

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe 4th of July Holiday. The warm weather of Summer is definitely here, as evidenced by

the droves of swimmers spending time in the cool Hawkins Park Swimming Hole. As a reminder, the moving waters of Rock Creek don't tend to warm up like the standing water in a swimming pool, so make sure you or your children are aware of how cool the water will be. Take breaks often and know your limits as related to your swimming ability. Also make sure to know where everyone is at all times in case someone

should go into distress.

I wanted to review a couple of new laws that just went into effect on July 1. The first one, SB 480, addresses automobile safety restraints for children statutes. The bill amends previous laws and offers the following provisions:

1) Child passengers under one year old (regardless of weight) or a child who weighs 20 pounds or less, MUST be properly secured in a child

safety system in a rear-facing position.

2) Child passengers who weigh 40 pounds or less must be properly secured in a child safety system.

3) Children weighing more than 40 pounds and who are 4'9" or shorter, MUST ride in a child safety system which elevates them (i.e. Booster seat) so the lap and the shoulder belt fit them properly.

4) Children 8 years of age or

older need not be secured with a child safety system, but MUST be secured with a safety belt or safety harness. If you have questions about where your child is in regard to these requirements you can call the station, email me at chief@vernonia-or.gov or talk to one of my officers.

The other bill is HB 2131 and it creates new provisions related to the address confidential-
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