

Community Newsletter

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New Cell Phone Restrictions

As of New Years Day, 2010, Oregon has joining the hands-free movement that makes it a traffic violation to hold your cell phone while driving.

That means no more text messaging, updating your Facebook status from your iPhone, or dialing your BFF from behind the wheel.

The law was written in response to studies that showed the use of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving causes accidents at a rate similar to driving under the influence of alcohol.

The new law bans using mobile communications devices while driving unless you are using a hands-free device (drivers under 18 are banned from using any kind of mobile communications device whether it is hands free or not). The law is intended to improve safety on Oregon roads by discouraging distracted driving.

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 811.507 has been amended to restrict the use of cell phones. Motorists will be required to use a hands-free feature for their cell phone "that when used, allows a person to maintain both hands on the

steering wheel." The new law applies to text messaging devices or a wireless, two-way communication device.

You should be aware that this new law makes using a handheld cell phone for talking or texting while driving a primary offense, with a minimum fine of \$142 for each offense.

"Primary offense" means police officers can cite drivers solely for using the phone. Motorists can be cited for "operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device if the person, while operating a motor vehicle on a highway, uses a mobile communication device."

Exceptions to the cell phone law include emergencies, safety workers and emergency services personnel. Licensed amateur radio operators and citizens band radio users are also exempt from the law when using those devices.

For a more detailed list of the exceptions to this new law, please visit the Douglas County Sheriff's Office website at www.dco.com.

~ Save the Date ~

Surviving a Wilderness Emergency

February 28, 2010—1-5 p.m.

Rose Theater—Roseburg High School

Free with a Donation of 3 Cans of Food

Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse



Think about your home. What prescription and OTC drugs do you have? Where are they kept? Would you know if some were missing? The good news is that you can take steps

immediately to limit access to these drugs and help keep your teen drug-free.

Safeguard all drugs at home. Monitor quantities and control access. Take note of how many pills are in a bottle or pill packet, and keep track of refills. This goes for your own medication, as well as for your teen and other members of your household. If you find you have to refill medication more often than expected, there could be a real problem—someone may be taking your medication without your knowledge. If your teen has been prescribed a drug, be sure you control the medication, and monitor dosages and refills.

Set clear rules for teens about all drug use, including not sharing medicine and always following the medical provider's advice and dosages. Make sure your teen uses prescription drugs only as directed by a medical provider and follows instructions for OTC products carefully. This includes taking the proper dosage and not using with other substances without a medical provider's approval. Teens should never take prescription or OTC drugs with street drugs or alcohol. If you have any questions about how to take a drug, call your family physician or pharmacist.

Be a good role model by following these same rules with your own medicines. Examine your own behavior to ensure you set a good example. If you misuse your prescription drugs, such as share them with your kids, or abuse them, your teen will take notice. Avoid sharing your drugs and always follow your medical provider's instructions.

Properly conceal and dispose of old or unused medicines in the trash. Unused prescription drugs should be hidden and thrown away in the trash. So that teens or others don't take them out of the trash, you can mix them with an undesirable substance (like used coffee grounds or kitty litter) and put the mixture in an empty can or bag. Unless the directions say otherwise, do NOT flush medications down the drain or toilet because the chemicals can pollute the water supply. Also, remove any personal, identifiable information from prescription bottles or pill packages before you throw them away.

Ask friends and family to safeguard their prescription drugs as well. Make sure your friends and relatives, especially grandparents, know about the risks, too, and encourage them to regularly monitor their own medicine cabinets. If there are other households your teen has access to, talk to those families as well about the importance of safeguarding medications. If you don't know the parents of your child's friends, then make an effort to get to know them, and get on the same page about rules and expectations for use of all drugs, including alcohol and illicit drugs. Follow up with your teen's school administration to find out what they are doing to address issues of prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse in schools.

Talk to your teen about the dangers of abusing prescription and over-the-counter drugs. These are powerful drugs that, when abused, can be just as dangerous as street drugs. Tell your teen the risks far outweigh any "benefits."

This information was provided by "Parents. The ANTI-DRUG." website at www.antidrug.com.

Winter Weather Preparedness

Taking preventive action is your best defense against having to deal with extreme cold-weather conditions. By preparing your home and car in advance for winter emergencies, and by observing safety precautions during times of extremely cold weather, you can reduce the risk of weather-related health problems.

Extremely cold temperatures often accompany a winter storm, so you may have to cope with power failures and icy roads. Although staying indoors as much as possible can help reduce the risk of car crashes and falls on the ice, you may also face indoor hazards. Many homes will be too cold – either due to a power failure or because the heating system isn't adequate for the weather. Be careful - when people must use space heaters and fireplaces to stay warm, the risk of household fires increases, as well as the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Never use charcoal grills or portable gas camp stoves indoors – the fumes are deadly!!

Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly, and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

Before severe weather arrives - store drinking water, first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and extra batteries where you can get them easily, even in the dark.

Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with a winter emergency kit in each. Get a NOAA Weather Radio to monitor severe weather.

Know how the public is warned (siren, radio, TV, etc.) and the warning terms for each kind of disaster in your community; e.g.:

"winter storm watch" --- Be alert, a storm is likely

"winter storm warning" --- Take action, the storm is in or entering the area

"blizzard warning" --- Snow and strong winds combined will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill--seek refuge immediately!

"winter weather advisory" --- Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists

"frost/freeze warning" --- Below freezing temperatures are expected and may cause damage to plants, crops, or fruit trees

"flash flood or flood watch" --- Be alert to signs of flash flooding and be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice

"flash flood warning" --- A flash flood is imminent--act quickly to save yourself because you may have only seconds

"flood warning" --- Flooding has been reported or is imminent--take necessary precautions at once.

Be sure you know safe routes from home, work and school to high ground.

Be prepared and know how to contact other household members through a common out-of-state contact in the event you and have to evacuate and become separated.

Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.

Keep plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber, sandbags and tools on hand and accessible.

Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Install storm shutters, doors and windows; clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks; and check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow--or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.

Have questions about emergency kits? Visit the Douglas County Sheriff's Office website at www.dcsso.com/preparedness_N.asp for checklists and tips!

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between December 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

100 block Cofey Crossing Ln, Yoncalla
4000 block Curtin Rd, Curtin
3200 block NE Stephens, Roseburg
300 block Fox Hill Ln, Roseburg
600 block Plateau Dr, Roseburg
1000 block Oakhill Rd, Wilbur
14000 block Garden Valley Rd, Umpqua
2800 block Nonpareil Rd, Sutherlin
200 block Grant Smith Rd, Green
3900 block Bourne St, Green
200 block Emils Way, Green
4100 block Carnes Rd, Green
300 block Happy Valley Rd, Roseburg
400 block Hagle Ln, Roberts Creek
200 block D Lee Ln, Myrtle Creek
100 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
300 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
300 block Hayward Ln, Glendale

Thefts

300 block Resort Dr, Diamond Lake
15000 block Hwy 38, Elkton
300 block S Main St, Drain
500 block Bridges St, Yoncalla
400 block S First St, Drain
600 block John Long Rd, Oakland
100 block Zeus Ln, Roseburg
300 block North View Dr, Roseburg
1300 block Green Valley Rd, Oakland
100 block Silverado Ct, Green
300 block S Main St, Winston
100 block S Main St, Canyonville
11000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Days Creek
100 block Ecklund St, Canyonville

400 block E First Ave, Riddle
400 block Beals Creek Rd, Days Creek
200 block Carte Ln, Myrtle Creek
400 block Taylor St, Myrtle Creek
200 block Alameda St, Myrtle Creek
100 block Arnold Ln, Myrtle Creek
300 block Humphreys Addition Rd, Glendale
200 block Sether Ave, Glendale
200 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

100 block Village Dr, Roseburg
100 block SW Pine Ave, Canyonville
100 block D Lee Ln, Myrtle Creek

Criminal Mischief

Front St/Marsh St, Gardiner
75000 block Hwy 101, Winchester Bay
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Av, Roseburg
800 block Knoll Av, Roseburg
2700 block Clarks Branch Rd, Myrtle Creek
500 block NW Geary St, Canyonville
100 block N Main St, Riddle
500 block B Av, Canyonville
200 block Wild Creek Way, Canyonville
600 block E Second Av, Riddle
300 block Knoll Terrace Dr, Canyonville
200 block N Main St, Riddle
200 block Oak St, Riddle
200 block W First Av, Riddle
500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek
100 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
300 block W Pacific Av, Glendale
400 block Willis Av, Glendale

Motor Vehicle Thefts

400 block Star Mountain Ln, Idleyld Park
100 block Palomino Av, Roseburg
4100 block Stella St, Roseburg
2500 block Coos Bay Wagon Rd, Lookingglass
1900 block Green Av, Green
500 block Canyonville Riddle Rd, Canyonville
900 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Canyonville

Drug Offense

900 block Clearlake Av, Winchester Bay
500 block John Long Rd, Oakland
100 block Main St, Yoncalla
200 block Cedar St, Yoncalla
500 block John Long Rd, Oakland
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
2100 block Stewart Parkway, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Av, Roseburg
1100 block Plateau Dr, Roseburg
4200 block Willis Creek Rd, Winston
Hwy 99S/Winery Ln, Green
Hwy 99S/E Happy Valley Rd, Green
200 block Grant Smith Rd, Green
300 block Dairy Loop Rd, Green
4300 block Depriest St, Green
Hwy 99S/Brockway Rd, Dillard
100 block Berry Loop Ln, Green
100 block S Main St, Riddle
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
100 block Phillips St, Canyonville
100 block Cameron Ln, Myrtle Creek
100 block Paroz Ln, Myrtle Creek
500 block Valley St, Myrtle Creek



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Check our website for
more crime stats

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