



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Construction on the Springfield Jail should be completed by the end of January 2010



Back: Jack Martin, President Barb Sward, Treasurer Bob Case, Sheryl Grimes, Dan Grimes, Ken Dickenson, Front: Secretary Carol Dickenson, Linda Sleutel, Vice-President, Stacey Doll, Not pictured: Brad Crowson

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## YOUR SCPAAA BOARD HARD AT WORK

The following are some projects your Springfield Citizen Police Academy have been working on:

1. Spend the Night in the Springfield Municipal Jail. —This will probably be held in January— possibly February. We will not know until the building is finished. As soon as we have a date we will post it on our web-site with more information and an application form.
2. The Board has purchased and provided bicycle helmets to children in need of helmets in Springfield. They are hoping to continue to make these helmets available to children in need. The board is partnering with businesses to accept donations for helmets. For every \$5 donated—we can buy a brand new, good quality helmet. Please see the flyer on page 5 for details. (Feel free to make copies of the flyer, post and or distribute).
3. The Board voted to donate some funds to assist police department employees sponsoring a family in need for Christmas. The family we are sponsoring this year is a family of four including a Dad and three children.
4. The Board will be hosting an informal Christmas party for police department employees. They will be providing light hors d'oeuvres and other treats.



## STILL AVAILABLE!

# FireMed... A Great Community Partnership for Your Safety & Security

## Back to School Special Enrollment

FireMed Plus covers you for air ambulance service with LifeFlight Network - saving lives from Eugene and 25 more bases in six states.

A ground ambulance transport in the Eugene-Springfield area will likely cost you more than \$1,600, and an air ambulance transport more than \$16,000, unless you have FireMed. If you have health insurance you may only have to pay 20-50% of that cost. Some health plans cap the coverage at as little as \$6,000, leaving you a large bill for an air ambulance trip. But with FireMed you will pay nothing.

Join today at this special rate for the school year and become a member for only \$39 for ground ambulance coverage, or \$65 for ground plus air ambulance coverage. Your membership becomes effective 48 hours after you enroll and lasts until June 30, 2010. Enjoy the full school year of athletics and activities with no worry of having to pay a large, unexpected ambulance charge.

### You Have A Choice...

-  FireMed Basic: Emergency Ground Ambulance Services \$39 for the school year
-  FireMed Plus: Ground *plus* Emergency Air Ambulance Services \$65 for the school year



### Firemed Protects you... 24/7

Your regular insurance may not cover all your expenses and without FireMed you might find yourself paying \$1,600, or more, for ground service and more than \$16,000 for one emergency air service transport. With FireMed membership, all of your deductibles, co-pays and any other costs are covered... even if you have no insurance.

**You don't have to worry!**



## K9 Korner -By Sgt. Richard Charboneau

Officer DelCastillo and K9 Creck responded to assist officers who were searching for a suspect from a pursuit. After a perimeter was set Creck began searching yard to yard for the suspect. As Creck was standing at a fence while permission was requested to search the yard, he began indicating fresh scent from inside the yard. Officer DelCastillo looked over the fence and observed an elbow sticking out of some shrubs. He yelled out for the suspect to come out or the dog would be sent and the suspect complied. He was identified as the involved and was charged with Elude and UUV.

Officer Kendrick and K9 Cyrill were called to look for a female who was wanted on two warrants and was last observed standing by a car in a driveway. Upon their arrival Cyrill was taken to the car and quickly picked up the track. Cyrill tracked for a distance until he came upon a piece of plywood leaning against a fence. As Officer Kendrick approached the plywood he observed a male laying behind it. He told the male to show his hands and two pair of hands came out the end of the plywood. One set belonged to the female who was taken into custody without incident.

As a result of Officer Simmons resignation from the K9 unit, testing was conducted for a new handler for K9 Fedo. Four officers applied for the position and after four hours of testing, Officer Dan Grice was selected. His training began in October. All of the officers did an excellent job and we hope they continue to be interested in becoming a member of the K9 Unit. Congratulations to Officer Grice on his new assignment.





# DUMB CRIMINAL STORIES

Mexico - A group of drug traffickers cleverly decided to use a propane tanker to cross the border from Mexico to El Paso, Texas. They released the propane and concealed it within the truck 6,240 pounds of marijuana. The men did not realize, however, that they had misspelled the name of the gas company.

As a female shopper exited a convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher, and police apprehended him within minutes. They put him in the cruiser and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes Officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

In Bent Forks, Ill., kidnapers of ice-cube magnate Worth Bohnke sent a photograph of their captive to Bohnke's family. Bohnke was seen holding up a newspaper. It was not that day's edition and, in fact, bore a prominent headline relating to Nixon's trip to China. This was pointed out to the kidnapers in a subsequent phone call. They responded by sending a new photograph showing an up-to-date newspaper. Bohnke, however, did not appear in the picture. When this, too, was refused, the kidnapers became peevish and insisted that a photograph be sent to them showing all the people over at Bohnke's house holding different issues of Success Magazine. They provided a mailing address and were immediately apprehended. They later admitted to FBI agents they did not understand the principle involved in the photograph/newspaper concept. "We thought it was just some kind of tradition," said one.

After being arrested for stealing a car, the judge asked the man, "how do you plead?" Instead of saying guilty or not guilty the man said: "Before we go any further, judge, let me explain why I stole the car." The judge ruled in record time.

When two service station attendants refused to hand over the cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police. They still refused, so the robber called the police and was arrested.

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

In a small town of 1700, a student attempted to rob the local convenience store wearing his letterman's jacket. He did not realize that he was the only male named Dana in the whole town.

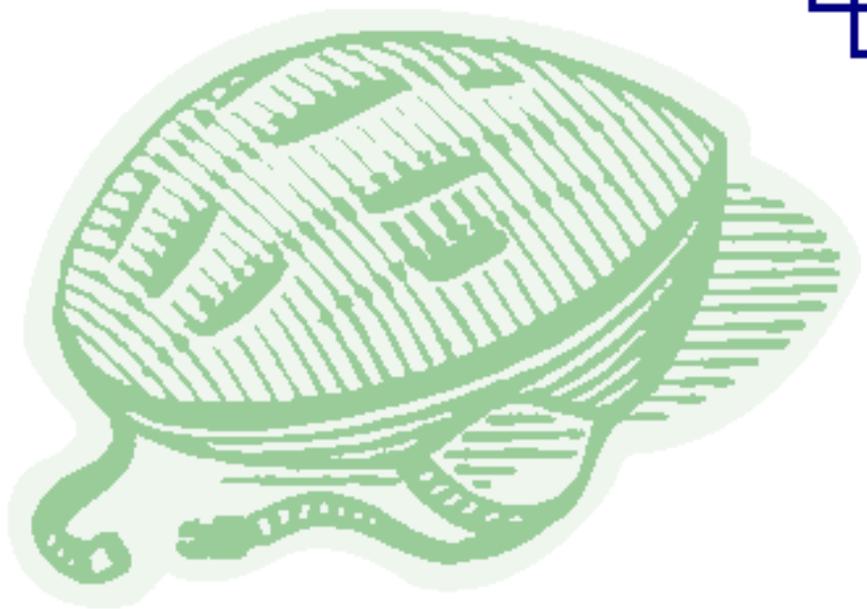
A company called "Guns For Hire" stages gunfights for Western movies, etc. One day, they received a call from a 47-year-old woman, who wanted to have her husband killed. She got 4-1/2 years in jail.

Accused of selling drugs, Howard Jones's attorney sought to lower his client's bail from \$150,000 insisting that Jones would not think about fleeing. At that very instant, Jones sprinted out of the front door of the courtroom. He was caught fifty minutes later and his bail was raised to \$500,000.





Citizen Police Academy



**For More  
Info: 726-3731**

**Please help children in our  
community obtain a bicycle helmet**

Please make checks  
payable to SCPAAA  
(Springfield Citizen  
Police Academy  
Alumni Association)

Donate here or send  
donation to:

SCPAAA  
230 Fourth St.  
Springfield, OR 97477

## **The Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**

has purchased and provided bicycle helmets to  
children in Springfield. Please help them to  
continue to provide this service.

**For every \$5 donated, we  
can provide a bike helmet to  
a child in our community**

This would qualify as a tax deductible donation  
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# Beware of Holiday Scams

1. Buying from reputable dealers should be a safe bet. But always check the address bar in your browser to make sure you're where you should be! Scammers are experts at creating phony lookalike sites where you land after mistyping an address or by following a link.
2. However, don't rule out newcomers and smaller firms. We don't want to stifle enterprise or genuine bargains! But if you don't recognize the name, check it out -- Google it and look for scam reports. Do your research and, if you're even slightly suspicious, follow your instincts.
3. If the seller accepts it, especially if you're buying from an auction site, consider paying with PayPal. They can safeguard your purchase -- and they do safeguard your credit card info.  
 However, when you get to the PayPal site, especially if you used a link to get there, make doubly sure you're at paypal.com, not some bogus rip-off site that will harvest your sign-on details and clean out your account.  
 And, of course, never pay by money wire; they're untraceable and the biggest clue to an online holiday scam. And be careful using cashiers checks as well.
4. When you're bargain-hunting, use recognized price comparison sites like Pricegrabber.com, Shopzilla.com, Nextag.com or special offer sites likes Bargainist.com or Techbargains.com -- to name a few.  
 Looking for the best price on books? Try Addall.com, which will do all the searching for you.  
 Of course, they don't guarantee the legitimacy of the firms they reference but your chances of becoming a Christmas scam victim are significantly lower.  
 There are also a couple of daily bargain sites -- Woot.com and Yugster.com -- that you can buy from directly
5. Make sure it really is a bargain. Retailers of every shade are experts at making prices look like bargains, claiming things like "75% off." And maybe they are 75% off -- but do a price comparison check with others first.

Online shopping may be the major target for this year's holiday scam crooks. But here are a few other things to watch out for this season:

- People selling stuff at your front door.
- Holiday light installation services are the big thing this year -- mostly enterprising individuals who have perhaps lost their jobs and have seen a profitable gap in the market.
- You'll get a flyer offering to provide, install and uninstall the lights for anywhere between \$100 and \$250.
- We're not recommending that you not use them. They can save a lot of hassle. But don't pay upfront, not even a deposit if you can avoid it. Don't fall for the line that they need all the money to buy the lights.
- Also, make sure you get a written guarantee that they'll remove them (hold back part of the payment till they're taken down) and make sure you know who owns the lights once they're down.
- Fake eCards. This is a whole subject in itself. But you can be sure they'll be as big a hit as ever as holiday scams. You get a message with a link to an online greeting card but, when you click it, you end up with a virus on your PC. A couple of simple rules here. Delete any messages that come from someone you don't know or that don't address you by name. If they do come from someone you know, email that person to check that they sent it before clicking the link.
- Holiday rentals. 2009 has seen a surge in ads offering bogus vacation rentals. You pay a deposit or even in full to get a key and that's the last you hear of them.
- Classified websites are fraught with this danger -- and it can be very difficult to check their authenticity.
- Of course, there are many legitimate owners offering rentals this way -- and countless more online. But investigate them carefully; check testimonials, do a search for other references. And again, don't wire cash.
- Phony seasonal jobs. Yes, real seasonal jobs do exist, mainly in retail but also a few in packing and manufacturing, but this year there are fewer of them and more people chasing them.
- Seasonal work at home schemes, like toy assembly, are usually scams. For retail and packing jobs, deal directly with the employer or a reputable agency -- and never pay to get work. It's a scam.

# HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime. Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season.

## KEEP YOUR HOUSE SAFE

- Don't leave presents where they can be seen from the street
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even when you are at home
- Always set your burglar alarm when you go out or go to bed, or consider investing in **one**
- Mark all valuables, including new Christmas presents, with your Driver's License No.
- Leave lights on to make it look as if someone is at home when you're not
- Remember the security of your garage and shed too
- After Christmas, don't leave boxes outside or else the burglar will know what's inside your house



## PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

- Never leave presents or any other items on display on seats
- Lock presents in the trunk or hide them under seats
- Take presents home before returning for more shopping if necessary
- Keep doors and windows locked
- Use extra security, such as steering wheel locks and/or alarm
- Park in a garage if you've got one at home
- When out, park in a well-lit open area

## KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

- Don't leave handbags on unattended shopping carts
- Wear bag straps across your body with any flaps/zips against your body
- Keep any purses/wallets in inside pockets
- Attach a bell to your purse or bag to alert you if it is tampered with
- Be aware of your surroundings and display confident body language

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## Mystery Shopper Scam



Another sign of the economic challenges we are facing is a modification to the mystery shopper scam. The victim is contacted by email stating that they have been selected to be a mystery shopper to evaluate customer service at Western Union. They receive a check for \$4000 and are asked to send a check for \$3000 through the local Western Union office to an address and then keep the balance for their fee. The check sent to them is bogus and they are now out the money.

# NEXT SCPAAA BOARD MEETING

The next Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 21 at 6:30p.m. at the Springfield Justice Center, EOC room on the 2nd floor.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Agenda Items:

1. Spend the Night in the new Springfield Jail fundraiser / open house for the Jail.
2. Bicycle Helmet fundraiser
3. Annual Membership meeting/nominations for board positions
4. Staffing upcoming events



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## Don't Forget to Renew your Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (SCPAAA) Membership

The SCPAAA fiscal year is also the calendar year. So it is that time of year again to renew your membership. A membership form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. You can also download a membership form or a renewal form from our web-site at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org). The membership dues are only \$10 a year.

Dues may be paid up to five years in advance.



# The next Citizen Police Academy to begin in March

The next Citizen Police Academy will begin in March of 2010. Applications will be available at the police department and on our website. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Preference will be given to Springfield residents and people doing business in Springfield. The academy course is designed for citizens from all backgrounds or occupations.

As most of you know, the Springfield Citizen Police Academy is a long established and important police/community relations program. It is designed to provide citizens with a better understanding of the nature of police work and to interact with department members in a non-emergency setting. It is also an opportunity for citizens to provide input on police policy, practice, and procedure.

The 33-hour training program consists of classroom and "hands-on" instruction. Topics covered include the officer selection and training process, the job of the uniformed patrol officer, investigation skills, tactical operation, the canine unit, use of firearms, vice and narcotics, communications, crime scene search, and crime prevention. Students will be actively involved in many interesting activities, such as touring police facilities, using police equipment, and firing the department-issued weapons. Graduates of this course will not be police officers, but will be better-informed citizens. The graduates will be in a position to relate their experiences to friends and co-workers.

The course is free. Each applicant must answer each question on the application form. To graduate, each student must attend at least nine of the eleven classes. Therefore, prior to applying, applicants must determine whether or not they can attend the minimum number of classes for graduation.

If you know of someone interested in attending the academy, have them obtain an application (after January 1) at the Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St. or at our web-site at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Services Unit at **726-3731**, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD 2009-2010

Board:		Term ends
President:	Barb Sward	10
Vice Pres:	Stacey Doll	10
Secretary:	Carol Dickenson	10
Treasurer:	Robert Case	11

### Board Members:

Brad Crowson	11
Linda Sleutel	10
Jack Martin	10
Sheryl Grimes	11
Dan Grimes	11
Ken Dickenson	10

Police Liaison: Tana Steers      726-3731      [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us)  
 Non-Emerg. Complaints/Records      726-3714      Emergency: 911

To view public police logs: [www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html)—click on public logs

## Springfield Police Department 2010



Springfield Municipal Jail & Staff  
 The Springfield Police Department strives to work with citizens to promote a sense of personal safety and security through rapid response to emergency calls for services, enforcement of state and local laws, and providing prevention and education programs in support of citizens' efforts to promote conditions, attitudes and behaviors that will result in a safer community.  
 Jerry D. Smith, Chief of Police

## Police Department Calendars Available

The Police Department 2010 Calendar is now available. (FREE) The calendar contains information about the police department as well as the inside front cover contains important resource phone numbers. The inside back cover contains crime prevention resource web-sites. Calendars will be distributed at the Springfield Christmas Parade on December 5 or you can pick one up from the Police Department or the Library.

## REMINDER: Helmets are Required For Riding Bicycles, Scooters, Skates, and Skateboards

Skateboard? Scooter? Inline skates? Yes, you must wear a helmet if you are under 16. With students heading back to school, the Oregon Department of Transportation is reminding youngsters and parents: helmets are the safe way to go — and they are also required by law. "Studies consistently show that wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent," said Sue Riehl, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety program coordinator at ODOT. "Parents setting the example by making it a riding habit is one of the best ways to encourage young people to wear their helmets, but reminding them about the law doesn't hurt!"

The fine for not wearing a helmet is \$25, and while the child may get the ticket, the family may be held responsible for paying it. So how can you encourage a youngster to wear a helmet? The Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute ([www.bhsi.org](http://www.bhsi.org)) offers these tips:

- 1. Establish the helmet habit early when your children get their first bikes.** If they learn to wear helmets whenever they ride it will become a habit for a lifetime.
- 2. Let them pick the helmet out.** If they make the decision they are more likely to buy into the idea; some parents buy their child a new helmet every year so they are excited to wear it.
- 3. Encourage their friends to wear helmets.** Peer pressure can be used in a positive way if several families in the neighborhood start making helmet use a regular habit at the same time.
- 4. Give your child a course in bike safety,** using a guide such as the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute's *Teaching Your Child to Ride A Bicycle*. Placing the helmet in the context of a safety program helps underscore why you are requiring it. It is not enough to put a helmet on the child and send them off without some basic safety instruction.

You might also point out how many other sports require helmets, like football, baseball (when at bat), racecar drivers, hockey players and bicycle racers. Finally, and perhaps most important, *don't let them ride their bikes, scooters, skateboards and skates unless they wear their helmets*. Several Web sites offer guidance for riding bikes or walking to school safely including [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org); [www.walknbike.org](http://www.walknbike.org); and <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/> (under Traffic Safety menu, go to Bicycles).



## AAA COLLECTS GENTLY USED LUGGAGE TO GIVE TO FOSTER CHILDREN

AAA has been collecting gently used luggage for over 15 years to give to children who have been removed from their homes. Often these children have to use plastic garbage bags to transport their belongings from one home to another. They are hoping to expand this program to include shelter residents such as Womenspace. If you have some gently used luggage that you would like to donate to this program, you can drop the luggage off at the AAA in Springfield at 939 Harlow Road or the AAA in Eugene at 983 Willagillespie Rd. If you have any questions, contact Barb Nichols (graduate of CPA #23) AAA Regional Manager at 484-0661 or [Barbara.Nichols@aaaoregon.com](mailto:Barbara.Nichols@aaaoregon.com).



# Mark Your Calendars -

## Important Dates to Remember

### 1. Saturday, December 5

Christmas Parade—2pm.—If you would like to walk the parade route (with the Neighborhood Watch float) and help pass out the Police Department calendars, contact Tana at 726-3731.

### 2. Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m., Springfield Justice Center—

Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board Meeting—  
See page 8 for details.

### 3. Sat., Feb. 6, 10a.m.– 4p.m., Gateway Mall—

Business Expo. Contact Tana at 726-3731 if you can help staff the crime prevention booth for a 3 hour shift.

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