
Clackamas Co. police try high-tech ticket system

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CLACKAMAS -- Clackamas County is going high-tech with its ticketing process. No more messy writing to decipher - the new system looks more like a Palm Pilot than a ticket log.

For the first time in Oregon history, cops are using e-ticket machines to scan drivers licenses, collect information and even print out tickets on the spot for drivers.

"It's easier for them to use. It's a heck of a lot easier for us to use," said Sgt. John Naccarato with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.



The palm-held machines also automatically enter the ticket information into a county database which cuts down on costly data processing hours.

"We enter the data once, then records would have to enter it, then DMV would have to enter it, then circuit court would have to enter it. What this allows is the data to be entered one time," explained officer Brian Jenson with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

The six devices were purchased using a state transportation grant at a cost of \$3,500 per unit. Authorities believe the money will quickly come back in saved man hours.

At this time, the e-ticket system is being used exclusively by the department's motorcycle unit but authorities plan to use it on cars in the future.
