

# Community Newsletter

## Neighborhood Watch Guidelines

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**Dispatch  
Non-Emergency**  
541-440-4471

**Emergency**  
9-1-1

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**Patrol Division**  
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**Investigations**  
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**Drug Activity Tip Line**  
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**Search and Rescue**  
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**Marine Patrol**  
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**Douglas County Jail**  
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**Animal Control**  
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**Concealed Handgun  
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Neighborhood Watch is part of a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens within the community. These groups work with their local law enforcement agency with the objective of reducing crime in their communities.

Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching out for each other during the workday, evenings, vacations or any other absence. The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch program is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods. The program works through the mutual aid of neighbors watching the property of other neighbors.

This has several advantages, including the fact that your neighbors know who you are, what type of car you drive, and who belongs, as a rule, at your residence. A patrol officer driving by your home might not recognize someone as a stranger in your yard. However, an alert neighbor would recognize the person as a stranger. They could then call 9-1-1 to alert police of the suspicious activity.

Neighborhood Watch does not promote vigilantism. Members of Neighborhood Watch groups are never asked to put themselves in harm's way to prevent crime. They should only observe and report suspicious activities to their local law enforcement agency. This leaves the responsibility for confronting and apprehending criminals where it belongs—with your law enforcement officers.

Most Neighborhood Watch groups are organized around a block or a neighborhood and are started with assistance from a law enforcement agency. Law enforcement provides crime prevention talks and consulting on how to get your program started. Talks are available on burglary and

robbery prevention, identity theft, animal control, emergency preparedness and others as required.

The key person in any Neighborhood Watch group is the Block Captain. This person is an integral component to keeping the block actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well as the important process of information exchange between neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups flourish, but some dwindle while others disappear totally. How successful they are depends on the Block Captain and the support he or she receives from neighbors.

The title "Block Captain" does not give you any law enforcement authority. You are simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information, and coordinates activities. The job you are doing is important and appreciated by your local law enforcement agency, but it carries no authority.

Remember: Our recommendation to all citizens who see a crime in progress or notice suspicious activity is to observe and report from a place of safety. We strongly suggest that you not confront an offender unless you are in immediate danger. This applies to you and your neighbors. We do not want anyone to get hurt or injured trying to apprehend an offender or interfering with an incident other than to report the activity to the police. If you or your neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior, call 9-1-1 (emergency) or 541-440-4471 (non-emergency).

If you are interested in learning more about how you can start or rejuvenate a Neighborhood Watch program where you live, please contact Andrea Zielinski at 541-440-4486.

## Social Media Safety



One of the fastest-growing trends among social media users is the act of broadcasting your location. Many social networking sites such as Foursquare are capitalizing on users' desire to tell others where they are. Touted as a way to "find your friends" and "explore your city,"

Foursquare involves users "checking in" at an address, and maybe adding a note about what they're doing. By doing this you can earn discounts and/or unlock special deals at the business you are checking in at.

Of course, you don't have to use Foursquare to post messages about where you are ... the same can be accomplished through Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and many other social media sites.

The larger and less intimate your friend list is, the more cautious you should be about what you post. If you tell dozens of people in real-time that you're on a beach in Mexico, you may be setting yourself up for a home burglary. Because let's face it - some of your online friends are true friends. The rest are "frenemies," an ex-boyfriend, a deadbeat cousin, this one lady you used to work with, a guy you went to high school with, your kid's friend... and so on.

Bottom line: some "friends" you don't know well enough to trust.

Successfully and safely using social media requires some combination of exclusivity and limited commentary. If you have a small but trusted network of friends, you can afford to be chatty about being away from home. If you have a large and more random network, you should not share personal information or allow others to track your whereabouts.

Another way for others to pinpoint your location is through automatic geotagging. When you take a photo with a smartphone, it is likely geotagged with latitude and longitude metadata that tells the exact location where the photo was taken. This means that if you use your phone to snap a photo of your big-screen TV, and then post it on Facebook or Craigslist, any somewhat-savvy person with access to your photo now knows where to find that big-screen TV.

Geotags on existing photos can be removed with some software programs and free downloads. Now may be a good time to review what photos are "out there" and either remove them or strip their metadata. The easiest solution, going forward, is prevention. To stop automatic geotagging in future photos, you can disable your phone's location function in your settings menu.

No matter what social media site you prefer, it's critical that you keep your home address, phone number and e-mail address off your profile. Having this information available to the aforementioned crowd (your brother's best friend from elementary school, your husband's bowling buddy's wife...) can lead to crimes like burglary, harassment and fraud. Also, making your profile and photos visible to only the specific individuals that you choose is essential. It can't prevent all dangers, but it's a huge step toward keeping strangers away from your personal information.

Children are at great risk when using social media for all of the concerns listed above. They are also in danger of being contacted by predatory pedophiles, or being "cyberbullied." Be sure to keep up with your kids' online and mobile activities, including social networking and gaming. Profiles that appear to represent other children could be false profiles created by someone else. For more on protecting your children online, visit [NetSmartz](#) from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

## Disaster Relief Scams

In the wake of natural disasters, many individuals feel compelled to contribute to victim assistance programs and organizations across the country.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office would like to remind you to apply a critical eye and do its due diligence before giving to anyone soliciting donations on behalf of tornado victims. Solicitations can originate from e-mails, websites, door-to-door collections, mailings and telephone calls, and similar methods.

Before making a donation of any kind, citizens should adhere to certain guidelines, including the following:

Make sure you are contributing to a legitimate organization. All charities that solicit for donations in Oregon must register with the Attorney General's Office. Search the Department's online database or call 971-673-1880 to confirm that a charity is registered before you give. You can also visit [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) or [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org), to get detailed information about charities and their finances.

Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages, because they may contain computer viruses.

Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via email or social networking sites. Unless you personally know someone in the affected area, these requests are almost always scams.

Beware of organizations with copycat names similar to but not exactly the same as those of reputable charities.

Rather than following a purported link to a website, verify the existence and legitimacy of non-profit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources.

Be cautious of emails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.

To ensure that contributions are received and used

for intended purposes, make donations directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.

Do not be pressured into making contributions; reputable charities do not use coercive tactics. Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Avoid cash donations if possible. Pay by debit or credit card, or write a check directly to the charity. Do not make checks payable to individuals.

Legitimate charities do not normally solicit donations via money transfer services.

Most legitimate charities maintain websites ending in .org rather than .com.

Look out for mysterious phone charges. If you make a donation by sending a text message, your donation will appear on your phone bill. Texting your donation to a legitimate organization is a perfectly acceptable way to help those in need. However, if strange charges other than your donation appear on your bill you may be the victim of a scam.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud by a person or organization soliciting relief funds on behalf of natural disaster victims, or if you discover fraudulent disaster relief claims submitted by a person or organization, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud by phone at (866) 720-5721, fax at (225) 334-4707 or email at [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov).

You can also report suspicious e-mail solicitations or fraudulent websites to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).



# Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between March 1-31, 2012 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

## Azalea

03/05 Burglary 3400 Block Upper Cow Crk Rd

## Camas Valley

03/05 Crim Mis 19000 Bloxk Hwy 42

## Canyonville

03/08 Theft 600 Block Jordan Crk Rd  
03/09 Theft 100 Block N Main St  
03/15 Theft 600 Block Stagecoach Rd  
03/16 Theft 200 Block Creekside Rd  
03/17 Crim Mis 600 Block Stagecoach Rd  
03/19 Crim Mis 400 Block Alder Ln  
03/27 Crim Mis 1000 Block Hungry U Ranch Ln  
03/28 Crim Mis 2500 Block Gazley Rd  
03/29 Drug Offense 200 Block Sunset Dr

## Dillard

03/01 Theft 9200 Block Hwy 99 S  
03/02 Theft From Mtr Veh 7500 Blk Willis Crk Rd  
03/06 Theft 9300 Block Hwy 99 S

## Drain

03/01 Theft From Mtr Veh 5600 Block Hwy 38  
03/27 Theft Drain St  
03/27 Drug Offense Hwy 99 N/15 exit 162  
03/27 Burglary 600 Block N Main St

## Garden Valley

03/31 Theft 1100 Block Big Bend Rd

## Gardiner

03/15 Crim Mis 100 Block Old Hwy 101

## Glendale

03/02 Crim Mis 200 Block Gilbert Ave  
03/03 Crim Mis 300 Block Hayward Ln  
03/07 Theft 400 Block W Pacific Ave  
03/19 Theft 300 Block W Pacific Ave  
03/26 Burglary 10000 Block Azalea Glen Rd

## Glide

03/03 Theft From Mtr Veh 100 Block Central St  
03/07 Burglary 1200 Block Glide Loop Rd  
03/09 Theft 6000 Block Little River Rd  
03/20 Drug Offense 18000 Block N Umpqua Hy  
03/27 Theft From Mtr Veh 14000 Blk N Umpqua H  
03/30 Theft From Mtr Veh 400 Blk Glide Loop Rd

## Green

03/02 Burglary 200 Block Owyhee Ln  
03/02 Burglary 1000 Block Glengary Loop Rd  
03/03 Theft From Mtr Veh 300 Block Salmon St  
03/03 Theft 2600 Block Grouse Butte Ln  
03/05 Theft 3700 Block Amber Ln  
03/06 Burglary 4100 Block DePriest St  
03/08 Burglary 1900 Block Roberts Crk Rd  
03/08 Crim Mis 400 Block Char St  
03/09 Burglary 100 Block Carrin Layne Ct  
03/09 Theft 4200 Block Hwy 99 S  
03/12 Drug Offense 500 Block Glengary Loop  
03/17 Theft 2300 Block Jackie Ave  
03/17 Theft 4800 Block Grange Rd  
03/17 Burglary 200 Block Adams Loop  
03/20 Crim Mis 300 Block E Happy Valley Rd  
03/21 Theft From Mtr Veh 100 Blk Lancaster Ave  
03/28 Theft 3800 Block Carnes Rd

## Lookingglass

03/10 Burglary 2600 Block Coos Bay Wagon Rd  
03/10 Theft 5900 Block Lookingglass Rd  
03/14 Theft From Mtr Veh 8100 Blk Lookingglass

## Melrose

03/10 Burglary 3800 Block Melrose Rd  
03/14 Fraud 2400 Block Orchard Ln  
03/20 Fraud 200 Block Preschern Ln

## Myrtle Creek

03/06 Theft 3000 Block North Myrtle Rd  
03/09 Theft 200 Block Transfer Rd  
03/12 Theft 100 Block Margie Ct  
03/12 Theft 100 Block Esther Ct  
03/13 Crim Mis 500 Block Chadwick Ln  
03/15 Crim Mis 100 Block Walnut St  
03/16 Theft From Mtr Veh 100 Block Mona St  
03/18 Drug Offense 100 Block Carte Ln  
03/18 Drug Offense 6400 Block Dole Rd  
03/19 Robbery 300 Block Ruckles Dr  
03/20 Theft 1000 Block N Pacific Hwy  
03/21 Burglary 100 Block Gallahad Loop  
03/24 Burglary 1000 Block Laura St  
03/26 Crim Mis 2000 Block Weaver Rd

## Oakland

03/08 Burglary 4600 Block Rice Valley Rd  
03/15 Theft 800 Block John Long Rd  
03/21 Theft 1500 Block Stearns Rd  
03/21 Drug Offense 200 Block Transfer Rd  
03/28 Mtr Veh Theft 2800 Block Rice Valley Rd

## Riddle

03/02 Crim Mis 200 Block E St  
03/04 Mtr Veh Theft 400 Block E Third Ave  
03/08 Crim Mis 3600 Block Glenbrook Lp Rd  
03/22 Theft 200 Block E Second Ave  
03/23 Burglary 200 Block W First Ave  
03/24 Burglary 200 Block N L St

## Roseburg - Central

03/01 Theft 100 Block Atkinson Ct  
03/02 Theft 100 Block Brewer Ln  
03/03 Crim Mis 1000 Block Douglas Ave  
03/06 Burglary 2100 Block Newton Creek Rd  
03/08 Drug Offense 1600 Block SE Stephens St  
03/09 Crim Mis 1000 Block Douglas Ave  
03/09 Theft 2300 Block Carolyn Ct  
03/09 Drug Offense SE Pine/SE Stephens St  
03/09 Drug Offense 1300 Block Pine St  
03/10 Burglary 2700 Block Military Rd  
03/12 Fraud 200 Block Hutchins Dr  
03/13 Drug Offense 2700 Block Hwy 99 S  
03/15 Burglary 700 Block Tipton Rd  
03/20 Drug Offense 1300 Block Court Ave  
03/20 Drug Offense 400 Block SE Stephens  
03/21 Crim Mis 1000 Block Douglas Ave  
03/23 Burglary 600 Block Plateau Dr  
03/23 Drug Offense 1400 Block Mulholland  
03/24 Crim Mis 3500 Block Hughes St

## Sutherlin

03/02 Theft 300 Block Red Rd

## Wilbur

03/06 Crim Mis 700 Block North Bank Rd

## Winchester

03/02 Drug Offense 3700 Block Del Rio  
03/03 Burglary 5000 Block NE Stephens St  
03/15 Drug Offense 200 Block Village Dr  
03/17 Drug Offense 4100 Block NE Stephens  
03/20 Theft 5700 Block NE Stephens  
03/22 Theft From Mtr Veh 400 Blk Page Rd  
03/22 Theft From Mtr Veh 700 blk Page Rd  
03/22 Theft 3700 Block Del Rio  
03/25 Mtr Veh Theft 200 Block Wild Fern Dr  
03/25 Theft From Mtr Veh 200 Blk Wild Fern Dr  
03/26 Theft From Mtr Veh 300 Blk Wild Fern Dr  
03/29 Drug Offense 100 Block Club St  
03/30 Drug Offense 4600 Block NE Stephens

## Yoncalla

03/06 Drug Offense I5—milepost 150  
03/07 Drug Offense 400 Block First St  
03/17 Crim Mis 8600 Block Rice Valley Rd



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