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DODGE ASPEN

Longview Police Department's car of choice in 1980 was the Aspen.

DODGE DIPLOMAT

About a year later, the department switched to the Diplomat.

CHEVROLET CAPRICE

LPD later used the Caprice, which Chevrolet stopped manufacturing in the mid-1990s.

CHEVROLET CROWN VICTORIA

The department moved to the Crown Victoria in the early 1990s.

Retiring *the* Crown

Local cops aren't too sad to be switching to new patrol cars



Bill Wagner / The Daily News

Longview Police Capt. Robert Huhta spend a lot of years in the driver's seat of a Ford Crown Victoria. The department is replacing some of them with the more-responsive Dodge Charger, at top left in this photograph.

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If you've been pulled over by a police officer in the last decade, odds are the lights you saw flashing in your rear view mirror were attached to a Ford Crown Victoria.

The cars — broad, bulky land yachts with lots of interior space — have been a staple of law enforcement agencies in Cowlitz County and across the U.S. for about 15 years. But Ford, facing stiff competition from newer police prowlers, announced late last month that it will stop building the Crown Victoria.

Local police officials didn't exactly wax nostalgic over the end of a car they've practically lived in on their jobs. Instead, they said they're looking forward to a newer generation of faster, safer and more stable squad cars.

"It's been around forever," Cowlitz County Sheriff Mark Nelson said of the Crown Victoria. "And, you know? It's been a great car. Our guys have sort of made

them home. But I think everybody's excited about making the transition."

Take, for example, the new Dodge Charger police cruiser. It's sleeker and more compact than the Crown Victoria, with sharp angles like the Glock pistols officers carry on their belts. Kelso officer Mike Meier, who trains the department's officers in driving techniques, first drove one of the Dodges, which can come with Hemi engines producing upwards of 350 horsepower, during a demonstration at Portland International Raceway in 2008.

Raceway in 2008.

"It was pouring down rain," he said. "I could push that Charger around the track in pouring rain much faster, much more stable than I could the Crown Vic on a dry track."

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Nelson rips union for violent activities

Sheriff switches tone from sympathy to anger, asks public to help ID protesters

By Tony Lystra and Erik Olson

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Sheriff Mark Nelson
Tell me these are not our neighbors'

Cowlitz County Sheriff Mark Nelson said Friday his office plans to arrest protesters involved with a raid on a grain terminal at the Port of Longview early Thursday and asked for the public's help in identifying those who dragged a security guard from his car and drove the vehicle into a ditch.

"We've got lots of evidence that we're going through, and I anticipate making arrests," Nelson said.

Nelson said he was "extremely disappointed" that a months-long dispute between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the EGT grain terminal has descended into violence. He lambasted the union for its alleged role in this week's events, during which protesters wielding baseball bats dumped grain from rail cars, smashed windows and intimidated law enforcement officers and security guards.

"This was an organized, large-scale criminal event," Nelson said. "We're talking about sabotage. We're talking about riotous behavior."

Union officials, meanwhile, disputed some allegations against their members Friday and said they believe the union is being unfairly provoked by police.

Authorities have accused union members of throwing rocks at police and pepper-spraying officers.

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A Lone Survivor

He sped off to the twin towers with 11 firefighting buddies; he returned alone

By Gary Friedman and Christopher Goffard

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Go together, stay together, said the men of Rescue 5 when they went into harm's way. Eleven of them climbed onto the heavy rig headed to the World Trade Center, and 11 pairs of boots, a pair for each of the lost men, are now painted on the doors of their Staten Island firehouse.

But there were 12 men on duty Sept. 11, 2001. The 12th was Bill Spade, a 10-year veteran of the elite rescue company. He had arrived at the firehouse about 6:30 a.m. for a 24-hour shift, and he knew who was there even before he saw their faces. Dougie, because there was rock 'n' roll was blasting. Nicky, because there were bagels and French vanilla coffee. And there in the kitchen stood Joe, not known

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Gary Friedman / Los Angeles Times

Bill Spade holds his fire helmet that was recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center.

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TEN YEARS

the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The Daily News is looking at ways that horrific day changed our country, our lives.

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Tomorrow is the 10th anniversary of

TODAY A look back

64 buildings burn in Goldendale wildfire

By Shannon Dininny

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLDENDALE, Wash. — More than 200 residents of tinder-dry forests near Washington state's Satus Pass crowded a high school gymnasium Friday night to get an update on a wildfire that has burned 64 buildings.

Hundreds of people in the south-central part of the state have been evacuated. Several of those at the meeting talked about losing their homes.

Monte Isaacs complained that he saw firefighters in the area who said they were there to protect buildings but he was there too and watched his home burn.

He spent 20 years building his two-story cabin out of salvage lumber "and now it's all gone."

"I'm 61 years old," he said. "I'm not a young man. I don't know where to start over. I don't know if I can."

Fire incident commander Dave LaFave said crews were using GPS coordinates to try and determine how many of the burned structures identified in an aerial view were homes and how many were outbuildings.

Firefighters gained some ground Friday and the fire about 20 miles north of the Columbia River was 20 percent contained.

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