



May 2018

The Beat

Thankfulness!

Honoring Law Enforcement is always accomplished in May. The opportunity to tell a Law Enforcement Officer how much you appreciate them for standing in the gap. Unfortunately, some family members cannot say hello to their Mom and Dad due to what we call in an acronym LODD - Line of Duty Death. When an officer in the routine of a call for assistance dies due to circumstances associated with the call to serve, support and protect the community. My

Bend PD family still misses our Sgt John Lawrence whose death during the line of duty will be recognized by the Nation in Washington DC during the month of May. However, I recognize him every time I walk the halls of Bend PD and see his picture. A Friend, a Husband, A Father to two awesome now teens - we all miss him. I'm honored to have served him the best that I could. So May becomes personal for many of us who through the course of the month will be reminded once again of the Men and

Women who have given their all to make a difference. The business of May - Mothers Day - Classes to teach - Community members to care for and Fire, Dispatch and LE to serve by our chaplains will keep us busy enough but we will still remember Sgt. John Lawrence in a special way this May. Thanks for your prayers and Support for our Great team of Chaplains in Central Oregon and beyond.

Padre



Memorial Day unofficially marks the start of summer, but it's so much more than an excuse for a long weekend. Memorial Day is a U.S. holiday with a

significant amount of history and a lot of importance. It is held every year on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day originally began around the time of the Civil War. In 1968 the very first national Memorial Day occurred, and it was initially called Decoration Day. Today, "Memorial Day" is a reminder that freedom is never free. It has come with a price. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices of those who gave of themselves to protect our

nation. This is also a reminder to pray for our soldiers and their families. Memorial Day is a time to remember the fallen and to honor the men and women who are still serving for our country.

Take the time to thank someone who has served our country. They have given all so that we can enjoy our freedom today. What a privilege we have to live in the wonderful country we call the United States.

- **COPC Chaplains Training**

First Tuesday each month from
0900-1200 hours

- **COPC Board Meeting**

Second Thursday each month

- **Upcoming Training Dates
for May**

–Assisting Individuals In Crisis
Course in Portland OR.

May 3rd to 4th

–Assisting Individuals & Group
Crisis Intervention Course in John
Day

May 22nd to 24th

Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial

Every May, the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony recognizes all of the Oregon Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The memorial is located in Salem, Oregon at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

The memorial honors all aspects of Oregon law enforcement service including city, county, and state police officers; county and state corrections officers; parole and probation officers; and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agents and officers.

Central Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

May 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Bend Heroes Park Brooks Park
35 NW Drake Road
Bend, OR 97701

2018 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

May 8th at 1pm.
DPSST

4190 Aumsville Hwy SE in Salem



Being a mother is much more than a way of life. It's a lifelong commitment from God that is lived out with great purpose and desire. With it God gives us hearts that love unconditionally and arms that will always hug. The daily sacrifices mothers give add to a lifetime of love and blessing to those they care for.

Every day we have mothers who change the course of the future through their encouragement and admonishments. Mothers pour into our children daily. They have the opportunity to shape their character and teach them about the God who created them and cares for them immensely. They teach them about honesty, commitment, and the practical skills that will guide them through life. They teach them how to share and how to love. Mothers mold the very lives for tomorrow to be impactful to those who they are around. Each moment counts, and for a mom, there aren't any throwaway days. Each day counts!

Mother's Day needs to be every day. Take a moment to show your thankfulness through your actions, especially on Mother's Day!

COPC Chaplains

The Chaplains of Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy provide the crucial services that support the region's First Responders and the community. On an on-call basis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, COPC Chaplains are dispatched to calls including deaths (Code 99s), death notifications, drownings, fires, homicides, hospital transports, infant and child deaths, motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue, suicides, and more.

In addition, COPC Chaplains provide confidential personal counseling and mentoring, hospital and home visits to assist in healing and provide support, critical incident stress debriefing and defusing for First Responders and the community following traumatic events. They officiate at ceremonies including funerals, weddings, celebrations, dedications, and other events. They do ride-alongs and visit the First Responders at the agencies throughout Central Oregon. They also are involved in administrative duties, attending meetings, making community contacts, and fundraising.

Monthly training is offered to the COPC Chaplains, First Responders, and others; training to help Chaplains, Emergency Services Personnel and their family members maintain healthy relationships.

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