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### **Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet - Awards Presented**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln County Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet (LERB) was held on Friday, May 20, 2011, at Chinook Winds restaurant in Lincoln City. This annual event pays tribute to local law enforcement for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving the citizens of Lincoln County.

#### **Agency Employee of the Year Awards**

The following agency awards were presented:

- Lincoln City Police Department:
  - Officer of the Year: Detective Charles “Bud” Lane.
  - Problem Oriented Policing Employee of the Year: Sr. Officer Oscar Escalante.
  - Civilian Employee of the Year: Dispatcher Kristi Schabert.
- Lincoln County Communications Agency (LinCom):
  - Employee of the Year: Dispatcher Marjie Meyer.
- Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office:
  - Employees of the Year: Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Cable and Senior Legal Assistant Carol Quayle.
- Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office:
  - Employee of the Year (Jail Division): Corrections Deputy Kelli Brown.
  - Employee of the Year (Patrol Division): Animal Service Officers Kerri Tyler and Irene Bailey.
- Lincoln County Parole and Probation:
  - Employee of the Year: Parole & Probation Officer Krista Lauer.
- Newport Police Department:
  - Employee of the Year: Officer Thomas Lekas.
- Oregon State Police:
  - Employee of the Year: Sr. Trooper Carla Urbigkeit.
- Toledo Police Department:
  - Employee of the Year: Acting Chief Michael Helton.

#### **Major Crime Team Award**

The Lincoln County Major Crime Team presented an Outstanding Investigative Award to the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT). LINT Detectives assist the Major Crime Team in nearly all major crime investigations in Lincoln County, and during 2010 the work of the LINT Detectives directly contributed to solving a number of major crimes.

## **DUII Enforcement Awards**

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall, who also serves as Chair of the Partnership Against Alcohol and other Drug Abuse (PAADA), presented this year's DUII Enforcers of the Year awards to Trooper Ian McKay (Oregon State Police), Officer Shawn Carter (Lincoln City Police Department) Deputy Cliff Sites (Lincoln County Sheriff's Office), Officer T.J. Eriksen (Newport Police Department), and Officer Jeremy Gautney (Toledo Police Department).

## **Special Thanks**

Special thanks goes out to Teresa Gass and Revelle Lewis from Chinook Winds food service, Michelle Mausen of My Petite Sweets, Sergeant Mark Meister, and the members of the LERB Committee for helping to make the banquet a truly special event.

## **2011 Inductee into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame: Ralph Turre**

The evening closed with this year's induction into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame, the highest honor bestowed on a member of the Lincoln County law enforcement community. Each year a selection is made by the LERB Committee, which consists of members from each agency, and represents a broad spectrum of law enforcement professions. The award is symbolized with a permanent plaque placed in the hallway of the first floor of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Past recipients of the award have included Maria Waldrip, John Meister, Christie Meister, Mike Menzies, Vangie Eisenbarth, Dave Bavarro, John O'Brien, Mark Huber, Jim Rivers, Maureen "Mo" Kelly, Mike Holden, Dan Glode, Bill Shawver, Pete Peregrin, Jim Hatch, Jim Hawley, Steve Tolliver, and Larry Spencer.

This year Sergeant Ralph Turre was inducted into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. Turre began his career with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office on March 11, 1987, as a Deputy Sheriff. His prior police experience included duties as a Police Officer with the Weed Police Department in California and with the Myrtle Point Police Department in Oregon.

Turre's outstanding work as a narcotics officer led to his promotion to Detective in October of 1990. Turre received numerous accolades for his years of investigative work on the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT), which then led to his assignment as coordinator of the Lincoln County Major Crime Team. In March of 1994, Turre received his Polygraph Examiner's License. His skill and knowledge in that field are well-known and respected throughout the State of Oregon. Turre was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement on December 29, 2009.

It is with great pride and honor that the Lincoln County law enforcement community inducted Sergeant Ralph Turre into the Lincoln County Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

enclosure: Picture of Ralph Turre (courtesy of Lincoln County Sheriff's Office)

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