

On The Record

DUI High Visibility Enforcement results released

The Florene Police Department participated in extra DUI Enforcement during the Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 3.

During this event, the Florence Police Department arrested one driver for driving while impaired, issued

eight warnings for miscellaneous traffic offenses, and issued two citations for driving while suspended.

Throughout the month of February, the Florence Police Department arrested a total of six drivers for driving while impaired.

Law Enforcement agencies throughout Oregon and the rest of the United States participate in nationwide efforts to get impaired drivers off the street.

High Visibility Enforcement, accomplished by increasing the number of

officers on the streets aggressively seeking out impaired drivers, is designed to deter people from driving after they have been drinking.

For more information, contact the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.



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Parking relief coming to downtown Eugene

The Lane County Board of County Commissioners has approved a contract to bring temporary parking relief to downtown Eugene for both visitors and businesses.

The temporary parking will be located on the County's newly acquired vacant lot east of the Public Service Building in downtown Eugene.

The contract is for a temporary parking surface called Rollpark, which will be installed by local contractors and Rollpark technicians in 8-10 weeks.

There will be 285 spaces, including seven Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant spaces.

Spaces will be a mixture of permitted spaces for downtown employees, as well as hourly spaces for visitors.

"As construction and investment in downtown Eugene continues to increase, there has been a corresponding decrease in downtown parking," said Lane County Administrator Steve Mokro-hisky. "Our community's reinvestment in downtown is exciting and we recognize the need it creates for both temporary and long-term solutions to parking."

"We know there are downtown Eugene businesses that have already left — or are considering leaving — downtown due to a lack of

available parking. While the Rollpark is temporary, it will help relieve immediate pressure and give us time to develop innovative long-term solutions."

The Rollpark is designed to last for 3-5 years and can be rolled up and re-deployed to other locations during its lifespan — making it a good choice for this location since construction may begin on the lot within the next two years.

Lane County expects that the cost of installation will be recovered through permitted and hourly parking fees over the next two years.

Simple dos and don'ts when stopped by police

When you are signaled to pull over by a police officer, you need to understand this can be a very dangerous time. Do not assume the officer knows you are a law-abiding citizen; officers must be cautious at all times.

Follow these recommendations:

- Pull over as far to the right as safely possible.
- Turn on the interior light if the stop occurs at night.
- Place your hands on the steering wheel until the officer can make a safety evaluation of you, your passengers and your car.
- Avoid making any sudden or reaching movements.
- Remain in your vehicle unless advised by the officer to exit your car.
- If you are carrying a weapon, inform the officer about the weapon and its location without reaching for it or handling it.
- Always follow the officer's instructions.

Stopping at night, especially along a dark stretch of road, can heighten the tension for you and the officer. Officers do not object to a driver proceeding to the nearest well-lit area. Simply acknowledge the officer by turning on your flashers and driving at a reduced speed.

If you are concerned the person stopping you may be impersonating a police officer, contact the non-emergency dispatch line or call 911. Ask the officer for the name of his agency and tell them you are calling the police. A real officer will not object to you verifying his or her identity and the stop location.

If you are asked to exit your car, walk to the rear of your vehicle to the side away from traffic, or as directed by the officer. Use the vehicle as a barrier between you and oncoming cars.

Once the traffic stop is finished, walk carefully back

to your vehicle keeping an eye out for traffic. When an opportunity exists, carefully merge back into the flow of traffic.

Being stopped by a police officer is not always an unpleasant experience. Remember that many times only a warning or other beneficial safety information is shared with a driver.

For more information and tips, visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net.

WEATHER DATA					
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN		
March 5	41	29	0.00		
March 6	42	33	0.20		
March 7	46	33	0.28		
March 8	42	32	0.48		
March 9	48	32	0.00		
March 10	56	34	0.13		

Rainfall Week: 1.09"
Month: 1.54" Year: 22.01"

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