

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

May
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.

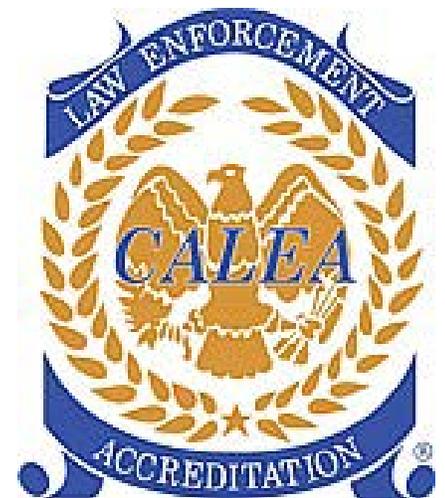
Planning is already under way for the annual Public Safety Complex Open House in September.

May Outreach activities:

- May 2- Pleasant Valley Safety Fair
- May 4- Salmon Creek Elementary Fair
- May 6- Bike to School (see page 7)
- May 14- La Center Library "heroes"
- May 14- LE Memorial
- May 16- Hazel Dell Parade
- May 17- 50+ Connections Expo
- May 20- Safety presentation Feline Clinic
- May 21- E. Minnehaha NA Mtg.
- May 27- Special Olympics LE Torch Run (see page 8)
- May 27- Chuck's Produce "superheroes" event (front page photo)
- May 29- Truman NA bike rodeo
- May 30- Hockinson Parade
- May 27- Citizen's Academy graduation

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





Outreach Activity

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DEPUTY OUTREACH ACTIVITY-MAY	West	Central	Other	TOTAL
Neighborhood Watch	1	0	0	1
Neighborhood Association Contact	0	1	0	1
Citizen Ride-A-Long	1	3	0	4
Presentations/Guest Appearances	2	2	0	4
Community Events	0	1	0	1
Problem-Solving	1	5	0	6
Other	0	13	0	13

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. (See page 6).



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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

May- There was just one S.A.L.T. meeting in May. We held our first “Panel on Healthy Aging” facilitated by Benjamin Surmi, Director of Community Relations, The Hampton at Salmon Creek Memory Care Community. 24 seniors attended.

Outreach Unit had a table at the 50+ Connections Expo and handed out information on the S.A.L.T. program and our NOW volunteer programs.

The 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 Manager’s Meeting

The Business and Security Manager’s 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

May- Security Manager’s Meetings are now being held quarterly. The next meeting will be in June.

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

Our current number of disabled parking volunteers is 5.

Disabled Parking 2015	MAY
Volunteer Hours	38.5
Warnings	42
Citations Issued	12



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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.

NOW Volunteers were busy in May. They did not meet on the 3rd Saturday as usual because some of them helped with the Hazel Dell Parade and others came in to assemble hygiene packs to donate to shelters. Three NOW Volunteers helped with Bike to School at York and Walnut Grove Elementary schools on May 6 (see page 7). Three volunteers helped at the 50+ Connections Expo at the Vancouver Hilton on May 17 and talked to several people who were interested in the NOW program. One NOW volunteer helped with the Hockinson Parade.

All four new recruits are doing well in the academy and will be graduating on June 11 followed by their mentoring phase.

NOW Volunteer hours MAY	2015
Patrol	48.5
Administrative	163.4
Volunteer TOTAL HOURS	211.9

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.

For the month of May, Explorers Post 893 participated in several events. Our weekly Tuesday meetings were focused on learning how to conduct traffic. On May 2nd, we helped fingerprint kids at the Salmon Creek Elementary School Carnival. Explorer's were partnered up with deputies while they conducted traffic for the Hazel Dell Parade on May 16th (see photo) and the Hockinson Parade on May 30th. On May 29th, we helped collect food cans and non-perishable food items at the Police vs. Fire Basketball game held at Camas High School. There are currently 46 Explorers. Attendance at Tuesday meetings averages 25.



WALK BIKE TO SCHOOL

On May 6, kids walked or rode their bikes to Walnut Grove and York Elementary schools for National Bike to School Day. Clark County Public Health and Safe Kids Clark County along with volunteers from Fed Ex and three of our own NOW volunteers were just some of the groups that helped with the event to encourage fun, exercise, a clean environment and to educate young riders and walkers about traffic safety. Here's the link to the article in the Columbian: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2015/may/06/national-bike-to-school-day-vancouver/>



Kids who walked or rode their bike to school got to pick out a cool prize.

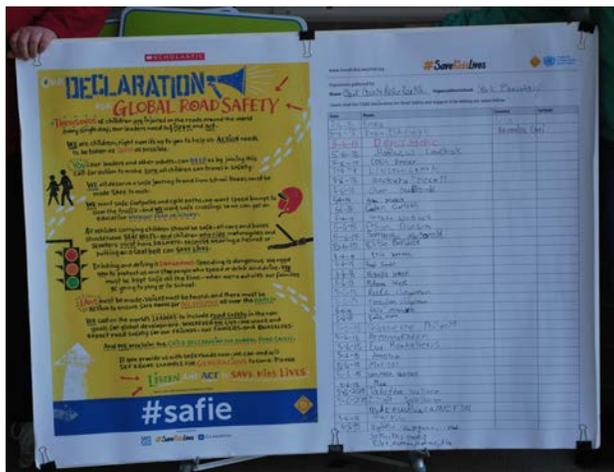
Kids got to write their own safety message -what they want adults to know about road safety-and then took "safe's."



Marion Swendsen to the rescue to fit helmets for kids who rode a bike to school without a helmet.



Several parents walked or rode bikes to school with their kids. Way to go parents!



Several kids pledged their support by signing the Declaration for Global Road Safety.

Dan Enright, one of our sheriff NOW (Neighbors on Watch) volunteers helped at York Elementary. Two other NOW volunteers helped at Walnut Grove Elementary.



Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

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Sheriff's Office Chief Chapman, Deputy Fred Neiman Jr., and Detective Harper were among the 60 participants at the Special Olympics Torch Run May 27th. This year the route began at the courthouse and then headed to the water resource center and back to juvenile court. Runners were greeted with applause and hi-5's as they completed the route and then enjoyed a barbecue lunch provided by Starbucks. The run, along with a silent auction raised over \$2,000 for Special Olympics. Thanks to Bill Blue, Juvenile Detention Officer, for doing a great job in organizing this great annual event! And thanks to everyone who helped make this a special event for the athletes!

