



## Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund

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

SCR 6 Seaside Sergeant Jason Goodding , SCR 8 Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Roy Dirks, SCR 9 Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Carlton Smith and SCR 10 Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Riley

For House Rules Committee hearing on June 7, 2017

Chair Williamson and Committee Members

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 Deputy 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 in 2011. It's been my honor to work with these families, some for many years, and others over the past year.

SCR 6 - Seaside Sergeant Jason Goodding served the Seaside community for 13 years before he was killed. Sergeant Goodding was shot and killed in the line of duty on the evening of February 5, 2016, as he and another officer attempted to serve a warrant on a known convicted felon. He left behind his wife Amy, 2 daughters and extended family. He was 40 years old. He was known for his immense smile and generous nature. He was a football star at Sherwood High School. He loved attending University of Oregon football games, boating, playing on a law enforcement football team, and spending time with his family.

SCR 8 - Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Roy Dirks gave 17 years of service to both Lane County and the Eugene Police Department before he was killed on April 11, 1975. Deputy Dirks was investigating a boating accident when he was shot and killed by cult members. He was 39. He left behind his wife, and 6 children. He would have 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild that he would never get to meet. He loved fishing, telling jokes, riding motorcycles, dancing and spending time with his family.

SCR 9 Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Carlton Smith was killed on July 6, 1965 at 11pm on his first day of work. Just one hour before the end of his shift. Deputy Smith was shot and killed by two convicted felons after stopping their vehicle in the Valley River Center area for speeding. He left behind his wife, 5 children, 1 stepchild and extended family. He was 33. He enjoyed sport fishing, scuba diving, being a baseball coach, a high school football referee and spending time with his family.

SCR 10 - Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Riley was killed in 1958 after serving with Eugene Police and Lane County Sheriff's Office. On the morning of August 17, 1958, Reserve Deputy Riley was killed in an automobile accident as a passenger on patrol with the Springfield police as they attempted to stop a fleeing vehicle. He was 36. He left behind his wife and 1 son. He was killed on his son's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. He enjoyed building model railroads, inventing a host of items, volunteered as a deacon and high school teacher, and spending time with his 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. These highway memorial signs are incredibly important to them.

The Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund is proud to purchase all of these signs honoring our fallen officers to eliminate any expense to the state, the law enforcement agency, or the family. I urge a yes vote on SCR 6, SCR 8, SCR 9, and SCR 10. I am happy to answer any questions.

Mary Nunnenkamp, Chair – Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund