

OREGON PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

**55<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNUAL**

**AWARDS BANQUET**



SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CENTER  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**



## 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Welcome .....                | President Darren Pomeroy             |
| Presentation of Colors ..... | Salem Police Honor Guard             |
| Invocation .....             | Chaplain Dean Aithwaite              |
| Dinner Raffle .....          | Greystone Tactical                   |
| Master of Ceremonies .....   | Nora Hart, Fox 12                    |
| Master of Ceremonies .....   | Mark Nelsen, Fox 12                  |
| Presentation of Awards ..... | Darren Pomeroy, President            |
| Presentation of Awards ..... | Christy Doolittle, Vice President    |
| Presentation of Awards ..... | Brian Prevett, Second Vice President |

## 2024-2025 OPOA EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                                                 |                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| President .....                                 | Darren Pomeroy, Forest Grove Police Department         |
| 1st Vice President & Director of Training ..... | Christina Doolittle, Lane County Parole and Probation  |
| 2nd Vice President .....                        | Brian Prevett, Oregon Department of Justice            |
| Treasurer .....                                 | Jerry Gorman, Oregon Department of Justice             |
| Business Secretary .....                        | Rick Igou, Dept. Of Public Safety Standards & Training |

## 2024-2025 OPOA BOARD MEMBERS

|                                |                                                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Immediate Past President ..... | Robert Wirt, Warrenton Police Department                     |
| Board Member .....             | Chris Anderson, Hubbard Police Department                    |
| Board Member .....             | Kelsey Anderson, Tigard Police Department                    |
| Board Member .....             | Greg Armenta, Boardman Police Department                     |
| Board Member .....             | Megan Bubar, Columbia County Parole & Probation              |
| Board Member .....             | Tyler Hale, Gladstone Police Department                      |
| Board Member .....             | Jonathon Jones, Polk County Sherriff's Office                |
| Board member .....             | Michael Mann, Corvallis Police Department (Ret.)             |
| Board Member .....             | Brendan McGuire, Oregon Department of Justice                |
| Board Member .....             | James Pierce, Warrenton Police Department                    |
| Board Member .....             | Chris Titus, Woodburn Police Department (Ret.)               |
| Board Member .....             | Megan Townsend, Hillsboro Police Department                  |
| Board Member .....             | Darci VandenHoek, Salem Police Department                    |
| Board Member .....             | Scott Willadsen, Dept. Of Public Safety Standards & Training |

## OPOA SPECIAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

|                                                          |                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oregon Background Investigators Association .....        | James Pierce, Warrenton Police Department                    |
| Oregon Cold Case Investigators Association .....         | Brendan McGuire, Oregon Dept. of Justice                     |
| Oregon Association of Reserve Police Officers .....      | Tyler Hale, Gladstone Police Department                      |
| Oregon Association of Property & Evidence Officers ..... | Darci Vandenhoek, Salem Police Department                    |
| Oregon Association of Public Information Officers .....  | Kelsey Anderson, Tigard Police Department                    |
| Oregon Use of Force Instructors Association ..           | Scott Willadsen, Dept. Of Public Safety Standards & Training |

## OPOA TRAINING & MEMBERSHIP

Training Coordinator ..... Callista Kiner, Oregon Peace Officers Association  
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

### Woodburn Detectives Unit

Detective Logan Baker ..... Woodburn Police Department  
Detective Sergeant Adam Stewart ..... Woodburn Police Department  
Detective Aaron Devoe ..... Woodburn Police Department  
Detective Jonny Ellis ..... Woodburn Police Department  
Sergeant Ben Ward ..... Woodburn Police Department  
SRO Bill Ovchinnikov ..... Woodburn Police Department

### The Dalles Police Department Major Crimes Team

Detective Sergeant Austin Ell ..... The Dalles Police Department  
Detective Sam Perez ..... The Dalles Police Department  
Detective Juan Castro ..... The Dalles Police Department

### Oregon State Police High Desert Drug Task Force

## CRITICAL INCIDENT AWARD

### Intense Storm in Tillamook Forest

Officer Tyler Martichuski ..... Hillsboro Police Department  
Officer Angie Wahl ..... Hillsboro Police Department

### Union Gospel Mission Stabbing Incident

Falck Ambulance .....  
Independence Police Department Chaplain .....  
Salem Fire Department .....  
Salem Police Department .....  
Sweet Home Police Department Chaplain .....  
Willamette Valley Communications Center .....

### Firefighting Airplane Crash

Sheriff Todd McKinley ..... Grant County Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Garrett Shreve ..... Grant County Sheriff's Office  
Patrol Captain John Soules ..... United States Forest Service

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

|                                      |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Officer Jeromy Pilon                 | Newberg-Dundee Police Department                        |
| Detective Michael Piper              | Hillsboro Police Department                             |
| Officer James Weed                   | Hillsboro Police Department                             |
| District Attorney Christina Luedtke  | Washington County                                       |
| Detective Derek DeWitt               | Eugene Police Department                                |
| Corporal Jacob Stout                 | Woodburn Police Department                              |
| K9 Axle                              | Woodburn Police Department                              |
| Deputy District Attorney Eric Palmer | Multnomah County DA's Office                            |
| Deputy District Attorney Emily Korte | Multnomah County DA's Office                            |
| Investigator Nicole Brewer           | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Investigator Robert Garrison         | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Lieutenant Craig Gault               | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Lieutenant Elizabeth Thompson        | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Investigator Erin Spens              | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Lieutenant Michael Warren            | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Lieutenant Michael Wight             | Portland Fire & Rescue's Fire/Arson Investigations Unit |
| Detective Meredith Hopper            | Portland Police Bureau                                  |
| Sergeant Ian McKay                   | Oregon State Police                                     |
| Sergeant Joseph Dezso                | Oregon State Police                                     |
| Senior Trooper Aaron Likens          | Oregon State Police                                     |

## PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

|                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Robert Wood | Silverton Police Department |
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## LIFE SAVING AWARDS

|                                                   |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Officer Brandon Durbin                            | Forest Grove Police Department      |
| Lieutenant Brian Corbett                          | Albany Police Department            |
| Detective Ben Hatley                              | Albany Police Department            |
| Federal Officer Hunter Fikes                      | Federal Bureau of Investigation     |
| Officer Michael Norlander                         | Albany Police Department            |
| Officer Tom Sattler                               | Newberg-Dundee Police Department    |
| Officer Zane Rise                                 | Newberg-Dundee Police Department    |
| Reserve Deputy Steven Strickland                  | Yamhill County Sheriff's Department |
| Officer Dennis Hohstadt                           | Newberg-Dundee Police Department    |
| Corporal Del Linck                                | Newberg-Dundee Police Department    |
| Sergeant Geoff Carpenter                          | Woodburn Police Department          |
| Officer Kathryn Sain                              | Woodburn Police Department          |
| Officer Zach Williams                             | Woodburn Police Department          |
| Officer Adam Schulz                               | Eugene Police Department            |
| Officer Sean Arbogast                             | Eugene Police Department            |
| Deputy Chief Shawn Adams                          | Eugene Police Department            |
| Officer Kamuela Akana                             | Eugene Police Department            |
| Officer Will Stutesman                            | Eugene Police Department            |
| Director of Public Information Melinda McLaughlin | Eugene Police Department            |
| Communication Specialist Daniel Barnes            | Central Lane Communications Center  |
| Officer Manny Amador                              | Salem Police Department             |
| Officer Megan Rollins                             | Salem Police Department             |
| Officer Grant Smith                               | Salem Police Department             |
| Officer Maxwell Hayes                             | Salem Police Department             |
| Officer Johnny Whitaker                           | Salem Police Department             |
| K9 Trusty                                         | Salem Police Department             |
| Officer Travis Ricketts                           | Salem Police Department             |
| Deputy Sheriff William Armstrong                  | Washington County Sheriff's Office  |
| Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pestka                        | Washington County Sheriff's Office  |
| Deputy Sheriff Jacob Koch                         | Washington County Sheriff's Office  |
| Lieutenant Jordan Weston                          | Washington County Sheriff's Office  |
| Senior Officer Dennis Hoschler                    | Eagle Point Police Department       |
| Federal Officer Sean McMullen                     | United States Forest Service        |
| Senior Trooper Kris Davis                         | Oregon State Police                 |

## LIFE SAVING WITH VALOR AWARDS

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Officer Haley Voldbaek         | Albany Police Department    |
| Officer Travis White           | Woodburn Police Department  |
| Sergeant Matt Lowen            | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Matthew Pizzola        | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Wesley Youngbloom      | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Joseph Sparks          | Coos Bay Police Department  |
| Officer Bryan Plasker          | Salem Police Department     |
| Senior Officer Shane Sevigny   | Salem Police Department     |
| Officer Joshua Walker          | Salem Police Department     |
| Officer Nicholas Riedel        | Silverton Police Department |
| Senior Trooper Scott Sheldon   | Oregon State Police         |
| Trooper Taylor McAdams         | Oregon State Police         |
| Trooper Daniel Banderas        | Oregon State Police         |
| Senior Trooper Zachary Cochran | Oregon State Police         |

## MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Officer Jim Estes              | Albany Police Department    |
| Sergeant Matt Lowen            | Eugene Police Department    |
| Sergeant Tyler Richards        | Eugene Police Department    |
| Sergeant Robert Griesel        | Eugene Police Department    |
| Sergeant Timothy Hunt          | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Mike Cook              | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Joshua Sundquist       | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Garret Harpole         | Eugene Police Department    |
| Officer Mitchell Carman        | Eugene Police Department    |
| Senior Officer Tristan Ferrill | Salem Police Department     |
| Senior Officer Marty Miranda   | Salem Police Department     |
| Officer Travis Ricketts        | Salem Police Department     |
| Detective Oscar Zambrano       | Salem Police Department     |
| Lieutenant David Bonn          | Hillsboro Police Department |
| Sergeant Sufyan Sher           | Hillsboro Police Department |
| Captain Luke Barr              | Salem Fire Department       |
| Sergeant Erick Hernandez       | Salem Police Department     |
| Officer Michael Vanderlip      | Ashland Police Department   |
| Senior Trooper Jeremy Smith    | Oregon State Police         |
| Senior Trooper Zach Bohince    | Oregon State Police         |
| Senior Trooper Jake Ferrer     | Oregon State Police         |
| Senior Trooper Travis Tillman  | Oregon State Police         |
| Senior Trooper Kyle Winship    | Oregon State Police         |
| Sergeant Matt Schmidt          | Oregon State Police         |
| Trooper Roman Kleiber          | Oregon State Police         |
| Trooper Dan Bell               | Oregon State Police         |

## MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDS

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Officer Beth Huber             | Albany Police Department |
| Officer Jesse Smith            | Eugene Police Department |
| Senior Officer Jacob Schofield | Salem Police Department  |
| Senior Officer Marty Miranda   | Salem Police Department  |
| Officer Elizabeth Salazar      | Salem Police Department  |
| Senior Officer Brian Frazzini  | Salem Police Department  |
| Senior Officer Ryan Morris     | Salem Police Department  |
| Corporal Adam Waite            | Salem Police Department  |

## PURPLE HEART AWARDS

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Captain Luke Barr        | Salem Fire Department    |
| Sergeant Erick Hernandez | Salem Police Department  |
| Officer Melissa Unrau    | Albany 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 Burchfiel    | 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      |



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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 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 Lamprecht | 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              |
| 2015-2017 Rick Puente   | Beaverton School District Public Safety |
| 2017-2019 Elsa Navarro  | Marion County Sheriff's Office          |
| 2019-2021 Chris Houdek  | Linn County Sheriff's Office            |
| 2021-2023 Robert Wirt   | Warrenton 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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FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND THE  
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