Report of Cougar Sighting in Lake Oswego May 9

The Lake Oswego Police Department answered a call at about 6:45 am this morning of a resident in the 2800 block of Overlook in Lake Oswego reporting a cougar sighting in the rear yard of the family home that opens into a large green space. The youth reported seeing what he described as a cougar climbing down from a tree and running into the open space as he let the family's dog out early in the morning. There were no injuries and there were no other sightings in the area. The Police Department asks that citizens report a sighting by calling 911.

Anyone who has seen a cougar in Lake Oswego over the past week (i.e is not reporting a current sighting) should call the Lake Oswego police non-emergency line at 503-635-0238.

Here are tips on cougar confrontations, provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Leave the animal a way to escape.
- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.
- Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an attack.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.
- If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any items available.

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