

Circuit courts to send text reminders

Are you scheduled to appear in court? A new service can send you a text reminder. Morrow and Umatilla County Circuit Courts are among the first to launch the service.

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) is launching a new service to provide case parties with the opportunity to receive text message reminders or court hearings and changes. The goal is to improve communication with parties directly involved in the case – including defendants, petitioners, respondents and others – and reduce instances of “failure to appear.” The change will help parties in civil and out-of-custody criminal cases avoid financial and other consequences of failing to appear, keep cases moving and increase productivity for courts, attorneys, law enforcement and other case participants by avoiding the cost and delays of rescheduling. In a criminal case, failure to appear can result in an arrest warrant and new charges for failure to appear. In a civil case, it can lead to a

default judgment or a dismissal, depending on which party fails to appear.

OJD launched a pilot of the new service in the Josephine County circuit court on February 8, 2021, bringing a new case category into the system each week over four weeks. A group of “early adopter” circuit courts – Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Marion, Morrow and Umatilla Counties – went live on March 22, 2021 with all eligible case categories.

“Text messaging doesn’t replace official court hearing notices,” explained Roy Blaine, trial court administrator for the Morrow and Umatilla counties’ circuit courts, “but it does allow parties who opt in to receive text message reminders and hearing updates. It’s one more way the courts are putting technology to work to improve access to justice.”

Blaine noted that Oregon’s state courts already provide online access to case information and court calendars; online forms and instructions, including

“Guide and File” Q & A style forms that help people follow necessary steps and use required legal language for a successful filing; electronic case filing; online payment for fines and fees; opt-in reminders for people serving jury duty; and online access to self-help legal information. Those resources are available through the Umatilla County circuit court website: www.courts.oregon.gov/Umatilla or the Morrow County circuit court website: www.courts.oregon.gov/Morrow.

Blaine said that the service only applies to state circuit courts and Oregon’s Tax Court. It does not apply to municipal or justice courts.

Parties who want to participate in text messaging will need to have a cell phone number on file with the court. This will allow them to opt-in to receive hearing notices and reminders for all upcoming or modified hearings for qualifying case and hearing types.

Blaine said the new service can include victims

in criminal proceedings, to help them participate if they choose. It does not include confidential cases such as juvenile proceedings and civil commitment cases.

After the initial “early adopter” group comes online, Blaine said there will be a 60-day pause to ensure that all new functionality is working properly prior to a phased statewide rollout. He said the goal is to offer the new service statewide by July.

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) includes the Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, circuit courts in every Oregon county, and the Office of the State Court Administrator. The Department is committed to protecting rights and democracy by maintaining a strong, fair, and impartial court system. For more information, visit www.courts.oregon.gov.

Forklift training to be offered

The Port of Morrow and Blue Mountain Community College have partnered to purchase a forklift simulator and begin offering training. There is a high demand for skilled forklift operators both at the Port of Morrow and regionally.

“The Port is excited to be partnering with BMCC on this exciting new equipment to help train and continue to develop the workforce within the Port. This is a great way to engage employers and provide a benefit that many industries in the Port will be able to utilize,” says Ryan Neal, executive director of the Port of Morrow.

The collaborative project will provide a safe training program for both job seekers and incumbent

workers who want to build additional skills.

“I am looking forward to offering our local industries a unique and much-needed training opportunity with the forklift simulator,” says Anne Morter, workforce training center director for Blue Mountain Community College. “We often hear that employers not only want employees with forklift driving skills but would also like training to improve those skills. The simulator will offer a great local opportunity for forklift operators to gain skill and confidence in a low-risk setting.”

The Sit-Down CB Forklift Simulator provides a realistic virtual reality environment with OEM Hyster or Yale forklift controls. This configuration immerses learners in life-like scenarios under safe and controlled conditions and without the potential liabilities or damages that could occur during onsite training, especially with first-time operators.

The simulator will be ready for training by mid-April. For more information people can call the BMCC Workforce Training Center 541-481-2099 or email amorter@bluecc.edu.

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