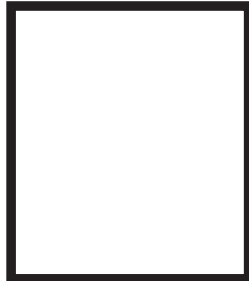


President's Page

By Officer Steve Piper,
Gresham PD and
OPOA President



Happy Holidays,

On behalf of the Board members and staff of the OPOA, I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season. Stay safe and stay with OPOA for the coming year.

As most of you may have noticed, we are in the middle of our membership renewal period. Please fill out those forms and return them as soon as you can. Law enforcement administrators, this would be a good time to reward your personnel. Enroll all your staff in OPOA and give them a beneficial holiday present.

Speaking of presents...it's that time year again when you are looking for the special gift to give and nothing is coming to mind...check out all of the merchandise available from OPOA at

http://www.opoa.info/OPOA_Merchandise.htm. I'm sure that special someone is just waiting for Christmas morning to open up their present and see the OPOA belt buckle or travel mug that they have always desired.

You can also buy these items at the 8th Annual Major Crimes Conference presented by Oregon Peace Officers Association in partnership with Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and OPOA Robbery/Homicide Subchapter.

The conference will be held January 16 - 19, 2007, at the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino, Canyonville, Oregon. We are looking at an excellent training block.

Presentations will include:

- The Christian Longo Homicide
- The Yosemite National Park Homicide
- The BTK Killer Case
- School Shootings

Online registration is available through our web site at: <http://www.opoa.info/Training/2007MajorCrimesOnlineReg.html>.

Many of you have attended this event in the past and know it is the premier event in the state dealing with major crimes. Once again this will be an outstanding event so sign up quickly and reserve your space.

As mentioned in previous articles, if you have an idea, comment or concern please let me or another board or staff member be of assistance. We are here for you and your coworkers.

Ofc. Steve Piper
OPOA President

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2007 MAJOR CRIMES CONFERENCE

Last Minute Registration!

There still are some seats left for the 8th Annual Major Crimes Conference. This year it is sponsored by the Oregon Peace Officers Association and the OPOA Robbery/Homicide Subchapter in association with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the FBI.

The conference will be held at the Seven Feathers Resort and conference center in Canyonville, Oregon (just off I-5 at milepost 99), January 16 through 19, 2007.

The major crime presentations include Det. Trish Miller, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office reviewing the Christian Longo homicide case; FBI SSA Shawn VanSlyke addressing recent school shootings; FBI SSA Bob Morton discussing the BTK Killer case; Jeff Rinek retired FBIA explaining the details of the Yosemite National Park Homicides; and Officer Eric Halverson reviewing the recent homicide case in Astoria. For registration information, visit web sites www.opoa.info and www.dco.com or call Kimm Barnes, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, 541-440-4458 (kabarnes@co.douglas.or.us) or Al Hall, OPOA, 541-738-0978.

The whole conference is only \$220 (nonmembers) which includes a 1 year membership for qualified personnel, or \$200 for OPOA members. Registration includes lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Conference Center may have a few rooms left at the government rate of \$60 a night (plus tax). Call the conference center, 1-888-677-7771, and ask for the Major Crimes Conference government rate for room reservations.

Salem PD to Host John Giduck

By Officer Craig Seibel, Salem Police Department

Lessons for America's Schools

John Giduck, author of "Terror at Beslan," will be presenting **Lessons for America's Schools** in Salem on March 9th, 2007 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The class will be held at Chemeketa Community College, Building 6 Auditorium, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon. The Salem Police Department Youth Services Unit and Code 4 Public Safety Education Association are hosting this training for police officers, school resource officers, teachers, counselors and principals.

Terror at Beslan tells the untold true story about the victims, the soldiers who were there and the history of the events leading up to this tragic incident.

John Giduck, arrived at the Beslan Middle School No. 1 in North Ossetia, Russia, at the conclusion of the battle by Russian Special Forces to retake the school. He spent months investigating all aspects of this attack, including many interviews with Russian Special Forces, government officials, and Beslan townspeople. Get insight into how the terrorists' plan was formed, intelligence developed for the assault, defenses deployed, and how ultimately negotiations failed and why, resulting in more than 300 dead in a ten-hour battle.

This seminar also covers the government's plan in handling the crisis, what went wrong, and what went right. Vulnerabilities of U.S. schools to this same type of assault and necessary changes in security to protect our children are presented in detail. Diagrams, video, and never-before-seen photos will be presented during this course. John Guiduck is part of the only American group to conduct an on-scene investigation of this tragedy as it unfolded.

The cost is \$99.00 and is being handled through www.code4.org or 1-800-622-9391.

The *Oregon Peace Officer* editorial staff wishes to thank all of the OPOA members and board for their support, wishing them a wonderful holiday season and a safe and service-filled new year.

Property Evidence Training

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 Doran of R.A. Doran and Associates, Chicago.

Mr. Doran has over 35 years of law enforcement experience including patrol officer, criminal investigator, police planner and Deputy Chief of Police. He is an adjunct instructor and consultant for the Northwestern University Traffic Institute and has conducted numerous training seminars throughout the United States on Police Property and Evidence Management and Management of Criminal Investigations since 1981. He serves as a consultant to many police and sheriffs' departments on property and evidence management audits and technical assistance studies.

Mr. Doran authored the book, "Evidence and Recovered Property: The Police Property Control Function." This book is the standard for managing evidence control systems throughout North America and many foreign countries. He has also written several feature articles on planning property control systems and evidence bar-coding systems.

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, P O Box 1464, Arlington Heights, IL 60006. Phone: 847 -303-9492. The cost is \$295.00 a person.

8th Child Abuse Summit & Family Violence Conference

**The Power of One
in Collaboration with Others**

April 17 - 20, 2007

**Red Lion Hotel on the River,
Portland, Oregon**

The Summit is a three-and-half-day multidisciplinary conference targeted for professionals working in the area of investigations, interviewing, assessment, prosecution and treatment of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence. The goal is to educate professionals on the complex issues associated with child abuse and family violence, to broaden professional's knowledge base in multiple areas and increase individual disciplines.

Registration is limited. Early registration is strongly encouraged. The registration fee includes all workshops, continental breakfast each day, refreshment breaks and one conference notebook. No registrations accepted after Friday, March 30, 2007. Register at www.childabusesummit.com. No registrations at the door.

Registration confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment. Please bring a copy of your written confirmation to the Summit.

One conference notebook is supplied per registration fee. A limited supply of extra notebooks will be available for purchase at the Summit store for \$40.

The 8th annual Child Abuse Summit & Family Violence Conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217. Located just off I-5, 12 minutes from Portland International Airport. Vancouver, Washington is just across the Interstate Bridge.

You must register in advance. Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel. When making your reservation, ask for the Child Abuse Summit 2007 conference rate. Phone 503-283-4466 or 1-800-Red Lion (733-5466).

Grant to take voice recognition to the next step

The National Institute of Justice has awarded a monetary grant to a consortium of law enforcement and academic partners in Oregon which, commencing in October 2006 and running for 2 years or more, is to develop a system of voice command recognition between the personal portable radios in use by law enforcement personnel and the Mobile Digital Computers mounted in a patrol vehicle.

The system will hopefully take what most of us know as voice recognition, useful in a dictation setting, and make it robust enough to survive the rigors of 800 megahertz transmission, in varying weather and physical proximity of voice to microphone. The approach will use a voice version of XML. XML is a markup language often used in computer interfaces. This approach will not require that every word or every sentence be understood. Only key words need to be recognized to trigger certain data requests. For those with a technical interest, the grant prototype uses a voice XML application with Java script running under the Opera web client and has very positive results until the incoming voice is transmitted via radio. Those difficulties will be the focus of the grant.

Once developed the technology will benefit any officer who needs to access information they would normally get from their MDC while they are out of the car - including bike and mounted patrols. Today's radio systems are already a hybrid of voice and digital communications. This project will hopefully take this marriage to the next level.

The grant was conceived by OPOA-member Warren Harrison, a reserve deputy for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and a computer science professor. He has recruited fellow computer science Prof. Bart Massey and Jim Larson, retired Intel technical research analyst in voice recognition. Current partners are Portland State University, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and Hillsboro Police Department. Harrison says, "We're always looking for additional partners. Our goal is to form a consortium of Oregon agencies interested in applying technology to law enforcement operations."

For partnership information contact Warren Harrison, e-mail: warren@cs.pdx.edu.

Anthrax: suspicious powder

Facts from the NCDC

[Anthrax is a terrorism concern for public safety officials ever since it was discovered in the US mail after the 2001 terrorism attacks. Law Enforcement should not be ignorant of what it can do. This is a story from the National Center for Disease Control.]

What Is Anthrax?

Anthrax is a serious disease caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, a bacterium that forms spores. A bacterium is a very small organism made up of one cell. Many bacteria can cause disease. A spore is a cell that is dormant (asleep) but may come to life with the right conditions.

There are three types of anthrax:

- * skin (cutaneous)
- * lungs (inhalation)
- * digestive (gastrointestinal)

How Do You Get It?

Anthrax is not known to spread from one person to another.

Anthrax from animals. Humans can become infected with anthrax by handling products from infected animals or by breathing in anthrax spores from infected animal products (like wool, for example). People also can become infected with gastrointestinal anthrax by eating undercooked meat from infected animals.

Anthrax as a weapon. Anthrax also can be used as a weapon. This happened in the United States in 2001. Anthrax was deliberately spread through the postal system by sending letters with powder containing anthrax. This caused 22 cases of anthrax infection.

How Dangerous Is Anthrax?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention classifies agents with recognized bioterrorism potential into three priority areas (A, B and C). Anthrax is classified as a Category A agent. Category A agents are those that:

- pose the greatest possible threat for a bad effect on public health
- may spread across a large area or need public awareness
- need a great deal of planning to protect the public's health

In most cases, early treatment with antibiotics can cure cutaneous anthrax. Even if untreated, 80 percent of people who become infected with cutaneous anthrax do not die. Gastrointestinal anthrax is more serious because between one-fourth and more than half of cases lead to death. Inhalation anthrax is much more severe. In 2001, about half of the cases of inhalation anthrax ended in death.

What Are the Symptoms?

The symptoms (warning signs) of anthrax are different depending on the type of the disease:

- Cutaneous: The first symptom is a small sore that develops into a blister. The blister then develops into a skin ulcer with a black area in the center. The sore, blister and ulcer do not hurt.
- Gastrointestinal: The first symptoms are nausea, loss of appetite, bloody diarrhea, and fever, followed by bad stomach pain.
- Inhalation: The first symptoms of inhalation anthrax are like cold or flu symptoms and can include a sore throat, mild fever and muscle aches. Later symptoms include cough, chest discomfort, shortness of breath, tiredness and muscle aches. (Caution: Do not assume that just because a person has cold or flu symptoms that they have inhalation anthrax.)

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick?

Symptoms can appear within 7 days of coming in contact with the bacterium for all three types of anthrax. For inhalation anthrax, symptoms can appear within a week or can take up to 42 days to appear.

How Is Anthrax Treated?

Antibiotics are used to treat all three types of anthrax. Early identification and treatment are important.

Prevention after exposure. Treatment is different for a person who is exposed to anthrax, but is not yet sick. Health-care providers will use antibiotics (such as ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, doxycycline, or penicillin) combined with the anthrax vaccine to prevent anthrax infection.

Treatment after infection. Treatment is usually a 60-day course of antibiotics. Success depends on the type of anthrax and how soon treatment begins. (www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/anthrax/needtoknow.asp)

Life Saving Award

Officer Douglas Newquest Albany Police Department

On July 11, 2005, Officer Newquist responded to an attempted suicide of a 35-year old female. Officer Newquist arrived at the scene and determined the female was not breathing and did not have a pulse. He instructed the husband on how to give breaths while he administered chest compression. He continued the action until the Albany Fire Department arrived and took over the care of the female. The female recovered and has no ill effects from her heart stoppage.

The OPOA Life Saving Award was presented to Officer Newquest at the 2006 Awards Banquet.

Public Service Award

Reserve Lt. Thomas Freedland Tigard Police Department

Reserve Lt. Thomas Freedland has served with distinction for 29 years in a sworn and reserve capacity in California and Oregon. Lt. Freedland served as a full time officer with the Riverside County Sheriff, Downey Police, and Los Angeles Sheriff Office (LASO). He then worked as reserve officer for eight years with LASO with his primary assignment as a helicopter observer with the Aero Bureau.

Lt. Freedland has worked for the Tigard Police Dept. for the past 12 years, 10 of those years as Reserve Lieutenant.

Lt. Freedland has also served as Founder and board member of the Oregon Reserve Peace Officer Association; a sub-chapter of the Oregon Peace Officers Association. Lt. Freedland oversaw three major legislative efforts providing a statewide definition of Reserve Peace Officer which included attending meetings with State Representatives and State Senators. Lt. Freedland oversaw many regional training programs geared towards the Reserve Peace Officer as well as coordinating two statewide conferences for the Oregon Reserve Peace Officers Association.

Lt. Freedland received a Meritorious Service award in 2000 and a Lifesaving award in 2001. The Downey Police Department also recognized Lt.

Freedland for Lifesaving and major crime investigation in 1981.

Reserve Lt. Thomas Freedland received the OPOA Public Service Award at the 2006 awards banquet.

Public Service Award

Officer Theodore Kistner Salem Police Department

Officer Theodore Kistner, during his 17 years at the Salem Police Department, had garnered countless commendations for his work performance and attention to duty and the community.

Many of the citizen's comments indicate Officer Kistner's willingness to go out of his way to assist them. One comment from a citizen whose car was disabled commented that "He (Officer Kistner) was tremendous, and I know I am safer out there because of police like him. Your department is better for having him on board."

Professional accolades have been received from Assistant US Attorney Fred Weinhouse, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI, Portland Office, the chiefs from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and McMinnville, Oregon, Capt. Barry Carver of the Texas Rangers Company "E" and Reporter Peg Achterman of KING Television, Seattle, Washington, who commended Officer Kistner for the outstanding job he did in locating and arresting a serial rapist and the way he treated the reporters when they came to do their story.

Officer Kistner's overall performance is best stated in a letter of recommendation from Salem Police Chief Gary Michel who stated, "You make quality arrests based on sound investigations, often times utilizing information provided to you at briefings, by other officers and a network of informants. Your willingness to assist other officers is appreciated by your peers and supervisors, and your work in the field has been recognized by law enforcement, the Salem City Council, and citizens alike."

Officer Theodore Kistner was awarded the Public Service Award at the 2006 Awards Banquet.

Public Service Award

Detective Dan Kelly Beaverton Police Department

In the month of February 2006, Detective Dan Kelly was assigned a case of a 14-year-old female victim who was sexually abused by an acquaintance. When Det. Kelly contacted the victim's family he discovered the family was living in a small apartment with few furnishings or amenities. The family was heavily in debt, and the single mother was unemployed.

Detective Kelly coordinated efforts and gathered resources, collected donations, and notified resources to assist with the family's situation. During a two-week period he was instrumental in finding the mother gainful employment, furnishing the apartment, and accumulating enough funds to get the family out of debt. With the funds left over Detective Kelly arranged for the young victim to have an eye exam and obtain prescription glasses.

Detective Kelly has been in law enforcement for 26 years and still has the compassion and concern to go out of his way and make a difference in a family's life.

Detective Kelly was awarded the OPOA Public Service Award at the 2006 OPOA awards banquet.

Distinguished Service Award

Crime Prevention Specialist Julie McCloud Washington County Sheriff's Office

As part of an overall strategy to address and impact the methamphetamine epidemic in Washington County, Sheriff Rob Gordon assigned Crime Prevention Specialist Julie McCloud the task of formulating a video and education program for the youth of their county. McCloud was able to secure a grant from the Department of Justice, enlisted the services of a local filmmaker and director and by April 2005, "Crystal Misery" made its debut. The video focuses on compelling and inspiring true stories that illustrate the tragic consequences of using methamphetamine.

McCloud then designed an educational resource guide to accompany the video and assisted in the design of four eye-catching posters with visuals and

slogans that would speak to kids about methamphetamine use. Each of the posters has a spot for a small pad of tear off sheets with the contacts numbers for local resources of addiction services.

McCloud and command staff from the Sheriff's Office then met with the superintendents of all the schools in Washington County and received overwhelming support to distribute the materials in the schools. This entire package was then distributed to every middle school and high school in Washington County.

The materials have been shared around the state by other agencies to show to their citizens and youth. In addition members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office have given over 80 presentations to approximately 4,000 people around the county and state in schools, church groups, civic groups, youth groups and neighborhood watch groups.

Specialist Julie McCloud was presented with the distinguished service award at the 2006 OPOA awards banquet.

Distinguished Service Award

Officer Anthony Bastinelli Beaverton Police Department

On June 11, 2006, Officer Anthony Bastinelli responded to a robbery call. En route Officer Bastinelli observed two subjects matching the description of the robbery suspects. Officer Bastinelli attempted to stop the suspects who fled leading to a pursuit. The suspects crashed their vehicle and the occupants fled. A K9 track found one suspect, while the other was apprehended later.

In the suspect vehicle, items were found that tied the suspects to the burglary. The vehicle was stolen and belonged to homicide victims from Portland, and the subjects were possible suspects in that homicide. Portland Police Bureau was able to link these individuals to a third homicide case.

Due to Officer Bastinelli's initial observation and identification of the suspects as he was responding to the call and the ensuing pursuit and capture, a partnering agency was able to solve three homicide cases.

Officer Bastinelli was presented the distinguished Service Award at the 2006 OPOA awards banquet.