

Community Newsletter

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Search and Rescue

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Crime Reports and Twitter

One of the goals of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is to better inform the public about crimes, current events, crime prevention tips and other safety related issues that affect our community. In order to better serve our community the Sheriff's office is now part of CrimeReports.com and Twitter.

The Sheriff's Office is now offering residents the ability to find why, where and when deputies were called to their neighborhood. The agency has joined forces with CrimeReports.com to allow residents to go online and view recent crimes in their community.

Residents can now access local crime incident data in near real-time on the www.crimereports.com website or by clicking on the link located on the Sheriff's Office website at www.dcsso.com.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the County's Information Technology department worked with personnel from CrimeReports.com over the past several weeks to develop the website.

The information is presented on Google Maps where users can review up-to-date crime information for any location under the jurisdiction of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Residents can also receive free e-mail crime alerts that are sent when crimes occur close to home or near any other address of interest. Just register by logging onto the crimereports.com website and clicking on "get crime alerts". Users control the e-mail crime alerts they receive by specifying the address, the crime types, and the distance from the address from which they wish to receive alerts.

The CrimeReports service is free to the public, allowing them easy access to neighborhood crime data in near-real time, however, it is important to understand that due to the timeliness of the reporting, investigations will not yet have been completed, and the information will be preliminary and subject to change during the course of the investigation. Crime incident data will be updated nightly by the Sheriff's Office.

Another tool that the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is offering is the opportunity to follow updates and announcements from the Office through Twitter. Through this new electronic communication system, press releases, crime prevention tips and current events can be shared immediately with those individuals who are following our "tweets". To follow the Douglas County Sheriff's Office on twitter, just go to twitter.com/DouglasCoSO and click "follow."

This is an increasingly popular way to quickly and easily distribute information at no cost to the Sheriff's Office. It is just one more way we can share information to better serve our customers and, in our opinion, a well-informed community is a safer community.

Trailhead Break-ins

Enjoying the various outdoor activities that Douglas County has to offer - escaping from civilization, even if just for a few hours - gives you a chance to relax and break free from the pressures from our crazy everyday world. Nothing ruins that experience like returning to the trailhead to find your car broken into.

Trailhead break-ins are on the rise in Douglas County and cause thousands of dollars in losses and damages to campers, hikers, and rafters each year. This is becoming an increasing source of frustration for both authorities and those who use the outdoors. Several key factors play into making trailheads desirable and easy targets for would-be thieves.

Most trailheads are located in remote or secluded areas. For the thief, this is ideal for breaking into a vehicle. Within the boundaries of national, state and local parks there are only a limited number of people who patrol, and a small number of law enforcement officers to investigate criminal acts against personal property. Sadly thieves are conditioned to know that most people going hiking or rafting will leave their wallet, unnecessary gear, and unnecessary camera equipment behind in the trunk or other area of the vehicle.

Unfortunately, car alarms are not always a good deterrent. Because of the incidents of false alarms, people have become desensitized to car alarms. Besides, even if your car alarm does gain attention of someone who will report it to law enforcement the perpetrator will probably be long gone by the time someone responds.

So what is a person to do? There are actually a number of things you can do to prevent becoming a target when you are traveling to or enjoying the remote areas of Douglas County.

Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle while out hiking, rafting, fishing or picnicking. Take your wallet, cell phone and anything else of value with you, or better yet, don't bring them along in the first place. In fact, it is suggested to empty your glove compartment and leave it open so that a thief can see that your vehicle obviously has nothing of value hiding.

Do not cover or seem to cover valuable items. A duffle bag on the back seat may contain dirty laundry, but a thief may think there is a laptop in it. Save yourself the hassle of returning to a busted window by not giving criminals a reason to break into your car.

Never lock anything in the trunk after you park. Thieves may be watching. If you have something you need to leave in your trunk, stop and put it in down the road, before you park. If you are carrying equipment on your car top, make sure to use locks and secure them properly. Lock truck-bed toolboxes and tonneau covers.

If you arrive at a trailhead parking area and someone looks suspicious, don't discount your intuition. Take notes on the person and his/her vehicle. Record license plate and report the behavior to the authorities. Do not confront the person. Leave and go to another trail.

While most car break-ins are crimes of opportunity for local criminals just looking for something easy to steal and easy to get money for, some are organized bands of thieves intent on stealing personal information you leave in your car for the purpose of using your identity.

The only way we can affectively solve this problem is if you help us by reporting all incidents of theft or vandalism to local law enforcement. Many times there is a pattern and if we know a particular area is being targeted, we will put extra patrol in that area.

Summertime Scams

With the warmth of summertime comes a warning: Scammers and con artists love this weather. The months of May through September bring sales and work crews to neighborhoods, hawking magazine subscriptions and home repairs that often leave customers with shoddy, unfinished projects or paid-for magazines that are never delivered.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following tips to residents and homeowners to avoid being scammed:

Before dealing with anyone you don't know, obtain the name and address of the company the person purports to represent and ask for references.

Get all details of the offer in writing and review them carefully.

Determine how long the company has been in business and check to see if the Better Business Bureau has received any complaints.

If you decide to do business with the company, make checks payable to the company and not to an individual. Never pay in cash.

Construction contractors must be licensed, bonded and insured in Oregon. You can check to see if a contractor is licensed by going to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) website at <http://www.oregon.gov/CCB/> or by calling the CCB at 503-378-4621. A devious contractor may tell you that he or she is licensed or may give you a false or outdated CCB license number, so make sure to check on your own.

Before you hire someone to do work on your home, ask friends and family for recommendations. Also check with the CCB, the Better Business Bureau - at (503) 226-3981 - and the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) to see if any consumer complaints have been filed against a contractor.

Before you hire a contractor, get at least three bids from different contractors. These bids should all be in writing. The lowest bid may not always be the best bid. Make sure to compare what work is being done and what materials are being used.

You should always sign a contract that clearly states the work to be done, when it will be done and how much it costs. If possible, try to limit the amount of money you will pay upfront and do not make the final payment unless you are satisfied with the work done, as your contract permits. If it is a long project, you may want the contract to state that you will make payments during the course of the project when certain pre-specified work is completed.

In Oregon, landscape contractors must also be licensed and must be operating through a landscape business that is licensed, bonded and insured. You should take the same steps as recommended above when hiring a landscape contractor. In addition to checking with the CCB, you should also check with the Landscape Contractors Board (LCB) at (503) 378-5909.

If you are a victim of a scam or fraud, don't delay, call:

Consumer Protection Hotline

1-877-877-9392 (toll free)

www.doj.state.or.us

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between July 1 –31, 2009 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.

Burglaries

18000 block Hwy 42, Camas Valley
12000 block Wildwood Dr, Winchester Bay
1200 block Rock Creek Rd, Idleld Park
500 block Applegate Ave, Drain
1500 block Oakwood Dr, Oakland
400 block Bear Creek Rd, Curtin
8300 block Scotts Valley Rd, Yoncalla
5700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
100 block Village Dr, Roseburg
100 block Oak Valley Loop, Roseburg
300 block Char St, Green
200 block Bobwhite St, Green
8300 block Hwy 99 S, Dillard
300 block Dark Horse St, Green
400 block Harmony Dr, Green
200 block SW Frontage Rd, Canyonville
200 block N Main St, Riddle
1500 block Pruner Rd, Riddle
500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek
1000 block Cook St, Myrtle Creek
300 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
2600 block Upper Cow Creek Rd, Azalea
10000 blk Upper Cow Creek Rd, Azalea
90 block Barton Rd, Azalea

Thefts

600 blk Salmon Harbor Dr, Winchester Bay
9000 block Loon Lake Rd, Reedsport
2800 block Whistlers Park Rd, Glide
32000 block North Umpqua Hwy, Idleld Pk
300 block W 'B' Ave, Drain
400 block Baird Dr, Yoncalla
300 block Main St, Yoncalla

300 block Fawn Dr, Roseburg
4700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
5100 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1800 block Booth Ave, Roseburg
1600 block Curry Rd, Roseburg
5200 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
900 block Indian Bend Rd, Umpqua
200 block Union Gap Loop Rd, Oakland
3700 block Del Rio Rd, Roseburg
1500 block Roberts Creek Rd, Green
200 block Trout Loop, Green
100 block Autumn Ave, Green
10 block Carmel Ct, Green
300 block N Main St, Canyonville
200 block Pruner Rd, Myrtle Creek
5000 block Cow Creek Rd, Riddle
1500 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Canyonville
100 block N Main St, Canyonville
400 block Taylor St, Myrtle Creek
1000 block Cook St, Myrtle Creek
100 block Henry St, Myrtle Creek
300 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
4000 block Bilger Creek Rd, Myrtle Creek
100 block Rosalee Ln, Myrtle Creek
200 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
100 block Lizzy Ln, Azalea

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

100 block Promise Ln, Roseburg
500 block Meadow Ave, Roseburg
4500 block Ridenour St, Roseburg
300 block Pleasant St, Roseburg
Fairacres Ln / Taft Dr, Roseburg
100 block Camino Francisco Av, Roseburg
3200 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg

5800 block Hwy 99 N, Winchester
4600 block Carnes Rd, Green
100 block Creekside Rd, Canyonville
100 block Adams St, Myrtle Creek
200 block Aker Dr, Myrtle Creek
2800 block Glendale Valley Rd, Glendale
200 block Fifth St, Glendale

Criminal Mischief

51000 block Hwy 38, Reedsport
23000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Idleld Park
600 block John Long Rd, Oakland
600 block Elkhead Rd, Yoncalla
100 block Saddle Butte Ln, Roseburg
500 block Manning Rd, Oakland
2100 block Burdette Dr, Green
2200 block Burdette Dr, Green
100 block Silverado St, Green
2300 block Roberts Creek Rd, Green
4100 block Stella St, Green
3600 block Carnes Rd, Green
300 block N 'D' St, Riddle
500 block S Main St, Canyonville
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
200 block Pruner Rd, Myrtle Creek
600 block Jodee St, Myrtle Creek
100 block Lovers Ln, Myrtle Creek
1500 block Quines Creek Rd, Azalea
9500 block Azalea Glen Rd, Azalea
200 block Willis Ave, Glendale

Drug Offense

3400 blk Salmon Harbor Dr, Winchester Bay
900000 blk N Umpqua Hwy, Idleld Park
2700 block Edenbower Bl, Roseburg
5000 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1200 block Klamath Ave, Roseburg
700 block Casper St, Roseburg
100 block N Summerwood St, Green
Carmel Ct / Lacanada Dr, Green
Grant Smith Rd / Ingram Dr, Green
100 block Gazley Bridge Rd, Canyonville
100 block N Main St, Canyonville
800 block NE Broadway St, Myrtle Creek
1700 block Rueben Rd, Glendale



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