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Jackson County



Sheriff Nate Sickler is the 40th Sheriff of Jackson County, which was established in January of 1852. Jackson County is located along the I-5 corridor in the southwest region of the state and is home to approximately 220,000 residents. Sheriff Sickler was appointed in January of 2017 and elected by the people in November of 2018. He considers it an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Jackson County.

Nate was born in Roseville, California in 1975 to Dan and Connie Sickler. He is the oldest of four children and has a brother and two sisters. In 1990 his family moved to Springfield, Oregon where he attended Thurston High School. He was a baseball and football player throughout high school, graduating in 1994. After graduation, he took a year off from school and worked in the construction industry doing sheet metal work.

“ ***WE MUST WORK DILIGENTLY TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN TRUST WITH THE PUBLIC BECAUSE UNDERSTANDING THAT IS PARAMOUNT TO HAVING SUCCESS AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*** ”

In 1995, he enrolled at Southern Oregon University. He was drawn to the school because of the Criminology program offered at SOU and his bride-to-be, DeAnna, who started school a year prior. During his first year at SOU, he played for the club baseball team and coached Babe Ruth Baseball in Ashland. In his second year of college, he tried out for the football team, but his season was cut short due to an injury. He continued coaching Babe Ruth Baseball and assisted coaching the SOU club baseball team while taking classes.

Nate took a position as a reserve police officer in 1998 and attended the Rogue Valley Reserve Academy on weekends. He graduated in September of 1999 from Southern Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and was hired by the Phoenix Police Department in October of 1999.

In 2002, Nate took a position with the Klamath Falls Police Department as a patrol officer. He attended Drug Recognition Evaluator School, became a department firearms instructor, became a member of the department S.W.A.T. team, and was promoted to corporal during his tenure there.

In 2006, Nate left the Klamath Falls Police Department to take a job with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and move back to the Rogue Valley. His wife, DeAnna, whom he married in 2002, was living in Jackson County full time to focus on her real estate career. He describes his time working for the City of Klamath Falls as a great opportunity and extremely beneficial for learning the profession of law enforcement. However, wanting to focus on starting a family became a priority as well.



The move to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was a great opportunity for growth and experience as well. Nate was a member of the S.W.A.T. team, a drug recognition evaluator, and a firearms instructor. In 2008, he was promoted to sergeant, working mostly the graveyard weekend shift. He transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division in 2012 and supervised that unit until being promoted to captain in 2015. He oversaw the Patrol Operations of the Sheriff's Office until 2017, at which time he was appointed as the Sheriff of Jackson County by the Board of Commissioners following a competitive process with several other candidates.

In November of 2018, he was elected by the residents to serve another four years in this position. During his tenure, Nate has had the opportunity to work with the men and women of the Sheriff's Office to navigate many challenges. These include jail overcrowding, busy fire seasons, the legalization of marijuana, turmoil surrounding the profession of law enforcement, a global pandemic, and most recently the Almeda and Obenchain Fires, which both started on September 8th, 2020. He is



Sheriff Nate Sickler speaking at the Almeda Fire Press Briefing



Nate fishing with his two sons, Grady (12) and Griffen (9)



Nate fishing (their favorite pastime) with his wife at a local lake

extremely proud of his team, how they have responded to these challenges, and the efforts they put forth daily to better the community.

Serving the residents of Jackson County and leading the men and women of the Sheriff's Office is a tremendous honor for Nate. He believes competent law enforcement is one of the key components of having a successful society. Sheriff Sickler values the partnership and relationships that he and his Office have with those they serve. He and his team have diligently worked to build and maintain trust with the public, understanding that it is paramount to having success as a law enforcement agency. When he became the Sheriff, he changed the "Mission and Values Statement" of the Sheriff's Office to reflect what he most wanted to accomplish and how that would be done. The statement, "Serving our Community through



Values Oriented Law Enforcement – Character, Competence, Courage, and Compassion” is simple but guides all aspects of the agency’s operations.

While he feels extremely blessed to have had opportunities and success throughout his career, he is most proud of his family. He has been happily married for nearly 19 years to DeAnna, and they are raising two boys, Grady (12) and Griffin (9). He considers being a husband and father the greatest responsibility he has and is extremely

grateful for the support he receives from his family. His wife is instrumental in his role as a Sheriff. Without her support and dedication, he knows that he and his family would not be able to navigate the difficulties associated with holding this demanding leadership position.

When Nate isn’t working, he enjoys watching his sons play sports as well as being a coach. He has been

coaching baseball and football for the past several years, with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19.

Nate sees coaching youth sports as an opportunity to interact with the community outside his role as a Sheriff, as it allows kids and parents to see that those working in law enforcement are invested in their communities other than just in their official capacity. Most importantly though, Nate sees coaching as an avenue to have a positive impact and influence on our future generations.

Nate is invested in the Rogue Valley personally and professionally. He will do everything he can to improve the quality of life for all who reside in Jackson County. He understands the great responsibility he has as the Sheriff and is committed to doing his best for those he serves. ✨



Sheriff Sickler with his wife, DeAnna, and their sons after a football championship at Autzen Stadium where Nate was the coach