



Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board President, Barb Sward

Message From Your President

The snow has come but we are not letting that slow us down. Our next project is to work toward providing bicycle helmets for children in our community. Our plan is to make helmets available to children in need with the help of citizens in Springfield donating \$5.00 (or more) to keep the fund going. The SCPAAA has purchased the helmets at a lower rate due to the number of helmets purchased at one time. We would like to continue this project with your donation of \$5.00 to the SCPAAA. If you can help or would be willing to place a flyer in your business, please contact Tana Steers at the Springfield Police Department (541) 726-3731 or mail your check to the SCPAAA, 230 Fourth St., Springfield, OR 97477. I thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide during these tough economic times.



Message from Police Chief, Jerry Smith

Conditions continue 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 these economic conditions. 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 completed its first year of operation and I believe that it has performed to our expectations and I am confident that we will continue realize positive outcomes as a product of this capability to hold offenders accountable. Bail from offenders continues to remain at all time highs. Bail is important to ensure the appearance of criminal defendants. 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.

We have engaged in a contractual agreement to house Eugene Municipal Court sentenced offenders. This is important as part of the funding model for Jail operations. I fully expect that real crime will be reduced as a product of operating a municipal jail. 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 with the reported shortfall of revenue at Lane County. 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 had a direct negative impact to outcomes for the Springfield Police Department.

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

Beyond the reduction of crime the municipal court has experienced a significant increase their recovery of court fines owed by defendants to the taxpayers. We have increased efficiencies in time and effort by not having to transport as many offenders to the Lane County Jail, where we all recognize that release from custody is imminent.

Given the current economic conditions and budget challenges, 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 significantly 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.

Truly, Springfield is a great community to live, work and play as a product of the quality of citizens such as you and 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 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 and it is important to continue the relationship that provides the forum for the unique partnership we enjoy. The police department is a tool of the community and will achieve only that level of success to which 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.

Jerry D. Smith
Chief of Police



K9 Korner -By Sgt. Richard Charboneau



Sgt. John King,
October 17, 1950 -
February 20, 2011

The K9 Unit dedicates this month's K9 Korner to Sergeant John King. Sgt. King was a strong supporter of the K9 Unit in good times as well as bad. He would utilize dogs when needed and occasionally served as a back up officer. On one occasion one of the dogs alerted on a shed while looking for a suspect. When Sgt. King opened the door he didn't see anyone inside. Telling the handler "he's not in here" the handler decided to send his partner in for one last check. When the dog entered and grabbed the suspect, Sgt. King yelled out "good boy." When the handler told Sgt. King it was so nice of him to call his dog a "good boy", Sgt. King denied it. Years later (just last month) he finally admitted the dog was a good boy. Sgt. King was a good Sergeant and friend and we will all miss him.



Springfield Police Canine Competition

**Saturday, June 25th, 2011
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Springfield H.S., Silke Field
800 10th Street, Spfld, OR**

How to Protect Your Home, Yourself and Your Community

Article provided by the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon—www.oregoncrimeprevention.org

- 1. Keep up on trends in and around your neighborhood.** Attend neighborhood watch meetings or at least get on mailing lists from active neighborhood groups to learn about recent crime activity in your area. Many local police departments list crimes by neighborhood on their web sites.
- 2. Stay informed of crime legislation initiatives.** Contact local representatives to get the information regarding new proposals. Encourage leaders to vote for bills that target crime and protect communities.
- 3. Get to know your neighbors.** Like members of a sports team often wear the same uniform for easy identification, you too should know the faces in your neighborhood. This may require introducing yourself and being proactive when you see passers-by. Knowing the occupants around you will help you identify the people you don't know.
- 4. Notice what's going on around you.** When someone is casing your neighborhood, they will often be watching for people who are on a consistent schedule. If you're one of those people, it may be difficult for you to notice the schedules of others. Break your routine occasionally to find out what is going on in your general vicinity, this way you will be able to spot unusual behavior or activity.
- 5. Report crime.** Contact the police with eyewitness information to assist law enforcement in their crime prevention efforts. Avoid looking the other way when crimes occur. You could find yourself in need of another's assistance if you become a victim of crime.
- 6. Look for suspicious signals.** One thing to look for, is people loitering in areas for long periods of time with no apparent reason for being there. Lookouts will often wait in an area where they can't be noticed and where they can still see what is going on around them. Look for suspicious characters in vehicles or on foot. Remember, when most people are walking for exercise, they usually take the same routes, become familiar to you, are moving at a rapid pace and have on exercise clothing. Never try to contact or apprehend a suspicious person or suspect. Let the police handle this responsibility.
- 7. Never assume any location is totally safe.** Be honest about the area you live in. Chances are if you live in an area that has higher crime rates, someone has already been casing your neighborhood. Opportune areas to be cased are not well-lit and don't typically have lots of pedestrian activity. This is not limited to "bad" neighborhoods as often occupants of "good" neighborhoods become easy targets because of their complacency. Always remain cautious of suspicious people and activities.
- 8. Travel with a group.** Use the strength of numbers to help prevent crime. Never go to unfamiliar places alone, especially at night. Always bring a charged cell phone for emergency use. Walk along well-lit paths when it's necessary to walk alone.
- 9. Don't forget the preventative measures** that everyone should practice to lower the risk of victimization. Secure your valuables. Lock all your doors (including the garage door) and windows when away. Be aware that when you are in the back yard, someone can easily enter through the front door. Use motion lights & alarms. Join neighborhood watch, neighborhood watch signs are also very effective if your local group is active. Encourage local police to increase frequency of patrols in areas experiencing criminal activity.



Jury Duty I.D. Theft Scam

The Springfield Police Department received complaints about five years ago from people who were threatened with arrest for missing jury duty unless they provided specific personal information. This is a twist on identity theft, and residents should be very careful about giving any personal information to strangers. I am not aware of any new cases reported to SPD, however this scam is still out there and if you are not aware of it, you may fall victim to it.



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.

THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

-Submitted by J.R. Hammerton, CPA #25 Graduate



1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your car pets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again... If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/and> Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book Burglars on the Job

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA —A SUCCESS!



The Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board took on the responsibility of providing the Breakfast with Santa event in Springfield for the first time in about seven years. Although they are hoping that one day it might turn into a fundraiser—it was not this past year. The Alumni Association along with the following sponsors funded this event in order to bring precious memories to children and their families of our community. The event was very well attended and the board is planning on providing this opportunity again this year. If you would be interested in serving on the Breakfast with Santa committee, please contact Tana at 541-726-3731.

Thank You 2010
Breakfast with Santa

Sponsors!

Addi's Diner
Bright Oaks
WalMart
DariMart
KKNV New Country 93
AAA Oregon
Cash Connection
Springfield McDonalds
Fred Meyer





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For More Info:
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)

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
SCPAAA is a 501 c3 - No. 51-0637172

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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 re-new 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. 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 2011. 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 at the Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St. or at our web-site at www.springfieldcpaaa.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Services Unit at **541-726-3731**, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD 2010-2011

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 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

Springfield Police Department 2011
Comandancia de Policía de Springfield 2011



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

La Comandancia de Policía de Springfield se esfuerza por trabajar en conjunto con la ciudadanía para promover un sentimiento de seguridad y bienestar personal por medio de la pronta atención a sus llamadas de servicio, la eficaz aplicación de las leyes estatales y municipales, así como a través de programas de prevención y educación en apoyo a los esfuerzos de los miembros de la comunidad por mejorar las condiciones, actitud y comportamiento que proporcionen una vida más segura en la comunidad.

Jerry D. Smith, Jefe de Policía

Police Department Calendars Available

We still have 2011 Police Department Calendars 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. You can pick one up from the Police Department or the Springfield Library.



Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni General Membership, Annual Meeting - combined with Neighborhood Watch annual meeting

WHEN:

Thursday, April 21, 6:30p.m.

WHERE:

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

Crime Prevention information, 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 541- 726-3731 or tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us

Mark Your Calendars -

Important Dates to Remember

1. Friday, March 4, 5pm.

Deadline to submit applications for the next Citizen Police Academy.

2. Saturday, Sunday, March 19, 20 , 9am-8pm.

Crime Prevention Booth at the Dock Dog's competition, Regional Sports Center, 32nd/Main—Contact Tana at 541-726-3731 if you can help staff the booth for a 3.5 hour shift.

3. Thursday, April 21, 6:30 pm.

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association annual meeting and training. At the Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th St. (4th/"B" St.)- 2nd floor.

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