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Chief's Note

Hear about an allegation of sexual assault or any other crime? Please report the crime to Public Safety. Even if the victim wishes to have her/his identity remain confidential, reporting is important to the community!

CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS

LCC PUBLIC SAFETY SERIES

This series is intended to explore and highlight specific controversial topics that impact campus safety.

Officer Risk, Injury, and Danger

Part I

What is one to do when the message about the inherent risk and challenges to officer (and collaterally, *Community*) safety is heard but not understood or fully realized?

It is a challenging question and one that defies my management repertoire. I frequently present information on active shooters, crime on campus, and officer safety. Inevitably, audience participants or colleagues respond in one of several ways, 1) Wow!

Why don't you guys carry guns?! 2) Really? 3) It is not acceptable to predict injuries as a part of the work of your department. 4) General disbelief, without further comment.



The fact is that officers deal with a population that is increasingly more mentally ill, more involved with drugs (note heroin use increase), and more financially marginalized or disenfranchised (the plight of the long term unemployed). This population has a propensity for violent behavior and realistically, it is only a matter of time before an officer is hurt or killed in the routine conduct of work.

When this happens, there will be an outcry and a "review" of how such an event could have possibly happened. It happened, because this work is dangerous. That word, "dangerous" is not an attempt to glamorize or conjure images of heroism or high drama. It is simply a stark reality about the nature of law enforcement work.

One need not be engaged in exceptional circumstances (arrest or defeating an assailant who is assaulting someone). Sometimes, the presence of a uniform is sufficient to provoke an individual. Combine the uniform with direction to cease a behavior or notice that an individual will be cited and the situation can quickly become more difficult.

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CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS—CONTINUED

Indeed, campus constituents do not seem to grasp the fact that officers *must* wear a vest when on duty and *why* that is the case. I mention this when I provide training on Violence in the Workplace or Violent Actors and again I believe that people *hear* me state that we wear the same vests as the OSP, but I don't think they *understand* why officers wear these vests or what the vests (\$800 each) signify in terms of officer safety, potential threats, or the dangers of the work that is done on campus.

The first time an officer is shot, this will finally be a point of discussion and reality. An officer got shot!? What was he or she doing (as though it must be the officer's fault and perhaps we can curtail officer activities to keep them safe).

Seriously? The most common call that officers respond to is some kind of disruption or disorderly conduct. This includes, assault, domestics, emotionally disturbed persons, and classroom disruptions. I also share this with groups on campus when I train in a variety of areas. When officers respond to these calls, not being sworn, the only option for a non-cooperative person who will not leave is trespass and then arrest.

If you asked most campus members what they thought would happen to a person who refused to leave when trespassed, it would be interesting to see what the responses would be. If the answer is "arrest", how do they suppose the person will become arrested? What do they think will happen if the person resists? What are most campus members' expectations? Does a reasonable person *expect that Public Safety will not intercede when such disruptions occur on campus?* No, a reasonable person would not believe that.

It is interesting that most campus members expect officers to quickly arrive and interdict potentially violent situations. They are not sure how that "magical" compliance will occur, but they want Public Safety there to solve the problem, or keep them safe, or to cite the student, or to escort the person off campus, or make sure they don't misbehave during a hearing, or..."

No one thinks about the "how", however. Perhaps they don't want to think about the methods. Perhaps they don't care.

Officers try a variety of problem solving skills and tactics, the *last* of which is arrest. These strategies are tried on individuals (about 1 in 7, anecdotally) who have criminal records. These criminal histories range from resisting arrest, to homicide.

Regardless, the officers are expected to show up, sprinkle some fairy dust and make things all better.

It reminds me of the experience of a former LCC employee. He told me about his work in a major chicken processing plant. He told me that the chickens were put on this conveyor belt/ contraption that restricted their movement and then they passed out of sight of the employees, the plucked, decapitated chickens then popped out the other end of this processing line (think Soylent Green-haha?).



The company did not want employees to view the *process* that turned a living harmless animal into a dead food product. My friend told me that the company thought that this would be upsetting or demoralizing to view every day.

The comparison is well made. Public Safety comes and does some magic to resolve a situation (the machine processes). The occasions that members of the public see this, they sometimes question the methods and tactics, when they don't see it they simply have a feeling of relief that someone has fixed the problem or addressed the messy, dangerous parts, so they can get back to cleaning, or teaching, or meeting, or whatever work they were doing before the disruption occurred.

Part II, NEXT MONTH

—Article by Jace Smith, Chief of Public Safety

LANE COUNTY VEHICLE THEFT ON THE RISE

Spring weather is finally here and the weather is improving. Unfortunately, along with warmer temperatures and drier conditions comes people who want to take your stuff. This includes your vehicle.

According to the Eugene Police Department, theft from a vehicle is one of the most common crimes in our area. Over 2,000 car break-ins occurred in Eugene alone in 2011. In almost all cases, the victims had left property visible in the vehicle. There is one clear message, if you want to keep someone from breaking into your vehicle, don't leave anything visible inside the vehicle! If you will follow this one simple rule, you will likely not become a victim of this crime.

Be careful about electronics in your vehicle...GPS, iPod's, etc. Even just a cord visible, indicates the likelihood such a device is inside. Crafty criminals have even taken note of the suction rings these devices often leave on the windshield, so if you needed more incentive to keep your windows clean this is it!

Other popular targets for thieves include purses, lap tops, book bags, music CDs, etc. Even a small amount of change left on the console can be attractive enough to break a window, reach in and grab.

Don't put something in your vehicle trunk and then walk away from the vehicle. Car prowlers are known to watch vehicles in high traffic areas, if someone saw you place something in the trunk before leaving, they can usually access your trunk by breaking into your vehicle and utilizing the trunk release. A better option is to put the item in the trunk before arriving at your location. This is especially important at hiking/running locations, sporting events and shopping malls.

A simple countermeasure to becoming a victim is to lock your vehicle at all times. Even in your garage and when making short trips into a convenience store, school, post office, etc.

Criminals don't just want your stuff, sometimes they want your ride as well. In fact, just under 600 vehicles were reported stolen in Eugene in 2011. The most commonly stolen vehicles were mid-late 90's, Toyotas / Hondas or similar.



One highly effective and low cost way of deterring vehicle theft is with a device called the "Club"™. The "Club"™ is a steering wheel locking device. Locking this mechanism to the steering wheel of a vehicle makes it VERY difficult to steal. There has never been a car stolen, in the City of Eugene, with a "Club" locked to the steering wheel. EPD, in partnership with the manufacturer of the Club, offers the Club for sale at a significant savings from normal retail prices. The cost is only \$12.50 each. For further information visit <https://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=162> or to purchase a Club, visit EPD headquarters (300 Country Club Rd, open 24/7), the West University Station (791 E 13th Ave, M-F, 8am to 4pm) or the Downtown Station (960 Olive St, M-F 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm). The Club is also for sale, for the same price, at the Titan Store at Downtown Campus.

Article by Noelan Smith, Public Safety Officer

Crime on Campus

***Select Cases on
Campus March and
April, 2014**



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

Mar 1—Officer responded to medical emergency Bldg 5. Male transported by ambulance.

Mar 2—Officer found graffiti on stair well wall, garbage can and on stop sign.

Mar 3—Syringe found in Lot L, marijuana pipe found by baseball field.

Mar 4—Syringe found in Lot C, Officers secured and disposed of needle.

Mar 5—Employee fell injuring back, elbow, hip and head. Transported to Riverbend.

Mar 6—Officers assisted LCSO with resolving aircraft emergency locator (ELT) activation.

Mar 7—Male showering after hours in Bldg 5. Situation was resolved after Officer advised male of authorized hygiene times.

Mar 8—Report taken of student smoking marijuana during class breaks.

Mar 11—Report of slick substance on roadway causing multiple vehicles to lose control entering campus resulted in Officer contacting county services to lay sand upon roadway.

Mar 13—Officers responded to a call of a male watching pornography and touching himself.

Mar 13—Officers responded to fire alarm 4th floor Center building. No cause for alarm could be found.

Mar 14—Officers responded to medical emergency in Bldg 19. Female transported to McKenzie Willamette Medical Center.

Mar 14—Officers responded to male experiencing chest pains. Goshen fire evaluated but male refused to be transported to hospital.

Mar 14—Counseling department reported disturbed person in need of evaluation. Officers responded and transported individual to University District Hospital for further evaluation.

Mar 17—Report taken of Disorderly Conduct.

Mar 19—Officer called to investigate theft of liquor from resident.

Mar 19—Male reported to be holding down female. Upon arrival, Officers determined relationship to be consensual.

Mar 20—Officer called to investigate vehicle break-in in Lot A by Longhouse.

Mar 20—Graffiti found in Bldg 10 restroom.

Mar 24—Bldg 7 evacuated after reports of steam or smoke coming from boiler room caused people to believe there had been an explosion. No cause found.

Mar 27—Officer found observed Boiler leak while on patrol. Facilities was notified.

Mar 28—Officers found male viewing pornography on computer in Bldg 1, educated him on college policy and he was invited to leave for the day.

Mar 29—Two adults were observed engaging in lewd behavior in the backseat of their vehicle by Officers. Subjects were advised as to what constitutes appropriate behavior then left campus.

Apr 1—Graffiti reported at old DTC

Apr 1—Shoplifter reported in Cafeteria. Suspect was issued Order to Appear

Apr 1—Victim reported cash missing from her purse during an event in Bldg 19

Apr 1—Instructor was concerned about safety of a student, requested a Welfare Check.

Apr 1—Officers responded to report of person possibly having medical issue near bus stop. Unfounded.

Apr 2—Officers responded to report of a possible break in attempt at Dental Clinic.

Apr 2—Admin staff reported they were concerned regarding safety of a student and requested a Welfare Check.

Apr 2—Officers responded to report of Disorderly Conduct in PE Bldg.

Apr 2—Officers assisted Eugene Police Department in report of Violation of Restraining Order at Downtown Campus.

Apr 2—Officers assisted LTD Security in identifying suspect who had assaulted bus driver.

Apr 2—Officers responded to fire alarm in Bldg 4. No fire or smoke were located.

Apr 3—Victim reported she was harassed by fellow student in the Center Bldg.

Apr 3—Officers responded to report of Theft in Progress. It was determined that no theft took place.

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Apr 3—Officers responded to second report of Fire Alarm in Bldg. 4. Again, no fire or smoke were detected.

Apr 4—Officers escorted student to Counseling to ensure their safety.

Apr 4—Officers responded to Medical Emergency in Bldg 10.

Apr 4—Officers located two males trying to get into Bldg 4 during hours of closure. Situation resolved.

Apr 5—Officers responded to Medical Emergency in Bldg 5.

Apr 5—Officer discovered Graffiti at old DTC.

Apr 7—Fire Alarm at DTR. Cause was burnt food.

Apr 7—Officers responded to report of dogs left in warm vehicle. Dogs were found to be okay.

Apr 7—Officer discovered suspect trespassing at Downtown Campus. Problem resolved.

Apr 7—Officers responded to disorderly female subject in Cafeteria.

Apr 7—Officer reported to report of two males trespassing at Titan Court.

Apr 8—Staff reported Hit and Run in front of Bldg 7 involving college property. Suspect located.

Apr 8—Officers responded to Cafeteria for Medical Emergency.

Apr 8—Officers responded to Medical Emergency in Bldg 5

Apr 9—Victim reported purse stolen while she was inside Clothing Stash.

Apr 9—Officers responded to report of suspicious male in PE Locker Room.

Apr 9—Fire Alarm in DTR result of burnt food.

Apr 10—Victim reported Hit and Run while her vehicle was parked in Lot L.

Apr 11—Staff reported suspicious conditions in restroom at Bldg 1.

Apr 13—Officer discovered water leak in Bldg 4.

Apr 14—Report of possible Medical Emergency in Bldg 6.

Apr 14—Assisted Lane County Sheriff's Office in report of Theft of timber, 30th Ave. and Gonyea.

Apr 14—Assisted Eugene Police in report of Violation of Restraining Order at the Downtown Campus.

Apr 14—Officers discovered subjects trespassing during hours of closure.

Apr 15—Officers discovered newspaper boxes vandalized near bus loop.

Apr 15—Medical Emergency reported in Bldg 2.

Apr 15—Staff member reported controlled substance contraband found a DTA.

Apr 15—Medical Emergency reported in Center Bldg.

Apr 16—Officer discovered Graffiti on Bldg 2.

Apr 16—Victim reported Telephonic Harassment on Main Campus.

Apr 16—Victim reported laptop stolen from Bldg 19.

Apr 16—Person reported sleeping in vehicle overnight (Trespassing) in Lot C.

Apr 17—Trespass Order issued to subject at DTA.

Apr 17—Emergency Message delivered at Bldg 6.

Apr 18—Officer discovered new Graffiti on Bldg 2.

Apr 18—Reported Lewd Conduct near Bldg 3. Couple was gone on arrival.

Apr 19—Officer discovered Graffiti on old DTC.

Apr 20—Officer discovered additional Graffiti on old DTC.

Apr 21—Odor of gas reported in Bldg 31.

Apr 21—Officer discovered suspect Trespassing on campus after hours of closure.

Apr 22—Medical Emergency at DTA.

Apr 22—Medical Emergency in Bldg 1.

Apr 22—Assisted Eugene Police with Warrant Arrest in Bldg 3.

Apr 23—Hostile Student reported in Bldg 8.

Apr 24—Suspicious Noise reported near Bldg 1.

Apr 24—Medical Emergency in Bldg 5.

Apr 25—Theft of text book in Bldg 1.

Apr 25—Medical Emergency in Bldg 5.

Apr 27—Officer discovered Suspicious Vehicle in Lot M.

Apr 28—Officer discovered Graffiti at old DTC.

Apr 28—Assisted Oregon State Police with Warrant Arrest in Bldg 6.

Apr 29—Physical Harassment reported in Bldg 8.

Apr 29—Vehicle stolen from Lot B.

Apr 29—Medical Emergency in Bldg 10.

Apr 29—Medical Emergency in Bldg 1.

Apr 30—Fire Alarm as result of oven cleaning at DTR.

Apr 30—Theft of bicycle in front of Bldg 30.

Apr 30—Assisted Multnomah County Parole and Probation in Warrant Arrest attempt.





Officers You Should Know



Officer Daniel Libby

Officer Libby was born and raised in the Eugene, Oregon area. He graduated from North Eugene High School.

During his service in the US Navy, Officer Libby served as a Master at Arms (Military Police), and specialized in Nuclear Weapon Protection and Anti-Terrorism.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Officer Libby worked security at Symantic in Eugene.

In 2012, Officer Libby began working for LCC Public Safety as a part-time dispatcher.

Officer Libby was hired as an on-

call officer by Public Safety in March, 2013. He graduated from the department's five week academy, then completed an intense Field Training Program.

Officer Libby is currently assigned to Public Safety's 8-person bike patrol team.

At some point, Officer Libby would like to pursue a degree in Sociology or Psychology.

In his off duty time, Officer Libby enjoys riding motorcycles, camping and reading books.

GRAIN OF SALT



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