

# SAFER CAMPUS



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### Chief's Note

#### Active Shooter Incidents on Rise

The FBI recently reported a rise in the frequency of incidents classified as, "Active Shooter" incidents. Is your department prepared? FREE training and assistance provided by Public Safety-5558.



## Corporal Rupp Named Classified Employee of the Month

For the first time in Lane Community College history, a Public Safety employee has been chosen as Classified Employee of the Month. This award is given, each month, to employees who provide outstanding service directly to the college, its employees, and/or students. Representatives of the Classified Professional Development Team joined Public Safety staff to present Cpl. Rupp with the award.

Cpl. Rupp began working at LCC June 1997 as a bookstore clerk and has since held positions in the mailroom, facilities and Public Safety where she is now a Corporal and Lead Public Safety Officer II. Corporal Rupp successfully managed a brand new scheduling system that has integrated the 1039 hour rule, staff needs, special projects, vacations illness, and FMLA leaves with the essential and mandatory staffing minimums required by Public Safety.

Corporal Rupp has also been the primary leader in organizing and delivering sexual assault prevention and education information to the students, staff, and faculty of Lane. She also made a suggestion to give a soda or coffee to persons who were complying with the tobacco policy. This is great leadership and this idea is under preliminary development. She has done a stellar job as the Public Safety representative on the Tobacco Free Committee.

Corporal Rupp has made many vital contributions to the Public Safety Department, the entire college, and the people of the community. She is selfless and tireless, and has earned the respect and admiration of her peers and many people in the college community.

Congratulations, Corporal Rupp, we are all very proud of you!





# Officers You Should Know

## Officer Francisco Herrera



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Officer Herrera graduated from Gateways High School in 2008.

In 2011, Officer Herrera enlisted

in the Army National Guard.

In early 2013, Officer Herrera applied for and was chosen to participate in LCC Public Safety's Cadet Program. Herrera completed the department's grueling Academy, which consisted of learning Oregon Laws as well as rules and regulations of the campus, Patrol Procedures, Professionalism and Ethics, Civil Liability and Cultural Awareness, Defensive Tactics, Arrest Techniques, Incident Command, Emergency Procedures, and many, other courses. Herrera then endured several more weeks of Field

Training with a seasoned Public Safety Trainer.

In December of last year, Officer Herrera completed the Cadet Program and was selected to become a part time Public Safety Officer for the department.

Officer Herrera has attended Lane Community College since Fall of 2009. He is a Criminal Justice major.

In his spare time, Officer Herrera enjoys working out at the gym and spending time with his two young sons.

## GAS LEAK SHUTS DOWN MATH & SCIENCE BUILDING

The Math and Science Building was shut down for nearly five hours after a gas leak was discovered on Friday, January 10th, 2014.

Public Safety was notified at approx. 9:15 a.m. of a "Suspicious Odor". When officers arrived and entered the lower east wing of the building, they discovered the overwhelming odor of natural gas. They immediately evacuated the building and requested fire department response. The Sgt. Thomas assumed command of the incident and evacuated the building along with the other duty officer, Officer Miller. The Chief arrived on the scene shortly thereafter along with Goshen Fire, Crews from Facilities Management and Planning (FMP), and Northwest Natural Gas. The source of the gas was eventually located. Members of the Emergency Planning Team worked with Public Safety to staff this incident, deal with the press, send out emergency communications, and determine when the building reopen. Faculty and staff also did a remarkable job of evacuating and assisting in this emergency.



With gas turned off and the area ventilated, individuals were permitted to retrieve their belongings. The building was reopened after repairs were made.

Two officers suffered minor symptoms from over-exposure to gas fumes, however no other injuries were reported. Overall, the incident was handled well although The Emergency Planning Team will implement information from the lessons learned.



## Crime on Campus

*\*Select Cases on Campus*  
December, 2013



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

### Dec 2

- **Missing Person**—Caller concerned about resident who did not come home. Person later returned home safely.
- **Possession of Controlled Substance**—Suspect found in possession of Demethoxyamphetamine (“DOC”)
- **Disorderly Subjects**—Verbal dispute in Cafeteria
- **Vehicle Accident**—Vehicle crash in Lot B
- **Criminal Mischief**—Damage to a No Trespassing sign at the Downtown Campus

### Dec 3

- **Medical Emergency**—Student collapsed
- **Medical Emergency**—Pregnancy complications

### Dec 4

- **Outside Agency Assist**—Assisted Sheriff’s Deputies in locating wanted subject

### Dec 7

- **Safety Hazard**—Officers noticed and rectified hazard due to large icicles.

### Dec 9

- **Building Alarm**—Alarm activated by burst pipes in basement

### Dec 11

- **Criminal Mischief**—sign vandalized at Downtown Campus

### Dec 12

- **Smoke Alarm**—Alarm activated by burned food at Downtown Residence

### Dec 13

- **Hit and Run**—Property damage done to vehicle in Lot L

### Dec 15

- **Flooding**—Officer on foot patrol found basement flooding in old DTC

### Dec 16

- **Dispute**—Verbal argument between male and female, resolved

### Dec 17

- **Suspicious Conditions**—Exterior building

door propped open, building searched and secured.

- **Graffiti**—Graffiti on Library restroom wall

### Dec 18

- **Welfare Check**—Person in wheelchair appeared to be lost

### Dec 19

- **Lost Child**—Toddler reported to be unattended, officer re-united child with his parent.

### Dec 20

- **Found Contraband**—Drug paraphernalia found in garbage can

### Dec 22

- **Graffiti**—Graffiti found in various locations around campus

### Dec 23

- **Graffiti**—Graffiti located at the Downtown Campus
- **Trespass**—Female trespassed from campus due to disorderly behavior

### Dec 24

- **Flooding**—Officer on patrol discovered flooding in Building 7

### Dec 26

- **Possible Stolen Vehicle**—Officer discovered vehicle with ignition punched and radio missing, resolved

### Dec 27

- **Welfare Check**—Officers checked on employee working late

### Dec 28

- **Trespass**—Subject on campus after everything was closed

### Dec 30

- **Public Indecency**—Male subject urinating in the bushes

### Dec 31

- **Suspicious Conditions**—Child screaming in the woods, officers responded and determined two children were not in danger



## Efforts Improve Fire Safety

The Emergency Planning Team (EPT), Public Safety, and area campus partners are working together to improve fire safety for students, staff, and faculty.

Recently drills have been held in the Downtown Residential area, the Downtown Academic campus, and the Main, Florence, Cottage Grove, and Aviation campuses.

These drills have been both unannounced and announced and have utilized the existing fire alarms systems to alert occupants.

The drills are one aspect of a comprehensive effort to improve fire safety and compliance for Lane Community College.

Other efforts include a review of system functionality, fire extinguisher maintenance, and an orientation of campuses by key Public Safety personnel.

According to Jace Smith, Director of Emergency Preparedness, one of the biggest challenges to a good fire safety program is getting

building occupants to understand and appreciate the fire alarm. The faster people respond when an alarm goes off, the better

***“Hear a Fire Alarm going off? Cooperate, Evacuate.”— Jace Smith, Director of Emergency Prepared-***

return to their activity. When students, staff, or employees don't evacuate it creates an inherently dangerous situation for officers and fire fighters. These

first responders will ensure that everyone is out of a building during an alarm. If the alarm is false, remaining in a building delays when everyone may finally re-enter a space.

Staying in a building and guessing whether it is a drill, malfunction, or a fire is just stupid. Why gamble with your life?

After evacuating remain outside until an officer or fire fighter directs you to re-enter. Do NOT assume that a silenced alarm means that it is safe to re-enter.

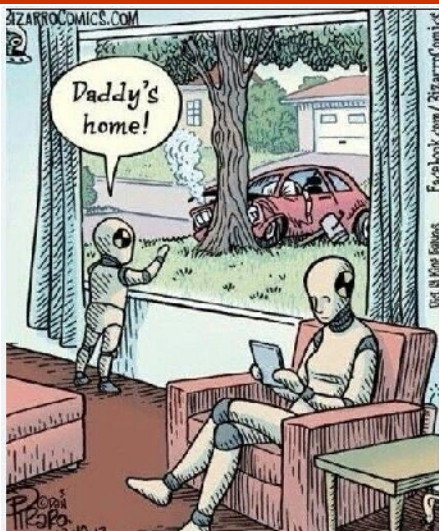


## Public Safety Officer Attends FEMA Training in Alabama

Chris Hanneson, a corporal in the Public Safety Department at Lane Community College, has completed certified Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents through the Center for Domestic Preparedness operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. CBRNE training covers emergency response for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive incidents.

"This rigorous training helps prepare Lane and the community in the event of emergency," said LCC Public Safety Chief Jace Smith. "We're very proud of Corporal Hanneson and we admire his level of commitment to safety on campus and beyond."

Corporal Hanneson will be attending additional training through the FEMA program.



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