

Community Outreach Monthly Report January 2016



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Partnerships with the community are key to the mission of the Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Community Outreach Unit is housed at the West Precinct and conducts outreach related activities throughout the county. The unit is staffed by one Sergeant and one Program Assistant.

The Outreach Unit is responsible for monitoring and tracking community events and ensuring consistency in outreach efforts. The monthly Outreach report provides a summary of the various outreach activities, crime prevention efforts and community collaborations which have taken place.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office is committed to supporting and assisting local businesses, schools and citizen groups that are interested in establishing and/or continuing crime prevention and educational programs that will benefit our great community. Working together, we can continue our collective efforts to reduce crime and the fear of crime for all who live, work or visit our wonderfully diverse communities. The Outreach Unit is a critical function to ensure that the Sheriff's Office delivers on that commitment.

Community Partnerships

Clark County Sheriff's Office via the Outreach Unit partners with the following community groups, either by serving on boards, attending meetings, or helping to coordinate various events. Each partnership is intended to fulfill CCSO's

Mission and Vision for Clark County:

- YWCA
- YMCA
- NACCC- Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County
- Regional SRO (School Resource Officer) meeting
- Safe Communities Task Force
- Citizen Advisory Meeting
- Prevent!
- Lutheran Community Services
- Neighborhood Association Mtgs.
- Community Services NW
- PAL- Police Activities League
- STAT-Student Threat Assessment Team





Despite minimum staffing levels, deputies continue to conduct outreach activities. The Outreach Unit tracks the deputies monthly outreach activities in these specific categories:

Neighborhood Watch- Neighborhood Watch is a neighborhood-based crime prevention program. There were no requests for a Neighborhood Watch presentation this month.

Neighborhood Association contacts- Deputies are assigned as liaisons to active Neighborhood Associations in Clark County. The deputy liaisons contact the president of the NA on a monthly basis and attend meetings as requested.

Citizen Ride-A-Long- The Sheriff's Office offers ride-a-longs to citizens who meet the requirements. There were 13 ride-a-longs in January.

Presentations- There were two presentations in January: On January 15, several deputies participated in the Sunset Elementary PAL event; and on January 29, Deputy Robertson attended the Lion Pride event at Laurin Middle School. (See photos). Deputy Robertson is a School Resource Officer at Prairie High School.



Community Events- The Marine Patrol Unit attended the Boat Show at the Portland Expo Center from January 13-17. They provided information to boaters about boating rules and regulations and boating safety.





The Disabled Parking Patrol Program is one of the longest running volunteer programs in the Sheriff’s Office Community Outreach Unit. Brenda Bennett (see photo) is the program’s tenured volunteer with more than 13 years of service!

You can find these dedicated volunteers out any day of the week, in the cold and rain, making sure that disabled parking spaces are available to those who need them. Violators can expect to pay a minimum fine of \$450.00! The volunteers issue more warnings than infractions but the main objective is to make sure these spaces are available for the disabled people who are entitled to them.

With the recent addition of five volunteers, there are now nine volunteers which has already resulted in more volunteer hours, warnings and infractions.

Disabled Parking 2016	JANUARY
Volunteer Hours	37
Warnings	26
Infractions Issued	12



The first ever NOW Academy began on January 20th with 19 volunteers. The academy was a result of a lot of work from current NOW volunteers and the Outreach Unit. The NOW program was first implemented with CCSO in 2011 and we have been sending new volunteers to the Vancouver Police NOW Academy training ever since.

NOW Volunteer hours JANUARY	2016
Patrol	65.5
Administrative	175
Travel	65.25
Volunteer TOTAL HOURS	305.75

Having our own academy allows us to train new volunteers as needed and allows the training to be tailored to the needs of the community within the sheriff’s office jurisdiction. The academy will run for four Wednesdays with one Saturday training for CPR and first aid. The NOW Academy graduation is February 17th.

NOW Volunteers continue to meet every third Saturday. On January 19th, NOW Volunteers helped with Active Shooter training.





S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together)

The S.A.L.T. program is a nationally recognized community policing initiative between seniors, law enforcement and service providers. This program provides crime prevention education and awareness for seniors through meetings, events and a monthly free newsletter.

On January 18th and 25th, Sgt. Schoening gave presentations on Safe Driving for Seniors. The West meeting had 17 in attendance and 13 attended the East side meeting. The East meetings have not been as well-attended this past year.

The monthly S.A.L.T. Times newsletter is distributed to 854 recipients through the mail and 135 via email. The newsletter and more information about the S.A.L.T. program can be accessed online at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/community/salt.html>.

Business & Security Managers Meeting

The Security Managers meetings provide information on relevant crime and security issues and also establish networking relationships between the Sheriff's Office and the public security sector.

The Security Managers meetings are now held quarterly. The next meeting is March 3rd.

Explorer Post #893

The Clark County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Learning for Life, has sponsored law enforcement Exploring since 1971. The Explorer program offers youth a fun, hands-on opportunity to learn about careers in law enforcement while developing their growth and character.

The Explorers meet every Tuesday night at the Clark County Skills Center. Explorers helped with SWAT training on January 12th and Active Shooter training on January 19th. Explorers also helped with the Reserve Academy CPR/First Aid & AED training.

