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MCCALL POLICE DEPARTMENT



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LEADERSHIP

Submitted by Chief Jerry Summers

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"Our task is not to fix the blame for the past, but to fix the course for the future."

John F. Kennedy

Leadership is one of those rare qualities, difficult to describe, but people know it when they see it. Leadership has been defined as a reciprocal agreement between those who choose to lead and those who decide to follow. Others have defined leadership as the choices we make to inspire others to take positive, decisive courses of action.

Both of these definitions convey the point leaders must understand the significance of their role in relation to others, while maintaining balance and possessing the ability to clearly articulate their vision to those they serve. Every decision a leader makes must be tied to and further his/her vision for the future. Our vision here at the McCall Police Department is in "Serving the community as members of the community," while consistently earning the public's trust within the resources provided.

With the decline of the national economy, several new challenges have arisen; first, how has the change in the national economy affected our local law enforcement policies? Secondly, how does the McCall community view inappropriate behavior contrasted with the community need to receive the influx of available tourist revenue? Never before has this dichotomy been as apparent as it was this past 4th of July.

As the head of a law enforcement agency, my inclination is to have our officers take a zero tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviors. However, in the past when the McCall Police Department has taken such approach, it has been viewed by the community as being counterproductive to the vitality of a resort town.

I am seeking direction on how the community feels its local police should respond to these or similar issues. Please feel free to contact me at (208) 634-7144 or summersj@mccall.id.us. I look forward to discussing these concerns with each of you.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Chief Jerry Summers



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BICYCLE SAFETY

Submitted by Officer Ned Crossley

Summer is a great time to straddle a bicycle and get some exercise in the great outdoors. Understanding and using the laws that apply to cyclists will help riders stay safe, and drivers will know what is expected of a cyclist.

Idaho traffic law Title 49 chapter 7 contains the following rules applicable to bicycles:

- Due Care: cyclists have the responsibility to encourage a safe environment
- Cyclists are required to be astride a seat, no riders for which the bike is not designed. A child may be carried in backpack, sling or bike seat.
- Clinging to or following vehicles: no attaching to a vehicle or following so close as to create an immediate hazard
- Bicycles are to be ridden on the right side of the roadway (with traffic), unless on a one-way road with 2 or more lanes where riding with traffic on the left curb is allowed.
- Riding no more than two abreast in the traffic lane shall not impede normal traffic flow.

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- Carrying articles: at least one hand shall be used to control and operate the bicycle
- Stopping & signal: when approaching a stop sign, shall slow to a reasonable speed, and if required for safety, stop, yield the right of way before entering an intersection. When approaching a solid red light, a cyclist must stop and yield before passing through the red light. A signal shall be given at least 100 feet before turn, unless both hands are needed for control & operation of the bicycle.
- Sidewalks: a cyclist must yield right of way to pedestrians and when overtaking a pedestrian or cyclist must give an audible signal. **A bicycle shall not be operated where prohibited by official traffic control device. The City of McCall does not allow bicycles on sidewalks.**
- Light and reflector requirements: when operating between sunset and sunrise, a light, visible from at least 500 feet, shining to the front and a reflector clearly visible to the rear.

While enjoying a bicycle ride, abiding by the traffic laws will help keep you safe and can save you the cost of a citation.

Officer Crossley is a Code Enforcement Officer for the McCall Police Department

A REMINDER TO LOCK UP VALUABLES

Submitted by Detective Eric Fieldstad

With the downturn in the economy comes an upturn in burglaries. Traditionally, law enforcement sees an increase in property crimes when economic times get difficult.

Criminals like easy targets or targets of opportunity. Therefore, if a valuable item, such as camera, wallet or purse, is left where it can easily be taken, someone might just take it. If criminals walk past a car and see a valuable item on the seat and the windows to the vehicle are down, then they will take the item because there is nothing to prevent them from doing so. The same is true if the doors to the vehicle are unlocked.

This easy opportunity does not just apply to vehicles. Your house or business can be filled with easy opportunities as well. Doing simple things can help make your valuables less available to criminals.

- Lock your doors and windows
- Provide extra lighting when no one is around and park in well lighted areas. Put lights, radios and televisions on timers in your house.
- Park where you can see your vehicle or where many other people can see your vehicle.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to watch your house and to visit your house regularly while you are gone.
- Have an alarm system installed and turn it on.
- Install a video surveillance system in your home or business.
- Notify the Police Department and request extra patrols of your home or business if you are going to be away for an extended period of time.
- Hide your valuables out of sight, such as in a locked container, under a seat or in the trunk of your vehicle. In your house don't display valuables in front of an open window.



These few simple things will make your valuables a harder target and criminals might choose to move on to an easier opportunity.

Det. Fieldstad is an investigator with the department.

	2009 to present	22
Number of Burglaries in McCall:	2008	54
	2007	46
	2006	49
	2005	54

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Submitted by Officer Luke Bodden

Summer is here and the weather is hot and the lake is cool. That being said, I want to make parents aware of a challenge our youth are facing here in our community and around the country. Prescription drug abuse.

Prescription drug abuse is simply defined as using a drug in a manner other than prescribed or recommended. Even though we live in a small community, this is a battle our youth are fighting every day. Some of the more commonly abused drugs are: Vicodin, OxyContin, Fentanyl, Xanax, Valium, and Adderall. Our youth are obtaining these drugs several ways. They include getting a legal prescription for the drug, buying them from drug dealers, and or stealing them from easily accessible places. Adults and youth will "doctor shop" until they find a doctor who will prescribe the above mentioned drugs for a pain that may or may not exist. A patient might complain of back pain one day, the inability to sleep or deal with people another day, or come up with an excuse to get the doctor to prescribe medication. The patient might use the prescription drug for themselves, or sell the drug on the street. With street values of some prescription drugs reaching \$10/mg, it is an incredibly lucrative business. Another way people get these drugs is simply stealing them from a medicine cabinet or wherever they are stored. The easiest way to control the theft from happening is by keeping an accurate count of how many pills you have used and how many pills you have left.



Youths have been known to hold parties where the main focus of the party is the prescription drug. They are known as "Skittles, Phat, or Px" parties. People will enter a residence and place the prescription drug(s) they have brought into a large bowl. Once the bowl is full and all of the partygoers have arrived, the pills are stirred, and then distributed among the people present. This is incredibly dangerous because when the pills are consumed, the persons consuming them are generally unaware of what they are taking. This is dangerous because he/she could end up with drugs that were not made to interact with other drugs. He/she could end up mixing a stimulant with a depressant, a depressant with an anxiety medication, or even be allergic to a medication. These are just a few of the combinations and no combinations are safe. They are all potentially life threatening.

Just the simple fact of keeping track of your medication is the quickest and easiest way to account for your medication and the safety of our youth.

Officer Bodden is the School Resource Officer for the McCall-Donnelly School District.

SUPPORT SERVICES CORNER

Bicycle Rodeo: The Bike Rodeo was a success. We had 28 bicycles registered with the police department and photos of the bicycles are on file. If you have not registered your bicycle, this is an ongoing service provided by the police department.

Vacation Season: It is summer and we are all taking trips or enjoying visitors to our area. This might be a good time to write down the serial numbers and descriptions of our cameras, bicycles, cell phones and other property that may be lost. Also, if you have lost something, please check with the police department; we may have it in our property room.

Our telephone number is 208-634-7144.

Found Property: When found property is received by the property officer, it is stored in the Evidence/Property room for ninety (90) days. If the owner is known, he/she is notified as soon as the property is received. If the owner is not known, the property is stored until someone claims it or ninety days have passed. After ninety days the property is marked for disposal by City Auction.

OFFICERS IN TRAINING

The law enforcement field requires a wide range of skills. Our officers attend training on a regular basis to further their knowledge and effectiveness. Here is a list of the training our officers received in the in the last few months.

Ofc. Bixby - Kinesic Interview and Interrogation, Blood Spatter Crime Scene

Ofc. Bodden - Kinesic Interview and Interrogation, Detective and New Criminal Investigator, Strategic Impaired Driving Seminar

Ofc. Crossley - Breath Test Specialist, Code Enforcement Training, Firearms Interdiction

Sgt. Donica - Advanced Crime Scene Investigation, Command Leadership for Field Training Officers, Law Enforcement Supervision and Leadership

Det. Fieldstad - Blood Stain Pattern Interpretation, Bushmaster Armorer Course, Managing Criminal Investigations

Ofc. Maini - Firearms Interdiction, Traumas of Law Enforcement, Internet Tools for Criminal Investigations

Lt. Rittenger - Strategic Impaired Driving Seminar

Sandy Ryska - Landlord/Tenant Relations, Missing Persons, Blood Spatter Crime Scene

Laura Shelamer - BCI Audit and Training

Sgt. Stokes - Post Traumatic Stress, Sergeants Academy, Surviving Trauma

Chief Summers - Blood Spatter Crime Scene Analysis

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NEW OFFICERS JOIN THE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER BRIAN HOLBROOK

Officer Brian Holbrook has lived in Idaho all of his life, including twenty-five years in the west-central mountains. He was born, raised and graduated high school in Emmett. Brian attained a B.S. in Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho. He started his law enforcement career in 1996, and has worked at the state, county and city levels. Brian has worked as a patrol officer, patrol deputy, a marine deputy and, most recently, as a Canyon County detention deputy.

Brian's passions are his wife and four girls, and trying to create a better world for them to live in through his chosen profession. Brian's other interests include bow hunting, hunting, trapping, fishing and teaching his family the fulfillment of living an outdoor lifestyle and sharing in their accomplishments as they learn.



OFFICER CATHIE LARGENT



Officer Cathie Largent was raised in the Tahoe Pines, Lake Tahoe/Sacramento, CA area and moved to Boise in 1990. Cathie spent 15 years working for Key Bank before moving to McCall. She most recently worked as an insurance consultant before joining the police department.

Cathie enjoys riding her bicycle, cross country skiing and spending time on the river in her canoe. Cathie and her husband have seven grandkids with whom they enjoy spending as much time as possible.

Cathie will be working as a Code Enforcement Officer for the police department.

OFFICER MARK ZAKARIAN

Officer Mark Zakarian is originally from California and received his Bachelor of Science Computer Studies and Master of Science Computer Information Management from the University of Maryland.

Mark has worked many years in the health care field in research and as an analyst. His law enforcement career began seven years ago, when he spent five years as a detective investigating an assortment of crimes including property crimes, crimes against person, fraud, and computer and Internet crimes. Mark has previously worked for Meridian and Garden City Police Departments.

He maintains a variety of certifications, experience and training including in video and computer forensics as well as being a certified polygraph examiner. Mark recently joined the McCall Police Department to further his law enforcement career and enjoy the lifestyle McCall affords.

Mark is currently assigned as a patrol officer.



Do you have any questions or comments? Is there a topic you would like covered in the next newsletter? Would you like to be taken off the distribution list? Please email police@mccall.id.us or call 208.634.7144.