



OREGON PEACE OFFICER

President's Page

By Officer Steve Piper,
Gresham PD and
OPOA President



OPOA members,
Even though the summer has come to a close, we have some big events coming up. You should have received a flyer for the upcoming 38th Annual OPOA Conference occurring November 14-16, 2007 at the Best Western Agate Beach in Newport, OR. The instructor list is outstanding with a wide variety of topics covered. We also are sponsoring the Major Crimes Conference at the Seven Feathers Casino and Resort In January 2008. As usual this will be an outstanding event with excellent instructors and course offerings. Watch for the conference brochures and announcements in the mail, in the newsletter and on our website.

I would also like to say goodbye as your 2006-2007 President. Wendy Svaren the 1st VP will most likely be stepping in and will do an excellent job as President. It wasn't that long ago in its 40-year history that OPOA was struggling to pay the bills, offered very little training and lagged in membership. The new President will be getting a financially sound, forward thinking organization, with the highest membership in history. I feel this is based on four things. The first being a strong funding source, second is the staff of OPOA which includes our business secretary, training coordinators and newsletter editor, third the leadership of the organization over the last decade, and fourth, and most important, is the members and agencies which support OPOA and the job that we do. I am very proud to belong to a Board that is concerned about the training and safety of their co-workers, spending many non-compensated hours doing what they do for the benefit of the organization and its membership. It has been an honor serving with you and for you.

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Mark Your Calendar

The OPOA Major Crimes Conference is scheduled for Tuesday January 22nd to Friday 25th, 2008. The conference is scheduled to return to Seven Feathers Conference Center in Southern Oregon.

The Oregon Peace Officer

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OPOA Training:

Terrorism, Explosives and Other Threats to Campus Public Safety

Friday October 19, 2007

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Registration & check-in: 8:00 A.M.

Lunch: 11:30 to 1:00PM (Not provided)

Participants must be registered by noon
on Monday, October 15, 2007

Location:

Portland Community College,
Terrell Hall Room #122
705 N. Killingsworth
Portland, Oregon 97217

Topics: Recognition of explosive items including Improvised Explosive Devices. The FBI and police response to an extortion bombing case as well as other crime scenes will be discussed. Many of the tactics being used by Middle Eastern terrorist organizations, and many of the weapons being used by extremist groups will be covered. Instructor: J. Kenneth Moore, M.Ed., (FBI-Ret.) During his 25 year career as a Special Agent with the FBI, Mr. Moore had assignments in several states, including Oregon. His fields of expertise include Terrorism, Violent Crimes, Civil Rights violations, Foreign Counter Intelligence and Criminal Investigations. He was a Firearms Instructor and an FBI Bomb Technician for several years. He also ran Evidence Response Teams in two field divisions. He has been an Instructor in The Criminal Justice Department at Portland Community College for the past ten years and is the Co-Chairman of that department.

Registration is \$10 for OPOA members, \$35 for non-members (Includes 1 year OPOA membership for qualified attendees).

Mail payment to:

Al Hall OPOA Training Coordinator,
PO Box 1240,
Corvallis, OR 97339 Or
Call Al Hall (541) 738-0978.

Payment also accepted at the class.

For questions and additional information contact Al (541) 738-0978 alehall@comcast.net

Annual OPOA Training Conference and Awards Banquet

November 14-16, 2007

Agate Beach Inn - Newport, Oregon

This is the way the conference on the coast is shaping up for 2007. For full registration information visit www.OPOA.INFO

Wednesday 1 - 3 P.M.

Child Homicide Response & Investigation

Detective Mike Wells

Detective Wells will review the investigation and prosecution of a child "murder by abuse" case, including patrol response, investigative and organizational methods used, obstacles faced, and lessons learned. The case involved the murder of 3-year old Karla "Karly" Sheehan by her mother's boyfriend, Shawn Wesley Field. Issues surrounding this case led to the passage of "Karly's Law" during the last legislative session. Detective Wells will also discuss the impact of the new law, and how it applies to law enforcement investigations.

Wednesday 3 - 5 P.M.

White Collar Crime, Money Laundering & Public Corruption Investigations

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Joseph Boyer

SSA Boyer will present investigative methods and techniques regarding White Collar Crime, Money Laundering, and Public Corruption investigations.

Thursday

Courtroom Testimony Techniques: Success Instead of Survival

Dwane Hilderbrand

Mr. Hilderbrand will present valuable information regarding courtroom testimony techniques, including juror perceptions & expectations, cross examination techniques used by defense attorneys & ways to defeat them, overcoming the natural fear of public speaking, and presenting yourself in a positive manner. All attendees will receive reference materials which can be used for trial preparation.

Friday

"Policing With Honor" Ethical Survival for Law Officers

Lt. Randy Sutton

Lt. Sutton's presentation helps law enforcement officers provide law enforcement services at the highest levels of integrity, compassion, courtesy and competence while helping officers "survive" a dangerous career. "Survival" for police officers shouldn't mean just staying alive. It should mean a high quality professional life, even flourishing - mentally, emotionally and ethically.

Police work has become increasingly complicated. Every action a police officer takes, every remark, every decision, is likely to be scrutinized not only intra-departmentally but by the media and the community. This program equips police officers with "ethical ammunition" - practical information to better navigate the moral complexities of today's law enforcement world. This jam-packed-with-information class is part lecture, part real-life stories, part controversial video viewing and a lot of open discussion.

Awards Banquet

Friday, November 16 from 7-10

Agate Beach Inn, Newport Oregon

Reservations required

The annual banquet provides a forum to recognize law enforcement personnel who have performed exemplary deeds or services on behalf of their communities. Officers, spouses and guests are cordially invited. Banquet speaker Lt. Randy Sutton will address the gathering prior to the Awards and OPOA Swearing-In Ceremony. Friday, November 16, 2007 .

For more information about the banquet or the conference visit www.opoa.info.

Law Enforcement Training in Oregon

Lt. Colonel Grossman returns to Oregon

Bullet Proof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat

The seminar known as the Bullet Proof Mind will be held Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 0800 to 1700, and is sponsored in part by Clackamas County Criminal Justice Training Committee. The day-long training will be held at Willamette Falls Hospital (Community Health Education Center), 519 15th S. Oregon City, Oregon 97045.

The cost is \$60 per person. **The Bulletproof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat** is taught by Lt. Colonel David Grossman, one of the nation's leading law enforcement trainers. Drawing on interviews, published personal accounts and academic studies, Lt. Colonel Grossman investigates the psychology of killing in combat. Stressing that human beings have a powerful, innate resistance to the taking of life, he examines the techniques developed by the military to overcome the aversion. Lt. Colonel Grossman is a dynamic speaker who is sure to bring his experience to bear on this important topic related to the law enforcement community.

Registration: Joan Lebaron (Clackamas Co. Juv), e-mail: joanle@co.clackamas.or.us Questions? Contact: Sgt. Tom Broomfield (Milwaukie PD), e-mail: broomfieldt@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Dr. Gilmartin in Oregon for Trainings.

This nationally recognized speaker will present two one-day trainings in Oregon.

Managing the Problem Public Safety Employee

The first training, Recognizing, Understanding and Managing the Problem Public Safety Employee, will be held in the Gresham City Hall Conference Room, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR November 2, 2007 - 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Public safety agencies nationally face the problem of administrators/supervisors spending a disproportionate amount of time dealing with malcontent and disgruntled employees. The purpose of this course is help the supervisor see how the deterioration process can take place and what specific preventative and intervention strategies can be employed. The course registration is \$99 which includes course certificate and handout

Emotional Survival

The second training is Emotional Survival for Public Safety Personnel. It will be held on December 10, 2007 from - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at Chemeketa Community College, Building 6 Auditorium - 4000 Lancaster Drive N.E., Salem.

Registration is only \$89, which includes course certificate and handout.

The course addresses the dynamics of a public safety career. We enter public safety jobs as idealistic and committed employees and along the way have to find ways to avoid becoming cynical, angry and self destructive. Some of us even become "self-perceived victims" of our agencies.

Dr. Gilmartin provides critical information to personnel on how this process might take place with preventive strategies on how to remain Committed productive public safety employees.

Dr Gilmartin's trainings are sponsored by Code 4 Public Safety Education Association (800-622-9391).

Make checks payable to

Code 4 -

711 Medford Center #265,

Medford, OR. 97504.

or register on the web www.code4.org

Dr. Kevin Gilmartin

Dr. Kevin M. Gilmartin is a psychologist, who served as the supervisor for the Behavioral Science Unit and Hostage Negotiation Team at the Pima County Sheriff's Department for 20 years until retirement in 1995. Gilmartin is an instructor in Law Enforcement Ethics at the FBI Academy's Executive Development Institute, the U.S. Attorney's Office LECC program and the Western Community Policing Center. Dr. Gilmartin is the former recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Parade Magazine National Police Officer award.

Remember When . . .

Next year OPOA will turn 40

The Oregon Peace Officers Association has been around since 1968. Through the years the *Oregon Peace Officer* newsletter has taken on many different style and publishing formats. For many years three associations shared the newsletter "magazine" format. Those were the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police, The Oregon Peace Officers Association and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. The shared format was funded by advertising sales and quite a few pages were consumed showing us how much the business community supported us.. When I look back on those issue I can be quite comfortable with our smaller and more condensed format.

There isn't enough room for a year by year account of the great things that have occurred in the last 39 years. In the last few issues of the *Oregon Peace Officer* there have been the names of those holding the office of president. There was also a list of those who have receive the L Dale Morris award.

Who was Lester Dale Morris?

Dale started some of the things that make OPOA what it is today. When we were getting on our feet as an organization Dale was credited with organizing and promoting marksmanship competitions that drew participants from all over the state. These matches became part of OPOA and hosted shooters from all agencies.

If you remember the turbulent 60's Dale was one of the instructors who first brought state, county and local peace officers together for riot control training at Camp Rilea. He also built the better part of the range at Camp Withycombe, and with friends constructed most of the Police youth camp barracks near Estacada.

Not just your average overachiever

Dale was not just your average overachiever. In his tribute to Dale, then Lake Oswego Police Chief Zane Wilson said "Dale Morris policed Oregon for over eighteen years. During that time he was made a sergeant in two departments, and a lieutenant in one. He helped found the Oregon Peace Officers Association, went through the chairs, and was president for one year ['77-'78]. He helped found the Oregon Firearms Instructors Association.

"Although his statewide reputation was based to a large extent on his interest in weapons and safety, he demonstrated concern for training, education, management skills, and physical fitness.

"He was in every sense the champion of the working police officer" Amongst his friends at the OPOA, Dale's slogan still rings true, "Do it right." Dale died of a heart attack in 1980 at the age of 46.

Remembering with Rick Igou:

The Oregon Peace Officer: What are your first memories of OPOA?

IGOU: I remember as a new police officer I attended some training sponsored by OPOA. It was called something like "Analytical Approach to Homicide Investigation" by Dr. Henry Lee. I had only attended a couple other training classes prior to this one. I was amazed at the quality of training OPOA offered. Heck, I was still amazed that I got paid to go to training.

The Oregon Peace Officer: When did you start serving on the OPOA executive board?

IGOU: It was at that first training conference that I began to get interested in what OPOA was doing and finding out how I could be part of the organization. Over the next couple years I went to some additional training and I soon became part of the executive board where I have remained ever since. This has been both rewarding and educational.

The Oregon Peace Officer: What are your other training memories?

IGOU: Another memory I have about going to training right after I got hired was how large my DPSST number was. Every time I filled out the F-6 class roster I put my DPSST number of 19304 down in embarrassment because it was such a large number compared to everyone else. Now after 20 years I see numbers beginning with 45,000's all the time. Where does the time go?

The Oregon Peace Officer: What have you been doing with OPOA recently?

IGOU: One of my most rewarding times with OPOA was as president in the 2004 term. It was during that time that OPOA really got the “monthly” training program going and made a commitment to provide training across the state.

DPSST Numbers?

By Editor Dick Karman

The Department of Public Safety and Standards began as the Bureau of Public Safety Training and got rolling in 1961. The training and certification became mandatory in 1968, the same year that OPOA began as a professional association for peace officers.

When the training was mandatory, a BPST number was issued to every peace officer that had completed the course. During the first year, the list of qualified personnel to date was alphabetized and the numbers were issued in order.

Thus before any new numbers were issued the “current number” was already into the 3,000 range. Your editor began with the Portland Police Bureau in April of 1974 with a BPST number in the 6,000 range. He worked side by side with Officers bearing 3 digit numbers and he read reports written by officers with 2 digit numbers who incidentally had a last name starting with the letter A.

Remember those things?

When your editor approached “Police Science” as a career in the late 1960s, technology was primitive at best. Pagers, cell phones, and computers were things out of a comic strip like Buck Rodgers, or Dick Tracy. Even radio communications was not uniformly enjoyed by all agencies.

The National Civil Defense Administration was instrumental in placing “two-way” radios in the vehicles of first responders, i.e.: fire trucks and police cars in rural America. Before that time (and before OPOA) radio was one way. Dispatchers would talk but have no way of knowing if the vehicle in the field was listening. (“Calling all cars, Calling all cars”)

During those years “call boxes” were placed at convenient intervals for the “cop on patrol” to call the station for information, or to tell the dispatcher where he would be. Portland still had a call box on SW Ankeny Street when your editor was hired - It still rang directly to the “radio room.”

But in the last 40 years, all vehicles have had two-way radios. Also in the 1970s Portland and other jurisdictions started to use “tone actuated” quick call technology. This required that the radio (with vacuum tubes) was on all the time. When the radio heard a tone broadcast over the air waves (that was assigned to that vehicle) it would activate the warning device (lights or siren) that you selected. Thus when you were on a call or at coffee or directing traffic, dispatch could reach you.

On the night of August 9, 1974, Portland Police Officer Dennis Darden was slain while arresting an escaped convict. The **ALL tone** button was pushed by the dispatcher and police cars lit up all over town. But your editor had selected “blue light” in his vehicle and he and his partner were not in visual contact with the car at the time. He was less than 4 minutes away from the officer in need.

It was due to this and 5 other incidents where officers were wounded by gunfire in 1974 that the city placed personal portable radios in each car (not with each officer, but each car).

It wasn't until 1979 that enough radios were available for each officer to carry a personal portable radio (then referred to as “pacset”).

Modern computers

In 1980 the Sperry-Univac company (a conglomerate of the Sperry Rand Company and the Univac Corporation) developed a “personal computer” that would mount in a police car. These were known as Mobile Digital Terminals or MDTs. They were, as the name implies, only a terminal - all processing was done at the host computer. With the government money, Mobile Digital Terminals were installed in 6 major cities in the United States. Portland Police and Multnomah County SO were the only agencies in Oregon and were joined together by the common dispatch center which implemented the first consolidated 9-1-1 system using MDTs. Now everyone has one!

Do You Remember When ?

If you have stories of your first years with the Oregon Peace Officers Association, or your first years on the job, send them to OPOA-Remembering When, PO Box 9211, Brooks, OR 97305, or e-mail to editor@opoa.info.

For OPOA members who hold California Casualty Policies

Compassionate Program for OPOA Policyholders

Public safety officers make a pledge to protect and serve our communities despite the inherent danger of their job duties. Risking their lives every day to make our society a safer place for families to live and work makes them our local heroes.

So when an officer falls in the line of duty, our hearts go out to their family. Friends, colleagues and those in their community ask - What can I do for the family?

California Casualty asked this same question when the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Museum reported 145 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty during 2006.

Since 1983, OPOA and California Casualty have been partners in providing members with auto and home insurance policies. Both organizations recognize the ultimate sacrifice of the families who have lost a loved one and wanted to do something for the surviving family members to ease the burden of their loss.

California Casualty with OPOA created a special policy feature that would provide peace of mind for the family of an officer who makes the ultimate sacrifice, called the Fallen Officer Survivor Benefit. Effective September 1, 2007, the Fallen Officer Survivor Benefit will be provided free of charge to all OPOA members who are insured with California Casualty. The coverage is automatic. There is nothing the member needs to do - no phone calls to make and nothing to sign and return.

The Fallen Officer Survivor Benefit provides: If an officer loses his or her life in the line of duty, the policyholder's premium will be waived for the remainder of the current policy year, and for the subsequent year. George Bowen, California Casualty

Senior Vice President says, "This program is an effort to provide even further protection for California Casualty's customers, and their families, at a time of great need."

This policy benefit is a natural extension of California Casualty's stated commitment to determine the insurance needs of customers and to fill these needs as completely as possible. This commitment is reflected in the California Casualty Code, a statement of ethics that employees have embraced since the Code's introduction in 1966.

California Casualty is currently the only company to offer this type of premium waiver for fallen officers. Bowen also noted, "California Casualty is always trying to better understand our customers and put ourselves in their shoes. That's what members of our groups have come to appreciate about us."

This benefit among many other coverage features is the reason why OPOA chooses to sponsor California Casualty's A+ Auto & Home Insurance. California Casualty takes great pride in protecting our members who protect our communities.

For more information about this new benefit, or if you would like to get a free, no obligation quote for auto and/or home insurance, Call 1-877-777-1419.

Representatives are available by phone Monday - Friday, 6:00 am to 6:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 PM or request a quote on-line at www.calcas.com/law.