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Sheriff's Office Updating Patrol Fleet with Subaru Outbacks

April 1, 2018 – The Washington County Sheriff's Office has completed the testing phase of a new line of Subaru Outback patrol vehicles that will soon replace the agency's entire fleet. The upgrade aims to build bridges with the community and create a less-hostile perception of local law enforcement.

"In our endless search for ways to connect with the communities we serve, we asked ourselves, 'What's one common thing that most Oregonians have in their lives (other than a kombucha home brew kit and an OPB membership)? Once we realized the answer was a Subaru, we immediately placed an order to update our entire fleet," a WCSO spokesperson said.

The Subaru Outbacks will be outfitted with everything a deputy needs to effectively fight crime in the area, with the added luxury of all-wheel drive and kayak racks. Since the Outbacks blend in so well with the surrounding environment and appear less noticeable on the road, it will ultimately help deputies to catch traffic violations and criminal activity that might otherwise be compromised in a "traditional" patrol vehicle.

"The transition process has been challenging," another WCSO spokesperson said, "On my first shift test-driving the Sube, I totally lost it in a sea of other Subes at the New Seasons parking lot. It took me twenty minutes to find it – it was so embarrassing. But hey, that's what panic buttons on key fobs are for, right?"

Deputies would like to remind the public that it is April 1 and to not believe everything they read on the internet. Happy April Fool's Day!