

# The Friday Update

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**COOS BAY POLICE LOG PUBLISHED ON INTERNET** – In what may be a first for law enforcement agencies, the Coos Bay Police Department public log is now posted each morning to the Internet. Persons with Internet access may go on-line to view police department activity in Coos Bay. The log is extracted from the police department's dispatch database, and then remotely uploaded to the Internet. The updates are currently posted around 6:00 in the morning daily. Confidential information is not included in the public log in order to protect the integrity of ongoing investigations.

Chief Chuck Knight sees the police log posting on the Internet as a way of enhancing communication between the police department and the community. He also cites the public's right to know what the police are doing as an additional benefit to the community. The police log may be accessed by logging onto the Internet at <http://www.coosbay-pd.net>.

**POLICE STAFF ATTEND DATA BASE TRAINING** – Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth and Support Services Supervisor Linda Spence, attended a twelve hour training session this week on data base management and the retrieval of records from the Area Information and Records System (AIRS) in Eugene, Oregon. The police department's computerized records are housed on the system and the new report and management program is part of a system upgrade.

**OMI STAFF WIN REGIONAL AWARD** - The PNCWA (Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association) recently awarded the OMI staff with a Safety Award for having no lost-time accidents throughout 2001. The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the water quality in the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. They promote the technical development of their members, the dissemination of information to the public and the advancement of science needed to protect the water environment.

**BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS** - It is time once again to renew your business license; the deadline for renewal is January 31<sup>st</sup>. After January 31<sup>st</sup> the fee will increase due to the 10% penalty per month. Drop by or mail your renewal for today. If you have any questions or need a new form, call us at 269-8918.