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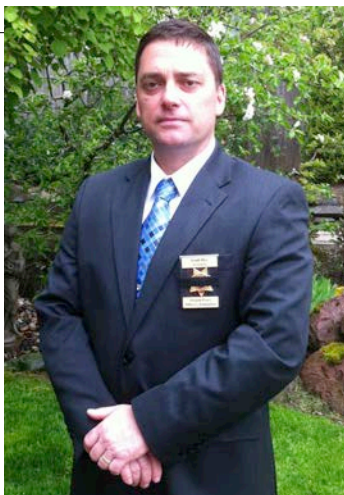


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These speakers have spent many years teaching thousands of LE personnel around the world. Most instructors, FTO's, and presenters look up to them and respect them for what they have accomplished.

What is in it for these great speakers? They get to travel around the nation and see the country. This sounds like a dream job.

I have had the privilege the last few years to be Lt. Col Grossman's

UPCOMING TRAINING

Knowledge for the Street: What Every Cop Needs to Know - Tualatin, OR - July 12-14, 2011

Emotional Survival for the Law Enforcement Relationship - Brooks, OR - August 13, 2011

Pursuit Review - Bend, OR - August 24, 2011

STREET SURVIVAL - Keizer, OR - September 13-14, 2011 (*more info on page 5*)

Missing and Murdered - Salem, OR - September 19, 2011

Trident Interviewing and Interrogation - The Dalles, OR - October 10-11, 2011

Elder Abuse - Brooks, OR - October 18, 2011

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Viewing Other Agency's Data

sophisticated for its time. "We were one of the very first agencies in our region to be able to look at other agency's information," she said. "We went out to look for an RMS system at that time, but not many systems allowed you to look at other agencies' data, so we built our own system." The newly retrofitted, in-house RMS will use a software program called CopLink that will allow agencies to broaden information sharing beyond the local region.

As for what kinds of reports are needed from Eugene P.D.'s RMS, one example is the ability to extract data and place it into hotspot maps for data-led policing efforts.

Giving Eugene P.D.'s officers immediate access to police reports is crucial, but they will have to wait on this capability until the improved internal RMS is ready. "Now, we are 24 hours behind with this," Stronach confesses, "but with the new system we'll have real-time report access. Officers and investigators can then access information quicker and know where the hot spots for crime are. They'll be able to possibly solve their crimes faster," Stronach added.

Another important benefit to having in-field reporting that is linked to Eugene P.D.'s RMS is that it will yield more consistent reporting to the state and federal governments.

Community College Taps Full Range of RMS Software

Lane Community College (LCC) just south of Eugene is like a self-contained city, with 40,000 students attending annually, making it the third largest of Oregon's 17 community colleges. LCC's

Public Safety Department (PSD), which operates 24/7, has 20 officers and uses the Crimestar Records Management System.

The PSD managed its records and reports manually until 1999, when a new



RMS software can be used for photo lineup of subjects. Once retrieved, photos can be arranged in any order, and the user can specify the general physical attributes of the subject.

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Do you know what these texts mean?

Do you know what this means: %*@:-(? Or this: ~~#ZZZZZZ ? If the answers are no, you're not a teenager who uses alcohol or drugs. Six years ago, Ryan Jones didn't know what the above terms meant either -- but that was before he became an expert in the shorthand teens use to communicate about their illicit activities.

Jones created noslang.com in 2005, and as more readers have submitted terms related to drugs and sex, what started out as a fun little lexicon of innocuous shortcuts has become a valuable educational tool for law enforcement and parents to learn about what these texts mean.

In his online dictionary, there are thousands of slang terms related to drugs and sex (there are 88 drug shortcuts beginning with the letter "a" alone). "A- boot," for example, means someone is under the influence of drugs, "cu46" means "see you for sex," and "gnoc" means "get naked on cam," meaning a webcam.

You can find teen lingo translators from the state of Idaho, noslang.com, teenchatdecoder.com, netsmartz411.org and 1337Talk.com. Groups such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Parents. The Anti-Drug, the Partnership

for a Drug-Free America and the Office of National Drug Control Policy have lists of street terms and slang, including those specific to drug or sexual activity.

The message reads: "1 w45 50 j4ck3d up |457 n16h7. 1 5c0r3d 50m3 cr4ck 47 7h3 p4r7y 50 1'd h4v3 17 f0r 70n16h7 4nd 70m0rr0w, 4nd 7h3n J1mmy 700k off w17h 17, 7h3 455h0|3! 1 4m 4| | j1773ry 4nd n33d 70 m337 up w17h y0u 70n16h7 4f73r my p4r3n75 7h1nk 1 4m 45|33p. c4n y0u m337 m3 47 b0j4n6| 3'5 47 m1dn16h7 ju57 f0r 4 f3w m1nu735? 1 ju57 n33d 4 |177|3 4nd 1 c4n p4y y0u b4ck 0n m0nd4y, 1 pr0m153."

Translation: "I was so jacked up last night. I scored some crack at the party so I'd have it for tonight and tomorrow, and then Jimmy took off with it, the [expletive]! I am all jittery and need to meet up with you tonight after my parents think i am asleep. Can you meet me at Bojangle's at midnight just for a few minutes? I just need a little and I can pay you back on Monday, I promise."

Oregon TITAN Fusion Center Note: An additional website for text translation is www.dtxtr.com - this site allows you enter either the text for translation or enter a phrase to have it translated into a shortcut text.



Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plate

The Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plate honoring law enforcement officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty is now available for public purchase from the Department of Motor Vehicles. We also encourage law enforcement agencies to purchase the plate for their civilian-use vehicles.

The license plate, available since September 2010, provides Oregonians an opportunity to show their support for the 35,000 first responders that place their own lives at risk everyday.

It's been a difficult year for Oregon's law enforcement community. On May 5th at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, we honored three of our fallen officers by adding their names to the Memorial Wall. City of Rainier Chief Ralph Painter, Independence Police Officer Roger Lloyd, and Lake Oswego Police Chief Daniel Duncan joined 169 engraved names of

Oregon's fallen law enforcement heroes on the granite Memorial. Next year Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen will be added.

The Memorial Wall pays tribute to Oregon's fallen heroes at DPSST. This license plate honors them everywhere we take our vehicles; serving as a constant reminder that we must never forget those that paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can be safer.

If we sell 1,000 plates before August 31, 2011 DMV will refund \$10,000 to the Memorial Trust Fund account. We still need to sell 195 more plates before the deadline. You do not need to wait until your plate is due to expire. DMV will prorate your costs. Each set of plates raises \$32 every two years for the Memorial Trust Fund.

Money raised from the purchase of the license plates will support families and escorting officers as they attend the

national memorial honoring the fallen officer.

With your support, we can continue to honor the sacrifice of our fallen heroes.

For more information about the license plate, please go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DPSST/AT/docs/MemorialLicensePlate/PlatedescriptionLetterhead.pdf>

Follow us on Facebook at the Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plate page.

Submitted by Mary Nunnenkamp, Retired Washington County Sheriff's Office and Chair of the Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund Committee

OPOA Conference & Awards Banquet - Nov. 2-4, 2011

This year's 42nd Annual Oregon Peace Officers Association conference will be held November 2nd - 4th, 2011 and will be one to remember. The conference, entitled "Oregon Law Enforcement Uphold the Right," has had a bit of a face lift with a new venue, change in training format, new awards banquet location and a free concert.

Spirit Mountain Casino in Grande Ronde will be this years new conference venue. Spirit Mountain Casino offers an outstanding conference facility, amazing hotel accommodations, great food, and lots of after hours entertainment.

For this year's training, students can choose two of the four training courses on Wednesday: LEDS Training, Background Investigations, Preparing for Promotions and Evidence Collections and Processing.

Thursday's training entitled "The Pain Behind the Badge" is an all day seminar presented by Clarke and Tracie Paris. Clarke, a police officer and Tracie, a registered nurse co-present on strategies to help police officers and employees cope with on the job stress. This presentation is nationally recognized and required training for many military groups. OPOA and the Paris' highly encourage law enforcement attendees to bring their spouses to this training free of charge.

Friday's all day seminar brings another well recognized speaker, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman who will present "The Warrior Mindset." Lt. Col. Dave Grossman is a dynamic and entertaining speaker who will present psychological

techniques and training to develop mental toughness, the survival mindset and a hardened focus.

Friday evening, OPOA will host its Annual Awards Banquet paying tribute to and honoring those Oregon law enforcement professionals who have paid the ultimate price and gone above and beyond the call of duty over the last year. This semi-formal dinner event will be hosted by Ron Pedersen and keynote speaker Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. This is an event you do not want to miss.

Following the awards presentations, OPOA will host a dessert, no host bar, dancing and free musical entertainment by Kurt Van Meter. Kurt Van Meter is a police officer in Oregon as well as an up and coming country western singer who has opened for a number of well known country artists. We are privileged to have Kurt perform for us all.

Be sure and check out additional details and register early at www.opoa.info. -Mike Wells, OPOA 1st Vice President

Award Nomination Info

The deadline for nominations for this year's awards ceremony is August 1, 2011. Awards are presented to the recipients at the OPOA Annual Awards Banquet held each year in conjunction with the OPOA Annual Training Conference. OPOA specifically solicits nominations from Chiefs, Sheriffs or agency department leads. Nominations containing the written endorsement of the officer's department are preferred. Nominations must include certain minimum information which can be found at www.opoa.info along with the various types of awards available.



2012 Scholarship Information

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 on the OPOA website at www.opoa.info.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MURPHY M. MORAN

THE 2011 OPOA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT!

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Murphy M. Moran

Murphy is the son of Mike Moran, Police Chief of the City of Talent. Murphy is a 2010 graduate of North Medford High School and attended the University of Oregon his freshman year of college. He plans to transfer to Southern Oregon University to earn his degree and pursue a career in the law enforcement field.

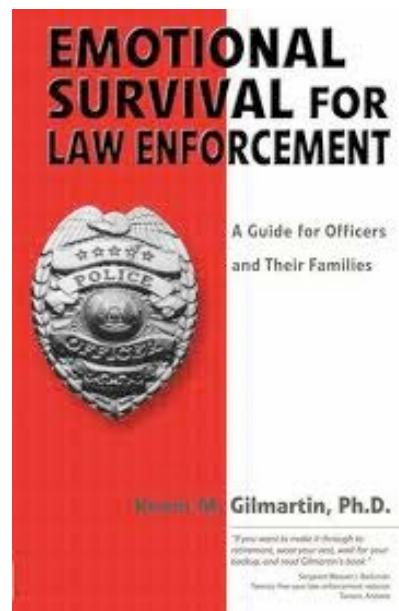
Thank you to all the wonderful applicants and best of luck as you begin your college careers in the fall!

OPOA will host **Dr. Kevin Gilmartin** in
August 2011!

Emotional Survival for the Law Enforcement Relationship

For full information, visit www.opoa.info!

Register today - seats are filling up fast!



Saturday, August 13, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location:

*Chemeketa Brooks Training Center
4910 Brooklake Rd. NE*

Brooks, Oregon 97305

Cost:

*\$40 for OPOA members, \$65 for non-members**

**Your significant other is welcome at no cost (please include their name on your registration).*

Pre-requisites: None

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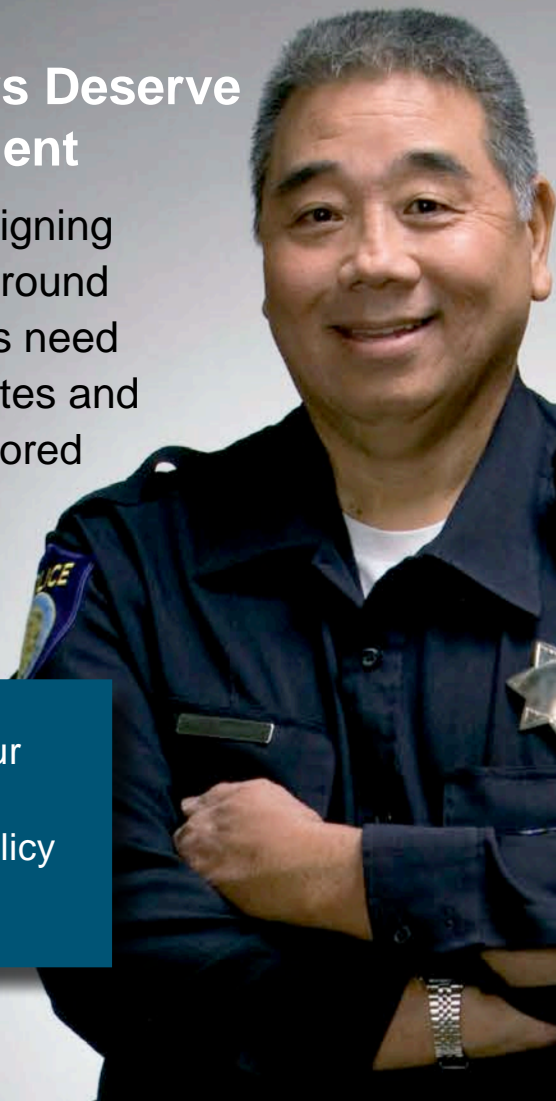
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