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DETAILS RELEASED IN SHOOTING DEATH

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Lane County, Douglas County, state and local officials held a press conference Friday, to report the findings of an investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred June 24, on Highway 126, just east of Florence, which resulted in the death of 37-year-old Cameron Ollman of Mapleton. Lane County District

Attorney Patty Perlow opened the press conference with a statement that praised the officers involved in the deadly incident, thanking them for their professionalism and courage. She then revealed the findings of the two-week investigation by the Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team (IDFIT).

"The use of force was justified by our law enforcement members and I am grateful for

their response to these events," said Perlow. "I hope the community appreciates the professionalism and willingness of these individuals to risk their own lives for all of the rest of us."

"We are all fortunate that the outcome of the events of June 24, did not include death or serious physical injury to one of our members of law enforcement or one of the members of the public."

Multiple agencies responded to the deadly encounter, which ultimately involved officers from the Florence Police Department, along with Lane and Douglas County Sheriffs.

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Lane County Sheriffs and Florence Police Chief Tom Turner take questions during Friday's press conference in Eugene.



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New IGA committee meets to create measurable results

Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley work with panel to clarify costs, communicate to public

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The Administrative Advisory Committee for Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) met July 6 at the Siuslaw Valley Main Station in its first meeting since the election of new district board members for both organizations. Members of the committee include board members and personnel from each agency, as well as citizens at large.

The meeting was also the first to include a special panel selected by Chief/Director Jim Langborg to address conflicting data about the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between SVFR and WLAD that the public brought up during the May Special Election campaign.

"Recently, debate has begun concerning how we measure the financial costs and/or savings associated with the IGA. ... In short, the problem is that there is no established and agreed upon criteria for how to measure the financial component of the IGA," Langborg said.

He gave an overview of the development and initial implementation of the IGA before presenting on the SVFR/WLAD IGA Financial Measurement.

According to Langborg, "The objective of this meeting is to work with a group of people who have a financial or other relevant background to help our districts determine which financial components of the IGA should be measured to accurately assess the fiscal status of the program."

The committee's goal is to recommend at least two measurements so the boards of SVFR and WLAD could then compare the IGA's progress.

Committee members discussed the best way to calculate the cost differences between pre-IGA and post-IGA operations.

WLAD board member Larry Farnsworth pointed out that major changes had occurred in both organizations since the IGA took effect,

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Tuesday's fireworks light up the Siuslaw River at the port as the summer moon shines overhead.



PHOTOS BY MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce pulled out all the stops during the Fourth of July Festivities in Historic Old Town Tuesday to celebrate American Independence. Groups organized all-American pie- and watermelon-eating contests, the Great Florence Duck Race and a whole new fireworks show over the river.

For more photos, visit thesiuslawnews.com.

Groups fill summer hunger gap

Lane County programs work together to stop teen hunger

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, in conjunction with other organizations throughout the Siuslaw region, is on a path to fill the food insecurity gap for area teens.

Since the recovery from the Great Recession began in 2010, the national average of food insecurity decreased 6.8 percent.

Oregon's rate, meanwhile, increased to 18.4 percent.

One in every six Oregonians lives with food insecurity, not knowing where their next meal will come from.

The number of Oregonians struggling to put food on the table is equal to that of the population of Portland, according to the Oregon Center for Public Policy.

The numbers are even starker for children. In 2014 alone, an estimated 210,000 children were



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Illene Armer and her daughter, Sunshine, serve hot meals at the Boys and Girls Club, 1501 Airport Road in Florence.

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Relay For Life sets the pace at FEC

July 22's event features indoor activities, 12-hour length

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The 2017 American Cancer Association Relay For Life Fundraiser will take place at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, July 22. This year's event will begin at noon and continue until midnight.

Florence has a long tradition of strong public participation in this high-profile, national fundraising effort.

Relay For Life's Community Development Manager Amy Bickleman talked about some significant changes to this year's event.

"This year the committee is

trying something new. The event has been moved from Miller Park to the Florence Events Center and will be a 12-hour event, from noon to midnight, versus the previous 24-hour event. We are very excited about these changes as we know that we must continue to keep the event fresh and exciting from year to year," Bickleman said.

She said the new venue and timeframe allows the event to maintain the most important parts of the Relay For Life event: Ceremonies, celebrating cancer survivors, team fundraising and the Luminaria display, which is the largest

in Oregon. Moving the event indoors and shortening its length are two steps that the American Cancer Association has taken to revitalize the Florence event.

The past couple of years have seen declining participation and mounting local concern over the distribution of monies raised here and sent elsewhere.

Bickleman points out the money raised nationwide is used to support some local programs, but the majority of funds raised will be used statewide and nationally to assist cancer patients in a number of ways.

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