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CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CENTRAL PRECINCT WILL CLOSE TO PUBLIC ACCESS

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Effective April 6th, 2015, the Clark County Sheriff's Office Central Precinct will be closed to public access.

Central Precinct, located at 11608 NE 149th Street in Brush Prairie, opened in 1995 and was intended to be a temporary location for deputies while a new precinct was built. Funding was never approved for the new location, which has since become the permanent home for about 40 deputies and one support staff. The forty-one year old building was originally constructed as a manufacturing facility, and Central Precinct occupies what used to be the office portion of that business.

Even with some cosmetic upgrades over its history, the precinct does not have a community room, waiting area, or even a public restroom. The stairwell to the second story does not meet fire codes, and the upstairs briefing room only allows for nine occupants at any one time.

While deputies will continue to meet at the precinct, the facilities are not adequate to meet the needs of the growing population that live in the area of Clark County east of Northeast 50th Avenue. "It's important for our citizens to understand that we are not closing Central Precinct," said Undersheriff Mike Cooke. "Our deputies will continue to be based at and respond out of the Central Precinct. The facility is simply not adequate for public access."

Patrol staffing will remain unchanged, and Sheriff Atkins remains committed to providing the same level of service as before the closure. In addition, the Sheriff's Office provides the ability for citizens to use online reporting for minor offenses and the public is always encouraged to call 911 if a deputy response is needed. CCSO West Precinct, at 505 NW 179th Street, will continue to be open to walk-ins and by phone during regular business hours.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office has two locations open to the public:

CCSO Headquarters/Main Jail
707 W. 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660
360-397-2211

CCSO West Precinct
505 NW 179th Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642
360-397-6079