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**Crime is every-
body's busi-
ness. If YOU
fail to report a
crime, you may
enable another
person to be-
come a victim
or hinder the
investigation of
other related
criminal acts.**



Public Safety Basic Self Defense Class Has Impact

The Public Safety Department recently conducted a course in basic self defense, which was open to the entire college community as well as the general public. During the two hour class, which was instructed by Corporal Jake Ryker and Officers Lisa Rupp and Baylen Ross, attendees were led through a series of warm up exercises to help loosen up and prevent injury. Participants were then instructed on proper methods to perform a variety of strikes and escape techniques. Persons attending were then monitored as they practiced their new skills on strike bags as well as on instructors.

In addition to hands-on exercises, they were given instruction on personal safety in the parking lots, including situational awareness, walking confidently and with head held high and having keys in hand, ready to open a car door or be used to protect ones self.

Public Safety is planning to offer future Self-Defense courses, at least once per term.



Lane County Sheriff's Budget Challenges Impact Strategic Relationship with Public Safety

Jace Smith, Chief

While Lane Community College has several strategic relationships with other law enforcement agencies, the strongest and arguably the most important relationship is with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Tom Turner and his deputies have been instrumental in many of the positive changes in both service and capabilities for Public Safety at Lane Community College.

When news stories focus on the County budget crisis and the impact on Public Safety, there is a secondary impact that directly reflects Lane Community College Public Safety's operations and, necessarily, the safety and security of everyone and everything on the main campus.

When Public Safety makes an arrest on campus (typically for an active warrant or for a crime that is observed by an officer), the local jurisdictional agency informs Public Safety about the availability of bed space to "lodge" the individual. If the charge is not sufficient or the warrant is for a minor offense, the question of lodging and transport becomes more serious. Most campus members would not like someone who has just committed a crime or who is actively wanted for a crime, on campus.

In those cases when lodging becomes an issue, Public Safety works with LCSO to provide at least a citation in lieu of custody or a book and release. In this way, at least the person is taken away from the main campus.

The other critical, budget-sensitive consideration is the availability of a deputy to facilitate the transport of the prisoner to the jail in Lane County. In a county the size of Connecticut, there are often less than 3 patrol deputies working. Frankly the work of these deputies is in high demand by other communities and other agencies. This can mean delays on service or worse, no service by deputies.

In this case LCC Public Safety has made arrangements with another strategic partner, Oregon State Police, and can request a Trooper to assist with the booking and lodging of criminal suspects.

In addition, LCC Public Safety can transport prisoners to some other jurisdictions with the support of the warrant-issuing agency. While this is done infrequently, it is a viable option to support the LCC community and to compliment the available services of LCSO.

Sheriff Turner has also made several other strategic and supportive decisions that have expanded the capabilities of Public safety. These include: permission to close Route 30 and the county roads proximate to campus for emergencies, the authority to write County Uniform Traffic Citations (that incur higher fines and require court involvement) for offenses on the County roads, and certain other contingency plans and understandings that have most definitely supported LCC Public Safety.

LCSO has, with minor exceptions *still* been able to support the majority of interagency operational requests, in spite of the County's budget woes.

While the resources and sworn officer support have largely come from LCSO, the relationship has not been strictly one-way in nature. LCC Public Safety has been able to provide special investigative support for some LCSO cases and often provides information and case reports for deputies.

However you slice it, it is apparent that the support of this agency is vital to the students, staff, and faculty on the main LCC campus. The personal and committed support of the Sheriff is unqualified and also a definite reason for the recent successes of LCC Public Safety. LCSO is a valued and strategic partner in the drive to a peaceful, stable campus.

Officers You Should Know

Officer Ben Bower



Ben Bower

Officer Ben Bower was born in Eugene, Oregon. He moved to Junction City with his family when he was eight, where he currently lives. He was homeschooled and graduated in 2008.

After graduation, Officer Bower joined Lane County Search and Rescue Program as an Explorer Scout. Three years later, he is still with that program and is currently serving as an Advisor.

In 2009, Officer Bower and his friends also began

their own non-profit organization, called the Central Aid Agency, which is a Christian-based organization dedicated to community service and disaster response.

Officer Bower began attending Lane Community College in 2009, originally pursuing a degree in Business. Through his experiences with the Sheriff's office and Search and Rescue, he later changed his major to Criminal Justice. He will be graduating from Lane Community College, next year, and plans to pursue his Criminal Justice degree to the Bachelor level at Western Oregon University.

Officer Bower began his career at the Lane Community College Department of Public Safety in January 2012 as a Cadet. He completed the Public Safety Academy in February and later finished a rigorous FTO (Field training Program). Today he is working regular shifts with other officers. Officer Bower will become an On-Call Officer in July.

In his spare time, Officer Bower enjoys travelling, community service, and a wide range of outdoor activities, including Airsofting, hiking, camping, and boating among others.

Summer Fire Prevention

With the warmer, dryer weather conditions comes higher risk for bark dust fires. Typically, these types of fires are started when people simply throw cigarette butts away and they land in bark dust. These types of fires may smolder for several hours before actually igniting. Unfortunately, fires in bark dust may burn under the surface, undetected, until the fire reaches a structure and begins to burn that structure.

If you smoke, only do so in approved smoking sheds, located in Lots B, L, M and N. NEVER toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in trash cans, bark dust or on the ground. Always extinguish butts safely and place them in ashtrays.

On campus, please report fire, smoke or smoldering material in bark dust, to Public Safety immediately at (541) 463-5555.



Crime on Campus

***Select Cases From
April, 2012**



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

Apr 1 Suspicious Vehicle, Lot B
Apr 2 Suspicious Person, Bldg 5
Theft of backpack, Center Bldg
Hit and Run, Lot N
Suspicious Person, Lot B
Welfare Check (dog in vehicle), Lot L
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 1
Apr 5 Elude, Lot B
Apr 6 Phone Harassment, Bldg 16
Apr 7 Shots Fired, West of Child Care
Apr 9 Graffiti, Center Bldg
Animal Cruelty, Lot N
Theft of school supplies, Center Bldg
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 18
Apr 10 Possession Marijuana, Main Campus
Stalking, Lot B
Graffiti, Bldg 10
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 15
Suspicious Person, Lot L
Medical Emergency, Bldg 11
Fire Alarm, Bldg 24
Apr 12 Robbery, DTC
Apr 13 Theft of money, Center Bldg
Suspicious Person, Center Bldg
Public Assistance, Bldg 2
Suspicious Person, Main Campus
Apr 15 Vehicle Accident, Lot N
Apr 16 Medical Emergency, Bldg 7
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 5
Suspicious Person, Bldg 1
Suspicious Person, Bldg 3
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 4
Suspicious Person, Center Bldg
Apr 17 Warrant Arrest, Center Bldg
Graffiti, Center Bldg
Harassment, Lot B

Apr 18 Suspicious Person, Lot B
Assist Sheriff's Office, Eldon Schafer
Graffiti, Bldg 5
Assist Beaverton Police Dept, Bldg 13
Disorderly Subject, Center
Hit and Run, Lot L
Apr 20 Graffiti, Center Bldg
Medical Emergency, Center Bldg
Apr 21 Hit and Run, Lot L
Apr 22 Suspicious Vehicle, Lot M
Apr 23 Theft of bag and contents, Main Campus
Suspicious Conditions, Lot N
Warrant Arrest, Bldg 13
Apr 24 Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 1
Suspicious Person, Bldg 10
Apr 25 Assist Sheriff's Office, Center Bldg
Welfare Check, Bldg 30
Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 19
Apr 26 Assist Sheriff's Office, Bldg 13
Apr 27 Theft of backpack, Center Bldg
Theft of cash, Bldg 1
Apr 30 Elevator Malfunction, Bldg 10
Disorderly Subject, Center Bldg
Theft of wallet, Main Campus

With a Grain of Salt

A police officer stopped a woman and asked her for her license. Officer: "Lady, it says here that you should be wearing glasses."

"Well I have contacts", the woman replied.

Perturbed, the officer responded, "I don't care who you know, you're still getting a ticket!"



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 email me at thomasc@lanecc.edu

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