
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: September 10, 2011

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: September 12, 2011

NATURE OF STORY: First Annual Life Jacket Exchange Program

LOCATION: Cabela's, Gateway Mall

DETAILS: Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue program, working with local Rotarians concluded the first annual PFD exchange for Lane County residents. This year's focus was to encourage residents to donate any life jackets they may have acquired over the years that they no longer use. Combining both the August 6 exchange at three area Bi Mart stores and the September 10 exchange at Cabela's off Gateway Street, we acquired approximately 632 functional PFDs. We gave away over 200 to local residents, many were fit to young children who may not have had a life jacket had it not have been for this program. We plan on supporting Lane County Parks "Loaner Program" where PFDs are available to borrow while residents recreate at our county parks and have some available at various popular boat ramps throughout the county, as well.

The program will continue next year focusing on exchanging your old, too small life jacket, for one which fits. Next year, as was done this year, we will add a signal whistle to each jacket exchanged or given away. Search and Rescue thanks the residents of Lane County for their generosity and support in making this a successful program that we hope will save lives in the future. It is also our hope that other areas of the State will start similar programs with the help of area Rotarians.

Additional donations to the program can be delivered to the Sheriff's reception area at 125 E. 8th Ave. at the Lane County Public Service Building.

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