

## County Sheriff's Office to Participate in Safety Belt Campaign

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will be participating in the Oregon Safety Belt Campaign Blitz May 23 – June 5, 2011.

The "Three Flags" Campaign is a statewide selective traffic enforcement program (STEP) that seeks to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness of laws regarding the three most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crash injuries: safety restraint use, speed and impaired drivers. The Campaign derived its name from a prior demonstration effort between Oregon, Washington and British Columbia which lasted from 1993 – 2004. In 1999, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Police Headquarters assumed daily grant management and active promotion of the campaign. Today, while ODOT's Transportation Safety Division continues to coordinate a federally-funded overtime "STEP" in cooperation with these entities, most Oregon law enforcement agencies enforce safety belt laws year-round as a matter of routine.

Over one hundred city, county and state police agencies utilize safety belt overtime during three two-week "blitz" periods each year. Prior to each "blitz," training and instructional materials are provided to participating agencies through ODOT's Transportation Safety Division. Officers are encouraged to acquire advanced specialized training in correct use of child safety systems, and to nurture community awareness of traffic safety issues generally. Agencies are asked to conduct local belt-use surveys and public awareness/media activities during the weeks prior to and following each blitz. Observed belt-use rates, number of enforcement contacts, and public information activities reported by each agency are used to measure Campaign success.

Statewide crash fatality and injury rates have dropped 44% and 49% respectively since the passage of the adult belt law in 1990. The law, combined with active enforcement, has resulted in 2010 Oregon belt-use rates of 97% (front seat) and 96% (all occupants), placing Oregon among the top four belt-use states

in the U.S. This compares to a belt-use average of 86% among all states.

During the 2010 grant year, \$929,072 in Federal safety belt overtime expenditure brought 52,462 total enforcement contacts and paid officers to assist at child seat checks and other local educational events. Total overtime contacts were as follows: 12,735 safety belt, 730 child seat, 9283 speeding, 424 DUII, 7062 suspensions, 782 felonies, and 21,446 all other violations. To put these efforts and expenditures into perspective, consider that safety belts are 45-65% effective in preventing fatalities and that the average combined societal costs of one traffic death were estimated to be \$1,090,000 (National Safety Council 2002).

For more information on this Campaign, contact Carla Levinski, ODOT Occupant Protection Program Manager at (503) 986-4199 or [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/safetybelts.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/safetybelts.shtml).

## 2011 4-H Summer Camp

The 4-H Camp committee is busy working on making the 2011 camp another great experience for those who attend. The committee has selected June 19-22, 2011 for the annual 4-H Summer Camp, held at Camp Kiwanilong on the North Coast.

The committee hosted "Teen Retreat" early in April and is very pleased with the older youth who have shown interest in serving as Camp Counselors and Camp Staff. The selection of Camp Counselors will occur in April. This early selection allows time for training, which is required by the state.

Please mark your calendars and begin now to prepare your 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2011 4-H Summer Camp. Registration forms will be distributed through the schools as in years past. Registration forms are due by June 1, 2011 with the \$85.00 registration fee.

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## Voters Reject Sheriff's Levy

Columbia County voters rejected Measure 5-210, by a resounding margin, voting 58 percent to 42 percent against a property tax levy to fund the Sheriff's Office.

The "Stable Sheriff's Funding" measure would have provided six additional patrol deputies, including one dedicated to the Nehalem Valley, and three detectives to investigate crimes.

Instead of providing additional service to the 657 square mile county his department must patrol, Sheriff Jeff Dickerson will again have to look to make cuts.

"...the cuts in services are not in reaction to the loss of the tax measure," stated Sheriff

Dickerson in a written statement posted the Sheriff's Office website. "These were cuts that were coming due to reductions in the County General Fund. We were holding off on the cuts in hopes the measure would pass, but now that it hasn't, the cuts must necessarily continue."

The proposed levy would have cost taxpayers 63 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value and raised \$2.7 million.

"The voice of the people was clear in this election: No new taxes," said Dickerson. "I respect the will of the people and promise to work as diligently as if the levy had passed in serving Columbia County with the best public safety services possible."

### PUBLIC SAFETY CONTACT INFORMATION

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IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 911 FIRST

#### COLUMBIA 911

#### COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Dispatch 503-397-1521 or 800-696-7795

#### OTHER DISPATCH CENTERS

BOEC (Multnomah Co.) 503-760-6911  
Clatsop Co. 503-325-4411  
Clackamas Co. 503-655-8211  
Cowlitz Co. (Longview) 360-577-3098  
Tillamook Co. 503-815-1911  
WCCCA (Washington Co.) 503-629-0111  
WSP (Wash State Patrol) 360-449-7950  
OSP (Oregon State Police) 503-397-3131

#### COUNTY AGENCIES

Animal Control 503-397-3935  
CENT (Narcotics Team) 503-397-1167  
or 866-397-1167  
Colum. Co. Emerg. Mngmt 503-366-3905  
Colum. Co. Road Dept. 503-397-5090  
DMV - St. Helens 503-397-3515  
Colum. Co. Juvenile Dept. 503-397-0275  
Colum. Co. Mental Health 503-397-2511  
or 800-294-5211  
Colum. Co. Parole & Prob. 503-397-6253  
Colum. Co. Public Health 503-397-4651  
Women's Resource Center 503-397-6161  
SCF (Serv.to Child & Fam) 503-397-3292

#### COURTS

Colum. Co. Circuit Court 503-397-0157  
Colum. Co. District Court 503-397-2327x316  
Clatskanie Justice Court 503-728-3011  
Columbia City Muni Court 503-397-4010  
Rainier Muni Court 503-556-3200  
St. Helens Muni Court 503-397-6272  
Scappoose Muni Court 503-543-7146 x225  
Vernonia Justice Court 503-429-2441

#### POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Clatskanie PD 503-728-2145  
Columbia City PD 503-397-4010  
OSP 503-397-3131  
Rainier PD 503-556-3644  
Scappoose PD 503-543-3114  
St. Helens PD 503-397-3333  
Vernonia PD 503-429-7335  
Columbia Co. Sheriff 503-366-4611  
Columbia Co. Jail 503-366-4630 ext. 0

#### FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Clatskanie Fire 503-728-2025

Columbia River Fire 503-397-2990  
Mist Birkenfeld Fire 503-755-2710  
Oregon Dept. of Forestry 503-397-2636  
Scappoose Fire 503-543-5026  
Vernonia Fire 503-429-8252  
Vernonia EMS 503-429-4600

#### UTILITIES

Clatskanie PUD 503-728-2163  
Columbia River PUD 503-397-1844  
NW Natural Gas 800-544-1795  
West Oregon Electric 800-777-1276  
503-429-3021

#### HOSPITALS

Emanuel 503-413-2200  
Good Samaritan 503-413-7711  
Kaiser Sunnyside 503-652-2880  
OHSU 503-494-8311  
Poison Control 800-452-7165  
Portland Adventist 503-251-6155  
Providence 503-215-1111  
St. Johns - Longview 360-636-4818  
St. Vincent 503-216-1234  
Tuality - Forest Grove 503-357-2173  
Tuality - Hillsboro 503-681-1111  
VA Hospital 503-220-8262

#### OTHER MEDICAL RESOURCES

Legacy Clinic - St. Helens 503-397-0471  
OHSU - Scappoose Ofc. 503-543-3181  
Urgent Care - St. Helens 503-397-7119

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Clatskanie Public Works 503-728-2622  
Columbia City Public Works 503-366-0454  
Scappoose Public Works 503-543-7184  
St. Helens Public Works 503-397-3532  
Rainier Public Works 503-556-9144  
Vernonia Public Works 503-429-6921

#### OTHER

National Weather Service 503-261-9246  
ODOT 877-877-4866 dispatch  
P&W Railroad 800-800-2203 malfunctions  
Red Cross 503-284-1234  
Child Abuse Hotline 800-302-0077  
Humane Society 503-397-4353

#### ROAD CONDITIONS

Oregon 511 or 800-977-6368 inside OR  
503-588-2941 outside OR  
Washington 800-695-7623  
From a Cell Phone: 511

