



OREGON PEACE OFFICER

Presidents Message

By Wendy Svaren,
Lake Oswego PD.



Greetings OPOA members,

First, I must say I am proud and honored to serve as your President for the Oregon Peace Officer's Association for 2008. This will be OPOA's 40th year as an association serving law enforcement in Oregon. Our mission statement is to provide leadership and service to the law enforcement community in the advancement of the profession, and to advocate for the safety and security of law enforcement professionals and the citizens of Oregon.

OPOA achieves this mission in a variety of ways. This newsletter serves as a pipeline to get information to our nearly 1200 members. The publication is quarterly and summarizes important events,

which may affect the way we as officers conduct business. Every department has someone within your ranks that specializes in a particular area. It may be your DRE Officer, Drugs & Vice, Evidence or School Resource Officer's. Encourage them to share their stories so we may all learn from one another. We invite each of you to submit articles of interest that may help your fellow officers in their daily tasks. To submit an article, contact the publication editor Dick Karman at editor@opoa.info.

OPOA holds two major conferences and many workshops throughout the year. We bring you high quality training at the lowest cost possible and we bring it to all regions in Oregon. Our next major conference will be the Major Crimes Conference, this month in Canyonville, Oregon. This four day conference will include presentations on Child Abduction Homicides, The Lockerbie Pan Am 103 Bombing Investigation, Geographic Profiling, Trace Evidence Collection and other topics.

Upcoming workshops include the "All Aboard, OPOA Train-ing" taught by the Amtrak Police and Union Pacific Railroad Police. The sessions will include information on railroad crimes and accident investigations. OPOA has offered this training before and received requests for more. This is a great example of how OPOA supports law enforcement. If you have ideas and requests for training on a particular subject please contact an OPOA board member. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs. You may visit our website for upcoming training events and dates. We also send out mailings with class information so watch for these.

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We also are a forum for bringing legislative proposals to the attention of the law enforcement community and the citizens of Oregon. OPOA is committed to programs & legislation which promote the safety of our officers and the citizens of Oregon. In keeping with this commitment, we actively support programs or legislation, which will benefit our communities.

These are just a few of the ways OPOA supports Oregon Officers and the citizens who live in this state. I thank you for your support and ask that you

continue to do so by attending OPOA training, submitting articles for the newsletter and alerting us of legislative proposals which may affect us all. We also invite you to attend our board meetings which are held the third Friday of the month at the DPSST training center in Salem.

This is going to be a great year for Oregon Peace Officer's Association and I look forward our 40th year. Please visit our website at www.opoa.info.

Wendy Svaren,
OPOA President

2008 Major Crime Conference Canyonville - Jan 22-25, 2008

The OPOA Major crimes Conference is presented by The Oregon Peace Officers Association in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the OPOA Robbery/Homicide Sub-Chapter. The location is Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort Canyonville, Oregon. The date is January 22 to 25, 2008.

Presentations will include Child Abduction Homicides, The Lockerbie Pan Am 103 Bombing Investigation, Geographic Profiling, Trace Evidence Collection, Cell Phone Tracking, Solicitation for Murder, ReSOLT-Registered Sex Offender Locating Tool, Arson and Filicide

For answers to conference questions call Al Hall of OPOA at 541-738-0978. For last minute registration information call Kimm Barnes of the Douglas County SO at 541-440-4458.

2007 Training Conference

By Mark Posler,
Corvallis PD

The 2007 OPOA Annual Training Conference and Awards banquet was held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport on November 14, 15, 16, 2007. The events were very successful and well received by the attendees. The presenters for the conference were Corvallis Detective Mike Wells, FBI SSA Joseph Boyer, Dwane Hilderbrand, and Las Vegas Metro PD Lt. Randy Sutton. Lt. Sutton was especially popular, and sold several autographed copies of his books during breaks from his presentation. A few copies may still be available through the OPOA office.

The Awards Banquet was highly successful, and was entirely sold out in advance with over 290 attendees. Many persons remarked on the quality of the event, and thanked OPOA for our efforts and support. To the board member's recollection, this was the largest awards banquet ever hosted by OPOA.

Evaluations turned in by attendees indicate satisfaction with the Best Western Agate Beach Inn as the venue for the conference, and new 2nd VP Scott Dye has decided to hold the 2008 OPOA Annual Training Conference there again in November 2008.

I wish to thank everyone involved with this event for their efforts on behalf of OPOA, as it is a large project and teamwork is the key.

Special thanks to OPOA Secretary Larry Stephens, Treasurer Marian Nemeth, President Wendy Svaren, Immediate Past President Steve Piper, Past President Brenda George, and Training Coordinator Al Hall.

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Medal of Valor award presented to Dezi Meza, Albany P.D.



Peace Officer Training

Sex Offender Registration from an Enforcement Viewpoint

This 2 hour class is designed for law enforcement officers, jail staff, dispatchers, parole and probation officers, Oregon Youth Authority and Juvenile department staff and any criminal justice employees who supervise, monitor, investigate or arrest sex offenders for non-compliance with registration laws. (current employment is a requirement.)

This free class is sponsored by DPSST and Oregon State Police, and will be held at the Clackamas County Public Safety Training Center, 12700 SE 82nd Ave, Clackamas, OR. There will be two classes (same content) on February 5, 2008.

The first session is 1000 to 1200 hours. The second session (repeat) is from 1300 to 1500 hours. No refreshment will be provided.

The instructor is Vi Beaty, Unit Manager, Oregon State Police Sex Offender Registration Unit. For registration information follow the links to regional course app at <http://oregon.gov/DPSST/index.shtml> and visit regional course application.

For registration questions contact Jennifer Otterlee, DPSST, jennifer.otterlee@state.or.us or 503-378-2418.

This class is aimed at enforcement issues pertaining to currently registered sex offenders. Covered will be: Information on current laws pertaining to sex offender reporting, registration requirements, fail to register, and relief.

Class will review information contained in LEDS, the Law Enforcement Website, the Predatory Sex Offender Public Website and the National Sex Offender website with tips on what to look for to determine offender compliance.

Updates on statutory changes in sex offender registration, registration manuals and handouts will be provided.

Street Survival

This class is a presentation of Calibre Press on February 14-15, 2008 in Eugene, Oregon. Registration is \$199 per officer, and \$75 for the officer's spouse.

For over 25 years the Calibre Press has presented the "Street Survival" seminar. It is heralded as a stimulating and dynamic two days. The Street Survival seminar will motivate, inspire, and teach officers not only to survive but to WIN! Develop the values and winning mind-set you need to keep yourself motivated, effective and safe on the street. Gain valuable insight into new less-lethal options available to you. Learn to use crisis rehearsal and mental preparation strategies to prepare yourself for virtually any situation. Overcome the "routine" nature of the job and avoid one of the deadliest enemies in law enforcement: Complacency. Navigate the frustrations of working within a bureaucracy. Gain the mental edge you need to survive. To register visit www.calibrepress.com

Oregon House Bill 2872

Beginning January 1, 2008 underage drivers using mobile communication devices while driving can be cited for a Class D traffic Infraction.

This bill is part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

(1) A person under 18 years of age commits the offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device if the person, while operating a motor vehicle on a highway, uses a mobile communication device and the person holds: (a) A provisional driver license issued under ORS 807.065; (b) A special student driver permit issued under ORS 807.230; or (c) An instruction driver permit issued under ORS 807.280.

(2) For purposes of this section, "mobile communication device" means a text messaging device or a wireless, two-way communication device designed to receive and transmit voice or text communication.

(3) This section does not apply to a person summoning medical or other emergency help if no other person in the vehicle is capable of summoning help.

(4) The offense described in this section, operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device, is a Class D traffic violation.

DNA Solves a 26 Year Old Case for Lake Oswego PD.

On July 26th, 1980, in the City of Lake Oswego, two elderly citizens, Casper Volk, 84 years, and his 78 year old wife, were savagely knifed to death in their home. The investigation was intense but as leads wore thin the investigation ground to a halt in the summer of 1981.

In 2003 Lake Oswego Detective Jon Harrington opened several old boxes labeled "Volk Homicide." He not only took an interest but he made it his mission to solve the 23 year old case. Lake Oswego does not have a "Cold Case" unit so most of this was done on Detective Harrington's own initiative.

Pouring through old reports he learned that the suspect, an acquaintance of the Volks, had made suspicious statements but had never been charged. Harrington found several pieces of well preserved blood evidence. In the evidence was an unknown DNA profile. It may have been a convicting piece of evidence if DNA testing had been in use two decades ago. Meeting with Oregon State Police Crime Lab and other investigators at LOPD, testing was set up for the DNA profiles.

The testing profiled the DNA for both the Volks and an unidentified male. Armed with this knowledge Harrington served a search warrant to obtain the DNA sample from suspect, Ryan Anthony, who was the estranged husband of Maggie McNeeley, the Volk's granddaughter. The DNA match provided the probable cause for Anthony's arrest on April 4, 2006 and the subsequent prosecution.

The court case in Clackamas County District Court lasted 13 days and ultimately lead to a finding of guilty on all counts. The sentencing hearing was held on September 6, 2007. The sentenced was life in prison. The conclusive testing of DNA evidence has helped to solve over 2,000 cases since it began here in Oregon (see story this page).

Detective Jon Harrington, a twelve year veteran with LOPD, was only 8 years old when Casper and his wife were murdered, yet his tenacity and dedication to justice solved the 26 year old case. Jon Harrington received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2007 OPOA awards banquet as a result of his work on this case (see list of award recipients on pages 6 and 7).

OSP DNA Unit Passes 2,000th Hit Linking Suspects To Crimes

Forensic evidence linking a convicted offender to a homicide became the 2000th DNA database hit reported by the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory DNA unit.

On November 20, 2007 the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory DNA unit recorded the 2000th DNA database hit. The first hit to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) happened August 1, 1994. Twelve years later the 1000th hit was recorded on September 28, 2004. Now, less than 2 years later, the DNA unit recorded the 2000th hit.

"The use of the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) helps to identify suspects and relate unsolved crimes to provide leads to all law enforcement agencies in the State of Oregon," said Susan Torris Hormann, Supervisor of the DNA unit. "The last 1,000 hits have provided investigative leads in 30 homicides, 74 rapes, 18 assaults, 82 robberies, 9 arsons, 428 burglaries, a combined 272 leads for thefts and car thefts, and 87 other types of crimes."

The Oregon Legislature approved over one million dollars to pay for analysis of 24,000 backlogged convicted offender DNA samples.

Prior to this appropriation, the analysis of convicted offender DNA samples have been performed with the assistance of federal grant funds from the National Institute of Justice. Money has also been received from individuals and groups in Oregon who have donated through fund raising efforts solely dedicated for the purpose of analyzing convicted offender DNA samples.

As of October 2007, the Oregon State Police DNA database contains approximately 82,000 convicted offender samples and 5,000 forensic evidence samples. The National DNA database contains 5 million convicted offender samples and 190,000 forensic evidence samples.

The Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division is a nationally accredited forensic laboratory system serving all state and local law enforcement agencies, medical examiners and prosecuting attorneys in Oregon. Providing the State's only full service forensic laboratory system, the OSP Forensic Services Division also performs forensic analysis on criminal cases for the defense upon a court order.

A Story of Valor

On April 30th 2006, Officer Roger Lloyd of the Independence Police Department, was dispatched to a disturbance in a neighborhood of Independence.

When he arrived there were many bystanders, including young children. Some of the youngsters told Officer Lloyd that the suspect had tried to hit them with his truck. Officer Lloyd recognized the subject, and knew that he suffered from various mental health issues.

Officer Lloyd witnessed the man's bizarre behavior, throwing articles out of a home that was not his home. Officer Lloyd gave verbal commands and began separating himself and the subject's attention from the bystanders

The man abruptly began walking towards the Toyota pick-up that he had been driving earlier. Officer Lloyd correctly assumed that he was going to drive the truck.

Officer Lloyd used his patrol vehicle to block the truck's movement. Moments later the truck rammed the patrol car at the driver side left front panel, then backed into a nearby driveway. Though injured from the initial impact, Officer Lloyd pulled his damaged patrol car into the driveway, creating a barrier between the truck and the onlookers.

Disregarding his injuries, Officer Lloyd attempted to take the man into custody. The man resisted, returned to his truck, and managed to drive through the side yard of the residence, running over a fence and across a neighboring yard.

With the arrival of other officers and deputies, the suspect was taken into custody, but only after colliding with several parked cars. Due to officer Lloyd's actions, there were no injuries to neighbors or onlookers in the area.

As a result of this incident, Officer Lloyd suffered serious physical injury which required reconstructive surgery. Through the trauma of the initial contact and arrest and the strain on his body during recovery Officer Lloyd has contracted Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease). This may permanently prevent him from resuming duties as a patrol officer.

Officer Roger Lloyd was presented the Medal of Valor and The Purple Heart Award by OPOA at the 2007 awards ceremony.

O.P.O.A. Conference - 2007 Awards

Life Saving Awards

Officer Jed Wilson
Albany Police Department

Sergeant Shawn Adams
Salem Police Department

Officer Sean Todd
Beaverton Police Department

Officer Isaiah Haines
Monmouth Police Department

Officer Jeremy Shaw
Beaverton Police Department

Trooper John Lombardi
Oregon State Police- Hermiston

Sergeant Christopher Allori
And Senior Trooper Roger Edwards
Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife
Division

Officer Patrick Leahy
and Officer Rodney Wilkerson
Troutdale Police Department

Corporal Steve Schuster
Washington County Sheriff's Office

Sergeant Sean Merritt & K-9 Officer Vico
Coos Bay Police Department

Sergeant John King
Springfield Police Department

Reserve Officer Katrina St. Clair
Myrtle Creek Police Department

Unit Citation Award

Clackamas County Traffic Enforcement Motor
Unit: Sgt. John Naccarato, Deputy Mike Zacher,
Deputy Jodi Westerman, Deputy Adam Phillips,
Deputy Brian Jensen And Deputy Robbie Nashif

Public Service Award

Sergeant Todd Lautenbach
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Investigator Elizabeth Mulder
Oregon Department Of Human Services

Deputy Gil Millett
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Reserve Deputy Jack Hipp
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Distinguished Service Award

Detective Jason Servo
Gresham Police Department

Detective Jay Pentheny
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Detective Jon Harrington
Lake Oswego Police Department

Senior Trooper Jeffrey Lewis
Oregon State Police

Medal Of Honor

Trooper Russell Decker
Oregon State Police

Senior Trooper Huff Meyer
Oregon State Police

Purple Heart

Deputy Kelly James Fredinburg -
Marion County Sheriff's Office
Awarded posthumously to his Wife Christine

Trooper Russell Decker
Oregon State Police

Officer Roger Lloyd
Independence Police Department

Unit Citation Award

The Union County Tactical Team
Sergeant Larry Graves and Trooper Jesse Webb;
Oregon State Police La Grande Office
Corporal Dustin Perry and Reserve Sgt. Nicholas
Pallis; Elgin Police Dept, Captain Craig Ward,
Deputy Scott Willadsen and Deputy Bill Miller;
Union County Sheriff's Office Dispatchers Carol
Ann St. Clair and Dispatcher Cathy Schwebke

Medal Of Valor

Officer Roger Lloyd
Independence Police Department

Officer James Wilson and
Officer Eric Pardee
Springfield Police Department

Officer Dezi Meza
Albany Police Department

Officer Brian Gay
Springfield Police Department

Sergeant James Miller
Salem Police Department

Officer Shawn Trotter
Eugene Police Department

Officer Ryan Murphy
Beaverton Police Department