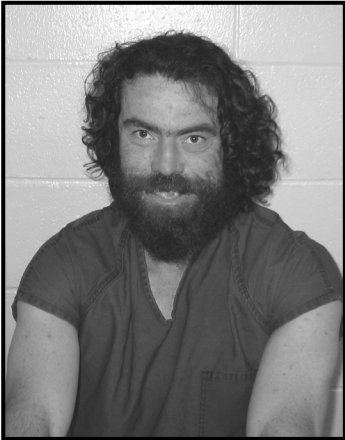




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Methamphetamine lab components were found in the living room of a residence on Jeannie Way off Caves Hwy. (Photos by Josephine Interagency Narcotics Team)

Another CJ meth lab out of business

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crime scene was being processed.

Wright was charged with PCS/meth. Selig said that she had “a small amount of user methamphetamine in her possession and a meth pipe.”

Calvin was charged with conspiracy to manufacture a controlled substance/meth, and conspiracy for possession of a precursor substance/meth.

JOINT detectives discovered an operating meth

lab in the living room, said Selig, and components of the lab in two other bedrooms. Added Selig:

“Officers seized glassware and four gallons of mixed bi-level hazardous chemical liquids capable of making meth.

These chemicals consisted of highly explosive and lethal mixtures of 110 substances. When combined to make meth, they produce phosphine gas, which can kill a person within minutes of breath-

ing the odorless fumes.

“In addition,” he said, “these chemical compounds are extremely flammable.”

Officers also seized two handguns along with approximately 12 grams of processed, ready-to-sell meth with a street value of \$1,100, said Selig. JOINT also located \$400 cash and packaging material.

JOINT also seized a meth lab on S. Old Stage Road, also in rural CJ, Saturday, Jan. 15.

Josephine County Search and Rescue offers ‘Citizens Academy’ for training

A “Citizens Academy” -- open to anyone at least 14 -- that will train participants to meet the state’s minimum requirements for search-and-rescue personnel, will be held next month.

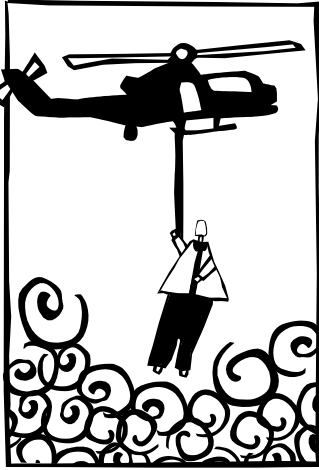
Sponsored by Josephine County Sheriff’s Patrol Search & Rescue (SAR) Unit, academy graduates will qualify for membership in the Josephine County SAR Reserves.

There is room for 40 students in the four-day academy. It will be held on two consecutive weekends, Feb. 5-6 and Feb. 12-13, in the Manzanita Elementary School gym in Grants Pass from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The curriculum, said SAR, will provide a thorough introduction to SAR.

Topics will include map and compass, global positioning systems, man-tracking, wilderness survival, radio communications, search techniques, and first aid/CPR. Also, cold-weather emergencies, helicopter safety, crime-scene preservation, and a variety of other subjects.

Graduates who want to be considered for active-duty SAR membership can apply at the conclusion of the course. The application



process is comprised of a background check, a moderate physical fitness test, and an interview process. For those accepted, there is a trial service period, additional required training, and minimum attendance requirements.

Reservists are activated for large-scale searches to supplement active-duty SAR personnel. The reserve program is a recent addition to the county SAR unit. Current plans call for a re-

serve pool of 100 members, with estimates of six to 10 activations annually.

Active-duty SAR members receive training on a variety of snow craft, water craft and several types of specialized off-road vehicles. Advanced training is available for qualified members who want to participate in rope and wilderness rescue in conjunction with the American Medical Response Reach and Treat (RAT) Team.

There also are specialty units including a K-9 search team, a swift water rescue team, a dive rescue team, and an urban SAR team, trained for structural collapse rescue. SAR also sponsors a youth SAR Explorers post for people ages 14 to 20.

SAR is an all-volunteer unit, funded entirely through community donations and grants. It is the primary search agency for the county, and actively participates in a variety of rescues and large-scale emergencies, as well as numerous community events.

‘Combat Meth Act’ put forth by Wyden, Smith due to major problems in state

A “Combat Meth Act” to stop creation, distribution and use of methamphetamine -- now the second most-treated drug addiction among Oregon teen-agers -- has been introduced.

The bill, with \$30 million worth of funding, is cosponsored by U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) Gordon Smith (R-Ore.), Jim Talent (R-Mo.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.).

Meth labs and the use of the substance is seen as the biggest drug problem in Josephine County.

“The legislation would provide resources and tools to help law enforcement officials and prosecutors to pursue and punish producers and distributors of meth,” according to joint statement from Wyden and Smith.

In addition, the bill would “increase community awareness of the meth problem, and establish new treatment options.”

The Oregon Dept. of Human Resources has reported that meth use is the biggest drug problem facing Oregon child welfare today.

“Meth is a horrifying and corrosive presence in Oregon communities,” said Smith. “This bill sends desperately needed resources for law enforcement and treatment -- the most-critical fronts in the war against meth.”

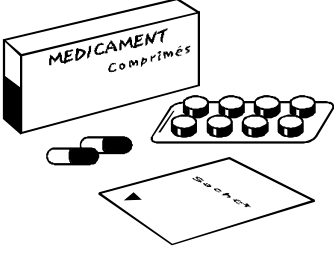
Said Wyden, “The lethal and growing meth problem ruins thousands of young lives each year, and this legislation aims to give our communities the appropriate tools to stop the epidemic. I am committed to working with Sen. Smith and others to attack the growing meth problem in Oregon.”

Methamphetamine is one of the most-deadly, fiercely addictive and rap-

idly spreading drugs in the United States,” the Oregon senators send in a statement.

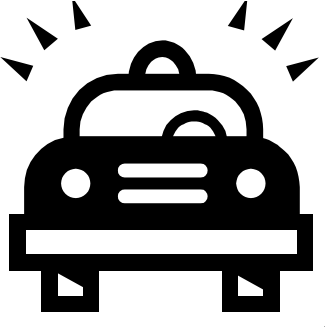
“During the past decade,” they continued, “while lawmen continue to close record numbers of clandestine labs, meth use in communities has increased as much as 300 percent.

“The Combat Meth Act



makes critical funding available to states, including Oregon, for equipment, training for law enforcement agents and prosecutors to bring legal action against meth offenders and clean up meth labs.

“It also provides treatment grants for those af-



ected by this dangerous drug,” the senators said.

The legislation would:

*Provide an additional \$15 million under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to train state and local law enforcement to investigate and lock up methamphetamine offenders, and to expand the meth “hot spots” program to include personnel and equipment for enforcement, prosecution and environmental cleansing.

*Provide \$5 million to hire additional federal prose-

cutors and train local prosecutors in state and federal meth laws and cross-designate them as special assistant district attorneys, allowing them to bring legal action against “meth cooks” and traffickers in federal courts under tougher guidelines.

*Amend the Controlled Substances Act to appropriately limit and record the sale of medicines containing pseudoephedrine by placing them behind pharmacy counters.

*Provide \$5 million for states and businesses that legally sell ingredients used to cook meth, to help monitor purchases of meth precursors (pseudoephedrine) and to pay for training expenses and provide technical assistance for law enforcement and employees of businesses that lawfully sell substances that can be used to make meth.

*Provide \$5 million in grant funding for “Drug-Endangered Children Rapid Response Teams” to promote collaboration among federal, state and local agencies to assist and educate children who have been affected by meth production.

During 2002, 109 children were removed from Oregon homes with meth labs; 42 percent of them were 6 or younger. Approximately 50 percent of the children taken from meth labs test positive for meth.

*Authorize establishment of a meth research, training and technical assistance center to research effective treatments for meth abuse and distribute information and technical assistance to states and private entities on how to improve current treatment methods.

The act is to be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Gulf War research into vet ailments continues

Up to \$15 million for additional research into Gulf War illnesses has been announced by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA).

“We still don’t have a definitive cause for Gulf War illnesses,” said Anthony J. Principi, VA secretary. “There has to be a rea-

son why some of our veterans came home healthy, while others serving alongside them did not.”

A special advisory committee to Principi recently submitted a report on the problem after a 30-month study. Although the VA is still examining the 143-page

detailed report, Principi said he is convinced that there is sufficient justification for further scientific research.

During the decade, the VA has spent more than \$50 million for research into Gulf War illnesses. Much of that work is continuing, the VA said.

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