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PRESS RELEASE

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Every day I feel very honored to be your Sheriff, and now I'm pleased to announce that every day we will have the ability to communicate directly with you, the people we are privileged to serve.

We're excited that beginning today, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office will launch our new social media platforms to directly engage and communicate with the people we strive to protect and to serve. This social media launch further exemplifies our dedication to public safety and our commitment to community partnership and transparency.

WWSO will use these platforms to communicate directly with you regarding issues of crime prevention, safety tips, community events, emergency notifications, criminal activity, wanted persons, and more.

Initially, we will launch with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and a specialized social network called Nextdoor.com.

Our <u>Facebook</u> page is located at: www.facebook.com/WWSheriff

Our <u>Twitter</u> account is: @WWSheriff

Our <u>Instagram</u> account is: @wallawallacountysheriff

Nextdoor.com is a unique, private social network for your neighborhood. In today's busy world, Nextdoor is the digital version of an old-fashioned neighborhood block watch get-together, but with Nextdoor.com you may engage at your convenience and from anywhere you have an online connection. Account registration requires address verification, and, once registered, users can communicate privately with neighbors. Whether it's suspicious vehicles and traffic problems, or bake sales and babysitter searches, communicating directly with your neighbors is extremely valuable. Our WWSO agency posts will be available to all users in Walla Walla County, but we will only be able to view and reply to comments on our posts, not the posts made by you and your neighbors. We encourage you to check out Nextdoor.com and help your neighborhood get connected.

To join us on Nextdoor, sign up at: www.nextdoor.com

Questions and comments may be directed to Chief Deputy Shanda Zessin at szessin@co.walla-walla.wa.us or 509.524.5404.

Your Sheriff and the men and women of the WWSO look forward to connecting with you and continuing to build a stronger, safer Walla Walla County.

All our best,

Sheriff John Turner