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## St. Charles, union end strike

BY KYLE SPURR

The Bulletin

After 10 days of a work stoppage, St. Charles Bend and the union representing therapists, technicians and technologists at the hospital reached an agreement Saturday to return the employees to work by Monday.

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“The agreement came together as

both parties believe patient care is and should be the top priority, the strike has been distracting and difficult for all involved, and it is in everyone’s best inter-

est to return to the table and continue bargaining,” the union and hospital said in a joint statement Saturday.

The hospital and the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals have disagreed about salary and shift wages for about 154 workers. The hospital objected to the union’s request to require any new employees to join the union.

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## OREGON'S POLITICAL REDISTRICTING

# Fuzzy math, absent maps

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

The fuzzy future of Oregon politics east of the Cascades was unveiled to the public last week: No diagrams, charts, data — really nothing tangible at all to show how new legislative and congressional district should be drawn.

“We don’t have any maps,” said Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Lake Oswego, chair of the House Redistricting Committee. “We don’t have any numbers from the census.”

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# A DEADLY YEAR ON U.S. HIGHWAY 97

BY KYLE SPURR • The Bulletin

**C**rash data from the Oregon Department of Transportation shows 2020 was the deadliest year in recent memory along U.S. Highway 97 through Central Oregon from Klamath Falls to Madras.

Twenty people died in 17 crashes last year, the data shows. That is the same number as the previous two years combined, when 19 fatal crashes killed 20 people in 2018 and 2019.

Central Oregon is following a national trend of higher fatalities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because more people have stayed home during the pandemic, transportation officials suspect more people are speeding on the open roads and driving impaired.

Kacey Davey, an ODOT spokesperson for the Central Oregon region, said the causes of last year’s crashes are still being investigated but it appears a majority are related to speed and intoxication.

“It’s hard to say yet why the fatalities increased on this stretch of highway,” Davey said. “There are some national reports that are showing a trend toward increased speed and intoxication as factors.”

Oregon State Police Sgt. Caleb Ratliff, who has worked in the Bend area since 2012, said the overwhelming factor in fatal crashes, especially on Highway 97, has been speed. People are driving over the speed limit and driving too fast in potentially hazardous conditions, such as in snow and ice, Ratliff said.

Drivers are not taking into account road conditions, other drivers and the volume of traffic, and those tendencies increased during the pandemic, Ratliff said.

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**LEFT: Two people were killed and two injured in a crash that closed U.S. Highway 97 in both directions about a mile south of La Pine in November. The majority of the fatal crashes along Highway 97 last year were between Bend and Redmond and south of La Pine, areas where traffic has increased in recent years.**

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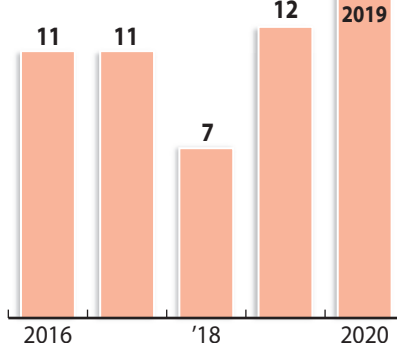
## Fatal crashes along U.S. Highway 97 in 2020

The stretch of U.S. Highway 97 in Central Oregon in 2020 saw the largest increase in fatal crashes over the past five years, resulting in 20 deaths.

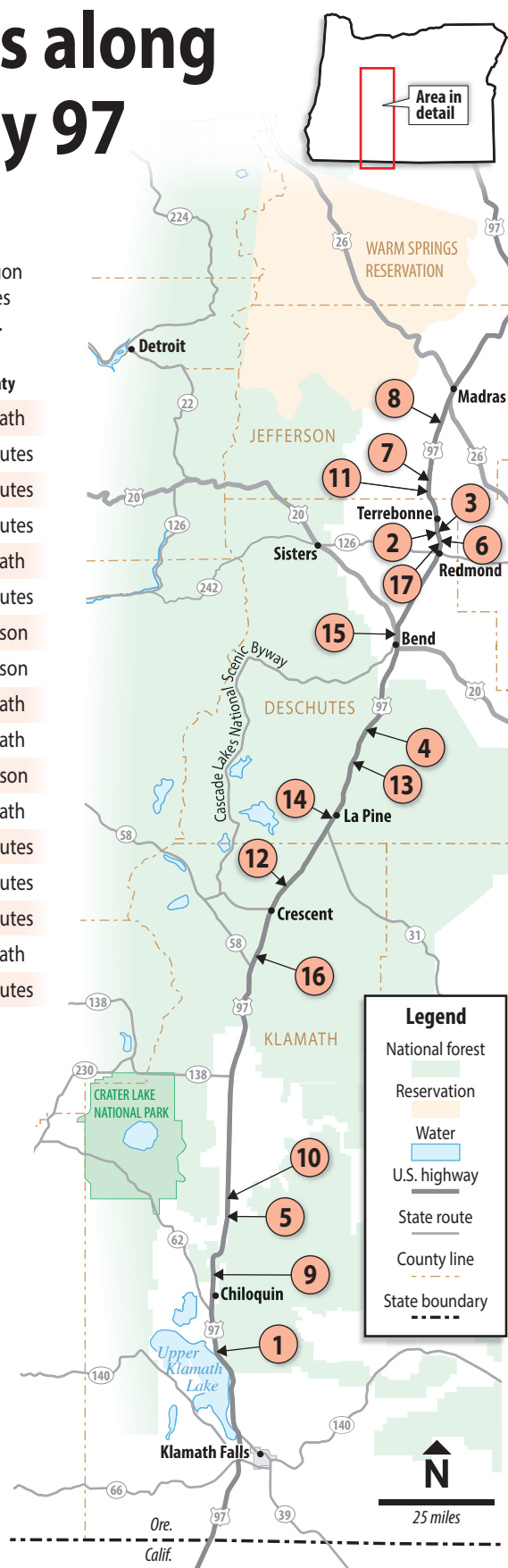
Order/date	Time	Approx. milepost	County
1. April 7	7:37 p.m.	259	Klamath
2. June 12	3:30 p.m.	118	Deschutes
3. July 6	8:56 p.m.	118	Deschutes
4. July 10	6:33 p.m.	151.4	Deschutes
5. July 23	2:32 a.m.	235	Klamath
6. Aug. 1	1:22 p.m.	118.5	Deschutes
7. Aug. 15	3:58 p.m.	108	Jefferson
8. Aug. 18	1:24 p.m.	99.9	Jefferson
9. Oct. 13	9:10 a.m.	245	Klamath
10. Nov. 4	11:59 p.m.	232	Klamath
11. Nov. 6	11:56 p.m.	110.6	Jefferson
12. Nov. 8	9:42 a.m.	181	Klamath
13. Nov. 11	7:45 a.m.	158	Deschutes
14. Nov. 19	12:51 p.m.	168.2	Deschutes
15. Nov. 19	5:14 p.m.	137	Deschutes
16. Dec. 14	11:10 a.m.	194	Klamath
17. Dec. 24	9:07 a.m.	118.8	Deschutes

## Fatal crashes, 2016-20

(Data is preliminary, as of Feb. 23.)



Sources: Oregon Department of Transportation; Data.Oregon.Gov  
 Alan Kenaga/For The Bulletin



## In Oregon, who's policing the police?

BY NICK BUDNICK

Oregon Capital Bureau

On May 18, 2019, a longtime member of the most influential police oversight body in Oregon, Officer Craig Halupowski, got ready to arrest a man accused of making threats at the local mall in Woodburn.



Walking toward the man, the cop looked around to make sure nobody but his two fellow officers could hear, according to a subsequent investigation.

“If he resists, we beat the s--- out of him,” Halupowski said, according to a video from a co-worker’s body camera.

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