



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Front: Jack Martin, Secretary Carol Dickenson, Linda Sleutel, Vice-President Stacey Doll, and Sheryl Grimes

## Spend the Night in Jail—a Success Thanks to Donors and Volunteers!

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Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association sends a "huge" thank you for the generous donations that were given to each "inmate" during the "Night Stay in Jail." Inmates received prizes for the trivia games they played. Some of the prizes were gift certificates for dinner, pizza, salads, bloomin' onions, snack wraps, metal art, pens, golf balls, picture frames, stuffed animals, lunch bags, sticky pads, atlas, mugs, calendars, key chains, grocery bags, and many more.

Thank you to these donors:

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- Langeliers Sculptures, Eric Langeliers



Barb's "practice" mugshot

I also want to thank all of the volunteers who agreed to spend the night and especially our volunteers from the SCPAAA Board who spent countless hours preparing for and working during the 5 day event. Because of all of you, it was a big success. Thank you for your time and energy.

SCPAAA President  
Barbara Sward



## Fingerprinting Children—A Prevention Strategy or a Scam?

By Tana Steers, Crime Prevention Specialist

Over the past year I have received inquiries from people who have signed up to receive a free fingerprint kit for their children only to find out that it was a business's way to get their foot in the door to make a sale. One of the main concerns is that the company giving out these free kits insists that they need to come to your house to give you the kit. The other concern is that in one situation the company representative kept the prints and advised that they would be kept in a national database in case they were needed.

Fingerprinting won't help to prevent abduction, or even keep a child from running away. However, fingerprinting a child will likely encourage dialogue between parents and the child about the issue of safety. The Springfield Police Department gives out free child fingerprint kits that you can do in your own home. The kit not only provides information on how to effectively take your child's prints but also gives you information on how to help keep your children safe and gives you a place to put identifying information about your child including a photo.

A person's fingerprints never change, and are one of the most valuable investigative tools available to law enforcement. In the unfortunate event of a missing child, fingerprints can be used to track the movements of the child and the abductor. During the crucial first moments after a child is discovered missing, parents are often too emotionally upset to remember details such as the child's height, weight, and blood type. Child identification kits condense this information into a compact booklet that can be simply handed to the first investigators on the scene.

You might also consider storing a viable DNA sample with your child's fingerprint kit. What makes a viable DNA sample:

1. Cheek swab ( 1st choice) (using a clean sterile swab inside the cheek collecting cheek cells which carry the DNA) use a sterile swab to take the saliva sample, you want to let it dry in a clean and undisturbed location for at least an hour. Then you can cut the stick of the swab down short enough to fit into a small ziplock bag.
2. Blood (2nd choice) (when you remove a band-aid from a wound from your child, place dried band-aid in ziplock bag)
3. Hair strands (10 - 20 strands pulled from head with follicle still attached)
4. Skin sample
5. Finger or toe nail
6. Tooth (such as a baby tooth or one that was removed for dental reasons including root material.)

While fingerprinting is not considered a prevention strategy, a fingerprint/ID/DNA kit can be a valuable tool in the event of a missing, abducted or runaway child.

Do be aware of anyone promising a fingerprint kit that they need to deliver to your home or of anyone wanting to keep your child's fingerprints for any reason. If you have any questions contact Tana Steers at 541-726-3731.

## A NIGHT IN THE SLAMMER – By Faye Brabham



On January 26<sup>th</sup> I became one of the “pod people.” Pod--- as seen in “Invasion of the Body Snatchers.” I ate in my pod, I socialized in my pod and I slept in my pod. As I started to write this article it was with my usual off beat sense of humor. Then I changed my mind. Going to jail is not funny! There is nothing funny about sleeping on a metal bunk that appears to the naked eye to be about two feet wide with a pillow the size of a postage stamp and a blanket with the weight of a piece of cheesecloth. My first thought was, who ever made it to the top bunk was going to suffer from what ever the medical term is for “fear of heights.” But, since my pod mate was suffering with a bad knee---up I went! Also, I must admit, being at the top did not make me feel superior to anyone. The truth is none of us want prisoners to be comfortable. Best they remember the pain and not want to return to the pod. The staff, including Captain Golden and Chief Smith were hospitable but firm. That is the way it should be. After all jail is a punishment for being or doing bad things so expect to be uncomfortable. However, the thing that will keep me on the straight and narrow is----they don’t serve coffee.

## Jury Duty/I.D. Theft Scam

Submitted by Tana Steers, Community Service Officer

In 2005, Springfield Police Department received a report from an elderly lady who advised that she had been a victim of this Scam. At that time we warned Lane County residents to be wary of callers threatening people with arrest for missing jury duty unless they provide specific personal information. Unfortunately this scam is still being used so we thought this was a good time to refresh your memory.

This is a scam and it works this way: The caller identifies himself as a representative of a court jury office and tells the person he or she has missed a jury date and must make it up. The caller then asks for personal information such as address, Social Security number and other specific information for “verification purposes”. If the information is not provided the caller tells you that a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

It’s easy to see why this works. The victim is clearly caught off guard, and is understandably upset at the prospect of a warrant being issued for his or her arrest. So, the victim is much less likely to be vigilant about protecting their confidential information.

Lane County Courts will not call you if you miss Jury Duty. They will never ask you for your Social Security number – they do not need that information.

The following are tips to avoid being victimized:

- Be skeptical of callers who threaten arrest for missing jury duty.
- Do not comply with any request to “verify information” such as a Social Security number.
- Do not agree to send the caller any written information for review.
- Hang up! Do not be afraid to be rude, even if the caller attempts to play on fear of prosecution.
- Never give out bank, credit card or Social Security information over the phone.
- Screen calls. Let the answering machine pick up calls from unknown callers. Most telemarketers/scammers will not leave messages.



# Bank ATM Security

by Chris E McGoey, CPP, CSP, CAM



ATM bank cash machines have been incorporated in our way of life. They offer a real convenience to those on the run, but at the same time offer an element of risk. Using a bank ATM machine safely requires awareness and a little planning. Just because a bank ATM machine is open and available 24 -hours a day doesn't mean it is always safe to use it.

**ATM Robbery Facts** - Most bank ATM robberies occur at night between 7pm and midnight when the machine only produces 10% of the daily transactions. Between 7pm and 4am, the ATMs handle only 11% of the total daily transactions but suffer 60% of the crime.

**Who Are the Robbers?** Bank ATM robbers are usually males under 25 years of age and most work alone. ATM robbers usually position themselves nearby (50 feet) waiting for a victim to approach and withdraw cash. Half of the ATM robberies occur after the cash withdrawal. Many ATM robbery victims are women and were alone when robbed. Most claim that they never saw the robber coming. Most ATM robbers used a gun or claimed to have a concealed weapon when confronting the victim and demanding their cash.

**Pick a Safe Location** - Use only bank ATM machines in well-lighted, high-traffic areas. ATMs inside busy supermarkets are considered safer. Don't use ATM machines that are remote or hidden such as being located behind buildings, behind pillars, walls, or away from public view. Beware of obvious hiding places like shrubbery or overgrown trees. ATM robbers like to have the element of surprise and no witnesses. Robbers like good escape routes like nearby freeway on-ramps or high speed thoroughfares.

Get a list of ATM locations from your bank and keep it in your car. Choose an ATM that looks and 'feels' safer, even if it is a couple of miles out of the way. Try and limit your use to daylight hours. Take someone with you after hours, if you can. When you drive up to an ATM location, scan the area for any suspicious persons. If you see anyone suspicious that is standing nearby or sitting alone in a car, drive away. When you approach an ATM on foot be prepared and have your ATM card ready. Memorize your personal PIN number to prevent loss and speed the transaction. After inserting your card and your PIN number keep an eye out behind you (the robbers always come from behind or the side). Never accept an offer to help or request for help from a suspicious male at the machine.

**Be Alert** - If anyone suspicious or seemingly dangerous approaches terminate your transaction and leave immediately, even if it means running away and leaving your ATM card in the machine. First, tell the suspicious male in a loud, firm voice to "back-off" and leave you alone. This is designed to startle the person and give you time to flee, if appropriate. It is far easier to apologize later or suffer a little embarrassment for your fear than to become a robbery victim. When you receive cash from the machine put it away immediately, extract your card, and walk away. If you use your car at a bank drive-thru ATM machine the same rules apply. Make sure there are no obvious hiding places or suspicious persons loitering in the area. If there are, listen to your gut instinct and drive away. Keep your doors locked and the car in gear, with your foot firmly on the brake, while using the ATM machine. Keep a close eye on your rear and side view mirrors during the transaction. Robbers almost always approach from the rear on the drivers' side. If you see anyone approaching, drive off even if it means leaving your ATM card behind. If you are confronted by an armed robber, just give up your money without argument. The cash is not worth serious injury or death. Get to a safe place and call the police immediately.



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni General Membership, Annual Meeting - This year combined with Neighborhood Watch annual meeting Thursday, April 22, 6:30p.m.

**WHERE:** Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St., Second Floor  
(corner of 4th & "B" Street)

**TOPIC:** Your Jail—A Great Prevention Tool!

**OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Door prizes, Refreshments, & Elections

**BOARD POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

If you are interested in serving on the SCPAAA Board of Directors please contact Tana Steers (before the general meeting) at 726-3731 or [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us)

## I SUPPORT SPRINGFIELD POLICE MAGNETIC RIBBONS AVAILABLE

Our current fundraiser is selling these magnetic ribbons for \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing one — they will be available at the general meeting at the Springfield Police Department on Thursday, April 22. Or you may complete this form and send a check (made out to SCPAAA) for at least \$5.00 to:  
SCPAAA  
230 Fourth St.  
Springfield, OR 97477

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Bicycle Helmet Program



The SCPAAA 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).

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United States  
**Census  
2010**

## 2010 Census Warning

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice:

- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a hand held device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.**

- While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

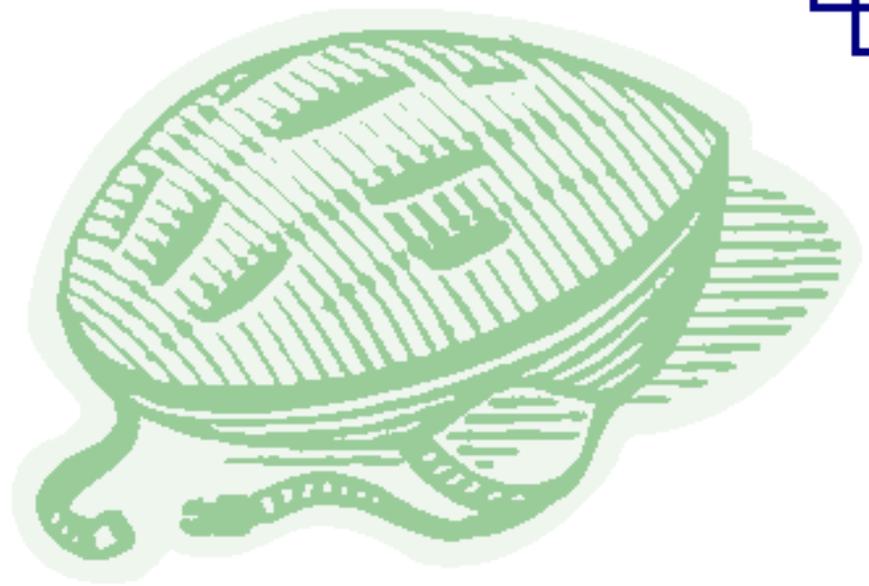
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home.

**However, they will not contact you by email, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit: <http://www.bbb.org>.**



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**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**

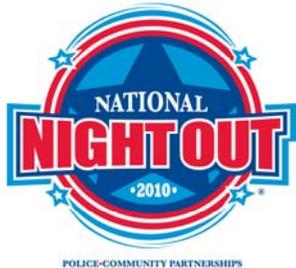
This would qualify as a tax deductible donation  
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## CPA T-shirts, Available for Purchase

The alumni board will have CPA T-shirts available for purchase at the annual meeting on April 22 for \$15 each. \$17 for 2XL or 3XL. These will be Navy blue shirts with the CPA logo on the left front. The logo is the Springfield police patch with Citizen Police Academy written underneath. CPA grad, Bev Sapp, models her shirt at the National Night Out event.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**NNO Kick-off**  
**Sunday, July 25, 2010**  
**4pm-7pm**



## 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 Free – paid for by Drug Forfeiture Funds

Calendars are available to pick up at the Police Department front counter and at the Springfield Library. 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. November contains pictures of Citizen Police Academy Alumni Board and the most recent graduating class.



# DUMB CRIMINAL STORIES



## K9 Korner

By Sgt. Charboneau



Officer Keetle and K9 Bronko received a report of EPD coming into the city chasing a motorcycle. He joined in the pursuit which eventually ended when the suspect jumped from the motorcycle and began running on foot. A Eugene officer began chasing the suspect and so Bronko was not released. The suspect and officer rounded a corner and as Officer Keetle and Bronko did so they found the suspect fighting with the officer. Officer Keetle and Bronko both joined in the struggle and the suspect was eventually placed in handcuffs. At the hospital the suspect apologized for fighting. After treatment for dog bites he was transported to jail.

Officer Kendrick and K9 Cyrill responded to assist Officer Todd with a pursuit. The pursuit terminated at a residence as Daren and Cyrill arrived on scene. The driver, a robbery suspect, was out of the car and appeared to be cooperating. However, he turned and ran into the residence before Cyrill could be deployed. Officer Kendrick and Cyrill ran to the back of the residence and observed the back door open. Cyrill picked up a track at the door and followed it for some distance leading Officer Kendrick to some berry bushes near the freeway. Officer Kendrick then observed the suspect attempting to crawl to the freeway side of the bushes. Cyrill was released and took the suspect into custody. At the hospital the suspect stated "30 seconds more and I would have made it across the freeway."

Officer DelCastillo and K9 Creck responded to assist OSP with a pursuit inside Springfield. They arrived just after the pursuit ended and the driver fled on foot. He was advised the Trooper was chasing the suspect and had just ran to the back of a house. Officer DelCastillo got Creck out of the car and began to run to the side of the house. He was surprised to see the suspect appear from the opposite side of the house running back towards the suspect vehicle. Officer DelCastillo and Creck challenged the suspect who immediately stopped, put his hands up and laid on the ground.



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## Is your Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (SCPAAA)

The SCPAAA fiscal year is also the calendar year. So if you have not paid your \$10.00 dues for 2010 then you are probably not a current member. Please complete the form on the next page and send it in with the \$10 membership dues. If you have any questions about your membership contact Tana at 726-3731 or [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us).



**Springfield Citizens Police Academy  
Alumni Association Membership Application Form 230 4th St.  
Springfield, Oregon 97477**

**Please provide the following information and enclose your dues payment of \$10  
Complete and mail to: SCPAAA, 230 4th Street, Springfield, Oregon 97477  
Please make check payable to: SCPAAA**

\_\_\_\_ New Membership

\_\_\_\_ Active (I will lend a little of my time to activities and projects that the SCPAAA/Police Department plans during the year)

\_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_ Supportive (I do not have time to give, but I will support the SCPAA/Police Department)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL# (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CPA Class # \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** graduation date: Spring \_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation/professional background: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the committee's or areas of interest in which you would be willing to serve:**

\_\_\_\_ Awards/Social Functions

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_\_ Community Relations

\_\_\_\_ Telephone

\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_ Training/Technology

\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this form will be used exclusively by the SCPAAA and law enforcement agencies and will not be released to any other agency or organization, except as required by law or approved by the SCPAAA Board.

By your signature below, **You acknowledge that you are a graduate of the Springfield , Oregon Citizen Police Academy and that you have no prior felony arrests and no misdemeanor arrests within the past six months.** You also authorize the Springfield Police Department to conduct a criminal history background investigation. You further acknowledge that your membership in the Alumni Association may be terminated if you are subsequently arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCPAAA Member or Police Liaison Endorsement:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not write below solid line)

**Recommended action:**

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

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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

SCPAAA Website: [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org)

# Citizen Police Academy—Spring 2009

## Now Accepting Applications

### Deadline for Applications: March 5, 2010!

The Springfield Police Department is inviting applicants to attend its Citizen Police Academy. 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.

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.

**Classes will generally be held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with some exceptions. (listed on schedule with application) The first class will be held March 31 and will continue through June 9.**

If you are interested in attending the academy, please obtain an application at the Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St. or the police department web-site at [www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html) or call 726-3731 to have an application sent to you. **The application deadline is March 6, 2010.** 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.

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