

Wow! This has been an interesting year to say the least. With that said, our character and wherewithal has been challenged several times over. The most important questions I continually ask myself are...did I step up to the plate to be a better person, was I kinder, did I help make other's lives just a little better by helping bring a smile or a sense of comfort by my actions and words? Additionally, what has the Carlton Police Department done to improve its service for the citizens, businesses and visitors of Carlton?

COVID-19 changed the way the world works and created new challenges some of which opened new and creative ways of doing things that will help us all in our work as well as in our personal and public lives in the future. We also experienced a civil unrest that was felt around the world. They will forever change law enforcement accountability and use of force in hopes of accomplishing a more improved partnership between police and community. Lastly, Oregon and the Carlton community has never experienced the impact of wildfires as we did this year. Ultimately we all came together to help those in need.

Over the last year, in light of the pandemic, unrest, and natural disasters, the Carlton Police Department has continued to stand strong and maintain its momentum in self-examination and improvement, as well as, improve the safety and livability within the city of Carlton. The department again successfully obtained re-accreditation for the third time, hired a new police officer and released a 10 year department report that captured what the Carlton Police Department has been about over the last 10 years. We had several emergency vehicle parades in conjunction with the Carlton Fire District to help uplift the community spirit. Our Halloween parade was incredible as we were able to add 8 Porsches that donned the police department's patch. The Porsches were graciously donated and decaled by a citizen that is passionate about the police department and community partnership. The Porsches were sanctioned as honorary police vehicles for the day.

Let's all remember to share our kindness and good character with others and in doing so, together, we will have an incredible 2021 year!

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Best wishes and Happy Holidays from your community partners: Chief Kevin Martinez, Senior Officer Jake Blair, Officer Tim Jordan & Officer Micah Steeves

