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Chief's Note

Have a comment
about how Public
Safety is doing?
Please send an
e-mail to
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U of O Takes Over LCC Public Safety Dispatch

By Chantal Thomas, Officer 2

On March 1, the Public Safety Department at University of Oregon assumed after-hours dispatch responsibilities for LCC Public Safety. The University Public Safety Team is providing this service after hours, on weekends, and holidays. Their responsibilities include answering emergency lines, monitoring officers' radio traffic as well as dispatching officers to calls as-needed.



Formerly, the Junction City Police Department provided this dispatch service. "The University has provided some really terrific assistance and consultation during the switch", according to Public Safety Chief, Jace Smith. Phone calls and radio conversations will be recorded. This will provide vital information in emergency situations where the contents of the phone call or radio transmission is garbled or is later requested for legal purposes.

Officers on foot patrol and in vehicles routinely relay and receive information regarding crimes-in-progress, emergency medical assists, traffic hazards, citizen requests and non-urgent matters. University of Oregon dispatch provides a life-line for officers if they are injured or attacked on the job.



Officer Jake Ryker, on patrol

Currently, officers are on patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays and when campus is closed due to weather.

LCC Public Safety Officer James Harris has worked closely with Sgt. Hansen (University of Oregon Public Safety Department) to facilitate this process. There are additional licensing and compliance changes that will also take place in 2012.

Officers You Should Know



Officer James Harris

Officer James Harris began his career at Lane Community College Department of Public Safety in 1997 as a 'time-sheet' employee. Officer Harris was the first full-time hire in 1999 by the (then) new Director Mike Mayer.

In 2007, Katherine Vos promoted Officer Harris to Public Safety Officer 2.

During his time with the Lane Community College DPS, Officer Harris has been responsible for the training and supervision of the Federal Work Study and Cooperative Education students working in the that department.

He spearheaded access to Oregon State Police's LEDS, and the FBI's NCIC computerized crime databases.

Officer Harris is one of three state-licensed Private Security Instructor/Trainers in the Lane Community College Public Safety Department.

Currently Officer Harris is the Technical Lead for the Department of Public Safety with responsibilities including managing the new Access Control System, video surveillance systems, radio communication systems and maintaining the various department computers and databases.

Officer Harris is a native born Oregonian. He grew up in the Eugene area. After High School, Harris worked retail in Valley River Center until he was promoted to management. He has lived in Fresno, California; Salem, Oregon and Eugene with his family.

At age 30, with a wife and three young sons, Harris embarked on his second career as a Uniformed Private Security Officer, working at Valley River Center for five years. In 1989, he began working for the Junction City Police Department as a Reserve Patrol Officer and gained Solo Patrol status within one year of hire. In 1992, JCPD hired Harris as a full-time police officer.

During his time with JCPD, Harris also worked in communications, records and dispatch, as well as dispatching at the Oregon State Police office in Springfield.

Since that time, Officer Harris has worked as a 911 Call Taker/Dispatcher for both Clackamas County Communications in Oregon City and Willamette Valley Communications in Salem, Oregon.

Officer Harris graduated from the Lane County Reserve Officers Academies in 1989 and 2009. In addition, he attended the dispatch academy in Monmouth, Oregon.

Over the past 20 plus years, Harris has attended many seminars and training classes including Fatal Accident Reconstruction, Drug Interdiction, DUII enforcement, Incident Command training and advanced Clery Act training.

In the years just prior to coming to Lane Community College, Officer Harris worked with the Lane County Medical Examiner's office, assisting with transport and investigation of deaths in Lane County.

Officer Harris and his wife are very interested in

genealogy and researching their family histories. They both volunteer research for out of state genealogists. They enjoy photography, reading and learning new things. Harris loves to spend time with his family, including his sons and grandchildren.

Officer Harris currently holds multiple certifications with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Trainings – Private Security Division. His certifications include Executive Manager, Private Security Instructor and Unarmed Professional.

Officer Harris holds certification in LEDS at the general level and works with new-user training. Officer Harris is the database manager for Public Safety's various investigative and report programs. Officer Harris graduated from Lane Community College in 2005 with an Associate of General Studies degree and a minor in Computer Technology.

On Campus after hours?

Contact Public Safety at 5558.

Thank You! - COPPS

Crime on Campus

***Select Cases on Campus
March, 2011**



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

Feb 1 Possession of Controlled Substance, Lot L
Feb 2 Unlawful Entry into Motor Vehicle, Lot L
Feb 3 Disorderly Conduct, Building 1
Feb 7 Hit and Run, Lot L
Feb 9 Burglary, Center Building
Feb 10 Hit and Run, Lot N
Feb 14 Suspicious Person, Building 5
Feb 18 Theft of thumb drive, Building 1
Harassment, Center Building
Feb 19 Theft of cash, Building 5

Feb 20 Suspicious Conditions, Cottage Grove Campus
Feb 22 Burglary, Center Building
Feb 23 Theft of iPod, Building 5
Theft of electronic notebook, Building 5
Harassment, Center Building
Feb 25 Hit and Run, Lot L
Suspicious Persons, Building 30
Feb 28, Vandalism, Lot B

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

Crime Tip of the Month

• **Identity Theft Prevention on Campus**

Identity theft is a serious crime in Oregon. It occurs when personal identification or information is stolen and used without the victim's permission or knowledge with the intent to commit fraud, forgery or other crimes.

Purses, wallets and book bags are occasionally stolen from students, staff and visitors while on campus. Thieves routinely utilize stolen credit cards, checks, etc. for profit and for later use in stealing your identity. A few simple precautions can help prevent identity theft.

- **Never carry a Social Security Card on your person. This item should be securely kept in home safes or safety deposit boxes.**
- **Never give out personal information, PIN numbers, pass codes, etc. If someone is assisting you in setting up an online account, personally enter your PIN number when prompted to do so, only after ensuring your helper cannot see what you're typing.**
- **Safeguard purses, wallets, backpacks, etc. Never let them out of your sight, even for a few seconds.**
- **If your credit cards or other personal documents are stolen, report it immediately to Public Safety.**
- **Place a "Fraud Alert" on your accounts. A fraud alert notifies creditors to follow certain procedures before they open new accounts in your name or make changes to your existing account. You can initiate the process by contacting one of the following companies:**
 - **Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)**
 - **TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289**
 - **Equifax: 1-800-525-6285**
- **Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission online at ftc.gov/idtheft.**

What's New in Public Safety?

Public Safety Training and Inspection Photos

Public Safety Officers regularly attend uniform inspections and receive numerous hours of in-service training throughout the year. In addition to state-mandated training, officers receive instruction in report writing and other communication, use of force, gang recognition, explosives and a myriad of other topics.



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

Officer Chantal Thomas, Officer 2, Editor in Chief

Did You Know?

People parking on campus can receive citations at anytime during the term, depending on the nature of the violation, whether or not the driver has been warned in the past or how full the parking lots are.



The Department of Public Safety reminds students, staff and visitors to arrive early to ensure convenient parking is attainable. Riding a bike to campus can provide morning exercise, is economical and virtually assures a place to park. Taking the bus is always a good alternative.



With a Grain of Salt

Wedding Day

A police officer stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say," "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding... He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."