



SAFER CAMPUS

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Chief's Note

Please remember, that Public Safety officers respond to all campus emergencies including crimes, fires, and medical problems. They do so in the context of a greatly reduced Sheriff's Department and without the benefit of firearms or TASERS.

Food for thought about the men and women often running towards problems on campus.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR..., AND SO IS CRIME!

In Oregon, spring means more opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy warmer weather. But it also means more crime, including on campus. This time of year, crime tends to rise sharply, especially theft-related offenses.

Burglary and theft increase more than other crimes during spring, as people leave windows down on their vehicles to keep them cool when they return from a hard day of class. Also, staff members often leave windows and doors unlocked in office spaces to better enjoy the long overdue fresh air and sunshine. Unfortunately, these practices and an ever-changing student body, create many opportunities for thieves to profit and students, staff and visitors to become victims.

Also, Lane's close proximity to I-5 and relative ease of access makes it a convenient target for thieves traveling up and down the freeway corridor.

Thieves typically look for easy targets, where they can easily gain access to unsecured vehicles and buildings to take your valuables. Taking a few seconds to ensure doors and windows are closed and locked can cause a would-be thief to move on without taking your property. Better yet, leave personal valuables at home where they will be safe.

If you see suspicious activity on campus, please report it to the Public Safety Department at 5555 immediately!



Public Safety Corporal Lisa Rupp and Technical Corporal Mike Schneider visit a group of happy children at LCC's Child Care Center.

The eager kids asked the officers questions about their jobs and were shown some of their duty gear. They were also treated to a light and siren show, compliments of one of the departments' black and white patrol cars.

The officers shared information about safety matters and handed out toys and games to the grateful tots.

Officers You Should Know



Corporal Jake Ryker

Corporal Ryker has been with LCC's Public Safety Department for over 13 years. He began his career at LCC as a part time, on call officer and was later hired as a full time employee. Prior to and during his employ-

ment with LCC, Corporal Ryker worked as a loss prevention officer for Sears and Gateway Mall Security.

Although Corporal Ryker was born in the Eugene/Springfield area, his family moved around while he was growing up. He returned to Springfield at age 13. He graduated from Thurston High School in 1999.

In 1999, Corporal Ryker enlisted in the Marine Corp and served 8 years at the Eugene Reserve Center. He was involved in two combat tours in Iraq; the first as a Bridge Engineer and the second as an Infantryman/Machinegunner/Armorer specializing in Foreign Weapons. During the same tour, he transitioned into the Police Training Team, assisting in the training of approx. 3,000 Iraqi po-

lice officers. Today, Officer Ryker is enlisted in the Army Reserve.

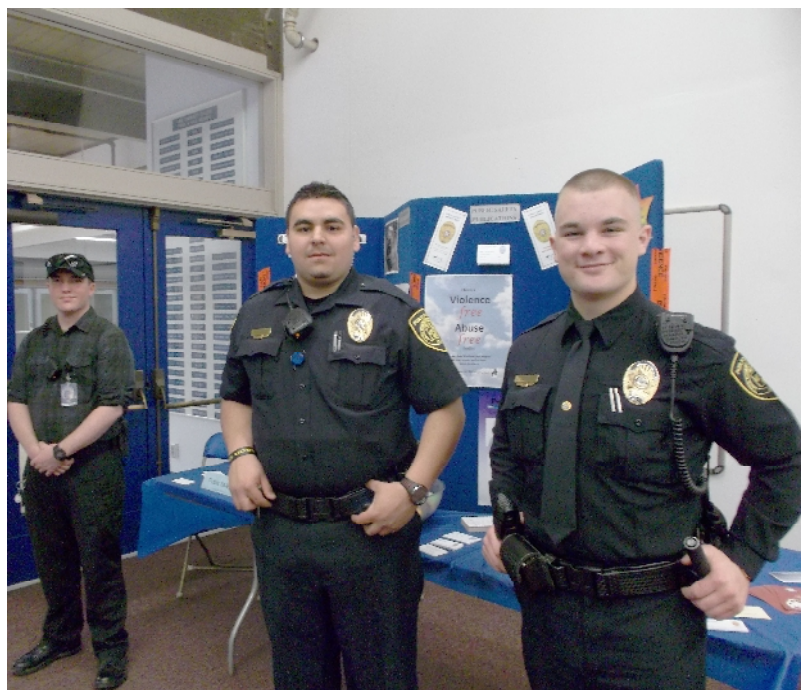
Corporal Ryker is certified to teach Defense Tactics, Extendable Baton training and Aerosol Restraint Subject (ASR Pepper spray) courses to law enforcement. He has also completed the Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course at LCC, and has been nationally certified as an EMT.

Most recently he was reclassified as a PS-2, in recognition of his extra, permanent responsibilities in Public Safety.

In his spare time, Ryker enjoys riding his Yamaha FZ1 sport bike, restoring his 1969 Ford Mustang and spending time with his wife, daughter, and son.

LAST PREVIEW NIGHT 2013

For officers working the Public Safety booth at this year's Preview Night, the evening was another success! Dozens of curious visitors stopped and spoke with Officers Stramler, Libby, and Gonzales, perused the information board and munched on free candy.



Crime on Campus

***Select Cases on Campus**

March, 2013



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

Mar 1	Suspicious Conditions, DTC Fire Alarm, DTR Graffiti, DTC Graffiti, DTR Lost Child, Bldg 11 Animal in Distress, Lot N Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 1	Mar 11	Possess. Controlled Substance (Cited), Lot 1 Safety Hazard, Bldg 11 Theft from Vehicle, Lot B Suspicious Conditions, Health Tech
Mar 2	Public Assist, DTR	Mar 12	Suspicious Conditions, DTA
Mar 3	Shots Fired, Main Campus	Mar 13	Hit and Run, Lot B Criminal Mischief, Lot M
Mar 4	Disorderly Subject, DTR Animal Complaint, Bldg 1 Assault, LTD Bus Loop Medical Emergency, Bldg 1 Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 1 Disorderly Conduct, Health Clinic	Mar 14	Theft of Art supplies, Bldg 17 Suspicious Subject, Track Bowl Illegal Camping, DTC
Mar 5	Disorderly Subject, DTA Stolen Vehicle, Lot L Threats, Bldg 1	Mar 15	Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 11
Mar 6	Fire Alarm, DTR Vehicle Accident, Gonyea Assist EPD, DTC Suspicious Subject, DTA Harassment, Bldg 1 Suspicious Conditions, Lot M	Mar 16	Fire Alarm, DTR
Mar 7	Suspicious Conditions, DTC Medical Emergency, Cafeteria Suspicious Conditions, Bldg 9	Mar 17	Suspicious Subject, DTC Harassment, Library Suspicious Conditions, Baseball Field
Mar 8	Graffiti, DTC Suspicious Condition, DTC Suspicious Subject, DTC Fire Alarm (x2), DTR Assist LCSO, Accident, Gonyea Animal Complaint, Lot N	Mar 18	Fire Alarm, DTR Suspicious Conditions, Lot N Stolen Vehicle, Lot N
Mar 9	Welfare Check, Bldg 19	Mar 19	Harassment, Lot N Suspicious Vehicle, Lot L Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Lot N
Mar 10	Fire Alarm, DCR	Mar 20	Fire Alarm, DTR Fight, LTD Bus Loop Hit and Run, Lot L
		Mar 22	Fire Alarm, DTA Theft of bicycle, Bldg 10 Animal Complaint, Lot B
		Mar 24	Fire Alarm, DTR
		Mar 25	Suspicious Subject, Bldg 2
		Mar 26	Disorderly Subject, DTA Trespassing, DTA
		Mar 28	Welfare Check Criminal Mischief, Main Campus
		Mar 30	Suspicious Conditions, DTR
		Mar 31	Suspicious Conditions, DTA

**Suspicious subjects or conditions mean circumstances that warrant further investigation to determine if a crime has been or is about to be committed, or that there may be safety issues that need to be addressed.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE: Tuesday, Oct 15, from 3-5 p.m., Building 3 in the Boardroom.

BASIC SELF-DEFENSE: Thursday, Oct 17 from 3-5 p.m., Building 5, room 125



GANG SYMPOSIUM ON CAMPUS

“Vulnerable, not tough” was the message at the Lane County Gang Symposium held on Saturday at LCC’s Main Campus. The event was attended by nearly 300 people, including community members, gang members and former gang members, potential gang members, relatives, counselors, teachers, clergy, law enforcement and local media. Corporal Lisa Rupp represented the Public Safety Department. Attendants met for six hours to “listen, learn and talk” about youth gangs in the area.

The effort was launched two years ago by Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns in an effort to prevent young men and women from seeking gang membership as a way of life.

The discussion centered around a panel of ex-gang members, four men and a woman, who spent large parts of their 20s and 30s in gangs. Participants were broken up into seven groups, based on each individual’s self-identified status in the community. These groups included: Community, Mixed, Municipality, Schools, Law Enforcement, Youth Serving Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations.

During the symposium, scripted questions were asked by “Table Captains”, who facilitated conversations at tables of several participants. Data was obtained and transcribed from responses written by these people, with any personal identifying information removed, to be later used for data analysis.

“The state prison here is full of gang members from Eugene and the Springfield area,” said Joey Whittaker, who said that five years ago he was one of them. “If you sit around and are complacent on this issue, you’re going to have metal detectors in your schools.”

The assembly was warned to take gang “wannabes” seriously, as, in “proving” themselves, they can be just as violent as actual gang members.

Many participants voiced frustration that there was “a lot of talk and no action” surrounding the issues of gangs in this community. They felt there should be more follow up concerning the issue. Community members seemed to genuinely want to help, but did not know what actions they should take.



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With a Grain of Salt

“What am I supposed to do with this?” grumbled the motorist as the police officer handed him a citation for speeding.

“Keep it,” the officer advised. “When you get four of them, you get a bicycle.”



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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