

Office of Public Safety offers many services to students

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Your roommates have contracted immobilizing cases of the latest plague. While attempting to warm up the car to take them to the hospital, you discover the battery is dead, and in a rage you lock the keys in the car before searching for someone to jump start your vehicle. You spot a phone booth and wonder who to call first: an ambulance, a tow truck or a locksmith.

Relax. One call, to the Office

of Public Safety, does it all.

Wedge between Straub Hall and the Earl Complex, across from the covered tennis courts, is the Office of Public Safety, which provides numerous services to the University community.

"This office is a service organization," former police Capt. Oakley Glenn said. "We are charged with the safety, the environmental health and the security of the U of O campus."

Glenn coordinates the activities of the safety office, the

Office of Environmental Health, and a campus branch of the Eugene Police Department. However, the most visible members of his staff are not classified under any of these divisions within the Office of Public Safety.

Eighteen uniformed officers share security and patrol duties to keep the office operating around the clock. Responsibilities vary throughout the day, but all officers provide assistance to students or staff members who need a jump start

or have locked keys in the car. Officers are also available for medical escorts to Sacred Heart Hospital, The Eugene Clinic and the Student Health Center if individuals are too ill to walk or to drive.

In addition to assisting students and staff members, officers lock and secure buildings, respond to emergency calls on campus, and enforce parking regulations.

"The main problem we have during the day is the parking situation," officer Suzie Hunter

said. She summarized the situation as, "More cars, more bikes, more students-more problems."

"The University is growing and we're not matching the increases with proper facilities," she said.

Another branch within the Office of Public Safety is responsible for the safe flow of cars, bikes and scooters.

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