

# Man killed on Cline Falls Highway

A 69-year-old man lost his life in an accident in front of his home on Cline Falls Highway east of Sisters last Friday.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to a reported vehicle-versus-pedestrian crash in the 65400 block of Cline Falls Highway on November 24, at approximately 5:04 p.m. The initial information from dispatch was the male pedestrian was in the roadway and a nurse was with him providing medical care.

An investigation at the scene determined that Michael R. Porter of Bend had crossed Cline Falls Highway in front of his residence to collect his mail from the mailbox.

At about the same time, a witness driving southbound on Cline Falls Highway observed Porter bent over or kneeling in the middle of Cline Falls Highway, possibly collecting dropped mail. This witness had nearly hit Porter and was turning around to return and check on him.

Lance J. Hitson of Bend was driving northbound on Cline Falls Highway in his 2002 Dodge pickup. Hitson saw a southbound vehicle flash its headlights at him, then he heard and felt his vehicle strike something. Hitson saw Porter out his driver's side window and realized he

had struck a person.

A passing nurse arrived on scene just moments after Porter was struck and provided medical care, including applying a tourniquet to one of his legs. A Bend Fire Department ambulance also responded to the crash scene, but medics determined Porter was dead.

Hitson remained at the scene of the collision and cooperated with investigators. Neither alcohol nor distracted driving are believed to have contributed to the collision, according to investigators. Porter's dark clothing and his position in the roadway are being considered as factors in the incident.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Oregon State Police, the Bend Fire Department and the Deschutes County Road Department. Cline Falls Highway in this area was closed for approximately 3.5 hours during the investigation.

# Radian moves to Redmond

BEND (AP) — Gun and accessory maker Radian Weapons is moving to Redmond next month.

*The Bulletin* reported Thursday that the move by Radian makes it the seventh firearms company in the city.

Jon Stark with Redmond Economic Development Inc. says the industry employs about 30 people in the city, but that number will double with Radian's addition.

Radian is best-known for its Raptor charging handle, an accessory that fits AR-15 carbine and M16 assault rifles. But the company began producing a complete AR-15 in 2015.

Josiah Underwood, Radian director of operations, says despite a sharp decline in gun sales since President Trump was elected in 2016, the company is anticipating growth through its premium accessories. Gun owners can buy the accessories for about \$100 and use them to upgrade inexpensive weapons.

# Fire district wins kudos for budget presentation

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its 2017-2018 budget. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest award in governmental budgeting. This is the second year in a row the District has received this award and is one of only a handful of fire districts in Oregon receiving the award in 2017.

In order to receive the budget award, the District had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well the District's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The budget document must be

rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

District Finance Manager Kay Johnson was also recognized with a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation. The award is presented by the GFOA to those individuals who have been instrumental in their government unit achieving a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Johnson works with fire department staff to prepare the annual budget, which is approved by a citizens' budget committee. The budget is then finally adopted by the elected board of directors.

For more information about the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD or to view the 2017-2018 budget visit their website at [www.sistersfire.com](http://www.sistersfire.com).

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