

OCEAN SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

Chief of Police Richard W. McEachin

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The Ocean Shores Police Department is asking for the public's help in an effort to determine the identity of individuals who may information regarding the accidental dunes fire that occurred on July 3rd in the dunes near the Taurus Beach Approach. The fire scorched approximately 25 acres of dunes adjacent to 500 block of Sand Dune Ave SW and caused the evacuation of a dozen homes. Nine agencies from the surrounding area with 28 units were involved in fighting the blaze. Fireworks are believed to be the cause of the fire.

Witnesses have indicated that at least two older teen-age boys and a couple of younger boys were seen in the area of where the fire apparently started. Investigation so far has failed to identify the boys and it is believed that they are not local residents. It is believed that they may have been visiting or camping in the area near Taurus Blvd since they were on foot. The two individuals that the police are looking for are older teenage boys. One boy has the first name of "Tyler" and is described as in his late teens, approximately 6'2"-6'4", short bleached hair and wearing a white T-shirt with a green emblem design on it. The second boy has a first name of "Brandon" and is average height, dark hair, wearing a black T-shirt.

If you have any information as to the identity of these individuals please contact the Ocean Shores Police Department at 360-289-3331.

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