

DCSO chooses body-cam system

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) has settled on a pick for a body-cam and in-car camera system.

In November 2020, DCSO began field testing body-worn and in-car camera systems. They tested two different brands of camera systems for 60 days. Each deputy testing the camera systems utilized each brand of camera system for 30 days. The testing consisted of not only field use of each camera system, but the evaluation of software, data storage requirements, data storage cost, and customer service.

After receiving input from the testing deputies, information technologies (IT) department, and the automotive fleet manager, the Sheriff's Office decided to outfit DCSO deputies and vehicles with Safe Fleet-Coban camera systems.

DCSO plans on having body cameras issued to all patrol deputies starting the week of May 3. DCSO will also be outfitting patrol cars with the in-car camera system. Installing the cameras in patrol vehicles will be done in phases.

Policy for the body- and in-car camera systems is still being developed, but DCSO reports that it will be completed prior to May 3. The policy will be available to view at www.sheriff.deschutes.org when it is finalized.



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DCSO has selected the Safe Fleet-Coban camera system.

"The Sheriff's Office knows implementing the use of body-worn cameras is an important step in enhancing public trust and the transparency of our operations," Public Information Officer Sgt. Jayson Janes said in a prepared statement. "We also know implementing the camera systems comes at a cost to the residents of Deschutes County. Based on the results of the testing, the Sheriff's Office believes the decision to choose Safe Fleet-Coban allows the Sheriff's Office to implement body-worn and in-car camera systems in the most fiscally responsible manner."

Safe Fleet-Coban camera systems are also being used by the Oregon State Police, Los Angeles Police Department, Chicago Police Department, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Patrol, and other law-enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Outlaws hit the mat for wrestling

Young people in Sisters who want to build their wrestling skills may want to check out the new Outlaw Mat Club.

The club is open to boys and girls grades K-12; it is designed to introduce and increase the knowledge and skills of the sport of wrestling in a fun and positive environment.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, athletes will currently be limited to noncontact practices only, with the emphasis on technique, body position, and drill work using dummies. Practices will be conducted after screening and masks will be required. Wrestling is notable for helping youth build character, a work ethic, develop self-confidence, and strengthen their perseverance. Coaches note that life-skills and success principles that young wrestlers develop while learning to wrestle are valuable in progressing in life.

The club's focus for grades K-5 is an introduction to the sport of wrestling, focusing on increasing body awareness, tumbling, games, and having fun. Basic wrestling techniques will be taught and mastered, along with emphasizing sportsmanship, self-control, and a positive attitude. Grades 6-12 will continue to develop the fundamental skills that all wrestlers need in order to move on to the next level, but will begin to introduce wrestling strategies and practice at a faster pace.



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Wrestlers can develop skills and character through wrestling practice in the Outlaw Mat Club.

Developing character and a work ethic will be stressed as athletes continue to have fun in the practice room with games and competition.

Practices may be split into separate groups to better meet the needs of all wrestlers for both age groups. Wrestlers are encouraged to participate in the local tournaments around Oregon, but are not required to. Those choosing to will need to purchase a wrestling card through USA Wrestling and our coaches will travel to the competitions to work with our athletes, who will

be supplied a singlet for competition.

Register online with Sisters Park & Recreation District at www.sistersrecreation.com/activity/outlaws-mat-club/.

Cost is \$40 for in-district families (\$52 for out-of-district) and scholarships are available. Instruction will be provided by staff from both Sisters Park & Recreation District and the coaching staff from Sisters High School. Practice sessions will be in the wrestling room at Sisters High School, located at 1700 W. McKinney Butte Rd.

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