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Chief's Note

Have a flash drive on campus? Make sure you label it with your name and phone number, or that you place a document entitled, "This drive belongs to..." Public recovers and eventually destroys or recycles **hundreds** of flash drives a year.

Special Challenges Faced at the Downtown Center

Submitted by Lisa Rupp,
Downtown Center Officer

Lane Community College's Downtown Center (DTC), because of its location in the heart of Eugene, faces many unique challenges in its day-to-day operations.

Economic forces have added to these challenges and through the years there has been a decrease of Public Safety staffing at the Downtown Center. Unfortunately, criminals see this reduction in coverage as an opportunity.

This creates and often leads to many interesting challenges downtown. Occasionally, officers working at the DTC are asked if there is a real need for Public Safety to be posted at the DTC, because, after all, "nothing ever happens" there.

As the primary officer assigned to the DTC, I can definitely say that *plenty* goes on here and that having an officer present reduces the number of calls for assistance by students and staff.

Many of the more prolific troublemakers know when there are no officers on duty and tend to make their appearances during these absences. For instance, on one occasion, an intoxi-

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DEPARTMENT TRAINING

LCC Public Safety Officers are attending Defense Tactics training for the next several months. These courses focus on the use of officer tools, methods for controlling and detaining adversaries, and custodial procedures. All DPS Officers are required to not only show proficiency in this area, but to participate in future courses on an ongoing basis.

The Public Safety Department recently sent Officer Jake Ryker to become a state-certified Defense Tactics instructor.



Pictured Left to Right: Officer Jake Ryker (Instructor), Officer David Jones, Officer Chantal Thomas



Officer Ryker and Officer Ryan Sager

Officers You Should Know



Officer Mike Schneider

Officer Schneider was born at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene in 1973. In 1992, he graduated from Junction City High School.

Schneider enlisted in the US Army in 1994 and served until 1998 as a Cavalry Scout. Upon return to the Eugene area, he worked for the Lane County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer. He attended the Corrections Academy in Monmouth.

Officer Schneider was hired as a part time Public Safety Officer at Lane Community College in January of 2001. At the same time, he worked as a Loss Prevention Specialist for Hewlett Packard. Schneider left Oregon for a year and worked for Public Safety at Siena College in New York State. Shortly after he returned to Oregon, he was hired as a full time

Public Safety Officer with Lane Community College.

Officer Schneider is a member of Public Safety's Bike Patrol. He is also the Assistant Technical Specialist for the department and is proficient in the use of the Access Control System.

Officer Schneider attended college at Lane and attained his Associates Degree in Computer User Support.

In his off duty time, Officer Schneider enjoys hunting, swimming, skiing, working on his computer skills and spending quality time with his family.

IT'S GETTING DOGGONE HOT OUTSIDE!



The temperature inside a parked vehicle can get up to 40° above the outside temperature within an hour. Your dog can suffer heat stroke within minutes or even *die!* Even vehicles parked in the shade can become deadly.

Please leave dogs at home during the warm weather!

Downtown Center Issues (*continued*)

cated male entered the building, claiming that he wished to sign up for classes. He approached the front counter and asked for assistance with using the computer. A female employee went out to the lobby to assist him and he tried to grab her arm. She asked him not to touch her and he said he just wanted some help. After repeated direction from a second employee, he finally left.

Occasionally, there are problems involving students. Examples include students fighting, threats to classmates and staff, "student-to-teacher" fixated behavior, and general disruption in the classroom. One incident occurred inside the DTC building and continued to the Lane Transit District terminal. This incident resulted in an assault on the bus and one student was arrested.

Since the DTC is located within Eugene, the Eugene Police Department has been called to assist on many occasions. In December, for example, a DTC employee found a male laying in front of the doorway, drinking a beer. She reported it to Public Safety and EPD was called. This occurred at 9:30 AM. The Director of Continuing Education asked the male on three separate occasions to leave the area. The intoxicated male entered the building at least once to use the restroom. When the scheduled Public Safety Officer arrived, the male was still there and, due to higher priority calls, EPD had not yet been able to send an officer. There were several empty cans lying next to the male, who was then sleeping in front of the doorway to the building. The Public Safety Officer woke him up and asked him to leave, and he did so without incident.

Public Safety deters criminal activity and it is only a visible, engaged officer that discourages crime and disorder problems.

The new downtown campus will have expanded staffing and should provide residents, students, staff and faculty with peace of mind and a feeling of overall security.

Crime on Campus

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



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

June 1	Disorderly Conduct, Building 6
June 3	Theft from vehicle, Lot L
June 6	Suspicious Conditions, Building 7
	Theft from vehicle, Lot 1
	Theft of vehicle, Lot L
June 7	Theft of vehicle, Lot L
June 9	Theft of purse, Building One
	Vandalism, Building One
June 10	Vandalism, Lot L
June 14	Medical Assist, Building 24
	Trespass, Lot L
	Suspicious Conditions, Center

June 16	Theft of Recyclable Cans, Lot B
	Vehicle Accident, Lot N
June 20	Warrant Arrest, Center
	Disorderly Conduct, Center
June 21	Disorderly Conduct, Building One
June 22	Warrant Arrest
June 23	Menacing, Ramp Area
June 27	Vandalism, Lot B
June 28	Suspicious Conditions, Building 5
June 29	Suicidal Subject, Main Campus



Crime Tip of the Month

Using the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Wisely and Safely

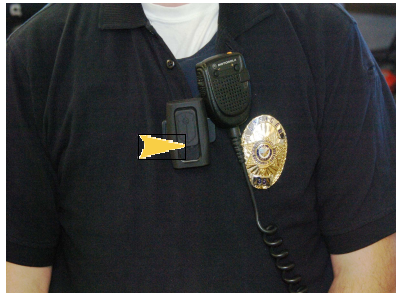
- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located in a well-lit area. Pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings. Avoid selecting machines located at the corner of a building—corners create blind spots.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Maintain an awareness of your surroundings throughout the entire transaction. Be wary of people trying to help you in using the machine. Never allow anyone to look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN.
- Do not count your cash at the machine or in public. Wait until you are in a safe place.
- Do not throw your ATM away anywhere in the area where the machine is located.
- When leaving the area, be sure you are not followed.
- NEVER share your PIN number with anyone! Memorize your PIN, never write it on the back of your card. If the machine eats your card, do not re-enter the number. Instead, contact a bank official as soon as possible.



Lane Community College Through a Public Safety Officer's Eyes

Some Lane Community College Public Safety Officers are utilizing a small camera device called *CopVu* (pronounced "cop view"), to record whatever they see and hear during everyday operations..

CopVu is an ultra-compact, fully self-contained wireless video system composed of a miniature color battery-powered camera with integrated wireless video transmitter and receiver for local broadcast of video information. The camera may be clipped to an officer's shoulder or chest and due to its small size, is very unobtrusive.



CopVu system clipped onto officer's uniform shirt

At 10' to 15' away, you can still make out an individual's characteristics in terms of facial features, hands, etc. This can be important if a person runs from officers or otherwise eludes contact. Officers are able to later identify the person in question and make contact with them at a later time.

There are several advantages of using the *CopVu* system. It can record an officer's view of a particular situation and if there is a complaint lodged against an officer, the video can be a completely unbiased witness. Also, the officer is allowed to refresh his or her memory when writing reports or prior to testifying in court. The video ensures that officers follow established procedures and expectations.

The Department of Public Safety has purchased several *CopVu* units and soon all officers will be required to use them.

Did You Know?

Students on campus may be charged with a Code of Conduct Violation for failing to comply with college officials or law enforcement officers (including Public Safety) acting in the performance of their duties, or failing to identify oneself when requested to do so?

Ramifications for violation of this section may result in probation, loss of special privileges for a time period, loss of ALL privileges, suspension or even expulsion.

For further information, please visit the link at:

<http://www.lanecc.edu/cops/conduct.htm>

LCC employees who do not comply with similar rules may face sanctions from their department heads or even Human Resources.

With a Grain of Salt

"How long have you been driving without a tail light?" asked the policeman after pulling over a motorist.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car, and gave a long, painful groan.

He seemed so upset that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

"Come on, now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't?" cried the motorist. "Then you know what happened to my boat and trailer?"

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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