

Grant for 9-1-1 improvements

Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District has been awarded a grant of \$89,154 for mobile data backbone equipment to support public safety services.

The data system will provide an alternative to voice communications, access to reporting formats, records management systems and local/state/national computer databases – information that area emergency services agencies do not have the ability to convey to a mobile unit at the present time, except through the spoken word. Mobile data links also provide alternative communications during major incident overload on a voice system.

The project is the second phase of a countywide wireless communications system upgrade. Phase one is a microwave-supported system that will allow all city and county

public safety agencies to communicate with each other. Funding for the first phase, \$1.4 million, was secured by Congressman David Wu and Senators Wyden and Smith for the 9-1-1 District. It will be administered by the federal COPS Grant Oversight Program. Installation of Phase 1 is expected to be complete the first week of October.

Public safety agencies in Columbia County, with St. Helens Police Department as the grant applicant, are also seeking grant funds for Phase 3, which is estimated at \$253,154.

To complete the project, an additional \$164,000 will be needed for software licensing, engineering, installation, training and implementation. Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District has set aside this amount in reserve for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Vernonia Police Report

Abbreviations: DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; BUII, Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants; DWS, Driving While License is Suspended; MiP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; ODL, Oregon Driver License; FTA, Failure to Appear in Court; NTSI, National Traffic Safety Institute; DA, District Attorney; VIP, Victim Impact Panel; FF&A, Fines, Fees and Assessments.

June 26 – Investigating report of Heather Lane resident being almost hit by a vehicle on Mist Dr.

June 27 – Bicycle reported stolen; bicycle found.

– Eric Allen Lawhead, 15, cited for tobacco violation.

June 28 – Lane Brekken, 54, Vernonia, arrested for DUII and Domestic Assault IV.

June 30 – Wallet reported missing from vehicle on 3rd Ave. Later found in garage.

July 1 – Shelley Heselton of A St. reported son missing. Police believe son is with father, Frank Heselton. National missing person alert issued for son. Police also seek whereabouts of father.

July 2 – Grey Dawn Gallery reported that flag and holder were broken off storefront. Contacted several people.

July 3 – Unknown person reported selling cleaning products without business license in 1200 block of Bridge St.; unable to find.

July 4 – Complaint of bottle rockets being shot at vehicle on A

Street.

– Door of Ivy St. was broken. Dusted for prints, took photos. Suspect will be contacted.

– Illegal fireworks confiscated near high school baseball field. Information turned over to VRFPD.

July 6 – Bicycle reported stolen from B St.

July 7 – Gregory Gordon Wright, 38, Vernonia, warrant arrest; taken to CCSO jail.

– Contacted owners of an open well on Alder St; advised that it needed to be covered.

July 8 – Malicious mischief to three employee vehicles at Post Office. Pictures and report taken.

– Investigated possible assault on California St.; complaint was

unfounded. Advised suspect he could be charged with criminal trespass if he returned to property. He said he would not return.

– Resident on 1st Ave. refused to get ball that went into their yard. Ongoing neighborhood problem.

July 9 – Resident threatened neighbor on 1st Ave with shooting. No gun present. Report sent to DA.

– Trespass reported at vacant residence on State Ave. Unknown persons were removing items and changing door lock and knob.

July 12 – Investigated family argument on Alder St.

Traffic.....	34
Animal.....	3
Noise.....	1
Alarm.....	1

Columbia County Sheriff

June 3 – Harassment reported by Joann Marie Carter occurred within City Limits and was turned over to VPD.

June 4 – Terry Michael Schaumburg reported two chainsaws stolen from his truck while it was parked on Stoney Point Road.

June 6 – Ileata LaWona Uerling reported Criminal Mischief and Theft on McDonald Road.

June 10 – Thomas Edward Jones reported two chainsaws stolen from residence on Hwy 47 in Mist.

June 13 – Welfare check on children living in camper on Nehalem Hwy N outside Vernonia; assisted by OSP trooper.

June 20 – Patricia Eileen Og-

den, Vernonia, reported her estranged husband, John Peter William Ogden, Salem, violated a No Contact Order.

June 22 – Galen Lee Taylor reported a theft on Timber Rd.; under investigation.

June 26 – Kathy Joan Swank reported an attempted break in at her residence on 1st Ave. in Vernonia.

– Criminal Mischief at logging site off Hwy 47 near MP67, south of Vernonia.

July 6 – Dispatch advised of 9-1-1 hang up at Marion Johnston's residence on Nehalem Hwy. South, Vernonia; unfounded.

July 10 – Patricia Ogden, Vernonia, reported phone harassment.

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