Did You Know...

By Chief Mathew Workman Vernonia Police Department



you may have read in the blotthe ter, Vernonia Police Depart-

ment assisted with the rescue of a 14 year-old female who

was injured after falling approximately 60 ft. from the Linear Trail to the creek below. I first want to commend Officer Jeff Dalrymple for locating the girl, attempting to get to her, then communicating with her until the Metro West Ambulance and the Vernonia Fire Department arrived. I next want to commend Dan Owens from Metro West for going over the edge and down the ravine to assess the girl's condition, reassure

her of her safety, and then assisting in the rope-rescue to get her up to the ambulance.

Lastly, I want to commend the Vernonia Fire Department on their actions to secure the girl then, working as a team, to bring her up the ravine to safety and the ambulance which took her to the awaiting Life-Flight helicopter. The team of volunteer firemen out on the scene worked together to bring that girl to safety using their ad-

equate but less-than-stellar equipment. The citizens of the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District should be proud of the men and women who volunteer and serve this area.

I recently received a notice from the Department of Motor Vehicles that they are initiating changes to the driver licenses and ID cards. The cards will now be centrally issued and you will not receive an overthe-counter card but instead a

temporary paper interim permit. The new cards feel different and are made with different plastic. The text is clearer and more vibrant as well as having enhanced security features that make it more difficult to counterfeit. The biggest change will be the use of "facial recognition" software that checks all photos on file (including other interim card photos that day) to ensure against giving duplicate

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