# SAFER CAMPUS

Lane Community College Public Safety, In Service to Higher Education

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# Chief's Note

Parking citations may be appealed by following the instructions on the back of the ticket.



#### What Law Enforcement Thinks About

Criminal activity is often seasonal in nature. The weather has an impact on the types and frequency of particular crimes. Citizens should keep some of these factors in mind as well.

#### Hot temperatures can lead to hot heads

Remember that elevated temperatures impact people differently. Frustration, anger, and impatience can lead to greater incidents of road rage, disturbances, and arguments. If you think a situation is emotionally charged and may lead to a physical altercation, contact Public Safety for assistance. It is no trouble for officers to show up and your call, might stop a situation from escalating further.

#### Humans and pets do poorly in hot motor vehicles

Every year our children die because they are left in motor vehicles during hot weather.

-Total number of U.S. heatstroke deaths of children left in cars, 2013: 23 -Total number of U.S. heatstroke deaths of children left in cars, 2012: 33 -Total number of U.S. heatstroke deaths of children left in cars, 1998 to present: 584

Source: http://www.ggweather.com/heat/ (Retrieved 8/13/13)

If you see a child in a hot car and you are concerned about that child's safety, report your concern at once. All Lane Community College employees are mandatory reporters. If employees observe these conditions they are required by law to report the situation. For an immediate response contact Public Safety who in turn will determine if Child Protective Services should be called. Be prepared to provide the call taker with the exact location of the vehicle as well as a detailed description.



With regard to pets, it has been a fairly good year so far at LCC. There have been few complaints about animals being left in cars this summer (so far). Remember, that even with window's cracked and water available, vehicle interior temperatures can sky rocket and cause pets distress and eventually may lead to a painful and unnecessary death.

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#### **Summer Safety Continued**

#### **Building Security**

If you are cracking a window or door to regulate the environment in your office, classroom, or other LCC building space, remember to secure the area when you are done

Alternatively, please consider the following before opening doors and windows.

-What is the overall impact to others in your area if you open the door or window?

-Have you filed a work request with Facilities, Management, and Planning to address the HVAC issue?

-What is the energy cost of your action?

#### Personal Safety

Spring and summer mean significant plant growth. Shrubbery and trees that are not well trimmed can provide hiding places for suspects. Exercise caution when walking in areas (especially during evening or night time hours) where foliage provides hiding places.

Also, exercise caution when walking in wooded areas off campus. There are a number of year round persons who illegally camp on public lands near campus. These individuals, unfortunately, frequently have criminal histories. If you are walking in the woods near campus, exercise caution and leave the area if you encounter a "camp site".

#### **Reporting Crimes**

Public Safety is improving investigative and forensic capacity. Do not assume that your crime report is not important. If you are the victim of a crime on campus, report it to Public Safety at once. Your crime may be part of a pattern of crime or additional information that can lead to an arrest or important clues in an ongoing investigation.

#### Contact Public Safety for all medical, fire, and criminal incidents.

Non-Emergency - 541-463-5558 (on campus, 5558) **Emergency** - 541-463-5555 (on campus 5555)

Examples of non-emergencies: -crimes that have already occurred without injury to persons -smoking complaints -witness a parking infraction

-observation of a suspicious person or condition

Examples of emergencies -all medical calls -all crimes in progress -all fire or suspected fire incidents -personal or vehicle accidents -HAZardous MATerials incidents (HazMat)

Everyday students and staff members report observations, problems, and concerns to Public Safety. This community problem solving approach helps Public Safety help community members keep the campus safe.

## -Public Safety



# Found Contraband? Here's What to Do!

Unfortunately, drug paraphernalia and contraband are sometimes lost or discarded on campus. If you find contraband, please report it to Public Safety.

If you decide to retrieve the items yourself, please use protective rubber gloves to do so and place them in a paper bag or other container.

For needles, do not try to replace the cap. Pick up with extreme care using heavy gloves or tweezers and hold the needle point away from you. Found needles can be disposed of in red Sharp's containers, located in locations around campus.



# Officers You Should Know



**Officer Brandon Hisey** 

Officer Hisey has been an Oregonian his entire life. He grew up on a farm in Creswell. He worked harvesting grass seed while he attended high school.



In 2007, after Officer Hisey graduated high school, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. He began working with private security companies and in 2009 he started with Fred Meyer as a Loss Prevention Specialist. In 2012 he left Fred Meyer to pursue a position with a different company. He returned to Fred Meyer in April of this year.

Currently, Officer Hisey is pursuing a Criminal Justice Degree with Lane.

Officer Hisey began his career with the Lane Community College Department of Public Safety in March of 2013. He completed the DPS Academy, then successfully navigated several weeks of Field Training and is now an on-call Public Safety Officer.

In his spare time, Officer Hisey enjoys riding his Ninja sport bike and spending time on the Oregon coast.



# **Thunderstorm Safety**

Watch or Warning? A "watch" is issued when severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. The watch is issued to warn you to the possibility with damaging winds and large hail may develop. A "warning" is issued when a severe thunderstorm has actually been spotted and may move through your area soon! The key is to remain calm, but take precautionary action immediately to protect life and property. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or tune into your local media weather to stay informed.

If a thunderstorm is approaching, move to a sturdy building or vehicle. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees or in convertible automobiles.

Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug any appliances not needed for obtaining emergency information. Avoid using electrical appliances and only use telephones in an emergency. Do not take baths or showers.

Turn off air conditioners. Power can overload the compressors.

If flash floods are possible, get to higher ground as soon as possible. Do not attempt to drive to safety. Most flash flood-related deaths occur in automobiles.

*Remember, if you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go somewhere safe, immediately!* 

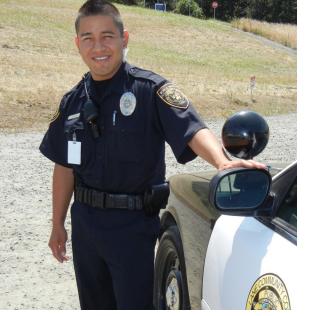
# Public Safety Cadet Program—Through the Eyes of a Student

By Officer Francisco Herrera

For me, Public Safety at LCC was not something I had considered until I saw friend and fellow Criminal Justice Student Miguel Gonzales wearing a uniform. That day, I thought to myself, maybe, I can also wear the uniform; after all, I want to eventually become a Law Enforcement officer. I talked to him and asked him what the process was to become a Public Safety Officer and he suggested I speak with Chief Jace Smith.

Chief Smith explained that there were a few steps to take prior to being considered for the job. He also discussed the Academy Program with me, and showed me a large binder containing the course syllabus, course handouts and study materials. By this time, I was beginning to think this was going to be a huge commitment.

Before filling out an application for the Cadet's position, I



spoke with John Del Niro, the head of LCC's Criminal Justice Program. I wanted advice on what I should do. He who recommended me for Public Safety's Cadet Program and said itwould be a great way to go about getting my Co-op experience done. I decided at that point to apply.

A week after submitting my paperwork, I got call from one of the Corporals to report for an interview panel. I thought it would be just like any other interview, but I was wrong. I was questioned by two Public Safety Officers and a dispatcher. I had never had an interview as stressful as that one. In a way, it is safe to say that it was an intimidating experience. After the interview was over, I felt so relieved and nervous. I wasn't sure what they thought of me, being that I was nervous and I could tell that they saw that I was.

The background portion of the hiring process was quite intense in that investigators looked into many aspects of my employment, educational, and personal history. This section of the process took about a month and-a-half to complete.

They really go into it, the same way any other Law Enforcement Agency would. After about a month and a half of going back and forth to the Public Safety office, my old high school, the other offices to get documents, I finally got the call that I had been waiting for, the call where I was informed that I had cleared that portion of the hiring process.

I was required to make an appointment for a physical exam, which included a wellness check-up, vision and strength test along with a drug screening. Once I was cleared, I was scheduled to begin the Public Safety Academy.

The Academy was tough! Even recruits who had experience were challenged with the huge variety of material that we covered over the several week time frame. Course instruction included Ethics and



Professionalism, College Online Policies and Procedures (COPPS), Basic Patrol Procedures, Criminal and Traffic Laws, Traffic Enforcement, Officer Safety, Public Relations and Conducting Investigations.

A large portion of the Academy was dedicated to real life scenarios, such as pulling over vehicles, making person stops and responding to dispute. During this training, we were evaluated on proper procedure, officer safety as well as judgement and reasoning. It was very intimidating to

have seasoned instructors following us around with clipboards and score sheets in hand!

One of my favorite parts of the training was defensive tactics. My least favorite was ASR (Aerosol Subject Restraint) training, which included getting sprayed directly in the face with pepper spray. Before we could clean it off, we were required to hit a strike bag, strike another bag with a padded baton and then physically restrain and handcuff an individual. Throughout this process, I couldn't see due to the pepperspray in my eyes and had to be guided from station to station by instructors.

If I had the chance to do the academy all over again, I would do it. I would also recommend that other Criminal Justice majors do the same, if they had a chance, as the training and hands-on experience you receive is invaluable to those wishing to pursue a career in Law Enforcement.

# Public Safety Struggling Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

J. L. Harris T-Sgt.

The Public Safety Department is actively looking for funding for Electronic Fingerprinting, the current industry standard.



If you need fingerprinting you have two options – local law enforcement at \$25 or LCC Public Safety for \$10.

The Public Safety Department provides fingerprinting for students and staff. For decades LCC Public Safety has provided this service, initially using "printer's ink" and transitioning to stamp pad ink for "rolling" fingerprints. Unfortunately this is inherently a messy operation, since the ink stays on the fingers and by design is a "hardy ink." In addition, only trained officers may provide this service. Occasionally, no trained officers are available. Also, even trained officers occasionally make undetected mistakes that lead to the prints being rejected by the Oregon State Police or the FBI. This results in a need to reprint individuals and can take additional weeks.

Fingerprint requests comes from students and staff who need fingerprints for state and/or federal certifications and for licenses such as the EMT, Early Childhood Education, Pharmacist, Massage Therapy and intern programs.

Because of these issues, Public Safety is working to obtain an Electronic Fingerprint machine, if successful, it will no longer be a messy process, and there will be instant feedback on the quality of the prints. With the correct options, it will also speed up the processing of the prints – that will allow results in days, not weeks or months, as currently is the case. Also, this device will confirm the quality of the captured prints before transmitting them.

The Chief of Public Safety is actively searching for funding sources for this important shift in technology. Serving students, staff and faculty well in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century requires more than a desire to do so. In this case it requires an investment.

## Crime on Campus \*Select Cases on Campus May, 2013



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

- May 1 Theft of Wallet, Library Medical Emergency, Bldg 1 May 2 Graffiti, Lot M Medical Emergency, Bldg 5 May 4 Assist LCSO w/road hazard, Gonyea Abandoned Vehicle, Lot N May 5 Fire Alarm, DTR May 6 Graffiti, Center Bldg May 7 Harassment, Main Campus Traffic Hazard, Eldon Schafer May 8 Suspicious Person, Bldg 1 Suspicious Conditions, Lot B May 9, Theft of cash, Bldg 19 Suspicious Person, Lot L May 10Theft of college property, Bldg 16 Medical Emergency, Center Bldg Medical Emergency, Bldg 1 Suspicious Vehicle, Lot N Suspicious Person, Bldg 1 Medical Emergency, Bldg 5 May 11Assist LCSO w/Traffic Hazard, Gonyea Fire Alarm, DTA May 13Telephonic Harassment, Bldg 13 Fire Alarm, Bldg 30 Welfare Check, Bldg 13 Suspicious Conditions, DTR Graffiti. DTC Traffic Hazard, Lot C Suspicious Person, Lot B Suspicious Conditions, Lot B
- May 14Fire Alarm, DTR Suspicious Vehicle, Lot N May 16Theft of college property, Center Bldg



# Did You Know?

Public Safety will soon begin writing City of Eugene Parking Tickets (Uniform Traffic Citations) for the spaces near the Downtown Campus. This will assist our city partners and ensure that the building's emergency spaces remain available.

Medical Emergency, Track Bowl Careless Driving, Lot L Theft From Vehicle, Lot M May 17Medical Emergency, Bldg 1 May 18Medical Emergency, Bldg 16 Disorderly Subject, DTC May 20Theft From Vehicle, Lot N Hit and Run, DTR May 21 Suspicious Conditions, Main Campus Theft From Vehicle, Lot M May 22Theft of books, Bldg 1 Suspicious Conditions, Lot N May 23Graffiti, DTC Suspicious Conditions, Lot L Suspicious Conditions, Lot K May 24Theft iPad, Main Campus Suspicious Conditions, Lot C Suspicious Conditions, Lot A May 26Suspicious Person, DTC May 27Suspicious Vehicle, Eldon Schafer May 28Fire Alarm, DTR Welfare Check, Bus Loop Intoxicated Subject, Bus Loop Suspicious Conditions, Lot K Fight, Lot B May 29Suspicious Person, Bldg 10 Theft, Bldg 16 Theft, Bldg 19 Hit and Run, Lot M Suspicious Person, Cafeteria Theft, Bldg 1 May 30Suspicious Conditions, Eastway Intoxicated Subject, DTR



# Crime on Campus \*Select Cases on Campus for June, 2013



Suspicious Person, DTA Jun 1 Jun 3 Disabled Vehicle, Lot B Suspicious Conditions, Lot M Jun 4 Medical Emergency, Bldg 5 Theft, Center Bldg Trespassing, Bldg 10 Jun 5 Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Lot E Welfare Check, Center Bldg Disorderly Conduct, Bldg 10 Welfare Check, Bldg 13 Assist LCSO w/Arrest, Center Bldg Suspicious Vehicle, Lot N Jun 7 Vehicle Accident, Lot L Welfare Check, Center Bldg Hazardous Materials, Lot L Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 12 Jun 9 Medical Emergency, Bldg 6 Jun 10 Theft, Downtown Campus Graffiti. DTC Medical Emergency, Bldg 2 Suspicious Conditions, DTR Jun 11 Suspicious Person, Lot B Investigation Followup, Bldg 15 Fire Alarm, Main Campus Jun 12 Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 10 Graffiti, DTA Child Neglect, Lot B Suspicious Vehicle, Lot A Graffiti, Bldg 1 Suspicious Vehicle, Lot K

Jun 13 Suspicious Conditions, DTA Assist LCSO w/Traffic Crash, Gonyea Jun 16 Assist LCSO w/Burglary, Oakhill School Jun 18 Trespass, Main Campus Jun 19 Fire Alarm, DTR Medical Emergency, Cafeteria Jun 20 Phone Harassment, Bldg 13 Suspicious Conditions, DTR Jun 21 Suspicious Vehicle, Lot N Jun 22 Assist LCSO, Suspicious Cond, Gonyea Assist EPD, Warrant Arrest, DTR Suspicious Conditions, DTA Fire Alarm, DTR Jun 23 Theft, DTA Jun 24 Suspicious Conditions, Lot L Assist EPD, Person Contact, DTA Hit and Run, Ramp Area Fire Alarm, DTC Jun 25 Theft, Bldg 6 Disorderly Subject, Bldg 11 Medical Emergency, Laundry Harassment, Downtown Jun 26 Fire Alarm, DTR Jun 27 Suspicious Conditions, Lot M Suspicious Conditions, DTR Jun 28 Theft, Bldg 7 Suspicious Person, DTR Public Assist, DTA Jun 29 Fire Alarm. DTR Suspicious Conditions, DTA Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 18

# With a Grain of Salt

Suspicious Person, Center Bldg

Trespassing, DTA





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