

Community Newsletter

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**Dispatch Non-Emergency**

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Emergency

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Community Outreach

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Records Division

541-440-4463

Civil Processing

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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

Sheriff's Office Budget



As most of you are probably aware we have begun our annual budget preparation for FY09-10. We have worked through our first couple of meetings with the Board of Commissioners. During those meetings all county departments have been asked to prepare budgets that reflects a 10% reduction in revenues as a result of the ramping down Safety Net funds. Unfortunately, due to several years of cutting from our budget, a 10% reduction would undoubtedly result in lost positions. If the Sheriff's Office is held to a 10% reduction, the lost positions (approximately 12) would mean diminished services in Animal Control, Corrections, Records, and in general Patrol. These cuts would likely result in less than 24 hour coverage, and Sheriff Patrols would not exist for several hours each day.

We have heard over the past several months that throughout these tough economic times, "public safety" will remain the top priority in Douglas County. Though I want to remain hopeful that the services provided by the Sheriff's Office will be recognized as essential and that public safety will receive prioritized support from the Commissioners, I do recognize the difficult decisions they face while working through this tough economic period.

In light of these circumstances, I do not want to mislead anyone. I don't want to create panic within the department or the community we serve, yet I want to be forthcoming and honest with all of you about our future funding and service levels. If you recall, last year about this time we were directed to reduce our budget by 30%. By the end of the budgetary process we actually only had to cut \$500,000 from our budget and we only lost positions that were already vacant.

Based on the Commissioners expressed commitment to make public safety a priority, I believe they will see the detrimental effects of these cuts to the Sheriff's Office. I remain hopeful that a scenario similar to last year will play out again this year, that appropriate budget reductions will be made with the purpose of keeping essential public safety services in tact.

Most of the Sheriff's Office divisions are currently working at minimum staffing levels. I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to the dedicated staff at the Sheriff's Office. This department will continue to strive to provide our community with the best, most professional public safety services possible.

As soon as I find out exactly what our reductions will involve, I will pass the information on to you. Meanwhile, I encourage all of you to share your thoughts, ideas, or concerns with me and your County Commissioners.

John Hanlin

Have You 'Cased' Your House, Lately?



In police jargon the word "case" is used to describe the activities of a thief or burglars in the days or hours leading up to a burglary. They will "case" a home or property and identify areas of weakness which will make their crime easier. For example, they may see that the garage door is left open all night, and use this as a way to get easily into the home.

In order to ensure that a home's security is everything it should be the owners should regularly "case" their own

home to detect issues. How do you do this? There are several areas frequently identified by convicted criminals, including:

Windows or doorways screened by shrubs or growth, or even doors within small porches or enclosed areas that allow a thief complete privacy while they pick a lock or break a window. The solution is to case your home for areas of comfort and seclusion and then prune back shrubs, remove overgrowth and install heavy duty doors and locks on all exterior access ways.

Garages are another area that often have weak or easily picked locks on doors leading directly into the house, and many homeowners will leave the garage door open which allows a criminal to walk up to this easy access and also remain unseen by passersby or neighbors. The solution is to make a habit of closing all garage doors when leaving the property, and even while home. Additionally, a homeowner should remove the standard "hollow core" door and shabby lock which generally serves as the connecting door between the home and garage and replace it with a reinforced door with a deadbolt.

Ladders are often left on the side of a garage or somewhere in a yard, and many burglars make note of them, and then use them to gain access to open windows on second floors of homes. The solution is to always close second story windows when leaving home and to try to secure ladders with bicycle locks or chains to prevent their theft or illegal usage.

Lighting is an issue that most convicted criminals say served as a deterrent. A well-lit yard or motion detecting light will instantly alert homeowners or their neighbors to the presence of someone in a yard or porch area, and will usually prevent a criminal from approaching. The solution is to install exterior lights that are triggered to come on with a motion detector. Also install lights on all exterior doors, including the front of a garage.

Doors and windows are something that all burglars are quite familiar with, and many can tell right away if locks are outdated or weak. The solution is to make sure that all doors are reinforced with secure latches, and use the best deadbolts available.

Home security systems are the greatest deterrent and a simple window sticker or lawn sign will often provide one of the most effective deterrents imaginable. Only by understanding the weaknesses that a thief hopes to utilize can a homeowner know how to best protect their home.

IRS Email Scam

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office would like to caution citizens about an email scam that has recently surfaced in Douglas County. On February 18th, a Douglas County business received an email claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service. This email told the recipient they were eligible for a tax refund. The email instructed the recipient to click a link in the email that would take them to a secure website for processing their refund.

The link is actually a bogus website that looks just like the real IRS website. The page asks for various personal details such as name, date of birth, social security number, credit card number, expiration date, ATM PIN number, bank account information, and mother's maiden name. If an unsuspecting person were to enter their information, the scammer(s) would have all of the necessary information to steal someone's identity.

The recipient in this case did not fill out the form. They reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office. This type of email may be presented to you on a number of excuses. The following is a list of ways they try to entice you out of your personal information:

The **latest variant of the fraud** claims the government has announced a new, faster, and easier way of receiving refunds under the Economic Stimulus Program. It advises you to take advantage of the direct deposit feature for claiming refunds. To receive the refund in this manner, you just have to fill up a form presented on clicking a link on the email. It brings in an element of hurry by saying refunds may be delayed if the online form is not filled within a certain date.

Another email scam **offers to pay \$80** if you take part in a customer satisfaction survey. It may start off with asking standard questions. Then it asks for your account details presumably to credit the reward to your account.

Or you receive an email that claims there were **problems with the return you filed last year**. Apparently, the social security number filed in the original return did not match ones in IRS records; or, you forgot to append an electronic signature to the return. For either reason, you are asked to confirm personal details before the return can be accepted.

The last type of IRS email scam scares you into thinking that **you are being investigated for fraud** by the IRS and demands answers as a part of the investigation.

You can stay away from such fraud by knowing:

Tax Refunds CANNOT be claimed in any other way *except by filing your returns*. You will never receive an email asking you for more information.

IRS NEVER contacts taxpayers *via email*. It uses US Mail for all official communication. No financial institution including the IRS, banks or your credit card company will EVER ask you to "verify" your account details online.

Any of this happening should trigger alarm signals in you! In case you receive such an email, please contact ic3.gov and the IRS (email: **phishing@irs.gov**) to lodge a complaint.

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between February 1-28, 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 Hurd St., Glide
1200 block Hayhurst Rd, Yoncalla
600 block Main St., Yoncalla
7700 block W Hwy 138, Oakland
4100 block Carnes Rd., Green
1900 block Olalla Rd., Tenmile
400 block Alder Lane, Canyonville
100 block Rosalee Ln, Myrtle Creek

Thefts

300 block Main Camas Rd., Camas Valley
3000 block Sparrow Park Rd., Gardiner
23000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
32000 block N Umpqua Hwy Idleyld Park
500 block Backside Baldy Ln, Drain
1000 block Territorial Hwy, Curtain
300 block S Main St., Drain
300 block N Main St., Drain
4800 block Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
500 block Nob Hill Rd, Melrose
400 block Hewitt Ave, Roseburg

1100 block Umpqua College Rd, Winchester
200 block Corona Loop, Green
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
100 block N Main St., Canyonville
600 block Stagecoach Rd., Canyonville
100 block S. Main St, Riddle
100 block Opresik Ln, Myrtle Creek
300 block Fifth St., Glendale

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

Edenbower Blvd & S Plateau Dr, Roseburg
1000 block Newton Creek Rd, Roseburg
100 block Laguna Ct, Green
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg

Criminal Mischief

77000 block Hwy 101, Gardiner
18000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Glide
1000 block Division Ave, Drain
700 block Eagle Valley Rd., Yoncalla
4000 block Hooker Rd, Roseburg

700 block Tipton Rd, Roseburg
5700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
3000 block Slope St, Roseburg
4300 block Carnes Rd, Green
Gazley Rd & Gazley Bridge Rd, Canyonville
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville

Motor Vehicle Theft

6600 block N Myrtle Rd, Myrtle Creek
10000 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale

Robbery

700 block North Bank Rd, Wilbur



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