

On Patrol



by Don Courtney and Sgt. Avex Miller

March Highlights:
For the first half of March, officers have been extremely busy chasing and answering calls with the following to report:

Following the investigation of the recent fires in and around the community, two juveniles are currently being held responsible and have been referred to juvenile court for further action.

Three car wrecks were investigated that resulted in two arrests for drunk driving, the other remains under investigation.

Two subjects were arrested following a traffic stop at about 1 a.m., with the discovery of suspected marijuana.

A total of 24 Compulsory School attendance reports were received and forwarded to the juvenile authorities for further action; over 470 referrals are still pending.

Five domestic disputes were attended to in the areas of Greeley Heights, the Kuckup street area, IHS and Sunset Lane.

Domestic violence continues to cause some concern as five people were arrested for assault and battery; three persons for assault charges; three for trespassing, one disorderly conduct and one case of a violation of a restraining order.

With Spring break, so comes the increase of runaway complaints as students try and deal with situations at home. A total of 13 complaints were received that resulted in the apprehension of eight.

Finally, a total of eight warrants were served on individuals for failure to comply, failure to appear, or failure to pay.

Til McGruff checks in again, look to other alternatives in dealing with what life has to offer.

Community Shares Concerns:
Community members expressed quite a number of concerns on March 12 at the Agency Longhouse as the supervisory staff of the Police Department listened with anticipation of improving services for our community.

Some of the concerns voiced at the meeting include: gang violence, house or residential parties, drug enforcement, houses being burned, neighborhood watch, lack of action on an assault victim, curfew enforcement, follow-up on theft cases, burglaries, child sexual abuse, vehicle break-ins and wood cutting are currently looking into specific matters brought to our attention and will report back or contact those

CPS Open House Tuesday, April 2

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Door prizes, tours, light lunch and entertainment
Remember:
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

individuals for further clarification, resolution, or expected action.

Thanks to those in attendance for sharing your views and concerns; our service will improve.

Community Policing Program:
Here, over the last few months, some of you out there may have had a patrol unit stop in your driveway or on the street, not with the intention of coming around looking for a warrant or trying to find someone to arrest. No, not this time. No, this time, the officer in the patrol car is doing his/her part in a new program we have been slowly getting off the ground.

Community Policing is what the program is, and spending time talking with members of the community, listening to concerns, problems, complaints, whatever is a big part of this. The goal is to develop a working relationship with the people. In time, this not only gives us some ideas to help the public, but the public learns ways of helping us. The ultimate goal is the police and the people working together to identify problems, find solutions to these problems and implement the solutions.

Communication is the key to effective Community Policing. If our officers don't spend time visiting with the people, and the people, in turn, don't talk to the officers, the concept will not work. And when I say people I don't mean just any one group. This includes children, adults and the elders.

You all have interests here, we need to know what your feelings are.

Over the last few months, I have been training, coaching and teaching a number of our officers the concepts of Community Policing. Some of these officers have been making contacts while they are out there on patrol. Officers have been to the grade school and spent time during recesses visiting with the children. The Fish and Gam officers have been working at the same with the rural areas and residents. I have been spending time with folks when I am on the road.

Officers involved in this program at the present time include Truancy Officer Mary Stewart, Patrol officers Mark Coffee, John Barrett, Melissa Grijalva and Howard Patt, Fish and Game officers Don Winishut, Alex Smith and Greg Stinson, Investigations Lt. Bob Whittenburge, Sergeant John DeBiao and myself, Sergeant Stoney Miller.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about what we are

trying to do, please feel free to call and ask questions. You may contact Whittenburge, DeBiao or Miller at the Warm Springs Police Department at 553-3272. If, by chance, we are not in, leave a message so we can return your call. If you would like, feel free to stop in. We are also available to do presentations for groups, neighborhood get togethers or meetings. Just let us know when and where.

A.D. "Stoney" Miller
Sergeant of Police

Gangs: To Join or Not:
Most of us certainly realize that as we gain more wisdom in life, so comes the added responsibilities of our future. The question currently boils down to, do I become involved with an organization that might appear to satisfy the basic needs that are not currently being satisfied at home?

Not enough rules, too many rules; am I being held accountable or not; am I being overly loved or starved for love; am I being abused or maybe neglected? Do I have a sense of belonging to a sense of not being understood at all? All are factors being considered on a daily basis by our children, adults and peers alike.

Gang activity, while not new to our culture, has been seen, experienced, or has impacted our lives in one way or another. The Boy Scouts, 4-H groups, Girl Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, various athletic groups are all relatively being looked at as some form of gang. How

about all the police agencies around the nation?

The major difference in today's society is how we look at these groups and their fundamental purpose as an entity.

Is it for glorification, to hurt, to destroy, to cause pain? Is it to better enhance or enrich one's life by giving back to the community a sense of belonging, to be prideful and of caring.

From decision to one's future:

A student is actively involved in school and everything is going along just fine. One day the student needs to talk to his/her parents, however both parents are busily trying to make ends meet by going off to work.

"We'll talk later." But later never comes. "Just deal with it," says the parent. The student leaves, thinking well...now what should I do? Problems start developing both at home and at school. While minor at first, as time goes on, the problems seem to get worse.

The student starts to ditch school in an attempt to get someone's attention. Ordinary tasks that the student is so responsible for now is pushed to the side, put off, as he was. Maybe school is boring or whatever the excuse, school is no longer keeping his attention.

While ditching school or possibility in and around school, gang peer pressure starts to affect the student as thoughts turn completely away from academics to wanting to belong somewhere where he is appreciated or someone will listen.

One day, the student gets caught ditching school and the parents are contacted by the authorities. "I was just having fun," the student explains.

The student is now back at school, but school is just not the same. Contact was made with a potential gang and now to satisfy the pressure of these new acquaintances, the student is flirting with gang membership.

Eventually, the student is now faced with failing grades, continued problems at home and now a decision is made to ditch school even more.

Intervention? Intervention? Where's the intervention? The student drops out of school and with the assistance of his new-found friends, he becomes involved in minor crimes.

Minor crimes? Yes, he must now prove his loyalty. He gets a sense of accomplishment in these acts against the community, after all, no one is getting hurt, are they? Most importantly though, he must now have approval from the leader.

Time passes on and the student becomes involved with alcohol and drugs. It's okay, everyone else is doing it, right?

The cops are coming...arrested again. The parents? The parents are hurt and disappointed. "What went wrong," they ask as they try to understand.

The student stays in touch with the gang, sneaking out at nights. He'll do anything for a chance to be with his friends.

More drinking occurs...drugs are available...do I? Shall I? Oh, what the heck, you only live once.

Once involved in petty crimes, the student's crime spree becomes worse, an assault, breaking and entering, major vandalism, major theft. "It doesn't matter, it's not mine," he rationalizes.

The parents, busy in their endeavors to make a happy home, start to notice in the student new clothes, a car, plenty of money. Maybe overall behavior has changed, a new look, the student seems so distant. No family involvement, everything they want to do is boring.

The student, with his gang, now starts feeling some intimidation from

the community so a decision is made to spread some intimidation of their own in the community. The gang is now considered his family.

Oh no...something goes wrong, someone tipped off the police...yikes...busted again.

Court follows with the possibility of jail and fines. All property is seized, sold, or forfeited.

The student is sentenced and now time has slowed...time to think...it's decision time.

Shall I quit the gang?

The student takes notice, thanks to all those around him or those that used to be around him, that time has now been wasted. "I wish I wouldn't have missed all the fun. Oh...but I was having fun...I think? Gangs?"

Probation follows and now the student must tow the line. Fines, community service, back to school. What happened to school? Choices, choices, choices. Night school to GED. What about a job? What happened to my future. Can I make it?

The choice is yours.

Law Enforcement Weekend

Officers of the WSPD again represented our community in the Central Oregon Public Safety Weekend in Bend at the Mountain View Mall March 15, 16 and 17. Although it seemed the presentation might be losing some motivation by fewer agencies represented, the WSPD put together another very impressive presentation thanks to DARE Officer Mary Stewart, Officer Lonny McEwen, Officer Floyd Calica, Sgt. DeBiao, K-9 officer Mark Coffee and his sidekick "Jody".

Child Abuse/Neglect Awareness:

In its continuing effort to educate members of the community on Child Abuse, Child Neglect and Child Sexual Abuse, the WSPD took its presentation to the Early Childhood

Education Center March 5 where staff and community members gained valuable information on reporting requirements as outlined in the tribal Law and Order code.

WSTC 305.1490 Child Abuse, Obligation to Report

1) Any person whether a private citizen, private official, or public official who has reasonable grounds to believe that a child with whom he has contact has suffered abuse, or that any adult with whom he has contact has abused a child shall report such information to the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department or to the Warm Springs Juvenile Department forthwith.

2) Nothing in the foregoing section shall affect the privilege usually afforded communications between psychiatrist, psychologists or attorneys and their clients or clergyman and their parishioners. All other privileges shall not be grounds for excluding evidence regarding child abuse or the cause thereof.

3) Any person submitting a report in good faith as required in paragraph 1) above, and who has reasonable grounds for making thereof, shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might be otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of such report. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report.

4) Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Still a priority in our community, members of the WSPD investigative team were also on hand and introduced to those in attendance so that the audience would know who to address specific matters, referrals or questions to.

Special thanks to Bob Whittenburge for his presentation.

Effective communication is important part of community policing. Police and residents will work toward similar goals.

From Managed Care.... Alternate Resources must be used

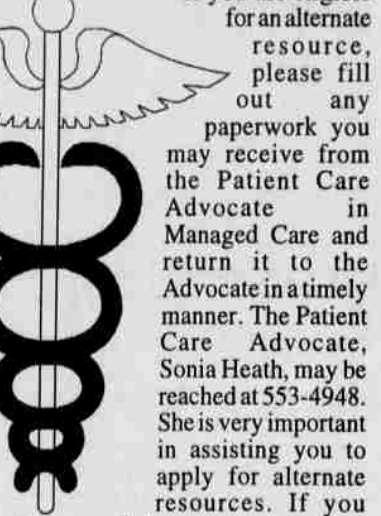
The Managed Care Program is designated as the "payer of last resort". This means that all alternate resources must be utilized before the Managed Care Program can pay any medical bills. Alternate resources are other sources of health care or health care payment that may be available and accessible to patients.

Some examples of alternate resources include: Medicare (part A and/or part B); Medicaid or AFS or Oregon Health Plan; Veterans Benefits (Champus; Private Insurance (such as Confederated Tribes insurance, PH&L, BC/BX, Mailhandlers); Children's Rehabilitative Service; Auto Insurance; Worker's Compensation; State Vocational Rehabilitation or State Maternal and Child Health Programs.

Clients are required by federal regulations (CFR 42; Ch. 1; Subpt. 36.23, F) to apply for an alternate resource if there is reason to believe that you may be eligible for alternate resources. In many cases the alternate resource is Medicaid, often known as the Oregon Health Plan. Once on Medicaid, you are required to fill out

renewal forms at intervals determined by Medicaid.

If you are eligible for an alternate resource, please fill out any paperwork you may receive from the Patient Care Advocate in Managed Care and return it to the Advocate in a timely manner. The Patient Care Advocate, Sonia Heath, may be reached at 553-4948. She is very important in assisting you to apply for alternate resources. If you refuse to apply for, or renew, or refuse to use that alternate resource, this program will not be responsible for payment of your medical bills. You will be responsible for your medical bills. You do not have to use your own financial resources or sell valuable or property to qualify for alternate resources. Some people do



not qualify for alternate resources like Medicaid simply because they make too much money. You will need to provide proof of your Indian descent in order to be exempted from paying the monthly premium for the Oregon Health Plan.

Using an alternate resource does not disqualify you from Direct Care services at the Health and Wellness Center. The Indian Health Service is required to bill your alternate resource.

It is to your advantage to sign up for alternate resources. The Managed Care Program has a limited amount of funds to pay for services by medical providers off the reservation. Using alternate resources can pay your health care service that the Health and Wellness Center is unable to provide, which in turn will make the Managed Care Program funds go further to pay for other Native Americans who do not qualify for alternate resources.

If you need clarification about the above policy, please contact Michael Marcotte, Administrator, in the Managed Care Program office, at 553-2490.

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The Children's Art Show, which opened March 15, will run through May 27. The Show features artwork created by tribal member youth.

Smith chosen to attend Presbytery travel seminar in Africa

March 3-23, 1996. This is a travel seminar and a unique opportunity for continuing education in self improvement and knowledge shared with Presbyterian Church.

Smith, who was one of twenty people chosen throughout the United States, visited church colleagues and mission projects in Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town and Pretoria. She was hosted by three partner churches: The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Africa, the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, to learn from a vast array of voices about the "New South Africa."

Smith was encouraged by a letter from Rev. Jon T. Chapman, Area Coordinator for Southern Africa. He stated that both South Africa and Mozambique, indigenous people of color (so-called Coloreds, Blacks and Indians) had expressed a number of times their real interest in Native people in the USA. He said that cross-cultural sharing is long overdue and would be received with great

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served for many years on the Presbytery level, Synod level and National level on volunteer committee work—Native American Consulting Committee, Self Development of People, Native American Education Grants, Third World Women, Cross Caucus, Joint Strategy and Action Committee, Native American Theological Association, to mention a few. She is currently on NAEG, Racial and Ethnic Committee, and Board of Trustees and Secretary to Cook College and Theological School of Tempe, Arizona.

She felt the need to inform others, especially Native Americans, that there is a larger picture to the world of Mission.

She was sent some literature about Africa for reading before her arrival in Africa. She was also restricted in the weight of her luggage for travel in Africa. Smith was very excited and nervous about her trip to Africa, but feels it will be a unique experience for her to visit and share stories.



Jo Ann Smith had been selected as a participant of the 1996 Mission Perspectives Tour to South Africa and Mozambique, sponsored by the Worldwide Ministries Divisions of the Presbyterians Church (USA)

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