## From the Sheriff's Desk...

**Service Directory** 

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## Summer Safety Tips

Summer has leapt upon us with a vengeance. Record temperatures and more people staying close to home this summer instead of traveling out of state on vacation have meant crowded beaches and roads leading thereto.

This is a good time to reflect on some of the measures in place designed to guard the peace and safety of all Oregonians. Even with our reduced numbers, your sheriff's office is committed to enforcing these laws and rules with an eye toward protecting the peace of our community.

If you are going to the beach, make sure you are prepared to care for young chil-

dren or elderly individuals who may not be able to communicate that they are being overcome by the heat. Drink plenty of fluids, use sun screen and do not linger too long in the direct sun. If you are responsible for others who cannot protect themselves, stay away from alcohol and stay alert as long as any vulnerable ones are near the water.

Use life preservers for vulnerable members of your party if you are even near a body of water. And if you're on the water, everyone should at least have a life preserver on board, and vulnerable ones need to be wearing one. And remember that Children age 12 and under must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times while on an open deck or cockpit of vessels that are underway or when being towed.

And if you're going to operate a boat on Oregon waterways, you need a Boater Education Card issued by the State Marine Board. You can find out more informa-See page 16



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