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Chief's Note

Public Safety has recently trained and certified Field Training Officers to manage the final part of training for new officers in the department. They represent some of the top officers in the department! Look for the "FTO" ribbon on their uniform shirts

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY ON CAMPUS

On January 27, at around noon, a female student reported that somebody tried to forcibly take her purse. This occurred in Lot B near the smoking shed.

The suspect is described as being a white male with red, curly hair and beard. At the time of the incident, he was reportedly wearing a black jacket or coat and possibly green BDU style pants.

Anyone with information regarding this case should call the Department of Public Safety at 463-5555 as soon as possible. Officer Michael Schneider is in charge of the investigation, but callers can report information to any on duty officer.

Public Safety Recruit Training

Over the past two weeks, six new on call Public Safety Officers (four on-calls and two Cooperative Student Cadets) have attended Public Safety's very first Training Academy.

Academy training consisted of 120 hours of law enforcement and Essential Skills courses, including Report Writing, Defensive Tactics, Oregon Laws, Traffic Enforcement, Patrol Procedures, Investigations, CPR/First Aid, Use of Aerosol Restraints, Citations, College Policies and Procedures, First Aid/CPR/AED, Technical

and Blood borne Pathogens, and numerous other subjects.

After completion of the Academy, these new recruits will up to five weeks of training with a Field Training Officer (FTO) to gain valuable hands-on experience under expert supervision.



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Officers You Should Know



Officer Michael "Mike" Thorne

Officer Michael "Mike" Thorne was born in Pocatello, Idaho and raised in Eastern Oregon. He graduated from Crane Union High School.

Officer Thorne worked for 20 years in the insurance/finance/banking business before attending and completing the Police Academy in Bossier City, Louisiana.

He served as a police officer With Louisiana Tech University Police, for 10 years, moving through the ranks to sergeant. At the University, Officer Thorne supervised the night patrol as well as communications.

Officer Thorne moved back to Oregon in 2007. He has been an officer with LCC Public Safety since January of 2011. Officer Thorne has one daughter, two sons and one grandson.

He enjoys most sports and outdoor activities, especially fishing and camping. Officer Thorne spends much of his off duty time with his two teenaged sons, who are involved with baseball and basketball. His daughter is attending college at the University of Louisiana and enjoys being a new mom!



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Recruit Training Cont.

Aside from the Public Safety Training Cadre, representatives From other agencies (Goshen Fire Department) and other Departments (Dawn Barth, Risk management, Helen Garrett, ASA, Nadine Wilkes, Health Center, and John Hamblin, Enrollment/Student Services) made tremendous contributions in preparing these new officers for work at Lane.



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To Call or Not to Call....that is the Question!

Jace L. Smith, Chief

The entire LCC campus has made great strides in improving crime reporting and assisting Public Safety's crime prevention and education efforts! Often reporting parties develop information (leads), and are able to respond in a timely fashion to calls, because complainants (victims and witnesses) contact Public Safety in a timely manner.

Unfortunately, even with the great improvements in communication, there are still *challenging* examples of communication misses that make it more difficult to assist campus members and other stakeholders with timely service delivery. These lapses often prevent officers from efficient response and impact the solvability of a criminal act or the appropriate response to inappropriate behavior.

E-mail

It is interesting and a little sad to note, that while e-mail is a great tool for everyday communication, it is not a timely or effective tool for law enforcement response to real-time situations. While infrequent, I still occasionally receive e-mails or voicemails about crimes that have happened near the time the message was left. "...Jace, just wanted to let you know that we have someone outside hanging around the entrance of our office area..."

This communication gets an "A+" for sharing important information with Public Safety, *however*, if the e-mail recipient does not receive the e-mail or the voicemail proximate to the incident, it is unlikely that Public Safety will be able to respond and investigate the matter or deal with the subject.

Phone Calls 5558/5555

Thanks to improvements in the phone tree at Public Safety, it is no longer necessary to hang up and call back if you call in on the emergency line (5555), however, it does signal a different response to officers when that phone rings. It has a distinctive ring.

That being said there is still a lot of confusion about when to use one number or the other.

For any emergency or any of the following: medical calls for assistance, fire incidents, maintenance incidents, accidents (personal/vehicular), criminal activity happening right *now*, utility failures, or other serious incident that impacts people or property at LCC, please use the emergency number – on campus: 5555. For non-emergencies such as calls for suspicious conditions, requests for services or information, questions about operations, and any other non-emergent information inquiry, contact the Public Safety at – 5558.

When in Doubt

Campus members who are not sure whether or not to call Public Safety or not, should call. Dispatchers and officers promise to be polite and professional and to refer you to another office or agency if they cannot assist you.

Remember, when you hesitate to report an observation, your piece of information may be a part of a larger tapestry of facts, calls, descriptions, and reported information. Your piece of the puzzle might be the difference between solving a crime, addressing a behavior, or saving a life!

Every minute that goes by when you do not call, lessens the chances of Public Safety or one of their partner agencies lending helpful, timely assistance.

Here for You

With all of these facts in mind, please help Public Safety help YOU to keep the campus safe. Encourage your students, staff members, and faculty members to report in a timely fashion. Public Safety will make every effort to use the information as quickly as resources allow. In addition, Public Safety promises to work diligently to prevent, interdict, and quickly respond to crimes on campus. Thank You!

Crime on Campus

***Select Cases From
December, 2011**



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

Dec 1	Harassment, Bldg. 1 Graffiti, Center Bldg
Dec 2	Graffiti, Center Bldg Theft of purse, Center Bldg
Dec 6	Possession Marijuana, Lot B Disorderly Conduct, Bldg. 3
Dec 7	Burglary, Bldg 19 Graffiti, KLCC
Dec 12	Suspicious Conditions, Lot B
Dec 15	Graffiti, Center Bldt
Dec 16	Suspicious Subject, Lot N
Dec 29	Medical Assist, Bldg 12

DRIVING THROUGH FLOOD WATERS

Due to recent heavy rainfalls, many portions of the Lane County area experienced unexpected flooding. In fact, in one county in Albany, a woman and child lost their lives due to accidentally driving in deep water.

Driving at speed through a flood can cause expensive damage. Even a small quantity of water sucked into the engine through the air intake will cause serious damage.

Do not drive through water if you do not know how deep it is. If the water is shallow enough for you to cross, try to drive toward the center of the road as this is where the water is usually shallowest. As you drive through the flood water, keep the engine revving by slipping the clutch. This prevents water in the exhaust which may stall the engine. Test your brakes as soon as you leave the water.

Never risk driving through fast moving water as your car can easily be swept away.

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

Sergeant Chantal Thomas, Editor in Chief

With a Grain of Salt

The Biker

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Pittsburgh, to Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He got as far as Altoona before the mountains became too much and he could go no farther.

He stuck his thumb out to hitchhike, but after 3 hours hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally, a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car.

The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he was going too fast, to honk the horn on his bike and that he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles.

Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other.

A short distance down the road, the two Corvettes, both going well over 120 mph, blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had two Corvettes headed his way at 120 mph.

He then relayed, "and you're not going to believe this, but there's a guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."

