

EXCELLENCE IN POLICING LEADERSHIP

2021 OACP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Special Service Award

Presented to: Retired Chief Jeff Fossholm

In recognition of your commitment to the mission of the OACP. Your tireless commitment to the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police through servant leadership, mentoring, and dedicated service has positively impacted your peers and enhanced the reputation of the law enforcement profession in Oregon.

Chief Fossholm has been awarded this Special Service Award for his unwavering commitment to the values and mission of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police. During his distinguished 33+ year career in Law Enforcement, Chief Fossholm committed his time and energy to the association in numerous ways. He served on the OACP Executive Committee as the elected Vice-President at Large from 2017-2020, served as the OACP Board Member representing District 6 from 2014-2017, and served on a number of OACP committees including the Education & Training, Conference, Legislative, and Membership Committees. In many cases, Chief Fossholm served in a leadership role as Co-Chair, always offering his valuable advice and insight. Chief Fossholm was also active in the Oregon Accreditation Alliance where he served as a member for many years and as Chair, lead his own agency to achieve accreditation and actively invested time to assist other agencies to do the same.

Life Saving Award

Presented to: Sergeant Damian Flowers

In recognition of your actions of performing CPR on February 12, 2021. This action directly helped save the life of one of our citizens.

On February 12, 2021, Sgt. Damian Flowers received a report of a “man down” at Recology Waste Management, a yard debris recycling center. Sgt. Flowers responded, along with the Aumsville Rural Fire Department. When they arrived, they found a 70-year-old male, unresponsive, not breathing, and with no regular heartbeat. Sgt. Flowers was part of the CPR Team that administered CPR (chest compressions) for approximately 8 minutes, until the citizen was shocked by an AED and regained regular heart function and the ability to breath on his own.

When the citizen arrived at a local hospital, he was awake, coherent, and alert. Sgt. Flowers’ actions contributed to a positive outcome that almost certainly would have been different had he not been present and acted to save a life.

Citizen Award of Merit

Presented to: Reserve Officer Marcia Gilson

In recognition of your continued support to make a significant impact to the law enforcement profession as a whole and pattern of actions supporting the missions and goals of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police.

After completing a prestigious career as a Firefighter and Paramedic, Marcia Gilson was not finished looking out for the citizens of her community. In 2015 she became a member of the Philomath Police Department's Reserve Program. There, she spearheaded the creation of the Philomath Police Foundation, a charity organization created to fund special projects that directly impact the daily lives of officers and the community.

Marcia also worked with other volunteers to organize the first Public Safety Chili Cookoff in Philomath, raising over \$4,000 to donate to the ABC House Child Abuse Intervention Center. In addition, Marcia helped to create a portal for Philomath Police Department to effectively reach out to local businesses, schools, and the community at large. This portal allows the Philomath Police Department to send and receive timely information about crime and warn of threats and other valuable and confidential tips from community partners.

Other programs Marcia was involved in include: Critical Casualty Care Medical Training, procuring NARCAN and training in NARCAN, offering CPR and First Aid Training to businesses and churches (donating any fees to the Philomath Police Foundation), and establishing the "Child is Missing Alert Program" which allows Philomath Police Officers to generate calls to local residents within 15 minutes if a child is reported missing. She also established the "Take Me Home Program" which enabled Philomath Police personnel to enter children with special needs, those who were unable to communicate, or were otherwise disabled into a database that could quickly locate the child's loved ones for reunification. Lastly, Marcia has been a leader in the Peer Support and Crisis Response Team programs in both Philomath Police Department and Benton County Sheriff's Department.

Marcia Gilson's actions and achievement epitomize what the Citizen Award of Merit stands for!

President's Award

Presented to: Chief Dave Rash, Chief Mitch Hicks, and Chief Don Taylor

In recognition of their outstanding work on behalf of, and significant contributions to, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police.

As Co-Chairs of the Conference & Training Committee, Chief Rash and Chief Hicks took the lead and collaborated with OACP staff and their committee members to develop and deliver training in a virtual environment. The dedication and commitment to fulfill the mission of the OACP demonstrated by Chief Rash and Chief Hicks is appreciated and worthy of recognition.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference, the OACP was unable to hold an auction in the usual "in-person" fashion, the proceeds of which directly benefit Special Olympics Oregon, OACP's Scholarship Program, and the Parent-Aid Program. Without reservation, Chief Don Taylor took the initiative to develop and deliver a "virtual on-line" auction. Chief Taylor spent many hours, much of it on his own time, gathering donated items to be auctioned off for these worthy causes. Working with OACP staff, Chief Taylor planned out all relevant details, pushed out advertising about the auction items, and presided over the virtual auction event raising over \$7,500.00 to the benefit of the OACP and the programs they support.