

Parking Warning Issuance



Limited parking is a problem for visitors in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The large influx of visitors and their vehicles causes congestion and unsafe conditions for pedestrians on the roadway. Citizen Patrol volunteers may offer a partial solution to this problem by offering visible patrols with verbal or written warnings.

Citizen Patrol members who have received this training will be authorized to issue written parking warnings in the unincorporated area of Multnomah County, east of the Sandy River.

Parking warnings are a tool used by law enforcement officers as an alternative to an actual citations involving a fine and/or towing.

Deputies spend numerous hours dealing with parking issues and hazards in the Columbia River gorge. Citizen Patrol members may ease this burden by providing a visible presence and issuing written reminders when a parking violation has occurred.

The MCSO administration will monitor the progress of this mission to see if it eases congestion and parking problems in the gorge. The issuance of actual citations is still being researched.

Towing of vehicles is an option for deputies. However, the time needed to tow a vehicle can greatly interfere with the patrol response of a deputy for other critical situations. Towing a vehicle can also leave the vehicle owner and occupants stranded for long periods of time. This problem can be compounded when the occupants include the elderly, children or others with special needs. Inclement weather such as heat, rain or cold may further exacerbate the problem. This may also require the response of a deputy to provide further assistance. Hence, the towing of vehicles is generally reserved for extreme cases of indifference, hazards, blocking traffic flow or overall public safety.

Verbal reminders or warnings to the driver are preferred whenever possible. However, if the driver isn't present then written violation warnings are appropriate.

Confrontation is to be avoided. If you encounter an angry citizen, attempt to calmly advise them of the parking problem. If the situation escalates, leave the area and call for a deputy if necessary.

Issuing Parking Violation Warning Notices:

- Citizen Patrol members will only issue warning notices on the official notices provided.
- Warning notices will only be written for violations occurring in the unincorporated area of Multnomah County, east of the Sandy River.
- The portion of the Warning Notice for the name, address, operator's license number, date of birth, sex, race etc. will be filled-in with merely a dashed line or "NA" since this information will not be available to you.
- Fill out the date, time and vehicle license plate number and its state of issuance (i.e. Oregon, California etc.).
- Write a dash or "NA" in the year and model if it's unknown. Do not guess the year of model of the vehicle.
- "Body" the body type of the vehicle. Common options for this are: "2-door", "4-door", "PU (pick up)", "SUV" or "RV".
- It's important to fill-in the correct location. "On" is the road where the violation occurred. "At Or Near" is either the street address, hundred block, milepost, or an exact location. For example, ON E. Columbia River Hwy. AT OR NEAR Multnomah Falls. Or, ON Jordan Road AT OR NEAR I84 ramp. OR E. Columbia River Hwy AT OR NEAR ¼ mile EO (east of) Horsetail Falls.
- The bottom portion of the form has seven lines in which the actual violation(s) may be written. List each violation on its own line if possible. Then write the fine amount with the words "IF CITED". For example, "No Parking Anytime- \$40-\$110 IF CITED". Below is a list of the violations and their associated fines in which a warning may be issued:

Bike Lane	\$40- \$110
Block Driveway	\$40- \$110
Block View Intersection	\$40- \$110
Blocking Mailbox	\$25- \$110
Bus Zone	\$40- \$110
Compact Car Only	\$25- \$110
Cycles Only	\$35- \$110
Disable Parking Placard- Misuse	\$190
Disabled Parking Only	\$190
Double Parking	\$40- \$110
Emergency Zone	\$40- \$110
Expired Registration/ Tags	\$35- \$110
Fire Hydrant	\$100- \$110
Fog Line (On or Over)	\$25- \$110
Hazard (A Deputy May Tow)	\$40- \$110
Improperly Secured Vehicle	\$40- \$110
Keys Left in Car	\$25- \$110
Leave Motor Running	\$25- \$110
Loading Zone	\$40- \$110
No Front (or Rear) Plate	\$35- \$110
No Parking Anytime	\$40- \$110
No Stop or Park	\$40- \$110
Non-Designated Parking	\$25- \$110
Official Zone	\$25- \$110
Over 1-Foot from Curb	\$16- \$110
Over Space Line	\$16- \$110
Park over Crosswalk	\$40- \$110
Park over Sidewalk	\$40- \$110
Pedestrian Way	\$40- \$110
Reserved Zone	\$40- \$110
Tow Away Zone	\$40- \$110
Wrong Way on Street	\$25- \$110
Yellow Curb	\$40- \$110

- Print your first initial and full last name on the bottom line. It's acceptable to sign your name or initial. Include the date issued.
- Print "by Citizen Patrol" in the line above your signature.
- The yellow carbon copy of the Warning Notices will be affixed under the driver's side windshield wiper blade in plain sight. If a wiper blade is not available, then it must be affixed in another visible location.
- The white/ original copy will be retained and forwarded to the MCSO liaison deputy.
- Submit the completed warning slips in a timely manner; generally within a week of issuance. Submit your warnings to the inbox in the SAT office. You may also obtain additional parking warning booklets and theft warning flyers.

- The Liaison Deputy will provide you with a pocket-sized laminated card with the above-listed parking violations.

SAMPLE VIOLATION WARNING NOTICE:

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
VIOLATION WARNING NOTICE

SAMPLE *SAMPLE*

ON THE 21st DAY OF May 2013 AT 2:15 O'CLOCK AM PM

NAME NA LAST FIRST MIDDLE

RES. ADD. RES. PHONE

CITY STATE ZIP

OP LIC NO. STATE

DOB SEX RACE

DID IMPROPERLY OPERATE VEHICLE LIC. NO. ABC 123 STATE OR

YEAR 4 MAKE Chev MODEL BODY 4-door

ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

ON E. Columbia River Hwy AT OR NEAR 35000 block

VIOLATION WARNING NOTICE ISSUED FOR	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; text-align: center; opacity: 0.5;">WARNING</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">Wrong Way on Street \$25 - \$110 if cited</p>
	by - Citizen Patrol

Help save lives...drive carefully

DATE 5/21/13 OFFICER'S SIGNATURE Graziano NUMBER 632 (7/98)

NAME :
LAST
FIRST
MIDDLE