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## President's Message

Where does the time go? I can't believe its June already and I am over half way with my term as President. We have been busy trying to get the word out that the OPOA has many benefits to be offered to our members. There are many reasons why officers should become a member of the OPOA. The best reason to be a member is to take advantage of the discounts you get to attend training. The OPOA has



always been a training organization and our number one commitment is TRAINING! With agency budgets dwindling down to bare minimums we are looking at ways to assist agencies with quality training so every officer is able to maintain their certification and gain more knowledge for their job. Training is an important part of an officer's career. If an officer is not trying to find ways to receive additional training each and every year then they're not preparing themselves to be an effective officer. You owe it not only to yourself but to your fellow officers, your family, and the community. Our goal is to provide at least two quality training classes per month. Keep an eye on our calendar for new updates.

This year's Annual OPOA Conference is focused on Surviving your career. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave White has done an excellent job of gathering some very talented instructors to present at this year's conference. Please take a minute and check out the flyer attached on our Web Page.

**Take Care, D. Scott Dye, OPOA President**

## The Oregon Peace Officer

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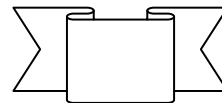
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# OPOA Awards

The deadline for nominations for this year's awards ceremony is August 1, 2010. Awards are presented to the recipients at the OPOA Annual Awards Banquet held each year in conjunction with the OPOA Annual Training Conference. This year, the Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, November 19, 2010 at the Agate Beach Inn in Newport, Oregon. OPOA specifically solicits award nominations from Chiefs, Sheriffs or other agency department heads. Nominations containing the written endorsement of the officer's department are preferable. Nominations must include certain minimum information, which should be completed on the **On-line Nomination Form located at [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info)**.



Below are the types of awards available. For full details regarding each award and its requirements, please visit the award criteria page at [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info).

**L. DALE MORRIS AWARD** — For persons who have made extraordinary contributions to law enforcement throughout their careers.

**MEDAL OF HONOR** — Awarded for heroic acts in excess of normal demands of police service, where the person risked their personal safety.

**MEDAL OF VALOR** — Awarded for exceptional bravery and professional manner, thereby reducing the risk of loss of life or injury to citizens.

**PURPLE HEART AWARD** — Awarded to persons seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

**LIFE SAVING AWARD** — Awarded to persons who intentionally act to save the life of another human being.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** — Awarded to persons who distinguished themselves in the field of law enforcement.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD** — Awarded to those who distinguish themselves and bring credit to the law enforcement profession.

**UNIT CITATION AWARD** — Awarded to established groups that distinguish themselves and bring credit to the law enforcement profession.

# 2010 OPOA Scholarship Recipients

Curtis R. Harper  
Heppner, Oregon

Mr. Harper graduated from Heppner High School with a 3.66 GPA. He plans to attend Western Oregon University in Monmouth to study Criminal Justice. Mr. Harper is the son of Detective Sergeant Terry Harper, Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Kawailehua Medeiros  
McMinnville, Oregon

Ms. Medeiros graduated from McMinnville High School with a 3.93 GPA. She plans to attend the University Of Oregon in Eugene to study Forensic Science. Ms. Medeiros is the daughter of Reserve Police Officer Corey Medeiros, McMinnville Police Department.



The OPOA Executive Board congratulates both scholarship recipients, and we wish them continued success in the future.

*OPOA awards financial scholarships each year to selected high school seniors or older qualifying students between the ages of 18 and 25 who are dependents of an OPOA member and plan to pursue a career in criminal justice or a related field. The closing date for applications each year is April 30, with the scholarships awarded in May, near the end of the school year. For full details and application, view the Benefits page of the OPOA website at [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info).*

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November 17th - 19th, 2010  
Agate Beach Inn Newport, Oregon

Surviving your Law  
Enforcement Career

A banner for the OPOA 41st Annual Training Conference. The left side has a dark blue background with white text. The right side features a photograph of a police officer standing next to a white car, with a background of a large fire. Text is overlaid on the image.



All it takes is a moment's inattention behind the wheel to propel a driver into a serious, life-altering crash. With cell phones and mp3 players, PDAs and GPSs, drivers have more distractions than ever. Not surprisingly, those with the least amount of driving experience are the worst offenders. Statistics show that crashes are the leading cause of death for 16- to 19-year-olds, accounting for 40 percent of all teen deaths.

In 2008, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, California Casualty, and the California Teachers' Association, among others, came together to create a nonprofit awareness and education program that brings attention to teen driving behaviors and choices. "We realized that we were in a position to truly make a difference by bringing these groups together in a way that had not been done before to provide a life-saving message to teens" senior vice president of California Casualty, George Bowen, says. Out of this relationship, *Impact Teen Drivers* was born.

While the program was first introduced in California, the goal of *Impact Teen Drivers*, to help save teen lives, is universal. California Casualty, the founding sponsor of the Impact program and underwriters of the California Casualty Auto & Home Insurance program, sponsored by the Oregon Peace Officers Association, is announcing this program to build awareness of the resources available. The OPOA Board of Directors voted to support our partner, California Casualty, in their effort to create awareness to this worthy cause. To make the message relevant and to build the genuine interest needed from teens, colorful on-line posters, several mini-documentaries, and an interactive probability wheel have been developed. These materials are designed to engage teenagers and speak to them from their perspective, no matter what their learning style.

Impact's website, [www.impactteendrivers.org](http://www.impactteendrivers.org), features a "Memorial Wall", the documentary "Gallery", and "Facts" with the interactive probability wheel and driving tips for teens and parents. Under "Resources", there are lesson plans, printable posters, web banners and wallpaper images for laptop and computer monitors with varied messages you can choose to display. Impact can also be found on MySpace and Facebook. For more information visit us on the web or contact us at: [info@impactteendrivers.org](mailto:info@impactteendrivers.org) 916-733-7432.

For information about California Casualty or to get an auto or home insurance quote, please call: 1-877-777-1419.



# Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plates Available Soon



In June 2009, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed into Oregon law the Fallen Public Safety Officer license plate. Money raised from the purchase of the license plate will pay for families and escorting officers to attend the national memorial when a public safety officer dies while protecting their community. Besides providing funds to properly take care of families and escorting officers on their emotional trip of grieving a debilitating and shocking loss, the Fallen Public Safety Officer license plate will allow the average citizen to say thank you for the work Oregon's 35,000 fire fighters and police officers do everyday.

In March 2010, Mary Nunnenkamp spearheaded an effort to raise \$23,700 in order to pay administrative start-up costs so DMV can begin selling the plates. The Police Memorial Trust Fund is stewarding the fundraising process. Oregon law requires that taxpayer dollars not be used to develop this plate.

Mary Nunnenkamp reports that the initial fundraising goal **has been attained**, mostly through generous contributions from law enforcement related groups. According to the project's Facebook page, the following organizations, among other groups and individuals too numerous to list, made contributions: The Association of Oregon Corrections Employees, Coos Bay Police Association, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Management Association, Oregon Council of Police Organizations, Oregon State Police Officers Association, Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Portland Police Memorial Association, Stayton Police Officer's Association, Washington County Peace Officers Association, Woodburn Police Association, Albany Police Benevolent Association, Clackamas County Peace Officers' Association, Gresham Police Officers' Association, Court Street Consulting, LLC, Delta-P Associates, Gresham Benevolent Group, Josephine County Sheriff's Association, Oregon Fire District Directors' Association, Hillsboro Police Officers Association, Seaside Police Association, and Woodburn Proud. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed!

Now that the initial fund raising has been completed, it is very important that at least 1,000 plates be purchased in the first year, and 500 in each of the next three years, which will meet the minimum level for the program to continue. After the first four years, renewals should help keep the plate available. The sale of each plate will raise \$32.00 for the Memorial Trust Fund. Plates are issued on a 4-year renewal cycle. DMV policy currently does not allow the plates to be displayed in DMV offices, therefore, you must ask for them in order to purchase one. They should be available in September, 2010. **It is almost time for you to go to your local DMV office if you wish to buy a plate for your vehicle!**

Further information and updates can be found on Facebook at the Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plate page.

# OPOA Training Schedule

## **Basic Auto Theft — Newberg-Dundee Police Department (August 25, 2010)**

Vehicle theft has become big business, often run by organized crime rings out to make huge profits. These crime rings ship vehicles overseas, strip them at chop shops and sell them to unsuspecting buyers. This class will cover the basics of vehicle identification numbers (VIN), where they are located and how to use them. This class will outline other methods of identifying vehicles and things to consider during stolen vehicle recovery and where to look for stolen vehicles.

Instructor: Senior Special Agent Dale Gesner has 20 years of experience in working vehicle theft crimes and the identification of stolen vehicles. Agent Gesner retired from the Salem Police Department after 32 years of service, nine of those years were served as an auto theft detective. He is a past President of the Western State Auto Theft Investigators (WSATI) and is currently a board member. He has been an agent with the National Insurance Crime Bureau for 11 years and works closely with Law Enforcement and insurance investigators in the investigation and prosecution of auto theft related crimes.

\$40 for OPOA members, \$65 for non-members (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified applicants)

8:00 A.M. Check-in, Finish at 4:00 P.M.

Location: Newberg-Dundee Police Department, 401 E. 3rd Street, Newberg, OR 97132

Please Register by Noon, Monday, August 23, 2010. Registration Info available at the OPOA website, [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info) or contact Assistant OPOA Training Coordinator Avena Glock at [glock864@hotmail.com](mailto:glock864@hotmail.com).

## **Hostage Negotiation for First Responders — Newberg-Dundee Police Department (August 30, 2010)**

This class will cover basic techniques in crisis negotiation for first responders. Some of the topics addressed will be, initial response containment and assessment, active listening skills and rapport building, negotiation with suicidal subjects and/or mentally disturbed persons, and coordination of the surrender.

Instructor: Officer Joe Miller is a hostage negotiator and police officer with the Salem Police Department. In over 20 years of experience as a military police officer, police officer, and deputy sheriff. Officer Miller has served as a tactical team member, diver, riot team member, detective and hostage negotiator. Officer Miller is currently serving as a senior team member on the Salem Police Department tactical negotiations team.

\$40 for OPOA members, \$65 for non-members (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified applicants).

8:00 A.M. Check-in, Finish at 4:00 P.M. Location: Newberg-Dundee Police Department, 401 E. 3rd Street, Newberg, OR 97132

Please Register by Noon, Friday, August 27, 2010. Registration Info available at the OPOA website, [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info) or contact Assistant OPOA Training Coordinator Avena Glock at [glock864@hotmail.com](mailto:glock864@hotmail.com).

# OPOA Training Schedule

## Technical Investigative Techniques — Bend Police Department (September 15,2010)

The purpose of this course is to provide investigators with an overview of the surveillance equipment and technical investigative techniques available to enhance criminal investigations. This course will include audio/video surveillance, GPS tracking, and working with telecommunication providers. Each topic will include legal considerations and review of statutory authority as well as installation and deployment of surveillance devices to include practical demonstrations and hands on exercise.

Instructors: Special Agent Michael Bethers and Special Agent Michael Wells, Department of Justice. Mike Bethers is a Special Agent with the Oregon Department of Justice. He worked as a detective with the Salem Police Department where he was primarily assigned to work narcotics. SA Bethers' current assignment involves technical investigations and he is a Certified Technical Investigator and members of the National Technical Investigators Association (NATIA). SA Bethers regularly provides training for NATIA and is a trainer with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Mike Wells started his law enforcement career in 1993. In September, 2008 he began working for the Oregon Department of Justice as a Special Agent. SA Wells is currently assigned to a rural drug enforcement team which provides technical and investigative support to rural agencies conducting drug trafficking investigations. SA Wells has experience as the case agent on several wire intercept investigations and has experience with other surveillance equipment methods throughout his career.

\$40 for OPOA members, \$65 for non-members (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified applicants).

8:00 A.M. Check-in, Finish at 4:00 P.M. (Coffee and snacks provided).

Lunch: 11:45 to 1:00 PM (NOT PROVIDED)

Location: Bend Police Department, 555 NE 15th Street, Bend, OR 97701

Please Register by Noon, Monday, September 13, 2010. Registration Info available at the OPOA website, [www.opoa.info](http://www.opoa.info) or contact Assistant OPOA Training Coordinator Avena Glock at [glock864@hotmail.com](mailto:glock864@hotmail.com).

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### *The 2010 4th Annual RANDY CARES Ride*

August 21, 2010 — Registration starts at 7:30am with last bike out by 9:00am.

#### ***Best poker hand wins two tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines flies!***

The ride will begin again at the Beaverton Foursquare Church and travel through beautiful rural Washington County on a unique route locals and out of towners will enjoy. \$30 for riders and \$20 for passengers, with ride fees including breakfast, lunch, live music, raffle prizes, 50/50, a grand prize and fun prizes for categories such as best bike and helmet. Further Info at: [www.RLNfoundation.org](http://www.RLNfoundation.org)



Washington County Sheriff's Office Detective Randy Nunnenkamp dedicated his life to protecting children from child abuse. All proceeds provide scholarships to foster children through the Randall Lee Nunnenkamp Scholarship Foundation, which supports former foster care kids with money for college.



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