

Drumright Rotary hears from Women Police Officers

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Rotarian, Linda Crane, introduced her guests, Shana McDonalds and Vickie Guyer, at Friday's Drumright Rotary Club meeting.



Linda Crane, Shana McDonalds, Vickie Guyer

Both Shana and Vickie are reserve officers for the Drumright Police Department. Each holds a full time job in addition to serving as a Reserve Police Officer. For Shana, the calling to get involved in Drumright's Police Department came about five years ago. There was a need for women officers in the department. Shana received her Reserve Certification and has since received her Lab Technician Certification.

Both Shana and Vickie serve as the only two women in Drumright. Women officers are required whenever there is a need to transport a female suspect or a situation where children are involved.

Shana received her Lab Technician Certification so she would be available to assist in the search for drugs. Oklahoma state law requires two techs at the scene of a suspected drug location. Shana has been involved in finding and eliminating local meth labs. Meth labs have changed over the years, according to Shana. Most of the labs found today are compact, usually inside a plastic bottle the size of a personal water or sports drink bottle. Of course these labs are extremely dangerous and can possibly explode. An exploding meth lab is similar to a flame thrower, Shana explained.

Meth lab sites are expensive to clean as well. Only personnel with the correct certification can clean a site; and the cost can be two-thousand dollars and up-ward depending on the location.

With the compact nature of meth labs, the lab itself can be hidden almost anywhere – including under a car seat. This can make finding the meth labs more difficult. But routine traffic stops, for things like a missing tag light, gives the officers a reason to make contact with a driver. This opportunity helps them fight the war on drugs.

Thank you, Shana and Vickie, for being guests of Drumright Rotary Club and providing us insight from a female police officer's perspective.

Please join us at Friday's meeting hosted by Rotarian, Dick Seeberger, and his guest Senator, Brian Bingman.

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