

# NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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# MISSION & VALUES

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newport Police Department is to consistently invest available resources toward our City's reputation as a safe place to live, work, play, learn, and visit.

This will be accomplished by complying with professional standards established by the Oath of Office, Professional Code of Ethics, and Administrative Directives. We will perform in a manner that promotes the public's trust, confidence, and sense of safety and security.

## DEPARTMENT VALUES

*Integrity* – We believe in conducting business with the highest standards of honesty, reliability, and fairness.

*Excellence* – We believe aspiring to excellence leads to continuous improvement in our operations.

*Community* – We believe in delivering services of superior quality that satisfy our customers.

*Employees* – We believe each of us is entitled to a rewarding and challenging career.

*Teamwork* – We believe teamwork is essential to reaching our potential.

*Commitment* – We believe in delivering on the commitments we make.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I would like to dedicate the 2024 Annual Report to the men and women of the Newport Police Department. We are fortunate to have professional and dedicated staff who work tirelessly to keep Newport one of the greatest places to live, work, play, and visit. Their commitment to public safety, community engagement, and continuous improvement is the foundation of our success. Each member of our team plays a critical role in maintaining the trust and safety of our community, and I am grateful for their unwavering dedication and service. We hope you find our report informative and beneficial.



*Chief Jason Malloy*

2024 was another exciting year for the Newport Police Department. We continued our efforts to fill vacant positions within the department. We successfully hired lateral Police Officer Jaden Welsh, entry-level Police Officer Donald Valentine, and part-time records clerks Janae Davis and Jennifer Clampit. We also promoted Lt. Tyson Haynes to Patrol Lieutenant and filled a vacant Detective position with Det. Darren Cicerone. One of the most exciting additions to the department was Sly, our new patrol canine, who is partnered with Officer Jerimiah Mangum. Together, they completed all phases of training and are now working as a certified K9 Team.

We are excited to see what 2025 brings and look forward to the continued advancement of the Newport Police Department.

A significant continuation for 2025 is that I will not be retiring. In 2024, I believed I was writing my farewell Chief's Message, as I had planned to retire. However, as the city undertook the recruitment process for a new Police Chief, I reflected on my 30 years as a Newport Police Officer. This reflection, combined with the arrival of a new City Manager in 2024, reinforced my enthusiasm for the future of both the city and the Police Department. Throughout the recruitment process, I had the opportunity to engage with our staff and community members, which deepened my appreciation for the work we do and the people we serve. I am especially proud of the advancements we have made in community outreach, officer training, and public safety initiatives. With so much positive momentum, I realized my passion for the work remains strong. I am eager to continue contributing meaningfully to our team and cannot imagine stepping away from the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of professionals.

I look forward to remaining as Chief and continuing to support our Police Department and the City. I am enthusiastic about the positive changes on the horizon, including the implementation of new community engagement programs, advancements in officer training, and the integration of modern technology to enhance public safety. I am proud to be part of the City's ongoing progress and committed to fostering strong relationships with our community to ensure a safer, more connected Newport.



# OVERVIEW

The Newport Police Department employs 22 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 10,000 residents spanning an area of over 10.6 square miles. In addition, the Department employs nine civilians who provide essential services such as Community Service, Executive Support, Records, Property and Evidence, and Special Projects.

The Police Department Operations consists of the Patrol Division, Investigation Division, and Community Service Officers. The Operations Bureau is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, play, and visit the City of Newport. We accomplish this mission by providing timely and professional public safety services to the community utilizing a problem-solving approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression and apprehension strategies. Our Support Services consists of the Executive Assistant to the Chief, Records Division, Property and Evidence, and Special Projects. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the Newport Police Department maintains the professional operation expected by the community we serve.



Our Department values independent decision-making and problem-solving strategies. Using a community-oriented policing philosophy, our Department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, civic organizations and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting procedures and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the Department's

website contains information about its staffing, crime report activity, crime prevention, informative links, and online services.

Every member of the Newport Police Department is committed to our Mission and Core Value statements, which are summed up in our motto: Noble, Professional, Dedicated.



# 2024 PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING SINCE
Jason Malloy	Chief of Police	1994
Tyson Haynes	Lieutenant	1999
Brent Gainer	Lieutenant	2007
Mike Leake	Patrol Sergeant	2016
Steve Hallmark	Patrol Sergeant	2012
Aaron Bales	Patrol Sergeant/K9 Handler	2017
Kit O'Carra	Special Projects/Social Media Specialist	2008
Patty Riley	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2019
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>		
Darren Cicerone	Detective	2023
<b>PATROL DIVISION</b>		
Kraig Mitchell	Patrol Officer	2005
Sam Clark	Patrol Officer	2015
Jovita Ballentine	Community Service Officer	2018
Carlos Gamboa <i>(separated in April)</i>	Patrol Officer	2018
Sean Nieto <i>(resigned in August)</i>	Patrol Officer	2019
Abraham Felix	Patrol Officer	2020
Laura Kenney	Patrol Officer	2022
Jerimiah Mangum	Patrol Officer/K9 Handler	2022
Emma Cullivan	Patrol Officer	2022
Jack Grippin	Patrol Officer	2022
Jerrod Eshleman	Patrol Officer	2023
Ari Werner	Patrol Officer	2023
Donald Valentine	Patrol Officer <i>(Parking Enforcement Officer Jan-Sep)</i>	2023
Connie Heinrich	Community Service Officer	2023
Don Dinerstein	Chaplain <i>(Volunteer)</i>	2023
Jaden Welsh	Patrol Officer	2024
<b>RECORDS DIVISION</b>		
Joella Blomstrom	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence Custodian	2017
Renee McCaslin	Records Clerk	2018
Janae Davis	Records Clerk	2024
Jennifer Clampit	Records Clerk	2024



# K9 TEAMS

The newest addition to our K9 Teams is K9 Sly, a purebred German Shepherd born in Germany in 2022 who came to Newport from a world-renowned K9 training facility in Northern California. On November 24, 2024, K9 Sly began his active duty as the newest member of Newport Police. He is the first "patrol dog" in the department's history, and will join K9 Zoe as the second active-duty dog on the team. Along with his partner and handler, Officer Jerimiah Mangum, Sly specializes in tracking human scent, evidence search, general area search, and apprehensions. K9 Sly and Officer Mangum spent six weeks training together in Springfield, Oregon to become a certified K9 unit.

K9 Handler Sgt. Aaron Bales with K9 Zoe and Officer Mangum with K9 Sly help keep Newport safe, and also give demonstrations at the Newport Public Library and at schools.



Officer Mangum  
And K9 Sly



K9 Zoe



Officer Mangum  
And K9 Sly



# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Two Community Service Officers are assigned the responsibility of enforcing particular regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport. These officers aim to resolve incidents through voluntary compliance, with a particular emphasis on matters such as attractive nuisance violations, abandoned vehicles, and compliance with short-term rental regulations. The Community Service Officers work in conjunction with community members to improve the safety and aesthetic appeal of Newport for both residents and visitors. In 2024, the CSOs addressed 612 ordinance-related issues.

The Newport Police Department recorded a total of 211 complaints regarding abandoned vehicles. Of these, 176 cases were successfully addressed by the Community Service Officer (CSO) reaching out to the registered owners, who subsequently relocated their vehicles, thereby rectifying the violation. However, 35 vehicles were impounded due to the registered owners' failure to adhere to the CSO's requests.

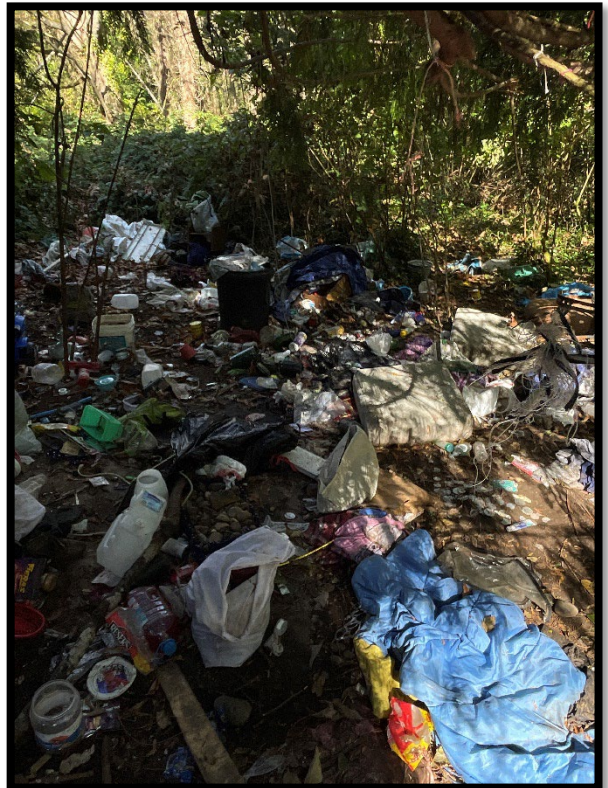
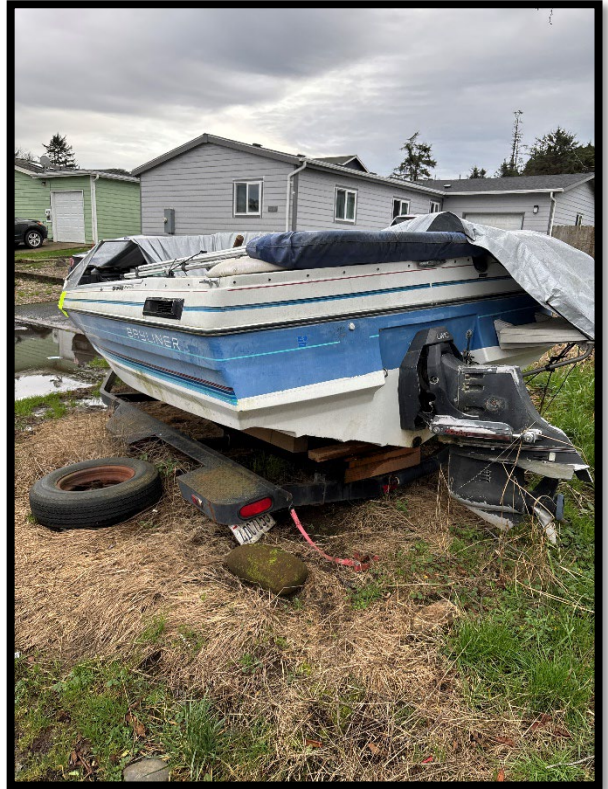
Included in the total number of ordinance issues, 94 involved Nuisance Ordinance – Debris, Rubbish, Vegetation and 128 involved Nuisance Ordinance Affecting Public Health and Offensive Littering violations which consisted of illegal dumping of trash on public property. The total cost for removal of the debris, abandoned vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, and fees paid to Thompson Sanitary Service, Table Mountain Forestry, towing companies and City and County worker's payroll amounted to \$83,864 for the year, an increase of \$36,256 from the amount spent in 2023.







# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS





# SUPPORT SERVICES

The Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police plays a crucial role in coordinating meetings, managing confidential documentation (which encompasses internal affairs investigations, security codes, and keys), overseeing all procurement activities for the Department, maintaining training records for Officers, and distributing uniforms, duty gear, and equipment to Officers. Furthermore, the Executive Assistant is responsible for performing criminal background checks on City volunteers, City employees, applicants for taxi driver permits, employees of marijuana facilities, and individuals seeking to participate in ride-alongs.

**The support staff of the Newport Police Department conducts many other functions throughout the year.**

	2023	2024
Civilian Ride-Alongs	12	21
Impounded/Abandoned Vehicles	11	35
OLCC Permanent Permit Reviews	10	10
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	96	56
Seafood & Wine Festival OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	N/A	63
Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Program (weight in pounds)	339.95	356.45
Sex Offender Registrations	128	105
Subpoenas Served to Officers and Citizens	306	217

## Number of Overtime Hours

	2023	2024
Administration	89.25	72.25
Court	195	275.50
Investigations	563	797.25
Shift Coverage	2,580.25	1,506.50
Training	809.75	1,567.25
Other	417.25	610

A team consisting of two full-time and two part-time Records Clerks is tasked with ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and confidentiality of sensitive information related to the Police Department. Their responsibilities encompass the processing of all police reports, data entry, the release of impounded vehicles, the distribution of reports to other agencies, the registration of sex offenders, the handling of public information requests, and conducting local record checks.



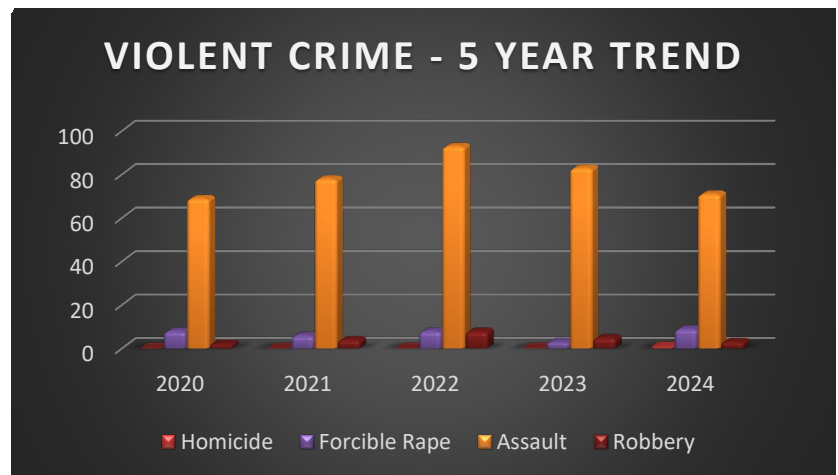
# CRIME TRENDS

In 2024, there were 16,108 total calls for service. This is a 1% decrease from the previous year. The following tables provide the total number of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes reported in Newport for the past five years.

VIOLENT CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Homicide; Rape; Aggravated Assault; Robbery)						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percentage Change 2023-2024
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Forcible Rape	8	6	8	3	9	200%
Assault	69	78	93	83	71	-14%
Robbery	2	4	8	5	3	-40%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-8%</b>

OTHER CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS		
	2023	2024
Sex Offense	47	34
Identity Theft	10	8
Disorderly Conduct	127	133

OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES		
	2023	2024
Fraud	72	59
Trespass	158	88
Criminal Mischief	185	109



PROPERTY CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND						
(Burglary; Larceny; Arson)						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percentage Change 2023-2024
Burglary	58	74	67	58	37	-36%
Larceny	378	489	448	356	325	-9%
Arson	1	4	3	0	3	300%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>-12%</b>



# ARRESTS

Arrests rose 18% in 2024 versus 2023. Analysis of five-year trend data shows January yielded the highest arrest totals, though monthly patterns vary year to year.

ARREST COMPARISON BY MONTH - FIVE YEAR TREND													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2020	63	70	59	60	59	76	93	82	70	80	55	49	816
2021	98	49	75	79	71	68	62	91	59	82	79	70	883
2022	76	75	62	63	68	71	79	67	68	60	57	47	793
2023	95	57	58	74	79	53	55	44	37	51	77	65	745
2024	65	68	66	71	72	56	94	64	67	83	77	95	878
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>326</b>	

DRUG POSSESSION CHARGES - FIVE YEAR TREND						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	PERCENTAGE CHANGE 2023-2024
Heroin	34	24	2	1	0	-100%
Methamphetamine	56	31	9	9	21	133%

DUII CHARGES					MINOR IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR ARRESTS				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
64	58	54	69	94	21	12	6	24	13





# TRAFFIC

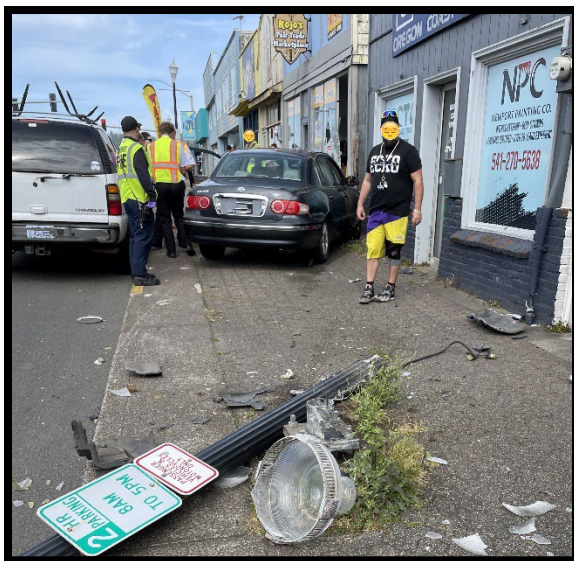
The law enforcement procedure typically commences with a patrol officer addressing a service call or initiating contact independently, which may include actions such as a traffic stop or interaction with a citizen. Due to its prominent presence and regular engagement with the community, the Patrol Division stands apart from other divisions within the police department. In 2024, the Newport Police Department attended to a total of 16,108 service calls, encompassing both officer-initiated incidents and 2,416 traffic stops.

Traffic stops are important because they help to enforce traffic laws, deter dangerous driving behaviors, and potentially identify and prevent more serious crimes by removing unsafe drivers from the road, ultimately contributing to public safety by reducing the risk of accidents and injuries for everyone on the road; they can also lead to the discovery of illegal activities during the stop. By addressing violations like speeding, running red lights, or driving under the influence, traffic stops can help prevent accidents and promote safer driving habits. During a traffic stop, officers may discover evidence of other crimes, such as outstanding warrants, illegal drugs, or weapons, as individuals committing traffic violations may also be involved in criminal activity.

Our Officers issued 435 traffic citations and 196 parking citations in 2024. The most common traffic citation issued by Newport Police Officers continues to be for the violation of Driving While Suspended or Revoked.

TOP 5 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN 2024	
Driving Suspended or Revoked	149
Driving Uninsured	100
No Operator's License	65
Exceeding Speed Limit	63
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	39

Year	Hit & Run Property Damage	H&R Injury Crashes	Property Damage Crashes	Fatalities
2020	76	3	169	1
2021	100	3	179	0
2022	94	6	160	0
2023	88	5	186	0
2024	83	6	155	0





# THE GNEWPORT GNOME



*The Gnewport Gnome with police in Fiji.*

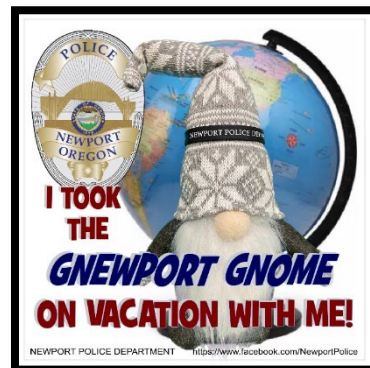
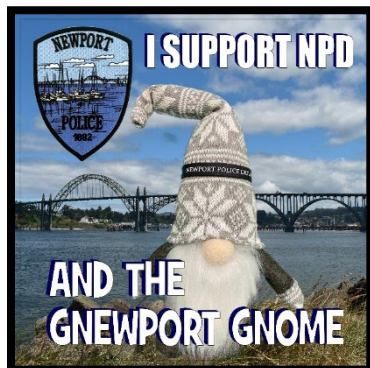
The Gnewport Gnome has become a very popular ambassador for the Newport Police Department and the Newport community. Volunteers from around the country offer to take the Gnewport Gnome on vacation with them, and report back to us with photographs and details of their journeys for us to share on our Facebook page. In 2024, the Gnewport Gnome traveled more than 54,500 miles around the world! Some of the international destinations included Honduras, Germany, Iceland, Australia, Fiji, Tahiti, and Mexico.

Most law enforcement agencies have an Elf on a Shelf to help out during the holidays. But in our case, Santa sent the Gnome to us in 2021 to assist us. Right away, the Gnome began to create more mischief than providing us with help. We didn't know Santa had sent him to Newport until we received several calls regarding a short, bearded little fella who was seen attaching the letter G to several signs in town, beginning with the welcome signs as you enter Newport ----- er, Gnewport.



After contacting the Gnome and making a call to Santa, the Gnome did indeed have good intentions to assist us. He just got carried away once he saw how many signs were "misspelled", according to his own dictionary. We made several videos of him getting into trouble that year before he returned home to the North Pole.

The Gnome returned to us again in 2023 and decided to stay, making "Gnewport" his home. It was great timing because our world-traveling Thin Blue Line Rock was retiring after several years on the road and the Gnome offered to take its place, traveling the world with those who offered to take him with them. The Gnome even has his own promotional stickers for NPD.





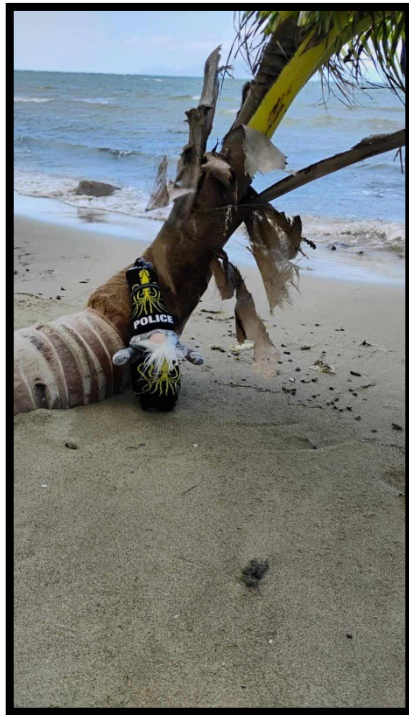
# THE GNEWPORT GNOME



*Sydney, Australia*



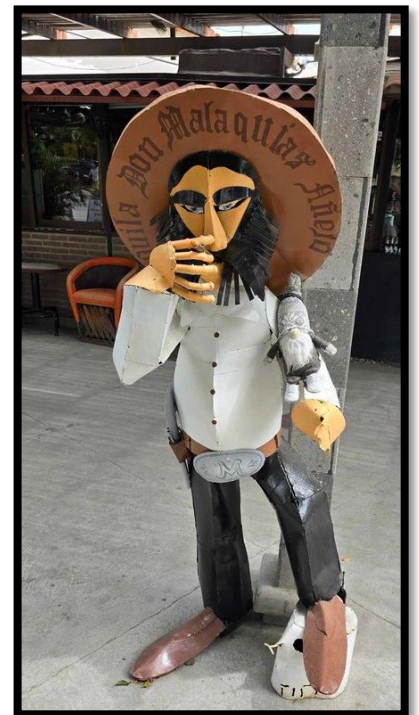
*With police in Munich, Germany*



*Tahiti*



*Reykjavik, Iceland*



*Puerto Vallarta, Mexico*



# IN THE COMMUNITY



*Coffee With A Cop*







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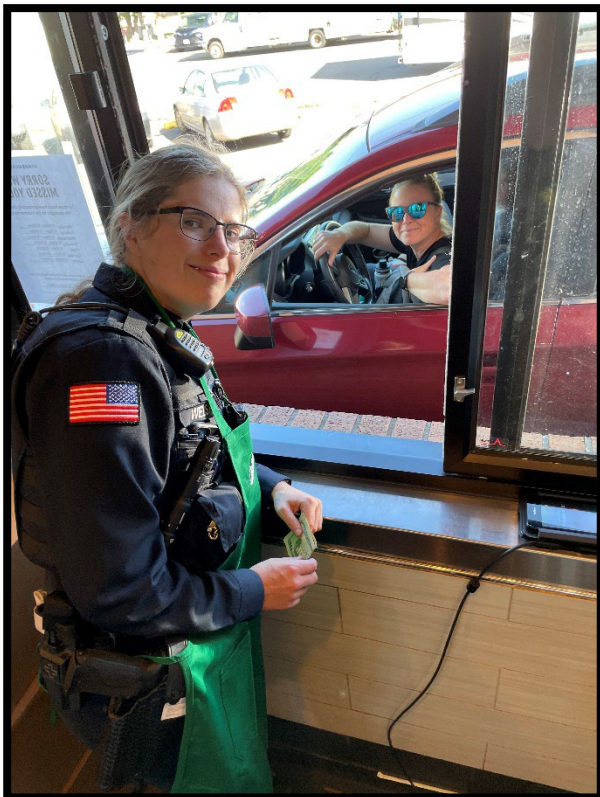




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*Coffee With A Cop*





# IN THE COMMUNITY



*OSU Extension Café Resource*



*Mouse Factory Cooperative Preschool Visit*



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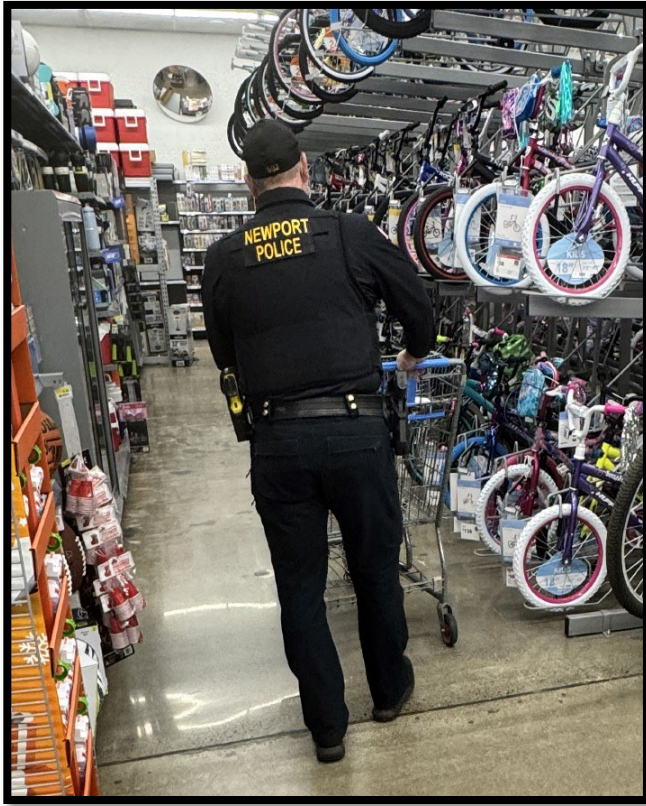
*Newport High School Career Day*



*Food Drive*



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*Shop With A Cop*

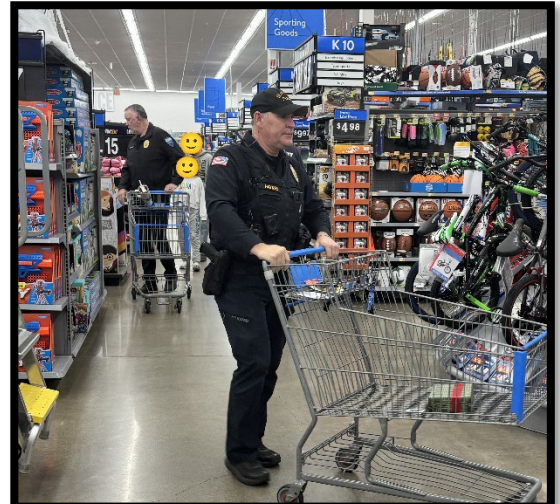




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*Oregon Coast Aquarium Tour*





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*Bike Patrol Training*



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*CAST For Kids*



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*Aurora Borealis in Newport*



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