

An update from administration, planning, public works, police and fire departments.

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What happens when you call 911?

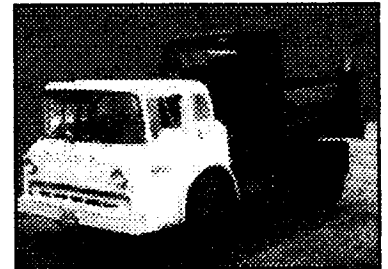
Medical Emergency calls go to the emergency medical service provider who, for us, is the City of Ashland. They're fully staffed with Paramedics who are qualified to perform advanced life support procedures and transport to medical facilities. For medical emergencies the degree of crisis is measured A through D, C and D are the most life threatening. Our fire department receives C and D medical emergency calls simultaneously when two people are on duty and when they're not, the call goes instead to Fire District 5. Both of our Fire Fighters are Emergency Medical Technicians just like firefighters at District 5. District 5 has six Paramedics on staff at this time.

Structure Fire calls go to both to our fire department and District Five. Both departments respond immediately in the city and in Fire District Five's area on the valley floor from the car dealership at Valley View Rd. to the county animal shelter just north of the city limit.

That arrangement is part of a county-wide mutual aid and mutual assistance contracts that have been in place since 1992.

Police Officers generally hear fire and medical emergency calls and respond if they're not busy on another call. Police officers are certified, and stay current, in CPR and First Aid. They often revive and administer life support until advanced life support arrives.

Here's **Another Chance** to help with Strategic Planning. The questionnaires attached to last week's *Flash* are still out there somewhere, and the people hired to help us through this process really need them back. Without your input the city can't plan ahead. We've attached them again, just in case you lost yours. This time instead of asking you to mail them we ask you to **Please** leave them in a *Flash* drop box, drop them off at City Hall or hand them to any city employee.



Beauty

**is in the eye
of the beholder.**

Only a Public Works employee or maybe the Tool Time guy could love anything this ugly. But, here she is, the latest pride and joy of Talent's road repair department. Born in 1980, at a strapping three tons, with a compactor and vibrator. She also carries a finish roller (double drum) and a asphalt spreader and you'll see a 20-foot, 3-axle equipment trailer behind her. She is a serious road repair worker.

No More Teacher's Dirty Looks!

Talent Elementary School's

Mr. Morkert and

Mr. Scafani are retiring.

☺ Potluck for Mr. M. is May 9, 6-9pm.

☺ Chili potluck for Mr. S. May 16, 6-9pm

☺ Both parties at TES gym Roasting & Stories - 7:30 BYO place settings.

SPRING CLEANUP FOR TALENT STREETS
Monday, April 20-5am

Street sweepers will scour all Talent streets. Please park cars off public streets the entire day so there won't be any ugly dirty spots left.

New Downtown Park Fund-raiser Dance
April 18, 8-midnight
Community Hall - \$3.
Van Commanders, Stout and
Who Wants Gum?

Now, From Cyber Space:

The Talent Police Department has a great site on the web! Point your browser to:

<http://home.cdsnet.net/~talentpd/>.

A little closer to the ground...

Kathy Vold, ten year veteran of The Talent Police Department, has started her new job at a Jackson County Jail. Our newest police officer is **Hector Caballero**.



Hector's been part of our police department and our community for a long time. Hector was born in Mexico. His family moved to Crescent City, Calif. while he was still a baby. Hector moved to Medford in 1989 and met his wife and married here. The Caballero family now includes a "handsome", to quote the proud father, 15 month old son and an eleven year old daughter. Hector brings with him two years of police reserve experience and

education from the Rogue Valley Reserve Academy. He says he's looking forward to serving his community, "...my police experience and my bilingual and bicultural abilities will be a great asset to the department." Officer Caballero received a letter of commendation this month from the State Police for exceptional service as a Special Olympics fund-raiser.

News You Can Use
from **Officer Kevin Kriz:**
You may have noticed vehicles, parked on the side of the road, with funny looking orange stickers attached. These vehicles have been posted for towing, as they are considered abandoned. If left parked in the area for 72 hours, the vehicle will be subject to towing, and the owner(s) may be held responsible for towing and storage fees. Talent City Ordinance says (in part)... a discarded vehicle on public or private property is a public nuisance which may be abated...and that means towed away.