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Roy City Citizens,

It has been a trying time for law enforcement. It is hard to watch a news program without seeing a story that is negative in regards to police officers or policing strategies. It is even harder as a police officer to see officers being ambushed and murdered, and to see organizations and individuals calling for more violence against law enforcement. In the current negative environment against law enforcement it is very easy as a police officer to pull together and within the organization in an effort to feel safe.

Surveys have indicated that over 70 million people in the United States come in contact with police officers in some capacity each year, with the most common interaction being on traffic stops. The same surveys also indicate that at least 25% of these people come into contact with police officers more than once each year. As a police officer, I see people all the time that we deal with multiple times each year. This pushes the number of citizen contacts that police officers across the United States have, to well over 100 million police officer encounters each year! Yet, of those incidents that end up being protested against, most of us can cite these people by name!

If police were truly abusing their power as the protestors and pundits would have you believe, even at a rate of 1/10th of one percent of those contacted by police each year, it would equal 100,000 incidents in which innocent people were being killed by police! The actual number of people killed by police officers, including all those which are unquestionably justifiable shootings of suspects engaged in acts of severe threat to others, even less than one percent of this 1/10th percent of all police contacts results in a police shooting!

But, listening to news reports, one would believe the police are out of control and wantonly killing people all over this country on a daily basis.

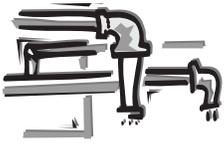
However, here at Roy Police Department, we are in a unique environment! Since the murder of five Dallas and three Louisiana police officers in July, it has been a rare day that some citizen, and often multiple citizens, don't find some way to show their appreciation for our officers here at Roy P.D.! We have been inundated with treats and cards of well wishes from the outstanding citizens of Roy City. I have spoken with friends of mine which are police officers in other cities and they have had similar responses from their citizens, but I have not heard of anyplace that has had the overwhelming response that we have seen here! I believe this is not only a testament to the outstanding citizens of Roy City, but also the fine police officers we have here as well.

I have now been the police chief of Roy City Police for fourteen months. I am honored to serve with the fine men and women of this police department and especially proud of the way they conduct themselves in their duties. They do a very commendable job in keeping this community safe and helping dispel the myths of police wrongdoing. I wish the very best for our Roy City citizens and want to assure you the Roy City Police Department will continue providing you with the best law enforcement service which you deserve!

Stay safe,
Chief Carl G. Merino



Cross Connections and Backflow Hazards



Occasionally Roy City residents can face a potential hazard when the secondary water system is charged or when a person creates a cross connection between the secondary water system and the culinary water system. The water pressure in the secondary system is about 20 to 50 pounds greater than the pressure in the culinary (drinking water) system. If there are any sprinkling systems connected to both of these water systems, the greater pressure in the secondary pipe will force this raw, untreated water into the culinary system. (Backflow)

This is not only an illegal connection, but a high hazard to our drinking water. Secondary water contains bacteria that is harmful if ingested into the human body.

The Plumbing Code and the Utah Public Drinking Water Rules require that all cross connections be eliminated or protected against backflow by installing an approved backflow device or assembly. Backflow prevention assemblies provide the public water system with protection against contamination or pollution and are available at most plumbing supply outlets.

Should Roy City's drinking water become contaminated here are some steps recommended by the health department:

- Use boiled or bottled water.
- If planning to boil your water, bring it to a rapid boil for 5 minutes.
- Boiled water or bottled water should be used for:
- Brushing teeth, washing hands before food preparation, and for food preparation.
- Showering or bathing is permissible in un-boiled water if there are no open sores on the body and it doesn't enter the mouth.
- After the water from the water provider is declared safe:
- Drain and flush all icemakers, water heaters, purifiers, water softeners, and reverse osmosis systems. Follow manufacturers' recommendations when cleaning or replacing filters or screening devices.
- Let chlorinated cold water run through every faucet in your home or business for 20 minutes followed by two minutes of straight hot water. Replace filters.
- Throw out ice cubes or other water stored in refrigerators that have connections to culinary water sources.

If you think you know of a potential cross connection between the culinary water system and the secondary water system, please call us at (801) 774-1000.

Bar J Wranglers

The Bar J Wranglers will be presenting their Christmas Concert at Roy High School on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, November 1, 2016 and can be purchased at royhighroyals.com.

The OWCAP Partnership

(OWCAP) located at 3159 Grant Avenue, Ogden works to inspire those in poverty to become self-sufficient through innovative services and collaborative efforts. The citizens of Roy have both an opportunity to receive assistance where needed and to provide service to others as volunteers. There is currently a need for volunteers to help prepare taxes in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). There are no prior experience requirements to become a VITA volunteer. You will be trained by IRS and full introduced to the tax preparation computer program. VITA program volunteers helped 85 citizens last year at Roy Boys and Girls Club facility, and there appears to be a greater need this coming tax season. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer in this worthwhile program please contact OWCAP at <http://www.owcap.org/volunteer>.



Head Start Preschool

Applications and eligibility information for families wishing to enroll their children ages 3 or 4 in Head Start can be downloaded in English or Spanish at: <http://www.owcap.org/headstart>.

Other Services Available:

The OWCAP provides other needed community services on site:

Emergency Food Pantry is opened:
<http://www.owcap.org/food-pantry>

Monday & Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm
Wednesday 3pm-6pm
1st Saturday of the month 9am-12pm

Adult Education provides ESL classes, GED and High School Completion courses in partnership with the Weber County School District. For more information please visit: <http://www.owcap.org/education>

Volunteer

Do you have a desire to give back and assist Roy and other Weber County communities in a needful and meaningful way? There are many opportunities for individuals and groups to serve others at the OWCAP. For more information and a list of service opportunities please visit: <http://www.owcap.org/volunteer>

Boys Jr. Jazz Basketball

Registration: November 1st – December 2nd

Games Start in January

Ages: 2nd – 9th grade

REGISTER ON LINE AT: www.royrecreation.com

Please call (801) 774-1048 for more information.



Message from your Fire Department

Here are some guidelines regarding camping and recreational fires.

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Open burning recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating or other approved onsite fire equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, or water barrel will be available for immediate utilization.
- Fires must not be larger than 3 feet in diameter
- Burning of any material other than firewood, briquettes, propane is prohibited
- No burning is allowed on red burn days and/or clearing index under 500
- Roy City Fire Department reserves the right to have the fire extinguished at any time
- Permissible Recreational Fires
- When not prohibited by other laws, or by other officials having jurisdiction and provided that a nuisance is not created, the following types of open burning are permissible without securing a permit according to Utah Administrative Code R307-202-6.
- In devices for the primary purpose of preparing food such as outdoor grills and fireplaces
- Campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes where such fires are under control
- In indoor fireplaces and residential solid fuel burning devices.
- Non – Permissible Burning
- Burning of waste material prohibited
- No burning of accelerants such as gasoline, kerosene or other petroleum is allowed.
- No burning of any material which may cause severe air pollution.

Thanks for keeping our community fire safe!



Adult Flag Football Tournament

Registration: October 1st – October 31st

Game will be: November 5th

Fee: \$225.00 per team (2 game guarantee)

Ages: 16 and up

The Adult Flag Football Tournament will be held November 5, 2016. We are only able to take a limited amount of teams so sign up early!

REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.royrecreation.com or call (801) 774-1048 for more information.



Roy City Complex

WELCOME ALL FAMILIES AND YOUTH GROUPS!

FALL IS THE TIME TO SWIM! Come enjoy the pool without the crowds of summer. Work on your skills for scouts and camps without struggling for pool space. Enjoy an evening with the family with plenty of room to play together.

ATTENTION ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS! We are anticipating a new gym floor this Fall! Come check it out and get ready for team tryouts. Beginning in November youth teams can rent a court on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Call us at (801) 774-1050 for more details.

Swim Lessons are offered year round. Classes are held either on Monday/Wednesday evenings or Tuesday/Thursday evenings between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Registration begins the second Monday each month for the following month's lessons.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS- September and October are the only months we offer Adult Lessons. In September we teach the beginner level. This is for those who have never swam or those who learned as children, but aren't comfortable with the breathing. We can help you no matter how nervous you are about it! Come learn in a relaxed enjoyable atmosphere.

The October class is for those who know how to swim the front crawl, but would like to get better and learn other strokes and swim skills. If you have questions, contact Cindy at (801) 774-1050.

STRENGTH TRAINING FOR WOMEN- Muscle strength and bone density for women are of major concern. Come join our class. We work all the major muscle groups in the body. We work using mats, dumbbells and resistant tubing. Workout in a relaxed atmosphere without the pressure of the gym environment.

Co-ed Kindergarten and 1st Grade Basketball Season (Playing Games)

Registration: Now Available – September 16th

Games: Saturdays- October 8th thru December 17th

Please NOTE this league is normally played during the months of January and February but to better accommodate our teams with practice and game space we moved this season to begin October 8th this year.

REGISTER ON LINE AT: www.royrecreation.com or call (801) 774-1048 for more information.



Roy City Farmers Market

The Roy City Farmers Market is held every Saturday August 20th through the end of September from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at George Wahlen North Park; 4200 S. 1900 W. Come support our local farmers and vendors. We have wide variety of vendors and plenty of shade.

Diabetes Prevention Class Offered in Ogden

Nearly 619,000 adults in Utah have prediabetes, and 9 out of 10 people with prediabetes don't know they have it.

If you fall into one of these categories, you can do something about it by participating in the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP), a new class offered in the Ogden area by the Weber-Morgan Health Department and the YMCA of Northern Utah. Participants learn easy evidence-based lifestyle changes such as eating healthier, including physical activity into their daily lives, and improving problem-solving and coping skills. This program helps people with prediabetes and/or at risk for Type 2 diabetes make achievable and realistic lifestyle changes and cut their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by 58 percent.

For more information, or to enroll in the NDPP, please contact Stephanie Norton-Bredl at 801-839-3380. Find out your risk by going to www.doihaveprediabetes.org, or ask your healthcare provider today.



We all Live Downstream

This is a friendly reminder that discharging or washing antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, paints and solvents into the storm drain system is illegal. Antifreeze is also attractive and harmful to animals. Please dispose of hazardous materials in the proper manner and place. The Weber County Solid Waste Transfer Station, 801-399-8358, may be contacted for information on hazardous material disposal.

Roy City would like to thank the citizens who have assisted with storm water drainage by clearing leaves and debris from the gutters and the storm drain grates. Citizens can be a big help in the winter months also by clearing snow and ice away from the grates until the city crews arrive to clear them.

The Roy City storm water system runs through the Meadow Creek fishing pond. This water is vital to the pond and must be kept clean. Please dispose of grass clippings, pet waste, paint, tree leaves and seeds, etc., properly and help keep our city streets as well as streams and rivers clean.

Please contact the Roy City Public Works Department to report violations at (801) 774-1090 or (801) 774-1098. Our current storm water ordinance is on our website at www.royutah.org.

Roy High School Fall Musical Production

Roy High Schools Fall Musical Production is "*The Wedding Singer*". Performance dates are: Thursday, November 17th, Friday, November 18th, Saturday, November 19th and Monday, November 23th. All performances are at 7:00 p.m. in the Roy High Large Auditorium.



We will have a dinner/show for Senior Citizens that will be held on Wednesday, November 16th with the play immediately following. You will be able to pick up tickets at Roy High School or the Roy Senior Center beginning Monday, November 1.

Senior Corner

Don't miss out on the following events!

Flu Shots

October 13th 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Witches Tea

October 27th 1:30 p.m.

Sign up early (limited seated)

Computer Classes start in September. Please come in and sign up.

We will be holding our Annual Fall & Holiday fashion show on Thursday, November 10th. More information to come. Please sign-up early as seating limited.

For more information regarding any of these events, please contact the Senior Center at (801) 773-0860.



Tree Trimming

With the beginning of the school season, we would like to remind citizens to keep trees and bushes trimmed so they don't block the view of any traffic signs (school crossing signs, stop signs, address signs, etc.), sidewalks, or roadways. Sidewalks need to have a minimum clearance of 7 feet and roadways need to have a minimum clearance of 13 ½ feet to allow snowplows, street sweepers, and commercial trucks to pass without damaging the vehicles or trees.

Joint Public Safety Open House

Join the Roy Fire Department and Roy City Police Department for our Annual Public Safety open house on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Station #31, 5051 S. 1900 W. We will have activities, education and fun for the whole family.

Some of the vendors joining us for this year's Open House are:

- Roy City K-9 Dog
- Search and Rescue K-9 Demo
- Search and Rescue Air Boat (wind rides)
- Your Community Connection
- Children's Justice Center
- Weber County Sherriff Mustang
- Boys and Girls Club of Weber/Davis
- Utah Highway Patrol Seatbelt Convincer
- Weber County Department of Health
- Air Med
- Life Flight
- Davis Hospital
- McKay Hospital
- Ogden Regional Hospital
- American Red Cross
- Weber County Sheriff's Department
- Davis County Sheriff's Department
- Roy City CERT
- Hill Field Fire Department