

NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: Water Rescues/ Water Recreation

LOCATION: Willamette & McKenzie Rivers - Lane County

DETAILS: With the hot weather forecast for the weekend and an expectation of residents and visitors recreating on County waterways, this water safety advisory is released.

The Sheriff's Office has responded daily to water rescue events this week. Several have occurred south of Lanes Turn near River Mile Post 173. All of the involved subject's have been wearing PFD's (life jackets) and been rescued without incident.

There are many potential hazards on our waterways. Two known hazards are at or near the "low head dam" (Willamette River at I-5) and northwest of Coburg at the above mentioned location. All persons recreating on either of these rivers are strongly encouraged to not only have, but wear proper PFD's (life jackets). Water temperatures are still in the low 50's.

For additional information contact: Lane County Marine Patrol at 682-8599 or Search and Rescue at 682-8544.

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