

CPO 12F June Regular Meeting

AGENDA:

- Public Safety Report Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Forest Grove Police Department
- Time, Place, Manner Ordinance updates (County/City)
- Featured Topic: FEAST Community Conversations
 - A report on the community dinner and conversations identifying food system needs and projects for Western Washington County

WA County Public Safety Report

Daisy Santillan - Remember fire safety measures and be careful of leaving pets in cars during the warm months. A few notes to help keep you safe: If you're in a vehicle, remember to buckle up, drive sober, and don't text and drive. If you're hitting the water, keep an eye on children, never swim alone, and wear a life jacket if you can't swim.

Homeless Support Deputy: Nicholas_schreiber@washingtoncountyor.gov

Forest Grove Public Safety Report

Lauren Quinsland - total calls to FGPD in June: 2251 calls, 64 arrests, 348 traffic stops, welfare checks up to 101. Calls average between 2000-2500. April was the busiest month this year. Promoting neighborhood watch program. Lauren indicated that there was an increase of crime near homeless encampments, specifically theft.

FGPD report does not make establish a direct link to homeless camps and increased crime in an area, although a report was interpreted to show an increase in crime near areas where homeless camps exist.

The FGPD publishes an annual report of calls for service in our community. Reports from the last five years are available online, though some of the trends are listed in the most current: <https://www.forestgrove-or.gov/police/page/2022-annual-report>

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Time, Place, Manner ordinance

Deputy Nick Schreiber - Hwy 47 camp in closing. Every homeless person was offered some type of shelter to leave the camp - shelter, friends, hotel, transitional housing.

How does law enforcement determine if a place is restricted from camping?

How does law enforcement know if a shelter bed is available?

After hours what is the process to determine if shelter is available?

Is there sufficient coordination between the county and cities about enforcement?

Nick said he can make a phone call to know if there is a shelter bed. He said others can contact him to ask if there is a bed available. Nick indicated there was significant coordination between county and cities. Daily work with other agencies involved with aspects of encampments.

FEAST Community Conversations

Rebecca Johnson shared about FEAST conversations, sponsored by the Forest Grove Foundation with funding from Oregon Food Bank. Over 110 community members over the 3 events that were held. Local food resources and barriers were discussed, then an action planning meeting was held. An AI system was used to categorize the responses. Out of those, 3 opportunities were identified. Groups were created for the 3 opportunities: community garden, information and communication, food access and education. Plan development will continue.