

WELCOME TO THE HAM RADIO WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES (ARES)!

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Upcoming Events

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Amateur Radio is a challenging high-tech hobby offering service to the community and life-long opportunities for learning and the excitement of communicating with other Amateur Radio operators around the world.

Amateur radio operators today can explore many different communication modes; including all the more familiar methods of voice, computer and Morse communication as well as more exotic techniques involving Amateur Radio television, earth-satellite and moon bounce communications.

The state of Oregon is divided into six ARES districts; Linn County is in District 4, which includes Benton, Polk, Marion, and Lane counties. Each county has an ARES Emergency Coordinator and Roger Emery W7ACW is who the hams call the EC. Roger is a General Class license operator and first got his license in 1979.

According to the State ARES organization, all ARES members are to have completed ICS courses 100, 200, 700, & 800. LCARES members are 90 percent compliant and only the new members haven't completed these courses. Some of the members also have taken what is EMCOMM level one training. The EC's and above are required to have taken this type of training as well as the ICS courses.

The Linn County Amateur Radio Emergency Services is a general interest radio group. Membership comes from many other areas in and around Linn County.

The group's service primary mission is public safety emergency communications for Linn County. Other public service activities include the annual Albany and Lebanon Triathlons, Various Bike Rides, and communication with our January Mid Winter Square Dance. Other activities include an annual Field Day emergency communications exercise, a "ham fest" (an Amateur Radio flea market), and conducting Amateur Radio licensing classes.

LCARES has volunteer examiners certified by the American Radio Relay League and we administer monthly examinations leading to Federal Communications Commission licenses.

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Upcoming Events

The 24th class of the Citizen's Academy will begin on Tuesday, March 3rd. The class will meet each Tuesday for 11 weeks from 6-9:00 p.m. Classes will be held in the

library at Centennial Elementary School in Scio. Contact Jo Ann or Cathy for an application or visit the SO website at www.linnsheriff.org



Neighborhood Watch Council News

The Linn County Neighborhood Watch Council will begin meeting every other month in 2009 and host a variety of activities. The group will be supporting the county Emergency Preparedness plan and looking forward to providing service throughout the county.

The next scheduled meeting will be held in Brownsville, at the public library, on Thursday, March 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

Citizen's Corps News



Award Winning Volunteers!

LCSO volunteers are welcome members of the Linn County Sheriff's Office family. It seems that the people who step forward to help our office, are of the highest character, have diverse backgrounds and skills and are true servants in our communities.

At the LCSO Awards Dessert each year, recognition is given to volunteers who make extra effort and an above and beyond contribution to the organization. The truth is, ALL volunteers should be recognized and honored for their outstanding, selfless contribution.

In Lebanon and Harrisburg, the substations are open to the public because we have excellent volunteers willing to provide the reception service for the citizens of Linn County. Much work is done in property and evidence by dedicated, hard working volunteers. Numerous special projects are tasked to volunteers, who cheerfully fulfill the requests. Our radar trailer is placed in various locations throughout the county, by volunteers. There are many other ways that volunteers support this office.

Here's to our excellent volunteers - with gratitude and appreciation!

*Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky, they are people who say,
"This is my community and it is my responsibility to make it better."*

--Governor Tom McCall

SAR News

The new Search and Rescue Team Leader is Deputy Joe Larsen. Dep. Larsen is busy getting ready for the 2009 class as recruitment time is here. If you know of anyone ages 14-20 that would be interested in serving the county and be challenged at the highest personal level, have she/he visit the Sheriff's Office website for an application. The SAR Academy will begin Wednesday, June 17th.

LCSMP Hoof Beats By Nonnie Hotchkiss

Taking right up, where we left off last time... Linn County Posse's annual Christmas Party is a "multi-tasking" event---the main event of which is a bountiful feast. Turkey, ham, stuffing with and without sautéed shitake mushrooms, smashed potatoes and gravy, and desserts that always out-number the side dishes. We arrive with gifts for the local family we have adopted, and also fill a box with non-perishable items for a community outreach provider. The evening includes a drawing for door prizes, and culminates with the swearing-in, by Sheriff Mueller, of the 2009 Posse Officers.

But, I'm getting ahead of myself... Several members put their mounts through the Horse Certification Course at Thomas Creek Posse Camp in October, qualifying their horse as Search and Rescue ready. The Course includes demonstrating that your horse can negotiate natural trail obstacles such as bridges, mud and water, logs, and hilly terrain. They are also subjected to un-natural objects such as twirling umbrellas, loud noises and road flares. A SAR horse must be able to be mounted from either side, load into a strange trailer, and be able to pony, and be ponied by another rider. The next Horse certification will be in the spring.

It seems that when local animals are misbehaving or suffering, the first thought the Sheriff's Office has is "Call the Posse!" A wayward, serial-runaway mule near Sweet Home was reported, and the Posse got the call. A few of our members came to the rescue. The owner signed over his rights and one Posse member trailered the mule to his ranch, to rehabilitate him. Unfortunately, the mule had some underlying health issues, and didn't live. Another animal-neglect issue brought out several Posse members, who took several head of horses into protective custody, and placed them into foster care.

We are an "armed" Posse, which means that our uniform includes a sidearm. We are required to attain accuracy with our guns, demonstrated yearly. Several members of our Posse compete at Pistol Shoot, and annual OAMP event. Refreshing our knowledge in handling and servicing our weapons is an important part of our training. During a training session in November, we learned more about disassembling and cleaning our guns.

Another year is history, and this year started with our Posse's annual Chicken Ride on New Year's Day, at Thomas Creek---any member staying away because of weather will be considered "chicken"!

Two of our members are about to join the rank of OAMP Officers. "Going through the Chairs" of the Oregon Association of Mounted Poses is a 6-year commitment. Vicki Plinski took the first step in 2005, as Publicity Director; she will be sworn-in as OAMP President at our Convention, in February. Our Posse's Past Captain, Gordon Vollmer, has indicated his intent to start his trip "through the Chairs" in 2009. The Linn County Sheriff's Mounted Posse has a habit of stepping up to the plate! : D

More Posse News

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The Sheriff swore in the officer team for 2009 at our December meeting/Christmas party. The officers are: Mary Shellenbarger; Captain, John Karr; First Lieutenant, Ed Bullard; Second Lieutenant of SAR, Jerry Mentzer; Second Lieutenant of Mounts, Gordy Vollmer; Sergeant of SAR, and Laurie Blair; Sergeant of Mounts. Our Calendar for the year calls for lots of SAR training including day rides into high probability search sites, a back country survival workshop at the Posse grounds, and our second annual pack trip into the back country.

Our security schedule is pretty much unchanged and will include several activities at the fair grounds as well as OSU football and basketball with Benton County. Consistent with that we will also, once again, be training with Portland Mounted on troop and public order drills. Our Horse and rider certification testing will be held at the Posse grounds in May and October. In our spare time we hope to get our piece of the S.O. web site updated and hold several recruitment activities. We will also be representing the S.O. in several parades-another busy year for the Posse.



Volunteer Information

Please feel free to share this newsletter with other current or potential volunteers you may come in contact with. This newsletter offers you a venue to share what you are doing for the Sheriff's Office with others. We have many volunteers that may not see each other for extended periods of time and may not realize the scope and extent of how volunteers can serve at the LCSO. Each volunteer position is unique and is of great value.

If you know of someone that is interested in becoming a Sheriff's Office volunteer, please have them contact either Cathy Morris or Jo Ann McQueary-community service specialists-and they will get the ball rolling for the interested person. We are committed to providing a myriad of volunteer opportunities, some yet to be determined. If you or someone you know has an idea of how additional service might be provided, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy or Jo Ann.

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If you would like to submit information for the next newsletter, please send it to Cathy at the above email address no later than March 15th.