

Community Newsletter

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Sheriff's Office

541-440-4450



Dispatch Non-Emergency

541-440-4471

Emergency

9-1-1

Community Outreach

Andrea Zielinski

541-440-4486

Records Division

541-440-4463

Civil Processing

541-440-4468

Patrol Division

541-440-4457

Investigations

541-440-4458

Drug Activity Tip Line

541-440-4474

Search and Rescue

541-440-4448

Marine Patrol

541-440-4447

Douglas County Jail

541-440-4440

Animal Control

541-440-4327

Concealed Handgun Licensing

541-957-2021

Be a Caring Neighbor – Report Suspicious Activity



No law enforcement agency can function effectively without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. We depend on you to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. Some people fail to call the Sheriff's Office or the Police Department simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and be hesitant to call for fear of seeming a "nosy neighbor". Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called. Trust your instincts and call.

Don't worry about "bothering" us, because that is what we are here for.

There are many perfectly legitimate things that go on in a neighborhood, such as door-to-door sales, repairmen, delivery people and more. Criminals know this too. If you see someone that looks legitimate but you're just not quite sure, just watch them for a minute or two to satisfy yourself that they are OK.

So, just what is considered suspicious? Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place". Some of the most obvious things to watch for and report include:

- A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied may be a burglar.
- A scream heard anywhere may mean robbery or rape.
- Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices could mean stolen property.
- Anyone removing accessories, license plates, or gasoline from a car should be reported.
- Anyone peering into parked cars may be looking for one to steal or take valuables from inside.
- Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours could mean burglars.
- The sound of breaking glass or other loud explosive noises could mean a car crash, housebreaking or vandalizing.
- Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or in the neighborhood could be sex offenders.
- Persons around the neighborhood who do not live there could be burglars.
- A lot of car and people traffic to one residence could indicate a drug house.

Remember, it is your neighborhood and you know what appears to be OK and what seems suspicious. Call the police if you think something is wrong. To report emergency incidents, call 9-1-1. To report non-emergency incidents call 541-440-4471.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week



National Crime Victims' Rights Week is observed annually during the month of April. In 1982, President Reagan established the Presidential Task Force on Victims of Crime which recommended better protections for victims' rights.

Despite the advances in securing victims' rights over the past 25 years, it is important to continually discuss the subject and find ways to make justice for all victims a national and local priority. The theme for this year's observance is "Justice for Victims. Justice for All."

What justice means to victims may differ but many express the same priorities. They want to be safe and made whole. They want their physical and emotional wounds healed and their property restored. They want offenders held accountable for their crimes and they want to take part in the process. They want their communities to stand behind them as they work to rebuild their lives.

In Douglas County we are very fortunate to be served by many dedicated professionals who serve as victim advocates. Some work within the criminal justice system, others work in private practice or with non-profit groups.

For more information online about crime victims' rights in Oregon, go to the Oregon Department of Justice website at

www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/index.shtml

They also have an excellent resource guide that can be downloaded from their website at:

www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/cvr/pdf/book_eng.pdf. Their toll free number is **1-800-503-7983**.

Victim's Assistance Service	Phone number
Emergency police/fire/medical assistance	9-1-1
Non-emergency dispatch	(541) 440-4471
Victim Information & Notification (V.I.N.E.)	(877) 674-8463
Douglas County Victims' Assistance	(541) 440-4388
Juvenile Department	(541) 440-4409
Douglas County C.A.R.E.S	(541) 957-5646
Douglas County Senior Services	(541) 440-3580
Battered Persons' Advocacy	(541) 673-7867
Child Welfare & Protection	(541) 440-3373

Youth for Truth– 5th Annual Truth, Lies and Videotapes

Lights, limos and red carpet will shine the spotlight on the 5th Annual **Truth, Lies and Videotapes Drug Prevention Public Service Announcement (PSA) Challenge**. This event will be the first showing of drug prevention media messages created by over 100 students representing Douglas County High Schools and Youth Groups. The PSAs created by students in Douglas County have received local, state and national recognition.

The premier will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2008**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rose Theater at Roseburg High School. Admission is free and a free dessert reception will follow the event.

The 5th Annual Drug Prevention PSA Challenge is made possible through the participating members of Douglas County Communities Aligned to Prevent Substance Abuse (DC CAPS). DC CAPS is a diverse network of agencies, organizations, schools, and businesses that have joined together to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse in Douglas County. For more information about DC CAPS, visit www.dccaps.org.



Bike Safety



Bike riding can be a fun activity for children, but if they don't know how to ride safely it can also be a very dangerous one. *In 2005, 45,000 bicyclists were injured and an additional 784 were killed. Tragically, nearly one-fifth of those killed in bicycle accidents were between 5 and 15 years old (NHTSA).*

According to the 2005-2006 Oregon Healthy Teen Survey, over half (53%) of 8th grade students in Douglas County reported that they "never" or "rarely" wore a helmet when riding a bike in the past 12 months. All too often, the importance of wearing a helmet is a lesson kids learn only after a serious fall or collision.

You can protect your children by teaching them the following rules:

- Always wear a helmet and make sure it's fastened. Helmets can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent.
- Wear bright clothing. Bright and light colored clothing makes riders more noticeable. If children are allowed to bike ride after dark, make sure they have reflectors on their bike, helmet, and clothing.
- Ride in safe places, such as in parks, on bike trails, and on roads with little traffic.
- Obey the rules of the road. Bikers must stop at all stop signs and red lights, use hand signals when turning, and ride only on the right hand side of the road, with traffic.
- Look both ways before crossing an intersection. Seven out of 10 bike crashes happen at driveways and intersections.
- Whenever possible cross the road at crosswalks. That's where drivers expect to see bicyclists and pedestrians crossing intersections. Remember, always walk bikes across crosswalks.
- Give bikes regular tune ups. It's just as important for a bike to be well maintained as a car.
- Lock up or keep bikes in a safe place. To help police return a bike if it is stolen and recovered, record the serial number and take a picture of the bicycle for their use.
- Ride with a friend. It's more fun and safer because help is there if needed.

These tips are great for rollerblading and skateboarding too!

If you would like to receive a bike safety presentation for your community group or school, please contact Andrea at 440-4486.

Learning to Drive? Hang Up Your Cell—It's the Law!

New Restrictions For Teenage Drivers

Beginning January 1, 2008, a new law was enacted to curb two-way communications by teenagers under 18 years of age while they are driving.

Teens with provisional licenses, instruction permits, or special student driver permits may not conduct calls with a cell phone, correspond by text messaging, type on a laptop or otherwise communicate with others using two-way devices. Of course, there are some common sense exceptions, such as calling 9-1-1 if there is nobody else in the car that could do it for you.

Make sure your teen driver is aware of these new restrictions – the fine for this infraction is \$242, an [expensive lesson](#) to learn!



Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County March 1-31, 2008

Burglaries

32000 block Hwy 38 Hwy, Scottsburg
4200 block Cougar Creek Rd., Oakland
400 block First St., Yoncalla
1000 block Newton Creek Rd., Roseburg
500 block Hewitt Ave., Roseburg
1700 block Cleveland Hill Rd., Roseburg
200 block Currier St., Roseburg
3200 block Garden Valley Rd., Roseburg
3700 block Fisher Rd., Roseburg
5700 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
2900 block Nonpareil Rd., Sutherlin
8800 block S Hwy 99, Dillard
7700 block Roberts Creek Rd., Green
4100 block Stella St., Green
1200 block Council Creek Rd., Riddle
200 block N. Main St., Riddle
1000 block Hamlin Dr., Canyonville
6100 block North Myrtle Rd., Myrtle Creek
1000 block Cook St., Myrtle Creek

Thefts

1000 block Salmon Harbor Dr. Winchester Bay
500 block Oak St., Yoncalla
300 block W. "A" Ave., Drain
100 block Halo Trail Rd., Yoncalla
500 block Plateau Dr., Roseburg
100 block Stonehenge Ln., Roseburg
1400 block Quail Ln., Roseburg
800 block Callahan Dr., Green
700 block Harmony Dr., Green
5100 block S. Hwy 99, Green
100 block N. Main St., Canyonville
700 block NW Frontage Rd., Canyonville
200 block Pruner Rd., Myrtle Creek
600 block NW Pine St., Canyonville
300 block Maple St., Riddle
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln., Canyonville
700 block "E" St., Riddle
300 block Gael Ln., Myrtle Creek
100 block D Lee Ln., Myrtle Creek
200 block Rancho Rd., Azalea

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

200 block Alder St., Yoncalla
300 block Main St., Yoncalla
300 block Applegate Ave., Yoncalla
100 block Access St., Drain
14000 block Hwy 38, Elkton
400 block NW Harrison St., Canyonville

Criminal Mischief

200 block S First St., Drain
100 block Main St., Yoncalla
200 block Alder St., Yoncalla
100 block W "A" Ave., Drain
1300 block Backside Baldy Ln., Drain
300 block W "A" Ave., Drain
100 block LaQuinta Ct., Roseburg
500 block Green Valley Rd., Oakland
200 block Emils Way, Green
700 block Stagecoach Rd., Canyonville
500 block N. Main St., Riddle
400 block SE Canyon St., Canyonville



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