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SCPAAA Annual Membership Meeting Held April 22

The Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association combined with the Springfield Neighborhood Watch to hold their annual meeting and training on April 22 at the new Springfield Justice Center. This was the first year that we combined them and it appeared to be a success. Both Boards wanted to invite the same speaker and have the same topic. Neighborhood Watch originally had their meeting scheduled for April 20 before we decided to combine them.

We had a great turn out, a lot of fun, great speaker and great door prizes. The Guest speaker was Richard Golden who retired 11 years ago from the Police Department as a Captain. He was re-hired in February of last year as the Jail Manager.

He explained that the jail is 38,000 sq ft. and can house up to 100 inmates. The Jail started booking arrestees on January 29th. More than \$122,000.00 has been posted for persons in jail custody. The Officers are able to book someone in 5-10 minutes, greatly reducing the time and enabling the Officers to return to patrol duties. The All male Inmate population is averaging 50 per day. The inmate meal cost is about \$5.00 per day. Women are lodged at Lane County Adult Corrections. We house five male Lane County Adult Corrections inmates in exchange for five female beds at LCAC. The exchange saves the City \$200,000.00 each year.

Inmate workers do jail housekeeping, including all laundry. Each inmate must clean their own cell daily. Inmates receive clean bedding weekly, and clean clothing twice weekly.



Message from Police Chief, Jerry Smith

The past year has continued to be fiscally challenging to families, businesses, and local government as we all struggle through rather difficult economic conditions. I am optimistic that history will repeat itself and we will extricate ourselves from the recession. Thank you for the opportunity to express some of my thoughts to each of you. Recognizing that these are my thoughts and concerns, should you have questions I am open to discussing the particular concerns that may be generated as a result of reducing these concepts to paper.

The Municipal Jail opened for business on January 29, 2010 and I am confident that we will realize positive outcomes as a product of this capability to hold offenders accountable. During the first three weeks of operation, the police department receipted over \$138,000 in bail from offenders (not inclusive of the court bail receipts). During the last six months of 2009, the police department receipted only \$137,000 in bail from offenders. Bail is important to ensure the appearance of criminal defendants. Our experience prior to the jail was a high percentage of defendants who failed to appear in court, translating to tremendous resource costs to the taxpayers for wasted and repeated resource commitments. Bail can also be used upon convictions to be converted to fines (which previously were often not paid). We are too early in the program to reach definitive conclusions, but it does appear that our projected outcomes will be realized.

I fully expect that real crime will be reduced as a product of operating a municipal jail. As I have stated many times during the past ten years, the lack of capacity at the Lane County Jail has crippled the Lane County Criminal Justice System. The Police and the Prosecutors are making arrest, lodging and charging decisions based on the availability or in reality the lack of availability of jail space. The court is making sentencing decisions on lack of space, not what is appropriate. Offenders are not being held accountable and the result is outrageous costs to us as taxpayers. The failure to appear in court is costing millions of dollars annually on wasted and redundant work demands when defendants ignore their court appearances.

Beyond the reduction of crime, I expect that the municipal court will increase their recovery of court fines owed by defendants to the taxpayers. I also expect to generate some efficiencies in time and effort by not having to transport many offenders to the Lane County Jail, where we all recognize that release from custody is imminent.

The effect of operating a municipal jail will be felt in not only the reduction of crime, but the reduction of work load demands imposed on police staff. Because of this, the need to add police officers and support staff as the community continues to grow will be decreased. Staffing is the huge cost for operating the police department and to the extent we can control the growth of personnel, we will experience a corresponding savings of taxpayer dollars.

I am convinced that the effectiveness of your police department is directly related to the quality of citizens within the community and their willingness to get involved. Actions by citizens to come to the aid of your police officers serve as a frequent reminder of the quality of citizens in Springfield.

With recent fiscal reduction warnings issued by the Lane County Commissioners, I would continue to remind us all that it is even more important to watch the decisions of Lane County related to the Jail, District Attorney, Sheriff's Office and the Juvenile Department. Your police department is dependent upon the services provided by these departments to accomplish its mission. The continued degradation, particularly the District Attorney's Office and the Lane County Jail have a direct negative impact to outcomes for the Springfield Police Department.

The police department enjoys tremendous assistance from citizens on a frequent basis. It is important to continue the relationship that provides the forum for such assistance. The police department is a tool of the community and will enjoy only that success to the extent that the citizens are willing to be involved. When suspicious or unusual behavior is occurring in your neighborhood, it is an important preventive measure to call the police and allow us to at least take a look at the circumstances. Involvement of citizens with the City Council is important to enable the Council to more accurately reflect the wishes of the community.

I consider it a privilege to serve this community and it is my expectation that the members of the Police Department extend themselves and provide the very best possible law enforcement services. I do appreciate comments from citizens, positive or negative about the perceptions they may have in circumstances involving our staff. We can only improve when we are able to receive feedback. As each of you know, I am very proud of the members of your Police Department and I am proud of the community we serve and the support we receive and the willingness of our citizens to become involved.

On June 26th, your Police Department is hosting the annual K-9 competition at Silke Field. Our police canines will compete against other police canine teams from across the state. The event is free, fast paced and provides an opportunity to see these animals in action. Following the event, kids are permitted to pet the animals on the field and everyone is invited to talk to the officers about their programs, their canine partner or simply visit.

It is my wish that each of you enjoy a pleasant and safe summer and please remember that I am available to speak with any of you or to groups in the community.

Jerry D. Smith
Chief of Police

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD



Vice-President Stacey Doll, President Barb Sward, Barb Nichols, Jack Martin, Treasurer Bob Case, Bev Sapp, Sheryl Grimes, Secretary Dan Grimes
Not pictured: Brad Crowson, Linda Sleutel

The new board was elected at the annual meeting. Barb Sward was re-elected as President, Stacey Doll re-elected as Vice-President and Dan Grimes was elected as Secretary. Two board members were re-elected for a second 2 year term—those are Linda Sleutel and Jack Martin. Barb Nichols was elected to a two year term as a director. Bev Sapp was elected to complete Dan Grimes director position (one more year) that was vacated when he was elected as Secretary.

Both Barb N. and Bev are graduates of Citizen Police Academy #23. Barb is the regional manager for AAA Oregon/Idaho. She is a Community Emergency Response Team member and also serves on the Springfield Gateway Development Committee. Barb is most proud of her family and being married for 36 years with 3 children and 9 grandkids. Bev is volunteering her time to helping develop a volunteer program for the Springfield Police Department. In her spare time, she does a lot of hiking, running, gardening and quilting. She has been involved in the community by helping with the Olympic Trials, Relay for Life and the Wildish Theatre.



DUMB CRIMINAL STORIES

Thief gets a mouthful trying to siphon what he "thinks" is gas. Police got a call one morning from the owner of a motor home. The owner had been inside his motor home when he heard weird noises from outside. Apparently, a thief was trying to siphon gas from his vehicle. (Siphoning is when you transport liquid from one place to another, usually using a rubber hose.) You gotta suck on the hose to get the liquid moving, sometimes getting a mouthful. This thief sure got a mouthful - of sewage! He'd sucked from the wrong tank. Police found vomit on the ground beside a young man who was curled up in a ball. No charges were pressed cuz Dennis thought the dumb thief had suffered enough.

I was flagged down by a citizen whose vehicle had stalled at an intersection. If he would not have flagged me down, I would not have noticed his vehicle was stalled. He asked me to order a tow truck for him because his cell phone was not working. When asked for his name (Jonathan), he couldn't spell it correctly. And because he did not have any form of identification on him, I became a little suspicious. I asked him if I could look inside his vehicle, he joyfully said yes. When he stood up, he dropped a baggy containing 3 grams of cocaine from his lap. When I searched him, he had an additional 14.5 grams of rock cocaine, 5 grams of marijuana and 2 marijuana pipes in his shorts pocket. I eventually found out his real name was "Craig" and he had a felony and a misdemeanor warrant on file, hence the alias "Jonathan." Of course, I ordered the tow truck for him!

A local man is involved in a car accident. When the police arrive, the man gives his drivers license to the officer, and then literally turns and runs away. The officer doesn't give chase, but does check him through the computer. He has no warrants and is a valid driver. His car is also registered to him and everything is proper. The officer simply tows the man's car, drives over to his house and issues him a ticket



K9 Korner

By Sgt. Charboneau



Officer Keetle and K9 Bronko assisted officers in looking for three suspects who fled during a ped stop. Bronko was deployed in the area where they were last observed and quickly picked up fresh scent. He followed the scent for approximately 50 yards until he came to some berry bushes. Bronko began barking and then Officer Keetle observed a leg sticking out of the bushes. After making an announcement for the suspects to show themselves, the three surrendered and were taken into custody.

Officer Grice and K9 Fedo responded to a report of a car clouter who fled prior to SPD arriving. Upon their arrival, Fedo picked up the track where a citizen last observed the suspect. He followed it across a street, down another street and into a driveway. At the end of the driveway Fedo began barking in the area of two utility trailers. Officer Grice gave an announcement and the suspect emerged from under a trailer. The suspect was taken into custody and \$657 in property was recovered from a backpack.

Officer Kendrick and K9 Cyrill responded to assist in locating the passenger of a car involved in a pursuit. The passenger was wanted for Criminal Mischief and Trespass. Cyrill was taken to the last known location of the person and he quickly picked up the track. The track went through a back yard, over a fence and into an alley. At the end of the alley, Cyrill entered a back yard and tracked to bushes where the suspect was observed hiding. The suspect surrendered and was taken into custody.

As most people know all equipment purchased for our dogs is with money obtained from citizen donations and the sales of our merchandise. Civic organizations such as the Kiwanis, Rotary, Elks and Emblem Club regularly make donations. The K9 Unit provides demonstrations for these clubs as well as for schools, scouting groups and other special events. The Springfield K9 Competition is an event that is free of charge where we can show the quality of our dogs to everyone. At the competition, citizen's buy thousands of dollars in merchandise that contributes to our fund. As a result of our competition, started 15 years ago by Sgt. Carlson (ret.), two other agencies host competitions patterned after ours. SPD K9 supports them in their fund raising efforts. On June 5th we will be traveling to Bend to compete. On August 7th we will be traveling to Hillsboro. Our competition is on June 26th. We hope to see you there.



Citizen Police Academy

Is your Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (SCPAAA) Membership Up-to-date?

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. If you have any questions about your membership contact Tana at 726-3731 or tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us. To obtain a membership form or a renewal form, go to our web-site at www.springfieldcpaaa.org. We will also have the membership forms available at Alumni Board meetings.

Dues may be paid up to five years in advance.



SPRINGFIELD POLICE CANINE COMPETITION



Sponsored by the Springfield Canine Unit, the
Citizen's of Springfield & KVAL TV

Saturday, June 26th, 2010

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**800 10th St., Springfield, Oregon
Springfield High School Silke Field**

**This is
FREE
and open
to the
general
public!!!**

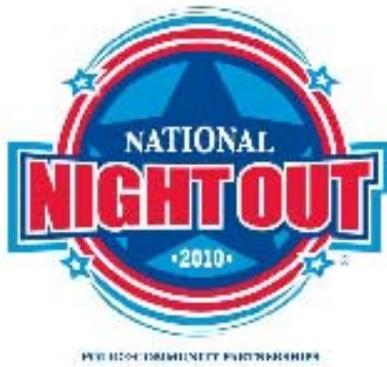
EVENTS

**Area Search
Agility Course
Suspect Apprehension
Fastest Dog
Handler Protection**

**Food & Beverage will be sold, along with Springfield
K9 shirts, hats and mugs.**

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY





FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.NIGHTOUT.ORG

Kick-Off Event Sun, July 25, 2010 4-7 p.m. Island Park, Springfield

FREE ENTRY! PRIZES! SURPRISES! MOST ACTIVITIES FREE!
SAFETY INFORMATION! CARNIVAL GAMES! INFLATABLES

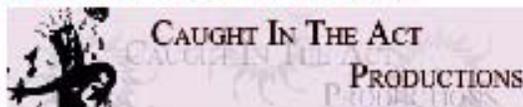


Lots of fun activities for the whole family

- * Police/Fire Vehicle Displays
- * Police K9 Demonstration
- * Safety/Information Booths
- * Splash-Lively Park Swim Center 2 for one coupons for first 300 (turning in passports)
- * Presentation of the Sean Wilson Good Neighbor Award
- * Hot Dog meal (nominal cost-free for kids visiting booths)
- * McGruff the Crime Dog
- * DJ services provided by Jared Ritzer and Caught-in-the-act Productions.

Featuring a Silent Auction to benefit Neighborhood Watch

Let's give Crime a going away party! National Night Out is designed to heighten Crime and Drug Prevention awareness and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. Celebrate National Night Out in your Neighborhood, Tues. Aug 3. For more info call 726-3731.



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National Night Out

National Night Out
Kick-off Event
Sunday, July 25,
4-7pm, Island Park

National Night Out promotes police and community partnerships, crime and drug prevention awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. The Kick-off is designed to encourage participation in National Night out on Tuesday, August 3 in their own neighborhoods. They can celebrate by having block parties or other get-togethers or by turning on porch lights, going outside and meeting neighbors. Neighborhood organizers can sign up at the kick-off to have Police Chief Jerry Smith and McGruff the Crime Dog visit their Neighborhood Event.

Children can obtain a free meal and carnival tickets by visiting community booths and completing a passport. Activities will include free games for children, public safety displays, police vehicles, a police K-9 demonstration, drug and other crime prevention information. Children will be given the opportunity to receive a Splash! two for one coupon after visiting several community booths.



Silent Auction Fundraiser

A silent auction will be held at the National Night Out Kick-Off event to benefit

Neighborhood Watch. To donate items for the silent auction, contact Neighborhood Watch Board President, Don Hale or Vice-President Vickie Hale at 541-746-3757, or Police liaison, Tana Steers at 541-726-3731 or tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us by July 18.

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 3

Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party in your neighborhood! Organize a pot-luck, picnic, ice cream social or just a gathering of your neighbors. McGruff the Crime Dog and Springfield Police Chief, Jerry Smith, will be visiting various neighborhoods celebrating National Night Out. They will bring door prizes for the groups and goody bags for the children. To schedule a visit, call Tana Steers at 541-726-3731. Please let us know if you are organizing a National Night Out event. We would like to know how many neighborhoods are participating. We also have t-shirts for organizers, door hanger flyers, a CD with materials you can use to promote your event.

Tips for Hosting a National Night Out Event

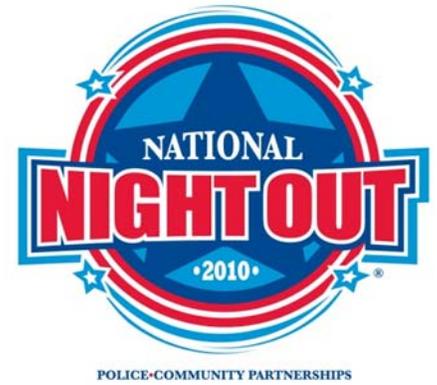
Organizing a National Night Out get-together allows an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other. By getting to know each other, neighbors build a rapport and concern for each other. If you know someone you are more likely to pick up on suspicious circumstances. If you get to know your neighbors—suspicious people and circumstances stand out more. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3, from 5pm-9pm.

Some events that are easy to organize in a short amount of time are:

1. Ice Cream/Root beer float socials
2. Dessert Potluck
3. Flashlight Walks

Other Events:

1. Block Parties
2. Barbeques/Potlucks
3. Parades
4. Progressive dinners
5. Contests/Talent shows
6. Safety Fair



Resources Available:

1. Crime Prevention Info
2. Giveaways: pens, coloring books, stickers, etc.
3. Door Prizes—We will bring some to each event, you can also request neighbors to bring white elephants gifts for door prizes or solicit local businesses for prizes.
4. Flyers/Door hangers

The Sean Wilson Good Neighbor Award

In conjunction with the National Night Out Kick Off event, the Good Neighbor Award was developed six years ago. Two years ago the Neighborhood Watch Board renamed the award “the Sean Wilson Good Neighbor Award”.

Sean Wilson was a very active member of Neighborhood Watch and served on the Board in many capacities including President.

At the Kick Off event on July 25, we will recognize a few good neighbors. The award winners will exemplify Neighborhood Watch concepts and goals; the goals and concepts which Sean embodied. If you have anyone in mind to nominate as the Sean Wilson Good Neighbor, please contact Tana at 541-726-3731 or fax to 541-726-3640 or e-mail tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us The nominee could be an individual or a business. Be sure to include your name and phone number, the nominees name and phone number and the reasons you believe they should be acknowledged.

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 9 for details. (Feel free to make copies of the flyer, post and or distribute).

I SUPPORT SPRINGFIELD POLICE MAGNETIC RIBBONS STILL 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 monthly board meetings. 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: _____

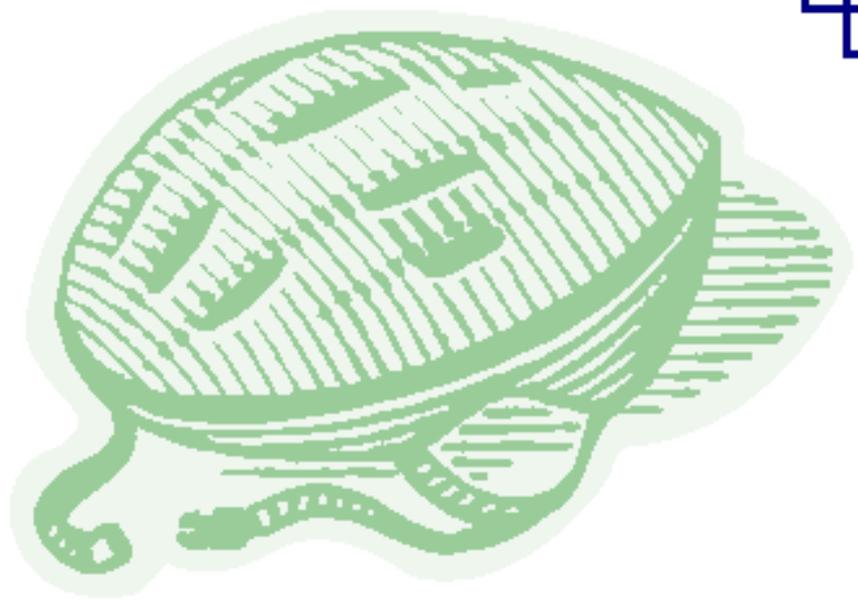
City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____





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**For More In f o:
541- 726-3731**

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

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

Please 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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Copy Machines, a Security Risk?

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the good, old-fashioned copy machine. But, as Armen Keteyian reports, advanced technology has opened a dangerous hole in data security. 60% of Americans don't know that copiers store images made in the machine on an internal hard drive. To see the report go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC38D5am7go>



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For more information or to sign up call 541-726-3636 or visit: www.firemed.org

Citizen Police Academy #25



Citizen Police Academy Class #25 will be graduating on Wed., June 9.

SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD 2010-2011

Board:		Term ends
President:	Barb Sward	11
Vice Pres:	Stacey Doll	11
Secretary:	Dan Grimes	12
Treasurer:	Robert Case	11
 Board Members:		
	Brad Crowson	11
	Linda Sleutel	12
	Jack Martin	12
	Sheryl Grimes	11
	Barb Nichols	12
	Bev Sapp	11

Police Liaison: Tana Steers (541)726-3731 tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us

Non-Emerg. Complaints/Records (541)726-3714

Emergency: 911

To view public police logs: www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html—click on public logs

Mark Your Calendars! Breakfast With Santa Saturday, December 11

The Alumni Association is working on this community event and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Nichols at nichols.ab@comcast.net or by phone at 541-912-8773 or Stacey Doll at stacey-lee.doll@comcast.net or by phone at 541-554-8188.

Stay tuned for further details



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