

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

October  
Outreach Report

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# Community Partnerships

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

The Community Outreach Unit is staffed by one sergeant and one Support Specialist II.

The Outreach Unit is responsible for monitoring and tracking community events and ensuring consistency in outreach efforts. This report provides a summary of the various outreach activities, crime prevention efforts, and community collaborations which have taken place. Many of these outreach efforts are ongoing programs such as Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), the Disabled Parking

Volunteers, Explorers, and the Business and Security Managers Group. Other outreach efforts include presentations to various groups including schools, Boy Scouts, service organizations, and other citizen groups.

Additionally, many deputies conduct outreach activities as part of their day to day work in patrol or wherever they are assigned within the Sheriff's Office.

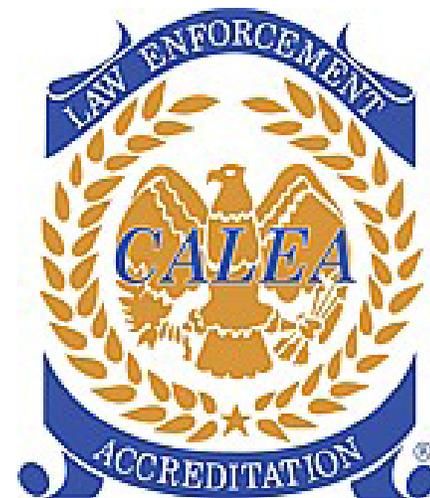
All branch employees of the Sheriff's Office contribute to the outreach efforts of the agency.

### October Outreach activities:

- October 7- International Walk to School Day
- October 8- Reading at York Elementary
- October 7- Neighborhood Watch presentation
- October 10- Neighborhood Watch Mtg.
- October 15- Cub Scouts Tour
- October 17- Laurin Middle School Harvest Festival
- October 20- PAL Literacy event at Orchards Elem.
- October 22- Truman NA Mtg.
- October 24- Tip -A -Cop for Special Olympics
- October 26- Fall into Wellness Senior Health Fair
- October 28- Front seat rider observation at Image Elementary

## Community Partnerships

- YWCA
- NACCC
- Safe Kids
- Regional SRO meeting
- Safe Communities Task Force
- Citizen Advisory Meeting
- Substance Abuse Advisory Board
- Prevent!
- Student Threat Assessments
- Lutheran Community Services
- Neighborhood Assoc. meetings
- Community Services NW
- PAL-Police Activities League





# Outreach Activity

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DEPUTY OUTREACH ACTIVITY-October	West	Central	Other	TOTAL
Neighborhood Watch	0	1	0	1
Neighborhood Association Contact	2	0	0	2
Citizen Ride-A-Long	8	5	0	13
Presentations/Guest Appearances	2	0	1	3
Community Events	0	0	0	0
Problem-Solving	2	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	9

## Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a neighborhood-based crime prevention program. Residents interested in starting a watch in their neighborhood contact the Outreach Unit to schedule a presentation. The beat deputy is then assigned to give a Power Point presentation at the time and location determined by the residents. The presentation covers; how to organize and maintain a watch, crime prevention tips, crime stats specifically for that neighborhood, and Q&A.

## Neighborhood Association Contact

Clark County currently has 26 Neighborhood Associations, 23 of which are active, facilitated by the county PIO. The Outreach Unit works closely with the NA presidents and also coordinates the assignment of deputies as liaisons to each NA. Depending on the size and activity level of the NA, either one or up to four deputy liaisons are assigned. The role of the deputy liaison is to make monthly contact with NA president, attend meetings and give presentations on crime prevention or other topics as requested, offer support and build partnerships with the community. The new assignments have been made and the current list can be found at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/index.html>

## Citizen Ride-A-Longs

The Sheriff's Office offers ride-a-longs to citizens who meet certain eligibility requirements. Volunteers such as Explorers and potential employees also participate in rides. K-9 ride-a-longs are occasionally offered as a raffle prize for charity events. Rides are approved by the precinct commander and then assigned through the patrol sergeant.

## Presentations/Guest Appearances

The Sheriff's Office receives numerous requests to give presentations to various groups (civic organizations, businesses, schools, churches, etc.).

## Community Events

The Sheriff's Office receives numerous requests to partner and/or participate in community events throughout the year.

## Problem-Solving

Problem-solving is a key component of outreach and vital to the mission of the sheriff's office. Problem-solving efforts and outreach include a description of the identified problem, planned actions, a statement of progress and extra efforts taken.



# Outreach Programs

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## 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. The purpose of S.A.L.T. is to identify safety concerns, provide crime prevention education, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for our seniors. There are monthly meetings on topics relevant to seniors, a monthly newsletter, annual events, and an advisory board that meets quarterly.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The October S.A.L.T. meeting topic was Dementia. The West side had 15 in attendance and the East side meeting had 20. A survey was handed out at both meetings. Of those who filled out the survey we found that 15 seniors use a computer; 11 do not. 18 seniors have a cell phone; 8 do not.

The current S.A.L.T. Times newsletter and more info 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 Business and Security Managers Meetings were launched in 1993, by the Clark County Sheriff's Office to establish a networking relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the business and security managers of large corporations in Clark County. The monthly meetings provide information on relevant crime and security issues and also provide a venue for open communication between corporate and private security, and law enforcement.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The next Security Managers meeting is December 3rd.

## Disabled Parking Program

The purpose of the Disabled Parking Citizen Volunteer Program is to maintain the availability and access to parking spaces designed for use by disabled persons. Volunteers have a limited commission that allows them to monitor and enforce Handicapped Parking Access Statutes.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The Disabled Parking program currently has four volunteers. Six of our current NOW volunteers will go through training in November to become Disabled Parking volunteers as well.

Disabled Parking 2015	October
Volunteer Hours	27
Warnings	26
Citations Issued	4



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## NOW- Neighbors on Watch

MONTHLY UPDATE

Neighbors on Watch is a volunteer program for the Sheriff's Office that allows citizens to patrol in pairs, adding extra eyes and ears to the community. It is a high visibility, no confrontation program that requires a 24 hour training academy and a 10 hour mentoring period. Volunteers are asked to commit to four hours of service each month.

Plans to have our own academy in January 2016 are in motion. There will be an informational meeting in November to promote the NOW program and hopefully get more applicants.

One of our most recent graduates from the NOW academy had to resign due to moving out of the area for work. Several NOW volunteers have expressed interest in volunteering with the Disabled Parking Program as well.

NOW volunteers helped with the Walk to School event at York elementary on October 7.

NOW Volunteer hours OCTOBER	2015
Patrol	59.75
Administrative	50.5
Volunteer TOTAL HOURS	110.25

## Explorer Post #893

MONTHLY UPDATE

The Clark County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Learning for Life, has sponsored law enforcement Exploring since 1971. Exploring is a volunteer program for young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement. Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

During the month of October, the Explorer weekly meetings focused on Collision Investigations and vehicle safety. There was also a leadership meeting.

Explorers had many opportunities in October:

October 9- Explorers helped with the Clark County Food Bank fundraiser

October 21-Five Explorers helped label water bottles for a PAL (Police Activities League) luncheon.

October 24- Ten Explorers helped with the Red Robin Tip- A-Cop, a fundraiser for Special Olympics. They helped raise nearly \$3,000.

October 27- Ten Explorers went to EVOC Training (Emergency Vehicles Operations Course) at Portland International Raceway. They got to ride with deputies in a patrol car and observed PIT (Pursuit Immobilization Technique) a pursuit tactic and several other driving techniques.

On October 7th, Fed Ex employees, Clark County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Clark County Public Health, and Sheriff's Office NOW Volunteers were on hand at York and Ogden elementary schools on October 7 for International Walk to School Day. The hundreds of kids who walked or rode their bike to school received water bottles and reflectors and some safety tips.

<http://walkbiketoschool.org/ready/why-walk-or-bike>  
<http://www.safekids.org/>

The following day we read Clifford Takes a Walk to the first graders at York elementary. Safe Kids Worldwide and Fed Ex produced the books specifically for Safe Kids to teach pedestrian safety. After we read the book to the class each student received their own book.

