

Community Newsletter

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Emergency

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Community Outreach

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Records Division

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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

Volunteers Needed



Do you have a desire to help your community? Are you interested in working with law enforcement? If so, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office invites you to join the expanding Citizen Volunteer Program.

The Sheriff's Office offers a wide variety of specialty assignments for individuals interested in this exciting opportunity.

Volunteer opportunities we currently have available include:

- Victim Outreach Volunteers
- Community Liaison Volunteers
- Search and Rescue Volunteers
- Data Entry Specialists
- Neighborhood Watch Assistant

These volunteer positions are necessary to support each deputy in the field, and our volunteers are an important part of the law enforcement team.

Tasks and schedules are varied and flexible, training is provided, and the assignments are always interesting and worthwhile.

If you can make a commitment of at least 4 hours a week, we can provide you with the opportunity to serve your community in a meaningful way, participate in interesting events, develop new skills, and meet interesting and talented people.

The volunteer placement process includes an application, interview, background check and orientation. If you are interested in applying for a volunteer position or would like more information, contact the Volunteers Services Coordinator, Andrea Zielinski, at 440-4486 or visit our website at www.dcsso.com/volunteering.asp

Preventing Commercial Robbery

Robbery is a crime against your person rather than against your property. If someone breaks into your home or business and takes property from the premises, the crime is called a burglary. However, if you are confronted by an individual on the street, in your home, car or store and force is used or threatened against you, you have become the victim of a robbery.

Ordinarily, people plan a robbery. Most robberies involve at least some planning. Robbers will often watch a target to determine the best time to commit the crime. This is called casing. Train your employees to watch for people loitering outside the business, making several trips into the store without making purchases or other suspicious behavior. Employees should be trained to recognize these behaviors and report them to the police. A well-timed suspicious person report may be all it takes to prevent a robbery from occurring.

While it may never happen to you, you must train your employees and set up practices to minimize your exposure to robbery. The first step is to look at your business layout with an eye toward robbery prevention.

Consider installing an alarm system and placing a surveillance camera behind the cash register facing the front counter. Be sure to replace tapes regularly.

Keep your business neat and clean. A tidy orderly business is inviting to customers, but not to robbers.

Make sure the sales counter can be seen clearly. Don't put up advertisement, flyers, displays, signs, posters or other items on windows or doors that might obstruct the view of the register from outside your business. The police cruising in your neighborhood need to see inside your store.

Try to greet customers as they enter your business. Look them in the eye, ask them if they need help. An attentive clerk can go a long way to discourage a robber. Stay alert and know who is in your business and where they are. Watch for people that are hanging around and not buying anything.

Handle cash carefully. Avoid making your business a tempting target for robbers. Keep the amount of cash in registers low. Drop all large bills right away. If a customer tries to pay with a large bill, politely ask if he or she has a smaller one. Explain that you keep very little cash on hand.

Vary the times and routes of travel for bank deposits. Don't use marked money bags that make it obvious for robbers that you are carrying money for deposit.

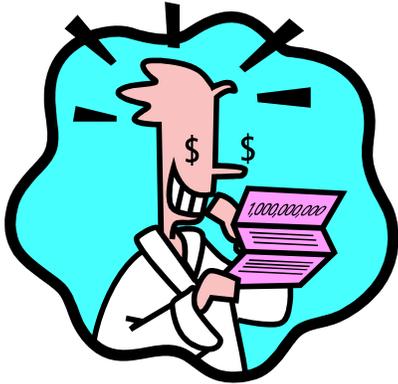
Make sure your business is well lit, inside and outside. Encourage employees to report burned out light bulbs to the business owner or manager immediately.

Keep bushes and trees trimmed so they don't block any outdoor lighting or obscure windows or doors. Encourage the police to stop by your business and get to know the names of officers that patrol your district.

Use care after dark. Be cautious when cleaning the parking lot or taking out the trash at night. Make sure another employee keeps you within eye contact.

Be aware of suspicious activity outside of your business. Write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles. If you see something suspicious do not hesitate to call the police.

Sweepstakes Scam



“Dear winner, The North American Lotto exchange payout division is pleased to announce you as one of the listed winners in the second global lotto charitable draw....Your winning amount is \$250,000...Please call and activate your check immediately....”

This is from an actual letter that was received by a woman who lives in the Yoncalla area. Fortunately, she did not respond and instead called the Sheriff's Office.

This Canadian Sweepstakes and others like it have lured hundreds of unsuspecting victims losing thousands of dollars each year.

Their goal is to steal cash directly from you. Some are also after your personal information for the purposes of identity theft. They normally know your name and address. They have gathered your name, address, phone number and other information through phone books, public records, shared or purchased customer lists, and the Internet.

To fool people into thinking that this sweepstakes scam is legitimate, they send counterfeit checks along with their phony win notifications. This “cashier's check”, they tell you, is sent to cover government taxes and insurance. They instruct you to call the number listed to “activate” your check.

After making a call to a phone number on the letter, you will be instructed to cash the check and immediately wire the money by “Western Union” or “MoneyGram,” to the fraudster's co-conspirator. The check will be returned to your bank as a counterfeit (forgery); which leaves you responsible to repay the bank the amount of the check.

Also, you run the risk of them asking for personal information to verify your identity and they may even ask for a checking account number so that they can make an electronic deposit of your “winnings”.

By giving your personal information, or checking account number the suspects can commit identity theft and make withdrawals from your checking account.

What you need to know is that it is impossible to win a lottery without buying a ticket, and even if you bought a ticket, you'd have to find the winning numbers in a newspaper, the internet, or on TV and compare them to your ticket; a legitimate lottery does not contact you to tell you that you won. If your win notification says you've won a lottery, you can be quite sure that it's really a sweepstakes scam.

Win notices from foreign lotteries are even more suspicious. Not only do foreign lotteries have the same restriction as domestic lotteries, but it is also illegal to sell tickets for foreign lotteries across international borders. Therefore, unless you were actually in a foreign country and bought a lottery ticket, foreign lottery notifications are surely sweepstakes scams.

Unfortunately, local and federal law enforcement does not have the resources to address this growing problem. Education is the key to reducing the pool of available victims. If you receive one of these letters, with a check, I suggest you report the crime to your local law enforcement agency. Turn in the letter and check so the problem can be documented. In addition, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, so the federal government is aware of the specific fraudster. The complaint can be filed easily on the Internet at <http://www.ftc.gov/sentinel>

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between October 1-31, 2008 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 Kingfisher Ln, Reedsport
400 block Prescott Ave., Oakland
5400 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
2400 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg
300 block Bryant Ln, Roseburg
500 block Clover Ave., Roseburg
4700 block Carnes Rd., Green
1600 block Dairy Loop Rd., Lookingglass
200 block Ranchero Rd., Azalea
1800 block Upper Cow Creek, Azalea

Thefts

Lake Creek/Lemolo Lake Rd, Diamond Lake
230 Hwy—Milepost 21, Diamond Lake
1900 block Singleton Rd., Glide
800 block John Long Rd, Oakland
2000 block Rice Valley Rd, Oakland
200 block E "C" Ave, Drain
100 block Williams Rd., Yoncalla
700 block Clover Ave., Roseburg

500 block Plateau Dr., Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
100 block Village Dr., Winchester
1400 block Coos Bay Wagon Rd, Lookingglass
4400 block S Hwy 99, Green
1800 block Del Mar Dr., Green
700 block Fourth Ave., Riddle
300 block N. Main St., Canyonville
200 block SW Fourth St., Canyonville
500 block E Sixth Ave., Riddle
200 N. Main St., Canyonville
800 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
800 block S Main St., Myrtle Creek
100 block S Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek
400 block S Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

100 block Coho Point Lp., Winchester Bay
101—Milepost 207, Gardiner
800 block John Long Rd., Oakland
1100 block Ridge Ave., Roseburg

7400 block Oakhill Rd., Umpqua
200 block Georginna Dr., Green
100 block Weaver Terrace Ln, Days Creek
900 block Hill St., Myrtle Creek

Criminal Mischief

18000 block Hwy 42, Camas Valley
1800 block Upper Camas Rd., Camas Vly
77000 block Hwy 101, Gardiner
500 block Locust St, Yoncalla
400 block Third St., Elkton
100 block W Bradley Ct., Roseburg
600 block Clover Ave., Roseburg
300 block Armande Loop, Green

12000 block S Hwy 99, Green
4400 block Carnes Rd., Green
5400 Block Grange Rd., Green
600 block W First St., Canyonville
200 block E First St., Riddle
100 block Oak St., Riddle
200 block Gilham Loop, Myrtle Creek



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