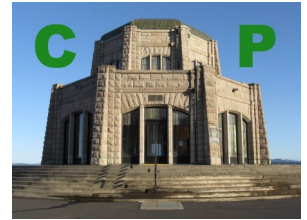




MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S
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Citizen Patrol Update
DECEMBER 2015



NEW CORBETT RADIO REPEATER BENEFITS EAST COUNTY

As many Portland-Metro area residents may recall, the Portland area was hit hard with a snow storm in 2008. This caused some delays in police and medical response. In many cases, neighbors helped neighbors. As a result, a plan was developed to allow for increased communications with entities in Corbett and the Sheriff's Office Citizen Patrol volunteers. After years of planning and working with Multnomah County Emergency Management and the county Radio Shop, a repeater was purchased with grant money.

What is a repeater? A repeater is basically a radio, usually placed on a high hilltop, that can "listen" to a person talking on a radio frequency (like via a "walkie-talkie") while simultaneously repeating and boosting the person's actual voice transmission a much farther distance. This can allow two or more people to talk to each other while on opposite sides of a mountain or in places where normal radio communications would not work.

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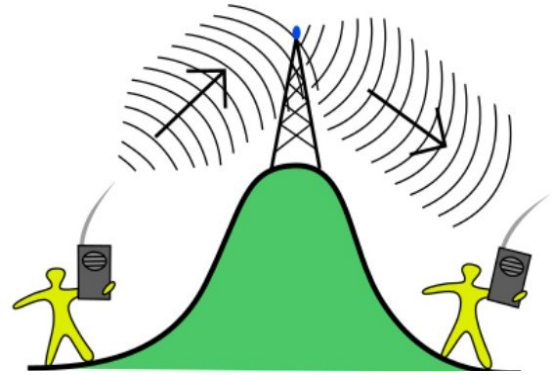


FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Joel, Marty and Jim Stein taking a well-deserved "donut" break to warm up during the radio repeater and antenna installation. Joel and Jim donated an entire Saturday of their own personal time to brave the 39-degree temperature and 50 mph wind gusts. Jim Stein was a true hero in his lift bucket at 50-feet in the air! Joel is a Corbett resident and engineering consultant with ADCOMM Communications. Jim Stein has a sign repair and installation business and Marty is a Multnomah County Radio Shop Technician.

REPEATER CONTINUED

Repeater Cost and Labor Donations by the Numbers:

Repeater	Federal Grant: \$3500	Cost to the County
FCC Licensing	Paid by Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	\$645
Installation/ Radio Programming	Paid by County OEM	\$456
Dipole Antenna	Donated surplus by City Of Portland: \$800	\$0
Lift Bucket Truck and Installation Labor	By Corbett Resident Jim Stein. Donation Value to the community: \$1500	\$0
Repeater Installation, Programming, Labor, Hardware & Technical Support	By Corbett Resident Joel Harrington & Family, ADCOMM Communications. Donation Value to the community: \$2995	\$0



The new repeater allows for enhanced radio communications in the gorge and east Multnomah County.

Be in the Network!

If you're a Corbett community group or organization that would like the ability to be "networked in" via the repeater, please contact Deputy Graziano: 503-251-2502.

COST PRIOR TO GRANT & DONATIONS-

\$9896

TOTAL COST TO THE COUNTY-

\$1101

Citizen Patrol Helps Increase Student Attendance— by Phil Pearson, Corbett Principal



Here are some interesting numbers: Through the first 33 days of school, Corbett high school students generated 627 fewer absences in their afternoon classes vs. the same period of time last year. This amounts to a 22% reduction in afternoon absenteeism in the high school. In addition, there have been no lunch time student traffic citations and no lunch time discipline referrals so far this year. All of these positive changes are directly attributable to the enforcement of the board's closed campus policy at lunch. Many people have made this possible, but we wanted to especially thank the volunteers of the Corbett Citizens Patrol whose help has been invaluable.

Member Profile– by Jim Kight

RON CANNON is a Portland native and David Douglas H.S. graduate. He has had full and eventful life helping others. After high school, he worked for KVAN radio and went to a broadcasting trade school in Texas. His career in radio was short-lived, however, when he received an envelope that changed his life forever; he received his U.S. Army draft notice. He received his basic training in Fort Lewis and Advanced Infantry Training.

Next he was off to Vietnam with a company of new recruits including his 2nd Lieutenant. No one had any combat experience. Ron had been “in country” only 3-weeks when he walked into a mine field. He was blown 15-ft. up into a tree. Three other soldiers lost their lives.

Ron survived, however, he lost his right leg from the knee down and his left leg was severely damaged. He endured a long recovery, but the nurses and doctors never gave up on him. He was inspired by his mother who had survived a stroke, but adapted physically to live a long life.

Back in the States, Ron was put in charge of the first disabled veterans outreach program. He worked for the State of Oregon in that position for eight years. Later, he went on to the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service. He worked a total of 35-years helping our veterans.

Ron has been a Citizen Patrol member for four years. He wants people to feel safe and enjoys working and helping the Sheriff’s Deputies. It is important for him to be the eyes and ears for the well-being of the community.

A Corbett resident for 37-years, he has been married for 43-years to Shirley. They have three children, Michelle, Kimberly and Michael.



JANE MERHAR and her husband Jim have been members of the Citizen Patrol for two years. Jane was born in Illinois but came to Oregon at the age of two. Her family moved to a ranch in Prineville. Her family eventually moved to Portland where her father attended Multnomah School of the Bible and became a minister.

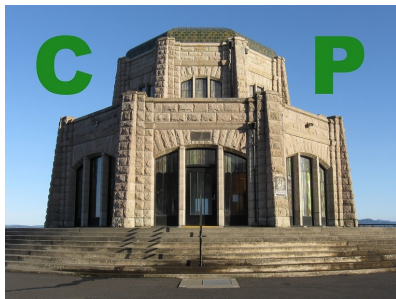


Attracted to the medical profession, Jane went to nursing school at Emanuel Hospital and received her three year degree. At 40-years old she went back to earn her degree in management. She worked 20-years in pediatrics and later worked at a clinic for allergies, asthma and dermatology. Her career in nursing has spanned 49 years.

Jane has two children, Katie, a science teacher and Greg, a sergeant with MCSO. In addition, she opened her home to 7 foster children. She is particularly proud of her six grandchildren, ages 12 to 18.

A Corbett farm resident from 1967 to 1984 with 27-acres with goats, dairy cows and other assorted farm animals, she enjoyed bringing children from the city to see a working farm for the first time.

She is also a volunteer with Trauma Intervention Program (TIP). The thing that Jane likes most is direct people contact and helping visitors at Multnomah Falls and other tourist locations. She loves helping others and providing positive interaction with the public. The 4th of July celebration and the Walmart toy drive are events she looks forward to each year. Her pleasant demeanor and quick smile makes her a great asset and ambassador for the MCSO Citizen Patrol.



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 Deputy Joe Graziano
 503-251-2502
Joseph.graziano@mcso.us

Volunteer Coordinator:
 503-988-3390



Deputy "Rocky" with two of Corbett's last known WWII Veterans at the Corbett Veterans' Day Breakfast.

Left to Right: Mariam, Rocky and Bud

From Left to Right:
 Citizen Patrollers Malcolm, Susan, Kathleen and Ron welcoming Veterans and visitors at the Corbett School's Veterans' Day Breakfast.

In addition to patrolling the gorge and acting as "eyes and ears" to law enforcement, members routinely assist at community events such as the Toy Drive, Corbett 4th of July, Troutdale Summer Fest and more.

