



# SAFER CAMPUS

Lane Community College, Department of Public Safety

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## **TORNADO ON CAMPUS**

On April 16th at approximately 4:10PM Lane Community College Public Safety activated the Emergency Mass Notification System to alert students and staff to seek shelter from a potential danger outside.

That danger was a mini-tornado. The tornado lasted only a few short minutes, but long enough to do damage to vehicles on Main Campus, specifically in parking lot C.

Around 4:08PM a phone call came to the Public Safety Office from an off duty Officer. The Officer reported a funnel cloud had touched down near the Child Care Center. Eye witness reports stated that the furious funnel of wind, rain, and hail picked up, and even flipped multiple cars. Reports stated that the tornado elevated a car in the air before dropping it on another vehicle. Another individual reported that a Jeep Cherokee, with two people inside, was lifted nearly ten feet in the air before being violently slammed back to the ground.

Dispatchers immediately sent Officers to the scene, and activated the Mass Notification System. The system is programmed to set off very bright flashing lights that are accompanied by a public announcement that directs students and staff during an emergency. When Officers arrived on scene, they saw the tornado had past, and immediately assisted victims. Officers relayed vehicle license plates which were ran, and cross referenced with Banner to contact the owners of the vehicles.



At 4:26PM the Chief of Public Safety asked Dispatchers to announce the all clear for students and staff seeking shelter, and also asked for the Counseling department to be requested to come to the scene to console shaken victims.

Facilities, Management and Planning, C-CERT, and Public Safety walked the parking lots to make sure no other vehicles had been damaged. The campus Public Information Officer, Joan Aschim, was on scene too. The Lane Community College community showed amazing team work in dealing with this tornado.



## **TORNADO THANKS AND UPDATE FROM JOAN ASCHIM AND THE EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM**

"The college Emergency Planning Team wants to thank everyone who helped respond to the rare tornado on main campus last week and who provided feedback on communications. Special thanks to Public Safety, Facilities, Counseling, Public Information, and C-CERT for a quick response, and to the others who stepped forward to help.

- Here are some take-aways that will help us continue to improve emergency preparedness and response at Lane. Our mass notification system (public address) was used to broadcast an emergency shelter-in-place message. It worked well in some buildings but included only flashing lights and no voice message in others. Facilities met with the equipment vendor immediately to assess this. A hardware disconnect, such as a switch or relay, was tracked to a communications port and the vendor is further researching this issue. Public address equipment in most buildings appeared to work, but rigorous testing will continue until we are satisfied with the system..."

# CRIME SCENE OFFICERS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Sergeant James Harris was born in Walton, Oregon about 30 miles west of Eugene. He graduated from Elmira High School in 1972, with continued Education at Lane Community College, obtaining an Associates of General Studies.

Sgt. Harris has been with Lane Community College Department of Public Safety since 1995, and became full time in 1999. Sgt. Harris worked as a Reserve Police Officer, Records/Dispatcher, and full time Police Officer at Junction City Police Department. He also worked dispatch at Clackamas County Communications Center, and Willamette Valley Communications. Sgt. Harris also worked at the Lane County Medical Examiner's office, assisting with death investigations and "first call" services for local mortuaries. Prior to this he worked in retail, and private security.

Sgt. Harris enjoys working at LCC Public Safety because it provides him with an opportunity to further the educational mission of the college, and in a great

sense, the pleasure of providing good customer service to the students and staff at LCC.

Sgt. Harris is heavily involved in the operations at LCC Public Safety, he is in charge of the Technical Services Division, he is also the LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) representative for the department. In 2013 he became certified as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) for the department. Sgt. Harris is trained in Incident Command and has advanced "scenario training".

Sgt. Harris's primary focus is centered around community safety, in all its forms. "I strongly believe impaired and distracted driving is one of the most serious violations committed by vehicle operators. Second to that are aggressive and distressed individuals who are having either social or medical issues..."



## SOMEONE ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Harrison Jones was born and raised in Eugene Oregon, and graduated from Sheldon High School.

He has been a Federal Work Study with LCC Public Safety since winter term of 2015. Harrison's main duties at Public Safety consist of lost and found, helping Chief Smith with various tasks, and special projects. Harrison enjoys working at Public Safety because it has a friendly atmosphere and a variety of tasks every day.

Harrison is currently enrolled at Lane Community College as a full time student, studying Biology. He will be graduating at the end of Spring Term. Harrison hopes to complete a Bachelors of Science degree at the University of Oregon and find a fulfilling career teaching high school students Biology.

In his spare time, Harrison enjoys ultimate Frisbee, "every kind of pizza," and watching Harry Potter with his girlfriend.



# CUSTODIAL SERVICES BREAKS RECORD!

Heath Pierce and his crew at Custodial Services have done it again. As of May 1st, at the end of shift, a new record has been set of 278 days with out a job loss accident.

The last record set for Custodial Services was October 1st, 2013 with 277 days gone with out a time loss accident.

Heath Pierce and his team are committed to working safely. As a new hire with Custodial Services each employee goes through extensive safety training. Followed by training with whichever particular field the trainee will be involved in, such as, floor resurfacing, equipment operator, and then they have training on proper use of tools for that field.

Custodial Services has a 'Safety Idea' box mounted to the wall of facilities. This is an inbox that people can

anonymously voice any concerns that they are having in regards to safety.



Every employee is involved in a monthly mandatory safety training that is put on by the Director of Facilities and Management, Todd Smith.

Employee's practice safe work habits by knowing their physical limits, wearing shock resistant knee pads, and utilizing safety equipment during day to day job tasks.

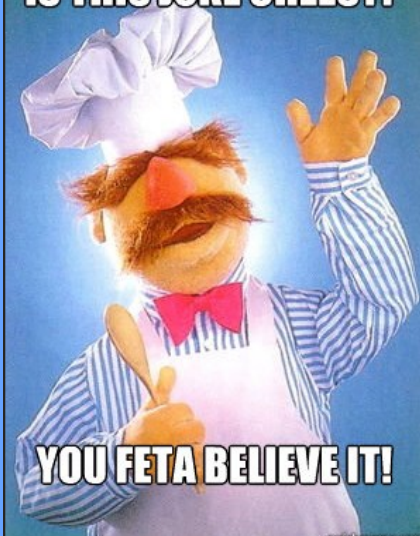
Custodial Services does a lot for Lane Community College, and should be recognized for their great work, and great work ethic.

Congratulations on breaking this record, keep up the good work!

For more information from Custodial Services: <http://www.lanecc.edu/facilities/custodial/custodial-services>

## GRAIN OF SALT

IS THIS JOKE CHEESY?



### A workman was killed at a construction site.

The police began questioning a number of the other workers. Based with past brushes with the law, many of these workers were considered prime suspects.

The electrician was suspected of *wiretapping* once but was never charged.

The *window glazier* went to great *panes* to conceal his past.

The *painter* had a *brush* with the law several years ago.

The *heating, ventilation and air conditioning* contractor is known to *pack heat*.

He was arrested once but *duct* the charges.

The *cabinet maker* is an accomplished *counter fitter*.

So who did it? The *window glazier*. But he claims he was *framed*.

## BIKE PATROL ON CAMPUS

Article information provided by,  
Officer Ryan Sager



In 2009, in an effort to reduce pollution and lower emissions, Public Safety decided to create a Bike Patrol Unit. Sgt. Bill Speicher was the Officer that spear headed the program. His desire to help cut emissions, and create a 'special team', or 'special duty', was what started the program.



Sgt. Bill Speicher,  
Creator of Bike Patrol



Cpl. Schneider

When Sgt. Speicher first founded the team there were two bikes and two officers; Cpl. Schneider and he. Currently there are four Smith and Wesson Patrol Bikes, and a total of seven members on the unit.

In the beginning, the hiring process for the unit was simple. An officer applied and had to be in good standing with the department. The applicant had to submit a letter of interest, complete an application and perform a shift long observational ride with Sgt. Speicher. Then the team members decided on the best candidates and ultimately the final decision was made by Sgt. Speicher.

Sgt. Speicher is retired, works as a training specialist, and is an honorary member of the bicycle unit. The officer in charge of the unit is currently Officer Sager. Cpl. Schneider is the assistant officer in charge.

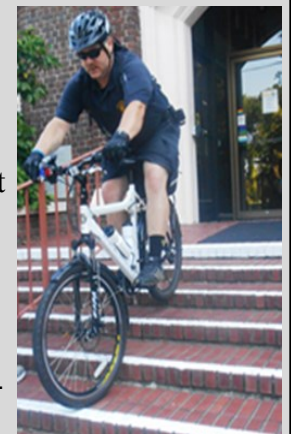
The goal is to keep the unit running smoothly, and to impart a mindset, and qualities that Sgt. Speicher instilled with the original unit.

Today the hiring process is more structured, and incorporates more physical requirements. Officers go through a vigorous process which consists of physical testing, obstacle course, written testing, check rides, field performance evaluation and IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association) certification in partnership with the Corvallis Police Department.



Officer Bower

Once on the Bike team, the Officers maintain riding hours that are monitored by Cpl. Schneider and Officer Sager. In conjunction with this, each officer agrees to complete a two season term (equivalent of two years), during which the officers are continually tested in performance, riding skills, and field work. If any of these conditions are not met, an officer may be disqualified as a bike unit member.



Officer Ryan Sager,  
IPMBA Training,  
Corvallis Ore.

Bike Patrol on campus has become a vital, important part of the Public Safety department. It is a great way for Officers to cover a lot of ground, and encourages Community Policing as officers interact with students and staff.

## LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BIKE UNIT MEMBERS



Officer Sager



Sgt. Speicher



Cpl. Schneider



Sgt. Rupp



Officer Bower



Officer Smith



Officer Williams



# Calls for Service

\*Select Cases from March, 2015

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| <p>April 01, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Public indecency – Titan Court Alley</li> <li>✦ Odor investigation/Marijuana – Titan Court</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions – Titan Court Courtyard</li> <li>✦ Medical emergency – Center Building</li> <li>✦ Missing person investigation – Main Campus</li> </ul> | <p>April 11, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Escort—Down Town Residence</li> <li>✦ Damage to college property—Down Town Residence</li> </ul>  |
| <p>April 02, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Phone report/threats – Cottage Grove</li> <li>✦ Medical accident – Building Thirty</li> <li>✦ Disrupting College Activities – Building Thirty</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject – Down Town Residence</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions – Center Building</li> </ul>     | <p>April 12, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Thirty</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Five</li> </ul>  |
| <p>April 03, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Theft – Building Nineteen</li> <li>✦ Welfare check – Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Hit and run – Lot B</li> </ul>   | <p>April 13, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Violation of protection order—Main Campus</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Down Town Residence</li> </ul>                           |
| <p>April 05, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions – Building Thirty One</li> <li>✦ Suspicious condition – Building Five</li> <li>✦ Suspicious vehicle – Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject – Titan Store</li> </ul>   | <p>April 14, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Welfare check—Building Thirteen</li> <li>✦ Animal check—Lot L</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Tornado/incident command—Lot C</li> </ul>                            |
| <p>April 06, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Theft – Down town Residence</li> <li>✦ Threats/intimidation – Building Thirty</li> <li>✦ Medical emergency – Building One</li> </ul>  | <p>April 15, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Fire alarm/false alarm— Main Campus</li> <li>✦ Animal welfare check—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Disorderly conduct—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Animal welfare check—Lot L</li> </ul>                       |
| <p>April 07, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions – Center Building</li> <li>✦ Fire alarm – Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions – Center Building</li> <li>✦ Fire alarm – Down Town Academic</li> </ul>   | <p>April 16, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Welfare check—Building One</li> <li>✦ Warrant service—Building Sixteen</li> <li>✦ Assist outside agency—Building Sixteen</li> </ul> |
| <p>April 09, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious conduct—Building Eight</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Down Town Residence</li> <li>✦ Medical/person search—Building One</li> </ul>  | <p>April 17, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious subject— Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Drug paraphernalia—Building Five</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Building Fifteen</li> <li>✦ Suspicious vehicle— Lot M</li> </ul>    |
| <p>April 10, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Safety Hazard—Building Thirteen Walkway</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Center Building</li> <li>✦ Harassment—LTD</li> <li>✦ Intoxicated person—Center Building Book Store</li> <li>✦ Theft—Main Campus</li> <li>✦ Animal check—Lot B</li> </ul>                      | <p>April 18, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Medical/accident—Soccer Field</li> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Down Town</li> <li>✦ Fire/smoke alarm—Down Town Residence</li> </ul>   |

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| <p>April 20, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Trespassing / suspicious subject—Down Town</li> <li>✦ Smoke/fire alarm—Building Six</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Five</li> <li>✦ Dog at large—North Access Road</li> </ul>  | <p>April 25, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Medical / welfare—Building Six</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Main Campus</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Main Campus Tunnel</li> </ul>  |
| <p>April 21, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Vehicle roll out—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Disabled vehicle—Gonyea</li> <li>✦ Fire alarm—Down Town Academic</li> <li>✦ Escort—Building Three</li> <li>✦ Suspicious vehicle—Lot L</li> <li>✦ Escort—Building Three</li> </ul>  | <p>April 27, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Theft—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Theft—Building One</li> <li>✦ Medical emergency—Building Five</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Eleven</li> </ul>  |
| <p>April 22, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious subject—Center Building</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Center Building</li> <li>✦ Drugs complaint—Main Campus</li> <li>✦ Medical emergency—Building Five</li> <li>✦ Car Accident—Down Town Residence Alley</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Eight</li> </ul> | <p>April 28, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Theft—Building Thirty One</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Twenty Four</li> <li>✦ Suspicious vehicle—Lot L</li> <li>✦ Motor vehicle accident—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Disabled vehicle—Gonyea / Clover Leaf</li> <li>✦ Graffiti—Lot M</li> </ul>       |
| <p>April 23, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Disorderly subject—Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Medical Accident—Building Thirty</li> <li>✦ Medical Emergency—Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building sixteen</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Assault—Lot B, Bus Station</li> </ul>             | <p>April 29, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building One</li> <li>✦ Damage to college property—Building One</li> <li>✦ Possession of controlled substance—Lot B</li> <li>✦ Theft—Down Town Residence</li> <li>✦ Possession of controlled substance—Center Building</li> </ul> |
| <p>April 24, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Hostile environment—Building One</li> <li>✦ Suspicious conditions—Building Ten</li> <li>✦ Damage to college property—Track Bowl</li> </ul>   | <p>April 30th, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Welfare check—Building Eleven</li> <li>✦ Emergency message delivery—Dental Clinic</li> <li>✦ Assist outside agency—Building Two</li> </ul>  |

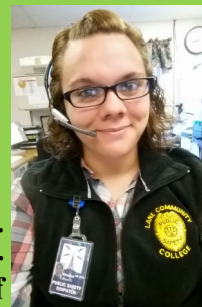
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