



**Lincoln County  
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# TIP OF THE WEEK

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### REPORTING WILDLIFE INCIDENTS

Traveling on the roads and highways of Lincoln County offer many wonderful sightseeing opportunities such as beautiful sunsets over the Pacific, ships and shops on our bay fronts, and seemingly endless forest lands to explore. However, while traveling through the community for work or play, we must also be mindful that this area is the natural habitat of several species of wildlife. It's important to be alert and aware of possible wildlife while commuting. Though it's unlikely to see a whale on the highway, you may come across deer, elk, and birds. In the unfortunate event that you or someone else is unable to avoid a collision with wildlife, the following steps are recommended:

- If you are on a State Highway, in a State Park, on the beaches, or if the animal is protected under Oregon Revised Statute (such as anything hunted or fished in Lincoln County), please contact the Oregon State Police at 541-265-5353 or dial \*677 from a mobile phone.
- If you're in the cities of Lincoln City, Newport, or Toledo; Contact the city police department:
  - Lincoln City Police Department Dispatch (non-emergency) – 541-994-3636
  - Newport Police Department Dispatch (non-emergency – 541-574-5807
  - Toledo Police Department Dispatch (non-emergency) – 541-336-5555
- If you're in any other part of Lincoln County or if the animal involved is a pet or livestock; Contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 541-265-0777

It is possible to transfer calls between Dispatch Centers but being put on hold multiple times can be frustrating. To avoid this, it's important to know which center to contact

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initially. By doing so, Law Enforcement can provide the best quality service. If there is an emergency, always call 911.

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