

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Citizen Patrol Update

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The image above is a portion of the clothing items MCSO Citizen Patrol (CP) volunteers received from a 2015 UASI grant. The clothing portion was \$7800. The clothing items included much-needed rain jackets, traffic safety vests, stocking caps, ball caps and shirts. These items will enhance the CP's readiness and ability to support the mission of the Sheriff's Office. The mission is to provide a visible presence as a deterrent to criminal activity and to provide support during natural disasters. Disaster support was provided by the CP during the Eagle Creek Fire when members knocked on doors, providing evacuation notices throughout the first night of the fire and into the next day.

The group photo, at the bottom of the page, was taken during a briefing just prior to the Corbett 4th of July Fun Festival. MCSO Sergeant Kirby gave the briefing to deputies, CP and Search and Rescue Explorers. These personnel were assigned to key locations along the parade route. In the past, Mt. Wave Communications set up a portable repeater to assist with communications among the personnel. However, this year, Mt. Wave partnered with the CP Liaison to utilize the CP's VHF radio repeater. This repeater has been operational since November 2016. It greatly enhances communications in East Multnomah County and the Columbia River Gorge so that the CP can support MCSO and Corbett Fire if necessary.

The CP had lost several members over the years for various reasons. However, the CP recently tested and accepted three new members, including a Job Corps security student and a retired MCSO deputy. Additionally, there are four more applicants in the hiring and background check process. If all are accepted into the CP, this would increase the membership to 27 members.

Two of our Training Coordinators are currently working on our next year's "Year in Advance" training schedule. CP members are offered training once per month for two hours on a variety of topics such as Patrol Tactics, Radio Exercises, 1st Aid, Traffic Crash Scene Management and even joint trainings with Corbett

Fire. If you're interested in the CP program, or if you'd like to attend a training, please visit the CP website for further information: www.mcsocp.com

