

Diane Morrow, trainer- Diane has over 30 years experience in dog training including 14 years in Search & Rescue. She has trained dogs for several sheriffs' offices including Cannon Beach, Oregon, Warrington, Oregon, and Wahkiakum County. She located and trained two narcotics dogs for Wahkiakum. The county's first narcotics dog Digger- trained by Diane- was an excellent Sheriffs' Office ambassador as well as narcotics detector.



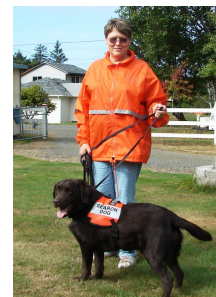
Bill Tawater, Deputy Sheriff and SAR Coordinator, has worked for Wahkiakum County for 10 years. He has 24 years experience as a military law enforcement specialist and supervised military working dogs during that time. He attended courses in SAR dog management and was instrumental in our K-9 unit start up.

Wally Wright, a former teacher and coach for 23 years, is now a Cathlamet City Council member, volunteer firefighter and EMT. He has 16 years of SAR experience. His three-year-old Brittany, Mark, successfully completed a basic tracking program.



Mike Wright followed in his father Wally's footsteps by also becoming a volunteer firefighter and EMT for the city of Cathlamet. He is also a Reserve Deputy with Wahkiakum County Sheriff's Office. Mike has 14 years of SAR experience. His dog Prince is commissioned as a law enforcement dog and is currently engaged in wilderness search training. He has successfully located three missing persons during his time as a Wahkiakum SAR dog.

Judy Bright, nurse-practitioner and volunteer EMT, has participated in SAR for four years. She is also a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Her Staffordshire Bull Terrier Beemer completed basic evidence search training and has participated in searches for handguns and robbery evidence. Her two-year-old Labrador Retriever Noble is currently in basic tracking training.



Sam Renfro, age 15, volunteers as an assistant handler and "lost person." He attended his first Washington State SAR conference in May 2008 and is active in the local training programs including map and compass, tracking techniques, and wilderness safety.