

Oregon Public Safety

Fatal Crash on HWY 126
Lane County, OR - On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 3:05 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a single vehicle crash on Highway 126, near milepost 8, in Lane County. The preliminary investigation indicated a westbound Ferrari GTB, operated by Victor Joseph Cianci (74) of Florence, was travelling at a highrate of speed when it crossed the center line, struck a guardrail, and overturned coming to rest in a pond.

The operator of the Ferrari (Cianci) was declared deceased at the scene. The highway was impacted for approximately two hours during the on-scene investigation. OSP was assisted by Lane County Sheriff's Office.

OSP & LCSD make Hwy. 20 Rescue
Linn County, OR - On 22 Jan. 2025, at 9:15 a.m., an Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trooper encountered a vehicle on the shoulder of Hwy. 20 near milepost 68 and quickly determined the person associated with the vehicle was lost and in distress. The 30-year-old female had left her vehicle for unknown reasons and walked up a nearby U.S. Forest Service road.

Linn County Search and Rescue and an OSP Fish and Wildlife K-9 team responded to assist in the search. K-9 Scout tracked the individual and finally located her about a mile from the vehicle. Troopers remained with her, built a fire, and provided food and emergency blankets until search and rescue members arrived with a snowcat to transport her back to the highway.

Medics from the Sweet Home Fire Department then transported the individual to an area hospital for medical evaluation.

While the rescue was underway, the Linn County Sheriff's Office received two additional calls from motorists stranded on forest roads in the snow. Sheriff Michelle Duncan said, "This is a

good reminder for motorists to always have a plan and adequate equipment if traveling or recreating in the snow." She continued, "Always let a friend or family member know your destination and carry a cell phone or rescue beacon. It's always a good idea to keep your car winter ready with safety items such as extra blankets or warm clothing, extra food and water, a first aid kit, and other survival items."

Oregon State Police Captain Kyle Kennedy said, "Winter weather can be unpredictable and conditions can change quickly. This rescue was a great team effort and we are grateful this individual was quickly located and transported to safety."

Fatal Crash on HWY 101
Coos County, OR - On Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Highway 101, near milepost 247, in Coos County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a northbound Ford Ranger, operated by Judy Marie Scharf (79) of Bandon, crossed into the southbound lanes for unknown reasons and struck a southbound Chevrolet Silverado, operated by James Earl Yost (71) of Sixes, nearly head-on.

The operator of the Ford (Scharf) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Chevrolet (Yost) suffered reported serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital. The highway was impacted for approximately two hours during the on-scene investigation. OSP as assisted by Bandon Fire, Green Acres Fire, Coos County Sheriff's Office, and ODOT.

Fatal Crash on HWY 138
Douglas County, OR - On Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 3:15 p.m., Oregon State Police responded to a single-vehicle fatal crash on Hwy. 138 near Roseburg.

The preliminary investigation indicated a silver Honda Accord, operated by Jessica Rae Thompson

(36) of Winston, was traveling eastbound on Hwy. 138 near milepost 5.3 when it veered off the south side of the highway and struck the embankment. The vehicle went airborne, rolled over, and came to rest down the embankment.

The operator (Thompson) was ejected from the vehicle and declared deceased at the scene. Thompson is not believed to have been wearing a seatbelt. Speed and impairment are believed to have been factors in the crash. The highway was impacted for approximately three hours during the on-scene investigation. OSP was assisted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Central Douglas Fire, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Deadly Crash on HWY 22
Linn County, OR - On Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at about 11:34 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Highway 22 near milepost 64 in Linn County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a red Cadillac, operated by Theodore Kleinman (79) of Redmond, was traveling eastbound on Hwy. 22 near Minto Road when it left the roadway and struck a blue Ford F15, operated by Delores Ann Carroll (76) of Redmond, head-on. Both drivers were seriously injured and transported to an area hospital. A passenger, Glenn L Carroll (51) of Redmond, in the Ford was transported with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Cadillac (Kleinman) later died at the hospital.

The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation by OSP's Collision Reconstruction Unit. OSP was assisted by the Turner Fire Department, Gates Fire Department, Idanha Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

On January 29, 2025, OSP was notified that the driver of the Ford, Delores Ann Carroll (76) of Redmond, died from injuries received during the crash.

Deputies Recover Stolen Trailers
Lane County, OR - On January 14th, Lane County Sheriff's deputies learned two trailers had

been stolen from a storage facility in the 86200 block of College View Road, Eugene. They determined the trailers had been stolen by renters, identified as Joshua Adam Hemion, 46, and Kimberly Ann Hemion, 48, both of Fall Creek.

A Lane County Sheriff's detective applied for and was granted a search warrant for a suspect property in the 38800 block of Fall Creek. Detectives and deputies served the search warrant on January 16th. Both trailers and much of the property they had contained were recovered.

Joshua Hemion and Kimberly Hemion were both arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail for two counts each of Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Theft in the 1st Degree, as well as Theft in the 2nd Degree. Joshua Hemion also had a warrant for his arrest from the state of Washington. LCSO Cases #25-0216, #25-0218

Homicide/Suicide Investigation
Yoncalla, OR - Detectives are investigating an apparent homicide/suicide in Yoncalla. On Friday, January 31, 2025, around 10:20 PM, a business called the Douglas County Sheriff's Office requesting a welfare check on an employee who had not shown up for work.

Deputies responded to the residence in the 100-block of Williams Road in Yoncalla. Upon arrival, a deputy observed two persons down in the residence and forced entry. The deputy confirmed the two adult individuals were deceased from apparent gunshot wounds.

Detectives were requested to the scene along with the Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office. Evidence at the scene indicates that the incident is likely homicide/suicide. The names of both individuals and the details of the victim and perpetrator are being withheld at this time pending next of kin notification and further investigation. Additional details not disclosed as of this writing, further Press Release expected. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Oregon State Police, Sutherlin Police Department and North Douglas County Fire & EMS.

Community Matters

Planned Projects Look Good for Yoncalla Improvements

At its January meeting members of the Yoncalla Beautification Committee (YBC) learned that donations have met the \$5000 pledge made by an anonymous donor. This pledge plus matching donations from friends of the community will allow the committee to proceed with community improvement projects during the year.

Proposed projects selected for the year include: updating civic signs, establishig welcome kits for new residents, improving city sidewalks, coordinating City Cleanup Day with local schools, replacing worn-out memorial flags, and doubling the number of hanging flower baskets along city streets, Jess McHaffie, Yoncalla High School shop teacher, has volunteered his students to make additional hanging basket stands and update civic signs.

Completing the above projects this spring and summer is an ambitious goal for a small non-profit committee. Members meet at the Community Center at 6 pm the fourth Thursday each month. OUR LITTLE TOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP! JOIN US, BRING YOUR IDEAS, GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY, AND HAVE FUN.



CASAD Club Bake Sale Valentine's Day February 14, 2025 11 - 2 Umpqua Bank 1975 Winchester Ave Reedsport Oregon

Come enjoy an array of delectable treats, including homemade breads, pies and cookies. Also available is our renowned historical cookbook and exclusive "Come and Stay All Day" merchandise. This event will directly support our vibrant community.

Veterans Corner OR Veteran Home Loan Limit Raised to \$806.5K

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) has increased the maximum home loan limit for the Oregon Veteran Home Loan for 2025, conforming to loan limits for mortgages set by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. ODVA will now accept loans up to the new maximum loan amount of \$806,500, an increase of \$39,950 from last year's limit. This new limit took effect on January 1, 2025.

The Oregon Veteran Home Loan Program, which has been one of ODVA's core veteran benefits since the agency's inception in 1945, offers eligible veterans fixed-rate financing for owner-occupied, single-family residences.

The veteran home loan product is a non-expiring, lifetime benefit for any eligible Oregon veteran and may be used up to four times. The

program provides financing for purchases only and cannot be used for refinancing.

This state veteran home loan benefit is separate and distinct from the federal VA home loan guaranty and has lent nearly \$9 billion in low-interest home loans to more than 336,000 veterans since 1945. To be eligible, a veteran must have served on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces, as documented on their DD-214, and must meet one of the service criteria outlined on ODVA's website.

For more information about the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Home Loan Program, program eligibility, or to find a partner broker near you, please call (800) 633-6826 to speak with a loan specialist or visit www.orvethomeloans.com.

Mayor's Investigation

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4. Was the City Manager denied a proper job evaluation because certain Councilors wanted to fire the City Manager and replace the City Manager with one of their own?

"I strongly believe in open, transparent government, so the community will find out the results," Mayor Rich said later, shortly after the meeting. "If there are violations, there

will be consequences."

The Roseburg City Council normally meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in person in the City Hall Council Chambers. Watch the Council meeting on the City website or via the City's Facebook page.

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help. With some conversations and contracts exchanged, Ken was contracted on January 9th and sworn in at the January 13th Council meeting.

When I spoke to Ken, I was struck by his easy demeanor and a pleasant conversational style. When he looks at you, there is a bit of a whimsical smile and his eyes twinkle a little

Ken Strobeck - Drains

and you can tell he is focused in on you. Our conversation meandered a bit and through it all Ken made a point to talk about the importance of good governance and working with the citizens and citizen groups.

He states as his first and foremost intention is start a process to search for and recruit and hire a permanent and competent

City Administrator Pro-Tem

City Administrator . Along the way there are a number of deficiencies and challenges that Drain is facing and he is committed to evaluate and give his own best effort to find the needs and concerns and address some of the challenges and obstacles ahead.

With only a couple of weeks into the job, Mr. Strobeck is still in the evaluation stage

and had little to report on the current stages of development. I asked about the situation regarding the City audits, which have been in delinquency since 2021. Ken was not to familiar yet but he said he understood the new Auditors hired to work on it were just about

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