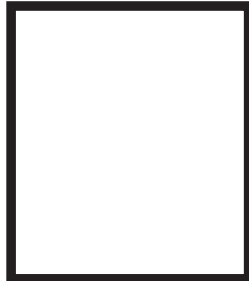


President's Page

By Officer Steve Piper,
Gresham PD and
OPOA President



It's a privilege and an honor to be selected as the 2007 President of the Oregon Peace Officers Association. In the years that I have been with the OPOA I have witnessed some tremendous changes within the association. Over the past 12 months we have scheduled one training a month throughout the state trying to "up" our commitment to our members. No training has been more than \$25.00, the training is very topical, and helps officers and agencies satisfy DPSST maintenance training requirements. OPOA is looking at continuing this commitment, if not increasing the amount of training offered. OPOA is also looking at sponsoring the Major Crimes Conference in January, which was so expertly done

by Douglas County SO. So keep that in mind for the near future.

Every officer, board member and subchapter member that I have worked with strives to put their best foot forward and does the job to the best of their ability. While the time commitment is not great, it does take a responsible individual to attend the meetings, follow through with the assigned responsibilities and try to achieve the best product /service for this organization. That is one of the reasons that I selected to move into the officer track of the OPOA. Since these are volunteer commitments for the officers and board members and no monetary benefits are awarded, most people filling these roles do it for the desire to give back to the profession and fellow officers/ members. OPOA also has a great cadre of support staff (all former law enforcement) including our business secretary, training coordinators and newsletter editor, each having a great deal of patience and understanding for our volunteer board.

If you have training you would like offered in your area, a question about any of the programs we sponsor, would like to submit an article for the newsletter, or like to know how to join the OPOA board or attend one of our board meetings please don't hesitate to contact me or an appropriate Board or staff member.

Thank you for your support and let us know how we can work better for you.

Ofc. Steve Piper
OPOA President

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Training Looks A Lot Different

by Sgt. Rick Igou (past president)

Over this last year there are two great examples of how training has evolved in the Oregon Law Enforcement Community. First OPOA has been offering training in different locations all over the state. Since we began our "monthly" training program we have provided these trainings

- Washington County - ID Theft on the Internet
- Medford - Auto Theft & ID Theft
- Salem - Meth Labs
- Salem - Terrorism & Crimes against Children
- John Day - Meth issues & Awareness
- Hillsboro - Auto Theft
- Corvallis - Recognition of Child Abuse
- Portland - Railroad Crimes & Accident Investigations
- St. Helens - Search Warrants for Patrol
- Astoria - Investigations of Clandestine Labs
- Salem - Motorcycle and Prison Gangs
- Bend - Recognition of Child Abuse

The second example of how training has evolved is with the opening of the new Public Safety Academy in Salem. This is a beautiful well designed facility that will be the starting point of training for all new officers in Oregon. This new facility has much more to offer than just classrooms. There is a survival skills building for DT's, Range 3000's and ConSim. A Firearms Training building that houses 3 indoor ranges, one 50 yard range and two 25 yard ranges designed in such a way that you can even drive a patrol car onto the range. There is a Scenario building and City Streets section where officers can "respond" to a variety of calls to the bank, tavern, apartment, pawn shop, or video

store. If a suspect is apprehended then they can even "book" them at the Jail. Of course we cannot forget the 1.6 mile Emergency Vehicle Operation Course. This allows for training on concrete, asphalt, curves, straight-aways, city streets, and county roads.

It is a great time to be a Law Enforcement Professional in Oregon. Both the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the Oregon Peace Officers Association have stepped up to face the training needs and challenges of our times.

OPOA Training Opportunities

Anti-Human Trafficking

Each year, the U.S. State Department estimates that between 700,000 to 2 million people, mostly women and children are trafficked across international borders to be sold and forced into labor or sex slavery. Of that number, the United States Department of Justice estimates that approximately 17,500 to 18,000 people are trafficked into the United States. Furthermore, the number of citizens trafficked within U.S. borders is even greater with approximately 200,000 additional citizens within the U.S. being at high risk of being trafficked into sex industry every year. Collectively, the trafficking of people generates an estimated worldwide revenue of \$8 billion dollars annually making human trafficking the third most profitable, and fastest growing, illegal commercial activity after narcotics and illegal weapons trafficking.

This special training sponsored in part by the Oregon Peace Officers Association will be held on Thursday November 2, 2006 from 8:30 am to 4 PM. The training will be held at The Washington County Sheriff's Office 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro, OR 97123 , and is Cosponsored by The Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force in Multnomah County and The Washington Co. Sheriff's Office

The first instructors is Sam M. Oliver, Attorney at Law, a member of the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force. He serves as the point of contact for law enforcement, social service and health care professionals when trafficking victims are identified in Oregon, and he works with federal and local law enforcement agencies in investigation and prosecution of trafficking cases.

Mr. Oliver is joined by Johnathan S. Haub, an Assistant United States Attorney in Portland, since 1989. He is currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Section of the Criminal Division, Portland Office. He was a Clackamas County Deputy Sheriff, District Attorney's Investigator, and Deputy District Attorney. He served as a state court prosecutor for more than 13 years.

This excellent training is available for only \$35 for OPOA members, and \$55 for nonmembers (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified applicants).

Search Warrants for Patrol Officers

This is a basic "How to" class intended for the officer who has very little, or no experience writing successful search warrants. Attendees will learn how to compile the necessary documents to produce legally acceptable warrants. The date is November 8, 2006, from 8:30 am to 4 PM.

As a state-wide organization OPOA strives to place trainings in all parts of the state. This training will be held at Hermiston Police Department: 330 South First Street

Hermiston, OR 97838. Registration and check-in is from 8 to 8:30. Lunch break (not included in registration) is from 11:30 am to 1 PM.

The instructor is Chief Steve Salle, St. Helens Police Department. He is a graduate of the Oregon Executive Development Institute and the FBI National Academy. He instructs Criminal Investigation as well as interview and interrogation at The DPSST Academy.

Please pre register by noon on November 6. The class is sponsored in part by the Hermiston Police Department.

Registration is \$40 for OPOA members and \$60 for nonmembers (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified attendees)

For those who travel and need lodging special arrangements have been made at Oxford Suites 1050 N 1st St. Hermiston, OR. At a rate of \$60/Night plus tax. Continental Breakfast and wireless Internet is included. (541) 564-8000 • Fax: (541) 564-0633 Toll Free: (888) 545-7848 <http://www.oxfordsuiteshermiston.com/>

For all OPOA training opportunities and registration information visit www.opoa.info/events

Officer Safety when in Contact with Extremists

Excerpts from an article at <http://www.adl.org/learn/safety/CommonSafety.asp> on the Law Enforcement Agency Resource Network

Any time law enforcement officers encounter people with extreme ideologies, safety issues potentially arise. However, for a variety of reasons, certain circumstances pose a heightened threat of violent confrontation. Some situations, for instance, are particularly stressful for extremists, increasing the chances that they may lash out or overreact. The two most volatile are those that encroach on the “space of the extremist.”

Traffic stops are particularly dangerous because many feel that their vehicle is an extension of their dwelling and the situation has the potential to deteriorate.

Often the law enforcement officer is isolated. This is especially true for rural areas, where backup may be a half hour or more away. Law enforcement officers involved in a traffic stop may be outnumbered by the extremists involved. Some extremist groups have even adopted the habit of riding in two cars, so that law enforcement officers stopping the first car may be unaware of the following one.

A routine traffic stop may easily heighten the state of suspicion/anger. For an extremist in a routine traffic encounter it is a much more than routine. That person may view the incident as the “last straw,” the last time he or she will accept government “interference” in his or her constitutional rights. This nervousness or anger will, of course, be increased if the extremist has illegal items in the vehicle (such as weapons or explosives) or has been engaging in illegal activity. Thus a situation considered routine to the officer is highly charged for the extremist.

Extremists traveling by car are often well-armed. Law enforcement officers involved in traffic stops with extremists may find themselves significantly outgunned. It is not at all uncommon for extremists to have multiple weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition in their vehicles.

A second and equally volatile situation occurs when the contact is a visit to their residence. Police officers may have to visit the homes of extremists for a variety of reasons, but they are unlikely to find a welcome mat.

The scoreboard is not on the officer's side. The extremists have the home court advantage. If the officer enters the home merely for a non-emergency visit, he or she may have little or no knowledge of the layout of the property or the interior of the home. The extremist, on the other hand, will have extensive knowledge, and in notable cases have made extensive preparations.

Some extremists turn their homes into virtual fortresses. The grounds around the residence are cleared in order to have unimpeded fields of fire. Windows are sometimes boarded up and walls and doors reinforced. Officers have discovered houses where extremists had placed loaded firearms in every room for easy and immediate access to weaponry. In rural areas, homes are often located so that they cannot be observed from roads or other vantage points. Observation posts, gun slots, and even escape tunnels have all been reported.

In their home the extremist may have a code or communications that automatically notify other extremists that they are in danger. While a law enforcement officer may be at the door, an extremist may be at the telephone, unbeknownst to the officer, calling for his or her own backup. Thus reinforcements for the extremist may arrive, perhaps angry or armed. What started off as a routine visit may end up as a standoff or confrontation.

The article elaborates on the officer safety considerations when encountering an extremist group in situations like:

- Confrontations/Standoffs
- Rallies/Marches
- Incident Responses
- Revenge/Retaliation

For the complete text of this article visit <http://www.adl.org/learn/safety/commonsafety.asp>

Internet Safety Road Show

The Linn County Sheriff's Office is putting on the Linn County Internet Safety Road Show during the month of October. There are seven cities on the schedule. Each stop includes a community forum where parents, students, and teachers will hear about and discuss Internet safety information issues. The goal is to educate 5000 citizens through information about Internet Crimes Against Children.

The Road Show is a multi-agency community effort. Linn County S.O. has teamed with private businesses, three police departments, and all of the schools in the county. Each agency, organization and business entity sees the need to bring this education to everyone in the County. LCSO has also deployed the new Linn County Cyber Resource Center at www.linnonline.org to be a one-stop location for safety information in Linn County.

If your agency would like more information about the Internet Safety Road Show concept, OPOA board member Deputy Micah Smith, Linn County Sheriff's Office is the contact person. He can be reached at (541) 967-3911.

Plan Ahead!

March 25 and 26, 2007 the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the OPOA, Property/Evidence Subchapter will sponsor an introductory Property and Evidence class for those in new assignments or new to the job. This is a two day class which will be held at the Public Safety Training Center near the Clackamas Town Center.

The instructor is Robert Dodran of R.A. Doran and Associates, Chicago. The class, Management of Evidence and Recovered Property, includes: The essentials for a safe, efficient and secure property control system; Evidence and Property Records Systems; Application of Criminal and Civil Laws; Computers and Bar-coding; Storage Systems for Evidence And Property; Evidence Control and Audit Procedures; Introduction To Computer Evidence; Evidence Procedures Manuals; Property Disposal; Developing Policies and Procedures; Property Room Design; and Packaging and Inventory Methods

Registration is through R.A. Doran and Associates at P O Box 1464, Arlington Heights, IL 60006. Phone 847 / 303-9492. The cost tentatively is \$295.00 a person.

OPOA MEDAL OF VALOR Award

Senior Trooper Tim Gallaher
Oregon State Police
and

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sgt Robert Cannon,
Sr. Trooper Mitch Wilson
Sr. Trooper Earl Connell
Sr. Trooper Dan Chichester
Trooper Dain Gardner
Trooper Karl Farber

On December 22, 2005 Sr. Trooper Tim Gallaher checked on an occupied vehicle relating to illegal camping. Trooper Gallaher noticed a handgun on the floorboard of the truck. Trooper Gallaher ordered the subject from the truck. The subject refused and reached for the weapon. Trooper Gallaher sought cover. The subject refused to exit the vehicle and told Trooper Gallaher to shoot him.

The subject started up his vehicle and Trooper Gallaher sought cover as the subject drove by him and got away. Trooper Gallaher followed from a safe distance guided him away from populated areas until cover could arrive.

Sr. Trooper Mitch Wilson and Trooper Earl Connell responded to Trooper Gallaher's location and attempted to pull over the subject's vehicle but the subject refused. Trooper Wilson was able to get in front of the subject and deploy a spike strip that deflated the tire on the subject's vehicle. At this time Sgt. Bob Cannon, Sr. Trooper Dan Chichester, Trooper Karl Farber and Trooper Dain Gardner arrived.

The subject would open and close his door trying to draw the officers to his vehicle but he refused to get out. Sgt Cannon fired a less lethal round into the subject's side at which point the subject closed his door and started driving again. The Troopers then utilized a Tactical Vehicle Intervention technique and boxed in the subject vehicle fearing that he would reach a major roadway. As the Troopers did this, the subject lifted the handgun to his head and took his life.

These awards were given to these officers who put their own lives in danger to keep the individual from entering a population area and endangering others.

OPOA Life Saving Award for 2006

**Officer Garon Boyce and
Officer Sean Bennet, of
Salem Police Department
And**

Trooper Jason Perrizo, Oregon State Police

On February 4, 2006 Officer Boyce, Officer Bennet, and Oregon State Trooper Perrizo performed life-saving CPR on a female who had been struck by a motorist while exchanging information at the scene of a previous motor vehicle collision.

Their quick action, skill and training resuscitated the victim and saved her life. At the 2006 OPOA awards banquet the Life Saving Award was given to each of these officers.

**Officer Brandon Norbury
Gresham Police Department**

On January 1, 2006 Officer Brandon Norbury was dispatched on an incomplete call at a residence. Officer Norbury found an unconscious 7-year boy on the floor being held by his grandfather. No one in the dwelling spoke English. Through the officer's decisive action and skill, he determined that the airway was blocked by a foreign object. By dislodging this object and insuring the passage of air, Officer Norbury saved the boys life

At the 2006 OPOA awards banquet the Life Saving Award was given to Gresham Officer Brandon Norbury.

**Sgt Teddi Anderson,
Officer Jarom Sweazey and
Officer Mary Jane Rice,
Gresham Police Department**

On April 16, 2006 the officers responded to a report of a man who had reportedly doused himself with gasoline and threatened to light himself on fire. The officers attempted to verbally de-escalate the situation with the man holding a gas can in one hand and a lighter in the other.

After wrestling with the officers the subject successfully lit himself on fire. The burning subject advanced on Sgt. Anderson who kept him engaged and with assistance of Officer Sweazey and Officer Rice, got him to the ground. The subject was still fighting when Sgt. Anderson smothered the flames with her jacket, and they took him into custody.

The OPOA Life Saving Award was given to each of these peace officers for their professionalism, courage and dedication to duty during this highly volatile and unique incident.

**Senior Trooper Dan Chichester
Oregon State Police**

On March 21, 2006 Sr. Trooper Chichester stopped a vehicle on Interstate 205 for a speed violation. Sr. Trooper Chichester noticed a small boy in the vehicle appearing to have a medical emergency. Sr. Trooper contacted medical personnel to respond to the scene and the boy was life-flighted to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital.

The follow up investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver for Assault 1st degree and Manufacture of a Controlled Substance. Sr. Trooper Chichester's actions in looking beyond the driver of a traffic stop and quickly getting the proper medical attention, saved the small boy life and resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator.

The OPOA Life Saving Award was given to Sr. Trooper Dan Chichester for his rapid assessment and action that saved a life.

**Officer Rene (Reno) Bravo,
Hubbard Police Department**

On July 24th, 2006 Officer Bravo was dispatched to a call of attempted suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning. Upon arrival he saw smoke billowing from the garage. It was necessary to force entry into the barricaded garage door. Officer Bravo made three attempts to search the garage, each time being turned back by the smoke. On the third attempt Officer Bravo located the semi-conscious male on the floor and removed him.

Because of Officer Bravo's dedication to the protection of life, and aggressive vigilance a life was saved. OPOA was proud to present Officer Bravo with the Life Saving Award.

**Officer William Miller
Union County Sheriffs Office**

At the end of his tour of duty on April 9, 2006 Deputy Miller encountered a motorist driving in the wrong lane and recklessly endangering other motorists. Once Miller had forced the car to the

side of the road, he recognized the driver who was a diabetic. Deputy Miller summoned medical assistance but recognized that it would not arrive in time. As the driver's condition deteriorated Deputy Miller used the only sugar that he had available in the form of an orange and he squeezed the orange juice into the driver's mouth. Improvement followed. Medics later stated that the driver's insulin levels were dangerously high and Deputy Miller actions stabilized the driver.

Officer William Miller was awarded the OPOA Life Saving Award for his quick action, and innovative work to meet the medical needs and save the life of the driver.

**Officer Matt Olafson,
Monmouth Police Department and
Officer Nick Hunter
Independence Police Department**

On March 14, 2006 Officer Olafson and Officer Hunter responded to a report of a fire in an apartment complex. Officers Olafson entered a second floor hallway filled with smoke and using his voice and flashlight guided the tenants out of the building.

When Officer Hunter arrived, they both went into the building to evacuate residents, crawling below the smoke level. On a report that one resident was still inside, they again entered the smoke filled hallway and extricated a female who could not find the hallway.

Due to the selfless and heroic acts of Officer Olafson and Officer Hunter, no one died or was seriously injured in this fire. The OPOA honors these officers with the OPOA Life Saving Award.

**Officer Don Sheldon,
Winston Police Department**

On June 14, 2005 Officer Sheldon responded to a domestic violence call. As a female was being restrained she produced a concealed razor blade and did grievous and life threatening damage to her forearm. Officer Sheldon, simultaneously restrained the subject, disarmed her, and applied direct pressure to the open wounds. The wounds eventually required others in the household to assist in stopping the profuse bleeding.

Medical personnel arrived and transported the subject whom immediately went into surgery. If not for heroic actions of Officer Sheldon the subject

would have died at the scene from her self-inflicted injury. Officer Sheldon was awarded the OPOA Life Saving Award.

**Senior State Trooper Don Frerichs
Oregon State Police**

On July 17, 2005 Sr. Trooper Frerichs observed a male and female cross the swift moving North Umpqua River east of Roseburg. He observed the female slip on the rock and was swept away with the current. He observed the female being continually pulled underwater and when she would resurface she would scream for help. Sr. Trooper Frerichs ran along the river and the female's screams became fainter and she was no longer struggling to maintain her head above the water.

The victim's male friend's attempt to save her failed. Sr. Trooper Frerichs entered the perilous water downstream and was able to drag the victim to shore. He then had to carry her up the steep embankment and back to his vehicle where he administered first aid.

Had it not been for his swift actions this incident would most likely have resulted in the loss of human life.

Trooper Don Frerichs was awarded the OPOA Life Saving Award

**Senior Trooper Darin Bean
Oregon State Police**

On March 3, 2006 Sr. Trooper Bean was returning from training when he observed a vehicle parked in a pullout near Odell Lake. Because of the snowy conditions Sr. Trooper Bean decided to make sure all was okay. He observed footprints leading away from the vehicle and followed them. Sr. Trooper Bean found a male sitting on a log with a Bible and loaded handgun sitting beside him.

The man stated that he was looking for a sign from God that he should not kill himself. Sr. Trooper Bean convinced the subject that he must have been that sign and was able to separate the man from the weapon and take him safely into custody. Sr. Trooper Bean transported the man back to his office, contacted the family who arraigned for medical services.

The OPOA Life Saving Award was presented to Trooper Bean.