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Leaving a Legacy

Sgt. Chantal Thomas began writing her legacy in Law Enforcement at the early age of 15, as an Explorer with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Thomas has continued writing that legacy for the last 30 plus years. Sgt. Thomas has left her mark on many people as an influential individual in the Law Enforcement community.



Thomas was hired on at Junction City Police Department in 1981 where she started as a Community Services Officer, and continued on, becoming a Communications Officer, Reserve Police Officer, Corrections Officer, Corporal and finally, a Sergeant. Sgt. Thomas earned numerous awards with Junction City Police, including multiple marksmanship awards, the Chiefs Awards (twice) for Outstanding Service, an award for Survival and a Lifesaving Award. Sgt. Thomas impacted many people's lives during her time at Junction

City Police Department.

In 2001 Thomas was hired on at LCC Public Safety as a part-time officer, and within a year was promoted to full time. In 2007 Sgt. Thomas was promoted to Public Safety Officer 2, and in 2011 Thomas was promoted to Sergeant. During her tour at LCC she has been a key aspect in the training and shaping of new officers. In Thomas's time at LCC she has earned a Life Saving Award, plus two awards for Meritorious Conduct, and many certificates of achievement.

Sgt. Thomas has served as Editor and Chief for this Newsletter for the past four years. Thomas has written many stories about Public Safety and their affect on campus. She has informed readers of crime happening on campus, introduced readers to officers and personnel of Public Safety, and kept everybody laughing with her 'Grain of Salt' section.

Sgt. Thomas retiring is bittersweet here at Public Safety, we are happy that she will have more time to do some of the things that she loves like exploring the world, scuba diving, photography, gold prospecting, and spending time with her family and beloved pets, but Public Safety will miss seeing her around the office as much.



Sgt. Thomas, on behalf of the Public Safety staff, and all the people you have touched, thank you for your dedicated service in Law Enforcement, and to the people of Lane County. Your legacy will live on in the officers that you have trained, and the hearts of the citizens you have impacted.

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Egan Warming Center At Lane



Egan Warming Center

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Lane Community College has joined with the Egan Warming Center network to provide emergency shelter on main campus. The shelter will house up to 12 homeless Lane students or employees when temperatures fall below 30 degrees. Lane's shelter location is **Building 4 (Health) Room 104**, on the west side of campus near the flagpoles. **Hours are 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.** Occupants will be provided with sleeping mats and blankets, dinner from 8-10 p.m., breakfast, and access to restrooms and showers.

An Egan volunteer will be on hand to assist occupants. Lane Public Safety will provide check-ins.

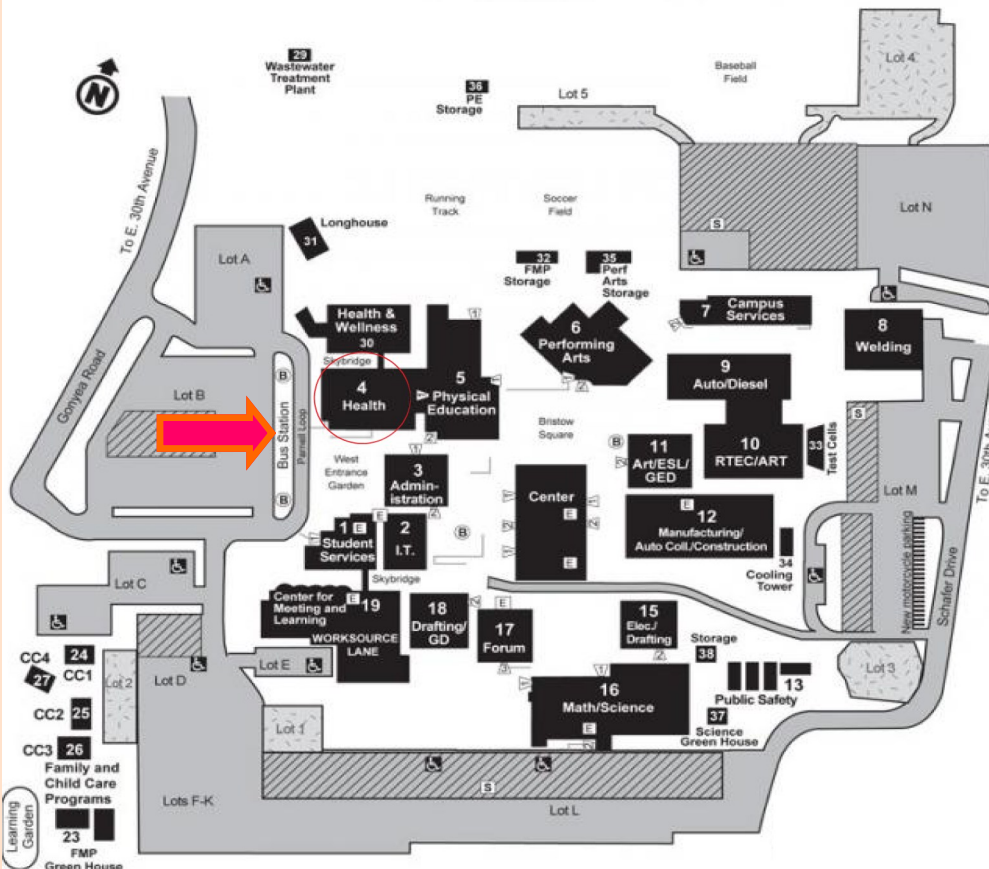
More Egan Warming Center information is online at: <http://eganwarmingcenter.com>

If you are interested in volunteering at the LCC Egan warming center follow this link:

<http://eganwarmingcenter.com/volunteers.html>

If you want to know more about the Egan story, or to donate to the center follow this link:

<http://eganwarmingcenter.com/donations.html>







FEBRUARY: NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS SAFETY AWARENESS

Information gathered from: [SafeKids.Org](http://www.safekids.org)

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages one to nineteen. Booster seats have been shown to reduce the risk of serious injury by 45 percent, compared to seat belts alone for children ages 4 to 8 years. Children 2 to 5 years of age using safety belts prematurely are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash than those restrained in child safety seats or booster seats. The overall critical misuse for child restraints is about 73 percent. Infant seats have the highest percent of critical misuse, followed by rear facing convertible seats. Safe Kids provides statistics proving the importance of proper restraints for children.

Source: <http://www.safekids.org>

4 Easy Steps to Protect Children

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|  <p>1 Rear-Facing Seats</p> <p>As long as possible - infant to at least 2 years old and 30 pounds</p> |  <p>2 Forward-Facing Seats</p> <p>At least 2 years old, 30 pounds and use to highest weight and height allowed by seat</p> |
|  <p>3 Booster Seats</p> <p>At least age 4, 40 pounds, until seat belt fits correctly and until about 4'9"</p> |  <p>4 Seat Belts</p> <p>All children under 13 ride in the back seat.</p> |

- Always follow the car seat manufacturer's instructions and vehicle owner's manual when choosing and installing car seats.
- Set an example and protect yourself by buckling up.
- Contact a Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for assistance.

OFFICERS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Officer Aaron Reece

Officer Aaron Reece was born and raised in Cottage Grove, Oregon where he attended Cottage Grove High School from which he graduated in 2008.

Throughout high school, Officer Reece was a volunteer cadet with the Lane County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #334 learning law enforcement policies and procedures, as well as volunteering at many community events throughout Lane County.

After graduating high school Officer Reece enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a Signal Support Systems Specialist after graduating from the U.S. Army Signal School in Fort Gordon, Georgia. After leaving military service, Officer Reece traveled abroad in such countries as England and Germany before returning home to Oregon.

Officer Reece was recommended by John DelNero to join the Public Safety Cadet program. After a vigorous hiring process, Officer Reece was accepted into the program and successfully completed the LCC Public Safety Academy, in addition to six months of extensive field training. Officer Reece is currently studying Criminal Justice at Lane Community College and is actively training in the Lane County Sheriff's Office Reserve Police Officer's Academy.

In his off time, Officer Reece enjoys off-roading and hiking on both the Oregon coast and in the Three Sisters Wilderness area. In addition to this Reece enjoys exploring the small towns and rural areas of Oregon and learning about local history and events.



Officer Reece has really enjoyed working at Public Safety, and looks forward to continuing to serve there, but he would like to eventually be a Trooper with Oregon State Police.

Who else should I know?



Donna Halsey grew up in Springfield/Eugene area and currently resides in Harrisburg. Donna has been attending LCC for three year, she is 12 credits away from getting her Social Science degree in Human Services. During the past three years she has been a Federal Work Study for Public Safety.

Donna's passionate about helping others, especially children, and see's her self in the next five/ten years working with families to become self-sufficient. Donna loves camping, fishing, watersports and horse back riding. Donna refers to Public Safety as her extended family and said that she loves doing lost and found, "it's a great feeling to get a lost item back to it's owner, nice to know we still have honest people in the world, or to help someone with a stressful situation."



Crime on Campus

***Select Cases from Jan, 2014**



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| Jan 1st – Officers respond to suspicious vehicles in Lot L and Lot B. | Jan 15th – Officers respond to a trespass on Eldon Schafer Drive. |
| Jan 1st – Officer responds to indecent behavior at the Down Town Residents. | Jan 15th – Officers respond to a theft at Building Five, Physical Education. |
| Jan 2nd - Officers respond to Active Fire alarm in building ten. | Jan 16th – Officers respond to a report of animal cruelty in Lot N. |
| Jan 2nd – Officers respond to suspicious vehicle in Lot B. | Jan 16th – Officers respond to a report of harassment on Dale Parnell Loop. |
| Jan 2nd – Officers respond to possible motor vehicle accident. | Jan 18th – Officers respond to abandoned vehicle in Lot M. |
| Jan 5th – Officers respond to traffic hazard in Lot E. | Jan 18th – Officers respond to suspicious vehicle in Lot N. |
| Jan 5th – Officers respond report of graffiti behind the Down Town Center. | Jan 20th – Officers respond to skateboard violation around Building Five , Physical Education. |
| Jan 6th – Officers respond to a report of staff smelling Marijuana. | Jan 21st – Officers respond to a report of graffiti in Center Building Restroom. |
| Jan 6th – Officer respond to suspicious conditions at the track storage shed. | Jan 21st – Officers respond to a theft at the Down Town Residence. |
| Jan 6th – Officer respond to fire alarm at the down town residence. | Jan 21st – Officers respond to a suspicious suspect at Lot M. |
| Jan 6th – Officer responds to theft of bicycle wheel at Down Town Academic. | Jan 22nd – Officers respond to drug complaint, marijuana, in Lot M, smoking shelter. |
| Jan 6th – Officers respond to noise complaint at Down Town Residents. | Jan 22nd – Officers respond to suspicious person in the Center Building. |
| Jan 9th – Officers respond to suspicious person in Building 1. | Jan 23rd – Officers respond to a report of theft at the LTD. |
| Jan 9th – Officers respond to drug complaint at the Down Town Residents. | Jan 26th – Officers respond to a report of theft from the Down Town Residence. |
| Jan 9th – Officers respond to theft at the Down Town Academic. | Jan 26th – Officers respond to menacing complaint at Center Building. |
| Jan 12th – Officers respond to theft at the Book Store. | Jan 28th – Officers respond to suspicious person at the Down Town Academic. |
| Jan 12th – Officers respond to suspicious person at Building one. | Jan 28th – Officers respond to a report of theft at Building Fifteen. |
| Jan 12th – Officers respond to theft at Building eight, welding. | Jan 28th – Officers respond to a report of theft at Building One. |
| Jan 13th – Officers respond to suspicious person at Building six, performing arts. | Jan 29th – Officers respond to electronic harassment. |
| Jan 14th – Officers respond to suspicious person at Down Town Residence. | Jan 30th – Officers respond to a call of sexual misconduct at the Down Town Residence. |
| Jan 14th – Officers respond to theft at Building twelve. | Jan 30th – Officers respond to a call of suspicious conduct at the Down Town Residence. |
| Jan 14th – Officers respond to drug complaint, marijuana, at Lot B, smoking shelter. | Jan 30th – Officers respond to a call of suspicious conduct at the Center Building |
| Jan 15th – Officers respond to a hit and run in Lot one. | Jan 30th – Officers respond to a theft at Building 4 One. |

AROUND THE CAMPUS : SAFETY



Dawn Barth

KEEPING YOU INFORMED : LANE ALERT

LaneAlert is a multi-modal messaging service set up by the Emergency Planning Team at LCC. The LaneAlert system was designed to alert students and staff when any emergency situation arises. LaneAlert has been used most often for weather closures on campus, but has also been used for fire, dangerous individual warnings, wild animal sightings, and other situations that have potential for harm of individuals on campus. Dawn Barth, the Emergency and Risk Management Coordinator at LCC, believes that LaneAlert is an important aspect of keeping LCC safe because it is the quickest and most efficient way to notify people.

Through LaneAlert, messages can be delivered via Text message, email and voice calls.

Though some of information is put directly into the system, it is best if people regularly check their LaneAlert settings in their MyLane account to ensure they will be reached. In an emergency, every second counts and people need to get timely, accurate information as soon as possible.

To verify or update contact information, follow the directions in the link below.

<https://lanecc.intelliresponse.com/?requestType=NormalRequest&source=3&id=1727&sessionId=ce1900ac-11e7-11e4-8d13-c922f66b8d38&question=How+do+I+sign+up+for+emergency+notifications>

PUSHING FORWARD : CUSTODIAL SERVICES

By, Shawni Kroeker

Custodial Services is on the right track to break a record for continuous days gone without a time-loss accident. Heath Peirce, the Custodial Services Manager for LCC, set the record with his team going 277 days without an on the job accident, this was set in October of 2013. Heath and his crew are only a few short months away from breaking the previous record. As of February 18th, Custodial Services was at 230 days, Heath told me he looks forward to breaking the past record but humbly added, "Record or not I'm always pleased that at the end of each night we as a team go home with no accidents or incidents."



Heath Peirce

Making A Difference : C-CERT

C-CERT is designed to serve and safeguard Lane Community College through efficient and effective volunteer service, which helps protect life and property, ensuring "the greatest good for the greatest number." When called upon, C-CERT volunteers provide basic care, stabilization, and information within the campus community until emergency

responders can arrive on the scene. Upon request, C-CERT volunteers will remain on scene to assist emergency responders as long as necessary. During non-emergency situations, C-CERT focuses on public education and awareness to help increase emergency preparedness



on campus. For more information or to volunteer call 541-463-5558 email Ben Bower : bowerb@lanecc.edu

GRAIN OF SALT



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 send me an email at kroekers@lanecc.edu

Dispatcher Shawni Kroeker, Editor in Chief

