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Police Department heating and cooling system saves money and water

Prineville, Oregon

Early in 2011, in cooperation with Public Works, the Prineville Police Department installed a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. The upgrade was fully funded with a U.S. Department of Environmental Quality grant. The new system replaced the aging one that was first installed when the building was constructed in 1956. Over the years the old system, which is based on the use of fresh water, experienced several failures, which led to inefficient modifications, just to keep it operational.

The City applied for and received a grant in 2010 to upgrade the HVAV system, which was installed early in 2011. Since the installation of the new system, the Police Department has saved more than 1,100,000 gallons of water **per month**. This represents a significant benefit to tax payers, by making more water available for our citizens, thereby extending the life of existing City water resources.

The installation of this system is a great example of tax dollars being used in a manner that not only lowers the long term costs for our community but protects the environment.

Eric Bush
Chief of Police