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Car Care Program

Warrenton, OR – The Warrenton Police Department has become a participant in **Oregon's Car Care Program**. The program originally started with the Oregon State Police (OSP) who have since expanded the program to include the Oregon Association Chief's of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) to provide City Police Officers, County Sheriff's Deputies, and State Police Troopers the ability to issue an "Oregon Car Care Voucher" that provides a discount on automotive parts purchased at participating auto parts stores (some restrictions will apply).

Oregon's Car Care Program was developed as a way to improve vehicle safety and roadway safety by assisting drivers to fix minor equipment defects on their vehicle. An officer will stop a vehicle with a headlight out or other minor equipment violation and the officer will issue a warning and advise the driver to get the violation fixed or repaired. Many times, the driver has limited financial resources and puts off the repair to be able to pay other necessities like rent, groceries, etc. Unfortunately, this can affect the safety of the vehicle and that of others on the roadway. Officer, deputies, and troopers understand financial priorities but also want to have safe vehicles on the roadway so being able to provide a "Oregon Car Care Voucher" to help save money on purchasing equipment and help the driver get it fixed is a win all the way around!

The WPD contacted the following local auto parts stores in Clatsop County and they have agreed to participate or are participating in the program:

- Auto Zone Auto Parts 1470 SE Discovery Lane Warrenton, OR 97146
- NAPA (Sunset Auto Parts) 710 W. Marine Dr. Astoria, OR 97103
- NAPA (Sunset Auto Parts) 909 S. Holladay Dr. Seaside, OR 97138
- O'Reilly Auto Parts 1649 SE Ensign Lane Warrenton, IR 97146

Astoria Police Department will be joining the program soon along with other agencies on the Coast too.



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