

# SAFER CAMPUS



## Lane Community College Public Safety In Service to Higher Education

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### Chief's Note

Most thefts occur when individuals are careless with their belongings. Do not leave valuables unattended, report all crimes, and secure areas when you are leaving work, study, or play areas.



### Joke of the Month

A policeman pulls a man over for speeding and asks him to get out of the car.



After looking the man over he says, "Sir, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?"

The man gets really indignant and says, "Officer, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating doughnuts?"

### Fall Security Reminder

Fall term brings a lot of people to campus, and with them, a lot of cars. Unfortunately criminals know this and take advantage of it. Remember to keep your valuables out of plain sight and don't forget that backpacks are a sign to thieves that valuables are sitting in your seat.

### July - October Crime Statistics

108 Traffic stops  
102 Suspicious conditions/subjects  
79 Smoking violation stops  
52 Fire alarms  
37 Medical emergencies  
30 Counts of graffiti  
26 Parking violations  
20 Reported thefts  
16 Public assists  
11 Cases of found controlled substances (drugs)  
11 Motor vehicle accidents  
7 Counts of harassment  
7 Skateboarding violation stops  
6 Animal welfare checks  
6 Trespasses  
5 Stolen vehicles  
5 Hit and runs  
5 Missing Persons  
4 Counts of stalking  
3 Intoxicated subjects  
2 Counts of burglary  
1 Assault

# Bike thefts

## *How to avoid being a victim*

We all know that the Eugene/Springfield area has a thriving bicycle culture. Students, staff, and general members of the community utilize bicycles for many reasons ranging from not having a car to environmental friendliness. For many people their bike is their only mode of transportation to get to work or school.

Unfortunately there are individuals within our community who prey on bicyclists. With a large demand for bicycles and an abundance of unsecured or improperly secured bicycles, thieves thrive stealing bikes and Eugene Police crime statistics show it.

According to the Eugene Police Department, 846 bikes were stolen in 2011, 848 stolen in 2012, and in the first three months of 2013 there was a 64% jump in the number of bikes stolen compared to 2012. According to Eugene Police, one bike is stolen every ten hours or 2.3 per day.

**To avoid being the victim of bike theft, follow these few easy steps:**

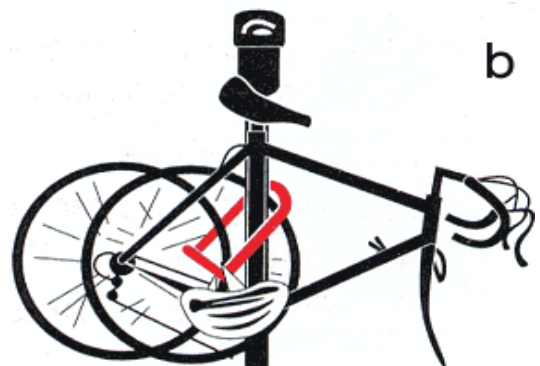
1) Secure your bike., plain and simple. There are far too many people who do not secure their bike or who do not secure it properly. Many people understand that their frame must be secured to a solid, immobile object, but many people do not think about the tires or the seat. Included to the right are two images which depict two methods for properly securing your bike. Below you can see an image depicting how to properly secure your bike seat to avoid it being stolen.



2) Take your bike inside. Whenever possible, store your bike inside. Bike thieves may be brazen but it is unlikely that they will be willing to break into your home or garage to steal a bike when there are so many bikes that they can steal without committing felony burglary.

4) Get good locks. There are flimsy locks that a good set of bolt cutters will tear right through and there are locks that will give a thief a challenge. Choose the latter.

3) Lock your bike in a sensible area. Take your bike to a well lit highly populated area. Thieves are not going to walk up with a pair of bolt cutters and steal your bike when there are people in the area.



Optional seat tether  
for even more security



# Working with EPD at the new Downtown Buildings

By Officer Richard Smith

With the installation of the new Downtown Campus and associated Residential Facility, Public Safety has revamped security protocols, which includes improving the working relationship with the Eugene Police Department (EPD).

When planning the new buildings, Public Safety collaborated with EPD to produce crime statistics maps as well as plans for emergencies, parking, and to control crime.

Over the last year there have been 236 documented incidents. These include fire alarms, smoking violations, medical emergencies, trespasses, warrant service, graffiti issues, and several other categories common downtown.

The calls for service do not include the countless people who are assisted daily with directions, information, door locks/unlocks, and other minor services and concerns.

A pivotal concern addressed during the planning of the new building was how to prevent crime and ensuring the safety of students, residents, and community members who utilize the LCC facilities.

EPD has a substation in the building that provides officers a station from which they can work and provide a police presence in the area. In addition to the police presence, Public Safety Officers conduct frequent patrols through and around the buildings and monitor several cameras located around the buildings.

If crimes or violations occur, a Public Safety Officer will respond. If the situation dictates, the Officer will request an EPD Officer also be dispatched to assist with the situation.

The relationship with EPD has proven beneficial when contacting individuals who are volatile or who have warrants.

Public Safety's relationship with the Lane County Sheriff's Office has been vital in handling issues with the new buildings, especially with found or seized drugs.

Many students and community members secure their bikes in and around the Downtown Campus. Bike theft has been a growing issue. Recently, a Public Safety Officer noticed a suspicious individual loitering around and inspecting a group of bicycles. The officer contacted the individual who, saw her and threw the bike seat he had just removed before he took off running. The officer who interrupted the theft was able to return the seat to its owner.

Eugene has also been instrumental in dealing with the new buildings' unique set of issues. The city, for example, has increased enforcement of a city ordinance banning smoking within 25 feet of the building.



The City has also recognized Public Safety's need for two emergency vehicle parking spots. In addition, municipal parking officials have established an intergovernmental agreement with LCC Public Safety to enforce parking regulations. The Department has been trained to write city parking citations for this purpose.

The city of Eugene and LCC Public Safety are partnering for a safer, more secure community. These beginnings point toward a bright future for these efforts!

# Officers You Should Know



## Officer Kasi Jackson

Officer Jackson started training in June 2012. She made entry through the Criminal Justice-Public Safety Cadet program.

The program gives students without experience school credits and the tools needed to succeed as an Officer.

After completing 6 months in the program, Jackson was promoted to the position of Public Safety Officer with the department. This summer Officer Jackson was married.

“Being the first point of contact for people who are concerned or need our help is the



best part of my job. At times, Public Safety [is] the only [agency] around to assist the public, students, or other staff members to resolve their issues” said Jackson.

Officer Jackson has completed her Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice at Lane Community College in December 2012. Jackson started a Bachelor’s of Science program online with Portland State University . The program takes approximately 2 years to complete.

## **DRIVING TIPS FOR WET WEATHER**

*Article by: Officer N. Smith*



With the passing of the seasons, the changing of the leaves and the transition from the hot dry weather of summer to a cooler climate there will be more storms. Please remember some simple fall weather driving tips.

All summer long oil, coolant and lubricants have been leaking from cars onto the roadway. The first rains of the fall season will bring these fluids to the top of the roadway and can create a slick unstable platform for your car. Because that this is the Pacific Northwest, extra vigilance is needed at the start of the Fall season and wet weather driving over-confidence is a factor leading to increased numbers of

accidents this time of year.

With the impending inclement weather, remember that if your wipers are going, your headlights should be on. Keeping headlights on in bad weather or other low visibility environments increases visibility to other drivers. Thick cloud cover can cause a “low light” scenario legally requiring you to utilize low beam headlights (ORS 811.515).

Following these simple tips can help you drive more safely, avoid being pulled over, and most importantly, keep you from being involved in a costly traffic collision. Drive safe out there!



## Crime on Campus

**\*Select Cases on Campus**  
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**Have a crime tip? Please call us with your information at (541) 463-5558**

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### With a Grain of Salt



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