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Challenging Conversations: Actions Speak Louder Than Words
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There are some basic needs that individuals must have in order to teach, learn, work (in general), and to allow for productivity. Heat or AC, light, and work tools are some of those basic needs. In addition to those, a feeling of safety or security is probably an important additional need. If individuals feel unsafe or at risk then, they are less likely to be productive or comfortable in the environment.

By that reasoning, like Facilities, Public Safety touches on an enormous amount of college operations and people. Every building, every office, every classroom is within the scope of Public Safety's responsibility. Add to these structures, the parking lots (4000 parking spaces), on campus roadways and the entire 150 acres from the main campus, and one can quickly gain an appreciation for the service footprint of officers.

The recognition that support services play a critical role in the facilitation of the college's core mission is vital. Even if an individual contested the scope of services, the types of services are recorded daily.

The typical campus member will have to decide whether it is important to solve or prevent thefts and burglaries, respond to felony-level crime, slow motor vehicle traffic down on campus, ensure that parking is administered fairly to everyone on campus, resolve disputes, partner in the judicial process for students, battery packs, register sex-offenders, manages campus access controls, collaborative investigation with other LE agencies, teach, train, drill... etc.

So, Public Safety works diligently to accomplish these tasks and touches, (indirectly or directly) the lives of everyone on campus, everyday (24/7).

With these largely incontrovertible facts in mind, why is it that the Public Safety Department is partially housed within inarguably the shabbiest, temporary buildings on campus? These buildings, temporary constructs that were never intended for permanent positions on campus, are more than 20 years past their predicted service life.

What does it say about how this Department is valued that the institution does not engage in a meaningful discussion about a permanent, up to date facility for one of the core agencies that enables the college's mission?

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In fairness to Public Safety's partners in Facilities, Management, and Planning, they have been extremely supportive in the numerous efforts made to improve the livability of this antiquated structure.

Improvements include: the construction of a storage shed in the rear lot, expansion of staff space so that officers could have a Locker room to change into and not a bathroom, new floors for the bathrooms in Public Safety, a remote unlock for the main entrance, planters on the exterior, recent power washing of the moss from the roof, additional parking chocks, sign mounting, bulletin board mounting, and a commitment to pave the first part of the parking area and drive way by June of 2015.

There continue to be challenges to this space. The availability of hot water in the break room (2 minutes), the lack of hot water in the female bathroom, and the limited hot water in the male bathroom are all problems.

The walkways into Public Safety are slowly deteriorating because water pools on them and does not drain well in spite of the holes drilled into them. Also, animals frequent the crawl spaces beneath each temporary building. These include feral cats and raccoons.

Our Primary Focus is the Academic Mission.

Some would argue that investing resources in a support service, no matter how critical the service, is inconsistent with the current budget and enrollment challenges that Lane Community College continues to experience. However, economics might have a surprising and effective counter-argument for creating a more appropriate space for Public Safety.

Imagine, a Public Safety Regional Center that provides state of the art facilities for not only Public Safety services but for all Public Safety related classes. In fact, in such a model the course offerings would expand and more fully meet the marketplace needs for residents within 100 miles of Lane Community College.

In particular, such a Regional Center would house the Criminal Justice and Emergency Medical Technician programs and new Corrections and Fire Science programs. The latter examples are needed to prepare individuals interested in these career areas. Additionally, this center could provide a place for re-certification and refresher training for individuals in all areas of Firefighting, Law Enforcement, and Corrections (community corrections, correctional officer, etc).

There are rich market opportunities for increased enrollment, community-centered service, and appropriate support of the existing Public Safety Department. Also, because the markets for these career areas are constantly in demand and the training programs often limited to one or two year as the industry standard certifications, the successful completion and placement rates should be quite high.

In such a model, it is also possible to imagine program participants contributing to community safety by working as interns, cooperative education students, or service learning opportunities during the last part of their education.

Win-Win

Public Safety deserves the support of the thousands of community members that are served at the campuses of Lane Community College. Certainly a serious conversation and exploratory effort should be made to include this project (or one like it) as a possible area for exploration in the next few years and the next Bond project.





Officer Curtis Oliver

Officer Curtis Oliver was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, but grew up in Mobile, Alabama. Officer Oliver was an active member of the ROTC program and graduated from Lilly B. Williamson High School, home of the Mighty Lions.

Officer Oliver's best friend moved to Oregon and loved it. In 2004 Oliver was given the opportunity to move to pass on the opportunity. Of-foked back, even though he family. Oliver moved to nself and prove to his family t there is more to life than the nvironment they grew up in, in bama.

Officer Oliver has worked at Skywest and Delta Global Services. He enjoyed working there because it gave him an opportunity to travel across the United States and see various different cities. Oliver would like the op-

portunity to travel outside of the United States, and especially to back pack in Europe, and visit Thailand.

Officer Oliver was hired at LCC Public Safety in early 2014, after going through an exasperating hiring process, including a back ground check, physical testing, and drug screening. Officer Oliver, after being hired, completed the LCC Public Safety Academy and an extensive Field Training program.

Officer Oliver is currently training to get certified as a basic EMT, and he is working on getting his certification for LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System).

Officer Oliver chose to pursue law enforcement because he likes being able to help people. Officer Oliver shared that in Alabama, it seems, over half of the population does not trust law enforcement, or they are afraid of them. Officer Oliver is passionate about changing this type of mindset.

Officer Oliver loves working at LCC Public Safety but in the next five to ten years sees himself working as a police officer. Oliver would like to work somewhere that will allow an opportunity to work in different parts of law enforcement and that will help him accomplish different personal goals he has set for himself.



Who else should I Know?



Gene served for 5 years in the United States Navy where he was deployed for Operations Desert Shield/Storm, taking him to Saudi Arabia, and Operation Restore Home, taking him to Somalia. Gene moved to Oregon in 2001, and eventually to Eugene in 2013, and became a volunteer firefighter in Salem.

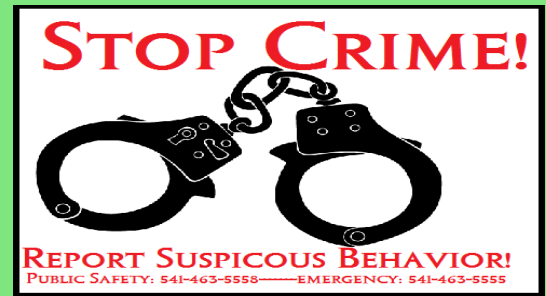
Gene is currently studying GIS (Geographic Information Systems) at LCC, and works in a GIS lab. Gene also works as an official for high school sports.

Gene has been with LCC Public Safety since September of 2014 serving as an on-call dispatcher. Gene is certified in LEDS (Law Enforcement Database System), and volunteers with C-CERT.

Genes hobbies consist of hiking, snow skiing, and visiting the coast. Gene enjoys local micro-brew, and cooking. “Other than that. sunsets, pretty women, and long walks on the beach!”

Calls for Service

*Select Cases from Feb, 2015



02/01/2015: Officer responded to a report of two people trespassing at the Down Town Residence.	02/13/2015: Officer responded to a report of theft at the Down Town Residence.
02/02/2015: Officers responded to a theft of personal property at the Down Town Residence.	02/13/2015: Officers responded to a report of Offensive Littering on the West Access Road.
02/03/2015: Officers responded to medical emergency in Building Five.	02/13/2015: Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle on West Access Rd.
02/03/2015: Officers responded to suspicious conditions/drug activity on the South Access Road	02/15/2015: Officer responded to disorderly subject at the Down Town Academic and North Alley.
02/04/2015: Officers responded to a possible road hazard/deceased deer at 30th Ave and Forest Blvd.	02/15/2015: Officer responded to suspicious vehicle parked at Gonyea and waste water treatment.
02/05/2015: Officers responded to a medical-welfare check near Dale Parnell Loop.	02/16/2015: Officer responded to suspicious subjects on campus after hours.
02/06/2015: Officers responded to suspicious conditions concerning the Center building doors.	02/17/2015: Officer responded to trespass in progress at Down Town Academic.
02/06/2015: Officer discovered new graffiti on the Old Down Town Center.	02/17/2015: Officer responded to a report of Harassment at Building Six.
02/07/2015: Officers recovered contraband/drug paraphernalia.	02/18/2015: Officer responded to theft in progress in Lot M.
02/08/2015: Officer responded to suspicious circumstances at the Down Town Academic building.	02/18/2015: Officer responded to a report of threats or intimidation at Building Fifteen.
02/09/2015: Officers responded to medical emergency in Building Twelve.	02/18/2015: Officer responded to possible hit and run that occurred in Lot M.
02/10/2015: Officer discovered graffiti at Down Town Residence.	02/20/2015: Officer responded to Down Town Residence for possible theft of laundry.
02/10/2015: Officer responded to suspicious subjects trespassing at the Down Town Residence.	02/20/2015: Officer responded to medical emergency at Building Five.
02/11/2015: Officer responded to a call of harassment between two students.	02/23/2015: Officers responded to a medical emergency at Building Eleven.
02/11/2015: Officers discovered graffiti on the Old Down Town Center building.	02/23/2015: Officer responded to a reported theft of a bicycle from the Titan Court Bike Locker.
02/11/2015: Officers discovered graffiti on the Down Town Residence building.	02/23/2015: Officer responded to a reported theft of laundry from the Down Town Residence.
02/11/2015: Officers discovered contraband/drug paraphernalia turned into lost and found.	02/24/2015: Officers responded to a report of a student in possession of a controlled substance.
02/12/2015: Officers responded to suspicious conditions, possible car prowler in Lot M.	02/25/2015: Officer responded to a report of a reckless driver in Lot B, and Lot A.
02/12/2015: Officer responded to vehicle accident on Eldon Schafer.	02/26/2015: Officer took report of disorderly conduct/telephonic harassment.
02/12/2015: Officer took report of telephonic harassment.	02/26/2015: Officer responded to a report of students in possession of a controlled substance in Lot B.
02/12/2015: Officer took report of a theft of a laptop.	02/27/2015: Officers responded to odor investigation/ in Building Five.

MAKING GOOD CHOICES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Article: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

As Americans around the country prepare to mark the St. Patrick's Day holiday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is reminding drivers not to get behind the wheel if they've had too much to drink. NHTSA analyses show alcohol-impaired crashes claimed a life every 51 minutes in 2010. On St. Patrick's Day alone, 32 percent of fatalities from motor vehicle crashes were connected to drunk driving.

Safety Tips:

- Designate your sober driver or have an alternate transportation plan before the party begins.
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself – eat enough food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.
- Never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive and have had too much to drink.
- Always buckle up – it's still your best defense against other drunk drivers.

If you are hosting a party:

- Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.
- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange alternate transportation.
- Serve lots of food and include lots of non-alcoholic beverages at the party.
- Stop serving alcohol some time before the end of the party and begin serving coffee and dessert.

Keep the numbers for local cab companies handy, and take the keys away from anyone who has had too much



Be Informed: Cougars

Article: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us>

According to Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), there is a climbing population of over 5,000 cougars that range throughout the state of Oregon.

Their primary food source is deer, but they will also consume elk, raccoons, bighorn sheep, and other mammals and birds. Cougars are territorial animals and maintain home ranges of up to 100 miles. Most active at dawn and dusk, cougars are lone hunters.

They are generally solitary animals, except for mothers who remain with kittens for about two



years. While actual cougar sightings have increased, coyotes, bobcats and dogs are often mistaken

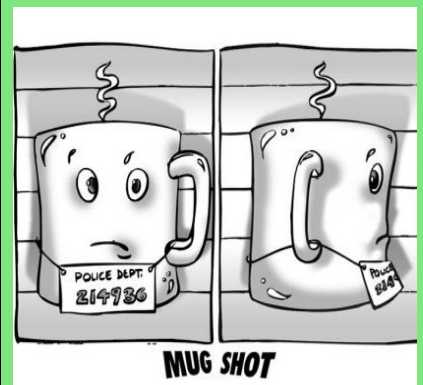
for cougars.

A cougar can be identified by its large size, cat-like appearance, consistent tan or tawny body color, and long tail. An adult cougar's tail can be nearly three feet long.

If you see a cougar on or near campus report the sighting to Public Safety at 541-463-5558.

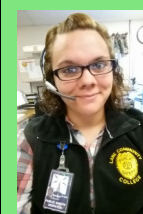
If you encounter a cougar:

- Leave the animal a way to escape.
- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.
- Do not run. Running triggers a chase response.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.
- If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with sticks, or other available tools.



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