

# POLICE: Must announce that a body camera is in use

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be turned off once an officer's participation ends.

Officers must announce that a body camera is in use, but agencies can make exceptions based on privacy, public safety or "exigent circumstances," such as when an officer attempts to thwart someone from committing a crime or interviews a vulnerable witness.

Although the bill would shield most police video from disclosure — similar to video shot from cameras mounted in patrol cars — it does provide an exception if public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold it.

"I am not sure who is going to determine that," said Rep. Carl Wilson, R-Grants Pass, a broadcaster who voted against the bill.

Ultimately, a judge would determine what is in the "public interest," which is a common legal balancing test applied to materials under Oregon's public records law.

But requests must be "reasonably tailored" to the approximate date and time of an incident, and the video must be edited to make all faces unrecognizable.

Oregon law bars agencies from disclosing photographs of officers without their consent, although agencies themselves can use them.

Rep. Lew Frederick, D-Portland, said the bill is not meant to single out police conduct.

"It's also because everybody behaves better when they are on camera," said Frederick, a former television reporter and the only black member of the House.

"What has been shown in communities across the country where these devices have been used is that both complaints and the types of incidents that lead to complaints are reduced."

The House also passed a companion bill that makes it clear it is legal for people to record a conversation with a police officer performing official duties in a public place.

"It does not give permission to anyone to interfere with police work," said Frederick, the bill's chief sponsor. "It only allows people to record a conversation that they are already permitted to hear."

While Oregon law already allows film or video of such encounters, the bill allows an exception to a long-standing ban under which a third party cannot record a conversation without consent of either participant. Already exempted from that ban are recordings made at public meetings.

Police have raised questions about whether the bill would allow others to eavesdrop on undercover operations or interviews with witnesses.

Rep. Jeff Barker, D-Aloha, said the bill's language would be further changed in the Senate to foreclose those possibilities.

"We just need to straighten out this little piece of the law so that it's all legal," said Barker, a retired Portland police lieutenant.

House Bill 2704 moved to the Senate on a 51-8 vote.

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## BRIEFLY

### Vandal drains reservoir east of Prineville

PRINEVILLE (AP) — Authorities are trying to find whoever drained a reservoir east of Prineville.

The *Bulletin* newspaper reports that someone opened the head gate last month on the dam holding back Peterson Creek Reservoir.

The reservoir sits on land in the estate of late Central Oregon tire baron Les Schwab. No one lives near the site and Crook County Judge Mike McCabe said it was likely draining for two weeks before anyone noticed.

He says the culprit had to have used a big wrench, so it was no accident.

Investigators do not have a clear motive for why anyone would empty it. The act occurred the same month Gov. Kate Brown declared a drought emergency in Crook County.

A \$5,000 reward has been offered for information leading to a conviction.

### Standoff with Kennewick police ends with shot's fired, suspect's death

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Police are investigating the shooting death of a Kennewick man police say has a long history of violence against women.

The *Tri-City Herald* reports Kennewick officers responded to 36-year-old Roark Cook's apartment when his mother called 911 and said she was worried he'd hurt someone.

Cook told officers through the closed door of his apartment that he had a gun.

A SWAT team eventually responded, and two women and a 7-year-old boy escaped over the apartment balcony as officers shielded them from at least one bullet fired by Cook.

Police say Cook was shot as officers returned gunfire. Court records show at least four women had no-contact orders against him.

# Coeur d'Alene officer shot, killed

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SPOKANE, Wash. — A northern Idaho police officer shot by a man who stole his patrol car died of his injuries Tuesday evening, police said.

Sgt. Greg Moore died at 5:50 p.m. at Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, police spokeswoman Sgt. Christie Wood said in a statement.

Moore was shot about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday after checking on a suspicious person in a neighborhood, Coeur d'Alene Police Chief Lee White said.

Police arrested a 26-year-old man after a car chase that reached speeds of 125 mph. The pursuit ended when a police dog dragged the man from his hiding place underneath a commercial truck.

Jonathan Renfro appeared in court Tuesday afternoon and was charged with attempted murder, theft of a police vehicle, theft of an officer's gun and being a felon with a gun.

Bail was set at \$2 million. He was held in the Kootenai County, Idaho, jail.

Moore, a 16-year veteran of the

Coeur d'Alene department, called dispatch to get information on Renfro, White said. Not long after, a resident called police.

The resident "had heard a noise that sounded like a gunshot and they shortly after said that there was a body lying in the street," White said at an early morning news conference Tuesday in the lakeside city.

"From the information I've received so far, it doesn't look like an ambush-style attack," the chief said. "This was just a bad guy doing bad guy stuff and our officers doing what they were trained to do — and that's trying to keep our communities safe."

Renfro has a long criminal record and was on probation.

After Moore was shot, an officer from nearby Post Falls, Idaho, who was listening to radio traffic about the shooting, saw a Coeur d'Alene police car race by about 90 mph, so he gave chase close to the Washington state line, with speeds reaching 125 mph, Post Falls Police Chief Scott Haug said.

The officer found the patrol car abandoned, and the Washington State

Patrol and Kootenai County Sheriff's Office helped set up a perimeter, Haug said.

A police dog found Renfro about two hours later hiding under a tractor-trailer, wedged off the ground between the axle area and the truck, near a Wal-Mart in Post Falls, Haug said.

"He was engaged by the dog when he would not comply and taken into custody," Haug said.

White said a motive for the shooting hasn't been determined.

The Idaho State Police is the lead agency investigating the shooting, said Stu Miller, a spokesman for the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators are collecting evidence from multiple scenes, including dash cam video from Moore's car, Miller said.

Miller did not know if the weapon used against Moore had been recovered.

Miller said the last report from the officer was a radio message that he was checking out a suspicious person in a Coeur d'Alene neighborhood.

"There was no further contact from him," Miller said.

Moore was married and had two children, officials said.



Moore

# Portland budget surplus to be spent on roads

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PORTLAND — Portland Mayor Charlie Hales has released a proposed budget that calls for spending most of the city's \$49 million budget surplus on basic services, with much of it going toward repairs for the city's notoriously bumpy streets.

Hales revealed his spending blueprint Tuesday in East Portland, an unfashionable yet fast-growing part of the city in which residents complain of being overlooked.

They were not ignored in the mayor's proposal, with more than \$8 million going toward paving, sidewalks and safety improvements along 122nd Avenue. Dana Haynes, the mayor's spokesman, said TriMet, the regional mass transit agency, agreed to expand bus coverage in that section if the city fixed the roads.

East Portland, which has more gang activity than other parts of the city, would also benefit from the mayor's proposals to help young people, such as \$2 million to give teenagers free access to more of the city's parks, gyms and pools.

"It's not enough to say put down the gun," Hales said Tuesday. "We have to give young people something to pick up — such as healthy activities, internships and job skills," he said.

The budget will be finalized next month, after the public and the rest of the City Council have their say.

Bad roads are a city-wide issue, with nearly half of Portland's most

traveled roads in poor or very poor condition. A January 2013 city audit said "aspirational" projects, including the streetcar, had displaced core services such as street maintenance, leading to roads marred by cracks and potholes.

Hales and Transportation Commission Steve Novick

have been attempting to pass a new fee or tax to address the estimated \$90 million per year maintenance backlog.

The budget surplus isn't big enough to handle that kind of expense, but Hales' proposal includes an extra \$9 million for paving, \$7 million for street-safety improvements and \$1.5

million for the so-called "out of the mud" program, which aims to pave the city's dirt roads.

"Portlanders asked us to focus on fixing our streets. I listened," Hales said. "This won't solve the city's whole street problem. But I'm serious about addressing the problem."

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