



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Local Dispatch Center Receives Dozens of Calls Regarding Coyotes

November 11, 2016 – Washington County 911 dispatchers have been receiving dozens of calls in recent days regarding coyote sightings in urban areas. While a coyote sighting in your local neighborhood can be alarming, the Sheriff's Office is asking the public to refrain from calling 911 and tying up emergency resources to report a sighting.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) website offers information regarding coyotes.

Most of the time, coyotes are considered by some to be more of a nuisance than actually a threat. They are by nature wary of humans. ODFW provides some suggestions for the public to minimize the potential for conflicts with coyotes:

- Do not leave small children unattended outdoors if coyotes have been frequenting the area.
- Feed pets indoors and do not leave pet food or water bowls outside
- Supervise pets when they are outside
- Do not leave cats or small dogs out after dark
- Secure garbage and garbage cans in an area inaccessible to wild animals
- Trim and clear vegetation that provides cover for coyotes or their prey
- Clean barbecues regularly



If you observe coyotes in the daytime that show no fear of humans or if a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact your local law enforcement and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 503-947-6000 or 800-720-ODFW (6339). Additional information can be found at the ODFW website http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/coyotes.asp.