

CITY of BEAVERTON

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BEAVERTON NAMED SAFEST CITY IN OREGON

BEAVERTON, Ore. — The city of Beaverton is the safest city in Oregon and the second safest in the Pacific Northwest according to the CQ Press publication, *The City Crime Rate Rankings 2012-2013: Crime in the Metropolitan America.* The city improved its ranking from last year, from 64th to 55th in the nation. Beaverton's crime rate is also below the national average.

"I'm proud to say that Beaverton is the safest city in Oregon," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Each and every day the brave men and women of the Beaverton Police Department go above and beyond to keep us safe."

Beaverton has made the safest city list for six consecutive years for a number of reasons including the fact that police response times are excellent and the city highly values safety and appropriately funds its police.

"Beaverton is a very safe and responsible community," said Beaverton Police Chief Geoff Spalding. "For every 1,000 residents that move to Beaverton, the city brings on nearly 1.5 full time sworn officers. The city maintains this ratio to ensure excellent response times, a strong police presence and the ability to maintain a high level of self-initiated calls for service. This serves as a deterrent to crime."

The crime rate rankings of cities and metropolitan areas are calculated annually by CQ Press using six crime categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents. For more information about the City Crime Rate Rankings, please visit http://www.CQPress.com/pages/cc1213.

"We take the public's safety seriously and we will continue to stay vigilant," said Chief Spalding.

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. Most recently, the city was awarded the **2012 Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council and one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named one of the best places to raise kids by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an All-America City finalist, as one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement by *Forbes.com*, one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America by *Prevention* magazine, the Recycler of the Year from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, a Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community

designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton.

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