



### Do You Need a Police Officer After Hours?

The Police Department has settled into the new building at the Independence Civic Center, but we have noticed that sometimes our people do not know how to get in touch with us after regular business hours.

Basically, contacting a police officer after hours is the same as contacting one during normal working hours - just call (503) 838-1214. This is a 24-hour phone number. After hours the call is either answered by an officer at the station, or most of the time it is transferred to a call taker who will relay the message to the on-duty officer.

Some people like to come to the police department to talk with a police officer in person. To do this you can enter the Main Street doors of the Civic Center building (they are unlocked at all times). Inside the lobby is a wall phone that has 2 optional phone lines inside. One option is to push a button to be contacted to 911 and the other button will dial the same office number listed above. Just stay on the line and you will be connected to the after-hours call taker. You can wait at the Civic Center for an officer to return your call or you can return home and wait for a phone call, but in some cases the officer will be busy and will not be able to return your call for hours or possibly even until the following day.

The best method is to call directly from home and wait for a return call. If you want to talk to an officer in person, you can ask that they come to your house or set up a time and meet them at the police department. Just remember that at some times we only have one officer working and if they are at the jail, at the hospital, or on a priority call, they are not available to return a phone call right away. We will return your call as quickly as we can. Remember, any actual in-progress crime or other emergency should be a 911 call. This will get a faster response from us or the nearest available agency.

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