



Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund

Dedicated to the wellness and safety of Oregon's first responders and their families

HCR 2 Chief Daniel Duncan
For Senate Rules Committee hearing on April 24, 2017

Chair Burdick

My name is Mary Nunnenkamp. I am the Chair of the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. This board consists of Malheur County Sheriff Brian Wolfe, representing the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, Retired Hubbard Police Chief David Dryden, representing Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, Linn County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Chris Houdek, representing the Oregon Peace Officers Association and Mr. Jim Whitehead, parent survivor of Multnomah County Sheriff's Reserve Mark Whitehead and director of the Oregon Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors. I am also a proud retiree of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I am honored to represent the line of duty death survivors who are seeking to have their loved one remembered through the Oregon Fallen Officer Memorial Highway Sign program established through the passage of HB3039 in 2011. It's been my honor to know and support these families over the years.

Through my work with the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, I've come to know many of our line of duty death survivors quite well. Chief Duncan's widow DeAnn is one of them. Needless to say her husband's death was not expected and remains very difficult for her. But even in her sadness and grief, she is reaching out to help others. She has agreed to be our survivor liaison to first responders in Eastern Oregon as we work to improve their wellness and safety. Her strength is humbling.

She asked that I share the following message with you:

The Highway Memorial sign is a reminder to our family, friends and Law Enforcement Family of the selfless acts and service in Honor of Chief Daniel K. Duncan's career.

This sign symbolizes a "Public Headstone of Honor" that everyone will see and remember our beloved Husband, Father, PaPa, Son, Brother, Uncle, Friend & Co-worker.

Our children Dana Gonzalez & Dan C. Duncan and grandchildren Gavin, Billy, Hunter & Wesley, will have a tangible reminder for generations of the wonderful mentor of their PaPa, that meant so much to them. This is a legacy to them of what kind of person they can aspire to be.

Our family feels it's also a "Thank You" to The City of Lake Oswego and all Law Enforcement agencies and the people they serve as well.

Our family will forever have a hole in our heart and pride in our souls for Daniel K Duncan.

This memorial sign is a proud & loving tribute to this wonderful man that gave so much to others.

Thank You,
DeAnn Duncan & Family

When the law enforcement community experiences a line of duty death, we make a promise that is very important to us. We promise to never forget. We promise to support our survivors for as long as they need us. These signs represent one more way for us to keep that promise.

I'm often asked about how the decision is made for the final placement of the sign. That very personal decision is made by the family within the rules and regulations of the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Duncan family desires a location near Lake Oswego.

The Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund is proud to purchase the sign for Chief Dan Duncan to eliminate any expense to the state, the law enforcement agency, or the family. This is only the second such sign for an Oregon Fallen Chief of Police.

I urge a yes vote on HCR 2. I am happy to answer any questions.

Mary Nunnenkamp, Chair – Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund