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Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet - Awards Presented

The 14th Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet (LERB), hosted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Marcia Buckley, was held on Friday evening, May 17, 2010, at the Pacific Shores RV Resort. This annual event pays tribute to local law enforcement for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving the citizens of Lincoln County.

Years of Service Awards

Pene Coll was honored for her 25 years of service as a dispatcher with the Toledo Police Department. Jerry Howe and Steve Kittson were each honored for 20 years of service as officers with the Newport Police Department.

DUII Enforcers of the Year

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall, who also serves as Chair of the Partnership Against Alcohol and other Drug Abuse (PAADA), presented this year's "DUII Enforcers of the Year" awards to Trooper Ian McKay (Oregon State Police), Officer Jay Reynolds (Newport Police Department), Officer Richard Sheldon (Lincoln City Police Department), Deputy Cliff Sites (Sheriff's Office), and Officer Brian Willard (Toledo Police Department).

Agency Employee of the Year Awards

The following agency awards were also presented:

- Lincoln City Police Department: Steven Dodds, Officer of the Year; Rudy Blum, Problem Solving Officer of the Year; John Peterson and Paul Compton, Civilian Employees of the Year.
- Lincoln County Communications Agency (LinCom): Micah Aldridge, Employee of the Year.
- Lincoln County District Attorney's Office: Employees of the Year: Melinda Dickinson, Legal Assistant; Drew Moore, Deputy District Attorney; Kristin Yuille, Special Prosecutor.
- Lincoln County Parole & Probation Department: Rob Eoff, Employee of the Year.
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office: Employees of the Year: Lisa Field, Sara Wynveen, and Brandi Richmond (Animal Shelter); Corporal Tim Evertt (Jail Division); Deputy Cliff Sites (Patrol Division); Lee Smith (Volunteer).
- Newport Police Department: The entire Newport Police Department, Employees of the Year.
- Oregon State Police: Sergeant Justin McGladrey, Employee of the Year.
- Toledo Police Department: Officer Brian Willard, Employee of the Year.

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Special Thanks

Special thanks goes out to Steve Keck and Oregon Coast Catering, Lyle Mattson and JC Thriftway, Mike Goff and TCB Productions, Sergeant Mark Meister, Deputy District Attorney Melanie Kebler, and the members of the LERB Committee for helping to make the banquet a truly special event.

2010 Inductee into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame: Maria Waldrip

The evening closed with this year's induction into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame, the highest honor bestowed on a member of the Lincoln County law enforcement community. Each year a selection is made by the LERB Committee, which consists of members from each agency, and represents a broad spectrum of law enforcement professions. The award is symbolized with a permanent plaque placed in the hallway of the first floor of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Past recipients of the award have included John Meister, Christie Meister, Mike Menzies, Vangie Eisenbarth, Dave Bavarro, John O'Brien, Mark Huber, Jim Rivers, Maureen "Mo" Kelly, Mike Holden, Dan Glode, Bill Shawver, Pete Peregrin, Jim Hatch, Jim Hawley, Steve Tolliver, and Larry Spencer.

This year, Maria Waldrip was inducted into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. Maria has served as an emergency services dispatcher for the past 30 years. For the past 24 years, she has served with the Toledo Police Department, being promoted to dispatch supervisor in 1992. Maria's duties also include serving as Executive Assistant and Records Clerk.

In presenting Maria the award, Lincoln County District Attorney Rob Bovett described Maria's outstanding dedication to the citizens of Toledo and Lincoln County. "Not only does Maria work tirelessly every day, but she does so consistently with a smile on her face and a cheerful attitude," noted Bovett. "Maria has always been the 'go-to' person at the Toledo Police Department when you need something, need to know something, or need to accomplish a task."

District Attorney Bovett also noted that it takes a special kind of person to be an emergency services dispatcher. A high level of training, talent, and patience is essential, as well as the ability to multi-task during incredible stress. "Maria has all of those skills and more, and it is exciting to induct the first emergency services dispatcher into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame."

enclosure: Picture of Sergeant Dave Enyeart and Maria Waldrip, Toledo Police Department
(photo courtesy of Liz Mulder)

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