

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Matthew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



As you can see from the blotter report here have been numerous cases of vandalism that have occurred over the past couple

of weeks. I had one person comment that "It's that time of the year," referring to Spring and the large number of people out and things getting damaged. I disagree! Whether it is mailboxes or metal fences, there is no time for this senseless vandalism!

But the act of vandalism that really bothers me is the duck being run up the memorial flagpole. This was a slap in the

face to all of the men and women who served our country. Not to mention the cruelty to animals. If you have information on either of these crimes please call the VPD.

I was approached by a Vernonia Volunteer Firemen asking me to talk about vehicles failing to yield to fire apparatus. The fireman told me they have had several incidents on Hwy 47 where fire personnel were

almost struck by traffic when drivers did not yield or did not show due caution when passing a scene. Oregon ORS 811.145, 147, and 150 deal with yielding to emergency vehicles and driving near such vehicles. Please keep our firefighters, ambulance, and officers safe when they are trying to save lives.

A quick reminder that there will be a Bicycle Safety Event

(Rodeo) on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Vernonia Middle School. Look for more details in the next Independent.



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