54TH ANNUAL

# AWARDS BANQUET

OREGON PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026**

## 56TH ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

**Welcome** . . . . . President Christina Doolittle
**Presentation of Colors** . . . . . North Salem High School JROTC
**Invocation** . . . . . Chaplain Dean Aithwaite
**Dinner Raffle** . . . . . Greystone Tactical
**Master of Ceremonies** . . . . . Nora Hart, Fox 12
**Master of Ceremonies** . . . . . Pete Ferryman, Fox 12
**Presentation of Awards** . . . . . Christy Doolittle, President
**Presentation of Awards** . . . . . Brian Prevett, 2nd Vice President

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**Oregon Association of Property & Evidence Officers** . . . . . Darci Vandenhoek, Salem Police Department
**Oregon Association of Public Information Officers** . . . . . Kelsey Anderson, Tigard Police Department

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**Oregon Digital Forensics Investigators Assoc.** . . . . Matt Glem, Washington County District Attorney's Office
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**Training Coordinator** . . . . . .Alicia Davis, Oregon Peace Officers Association

*Names may not be announced as listed below for incidents receiving several award categories.

## UNIT CITATION AWARD

**The Rogue Area Drug Enforcement Team**
**Detective Ryan Neuenschwander** . . . . . .Oregon State Police
**Detective George Gasperson**. . . . . Grants Pass Police Department
**Detective Logan Martin** . . . . . Grants Pass Police Department
**Detective Robert Gilinsky**. . . . . Grants Pass Police Department
**Parole and Probation Officer Matt Scaglione** . . . . . Josephine County Community Justice
**Federal Officer Trent Pruitt**. . . . . .United States Postal Inspection Service
**Deputy District Attorney Olivia Mendez** . . . . . .Josephine County DA

**Child Abuse Investigation**
**Officer Kirsten Cardwell**. . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Lisa Duncan** . . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Brian Dunn**. . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Justin Swint** . . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Jared Quinones**. . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Brian Antone** . . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Robert Weaver** . . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Branden Sink** . . . . . Springfield Police Department
**Detective Caitlin Gold**. . . . . Springfield Police Department

## CRITICAL INCIDENT AWARD

**Triple Homicide and Officer Involved Shooting on May 31, 2026**
American Medical Response
Clackamas County Sheriff's Officer
Clackamas Fire Department
EDU Metro Swat
Gresham Fire Department
Gresham Police Department
Life Flight
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office/East Metro Swat
Oregon State Police SWAT
Sandy Police Department
United States Marshals

Washington County Tactical Negotiation Team

**Terroristic Threat on February 26, 2026**
Columbia County Sheriff's Office
Columbia County District Attorney
Federal Bureau of Investigations
St. Helens Police Department

Lieutenant Brent Thompson . . . . . Columbia County Sheriff's Office
District Attorney Josh Pond . . . . . Columbia County District Attorney
Special Agent Brent Cronce . . . . . Federal Bureau of Investigations
Chief Matt Smith . . . . . St. Helens Police Department
Sergeant Jose Castilleja . . . . . St. Helens Police Department
Sergeant Jeremy Howell . . . . . St. Helens Police Department
Officer Adam Raethke . . . . . St. Helens Police Department
Officer Adam Hartless . . . . . St. Helens Police Department
Officer Kolten Edwards . . . . . St. Helens Police Department

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Officer Angus Emmons . . . . . Salem Police Department
Sergeant Garon Boyce . . . . . Salem Police Department
Sergeant Matthew Groat . . . . . Salem Police Department
Sergeant Erick Hernandez . . . . . Salem Police Department
Sergeant Jeffrey Lucenti . . . . . Salem Police Department
Officer Bo Rankin . . . . . Eugene Police Officer
Detective Jake Lollar . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Detective Chris Mackey . . . . . Eugene Police Department

## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Detective Edgar Garcia-Garfias . . . . . Hillsboro Police Department
Senior Officer Travis Elton . . . . . The Dalles Police
Officer Faith Hovenden . . . . . Salem Police Department
Officer Jonathon Low . . . . . Salem Police Department
Officer Benjamin Morgan . . . . . Salem Police Department
Officer Bryan Plasker . . . . . Salem Police Department
Officer Ashley Setzer . . . . . Salem Police Department

## LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Sergeant Timothy Hunt . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Officer Jose Perez . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Officer Aidan Clark . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Officer Jacob Knowlton . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Officer Lucas Blackwell . . . . . Eugene Police Department
Officer Dawson Housley . . . . . Eugene Police Department

**Officer Eugene Henderson** . . . . . Eugene Police Department
**Officer Cameron Chrisemer** . . . . . Albany Police Department
**Officer Charlie Breshears** . . . . . Albany Police Department
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**Senior Trooper Kyle Winship**. . . . . Oregon State Police
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**Trooper Taylor Trimboli** . . . . . Oregon State Police
**Sergeant Daniel Merritt** . . . . . Oregon State Police
**Trooper Zachary Varney**. . . . . Oregon State Police
**Parole and Probation Officer Mercedez May** . . . . . Lane County Parole and Probation
**Officer Amaris Bowles** . . . . . Sutherlin Police Department
**Senior Officer Scott Liston** . . . . . Newberg-Dundee Police Department
**Senior Officer Tom Sattler** . . . . . Newberg-Dundee Police Department
**Officer Andrew Maxfield** . . . . . Newberg-Dundee Police Department
**Senior Officer Paul Cooley** . . . . . Newberg-Dundee Police Department

## DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

**Mr. Wyatt Adams**

## LIFE SAVING WITH VALOR AWARDS

**Officer Lawson Setzer** . . . . . Albany Police Department
**Officer Tanner Barrett** . . . . . Coquille Police Department
**Officer Vincennt Salazar**. . . . . Salem Police Department
**Sergeant Cody Miller** . . . . . Salem Police Department
**Deputy Cole Kinman** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
**Deputy Adrian Inzerillo** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
**Deputy David Nyhus** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

## MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS

**Sergeant Joe Clausen** . . . . . Albany Police Department
**Officer Justin Felty** . . . . . Albany Police Department
**Officer David St. Pierre** . . . . . Albany Police Department
**Officer Kenny Engelking** . . . . . Salem Police Department
**Sergeant Travis Ricketts** . . . . . Salem Police Department
**Sergeant Leland Farrar** . . . . . Oregon State Police
**Officer Will Stutesman** . . . . . Eugene Police Department
**Detective William Stagger-Seals** . . . . . Eugene Police Department
**Officer Jeremiah Mares** . . . . . Gearhart Police Department
**Officer James Jordan** . . . . . Cannon Beach Police Department
**Corporal Matthew Brown** . . . . . Seaside Police Department
**Officer Derek Spivey** . . . . . Seaside Police Department
**Officer Scott Beaver** . . . . . Seaside Police Department

## MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDS

**Officer Jamil Kassab** . . . . . Sandy Police Department
**Sergeant Garrett Thornton** . . . . . Sandy Police Department
**Deputy Troy Gilmore** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Officer
**Deputy Sam Eason** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
**Deputy Rayce Belmont** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
**Deputy Bryan Swaim** . . . . . Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

## PURPLE HEART AWARDS

**Sergeant Garrett Thornton** . . . . . Sandy Police Department

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE OREGON PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

**1969-70 Orlo McGee** . . . . . Medford Police Department
**1970-71 Ken Goin** . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
**1971-72 Joe Burchfial** . . . . . Jackson County Sheriff's Office
**1972-73 Leonard Skinner** . . . . . Board of Police Standards & Training
**1973-74 Paul Miner** . . . . . Roseburg Police Department
**1974-75 Ed Spiruta** . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
**1975-76 David Conner** . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
**1976-77 Melvin Scofield** . . . . . Salem Police Department
**1977-78 L. Dale Morris** . . . . . Lake Oswego Police Department
**1978-79 Jim Willis** . . . . . Douglas County Sheriff's Office
**1979-81 Art Martinak** . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
**1981-82 Marion Valburg** . . . . . Board of Police Standards & Training
**1982-83 Charles Knight** . . . . . Coos Bay Police Department
**1983-84 Dick Tenderella** . . . . . Oregon State Police

1984-85 Darrell Hill . . . . . The Dalles Police Department
1985-86 Randy Martinak . . . . . Oregon Department of Justice
1986-87 Mark Caillier . . . . . Salem Police Department
1987-88 Richard Vannice . . . . . Albany Police Department
1988-89 G. Scott Barnes . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
1989-90 Mike Bishop . . . . . Coos Bay Police Department
1990-91 Randy Wight . . . . . Eugene Police Department
1991-92 Rick Brady . . . . . Oregon State Police
1992-93 Ken Davis . . . . . Law Enforcement Data System
1993-94 Barbara Phillips . . . . . Coos Bay Police Department
1994-95 Bob George . . . . . Douglas County Sheriff's Office
1995-96 Larry A. Ward . . . . . Gresham Police Department
1996-97 Larry Stephens . . . . . Salem Police Department
1997-98 Steve Asp . . . . . Portland Police Bureau
1998-99 Pat Harmon . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
1999-00 Louis Lampreht . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
2000-01 Malcolm Lewis . . . . . Oregon State Police
2001-03 Michael Harmon . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
2003-04 Brenda George . . . . . Myrtle Creek Police Department
2004-05 Rick Igou . . . . . Independence Police Department
2005-06 Chris Woolcock . . . . . Gresham Police Department
2006-07 Steve Piper . . . . . Gresham Police Department
2007-08 Wendy Svaren . . . . . Lake Oswego Police Department
2008-09 Mark Polser . . . . . Corvallis Police Department
2009-11 Scott Dye . . . . . Department Safety Standards Training
2011-12 Mike Wells . . . . . Oregon Department of Justice
2012-13 David White . . . . . Marion County Sheriff's Office
2013-14 Chris Chapanar . . . . . Coos Bay Police Department
2014-15 Mike Araiza . . . . . Woodburn Police Department
2015-17 Rick Puente . . . . . Beaverton School District Public Safety
2017-19 Elsa Navarro . . . . . Marion County Sheriff's Office
2019-21 Chris Houdek . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
2021-23 Robert Wirt . . . . . Warrenton Police Department
2023-25 Darren Pomeroy . . . . . Forest Grove Police Department

## L. DALE MORRIS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

1981 Don Brieger . . . . . Lane County Sheriff's Office
1983 Melvin "Doc" Scofield . . . . . Salem Police Department
1984 Darrell Hill . . . . . The Dalles Police Department
1985 Art Martinak . . . . . Linn County Sheriff's Office
1986 Charles Knight . . . . . Coos Bay Police Department
1987 Richard Robert . . . . . Board of Police Standards & Training
1992 Jim Hokinson . . . . . Lake Oswego Police Department
1993 Jim Willis . . . . . Douglas County Sheriff's Office

**1996 Ralph Springer** . . . . . Oregon State Police
**1997 Ken Davis** . . . . . Law Enforcement Data System
**1998 Randy Wight** . . . . . Eugene Police Department
**2000 Bill Garland** . . . . . Department of Public Safety Standards & Training
**2004 Larry Stephens** . . . . . Salem Police Department
**2011 Rick Igou** . . . . . Independence Police Department
**2019 Mike Wells** . . . . . Oregon Department of Justice

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