

**Troy Wellman**  
**Moody County Sheriff's Office**  
**South Dakota**



Troy grew up in the county in which he now serves as Sheriff. He was very active in 4-H and FFA learning leadership skills during his Elementary and High School career. He knew at a young age that he wanted to be in Law Enforcement. Troy always liked being able to serve others this seemed to be the perfect fit for him.

He started to work towards that goal after graduation from High School as he attended the Western Dakota Tech Law Enforcement Technology class. He graduated with an Associate's Degree in 1997, working for a short time at the Pennington County Juvenile Services Center and then got hired at the Moody County Sheriff's Office. He has been in Law Enforcement in Moody County for

20 years, continuous with Moody County Sheriff's Office since 2001. He successfully ran for Sheriff in 2006, taking office in January of 2007 and is finishing his third term.

As Sheriff he quickly realized the desire to be involved in the State Association and ran for a board position. He was elected in as Secretary/Treasurer in 2009, and moved through the chairs and serving as the South Dakota Sheriffs' Association President in 2017. He continues to stay active in that South Dakota Association and believes he brings value in building up other Associations that promote and strengthen the office of Sheriff.

In his community Troy is very active in his church and in serving others. He starts to grow a beard in early September to play Santa in area community gatherings and does family house visits as well, including up to 8 just on Christmas Eve. Troy does not gain from his efforts. He tells people that if they are able to give, to choose a charity of their choosing and donate to that.

Troy leads an Office that consists of 4 part-time deputies, and 5 full-time civilians dispatchers. Moody County is 521 square miles with a population of just over 6,400. It borders Minnesota on the east and the state's biggest city, Sioux Falls, to the south. The Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement to 4 of the 5 towns in the county by contract law enforcement. His office also works very closely with the Flandreau Police Department and the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Police Department.