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Message From Your President

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Another year has passed and we held our SCPAAA Annual Meeting in conjunction with Neighborhood Watch at the Justice Center. The meeting went well with elections completed for each board. Attendance was good and everyone in attendance won a prize!

Springfield Police Community Services Manager, Mike Harman was the guest speaker sharing information regarding levy funding, budgets, Citizen Task Force, crime rates, bicycle patrols, and volunteer programs. Thank you Mr. Harman for sharing with us. It was appreciated.

Summer is here and we are still working 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.

Your donation is tax deductible as SCPAAA is a 501 c3 - No. 51-0637172.

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.

I am particularly grateful to all of those citizens who have been willing to become involved to assist your police officers in carrying out their duties and occasionally putting themselves at risk of physical harm in doing so. You have my utmost respect, admiration and gratitude.

The year has continued to be fiscally challenging to families, businesses, and local government as we all struggle through rather difficult economic conditions. I continue to be optimistic that history will repeat itself and we will extricate ourselves from these economic conditions.

The Municipal Jail has been the shining star among the different services of the Police Department, continuing to be the catalyst for a significantly increased recovery of fines through the Municipal Court. This is money owed to us, the taxpayers and not a disembodied entity that can be dismissed out of hand. Those who do not pay fines are removing money from the pocket of the taxpayer. The ability to hold offenders accountable for their respective behavior is critical to the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

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.

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.

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.

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.

It is my wish that each of you enjoy a happy and safe summer 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. Richard Charboneau

Officer Kendrick and K9 Cyrill had several captures this past month. On one of them they responded to assist in locating a subject on parole for Robbery & Rape. He was wanted for a parole violation and was reported to be armed. Officers arrived at the residence where he was believed to be staying and contacted a person who said the suspect was inside. After numerous announcements were given with no results, Officer Kendrick pushed open the front door to let Cyrill inside to search. As Cyrill got part way into the house, the front door started closing on him. Officer Kendrick forced the door open and the suspect was observed standing behind it. As the suspect reached towards his waistband, Cyrill was given the command to grab the suspect. Upon doing so the suspect was safely taken into custody.

Officer Keetle and K9 Bronko also had a good month, capturing seven suspects. One of them occurred when they responded to assist with a Hit & Run investigation. The suspect vehicle was located in an apartment parking lot and Bronko was taken to the scene in hopes of tracking the driver. When Officer Keetle and Bronko arrived at the vehicle, Bronko quickly picked up the track. The track led behind the apartments and to the back door of one of them. It appeared that someone was inside but no one would answer the door. Entry was made into the residence and two people were located inside. One had a warrant for his arrest and the other one was identified as the driver of the involved vehicle. Both were arrested.

Officer DelCastillo and K9 Creck responded to assist the Eugene Police Department and Parole and Probation with the service of an arrest warrant. Upon their arrival, Officer DelCastillo was told that officers present knew the suspect was inside the residence. Officer DelCastillo gave an announcement saying Creck was going to enter the residence and a voice yelled out that he was coming out. The suspect was then taken into custody.



Description of Lane Area Community Emergency Notification System (CENS) and Announcement of a New Feature for Cell and Voice Over Internet Subscribers Called "Alert Me"

Go to www.lcog.org to register

Community Emergency Notification System (CENS) for Lane County Area

CENS is a county-wide system funded and used by Lane area public safety agencies to quickly and safely alert people in areas threatened by natural or manmade emergencies. The system calls residents of a targeted area to provide an alert with specific emergency instructions such as whether to shelter in-place, to listen for reports on TV/radio, or to evacuate. It can send up to 2,000 calls per minute with a pre-recorded message providing detailed instructions to those in harms way.

"Alert Me" service for Cell phone and Voice over Internet Subscribers

Public Safety Agencies in Lane County are now expanding the capabilities of CENS to provide messaging (voice and/or text) to wire-less (cellular) and those using Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) as well as traditional wire-line devices allowing them to register an address to be notified at a web-site. We are calling this service "Alert Me". The Alert Me website will allow citizens to register up to five devices to a specific address. If an emergency event requiring activation of CENS should occur, wire-line, wire-less and VoIP devices listed with an address in the area of notification will now receive the emergency message (voice and/or text). Please recognize the notification location will be based on the registered address and **not** the location of the device (cell phone) at time of incident.

CENS and this added service are intended to supplement, not replace information citizens receive from television, radio and other sources. Further, it should not replace individual and family emergency planning not to mention that there may be situations where direct communication from the CENS is simply not possible.

CENS Background

CENS is a telephone based alerting system that augments traditional public notification methods by quickly directing emergency alerts to threatened areas. It is also capable of calling prepared lists of numbers and delivering a recorded message. A two-way Call List module was added October 2007 that allows two-way messaging of prepared lists such as for First Responders.

CENS was developed through a partnership of public agencies. After successful testing, CENS became operational in Lane County in December 1999, the first of its kind in the country. Since its inception CENS has sent thousands of messages to those in harms way. Activation of the system for incidents such as hostage situations, evacuations due to wildfire, floods, hazardous material spills, and alerts to shelter in place and report dangerous suspects at-large.

Through a Partnership coordinated by Lane Council of Governments, funding is provided by the cities of Eugene, Springfield, Florence and Cottage Grove, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Western Lane Ambulance District and West Lane Emergency Operations Group. Annual 2011 cost is estimated at \$65,000. The current partnership agreement identifies funding commitments for three years which will expire December 31, 2011. Before CENS, agencies had to rely on audible warnings like sirens, which cannot give instructions, and door-to-door attempts to contact people. GIS based alerts can be pre-planned (i.e. flood/tsunami inundation areas) or dynamic (i.e. dangerous at-large suspect). The same high volume/speed messaging can be used for call lists (i.e. call in emergency personnel).

Potential Emergencies & Activation

Areas can be pre-designated such as flood plains, hazardous material storage sites and tsunami inundation areas, or can be identified on short notice such as in the case of a terrorist attack or urban fire-storm. Imminent threats of dam failure; barricaded or armed suspect in a neighborhood; a hazardous material spill; even a homeland security alert regarding an imminent act of terror; these are all potential emergencies when CENS may be used.

In the event of an emergency or disaster, an authorized public safety official will designate the area to be alerted and initiate an appropriate message. The Central Lane Communications (9-1-1) Center is used as the launch site. Partners can also request activation of the call-list function for their personnel during emergencies. Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) develops the database required for predetermined alert areas.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Lots of fun activities for the whole family!

Featuring a Silent Auction & Raffles to Benefit Springfield Neighborhood Watch



**FREE ENTRY! PRIZES!
MOST ACTIVITIES FREE!**

- * Police/Fire Vehicle Displays
- * Police K9 Demo
- * Safety Information Booths
- * Presentation of the Sean Wilson Good Neighbor Award
- * Hot Dog meal (nominal cost - free for kids visiting booths)
- * Splash at Lively Park- two for one coupons for first 300
- * McGruff the Crime Dog

National Night Out in Your Neighborhood - Tues, Aug 2

Goody bags for kids, door prizes for adults, fun and refreshments for everyone. Meet your neighbors and greet Police Chief Jerry Smith, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Police K-9 units. Help give crime and drugs a going-away party. For more information call 541-726-3731.

5-7pm
Guy Lee Park
Meadow Park
Page Park
Willamalane Pk.



6:30-8:30pm
Tyson Park
Bluebell Park
Thurston Park



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Top 10 Worst Travel Scams

By Paul Eisenberg, [FOXNews.com](https://www.foxnews.com)

There are many honest taxi drivers left in this world. This story is not about them.

Every traveler, it would seem, has a tale about a cabbie who has gotten “lost” or “misunderstood” directions or “forgot” to put on the meter, forcing the rider to negotiate a fare that ends up being higher than it ought to be. Perhaps you know all these tricks, but even the oldest of scams can have a twist.

“I’ve been caught out by a very elaborate version of the taxi scam twice,” says traveler Brian Ghidinelli, “once in India where they used a hacked meter so the rate was about ten times what it should have been.” The second scam took place when Ghidinelli and his wife were crabbing it in San Jose, Costa Rica, “where not only was the meter rigged but [the driver] had a matching laminated - and very official looking - price grid that matched the metered price. It’s hard to argue with that.” Consequently, a two-dollar cab ride ended up costing the Ghidinellis twenty bucks.

“The most important trick I’ve learned, says Ghidinelli, “is to get several taxi drivers and ask them all how much it’s going to be and turn them against each other to get a lower, more realistic price.”

Some scams are more “behind the scenes,” says Robert Reid, U.S. travel editor for Lonely Planet. One such ploy, he says, is when your driver says that “your hotel 'burned down in a fire' or a requested restaurant is 'closed' and leads you to his cronies, where he gets a big kick-back for delivering you.” The drivers of tuk tuks, the three-wheeled rickshaws in Bangkok, “are notorious for this,” Reid adds. “You ask to go to the Golden Temple, and suddenly you’re on a whirlwind tour of lesser temples and souvenir shops you don’t want to see and where the driver gets a commission even if you don’t buy a thing.”

Consider these other scams, some new, some so old that they are in fact, new again.

The Flat Tire Scam - Not all moving vehicle scams involve taxi drivers, suggests Robert Siciliano, head of IDTheftSecurity.com. “My wife was traveling in Spain and stopped at a red light,” he recounts. “Someone knocked on her passenger window and kept pointing towards [the car] and saying ‘tire flat, tire flat.’ She got out of the car to look and they opened up the passenger door and took her purse off the seat.”

The Trojan Horse Scam - Tour guide Ann Lombardi of the Trip Chicks says she “recently watched a schemer in action in Frankfurt Germany train station” perform the classic hollow suitcase with rollers and frame trick, which Lombardi says works thusly: “A distracted tourist takes his eyes off his bag for a second. Behind the tourist lurks a guy with an enormous suitcase. In a flash, the thief lifts the enormous hollow luggage, puts it over the tourist’s bag, and calmly wheels away with his prized catch.” Avoid such schemers by always protecting your luggage between your legs while in crowded transportation areas, she says.

The Baksheesh Scam - While in Egypt, longtime flight attendant Betty Thesky, author and podcast host of Betty in the Sky with a Suitcase, recalls that it was hard to look away when “a local man started yelling ‘Madam madam madam!’ and, when he had my attention, he pointed at a sculpture. I have eyes; I could see the sculpture, but because he pointed to it, he now considered himself my personal tour guide, and he wanted money. He followed me around saying, ‘Baksheesh, baksheesh, baksheesh!’ which means tip. The goal seemed to be to irritate me enough so that I would give him money just to make him stop,” Thesky says, which she did not do, though baksheesh man continued harassing her.

The Spill Scam - That ‘bird poop’ on your shoulder might very well be tube mustard that’s been squirted there by a scammer, says Lombardi, after which the scammer or an accomplice offers to “help wipe the offending matter off your clothing. Then swoosh! There go your wallet, passport, and other valuables.” Invest in a money belt, Lombardi suggests.

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The Money-drop Scam

Lonely Planet's Reid observes that "Moscow toughs still try to play the mind-numbingly obvious, though apparently still successful, money-drop trick," performed when "a guy rushes past a foreign visitor in the Red Square area and 'accidentally' drops a wad of hundred dollar bills. Another tough guy picks it up at your feet and offers to share it with you. If you do, the original guy will track you down and demand the full amount back."

The Skim Scam - It's not uncommon for a dishonest merchant to "add an extra zero or two when submitting his merchant's copy of your signed credit card receipt to the card provider," yielding an inflated charge that you'll have to contest when you get home, says Lombardi, who recommends "writing long, dark horizontal lines before and after the charge amount on the receipt you sign overseas."

Private investigator Jeff Stein says to look out for skimming, which involves a small electronic "skimmer" used to swipe the magnetic strip on your credit card and steal its information. "A skimmer can hold hundreds if not thousands of card holder account numbers," Stein says, and "it used to be common for waiters and waitresses to use them." Once you leave the restaurant, Stein says, the scammer can "retrieve the information from the skimmer and start placing orders with your account number."

The ATM receipt scam—How ATM users handle their receipts is a source of a perpetual scam, says John M. Wills, a former Chicago police officer and retired supervisory special agent for the FBI. Scammers "can spot out-of-towners [at ATMs] in a heartbeat," Wills says, and "when they do see one, they will be on the lookout for how that 'mark' handles the receipt. If they leave it at the machine, or crumple it and put it in the nearby trash," the scammers will retrieve the receipt to see how much you withdrew as well as your remaining balance. The rest, Wills says, is history. "The bad guys tail the man or woman until the opportune time presents itself to rob them of their money, force them to withdraw the balance of their account, or do both. It all works because people just aren't aware of their surroundings. It's easy money."

The Pour Scam

Stein says he's often hired by bar owners and hotel and casino chains to root out bartenders "who will ring you up for the premium liquor, however they will use the house brand and pour the premium liquors to a future customer and pocket the cash without ringing it up on the register," Stein explains. "Or they'll charge you for the premium, but pour you the house brand and pocket the difference."

The Sob Story Scam

Traveler Hali Chambers was sitting on a bench in the Seattle airport when a man approached her and asked for help. "He launched into a story about how he had a fight with his girlfriend and she took off without him and he had no money to take the shuttle," Chambers recalls. "He was waving a shuttle schedule at me. I extended my hand and said, 'Hi, I'm Hali. What's your name?' He said, 'Sean.' And then I said, 'And your girlfriend's name?' He didn't answer right away, but then said, 'Jennifer.' The man started in on her again with his story, at which point Chambers asked him if he was from around there. His response? "Are you going to give me the money or not?" She didn't.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2010/03/05/worst-travel-scams#ixzz1PrURB6pm>



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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)

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

The SCPAAA fiscal year is also the calendar year. So if you have not renewed yet for this year—your membership has expired. 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.

Citizen Police Academy #26 Graduates



CPA #26 graduated on June 8, 2011

SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD 2011-2012
 Association website: www.springfieldcpaaa.org

You can reach any board member at info@springfieldcpaaa.org

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 Non-Emerg. Complaints/Records (541)726-3714 Emergency: 911

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

Mark Your Calendars -

Important Dates to Remember

- 1. Wednesday, June 29, 6:30p.m. -**
Volunteer Orientation/Info. Meeting - Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th St. (4th/"B" St.)- 2nd floor. Call Tana at 541-726-3731 to RSVP
- 2. Thursday, July 21, 5:30 p.m.**
National Night Out Volunteer Orientation/Pizza Party - Springfield Justice Center at 230 4th St. (4th/"B" St.)- 2nd floor.
- 3. Sunday, July 24, 4-7p.m.**
National Night Out Kick-Off Party, Island Park - North End, Volunteers needed to work a two hour shift. Please contact Tana at 541-726-3731 to sign up.
- 4. Tuesday, August 2, 5– 8:30p.m.**
National Night Out in your Neighborhood - see page 5 for details. Contact Tana at 541-726-3731 if you can help with set-up at your neighborhood park.

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