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Chief's Note

Public Safety works with city, county and federal agencies to investigate crimes, trade intelligence and prepare for emergencies.

We are NOT
"security".

A Brief History of LCC Department of Public Safety

Submitted by James Harris,
LCC Public Safety Officer 2

Lane Community College opened as a technical college in 1964 with a single worker providing physical security services. This employee checked doors and windows, unlocked classrooms and was not in any uniform.

As time went on, the campus grew and the Security Department expanded. In the 1980s and 1990s the Security Department increasingly hired former law enforcement professionals and progressed to an all blue uniform with a name badge identifying the person as security. Responsibilities of the Security Department included room scheduling, physical security checks (doors) and parking and traffic enforcement.

In the 1980s the private security industry petitioned the State of Oregon to implement a standardized requirement for training of security officers to improve the public perception of private security. This did come to pass, and Lane Community College was among the first to secure certification with the state, meeting or exceeding standards of the industry.

In 1999 the retiring manager of security was replaced with a retired Chief of Police Mike Mayer, who shifted the function of security from physical security to a focus on personnel safety and protection.

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Found Property

Submitted by Gina Walker,
LCC Public Safety Office Aid

You have only ten minutes to get to your next class and hurriedly dig through your backpack to find your cell phone and make a quick call. You're talking away, almost to class when you suddenly realize you have left the pack behind. Frantically, you race back to get it, only to find it's missing. Your wallet, homework and everything else important to you was in that pack and nobody seems to know where it went.

Later in the day, you wander over to Public Safety to report your backpack stolen. Score! Your feelings of panic and despair are relieved. A good Samaritan has turned in your property and now you know you will do the same when you find someone else's lost property.

Each term, hundreds of personal items are lost and stolen on campus. Public Safety manages a central lost and found service for



Public Safety Office Aid Sharon
Henson behind a stack of re-
cently turned in found property

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Officers You Should Know



Officer Tom Miller

Officer Miller began working with LCC Public

Safety in July of 2001, as an On Call officer. He was hired to full time a short time later.

Born in Kentucky, Officer Miller served in the US Navy Submarine Service as a Yeoman. In 1967, fresh out of the service, he began his career with the San Diego Police Department. Miller successfully completed a three month academy with San Diego PD.

Officer Miller moved to

Cottage Grove in January, 1978 and was hired by the Lane County Sheriff's Office as a deputy. He continued his career with LCSO until October of 1984, when county budget cuts forced lay offs of numerous county employees.

After leaving the sheriff's office, Officer Miller was appointed as the Contract Security Manager for the Weyerhaeuser Company in Springfield until May of 2001.

In his spare time, Officer Miller looks forward to spending time with his family, including three grandchildren, at his cabin in Central Oregon.

As is the case with all Public Safety officers, Miller holds a state certificate from the Oregon Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training. He also has an Associates Degree in Criminology.



Crime Tip of the Month

Auto Theft Prevention

Approx. one vehicle is stolen every 21 minutes in the United States. Since insurance rates increase when a car is taken, auto theft costs the victim time and money as well as society as a whole.

Car thefts typically occur where large groups of vehicles are parked for extended periods of time, such as while the driver is attending classes or working on campus. However, some vehicles are stolen within seconds of the driver leaving it. This is especially true if the vehicle is left running and unattended.

Here are some tips to help ensure YOU don't become a victim of auto theft:

- **Never leave your car running or with keys inside when you park.**
- **Always roll up the windows and secure the sunroof**
- **Lock your vehicle, even if you will only be away a few minutes.**
- **Never leave valuables in plain view. Either place these items in the trunk, cover or remove them**
- **Credit cards, vehicle titles and items containing personal identification should be left at home.**
- **Try to park in well-lit, high traffic areas whenever possible.**
- **If you have a security system, use it. Consider upgrading to a system that shuts off the fuel supply and prevents ignition by would-be thieves. You can also invest in a steering wheel locking device, such as a "Club".**
- **Record information about your car, such as license plate and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN #) and keep this information on your person.**
- **If your vehicle is stolen, REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY. The greater the likelihood that your vehicle information is given to Public Safety, the more likely it will be recovered and returned to you.**

Crime on Campus

*Select Cases on Campus January, 2011



- Jan 3 Harassment in Math/Science Building
Theft of jacket from Center Building
- Jan 4 Theft of backpack from Center Building
Theft of backpack from Center Building (separate incident)
- Jan 5 Theft of laptop from Center Building
Hit and Run in Lot B
Theft of wallet in Building One
- Jan 6 Assault in Building 24
- Jan 7 Harassment in Lot C
Harassment in Center Building
- Jan 10 Theft of a laptop at the DTC
Harassment in Lot B
- Jan 12 Hit and Run in Lot N
Hit and Run in Lot N (separate incident)
Theft of a laptop at the DTC
Hit and Run in Lot L
- Jan 13 Theft of medical equipment in Building 19
Harassment in Lot N
Harassment in Lot B
Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot B
- Jan 14 Theft of misc. items in Building 24
Theft of a backpack in Center Building
- Jan 18 Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot N
- Jan 19 Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot L
Theft of a wallet in Building 5
Harassment in the Center Building
Burglary in Building 11
- Jan 20 Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot L
Hit and Run in Lot F
- Jan 24 Theft of a wallet in Building 11
- Jan 25 Trespass in Lot N
Stalking in Building One
- Jan 27 Theft of an iPod and Bluetooth listening device from Building 7
Disorderly Conduct in the Center Building
- Jan 31 Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot E
Theft from a motor vehicle in Lot E (separate incident)

*This is only a partial list of calls responded to by Public Safety

Reporting Emergencies on Campus

Need to report an emergency on campus? Public Safety will ask you to relay pertinent information for the emergency responders. This information typically includes:

- Where the emergency is happening (be as specific as possible so help can arrive more quickly)
- What the nature of the emergency is
- Descriptions of suspects, including a detailed clothing description. Remember, responders may have to pick this person out of a crowd of students and staff.
- Any information regarding weapons or injuries

Stay on the line until the dispatcher disconnects with you.

**Have a crime tip?
Please call us with
at (541) 463-5558.**

**Crime emergency?
Call 541-463-5555.**



A Gentle Reminder:

Smoking is prohibited on campus, except in designated shelters. Shelters are located in Lots B, L, M and N. Individuals may smoke inside their vehicles as well.

Persons smoking outside the designated areas, may receive a citation, which includes a \$25 fine.

Need help quitting? Contact LCC's Health Clinic at 541 463-5665, or visit their website at: lanecc.edu/health clinic



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tection. To better identify this change in focus the department was renamed "Department of Public Safety". The officers were issued readily identifiable badges, shoulder patches for uniforms and decals for the patrol vehicles. In an attempt to promote this shift of duty, Mayer arranged an audience with the Vice President of Operations (Marie Matson) as a representative of the Lane Community College Board of Education and in unison, the staff swore an oath of office.

Today the Department of Public Safety has full time, part time and student staff totaling more than 20 persons. Public Safety provides 24-hour coverage of the campus 365 days a year. Within the Department there is in excess of 200 years of police and security experience, providing a wealth of knowledge that covers most Public Safety topics and concerns.

The current chief of Public Safety, Jace Smith, has extensive experience in Law Enforcement and Private Security operations and is actively moving LCC Public Safety into a highly professional, well trained and responsive department that is focused on service, community policing, student involvement and operational transparency.

The Department of Public Safety provides criminal investigation, traffic law enforcement, parking enforcement, emergency response, alarm service and educational programs to the campus. The department is a licensed agency with access to state and federal law enforcement databases and criminal investigative resources.

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the entire campus, located in Building 13 in the southeast section of campus. Everything that is brought to Public Safety is tagged with a unique number and logged. In order to retrieve property, individuals must fully describe the item(s) to Public Safety personnel.

Public Safety keeps most found property for one term before disposing of it. Items of higher value, such as cell phones, iPods, textbooks, etc., are held for 90 days.

Here are a few tips to avoid making unnecessary trips to Public Safety to search for lost items:

- Make your property less attractive to would-be thieves by plainly marking it with identifying marks, your name, special numbers or symbols.
- Leave valuables at home unless they are necessary for class
- Never leave items unattended and unsecured (even for a minute)

With a Grain of Salt

The "U" Turn

While driving his children to school, a father was running late, so he made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Oh, no!" the father exclaimed. "I just made an illegal turn!"

"Aw, don't worry, Dad," one child said. "The police cruiser behind us just did the same thing."



Link to Newsletter: Lanecc.edu/psd/newsletter.html

Your feedback is valuable to us! If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at thomasc@lanecc.edu

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