

# Community Newsletter

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## Give the Gift of Safety

It's that time of year again – when road and weather conditions can change in a matter of hours and accidents and travel delays are commonplace.

Visibility is reduced by fewer daylight hours, low angle of the sun at commuter times, fog, regular precipitation, on-coming fog lights and glare at a time when hazards also increase: road surfaces may be slippery from leaves and debris, rain or ice, and there is often more pedestrian and bicycle traffic out before and after daylight.

Travel challenges and road closures due to slides, road work, ice and snow, or accidents can cause you to wait for long periods of time or reroute your trip altogether.

Being prepared for travel emergencies, even on short commuter trips, can make all the difference.

When traveling anywhere, plan ahead and take known routes if possible. Our weather has been changing quickly and sometimes without warning. For road conditions in Oregon, call 5-1-1 or (800) 977-ODOT (6368). Outside Oregon, dial (503) 588-2941. Visiting TripCheck.com on the Internet provides information on road and weather conditions, incidents and traffic delays, and links to numerous cameras on many mountain passes and major routes.

Take the time to keep up on current and future weather conditions in the area you are traveling, especially if going to or through higher elevations and mountain passes, areas where

your vehicle needs to have appropriate traction tires or devices.

If considering a remote route that you have never traveled on, don't hesitate to contact available road and weather condition phone numbers or Internet resources, or contact police or highway department officials.

Let friends and family know what routes you plan to take when on a trip, keeping them updated and letting them know if these plans change.

Drive to the conditions. If it's icy or wet, increase your following distance and reduce your speed. Use your headlights to improve not only your visibility, but also so others can see your vehicle.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office website has a link to a brochure that can also act as a gift card. This brochure describes some safe travel basics. And, because we are in the gift-giving season, and surveys say that "practical/functional" gifts are preferred in the current economy, I'd like to suggest that we take this opportunity to recommend this travel safety idea: Givers can simply include a few items along with the card in a suitable emergency kit container and let the gift-receiver complete the kit from supplies they may already own – so the gift can be tailored to fit any budget.

If you'd like additional copies of the printed flier, please contact Andrea at 440-4486. We can print limited quantities from our office or feel free to print directly from our website at [www.dco.com](http://www.dco.com).

## Cough Medicine Abuse

You already know about the dangers of illegal street drugs like marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine. But did you know that some teens are abusing legal products, like cough medicine, to get high?

Cough medicine abuse is taking extremely large doses of cough medicine to get high. The "high" is caused by taking a large amount of dextromethorphan, which is often abbreviated DXM, a common active ingredient found in many cough medications.

Dextromethorphan is a safe and effective active ingredient found in many nonprescription cough medicines, including syrups, tablets and gel caps. When used according to medicine label directions, the ingredient DXM produces few side effects and has a long history of safety. When abused in large amounts, it can produce a "high" feeling as well as a number of dangerous side effects.

The effects of the abuse of cough medicines containing DXM vary with the amount taken. Common effects include confusion, dizziness, double or blurred vision, slurred speech, loss of physical coordination, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, rapid heartbeat, drowsiness, numbness of fingers and toes, and disorientation. DXM abusers describe different "plateaus" ranging from mild distortions of color and sound to visual hallucinations, "out-of-body" sensations, and loss of motor control.

Cough medications including DXM can contain other ingredients, such as acetaminophen, which can be very dangerous when taken in large quantities. At high enough doses, DXM alone can suppress the central nervous system. If this happens your brain can stop telling your lungs to breathe. Some drugs that people take to get the DXM high also include other ingredients which can interact in your body and have dangerous consequences. And extremely high doses of DXM can induce a hallucinatory state which can

lead to "accidents" that result in death.

Parents can make a positive difference in their teens' lives, and research shows that parents do influence their teens' decisions about whether to take drugs or not.

Educate yourself about cough medicine abuse and share this information with others. Make sure you're aware of the signs of cough medicine abuse and what to watch out for. A good resource website is [www.dxmstories.com](http://www.dxmstories.com).

Communicate with your teens. Be clear that you do not want your teen taking medicine without your knowledge. Teach your children to respect all medicines and that they must be used according to directions. Make sure your kids understand that abusing cough medicine – just as abusing illegal drugs – can be very dangerous.

Safeguard your medications at home and other places. Know what medicines are in your home and pay attention to quantities. Keep all medications out of reach and out of easily accessible places like medicine cabinets. If your child needs medications during school hours, speak with school officials about medicine policies in the school.

Kids who say they learn a lot about the risks of drugs at home are up to 50 percent less likely to try drugs. Parents should talk often, listen regularly, and communicate clearly that they do not want their kids using drugs.



To talk credibly and effectively about the dangers of drugs, parents need to know what those dangers are. To learn more about the various drugs teens can abuse and their risks, visit the Partnership for a Drug-Free America at

## Census Fraud



Soon you may be receiving a U.S. Census survey by mail, receive a phone call from the Census Bureau or a Census worker may be knocking on your door. It is important to know what to expect and maybe even more importantly, what you should NOT expect, to be part of the U.S. Census 2010.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies work hard to educate our community about not giving out personal information over the telephone or to anyone who shows up at your front door. As the 2010 U.S. Census process begins, DCSO advises you to cooperate carefully so you do not become the victim of a scam.

U.S. citizens are required by law to respond to the U.S. Census Bureau's requests for information. Conducted every ten years, the U.S. Census is an important process that helps to both define legislative districts, and determine how to allocate \$300 billion to local, state and tribal governments.

For every person living at an address in the U.S., the U.S. Census will ask for a name, age, gender, race, ethnic origin, birth date, marital status, employment status, and other similar information.

On the other hand, con-artists posing as Census employees ask for donations, personal financial information, and/or Social Security numbers.

Here are some tips from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to help you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and con-artists:

U.S. Census workers will have identification; a copy of the notification letter you received, or should have received, in the mail describing the survey; and, depending on the area, a laptop and laptop case bearing the insignia of the U.S. Census Bureau. If a Census worker knocks on your door, ask to see their identification before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

U.S. Census workers will not ask you for your social security number or your banking and financial information. Do not ever give your social security number, credit card or banking information to anyone who contacts you, even if they say it is for the Census.

U.S. Census workers will not ask you for money or tell you that you owe money. They will not harass you or intimidate you into paying money or giving them your social security number. U.S. Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by email, so be vigilant about email scams impersonating the Census.

Participating in the 2010 Census Count is important but it is also important to know your rights and protect yourself from scammers who take advantage of the 2010 Census to con you out of your identity or your money.

If you're unsure whether or not you're the target of a Census-related scam, contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 or the Better Business Bureau at 503-212-3022. You may also want to visit the U.S. Census website at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) for more information.

# Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between October 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

1200 block Rock Creek Rd, Idleyld Park  
15000 block W Hwy 138, Oakland  
5500 block Elkhead Rd, Yoncalla  
2400 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg  
2100 block Frear St, Roseburg  
800 block Curry Rd, Roseburg  
100 block Pleasant St, Roseburg  
100 block Agape Ct, Roseburg  
100 block Greenhill Dr, Roseburg  
1600 block Moorea Dr, Roseburg  
800 block Fair Oaks Rd, Sutherlin  
6600 block Oakhill Rd, Umpqua  
13000 block S Hwy 99, Myrtle Creek  
100 block Bradley Dr, Canyonville  
3200 block Gazley Rd, Canyonville  
300 block Fourth Ave, Riddle  
100 block N Main St, Canyonville  
100 block SW Fourth St, Canyonville  
200 block W Second Ave, Riddle  
700 block Jodee St, Myrtle Creek  
1200 block Tunnel Rd, Glendale

## Thefts

200 block Commercial St, Gardiner  
2000 block Toketee Ranger Sta, Diamond Lk  
300 block Resort Dr, Diamond Lake  
300 block N Main St, Drain  
300 block N First St, Drain  
400 block B St, Elkton  
100 block Isabell St, Roseburg  
200 block Melba St, Roseburg  
800 block Fir Grove Ln, Sutherlin  
400 block Fir Vista Ln, Sutherlin  
4700 block Grange Rd, Green

400 block Maple St, Riddle  
100 block SW Fourth St, Canyonville  
300 block N Park St, Riddle  
300 block E First Ave, Riddle  
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville  
400 block Beals Creek Rd, Days Creek  
100 block Grant Ave, Myrtle Creek  
2000 block N. Myrtle Rd, Myrtle Creek  
100 block Rosalee Ln, Myrtle Creek  
400 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale  
800 block Autumn Ln, Azalea  
300 block Reuben Rd, Glendale  
300 block Woodley St, Glendale

## Thefts from Motor Vehicle

2000 block Thorn Prairie Rd, Diamond Lk  
100 block Third St, Yoncalla  
200 block Cleveland Loop Dr, Roseburg  
500 block NW Fairchild St, Canyonville  
200 block Pruner Rd, Riddle  
400 block Pacific Ave, Glendale

## Criminal Mischief

2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
100 block Timberlake Ave, Roseburg  
18000 block Dixonville Rd, Roseburg  
100 block Kristen Ct, Roseburg  
200 block Red Rd, Sutherlin  
500 block Plat I Rd, Sutherlin  
4600 block Carnes Rd, Green  
Hwy 42 / Charlene Ln, Tenmile  
600 block Willis Av, Glendale

## Motor Vehicle Thefts

500 block Main St, Yoncalla  
3000 block Hubbard Creek Rd, Umpqua  
8800 block Nonpareil Rd, Sutherlin  
100 block Second St, Dillard  
4300 block Hanna St, Green  
100 block Ester Ct, Myrtle Creek  
1800 block Weaver Rd, Myrtle Creek  
200 block Gael Ln, Myrtle Creek

## Drug Offense

1200 block Second St, Gardiner  
500 block E Railroad Ave, Reedsport  
1000 block Medicine Creek Rd, Diamond Lake  
400 block Harlan Ave, Drain  
1600 block Lookingglass Rd, Roseburg  
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg  
2500 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
400 block Edgewater Dr, Sutherlin  
800 block Meadowwood Dr, Winston  
4800 block Grange Rd, Green  
300 block Moonlight Ln, Canyonville  
Elliott Ave / S Main St, Canyonville  
First St / S Main St, Canyonville  
1800 block Weaver Rd, Myrtle Creek  
200 block Adams St, Myrtle Creek  
Chickering St / Hill St, Myrtle Creek  
200 block Celestial Way, Myrtle Creek  
100 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek  
Conrad St / Cook St, Myrtle Creek  
200 block Second St, Glendale



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Check our website for  
more crime stats

[www.dcsso.com](http://www.dcsso.com)