



**FROM THE DESK OF  
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OACP PRESIDENT**



To OACP Members and Administrative Staff:

Happy Holidays! We should be singing, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," but impacts of the pandemic are changing the way the holidays are being celebrated. This year will not look like Christmas and holidays of the past. Instead of the many celebrations we are accustomed to over Christmas, New Year's and other observed holidays; our festivities are dialed back considerably from what we may have been accustomed.

Regardless, like everything else we have had to adapt to and change because of COVID-19, we can still celebrate the holidays; we just have to celebrate differently.

The good news, as I write this message, is that the vaccine has arrived and is being administered to Oregonians. My hope is that decision makers properly place Oregon's dedicated law enforcement officers in the vaccination queue to receive the vaccine sooner than later, so service to our Oregon communities can continue with less risk of impacts by the virus to our law enforcement officers.

As we near the end of 2020, I am hopeful that 2021 brings us all better times. While we still have challenges ahead, let's keep our fingers crossed that the worst is behind us, that COVID becomes controlled, that violence in our communities diminishes and that political strife is lessened so we can get back to business of keeping Oregon a safe and great place to live, work and play. I remain encouraged, that in 2021, as the vaccine is applied and life stabilizes, that OACP can return to operating like in the past, holding trainings and conferences, to learn and network, which all of us so sorely miss.

I hope all of you are able to connect with those important to you this holiday season. Let's keep our hard-working police officers serving our communities during the Christmas holidays in our thoughts and prayers.

I do want to take a moment and recognize our tremendous administrative staff supporting OACP. Kevin, Marie, Deanna, Annie, and Paula at the Victory Group do the unthinkable to keep our association going strong. We appreciate all of you!

On behalf of the OACP Executive Board, please accept our thanks for the great work you do each day. We wish you and your families a happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

Chief Jim Ferraris  
OACP President