

**Oregon Revised Statutes; § 133.005**  
**Definitions for ORS 133.005 to 133.400.**

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**General Definitions.**

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**Black's Law Dictionary; Fifth Edition, 1979.**

**Constable:** An officer ... (usually elected) whose duties are similar to those of the sheriff, though ... his jurisdiction is smaller. He is to preserve the public peace, execute the process of ... courts, ... attend the sessions of criminal courts, have the custody of juries, and discharge other functions sometimes assigned to him by local law ... . Powers and duties of constables have generally been replaced by sheriffs. ... In Medieval law, high functionary under the French and English kings, the dignity and importance of whose office was second only to that of the monarch. He was in general the leader of the royal armies, and had cognizance of all matters pertaining to war and arms, exercising both civil and military jurisdiction.

He was also charged with conservation of the peace of the nation.

**Tithing Man:** A constable. ... annually elected to preserve order ... and to make complaint of any dis-orderly conduct. ... the head or chief of a tithing or decennary of ten families;  
he was to decide all lesser causes between neighbors. ...

**Tithing:** One of the civil divisions of England, being a portion of the greater division called a hundred. It was so called because ten freeholders with their families composed one.

It is said that they were all knit together in one society, and bound ... for the peaceable behavior of each other. In each of these societies there was one chief or principle person, who, from his office, was called teothing-man now tithing-man.