



# Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Don't forget Breakfast with Santa, Sat. Dec. 10, see pages 5 & 6 for details

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Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board President, Barb Sward

## Message From Your President

The Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is looking forward to Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, when SCPAAA will host the second annual **"Breakfast with Santa"** at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center in Springfield. Volunteers will make breakfast for children and adults, and help make fun crafts for children. Santa Claus will be there for your photo opportunities along with his elf.

I want to give a big thank you to Willamalane Park and Recreation District and Team Springfield for partnering with us in this special event. I look forward to a successful and fun-filled day for children and their families due to your generosity.

Thank you to the SCPAAA Board for all of their dedication and hard work this year and especially their recent work on organizing the Breakfast with Santa event.

I also want to express my appreciation to the Springfield Police Department Officers and Staff for their commitment and service to our community. Their honesty and integrity is a prime example for the people who live in Springfield and a model for all of us to follow. Thank you.

A huge appreciation for Tana Steers, Crime Prevention Officer, who is our liaison with the SPD. She does so much behind the scenes that the community does not see. She keeps us on our toes and almost as busy as she is busy. Thank you Officer Steers for your hard work and dedication to SCPAAA and also Neighborhood Watch.

I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Barbara Sward, President SCPAAA

# Beware New Banking Scams

The American Bankers Association has issued a new warning to highlight increases in phishing scams linked to consumer bank accounts. According to the ABA, phishing schemes that aim to gather credit and debit details from consumers are on the rise. The crux of most scams: Misinforming consumers about closure of or trouble with their bank accounts, a lure to consumer replies from the socially engineered scam.

Last week's [smishing](#) attack, which targeted thousands of Wells Fargo customers by sending out a flood of phony text messages to mobile numbers in Oregon, is a prime example. The scam, feigning to come from Wells, attempted to get mobile recipients to respond with bank details related to their Wells accounts.

Earlier this month, Police in Pima County, Ariz., issued a similar warning about smishing, phishing attacks, targeting mobile users in the Tucson region.

Authorities say consumers were receiving phishy text message that asked account holder to call specified numbers to resolve possible compromises of their bank accounts. The smishing attacks included the last four digits of the user's debit card, which made the text messages appear legitimate.

The ABA says these types of schemes are common. In some cases, consumers are even asked to text or e-mail card expiration dates and CV security codes.

"Those who respond to these inquiries run the potential risk of having their information used to fraudulently purchase goods and services, or to obtain credit," the ABA says.

"Phishing is fairly cyclical," says [Doug Johnson](#), vice president of risk management policy for the ABA. "Based on a recent uptick in activity, we decided to remind customers how to protect themselves from phishing, which is something we do periodically."

## Tips for Institutions and Consumers

**The ABA suggests financial institutions share tips and remind consumers that socially engineered schemes rely on methods financial institution would never employ.**

**To avoid fraud, banks and credit unions should remind consumers to:**

- Never give out personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited phone call, fax, e-mail or text.
  - Contact the bank to confirm the legitimacy of any e-mail that asks for the submission of personal or banking account information.
  - Check credit card and bank account statements regularly for unauthorized transactions, even small ones.
  - Make sure websites are secure when submitting financial information online. Check for padlocks or key icons at the bottoms of Internet browsers. Most secure Web addresses also use "https."
- Report suspicious activity to the **Internet Crime Complaint Center**, a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National White Collar Crime Center.
- Contact your bank immediately if a phishy link may have been clicked or a suspicious communication responded to.



# K9 Korner

By Sgt. Richard Charboneau



Officer Keetle and K9 Bronko responded to an armed robbery in Glenwood. Upon their arrival they quickly began searching the area. After searching for a while, Bronko picked up strong scent near a fence. Although Bronko nor Officer Keetle could not see what was on the other side of the fence, Bronko began barking. Suddenly a voice called out from the other side of the fence "don't send the dog, I'm coming out." Other officers entered the yard and took the subject, who was identified as the robber, into custody.

Officer Myers and K9 Fedo responded to Eugene to assist with locating a wanted person. The person had fled out a window after officers arrived. Fedo picked up the track and followed it past several houses until he turned towards one house. He continued to a deck and began indicating fresh scent near the deck. As he continued across the deck, Officer Myers' back up officer challenged a person who was hiding behind a bush at the end of the deck. The person was identified as the one they were looking for and she was taken into custody.

Officer Kendrick and his new partner, k9 Tjenco, have had a great start to their career together. Since November 8th they have captured 4 suspects. All of the captures have involved either tracks and/or airborne scent. One capture involved searching a rural area near a slough, one involved an attic and two were found hiding in a wooded area after a long pursuit and area search. It is going to be fun to watch their career progress.

A brief retirement ceremony Took place in front of the city council will be on December 5th. K9 Cyrill and k9 Creck both Retired.

K9 Cyrill began his work at SPD in 2003 with Officer Kendrick. During their eight years on the street they amassed 234 arrests, recovered over \$671,000 in property, won many competition medals and gained many fans. Cyrill is the K9 units only long haired dog and that drew many comments and admirers too. Cyrill and Officer Kendrick won the first two Washington County K9 competitions and when they showed up to defend their title in year three, they found the rules had changed to stop them from "winning again." Cyrill made an impact on many people and partnered with Officer Kendrick, they formed the most successful team in our 30 year history.

K9 Creck began work in 2007. He worked with Officer Brian Humphreys for several months until he transferred to ISB. Officer DelCastillo had just retired K9 Perry so he teamed up with Creck for the remainder of Creck's career. Creck was an excellent tracking dog and we often called him "vacuum" for the way he kept his nose to the ground on a track. Officer DelCastillo and Creck also won competition medals at most of the events they participated in. Although Creck was a highly motivated dog, he was great with kids too. During Creck's career he was responsible for the capture of 65 criminals and the recovery of \$49,000 in property.

A citizen who requests to remain anonymous made a donation this month for \$5000 in the name of retired SPD Sergeant Alan Carlson and retired EPD K9 Sergeant Gene Costanza. The citizen wished to honor the efforts of both Sergeants in their mission to further the use and deployment of police dogs in Lane County. The money will be used to help pay for the replacement of the NEXT dog who retires after K9 Creck. Cyrill and Creck's replacements are already being paid for by citizen donations, as have the two dogs before them. In the past five years, \$45,000 has been donated to the K9 Unit for the purchase of police dogs. We continue to be amazed and thankful for the generosity and support of not only Springfield citizens but citizens throughout the county.



## **WARNING:**

# **Pictures Posted Online From a Smart Phone - Could Tell Strangers Your Location**

If you take photos with a smart phone and post them online—you need to be aware of Geotagging. A Geotag is location-based information stored in the metadata of digital photography. Metadata is data stored within a digital file; it is not visible to the naked eye. Photograph metadata can be quite extensive and may include photographer name, date, camera settings, as well as location data.

With most modern digital cameras, geotagging is not a default option. It involves add-on hardware to geotag at the time of picture taking, or software to mark pictures after the fact. The most notable exception to this rule is smart phones, which are already equipped with the hardware necessary to geotag. Frequently, smart phone users don't realize they're revealing location information, because geotagging is enabled by default. Users are frequently never asked if they want the option.

Uploading geotagged pictures from a smart phone to social networking sites, such as Facebook, or photo sharing sites, such as Flickr, for example, can give a cyberstalker precise location information about where the picture was taken and, by extension, precise location information of the individuals in the picture.

Sharing pictures is a big part of social networking. The best way to share smart phone pictures with networked friends and to keep safe at the same time is to disable the geotagging on smart phones.

Please check out the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2vARzvWxwY>

The Springfield Citizen Police Academy  
Alumni Association Presents

# Breakfast with Santa

Co-Sponsored by Willamalane  
Park and Recreation District



Saturday, Dec. 10  
9:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Willamalane Adult  
Activity Center  
215 W. "C" St., Springfield

**Tickets:** \$6 - per person. Tickets must be ordered by Dec. 6 by visiting our website at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org), or by calling Barbara at 541-912-8773. Space is limited. Tickets will be available for pick up at the Springfield Police Dept., 230 4th St. On Dec. 6 - 8 from 2p.m. - 6p.m.

**Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice or coffee

**Activities:** Photo opportunities with Santa and McGruff - Bring your camera  
Craft stations for children  
Police Officers with safety information and police vehicles

For more info or to order tickets contact Barbara at 541-912-8773





# News Release

City of Springfield, Police Department, 230 "Fourth St., Springfield, OR 97477  
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(541) 726-3731 [www.ci.springfield.or.us](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us)

November 16, 2011  
Contact: Linda Sleutel  
(541) 729-4812

## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 10, 9am-11:30am  
At the Willamalane Adult Activity Center  
215 West "C" Street, Springfield



The Springfield Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is bringing back this beloved tradition. Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice or coffee. Activities include craft stations for children, Police Officers with safety information, police vehicles and photo opportunities with Santa and McGruff the Crime Dog – bring your camera.

Tickets are \$6. Each child will receive three craft tickets. Additional craft tickets can be purchased at the event. Tickets must be ordered by December 6 by calling Barb at 541-912-8773 or by visiting the website at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://www.springfieldcpaaa.org). Tickets will be available for pick-up at the Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St. Dec. 6-8 from 2p.m. – 6p.m.

For more information, contact Barb 541-912-8773.

# IDENTITY THEFT TIPS

Thieves are working hard to steal your identifying information and then your money. Use a password for accessing a home computer. That prevents a burglar or thief from booting up your computer and then harvesting your financial information and any passwords you keep online.

A good password should have uppercase and lowercase letters plus symbols. Some of the worst passwords to use are birthdays and anniversary dates, pet names and the last four digits of a Social Security number. All may be easily learned online, including from a Facebook account.

Use multiple passwords for different uses and accounts. Since having many passwords can be difficult to remember, make up a saying specific to the account and then abbreviate it or use numbers that make sense only to you.

Home computers should have antivirus and firewall protection,. Check to make sure yours updates automatically, and if it doesn't, check for updates daily, she said.

As old as email scams are, people still fall for them,. Typically they offer money, such as through a fraudulent check, but require a smaller amount of money to be wired. Once money is wired, it cannot be retrieved or have a stop-payment order placed on it. An email may look like it's from a bank, credit union or credit card company, but it's not if it asks you to verify information. A bank never would do that. Don't click on links in the email.

Some people are fooled when they get phone calls with a caller ID showing that indicates it is from their bank. Don't provide information because it probably is not a bank, she said. If you are in doubt, look up a number you already have for the bank and call to ask.

Other cyber scams are occurring on Craigslist. Be wary of rental postings that ask for a processing fee by wire. Identity thieves also can collect your information while you are shopping by snapping a picture with a smart phone, she said. If you write a check, keep your hand and thumb over the name, address and routing number.

When you hand a clerk a credit card, hand it upside-down so the name and number are not visible. Often if you offer the card upside-down, it will be handed back the same way.

Keep track of bank balances and credit card use online so you can spot a problem before your monthly statement arrives in the mail.

Another way thieves steal identity is to go through incoming or outgoing mail , often looking for convenience checks or holiday cards with money. Don't leave mail in an old-fashioned box with the flag up and pick up mail in the box every day. Also consider installing a locked box.

Any paperwork that contains identifying information should be shredded when it is no longer needed.

Don't leave information in your car that has your address on it. If you leave your vehicle in long-term airport parking, even if that means you have to take your vehicle registration with you. A thief knows that no one's home or the car wouldn't be parked at the airport, and they can break into the car and find your address and burglarize your home.



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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](http://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 2012. Applications will be available at the police department and on our website in January. 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 (after January 1) at the Springfield Police Department, 230 Fourth St. or at our web-site at [www.springfieldcpaaa.org](http://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 2011-2012

| Board:     |               | Term ends |
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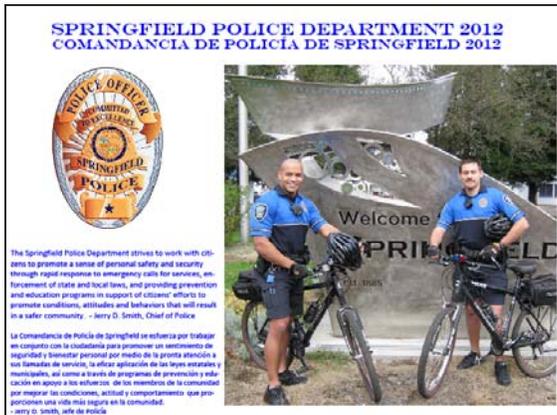
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| Brad Crowson  | 13 |
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Police Liaison: Tana Steers (541)726-3731 [tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:tsteers@ci.springfield.or.us)

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



## Police Department Calendars Available

The Police Department 2012 Calendar is now 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. Calendars will be distributed at the Breakfast with Santa on December 10 or you can pick one up from the Police Department or the Library.

## Holiday Safety Tips



Shopping during the holiday season can present unique danger. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous. The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

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