within Pacific County.

6. When was the Search and Rescue Team reestablished?

The need for a SAR Team was established after our coordinated search and find of the remains of Eric Veith in April of 2024. That mission was the starting point to identify the need and deficiency in the county and identifying willing volunteers. We coordinated with Mason County's SORT (Special Operations Response Team) Team for training which led to eventual certification of Pacific County's SORT Team. Through grant funding and donations we have been able to purchase some equipment, quads and a quad trailer to further enhance search and rescue capabilities.

7. How many years of experience does your leadership team have?

Within PCSO's command team we hold 70 years of experience almost all of which is from within Pacific County. The experience we currently have encompasses all facets of the Sheriff's responsibility including the Patrol and Civil Divisions as well as decades of law enforcement leadership. In addition to that I bring 22 years of military leadership growth through formal courses and practical application leading small and large teams across multiple disciplines.

8. How has training improved in your first term as Sheriff?

We have created a training cadre within PCSO that specializes in multiple disciplines such as patrol tactics, defensive tactics, EVOC (Emergency Vehicles Operations Course), and firearms. The training cadre is able to perform the majority of our training needs through sending the trainer to training and bringing back valuable skills to train our team reducing travel costs and backfill requirements. Other ways we have improved is to bring out-of-state training directly to our office by bringing the trainer to Pacific County to train all at once rather than sending each deputy out-of-state. We have also coordinated with local and federal agencies to bring active shooter scenario training to both north and south county schools.

PCSO holds many certifications such as Glock Armorer, Sig Armorer, NLEFIA Pistol Instructor (National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Association), NLEFIA Rifle Instructor, CJTC Pistol Instructor (Criminal Justice Training Center), CJTC Rifle Instructor, Advanced coaching/diagnostics Pistol Instructor, Red Dot Instructor, EVOC Instructor (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course), Gracie Survival Tactics Instructor Level 1&2, Taser Instructor, Oc Instructor (pepper spray), Less Lethal Impact Munitions Instructor, ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) Active Shooter Response Instructor.