



# SAFER CAMPUS

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**Chief's Note**  
**Duck Season!**  
**Wabbit Season!**  
**Neither, it's Honda**  
**Season.**

If you own a 198X  
or 199X Honda,  
you are likely to be  
the victim of car  
theft. Consider  
buying a "Club"  
from the Titan  
Store or changing  
your door/ignition  
locks.

Keys from these  
years will fit and  
work in most of  
these cars.

## Irrational and Rational Actors: Decoding Decisions, Support, and Executive Leadership—PART 2

The fact is that it can be reasonably inferred, if we accept the underlying premises and the external stakeholder validations, that we are not wrong.

The next question then is *Why* Public Safety is frequently thwarted with regard to some of the most important issues about department services and operations?

The best examples of this obstinacy are found in the decisions on the following issues:

- 1) TASERS
- 2) Firearms
- 3) Special Deputy Status

Let's examine each and try to find where the irrationality enters the picture.

### TASERS

No one on Lane's campus, with respect to my colleagues who are former police officers and/or were on the research team, knows more about TASERS than ... well, me.

I am a former instructor who has deployed a TASER in more than 50 situations including training and real suspect situations. I have written comprehensive policies on training, use, risk, and deployment. I have trained about 40+ officers to use them and I have dealt with the company.

In addition I successfully had these devices introduced and deployed in a much more controversial environment (10 hospitals, 20,000 employees).

Also, the union Council unanimously supported the deployment on the campus with officers.

So, with this track record of success in mind and understanding risk and the changing threat environment, why can't TASERS be deployed at LCC?

Is it fear? Fear is irrational and in the context of all of the rational support and  
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arguments for moving forward, this might be one possibility.

Of course, when measured with the lost productivity of an injured staff member, or law suit directed at LCC regarding why LCC Public Safety was not able or willing to interdict a situation where a person was being harmed or behaving irrationally, or provide tools for this scenario then...

There is always a subtle fear of being first and that what it might signal to others if LCC is the first community college to adopt TASERs or other weapons on campus.

Again, the apprehension at perceptions versus the reality of an additional intermediate tool for managing potentially violent or dangerous actors, seem to be the critical consideration. Oh, BTW, with a general prohibition on ASR (OC), the only tool left for irrational actors in buildings is a baton. The potential for greater injury (and potential legal action) is increased in that scenario.

In either possible explanation, we are faced with a lack of trust and a calculated irrational reluctance to move forward with a bold change.

## Firearms



I have commented previously on the reluctance to *discuss* whether firearms should be thoughtfully and selectively deployed in Public Safety, so I will not dwell on that issue.

One can see, however, that the institutional resistance to this issue is so pervasive that it even corrupts normal thinking and communication of *proponents* of firearms for Public Safety.

## Special Deputy Status

About 2 years ago Sheriff Turner agreed to my request to deputize, on a limited basis, several members of LCC Public Safety. This would close the gap with probable cause issues (like warrant arrests), investigation/detainment, and arrest/search and seizure authority issues.

The sheriff only needed verification, in writing, that LCC would indemnify LCSO for the action of its officers.

LCC's insurance covers worker's actions while they are employed (this came up for another issue). Sounds like a winner right? The need is clear, it is a best practice, it increases operational efficiency, but.... the idea was nixed. No reason was given.

When the chief law enforcement officer for the *county* supports an idea like this and is willing to extend his authority to close the acts it is real leadership and real action to address a concern that impacts operational efficiencies and effectiveness. When the chief Public Safety officer perceives and thinks up this plan, it is not irrational; it is rational and reasonable given the circumstances. When other agencies at other schools are either adopting similar practices or trying to, it is a further indicator of the reasonableness of such a move.



So, the question is, whether the decision to refuse to take advantage of this opportunity is reasonable or not? What motivates administration to reject this proposal, in the face of the experience and understanding of the

the two senior LE persons involved?

Most concerns about risk can be mitigated or eliminated with exacting policy, training, and a thorough review of proposed practices before initiation.

### **A Time to Trust, A Time to Move Forward**

The current threat environment in the United States continues to evolve. More and more persons suffering from mental illness, are engaged in threatening behavior, or committing violent acts against citizens, indiscriminately.

LCC cannot afford the continued luxury of ignoring this changing environment or the potential harm that a less progressive policy endorses.

We cannot, in short, afford irrationality in an environment that exploits such limited thinking.

## **Is your life worth more than a sack of cash?**



Each day armored car drivers come to campus to pick up cash from the college's Business operations. These men and women typically have significantly less training than LCC Public Safety officers.

Their job is to ensure that no one steals the money.

Public Safety's job is to create the safest possible campus environment possible. In a world with constantly increasing threats and incidents of violence, especially in higher education settings, one wonders the wisdom and the stubborn determination to keep Public Safety officers from carrying TASERS and firearms.

"We didn't want to be first..." (er, we wouldn't be first by the way), is a silly epithet for a student and an implausible defense at a civil law suit.

Jace Smith, Chief  
LCC Public Safety



## Crime on Campus

### \*Select Cases on Campus Sept., 2014



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

Sept 1, Resident found to be in possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, Titan Court  
Sept 2, Officer found Graffiti at DTC Building  
Sept 2, Resident found to be in Possession of Less than an Ounce of Marijuana, Titan Court  
Sept 3, Officers responded to report of Disorderly Subject at the Bus Loop  
Sept 3, Officers rescued lost dog on east side of Main Campus  
Sept 4, Victim reported Theft of personal property from Lot N  
Sept 4, Disorderly Subject reported in Bldg 1  
Sept 5, Officer discovered Graffiti near Bldg 18  
Sept 5, Officers discovered person Trespassing in Bldg 1  
Sept 5, Officers investigated report of Missing Person (student). Person was located.  
Sept 5, Person reported Traffic Complaint on west side of Main Campus  
Sept 6, Officer responded to report of Suspicious Subject near the baseball field.  
Sept 8, Officer responded to report of Suspicious Subject in Titan Court.  
Sept 8, Officer discovered Graffiti on DTA Bldg.  
Sept 8, Officer investigated Suspicious Vehicle in Lot M.  
Sept 9, Officers investigated Suspicious Subject wandering around south side of Main Campus.  
Sept 9, Officer investigated Suspicious Vehicle in Lot N.

Sept 9, Officers investigated Suspicious Conditions at Longhouse.  
Sept 10, Officer received Noise Complaint from Titan Court. Caller was referred to Community Assistant.  
Sept 10, Officer discovered Graffiti near Bldg 16.  
Sept 11, Officers investigated Suspicious Subject near Bldg 1.  
Sept 11, Officers contacted Suspicious Subject at LTD Bus Loop.  
Sept 11, Officer investigated Suspicious Vehicle in Lot E.  
Sept 13, Officer discovered Graffiti at Titan Court  
Sept 13, Officer conducted Welfare Check on person in Lot N.  
Sept 15, Officer discovered Graffiti near Bldg 17.  
Sept 16, Medical Emergency in Bldg 1.  
Sept 16, Officer investigated Suspicious Subject in Lot B.  
Sept 17, Medical Emergency in Bldg 10.  
Sept 18, Officer discovered Graffiti on Bldg 6.  
Sept 21, Officers investigated Theft From Vehicle in Lot E.  
Sept 21, Medical Emergency in Bldg 10.  
Sept 23, Officers investigated Disorderly Subject in Center Bldg.  
Sept 23, Officer investigated Suspicious Conditions in Child Care.  
Sept 30, Officer performed Civil Standby in Center Bldg.

### Do You Drive on Campus? Wanna Keep Your Stuff?

Recently, several vehicles parked on campus were broken into and had valuables stolen.

Simply by locking your doors and keeping your windows up, you can greatly reduce your chances of being the victim of a Theft.

Also, leave unneeded valuables out of sight or at home. Bad guys can't take things that just aren't there.

If you see suspicious activity, please report it immediately to Public Safety at (541) 463-5555 (5555 on campus line).



## Crime on Campus

### **\*Select Cases on Campus October.**



Oct 1, Officers investigated report of Theft from Motor Vehicle in Lot M.

Oct 2, Officer investigated report of Theft from Motor Vehicle in Lot L.

Oct 2, Officer investigated complaint of Disorderly Subject in Center Bldg.

Oct 2, Officer was eluded by motorist on attempted Traffic Stop. Student was cited.

Oct 3, Officer investigated report of Harassment in Center Bldg.

Oct 3, Officers assisted Sheriff's Office for Vehicle Accident on Gonyea and 30th Ave.

Oct 4, Officer investigated Suspicious Conditions in Lot C.

Oct 6, Medical Emergency in Bldg 6.

Oct 7, Officer investigated report of Suspicious Noise coming from Bldg 10.

Oct 7, Officer discovered subject committing theft of cans from recycling bin near LTD Bus Loop.

Oct 7, Medical Emergency in Bldg 16.

Oct 7, Medical Emergency at DTA.

Oct 7, Officer investigated report of Theft of backpack from restroom in Bldg 11.

Oct 7, Medical Emergency in Center Bldg.

Oct 8, Officer investigated report of Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property from Lot B.

Oct 8, Officer investigated report of Theft from Motor Vehicle (truck bed liner) in Lot C.

Oct 8, Officers investigated reports of Threats on Main Campus.

Oct 8, Medical Emergency at LTD Bus Loop.

Oct 8, Officers assisted Springfield PD Detectives in apprehending felony suspect.

Oct 8, Officer investigated Suspicious Noise coming from Bldg 10.

Oct. 8, Officer contacted Suspicious Subject at DTA.

Oct 10, Officer investigated report of Hit and Run occurring in Lot N.

Oct 11, Officer investigated two reports of Theft from Motor Vehicle in Lot N.

Oct 11, Officer discovered Graffiti on Bldg 9.

Oct 11, Medical Emergency on the Soccer Field.

Oct 13, Officer responded to complaint of Disorderly Subject in Cafeteria.

Oct 13, Officer responded to report of Suspicious Conditions at Titan Court.

Oct 13, Officer investigated Suspicious Subjects in Lot B.

Oct 13, Officer investigated report of Hit and Run occurring in Lot B.

Oct 13, Medical Emergency near Women's Center.

Oct 13, Officer investigated complaint of animal in distress near Bldg. 30.

Oct 14, Officer investigated complaint of person smoking marijuana near Bldg 5.

Oct 14, Officer investigated Suspicious Conditions in Lot M.

Oct 14, Officer investigated Suspicious Subject near Bldg 19.

Oct 16, Officer investigated Suspicious Subject near Lot L.

Oct 17, Officer investigated reported Theft of computer monitor from Bldg 10.

Oct 17, Officer investigated Suspicious Vehicle driving around Lot N.

Oct 17, Officer investigated Suspicious Vehicle parked in Lot C.

Oct 20, Officer investigated report of several iPads stolen from Bldg 10.

Oct 20, Officer investigated Suspicious Conditions in Bldg 1.

Oct 21, Officers assisted Springfield Police during pursuit and arrest.

Oct 21, Officer investigated report of Suspicious Subject in Bldg 19.

Oct 21, Officer investigated Suspicious Conditions in Bldg 1.

Oct 22, Officer investigated Attempted Theft from Titan Store.

Oct 22, Officer investigated report of Suspicious Conditions on Main Campus.

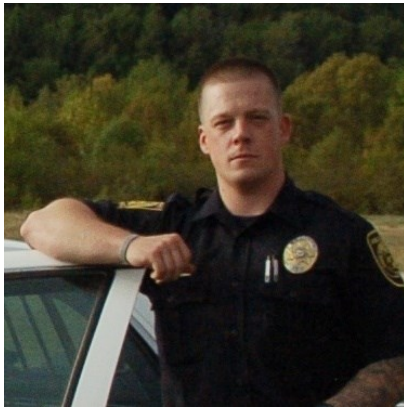
Oct 22, Officers assisted Sheriff's Office with Vehicle Accident on Gonyea and 30th.

Oct 25, Officer investigated report of Harassment at DTA.

Oct 27, Officer investigated report of wallet stolen from Titan Court.



## Officers You Should Know



**Officer Keegan McQuillan**

Officer Keegan McQuillan was born and raised in Eugene Oregon.

He is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School.

Following high school McQuillan attended LCC where he began to attain credits for a major in Criminal Justice. After a year and a half McQuillan took a break from school and began doing family ranch work as well working part-time at a local electric company. In 2013 McQuillan returned to his interest in law enforcement and began working full-time as a Loss Prevention Officer for Fred Meyer where he led his region in shop lift

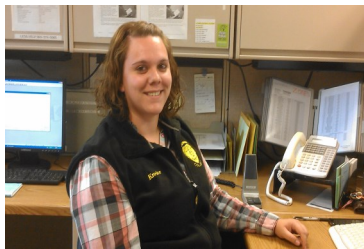
apprehensions.

McQuillan began working for the LCC Public Safety Department in 2014 after successfully completing the five week Public Safety academy and five week FTO training.

Officer McQuillan is currently enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician program at LCC where, upon completion, he will become a certified EMT.

Outside of work McQuillan enjoys weight training, hunting, fishing and watching football.

## Employees You Should Know



**Dispatcher/Admin Specialist  
Shawni Kroeker**

Shawni Kroeker was born and raised in Yamhill, Oregon, and

graduated from Yahmhill-Carlton High School. She re-located to Eugene in October of last year with her spouse, Patrick.

As a senior in high school, Mrs. Kroeker was accepted into the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Cadet Program, then later was hired by the Sheriff's Office as a Marine Safety Deputy and Animal Control Officer.

Mrs. Kroeker was hired as an on-

call Public Safety Dispatcher in November, 2013, and eventually assumed the part-time Administrative Assistant Specialist position.

Mrs. Kroeker is a licensed Notary Public and is Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) certified.

In her spare time, Mrs. Kroeker enjoys working with her husband on their farm, hunting, fishing, and spending time with her two Blue Heeler dogs, Arson and Trigger.

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**Sergeant Chantal Thomas, Editor in Chief**

