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MEDIA INFORMATION

Cornelius Police Department Launches "See Something, Say Something"

January 7, 2015 – The Cornelius Police Department launches a proactive educational program encouraging citizens to report behaviors and activities that appear to be signs of criminal activity. **"See Something, Say Something"**.

Do you know when to call the police for help? Depending on the situation, do you know there are two different numbers to call to reach the police? For many people, there are obvious occasions to dial 911 to call the police for help (immediate threat of harm, emergency, car accidents), but what about the times when you just aren't sure?

Cornelius Chief of Police, Gene Moss, wants to better educate citizens on when to call for police help, and to encourage them to call even if they aren't sure. While working in the City of Cornelius, Chief Moss has worked to assess what is needed and how we can better serve the community of Cornelius, and ultimately the entire population of Washington County.

Chief Moss supports the opportunity to build relationships, improve communication, and educate the community on the importance of reporting neighborhood livability issues and nuisances. One of the primary goals of this new educational program is to encourage the community to reach out to police for help and to continue to show the level of service provided by Sheriff's Deputies serving the City of Cornelius. The community is asked to call non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111 to report graffiti, property damage, and any incidents that can cause community degradation.

The "See Something, Say Something" program will provide quarterly educational messages on public safety, crime prevention strategies, improving communication, and continuing to grow relationships with our community partners.

As citizens communicate more regularly the needs and events occurring in their community; we can begin to recognize trends, assess changes, and maintain exceptional services levels to all areas. The Cornelius Police Department wants the citizens we serve to know we consider "no call too small" and are eager to hear what is happening in your neighborhood.