

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
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On Tuesday, October 9, there was a very profound television program called "Crystal Darkness" that I hope many of you were able to

watch. It was a poignant documentary about the continued effects that Methamphetamines have on our children, society, and families. If you weren't able to see the program, the Vernonia Police Department has ordered a copy of the DVD and will be teaming up with the Community Drug-Free Coalition to show the documentary again. The VPD also has a copy of "Crystal Misery" a documentary produced in Wash-

ington County using subjects and events involving meth from the local area. We will be presenting this film as well in the near future. Meth labs are not as prevalent anymore but the effects of meth use are worse than ever. If you need information on the effects of Meth or would like a list of Meth resources for Columbia County there are resource lists at the front window of the station and a "Meth Resources" link on the

VPD website at <http://vpd.vernonia-or.gov>

I was recently approached by *The Independent* and told that there has been several negative comments being made in the community regarding the police vehicles. I too have heard comments but they have been positive in nature. In the three years and six months I have been Police Chief in Vernonia, I have not only maintained an open door policy for

the community but have tried to make my department as transparent as possible. Everything that has been done in my department has been done to enhance police services in the community and to support fiscal responsibility. With this in mind I will endeavor to discuss the current patrol vehicle fleet and the rationale behind it.

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