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NATURE OF STORY: Parking Safety Reminder

DETAILS:

On January 28, 2018, the Lane County Sheriff’s Office received information that approximately 40 vehicles were parked on S. Willamette Street near Spencer Butte where the road is marked as a no-parking area. The vehicles were parked on both sides of the roadway, and nearly all of the vehicles were on the fog line, forcing drivers to cross into oncoming lanes for extended distances. This creates a hazard for motorists and pedestrians in the area.

Deputies responded to the area as multiple calls regarding the issue had come through the Dispatch Center. Deputies issued six parking citations just before dusk for vehicles that remained in the area. Vehicles that are parked unsafely are also subject to be towed at the owner’s expense.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind community members of the hazards of parking in no-parking areas, particularly high traffic roadways with little to no shoulder.

As time allows, deputies will continue to monitor the area to ensure the roadway is free of hazards that increase the risk of traffic crashes and injuries.

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