

**KLAMATH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Seven Deputies Placed on Non-Disciplinary
Administrative Leave

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The Klamath County Board of County Commissioners today confirmed that over the last four days, Klamath County has placed seven deputies on non-disciplinary paid administrative leave, per their requests.

“Public safety is our highest priority,” Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris said. “We will be assessing the situation at the Sheriff’s office and making recommendations to maintain a safe and secure community.”

Under Oregon law, the Sheriff is an elected official and has tremendous discretion in running his office. The Sheriff operates independently of the management of Klamath County.

His deputies, however, are employees of the County and Klamath County has a responsibility to assess this situation and take appropriate steps to protect them, if necessary.

Of course, because this situation involves personnel issues, we will not be able to give details or comment on the reasons these deputies requested administrative leave status.



