

PORTLAND POLICE ASSOCIATION



Officer Daryl Turner, PRESIDENT
Sergeant Tom Perkins, SECRETARY TREASURER

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Officer Turner wishes he could be here personally, however he hopes this statement expresses his sentiments.

On July 20, 1997, Thomas Layton Jeffries was out on patrol, just like any other evening. Tom was covering another officer who had stopped a suspect vehicle in connection with the shooting of a seven-year-old boy. During the stop, the suspect ran from his vehicle and through several yards of nearby residences. Officer Jeffries pursued the suspect, first in his vehicle and then on foot when the suspect, armed with a gun, fired on Tom striking him above his vest fatally wounding him.

That night, Officer Tom Jeffries made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life to protect the community he served. Tom's wife, Vicki, was pregnant with their son but the promising future they had ahead of them was silenced in a matter of seconds by a senseless act of violence.

Thank you for your efforts to honor Tom and to keep his memory alive as it honors others who have given all they have while working for the communities they've served.

I am proud to say I knew Tom Jeffries as a dedicated, professional and compassionate police officer who loved his family, his job, and his community.

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