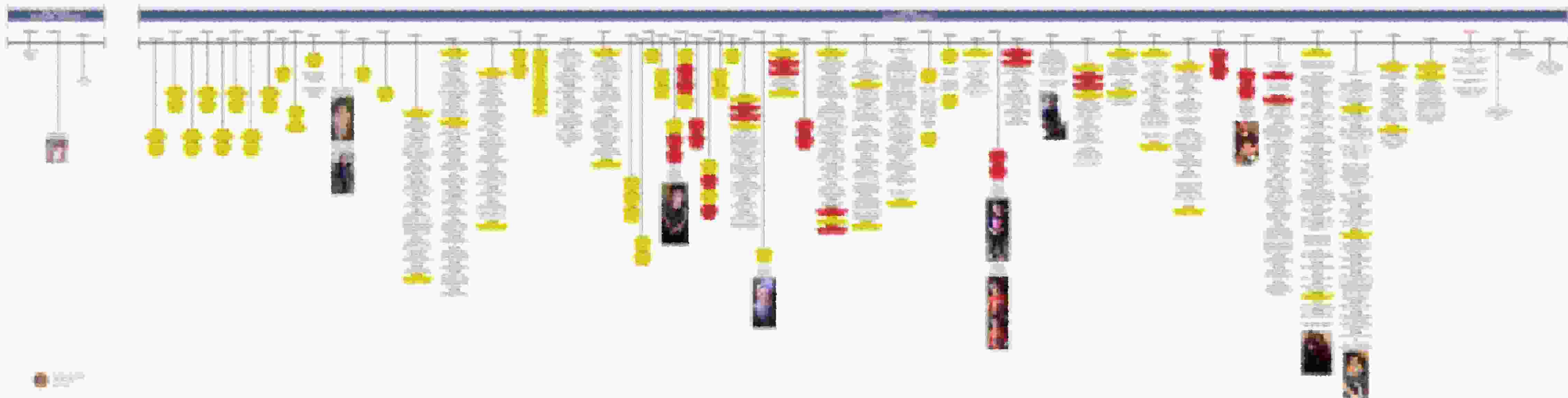


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2019



Elder Abuse A Pocket Guide for Law Enforcement

Attorney General Ellen F. Rosenblum

Welcome

Fighting elder abuse has been a priority for me since becoming Oregon's attorney general in 2012. Since then, I have worked hard to prevent and address the abuse of older Oregonians. This includes creating a team within the Criminal Justice Division that provides training, technical assistance and legal expertise to district attorneys, law enforcement and others who work with older Oregonians.

It is my hope that you will use this Pocket Guide to fight the growing epidemic of elder abuse in our state and work with our team and your local District Attorneys to hold perpetrators of elder abuse accountable.

We know that well-informed law enforcement professionals can recognize elder abuse and assess legal issues. You play a key role in stopping elder abuse; listening to victims, protecting victims by linking them to adult protective services or other critical services; separating offenders and victims; and holding perpetrators accountable.

To help you fulfill these important roles, our team has created this Pocket Guide. We hope you will carry this laminated guide with other equipment or attach to the visor of your patrol car. In addition to practical tips to aid you in the investigation of elder abuse, and the guide also provides brief explanations of:

- Issues and actions that law enforcement professionals should consider if they suspect that elder abuse has occurred.
- Documents and tools that may be misused to commit elder abuse.
- Legal concepts that may be used properly to remedy elder abuse.

Thank you for being on the front line of fighting elder abuse.

Sincerely,

Ellen Rosenblum
Oregon Attorney General

Physical & Sexual Abuse

Possible Indicators

- Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, bites or ligature marks
- Broken bones, burns, open wounds or untreated injuries in various stages of healing
- Bruising or other injury to breasts, thighs or genital areas
- Hair pulled out
- Unexplained venereal diseases or genital infections
- Unexplained vaginal or anal bleeding
- Torn, stained or bloody underclothing
- Broken eyeglasses or other missing essential equipment (e.g., a hearing aid, walker, wheelchair, oxygen, etc.)
- Physical signs of being “punished” or restrained
- Over- or undermedicating
- Sudden change in victim’s behavior (e.g., nervous around caregiver)
- Victim does not have access to communication devices (e.g., phone, computer, tablet, etc.)
- Locks on interior doors, restraints, etc.



Possible Crimes

163.205 Criminal Mistreatment I-II, 163.160 Assault I-IV (Domestic Violence), 163.195 Reckless Endangering, 163.187 Strangulation, 163.190 Menacing, 163.275 Coercion, 165.572 Interference with Making a Report, 166.065 Harassment, 163.375 Rape I, 163.427 Sex Abuse I-III

Neglect

Possible Indicators

- Lack of medical attention, untreated health problems or missed medical appointments
- Dehydration and/or malnutrition
- Poor personal hygiene (e.g., victim incapable of caring for self to the point of severe self-neglect)
- Unsafe/unsanitary living conditions (e.g., filth, lice, scabies, infestation, soiled bedding, fecal/urine smell, fire/trip hazards)
- Lack of clothing or inadequate clothing
- Inadequate housing
- Medications not available or not being administered correctly
- Wounds, open sores or pressure injuries
- Bandages are inadequate and/or unsanitary
- Victim left alone for prolonged periods
- Victim does not have equipment needed to function (e.g., walker, CPAP, hearing aids, oxygen, catheter, adult diapers, etc.)
- Stains on clothing, bedding or belongings
- Other concerns of care (e.g., giving the victim alcohol/drugs, giving soda when diabetic)



Possible Crimes

163.205 Criminal Mistreatment I, II

163.145 Criminal Negligent Homicide

Financial Abuse

Possible Indicators

- Abrupt changes to the will
- Unauthorized or unexplained large withdrawals from accounts
- Inappropriate reimbursement of services for the victim
- Large purchases for the abuser's benefit
- Disappearance of funds/possessions
- Sudden transfer of assets to a family member or other person
- Victim added to the abuser's account or accounts combined
- Signatures forged on checks and other documents
- Victim's bills left unpaid or delinquent by abuser
- Prior civil cases with victim or abuser (eCourts)
- Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming rights to the victim's affairs and possessions
- Unemployed adults living in the home
- Persons unknown to victim (but known to caretaker) using the victim's account(s)
- Abuser discounting the opinion or voice of the victim, especially when power of attorney or other legal designation is held by the abuser



Possible Crimes

164.057 Aggravated Theft I (enhanced sentence 164.061),
164.055 Theft I, 164.075 Extortion, 165.800 Identity Theft,
165.007 Forgery I, 163.205 Criminal Mistreatment I

Investigator Tip: Victims of elder abuse are often polyvictimized by abusers (e.g., the victim was being emotionally abused and was threatened physical harm if they did not sign over power of attorney so the abuser could have access to their bank accounts).

Evidence Considerations

Video and Photo Evidence

As required by statute, you must attempt to contact the victim and interview them. Whenever possible, video record the victim at the earliest stage of the investigation. The video will be invaluable if the victim dies, or experiences severe illness or mental decline prior to the resolution of the case. During the interview it is important to document:

- The victim's mental capacity/cognitive state (e.g., how the victim perceives time and place)
- The victim's consent, if any, or their inability to consent
- The victim signing their name to compare to signature(s) on questioned document(s)
- A neglect and/or abuse crime scene (video record a walk-thru with the victim if possible)

In addition to video, be sure to take photos from several angles at multiple ranges and write a precise and detailed report. If video is unavailable, ensure the interview is audio recorded.

Interview Evidence

Interview witnesses who can describe the victim's condition, activities, and level of functioning and interaction with the suspect before the incident and/or during the incident. Consider also interviewing those who may not have seen the victim interact with the suspect, but can describe changes in a victim over time, including family and friends, a waitress at their favorite restaurant, staff at the senior center, a postal carrier, a grocery store clerk, neighbors, hair stylists, bankers, etc.

Evidence Considerations

Financial and Legal Documents

- Power of attorney documents
- Court/protection orders
- Wills and trusts
- Property deeds
- Conveyances
- Advanced care directives/living wills
- Guardianship/conservatorship documents
- Bank records for both the suspect and victim
- Receipts
- Credit reports
- Credit card statements
- Investment account reports
- Checkbook registers
- Prior civil cases (eCourts)
- Utility and other household bills

Medical Documents

- Hospital records
- EMT/paramedic reports
- Primary care physician records
- Mental health clinician records
- Dental records
- Pharmacy records
- Prescriptions
- Lab reports
- X-rays
- Hospital social worker notes
- APS reports
- Nurses' notes
- Nursing facility records
- Home health care workers

Consider Consultation with Experts for Additional Evidence

- Handwriting analysts
- Geriatricians
- Forensic accountants
- Geriatric psychologists and psychiatrists
- Wound care experts
- Medical examiner
- Civil attorneys

Investigator Tip: Always obtain current and past APS and LE reports regarding the victim and the suspect.

Power of Attorney & Other Legal Designations

Acting as a power of attorney, guardian or conservator creates fiduciary duties to the older adult. These designations are **not a license to steal**.

Fiduciary Duty

A fiduciary duty exists between two persons when one of them is under a duty to act on behalf of the other or to give advice for the benefit of the other.

ORS 125.300-125.330 Guardianship

A guardian is appointed by the court to provide for the care of an incapacitated protected person and has power over the protected person's property and assets, unless a conservator is appointed. Yearly reports to the court are required.

ORS 125.400-125.540 Conservators

A conservator is responsible for managing the money or property of the financially incapable protected person. A conservator is appointed by the court and has a duty to the court to provide yearly accounting.

ORS 127.045 Power Of Attorney (POA)

A document that allows a person (agent) to act on behalf of an older adult (principal). POA documents can be for financial care and/or medical care. All decisions must be for the benefit of the principal—not the agent.

Challenges with Powers of Attorney

- No court involvement when created
- Not filed with the court
- No witnesses required
- Generic forms can be found online, filled out and signed at home (possibly under coercion or by forgery)

Most Important

These designations (without limiting language) require by law that the benefit must **ALWAYS** be for the protected person.

Useful Statutes

ORS 124.060 Duty to Report

Mandatory report that a public or private official must complete when suspected abuse is occurring to a person 65 years or older.

ORS 124.070 Duty to Investigate

Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) or Law Enforcement (LE) shall investigate to determine nature and cause of abuse. Cross report requirement. Shall include a visit to the elderly person and communication with witnesses.

ORS 124.072 Required Disclosure of Protected Health Info to LE

LE advises medical entity of elder abuse investigation. They can then provide records and statements.

ORS 192.603 Financial Institution Disclosure to LE

LE can request account info to assist in a criminal investigation for a period of three months prior and after the transaction that gave rise to the criminal investigation.

ORS 441.650 Investigation of Abuse Complaint

Requirement to investigate abuse complaints within long term care facilities (applies to LE and APS).

ORS 708A.675 Authority of Banks in Cases of Suspected Financial Exploitation

Banks can place a hold on transactions if they suspect elder abuse.

ORS 124.005-124.040 Protection Order for Elderly Persons (EPPDAPA) *Available through Circuit Court

- Must be 65 years or older, or the guardian of an elderly person
- Abuse within last 180 days constituting physical injury or pain, neglect resulting in harm, abandonment, threats or calling the victim names, inappropriate sexual comments, sexual offenses or taking money or property from the victim.
- Continued threat of abuse: Victim must be in immediate and present danger of further abuse.

Elder Abuse Resources:

Oregon DOJ Elder Abuse Team

(503) 378-6347

Oregon DHS Adult Protective Services

(503) 945-5600 • justice.gov/elderjustice/law-enforcement-1

Oregon Long-Term Care Ombudsman

1 (800) 522-2602

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

1 (855) ORE-ADRC

More Resources and Templates

Oregon District Attorney Resource Network (ODARN)

daresource.oregon.gov

Reporting Abuse:

(Remember your requirement to cross report to APS)

Oregon DHS Abuse Hotline

(855) 503-7233

Reporting Fraud:

Oregon DOJ Consumer Hotline

1 (877) 877-9392 or online at oregonconsumer.gov*

Nationwide Internet Crime Reporting FBI's IC3

ic3.gov/default.aspx

Oregon DOJ Medicaid Fraud Unit

1 (888) 372-8301

Investigator Tip: When referring complainants to websites, ensure they have the resources and the ability to make the online report. If not, offer assistance with reporting.

To order more copies of this pocket guide, contact the DOJ Elder Abuse Team.



HOUSING ALLIANCE

March 14, 2019

Joint Ways and Means Committee on Public Safety
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chair Winters, Co-Chair Piluso, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance to express our strong support for a \$10 million dollar increase in funding for the Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Fund in the Department of Justice Budget. OSDVS funds provide critical support for the statewide network of non-profit domestic violence shelters working every day to meet the needs of survivors seeking safety.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a coalition of ninety organizations from all parts of the state. Our members have come together with the knowledge that housing opportunity is the foundation on which all of our success is built – individual success as students, parents, workers, and community members as well as the success of our communities. We represent a diverse set of voices including non-profit housing developers, residents of affordable housing, local jurisdictions, and organizations working to meet basic needs in every corner of our state.

We believe that all Oregonians need a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home.

We simply don't have enough affordable and available homes for people who need them in communities across Oregon. People are struggling with homelessness, housing instability, rent burdens, and to make ends meet and put food on the table. Members of our community are all too often forced to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table. During the last school year, over 21,750 of our school children in grades K – 12 experienced homelessness at some point during the year.

Domestic and sexual violence victims and their children face increased barriers to housing safety and stability. Programs funded by OSDVS are critical to ensuring that survivors have access to emergency shelter and transitional assistance into safe and stable homes.

In 2017 in Oregon, the Department of Human Services reports that there were more than 8,000 requests for shelter by adult domestic or sexual violence survivors that couldn't be met. We know that nationally, approximately 75% of adult victims of domestic violence have minor children with them at the time of the abuse, substantially increasing the impact of this shortfall.¹

¹ <https://vawnet.org/sites/default/files/materials/files/2016-08/MeetingSurvivorsNeeds-ResearchInBrief.pdf>

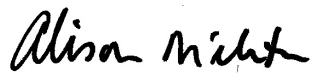
Oregon has some of the nation's highest rates of homelessness, and some of the highest rates of sexual violence. Nationally, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness for women and children. The 2017 Point-in-Time Homeless Count found that in Oregon, over one-third (33.7%) of respondents reported that they were victims of domestic violence. Of these individuals, nearly half (46.6%) were unsheltered while only 14.2% had been provided with transitional housing services. The National Network to End Domestic Violence 2017 census report found that in Oregon, 72% of survivors' unmet need was for shelter and housing.²

Receiving safety services from a shelter and working with shelter advocates has a positive impact on victims' quality of life and level of social support three years later.³ After receiving services, Oregon women moved 80% less frequently, stayed 78% less often in emergency housing, and had a 52% increase in housing stability.⁴ At 18 months, 82% were living in safe, stable housing.⁵

We urge you to support this increase in ODSVS funds so that across the state, victims of domestic and sexual violence can have access to the support and shelter services they need in order to establish safe and stable homes for themselves and their children. Safe and stable homes are key to accessing opportunity.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,



Alison McIntosh
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance

² <https://nnedv.org/mdocs-posts/2017-oregon/>

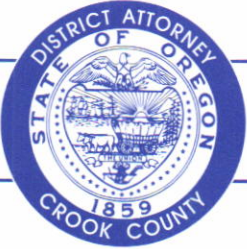
³ Deborah Bybee & Cris Sullivan, *Predicting Re-Victimization of Battered Women 3 Years After Exiting a Shelter Program*, 36 Am. J. Cmty Psychol. 92 (2005).

⁴ Chiquita Rollins, et al., *The SHARE Study* (2010), http://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/LSA/SC_MaterialsDist/2013/SDBAL030.PDF.

⁵ *Id.*

Housing Alliance Members

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(NAYA)
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WADE L. WHITING
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

March 12, 2019

Senator Jackie Winters
Representative Carla Piluso
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: The Criminal Justice Division of the Oregon Department of Justice

Dear Senator Winters and Representative Carla Piluso,

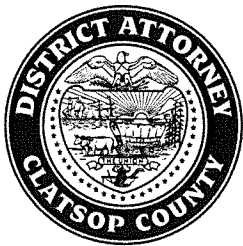
I write in support of increased funding to the Criminal Justice Division of the Oregon Department of Justice. Prior to my appointment as the Crook County District Attorney in October 2017, the Criminal Justice Division served as the acting district attorney when Daina Vitolins was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in the summer of 2017. At considerable time and expense, the Criminal Justice Division assigned Dan Wendel to reside and work in Crook County while he served on an interim basis for several months. The work and leadership that Mr. Wendel provided was universally respected and admired.

As a result of Mr. Wendel's dedication and great work, I was blessed to inherit an exceptionally well run office when I was appointed and moved to Crook County from a neighboring jurisdiction. It should be noted that during Mr. Wendel's multi-month assignment, he was away from his family who remained in the Salem area. This sacrifice did not go unnoticed among those that served with him.

My office is always appreciative of the level support and assistance the Criminal Justice Division is able to provide. Most rural district attorney offices tend to employ young and relatively inexperienced deputy district attorneys. Crook County is no exception as at the time of my appointment, none of our four prosecutors had even four years of prosecution experience. We lean heavily upon the legal expertise and advice that the Criminal Justice Division is able to provide on a regular basis. Additionally, over the course of the last year, the Criminal Justice Division has prosecuted and tried two complex sexual abuse cases on our behalf. I am deeply indebted for the excellent legal services and assistance they continually provide to the people of Crook County.

Respectfully yours,

Wade L. Whiting
Crook County District Attorney



Ron Brown
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March 7, 2019

Senator Jackie Winters
Representative Carla Piluso
Public Safety Subcommittee
State Capitol
Salem OR 97301

RE: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S DEBRA KENAGY

Dear Committee Members,

I had the privilege of working with Debra back in 2016 on the child murder prosecution of Randy Roden and Dorothy Wing for the death of 3 year old Evangelina Wing. Eva was basically beaten to death by Roden while he was caring for Eva and her two brothers, ages 5 and 2. Little Eva lived a very short life of pain, torment and probable sexual abuse at the hands of her mother's boyfriend who was not even supposed to be in a relationship since he was on parole for a domestic violence crime. The girl had a spiral fracture of her upper arm, bites, burns, bruises and evidence of sexual abuse. She was practically unrecognizable. She was never taken to the doctor or hospital for these injuries.

We had no reliable adult witnesses in the case due to the druggies that Mom hung out with. Therefore, we had to put together a time line of events based upon solid facts and not testimony from eyewitnesses. There were also scores of text messages sent back and forth between the two suspects while mom was working and boyfriend was babysitting. Debra spent countless hours putting our timeline together with all of the text messages and other physical evidence in the case. It was such a big exhibit (the time frame covered two months in 2014) that she made individual booklets to correspond with the large exhibit so that jurors could follow along with their own copies.

Defendants were convicted and are doing long prison sentences. We can not thank DOJ enough and particularly Debra Kenagy for her undying efforts in this case. She hand-delivered the timeline and came over several



times to attend meetings and get input. I would urge you to support the budget requests of DOJ as I see their work as essential and outstanding. Thanks.

Ron Brown
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sincerely,

Ron Brown
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March 11, 2019

Re: Oregon Department of Justice Funding
Ways and Means Public Safety Committee

Dear Co Chairs Winters and Piluso,

I am writing in support of the requested budget for the Oregon Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division. I have been the elected District Attorney for Baker County since 2001. I have handled many major felony cases in that time. The Criminal Justice Division has been an invaluable asset to my office in handling these cases. In a smaller Eastern Oregon County, I do not have access to other experienced prosecutors in my office. When I have needed assistance, especially with advice and consultation regarding various aspects of my cases, the attorneys for the Criminal Justice Division have provided excellent advice and guidance. This program has also been helpful when I have had conflict cases in that they have always been willing to step in and handle some of these cases. Another aspect of the DA Assist Program that is very helpful has been with the development of resource prosecutors in the area of elder abuse, DUII and domestic violence. The research materials created by these prosecutors and the specific advice and training they provide are especially helpful to smaller Eastern Oregon Counties where training is less available. The Criminal Justice Division has proven to be a great resource for prosecutors in rural Eastern Oregon. I hope that you will provide the funding requested for this important program. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely

Matt Shirtcliff
Baker County District Attorney



Date: 21 February 2019

To: Oregon Legislature

From: Steve Pegram

Subj: Letter of Support and Commendation

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Oregon Titan Fusion Center (OTFC) for the support they have provided for Columbia County Emergency Management during my tenure here.

In addition to valuable service to the Portland Area Urban Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO), of which we are a member, OTFC has provided the following direct support to Columbia County:

- SEAR evaluation and designations for county preplanned special events.
- Threat assessments for our Halloween Town event.
- Deployable surveillance cameras which greatly improve our situational awareness at Halloween Town.
- Coordinating DHS (Department of Homeland Security) PSA (Protective Security Advisor) vulnerability assessments for CIKR (critical infrastructure and key resources).
- Homeland Security and CIKR training opportunities.
- Public outreach to improve the resilience in Columbia County.
- Briefs and analysis on emerging threats.

The work done by this dedicated team has been instrumental in greatly improving our security posture. Their diligence in providing timely, responsive, and relevant information has allowed us to reach previously unobtainable security improvement.

We strongly support their operations and current requests from your body.

Semper Paratus,

Steve Pegram

Steve Pegram
Director
Columbia County Office of Emergency Management



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March 7, 2019

Dear Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

This letter is in support of the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center.

Congregation Neveh Shalom is a Conservative Jewish synagogue in Portland, Oregon with more than 800 member households. Over the past year our community has increased its efforts to address safety and security concerns, spurred on by the October 27th massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the uptick in white supremacist activity in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, and the overall increase in hate crimes and vitriolic hate speech throughout the country. Among our community building efforts, we work closely with partners in the law enforcement and intelligence agencies to examine a range of vulnerabilities, threats and risks that could potentially or do in fact pose a danger to our Jewish community. Through these efforts, we are reminded of the truly vital importance of sharing resources. Without a coordinated network of partners to share information and resources across jurisdictions, keeping each other in the loop, we are merely a short-lived collection of isolated silos without relation or resiliency.

Among our most important partners in this effort, the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center has been a key resource. The support we've received from the TITAN Fusion Center, and in particular from Ms. Shannon Marheine and Mr. Courtney Ramsey, has been invaluable. In particular, the TITAN Fusion Center served as an important liaison to the US Department of Homeland Security during our recent Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) assessment process and also provided ongoing support and recommendations for capacity building trainings for our staff and lay leadership. Ms. Marheine and Mr. Courtney were instrumental in sharing resources and keeping lines of communication open throughout the process. In particular, they made special efforts to visit our facility, provide preliminary recommendations, and share news from other communities about recent hate crime activities. Beyond the invaluable asset of enjoying strong working relationships, it is our hope that the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center will remain our ongoing partner in plans to make critical improvements at the synagogue that will protect our community from future threats of attack.

Thank you for carefully considering this letter in support of the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center. On behalf of the Jewish community at Congregation Neveh Shalom, we deeply appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dena Marshall
Development Director
Congregation Neveh Shalom



6 March, 2019

To whom it may concern,

As a member of the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center's working Board of Directors, I strongly encourage the Department of Justice and the Oregon Legislation to consider funding for the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center.

The TITAN Fusion Center performs several critical transitive missions for the State, local municipalities and private sector partners. They provide an effective and efficient information sharing and collaboration mechanism, receiving information from a variety of sources, including federal, state, and local entities, and ensuring timely and relevant information is provided to the right stakeholders.

The TITAN Fusion center also delivers analytic resources that support the efforts of state and local law enforcement to prevent and investigate crime in our local communities. They address our most pressing national challenges such as gangs, narcotics, homicides, natural disasters and terrorism.

The TITAN Fusion Center has played an essential role in providing secure and safe environments. This is done through their critical infrastructure and key resources assessment program. Their partnership with local government, public safety agencies and the private sector allows these stakeholders to leverage assets and, help local leaders make informed decisions on response planning and utilizing resources effectively.

By providing these critical missions, the TITAN Fusion has become the face of Oregon's Homeland Security efforts. If we do not support the existence of the TITAN Fusion Center, then who becomes the responsible agency to perform these critical, and perhaps life-saving missions.

If I can answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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CITY OF ASTORIA

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of the continued funding of Oregon Titan Fusion Center. Astoria, like many small agencies in Oregon, lacks the ability and skills necessary to evaluate and conduct research into constantly evolving global and local trends when assessing potential threats to large events as well as potentially divisive subject matter. While a small community, Astoria has the unique position as the county seat and on a smaller scale finds itself a gathering point for civil demonstrations and ideas being discussed on the national stage.

It is incumbent upon any city to make every effort to minimize or mitigate the potential of threats to its community both in events with large crowds, or in situations where varying viewpoints can draw together supporters for causes on both ends of the spectrum. As stated by British Statesman and Philosopher Edmund Burke “Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it.” The Oregon Titan Fusion Center has done a fantastic job of collecting and condensing both evolving threat data as well as compiling it with historical data which allows agencies to forecast potential weak points to focus manpower, equipment or strategies to address them.

As leaders of a law enforcement agency, protection and education of our community is a primary focus, but secondarily we must also provide our officers with the knowledge of trends, matters of officer safety as well as provide them with tools and resources to effectively carry out their functions. Regularly the Oregon Titan Fusion Center pushes out officer safety bulletins, information about crime trends, wanted subjects and evolving threats, which aid the officers on the street in their day-to-day safety and tasks.

Issues around the world have become more complex. Dangerous ideation has the ability to find its way from the other side of the world, into homes in Oregon from the city to the smallest community. Vigilance in monitoring these issues and sharing lessons learned is the most effective way in planning for the safety of our communities.

Just recently, the Astoria Police Department addressed two issues with the assistance of the Oregon Titan Fusion Center. In January, flyers were posted in Downtown Astoria reading, "The KKK wants you." These postings caused a great deal of concern for members of the community. Chuck Cogburn and the Oregon Titan Fusion Center were able to quickly assist in identifying if an ongoing threat existed. This information was crucial in assuring community leaders that this situation was isolated to a single individual who had no ties to the group.

Also in January, the city library hosted an event called "Story Time with a Drag Queen." Library Staff, City Hall and the City Council were all contacted by citizens from an adjoining community in opposition to this program, which is occurring in other communities in the nation. The City was receiving information that violent protests were possible. We were able to quickly reach out to the Oregon Titan Fusion Center whose relationships are already established with fusion centers from other states. They were able to quickly compile information about safety measures and any issues experienced at other events and report that back. These established relationships are vital to effective planning for evolving situations. This allowed us to plan an appropriate approach to deal with the potential threat.

Yearly, Astoria is the gathering point and finish line for the Great Columbia Crossing, a running and walking event across the Astoria Megler Bridge at the mouth of the Columbia River. Each year the Titan Fusion Center has been contacted to assist with threat assessments and threat planning for this event, which draws around 3000 runners and walkers from all over Oregon as well as thousands of additional spectators. Ensuring the safety of such an event is no small task. Information provided by the Titan Fusion Center is reviewed and used to strengthen safety measures for all of these people.

The Oregon Titan Fusion Center is an integral part of public safety in Oregon. Please ensure that Oregon communities continue to have this great resource.

Respectfully,



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