



MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S
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Citizen Patrol Update
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Integrated Patrols with the Springdale Job Corps

The Citizen Patrol is seeking to expand its membership to allow for additional patrols in Corbett and the Columbia River Gorge. This will be done by partnering with our local Springdale Job Corps. The Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career, technical and academic training.

Protective Services or "PS" is one of the career fields offered at our local Job Corps. PS students are trained with the latest skills and knowledge to qualify them for a job in the security or law enforcement professions.

A selection and training process has been established to identify the most qualified PS students who are at least 18 years old. Twelve of the students applied to become part of an *Integrated Patrols* program with the Citizen Patrol. Eight of the students progressed to the MCSO background check. If passed, candidates will be trained as Citizen Patrol volunteers. A 50-questions exam must be passed with a score of 80% before they're authorized to patrol.

This partnership provides numerous benefits that includes increased patrols, joint training opportunities and a strengthening of bonds between the younger PS students and the current Citizen Patrolers who are mostly retirees.



The head of the Job Corps Protective Services Program and members of the MCSO Citizen Patrol program conduct interviews for prospective members.

UPCOMING TRAININGS (Note- Additional training dates/ times may be offered)

3/12/2015	10-1200	Corbett Fire Station	Patrol Tactics/ Confrontational Simulation
4/9/2015	10-1200	Corbett Fire Station	Radio Communications Trng & Exercise
5/14/2015	6-8PM	Multnomah Falls Lodge	SOP review/ Summer Prep Info

Member Profile– Dwayne Schnelle

Dwayne Schnelle joined our Citizen Patrol this past year and has been one of our most active members. He grew up in Oregon City and attended Portland State. He received his commission in their Army ROTC program, one year ahead of Deputy Graziano, although the two don't remember each other.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from W. Virginia University in General Management and Business Administration. In 2000 he went on active duty with the Oregon Army National Guard. After 9/11, he requested an F15 fighter jet when a small private plane failed to respond to air traffic controllers. Luckily the incident was resolved without a use of force.



Dwayne was deployed to Afghanistan where he provided direct logistical support for 386,000 troops. He insured that the troops had the necessary food, ammo, weapons, vehicles, maintenance and medical supplies for the missions. He recalls a time when an 8-10 year local Afgan boy alerted suspected Taliban fighters of their presence. Mortar fire soon rained down and the young boy actually used a cell phone to redirect fire closer to their position. Aside from combat operations, Dwayne helped a local village chief with a flooding problem after the spring rains. He also acquired an ATM to be placed at a local mall so that soldiers and citizens could get money with foreign exchange rates. He was known as "The Mayor" of the U.S. base, Camp Phoenix.

Unfortunately Dwayne was severely injured as he sat in the back of a 5-ton military vehicle. The vehicle was speeding quickly to get through an area known for heavy sniper activity. The vehicle hit a large pot-hole which caused Dwayne to bounce up and hit his head on an overhead beam. The vertebrae in his neck and lower back were crushed causing severe pain. He later had some of his nerve endings medically cauterized to eliminate some pain. He is now medically retired. Dwayne generally assists us on Citizen Patrols for several hours each morning before his pain progresses.



Major Dwayne Schnelle was assigned to the 41st Separate Infantry Brigade Combat Unit in 2006. He provided direct logistical support to our forces in Afganistan and was a gunner on a Humvee.

Citizen Patrol– Recent Events



A trespasser removed the no-trespassing signs from the old Chinook Inn, lit a large campfire on the floor and apparently used the bar counter for drug activity. He was reported by Citizen Patrollers.

Citizen Patrol members are trained to be an extra set of “eyes and ears” for the Sheriff’s Deputies. In a recent series of trespass incidents at the now-empty Chinook Inn restaurant, an uncooperative transient unlawfully entered the building and resided in it without permission. The man built a large campfire inside the structure without the use of a chimney. The large flames were only a few feet below the unprotected ceiling. The smoke billowed out the doors and windows, which caused the man to exit. A deputy arrested him on a warrant and Corbett Fire responded to extinguish the fire. After spending a brief time in jail, the man returned again and lit another fire inside the building. This resulted in his second arrest. The man had torn down the no-trespass signs. Numerous drug paraphernalia items were also strewn throughout the area. The man attempted to flee by bike after being noticed by the Citizen Patrollers. As deputies closed-in to apprehend the man, he dropped an empty baggy from his pocket that is suspected of containing drug residue. The case has been referred to the District Attorney for prosecution.



WE WANT YOU!

Help us patrol our beautiful Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. Be a visible deterrent to help prevent crimes such as vehicle break-ins. Volunteers are asked to commit to 6-hours per month. Free training & donuts are provided!



Both driver’s-side tires were apparently blown out after the driver drove this Suburban against the spike strips at the exit of the Sandy River Delta (aka- “1000 Acres”) parking lot. Citizen Patrollers found the driver unresponsive in the driver’s seat. After deputies arrived on scene it was determined that he was likely under the influence of intoxicants. He resisted the deputies and was eventually taken into custody.



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We now have a second vehicle assigned to the Citizen Patrol. A black Ford Explorer, complete with radios, amber lights and the MCSO decals. A special thanks to the Sheriff!



Please vote for a Vista House logo for the Citizen Patrol. Do you prefer the above photo or the photo at the top of this page? Let us know! Email- joseph.graziano@mcsos.us

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Keep a Sharp Eye *By "Mac" McRedmond*

Patrolling can be very routine, even boring at times. You drive the same route at the same time of day and see the same sights, even the same people. When the crowds are thick in the Gorge, the people all kind of blend in a mélange of colors and movements. And this is what the crook is counting on – blending in. Against the background of sameness, how do we keep our eye sharp? How do we pick out the subtle variations in background, color and movement that indicates a crime about to happen?

Patience, scanning and comparison. Take your time, park the patrol car and walk around. Scan – look for people watching people, or pointedly avoiding watching people. Compare – what has changed since the last time you were in the area? Sure – there are different people, different clothes, but citizens are creatures of habit and tend to adopt a certain sameness of haberdashery, movement and positioning. Watch for that person who doesn't seem to blend in, who is watching something the other people are not. The clothing will be drabber. Crooks tend to ignore polite conventions, such as smoking in a crowd, they move toward areas that are least occupied, least noticed and that have the most cover to hide their crimes.

Keep a sharp eye and you'll see that look from the crook that says, "I'm seen." And seeing is preventing.