



Police News/Vancouver

Man found alive on Reed island

• *Body of Friend Found in Columbia River Monday Evening*

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On Tuesday April 25, at approximately 7:00 am, David Deathreage was airlifted from Reed Island to Troutdale airport. He was then transported by ambulance to Mt. Hood Center. He had spent the night on the island and is a friend of Steven Bruce Fuller who was found dead in the Columbia River in the afternoon. Both men were out fishing and encountered some rough

water. Fuller stood up and the boat capsized as a result. Deathreage was able to swim to Reed Island where he lost sight of his friend. He tried to yell for help from passing boaters but was unsuccessful. When it began to get dark Patrol boat, he did not leave the shelter. He did attempt to call for help but could not be heard because of the wind.

The River Patrol learned yesterday evening at about 8:30 that a second person was involved in the boating accident. A search, in coordination with the Coast Guard, was started at 10:00 p.m. and was called off at approximately 1:00 a.m. The search resumed early this morning when a Coast Guard helicopter found him. Yesterday afternoon, April 24, the Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol was called to investigate a report

of a body found floating in the Columbia River near Washougal, WA. The body of Steven Bruce Fuller, which was floating face down in the water, was recovered and turned over to the medical examiner. Mr. Fuller was wearing a life jacket at the time of death but it was not properly fitted.

River Patrol also found a small, capsized boat nearby. The stretch of the Columbia River where the boat was found is known for choppy water and rapid change of river conditions. Extra water was being released from Bonneville Dam the last few days to assist young salmon in their downstream migration. As a result, the river levels were up which minimized beach access. River temperatures were around 50 degrees on Monday.

18 sheriff's deputies to receive intensive training in domestic violence

• *Stop violence Against Women provides grant so officers can attend*

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18 law enforcement deputies from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will receive 40 hours of intensive training in domestic violence during the month of May. We have received a grant for \$25,354 from STOP violence Against Women to cover the cost of the training. The training offered through the county's Family Violence Intervention Steering Committee, will be held every Wednesday in May (May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31) at Mt. Hood Community College's Troutdale Facility, 1491 NW Graham Road.

It will include an Overview of Domestic Violence, Issues and Barriers for Specific Populations, Children's Issues, and Working with Batterers, Civil Laws and Court Procedures and Police Response and Evidence Gathering.

According to Undersheriff Mel Hedgpath, "victims need to have a fuller response at the scene. We are good at investigating the scene and making an arrest when warranted. But, we need to do more. We have to assist the victim with temporary housing resources, provide support and give information and referral where appropriate. This is true community policing at its best."

The training will introduce officers to local resource and direct providers. It

will also cover legal issues and evidence recovery involved in writing a domestic violence report. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will be implementing a new policy of having patrol supervisors and victims' advocates review deputies' reports to insure that the reports are thorough. We will also be developing a simple satisfaction survey to be administered as respectful and supportive in domestic violence situations.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Officers who receive this training will become part of a critical incident team program.

They will be the first on their shift to be called to the scene of a domestic violence incident. The agency will be developing other specialized training for its officers in the area of mental health, elder abuse, child abuse and alcohol and drug abuse.

City awards \$33,529 to neighborhood associations

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The city of Vancouver has approved funding for five Neighborhood Action Planning (NAP) implementation projects totaling \$32,985 and two neighborhood matching grant projects totaling \$544. NAP funds are used by neighborhoods to manage their own funding for projects and are made available only to neighborhood associations with neighborhood action plans. Neighborhoods may receive up to \$7,500. The goal of the neighborhood matching grant program is to inspire projects enhancing neighborhoods and encouraging community involvement. Neighborhoods must provide 50 percent of matching funds up to \$1000. The following NAP grants have been approved for funding during the March 2000 cycle:

• Airport Green Neighborhood - \$7,500 to allow the neighborhood to hire an engineer to design 14 safe pedestrian/wheelchair access ramps and sidewalks on Hearthwood Blvd.

• Amada Neighborhood - \$3,900 for a rock barricade at the 25th St. and H St. entrance to the park to prevent cars from driving into the park and damaging grass.

• Hough Neighborhood - \$7,500 to complete the process for preserving and improving historic housing in the Hough neighborhood that was moved due to the Mill Plain Extension Project.

• North Garrison Heights Neighborhood - \$4,585 to clear unwanted shrubs, trees and blackberries from a portion of Coop Park. Some trees, bushes and plants will be retained and others salvaged.

• Vancouver Heights Neighborhood - \$9,500 to fund the final phase of upgrading Gustafson Park playground equipment. Sponsoring

neighborhoods include: DuBois Park, Father Blanchet Park, Evergreen Highlands, Northwood and North Garrison Heights.

The following neighborhood matching grants have been approved for funding during the March 2000 cycle:

• Image Neighborhood - \$144 to fund 8 double-sided signs notifying residents of neighborhood meetings.
• Amada Neighborhood - \$400 to fund a ceramics workshop to be held in Amada Park on three different dates with the first beginning on National Night Out.

The next deadlines for the 2000 funding cycles are May 1 and Sept. 1. To receive a neighborhood funding request packet, please call Neighborhood Services at (360) 696-8222. The application packet can also be downloaded online at <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/neighborhoods/consolidatedgrant.htm>.

Vancouver invites citizens to Marshall Lecture 2000 featuring Tom Brokaw

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The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust invite citizens to celebrate Freedom-2000's Marshall Lecture featuring Tom Brokaw, NBC news anchor and author of the best-selling book, *The Greatest Generation*. The speech will be held on Friday, June 2, 2000, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E. Reserve in Vancouver. Brokaw will be joined by 28 of the Greatest Generation Americans featured in his book. Residents throughout Washington and Oregon who were part of the World War II efforts - in the states and abroad - are especially encouraged to attend and he honored at this event.

The Marshall Lecture is part of series of annual Celebrate Freedom education and community events which include the 4th of July Fireworks, and in the fall the Marshall Leadership Awards, Veterans Day Parade, and the Star Spangled Gala. The annual lecture honors General George C. Marshall one of the greatest Americans who served and Commander of the Vancouver barracks in the 1930's, Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense. Marshall authored the Marshall Plan for Peace for which he received the Nobel Prize for Peace. In 1998, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered the lecture recognizing the event as, "one of the most prestigious lectures in America."

Tickets for the Marshall Lecture-Greatest Generation are available at no cost, however seating is limited.

Tickets will be available by phoning (360) 992-1840 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2000.

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