

## Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman  
Vernonia Police Department



The Vernonia Police Department hopes that everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday weekend and was able to

pay tribute to all of the men and women who gave their lives and continue to do so for our great country.

The Holiday weekend was again a dangerous one on the roads. Several people were killed and several others were injured in Oregon and Washington. As the weather improves and schools get out, we all need to be aware of the increase in traffic on the roadways. There are also multiple

construction projects that will either cause some delays or will cause congestion. Please use extra caution when you are driving and be aware that children or animals can appear in front of you at anytime without warning.

The VPD will be doing enhanced enforcement for seatbelts, drunk driving, as well as bicycle and crosswalk safety in the downtown area. Since it is illegal to ride bicycles on the

sidewalks along Bridge St. this will increase bicycle traffic in the streets. Use caution when driving downtown with regard to bicycles and pedestrians.

The VPD is participating in a "Teddy Bear/Backpack Campaign" for children placed in foster care, usually methamphetamine-related. Approximately 10 children per day are placed in foster care in Oregon. Drug-endangered children who are removed from homes face

a double trauma in that they lose their parents and often everything they are familiar with (toys, clothing, school supplies) because these items are often contaminated by the drug environments.

Between June 5 and June 10, state and local agencies will be accepting backpacks filled with clothing, school supplies, toys, teddy bears, or even items like diapers for younger

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