



## City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Milestones Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

#### New Fire Cadet Program

The CDA FD has started a new training program aimed at preparing the next generation of Firefighters. The Fire Cadet program is aimed at high school seniors who may be interested in a career in public safety. The Cadet program allows the interested senior the ability to job shadow an assigned crew for an entire semester; training, cleaning, running calls, etc. with his/her assigned crew. The process to become a Cadet is designed to mimic that of an entry level firefighter; an extensive application, a physical agility test, a formal interview, and a mini-academy for those that are successful. In addition to great life experience and a “back-stage” look at this esteemed profession, Cadets will receive elective credits through their school. This program is a cooperative effort between the FD and the Coeur d’Alene School District.. Interested High School seniors should contact their school counselor before the start of the next semester to submit an application. CDA FD will consider up to 9 positions per semester in coordination with the high school counselors.



#### “Under the Rainbow” Gets Reflective Cable Covers

In an effort to improve the night time illumination of the “Under the Rainbow” arch in McEuen Park, the City’s Arts Commission recently had the steels cables on the structure wrapped with PVC Pipes covered with a white reflective vinyl. The larger pipes and reflective tape will provide more surface area and reflective value for the LED lights in the evening.



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#### **David Hagar: Fighting Crime and Enjoying the Four Seasons**

David Hagar, the City’s new Police Captain left a community in Arizona of nearly half a million people and says he is enjoying Coeur d’Alene’s natural beauty and temperate climate. Municipal Milestones recently caught up with Captain Hagar to learn more about new role with the City.

**Tell us a little bit about yourself and your family:** I started my law enforcement experience as a volunteer

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In addition, higher-intensity LED lights were installed, increasing the visibility of the arch from throughout the downtown area. The project was completed by CW Wraps and Marketing, who has also worked with the City on wrapping police vehicles and the Arts Commission on wrapping electrical utility boxes with local art.

## CDA Fire Department Joins Idaho Department of Lands Statewide Burn Permit Program

Residents in the City of Coeur d'Alene will now be able to obtain a yard waste burn permit, for free, online. Citizens will now be able to go online from their own home or mobile device and apply for a permit. They can make this request 24/7 at their convenience, and will no longer have to drive to a fire station to obtain a permit. Residents of the City of Coeur d'Alene will still need to obtain a slash permit in person at 300 E. Foster, the FD Administration building, so that the FD can ensure that an inspection is performed prior to starting a slash pile burn. If residents do not have access to the internet they can still go to their local fire station for assistance. The Coeur d'Alene Public Library also offers internet access. To obtain a yard waste burn permit, go to this address: <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/> and click either new permit or renew permit (once your account is set up).

## Arbor Day Celebration 2016, a Success

The City of Coeur d'Alene celebrated its 32nd consecutive year as a Tree City USA recently at McEuen Park. The annual Arbor Day event started out with the planting of 17 new trees in the park. Dedicated Urban Forestry volunteers, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Parks staff got their hands dirty for a great cause. The new park trees will provide additional shade for areas close to park amenities such as the splash pad, playground, basketball courts and tennis courts. Mayor Widmyer and Councilmember Gookin accepted the Tree City USA award and flag from Stephen Drinkard, the



when I was a teenager with the Explorer Program in Mesa, AZ, and spent nearly 24 years employed by the City of Mesa before retiring this past February as a Commander with the Mesa Police Department. I thoroughly enjoy the outdoors and spending time with my family.

**Why Coeur d'Alene?** It is no secret that Coeur d'Alene has so much to offer including four seasons and all of the outdoor activities that go along with them. After vacationing in North Idaho last summer, my family and I fell in love with the sense of community and the friendliness of everyone we encountered. There is something so enriching about a smaller community.

## What are your main responsibilities as Coeur d'Alene's new Police Captain, and what are the challenges that you face?

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department has a great team of men and women working here and they are eager to continue to grow and expand their knowledge and capabilities in policing. As the Patrol Captain, it is my role to ensure the already motivated officers have the resources they need to effectively do their jobs and to remove any obstacles they encounter in serving the people in our community. It is my responsibility to ensure that we are using Intelligence Led Policing techniques to ensure we are efficiently deploying our resources and are addressing the issues that are most important to our community and the businesses that make Coeur d'Alene the northwest destination city that it is.

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North Idaho Community Forestry Coordinator. Coeur d'Alene also received the Sterling Award recognizing 10 Growth Awards for the community. The Growth Awards highlight innovative programs and projects, as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. John Schwandt, an Urban Forestry volunteer, was recognized for coordinating the Arbor Day button and seedling program that distributes seedlings to 4th graders. John has overseen the program since the start 30 years ago, which has distributed 69,000 seedlings to 4th graders in the county. Other festivities included guided hikes on Tubbs Hill with the Native Plant Society, free tree seedlings, tree care information, door prizes and a free lunch sponsored by Sun Valley Tree Service.

### Hydrant Flushing & Painting

The Water Department is starting its annual fire hydrant flushing & painting program. The area of work this year will be from Huetter Road east to the City limits, and from Dalton Avenue south to Lunceford Lane. The work will last through the summer months. Water Department personnel will be on scene of all flushing and painting. Please contact Rob Stark, 769-2218 with any questions or concerns.

### Coeur d'Alene PD Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department recently held their annual awards ceremony at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Event Center. For giving his life in the line of duty and making the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of his community, Sgt. Greg Moore was posthumously awarded the highest honor that the PD can bestow upon a service member: the Medal of Honor. No greater sacrifice can be made, and no higher award can be given. Chief White said, "Most cops will tell you that oftentimes being an award recipient is a function of timing—that any one of us in uniform would have performed similarly in the same situation. But the fact that we are a profession of honorable men and women, who selflessly serve our communities with pride and professionalism, does not diminish the importance of recognizing those who act with courage and compassion." Special thanks to the Resort for their donation of the facility and hors d'oeuvres for the event.



### What is the Coeur d'Alene Police Department doing to promote a safe community?

The PD just implemented a Community Action Team which includes a Sergeant and four officers who have a mission of addressing chronic issues within the community and developing long term solutions. We have a large social media presence and share information about crime trends and issues of concern to our community. We will be launching a new crime prevention campaign designed around the theme of "Lock It or Lose It" to combat property crime. The culture of "ownership" of the crime problem is prevalent within the department and our members want to make Coeur d'Alene the safest city possible.

### What can citizens do to become involved?

There are a multitude of ways for citizens to become involved with policing. We have volunteers in the PD who assist the PD with various assignments. Being involved, however, does not require a formal relationship with the department, but just being engaged in the community. It can be as simple as calling the PD when they see something that just isn't right. We need as many eyes and ears in the community to bring things to our attention as possible. On an individual level, we ask that people take proper precautions to avoid being a victim of crime. In reviewing a recent week's crime activity, every vehicle burglary that was reported involved an unlocked car or one with its windows rolled down and valuables left in plain view. It only takes a few seconds of prevention to not be a victim.