

Police department forms response team Fire danger prompts land use restrictions

A group of seven officers of the Warm Springs Police Department recently completed a Special Weapons and Tactics training program.

The group of officers — called the Warm Springs Emergency Response Team — is now certified to respond with special weapons and tactics to highly dangerous situations.

There are important reasons why the Warm Springs Police Department has added the new SWAT team capabilities to the police force, said Jim Cole, chief detective of the department and team leader.

"The purpose of having the Emergency Response Team is to save lives," he said. Statistics nationwide show that when a specially trained team responds to highly dangerous situations, the incidence of death — either to an officer, suspect or other person — is much lower than when the department responds without a specially trained team, said Cole.

The team can respond to situa-



tions such as an armed and dangerous person barricaded in a building, or someone who has taken a hostage. These occurrences are quite rare, but the local police nevertheless should be prepared just in case, Cole said.

Police Chief Don Courtney said, "It is our hope that the team never has to be used."

its own Emergency Response Team, the Warm Springs Police

Department would have to rely on the Central Oregon SWAT team to respond to a critical situation. As Warm Springs is in the north end of the region, the response time by the Central Oregon team might be between two and four hours, Cole said.

The problem, he said, is that critical and dangerous situations often develop very rapidly. For this reason, the Warm Springs Emer-

gency Response Team is important, said Cole.

The work toward becoming a certified SWAT team began in 1999. Over time, the department acquired the necessary equipment, mainly through federal funding.

Also during that time, officers participated in various training exercises, including FBI training.

Most recently, the seven officers of the department who make up the emergency response team attended a weeklong training program in Bend. With the completion of this program, the team achieved the necessary certification to become active.

The recent training involved, among other activities, live-fire exercises, and techniques on entering a building where an armed person is barricaded.

As a certified team, the members on a monthly basis will participate in tactical training. They also exercise daily. Of the team members, two are tribal members and two are Indian of other tribes.

Extreme fire danger in the region has prompted tribal natural resource officials to restrict certain activities on the reservation.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the restrictions apply in rangeland, pine grounds and upper timberlands and high lakes.

In these areas, the use of campfires, chainsaws or other spark-inducing activities is prohibited.

The Ochoco and Deschutes national forests, Crooked River National Grassland, and the Bureau of Land Management Prineville District have adopted similar restrictions.

Effective immediately, open fires are permitted only in designated campgrounds on the Ochoco and Deschutes national forests.

These are improved areas posted for public use. There are no open fires allowed on BLM-protected lands.

Lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry in Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties have restrictions as well. Open-burning of all kinds is prohibited on these lands.

Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuel and enclosed stoves with screens may be used in all areas on both BLM and national forest lands. Users are asked to clear an area 10 feet in diameter for stove use. These restrictions do not apply to local wilderness areas.

Vehicle use is limited to developed roads that are constructed for automotive use and are clear and free of flammable debris and vegetation. Ochoco and Deschutes national forest visitors are restricted to 2- and 4-digit roads and

other roads that are paved, gravel or cinder and free of vegetation.

Of concern is the risk of hot catalytic converters coming into contact with the dry grass and brush in the middle of the roads.

Those vehicles traveling on BLM areas will be required to stay on developed roads that are free of vegetation and carry an axe, shovel and one gallon of water.

Smoking is restricted to an enclosed vehicle or building, in boats on lakes, designated campgrounds or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable material.

Motors on watercraft and the use of generators in designated campgrounds are permitted. Operating any motorized vehicle on trails is prohibited on Deschutes and Ochoco national forests.

On BLM areas, it is prohibited to operate any type of motorized vehicle off developed roads.

Welding and operating an acetylene or other torch is also prohibited. In addition, using an explosive or operating a chainsaw is prohibited.

"We want people to enjoy visiting the forests and rangelands. However, they must be aware of the extreme wildfire situation we now face," said George Chesley, Interagency Fire Management Officer for three federal wildland agencies in Central Oregon.

"By encouraging visitors to utilize the many established campgrounds, we can focus our patrol and information efforts," said Chesley. "We ask everyone to be very careful, especially now, as our wildlands are extremely dry."

For more information, call the 24-hour fire precautions phone at 1-800-523-4737.



Photos by Selena Boise
Dunk tank, band and Japanese singers were popular attractions.

Police draw crowds for open house

By Selena Boise
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Warm Springs Police Department held their second annual open house, August 17, inviting community to see displays and enjoy a day of fun. The police department barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs, displayed confiscated items, provided tours of the police department, and had live band as entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Visiting the open house were a group who were at the post office and saw the activities. These visitors were Japanese and expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome by providing songs from their language for the crowd.

A basketball tournament was held for adults and children and they played "cops," which is like horse. Winning the adult tournament was Lana Leonard and the winner of the youth tournament was George Boise. Both of these winners received a bicycle, helmet, and T-shirt as their prize.

There was also a door prize



raffle drawn throughout the event with various prizes donated by local merchants.

The popular dunk tank was in place with a line of people ready to dunk an officer or staff mem-

ber. There was demand for Bob and Stoney to sit in the tank but they denied that request.

Guided tours of the Police Department facility were held for everyone to see the inside of the fa-

cility.

On display were confiscated items, which included firearms, drugs, paraphernalia, and vehicles, 4-Wheeler, and boat that are used by the Police Department.

School district issues list of student supplies

The 509-J School District has supplied this list for the first day of school September 5, 2001.

Kindergarten

2 boxes crayons, basic 16, standard size (not chubby)
10 pencils, size #2
2 bottles of white liquid glue (4 oz)
2 glue sticks—small, solid
1 large box of tissues
1 pkg baby wipes (80-150 count)
No permanent markers

First, second grades

1 box small crayons (16)
Pencils, size #2
1 eraser
1 pair of metal scissors
2 bottles of white glue (4oz)
1 box of tissue
No permanent markers

Third grade

1 box of small crayons (16 or 24)
Pencils, size #2

You and we will literally be "locked out" until your advising piece has been completed.

People who wish to participate in Remedial courses are asked to contact us (553-1428) so that they may be placed on our pre-enrollment roster.

Actual registration will take place at the first class meeting. If you neglect to have your name placed on the pre-registration roster, you may very possibly find at the first meeting that the class is full and the opportunity has passed you by.

Questions? Additional assistance? Call Warm Springs COCC 553-1428.

Pink pearl erasers
1 pair of sharp point scissors
2 bottles of white glue (4oz)
1 large box of tissues
1 ruler (12-inch) inches and centimeters
No permanent markers

Fourth, fifth grades

1 box of small crayons (16 or 24)
Pencils, size #2
Pink pearl erasers
1 pair of sharp point scissors
1 bottle glue (4oz)
1 ruler (12-inch) inches and centimeters
Notebook paper
1 box of tissues
No permanent markers

Sixth grade

1 box small crayons (16 or 24)
Pencils, size #2
Pink pearl erasers
1 sharp point scissor
1 bottle of white glue (4oz)
1 ruler (12-inch) inches and centimeters
Notebook paper
1 box of tissue
Ballpoint pens, blue or black (not erasable)
No permanent markers

Seventh, eighth grades

College ruled notebook paper
1 binder (2-inch), metal 3-ring, with dividers
No PeeChee folders

Please note: Some classes may require additional materials.

If so, students will be notified during the first week of school by their classroom teacher.

Some school supplies will need to be replenished throughout the school year.

Warm Springs COCC center gets ready for fall quarter

Real life is about to banish the last of Summer's glow. Fall Quarter is a mere month away. Classes begin Monday, September 17.

The menu of class offerings available this time features courses designed to serve two different purposes.

One set of classes is targeted to students who are working at the college freshmen level and beyond (traditional Credit course).

The other set is a collection of courses designed as "skill builders" (Remedial). These classes are intended to serve as an opportunity for students to "strengthen" understanding and mastery of high school level

Math and Writing. These "Remedial" classes have value even if a person is not planning to move on to higher education. Most of the skills taught are right in line with competencies employers' value (look for in employees).

Specific detail about Credit classes can be gained from the COCC Schedule which is available for pick up at COCC's office here on the reservation.

Remedial menu offerings are as follows:

Writing 20 - Basic Writing 1
Targets writing at the sentence level, simple paragraphs and very short essays. Features work on punc-

tuation and sentence mechanics.

Math 10 - Developmental Math
Designed expressly for overcoming anxiety toward math. Concentrates on fundamental math competencies such as whole number concepts, signs, fractions and decimals.

Math 20 - Pre-Algebra
Emphasizes application of basic arithmetic skills. Equips students to handle everyday arithmetic problems and lays the foundation for algebra.

Each of these Remedial offerings will be taught, here on the reservation (Warm Springs Tribal Education Bldg.), in the evenings, typically one night per week, by a college

approved instructor.

Registration, for either traditional Credit or Remedial courses, should be undertaken immediately.

We have reached the point where the start of the Quarter is so nearly at hand that the competition for available classes will be intense.

Be warned - the registration for traditional Credit offerings is not permitted by COCC - Bend unless you have first consulted and advisor. This advisor contact must take place at the main campus (Bend).

Our office here at Warm Springs cannot help you until COCC notifies us that you have met the advising requirement.