

Do You Remember the Columbus Day Storm?

Submissions needed for 50th anniversary

The Oregon Historical Society is planning an exhibit commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Columbus Day Storm, which is regarded as the most powerful weather event in modern Oregon history.

The exhibit will open on Oct. 8, 2012, 50 years after the Oct. 8, 1962 event.

The Oregon Historical Society will be displaying photographs and artifacts from its collections to tell the story of an event that changed the lives of many Oregonians.

To tell the complete story, however, OHS needs the help of all Oregonians who remember the storm. The Oregon Historical Society is looking for submissions of photographs, film footage, diary entries, artifacts, or personal memories of the storm 50 years ago. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this exhibit should email



A photo from the city of Portland's Auditor's office shows damage from the 1962 Columbus Day Storm.

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The Storm brought widespread devastation to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Wind gusts in Portland reached 116 miles per hour, 127 miles per hour in Corvallis, and gusts in excess of 145 miles per hour were registered at Cape Blanco on the Oregon Coast.

Nearly 50 fatalities were attributed to the storm, more than any other Pacific Northwest weather event in history. The storm also blew down over 11 billion board feet of timber in northern California, Oregon, and Washington combined.

The Columbus Day Storm damaged countless buildings across Oregon, with the State Capitol grounds in Salem, and the state's college campuses, being hit especially hard. Economic damage caused by The Storm has been estimated at \$6 billion in today's dollars. The Storm also forced portions of Oregon to rebuild their power systems from the ground up, with some locations going without power for several weeks.

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major cities like Los Angeles, where police say, a larger minority population resides, and often in areas where officer lay-offs are high, such as Lexington, Kentucky and Ohio.

Many individuals that apply,

Elmore said, have already been trained in the police department and have received police certification. Laterals or police officers that have already been active are also more likely to be considered.

When asked what the bureau is doing to find potential officers from

the local community, police said they are doing outreach to get area residents competitive for the jobs.

At Portland Community College, the bureau has officers on the Cascade campus in north Portland, three days a week during the semester terms, "talking to folks there" to

demonstrate positive reasons to be a police officer.

This type of outreach allows officers to find out who may be interested in becoming a Portland police officer and encourages those, who may never have thought about such a career to become aware of the requirements and recruitment process.

This is a new approach for the bureau, Elmore said. "We should have been doing it some time ago; it could open some doors for us."

A new process to register on recruiting days has been implemented city-wide. Applicants must set up a profile account on governmentjobs.com.

Applicants must have or be able to obtain a valid driver's license and have no excessive traffic violations, no felonies, no history of domestic violence or dishonorable discharge from the military, and no offensive forms of body art while on duty.

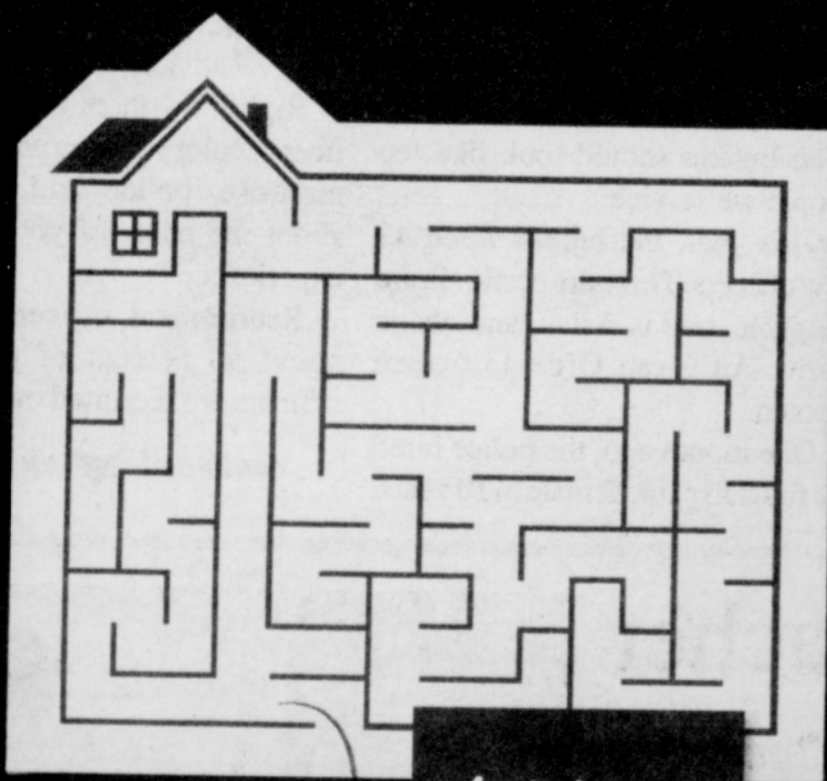
Minimum qualifications at the time of testing include being at least 21 years of age, having a high school diploma or GED, and being a U.S. citizen within one year of employment.

Applicants must also possess a minimum of one of the following: an associate degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university; two years of active military service or four years of reserve military service; two years of continuous service working in a law enforcement agency in Oregon; two years of service as a reserve police officer; two years service as a police cadet; two years of continuous service working for a law enforcement agency exercising police powers; or two years of continuous service in another police agency as a sworn police officer.

If applicants are lucky enough to get applications in within the 10 minutes span it often takes for 200 spots to fill up, then they will be considered for the job through a series of evaluation phases.

The steps include a written examination, physical agility test, oral interview, background investigation, physiological evaluation, and finally, a medical evaluation.

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