

Community Newsletter

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Sheriff's Office

541-440-4450



Dispatch Non-Emergency

541-440-4471

Emergency

9-1-1

Community Outreach

Andrea Zielinski

541-440-4486

Records Division

541-440-4463

Civil Processing

541-440-4468

Patrol Division

541-440-4457

Investigations

541-440-4458

Drug Activity Tip Line

541-440-4474

Search and Rescue

541-440-4448

Marine Patrol

541-440-4447

Douglas County Jail

541-440-4440

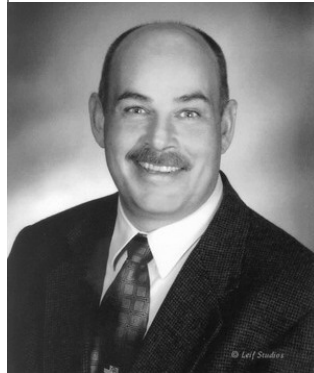
Animal Control

541-440-4327

Concealed Handgun Licensing

541-957-2021

Your Sheriff's Office



I simply wanted to reach out to the citizens, who are, like us, anxiously awaiting some definitive word on the safety net funding (often referred to as payments to counties). The loss of many millions of dollars to Douglas County, will certainly redefine the types of services the county can provide. And the surviving services cannot help but be adversely impacted.

The Sheriff's Office not only serves the folks in the very rural areas, but we also serve a number of smaller cities. While I desperately want to keep all of you apprised about our fiscal situation, I have been unable to do so. The fact is *nobody* knows what the outcome of the safety net funding is going to be. Furthermore, the forecast changes almost daily. When I do communicate with you, I want it to be with credible, accurate information.

That said, if we do not prevail in securing continued federal support, our capable Board of Commissioners fully recognizes that every county service is critical to someone. When services have to be diminished, nobody wins. All you can do is try to minimize the harm that everyone will experience. You do that through very thoughtful consideration and sensitivity to the needs of the people. I have no doubt that our commissioners will arrive at the best-case scenario, in a worst-case scenario environment.

But more specifically, I know that our commissioners recognize public safety as a very high priority. It is, in fact, one of the few inherent responsibilities of government. There is no fallback position for our citizens in terms of public safety. The State Police have been diminished over the years, from almost 30 troopers, in Douglas County, to less than 10. So the few deputies and troopers, that we can muster collectively, are all there is for you to depend upon. I, and everyone here at the Sheriff's Office, will find the balance of services, that offers the best protection and least exposure to the folks we serve, based upon the resources we are given to work with.

I also want to reiterate that this situation is not yet hopeless. There are still possibilities for a late resolution; at least for another year.

Most importantly, I want you to know that a lack of dialogue between you and I, about the fiscal challenges facing the Sheriff's Office, is not deliberate. My obligation to you is to engage you with facts and meaningful information, neither of which are in plentiful supply right now.

Chris Brown, Sheriff

Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome

Most parents are in the dark regarding the popularity and dangers of inhalant use. Children, on the other hand, are discovering that common household products are inexpensive to obtain, easy to hide and the easiest way to get high. Inhalants comprise a wide variety of volatile substances found in many consumer products, including glues, spray paints, butane lighters, hairsprays, spot removers, nail polish removers, room deodorizers, whipped cream containers, computer dusting aerosols, and hundreds of others. These products are legal, easy to obtain, and found in all our homes. When used properly they make our lives easier, but when used improperly—for their intoxicating effects—they can easily be deadly. “Huffing”, “sniffing” or “dusting”, is the deliberate inhalation of a gas or vapor with the intent of getting high. Damage to the liver, kidneys, and bone marrow can result, along with irreversible brain damage and death. *Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome* occurs when the oxygen in the lungs is replaced by the inhalant. The person suffocates, and death can occur after the first time it’s ever tried.



Anything that emits fumes or that is in an aerosol form can be inhaled to produce a high.

According to the 2005-2006 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey, five percent of Douglas County eighth graders used inhalants within the previous 30 day period. The state average for 2005-2006 was six percent. The survey also shows that by the time kids reach their junior year of high school, interest in inhalants seems to decline in favor of alcohol and marijuana use. The middle school years are an important time for parents to stress the danger of abusing inhalants. If you feel ill-equipped to do that, read on! Know the signs and symptoms, and the effects, of inhalant abuse:

- Unusual breath or chemical odor on clothing.
- Signs of paint or other products where they wouldn’t normally be, such as on face or fingers.
- Red or runny eyes or nose.
- Pains in chest or stomach.
- Fatigue, nausea, and shortness of breath.
- Spots or sores around the mouth.
- Slurred or disoriented speech, and a drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance.
- Chronic inhalant abusers may exhibit such symptoms as anxiety, excitability, irritability, or restlessness.

For more information on inhalant abuse contact the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition at 1-800-269-4237

Come Visit the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Booth at the Sportsmen's and Outdoor Recreation Show

Douglas County Fairgrounds - February 16, 17 and 18, 2007

Boater's Handbooks

Search and Rescue Info

Boater's Safety Tests

Free Child Fingerprinting & ID kits Saturday, February 17 from 11:00—3:00

Fraud & Identity Theft

Forgery - Definition

With intent to injure or defraud a person, falsely makes, completes, or alters a written instrument, or, he posses or uses a written instrument which he knows to be forged.

Check Fraud: About 500 million checks are forged each year in the U.S. It's a \$10 billion a year business for crooks.

If you feel that you have been a victim of check fraud:

- Close your account.
- File a complaint with the FTC. www.ftc.gov/idtheft Or 1-877-IDTHEFT
- Contact these major check verification companies:

TeleCheck 1-800-710-9898
Certigy, Inc. 1-800-437-5120
International Check Services
 1-800-631-9656

Check fraud prevention:

- Use a secure mailbox at the Post Office or a cluster box. Cluster boxes usually average about \$120 per household if there are 8 to 12 homes. You can get more information by contacting your local Postmaster. Deposit *all* outgoing mail at the post office
- Know who you give a check to.

Identity Theft: occurs when criminals acquire your information to use as their own. The type of information used includes your name, address, or telephone numbers, bank, checking, & credit account numbers, social security number, drivers license, etc.

ID theft affects 9.9 million people each year. The average cost to clear you name is \$1500, not including attorney fees, and over 175 hours of your time. A new victim is claimed every 30 – 40 seconds.

Identity Theft - Definition

No person may knowingly obtain, possess, use, or transfer a means of identification or financial information of another person, living or dead, with the intent to commit, or to aid or abet, any crime.

More than half of the identity theft complaints received by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) involve credit card fraud. The balance of complaints relate to:

- Unauthorized telephone or utility services (25%)
- Bank fraud (16%)
- Fraudulent loans (9%)
- Government documents such as driver's licenses, tax returns, or benefits (8%)
- About 12% of all complainants to the FTC had a personal relationship with the suspect

Identity Theft Protection:

- Guard your personal information
- Secure vehicles, garbage, mail, purses, etc
- Shred valuable information before discarding
- Check your credit report often
- Contact the following and request a fraud alert
 - Equifax 1-800-525-6285
 - Experian 1-888-397-3742
 - Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

IF YOU SUSPECT A CON!

- Make a report with local law enforcement.
- Report it to the State's Attorney General's Consumer Protection office at
- (503) 378-4400 or www.doj.state.or.us/finfraud/

To get off telemarketing lists:

Contact the FTC www.donotcall.gov

Stay up to date on the latest schemes and scams at www.fraud.org

Burglaries and UEMV—Unincorporated Douglas County January 1 –31, 2006

Residential Burglaries

800 block S. Main, Canyonville
800 block Clearlake Ave, Winchester Bay
100 block Buena Vista Ln, Green
5200 block NE Stephens, Roseburg
1800 block Springbrook Rd, Myrtle Crk
2300 block Cleveland Hill Rd., Rsbg
1900 block Madison Rd., Kellogg
300 block Outback, Glendale
2000 block Green Ave., Green
100 block Taft Dr., N. Roseburg
2600 block Willis Creek Rd., Dillard
200 block Piney Hill Ln., Tiller
1100 block Tunnel Rd., Glendale

100 block Sierra Drive., Melrose

800 block Autumn Ln., Quines Creek

Business Burglaries

100 block Elkhead Rd., Yoncalla
5000 block Hwy 38., Drain
5000 block Riddle Bypass Rd., Riddle
2200 block Cannon Ave., Green
1300 block Tunnel Rd., Glendale
200 block S. Main., Riddle
400 block S. Cedar, Drain
300 block SW Pine St., Canyonville
200 block Ranchero Rd., Azalea
200 block East 'B' Ave., Drain

Unlawful Entry into Motor Vehicle

11000 block Upper Cow Cr. Rd. Azalea
13000 block Upper Cow Cr. Rd. Azalea
300 block N. Main, Riddle
3000 block Slope Street, Roseburg
3000 block Follett Street, N. Roseburg
2000 block Austin Rd., Green
300 block High Street, Gardiner
3600 block Joe Ave., Green
2200 block Burdette Dr., Green
100 block Beech Street, Green
4100 block Hermosa Way, Green



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