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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Train Together to Improve Active Threat Response

December 27, 2013-The recent anniversaries of the Sandy Hook and Clackamas Town Center tragedies are somber reminders that incidents involving shooters or acts of terrorism continue to increase. Many lessons have been learned from these tragic events, including the importance of timely care for injured victims and the efficient coordination between police and medical responders.

For the last 14 years, the Washington County Sheriff's Office has been training deputies and other law enforcement agencies in active threat response to identify and quickly stop a threat, particularly in a crowded public environment.

During intensive two-week training currently underway, the Sheriff's Office is sharing their knowledge and experience with firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R). They are focusing on the quick set up of a Casualty Collection Point (CCP) to allow medical personnel to enter a shooting scene as soon as possible. The CCP is an area that has been deemed reasonably safe from further violence and identified as a location to relocate victims for immediate medical care. Training is also focused on improving the prioritization of victims by their level of injury to assist the most critical first.

The Sheriff's Office and TVF&R are pleased to have this opportunity to train together to provide improved services to the citizens of Washington County and wish to thank the Beaverton School District for generously allowing the use of their school buildings to facilitate the training in a real-life environment while students and staff are on winter break.

The Sheriff's Office urges anyone who hears of or has knowledge of someone talking about harming others to please notify their local law enforcement.

Sheriff Pat Garrett and TVF&R Chief Dustin Morrow will be at a Beaverton middle school on Monday, December 30, 2013, to observe the training. The media is invited to attend the event and interact with the Sheriff and Chief. Please call Sergeant Ray for details.