



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board President, Barb Sward

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## From Your President:

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First off I would like to thank the membership for electing me again as President of SCPAAA. It is such a rewarding experience to volunteer with exceptional people at events such as the Night in Jail, Buy a Brick program for the Justice Center, National Night Out Kickoff with Neighborhood Watch, Summer Fest at Island Park, Safety Fair at Dock Dog Show, Springfield Citizen Police Academy Graduation ceremony and other events during the year. The next big event the SCPAAA is working on will be in December, Breakfast with Santa. We are in the process of organizing this event. It is the first time SCPAAA has provided this type of event. Keep a watch for flyers, ads, etc. giving you more information about Breakfast with Santa as we move forward with our plans. It takes a lot of planning and we would like to include YOU on our volunteer list for this event. If you can give some of your time, please call me (541-746-8054) or Tana Steers (541-726-3731). It should be a fun time watching kids enjoy this special time of year.

This year we joined our Annual Meeting with Neighborhood Watch. Captain Golden, from the jail, and Chief Smith spoke on the topic of: Your Jail-A Great Prevention Tool. It was a success. Congratulations to our newest members from the 2010 graduating class. I hope you will join us at our next meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Justice Center in Springfield. Come and share your ideas and meet some of the other members.

I look forward to another exciting year as we continue to build our program and membership to support our community and the Springfield Police Department.

Barbara Sward, President SCPAAA



## Message from Police Chief, Jerry Smith

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 economy continues 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.

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.

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 **\$300,000** 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 would like to also remind all of us that the Goals for the Municipal Jail operations include:

- \* Reduce crime in Springfield
- \* Hold offenders accountable for criminal behavior
- \* Reduce "Failure to Appear" instances in the Municipal Court (therefore reducing the costs associated with each instance of Failure to Appear by criminal defendants)
- \* Increase revenue associated with fines that go unpaid in Municipal Court
- \* Reduce transport time required to lodge criminal offenders in the Lane County Jail (returning officers to police duties more quickly)
- \* Reduce booking time for police officers (returning officers to police duties more quickly)
- \* Reduce overtime costs for Court Appearances where the defendant fails to appear
- \* Population is dynamic, but hovering at between 50 and 60 inmates, changing daily and occasionally exceeding 60 inmates or dropping below 50

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 failure to appear in court is costing millions of dollars annually on wasted and redundant work demands when defendants ignore their court appearances.

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## Message from Police Chief—continued

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.

Our Annual Report can be found at our website that provides considerable information about your police department. Some of the measurable outcome data include:

- 55,328 Calls for Service in 2009
- 10,467 Traffic Citations
- 8,042 Arrests
- 630 Drunk Driving Arrests
- 6,754 Reported Crimes down 21% from 2008
- 1,785 Impounded Vehicles (DUII, DWS, No DL)
- 2,932 Dogs Licensed
- 249 Animals Impounded
- 105 Returned to owners/117 Adopted

In 2009, the Department was awarded four new grants, totaling over \$1.1 million dollars, including:

- \$796,752 from the COPS Hiring grant
- \$179,109 in Recovery Act Justice Assistance funding
- \$ 75,505 for a Secure Schools partnership project
- \$ 43,484 in Local Justice Assistance Grant funding
- \$ 6,000 from a Seat Belt Enforcement grant

Truly, Springfield is a great community in which to live, work and play because of the quality of citizens such as you. I am very proud to be a part of that community.

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 report activity, and on occasion come to the aid of your police officers, serve as a frequent reminder of the quality of citizens in Springfield.

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.

It is my wish that each of you enjoy a pleasant and safe Fall and Winter season 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



## K9 Korner

By Sgt. Charboneau



Officer Kendrick and K9 Cyrill responded to a suspicious person call. A person was reported to be ducking down in bushes when cars drove by. When they arrived and began checking bushes Cyrill picked up fresh scent which led down a trail. After a short distance Cyrill tracked behind some bushes where Officer Kendrick observed the subject hiding. He asked the subject what he was doing and he responded "trying to hide from you." The subject was found to have warrants and was taken into custody.

Officer Grice and K9 Fedo responded to assist an officer who was looking for a wanted person that disappeared when he turned around to contact her. Fedo quickly located a jacket and then tracked past two houses and into a backyard. The track led to the back of a shed where Fedo began to bark. Hiding in a small area between the fence and the shed was the female. She said "I'm coming out" and was taken into custody.

Officer Grice and K9 Fedo responded to assist in locating a person who was seen running from a construction site. Fedo picked up the scent at the location where the suspect was last observed and followed it through a parking lot and around a neighboring building. At the rear of the building was a piece of furniture where Fedo indicated the suspect was hiding. The suspect was observed laying behind the furniture and was taken into custody.



## Police Comments (Purported)

These are actual comments (according to an anonymous email) made by 16 Police Officers that were taken off police car videos around the country:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't.. Sign here."



## Springfield Municipal Jail—Update

As you may already know, we booked the first arrestee on January 29<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the number of bookings totaled 999. Of course some of the bookings were repeat arrests (frequent flyers) of the same individuals. One individual has been booked ten times in seven months. Arrestees have posted more than \$278,000 in bail to get out of jail. This bail would not have been collected if the arrestee's had been booked into LCAC. The Municipal Court has also experienced a significant increase in collections for fines and other court related activities.

Police Officer time spent booking someone into the jail averages five to eight minutes, a significant reduction in the time spent booking someone at LCAC. We continue to provide inmates with three meals per day at the cost of \$5.00 per day. Two cold meals, one hot meal each day.

The jail staff are the same persons we hired before the jail opened. They have become a very efficient work group. None have suffered a physical injury in the course of their duties.



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## 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 541-726-3731 or [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us). To obtain a membership form or a renewal form, go to our web-site at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://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.



## **COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR GATEWAY MALL**

**Saturday, September 25, 2010  
10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

- \* Emergency Vehicles**
- \* Police Canine Demonstrations  
11:00am and Noon**
- \* McGruff the Crime Dog  
11:30, 12:30 and 1:30**
- \* Safety Information**
- \* Activities for Children and Families**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 726-3731**

# Bicycle Safety

- 1. Be Predictable** - Ride so drivers can see you and predict your movements. Remember that the rules in the drivers manual apply to bicyclists also.
- 2. Be Alert** - Ride defensively and expect the unexpected. Remember, no matter who is at fault in an accident, the bicyclist loses.
- 3. Be Equipped** - You will ride easier and safer if you and your bike have proper equipment.

## Summary of Oregon Bicycle Laws

Bicyclists must:

- Obey traffic lights, stop signs, one-way streets, and other basic traffic laws.
- Ride as far "as practicable" to the right (or to the left or right on a one-way street).
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Give audible warning when overtaking a pedestrian on a sidewalk.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars. Keep control of bicycle at all times.
- When riding from sunset to sunrise or whenever visibility is poor, use a headlight with a white light that is visible from at least 500 feet ahead and a red reflector or lighting device visible from at least 600 feet behind.
- Keep brakes adjusted so that, when braked, your bicycle skids on a clean, dry pavement.
- Ride astride a fixed seat (kiddie seat and tandems acceptable). Riding "double" is prohibited.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- Any youth under the age 16 riding a bike or when a passenger on a bike, must wear bicycle helmets labeled ANSI and/or Snell approved. Make sure that they are worn properly.
- Hand signals are demonstrated below - a right hand turn can also be indicated by placing the right arm straight out from the body (opposite of the left turn signal) however this signal may not be as visible to motorists on your left side.

For more information on Oregon bicycle laws, please visit the following website.

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/docs/bike\\_manual\\_06.pdf?ga=t](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/BIKEPED/docs/bike_manual_06.pdf?ga=t)



## IMPORTANT! CHILD HELMET SAFETY LAW

### Safety Helmets required for skateboards, in-line skates, and scooters

Oregon law requires youth 15 years of age and younger to wear safety helmets when riding on skateboards, scooters and in-line skates in public places. Public places include but are not limited to streets, sidewalks, parking lots and skate parks. Failure to wear protective headgear is a traffic violation which carries a fine of \$25 for each offense.

Head injuries are the number one cause of serious injury and death resulting from collisions and falls when riding on roller sports recreation devices such as skateboards, scooters and in-line skates. Protective head gear

(safety helmets) of the type already required for youth riding bicycles have been proven to prevent many serious injuries and deaths.

Safety officials urge parents to have the whole family wear safety helmets for roller sports and bicycles. Make it your rule; it's already a state rule! Serious injury and death can happen any time. Do it today for someone you love!

# HELMETS RULE!



### Always Wear Safety Gear

- Helmet
- Elbow Pads
- Wrist Guards
- Knee Pads

Always ride during the daytime

Always ride on the sidewalk or paved off-road paths

Stay away from cars or other vehicles



Stay away from sand, gravel, water, and dirt

Stay on smooth surfaces

# Hang Up On Distracted Driving



One third of teens say they frequently text message while driving.

Nearly 6,000 Americans are killed by distracted driving each year.

You're 4 times more likely to get into a serious crash when using a handheld device while driving.

"A call or text isn't worth taking a life," says Oprah Winfrey. "We must not allow more mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers to die before we take action against distracted driving. Let's put a stop to it now by making our cars a 'No Phone Zone.'"

To keep families safer, Liberty Mutual is partnering with "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and preeminent transportation safety organizations in the "No Phone Zone" campaign.

The multimedia effort is designed to educate adults and teens on the distractions of using a cell phone while behind the wheel. People are asked to take one of three pledges: to refrain from texting while driving; use hands-free calling only or not talk or text while driving; and pull over to a secure location if you need to use the phone.

The "No Phone Zone" pledge is an important tool for drivers of all ages - particularly for teens, as the under-20 age group has the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes. If you have teen drivers in your family, talk to them about the dangers of using all cell phones while driving and encourage them to take the pledge.

According to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, "We know that if we can get people to put away cell phones and other electronic devices when they are behind the wheel, we can save thousands of lives and prevent injuries every year." ► Visit [www.responsibilityproject.com/nophonezone](http://www.responsibilityproject.com/nophonezone) to sign the pledge.

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## Warning: Plastic soda bottles left in unsuspecting residents' yards may be bottle bombs.

If you find a soda bottle that has any liquid in it and a piece of foil, DO NOT TOUCH IT! Call 911 and let us respond to check it / dispose of it... I know that calling 911 for a soda bottle may sound silly or like a misuse of your Police protection but it is not, These bombs have been found in Michigan and Massachusetts. Warnings have been passed thru viral emails which also includes information on how to make the bombs.



# Upcoming 2010 FALL CERT Training

CITY OF EUGENE



Emergency Management  
Risk Services  
101 E Broadway Suite 450  
Eugene, OR 97401

Phone: 541-682-6000  
Fax: 541-682-5211  
E-mail: [cert@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:cert@ci.eugene.or.us)

**Be Informed-  
Be Prepared**

**Class Schedule:** 9/27-10/20 Mondays & Wednesdays Evenings 6-9pm  
\*10/23-Saturday Drill 8am-12pm

**Location:** 1705 W 2nd Avenue  
\*Seating is limited, Register Early!

## Open to Springfield Residents

**To enroll please contact:**

Email [CERT@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:CERT@ci.eugene.or.us) or Phone-541-682-6000

The City of Eugene sponsors CERT training to citizens within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. CERT trains citizens to be prepared to respond to emergency situations within their communities. Trained CERT members are able to give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members may also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of a community.

CERT courses consist of a series of eight classes, which focus on disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. Each course concludes with a mock-disaster drill, which tests the participants training. The CERT course is taught by Fire Fighters and Paramedics, as well as, volunteers and first responders who have completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course, conducted by Oregon Emergency Management.

### COURSE OUTLINE

**At the Fire/EMS Training Center, 1705 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave**

**All classes will be 6:00-9:00 pm,**

**Unit 1 - Disaster Preparedness**  
Instructor - CERT Trainers  
Date: 9/27/2010

**Unit 2 - Fire Safety**  
Instructor - Eugene Fire/EMS  
Date: 9/29/2010

**Unit 3 - Disaster Medical Part 1**  
Instructor - Eugene Fire/EMS  
Date: 10/4/2010

**Unit 4 - Disaster Medical Part 2**  
Instructor - Eugene Fire/EMS/CERT  
Date: 10/6/2010

**Unit 5 - Light Search and Rescue**  
Instructor - Eugene Fire/EMS;  
Date: 10/11/2010

**Unit 6 & 7 - CERT Organization/ Terrorism**  
Instructor - CERT Trainers  
Date: 10/13/2010

**Unit 8 & 9 - Ham Radio/Disaster Psych/Safety Equipment/**  
Instructor - CERT  
Date: 10/18/2010

**Unit 10 - Tour of 9-1-1 Operations/Triage Medic Review**  
Instructor - CERT Trainers  
Date: 10/20/2010

**Final - Mock Disaster Exercise\***  
Instructors: Eugene Fire/EMS & CERT Trainers  
Date: 10/23/2010  
8 am - noon \*

# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Board 2010-2011



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

## SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD 2010-2011

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Police Liaison: Tana Steers (541)726-3731 [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto: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](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/police/home.html)—click on public logs

# Mark Your Calendars! Breakfast With Santa Saturday, December 11

The Alumni Association Board is organizing their first (hopefully annual) Breakfast with Santa (and possibly some police officers also.) This event will be held at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center. If you would like to volunteer to help, or need more information, visit our website at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org) or contact Barb Nichols at [nichols.ab@comcast.net](mailto:nichols.ab@comcast.net) or by phone at 541-912-8773 or Stacey Doll at [mamadoll1966@yahoo.com](mailto:mamadoll1966@yahoo.com) or by phone at 541-554-8188.



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