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MEDIA RELEASE

The 13th Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet, hosted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Marcia Buckley, was held on Friday evening, May 15, 2009 at the Pacific Shores Motorcoach. This annual event pays tribute to local law enforcement for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to safety and service to the citizens of this community. Marcia Buckley welcomed special guests the Color Guard from the United States Coast Guard Depoe Bay Station, Mike Goff with TCB Productions and the PAADA Committee members, Bambie Henderson, Barbara Dougherty, Wendy Rudy, Kiera Morgan, Eric Fritz, Mark Miranda, Tom Zandoli, and Ivan Mangum. Also welcomed were past Hall of Fame winners Bill Shawver (2000), Dave Bavaro (2006), and Mike Menzies (2008).

Christie Meister with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and John Meister with the Oregon State Police were inducted into the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame by District Attorney Rob Bovett for their continuous dedication and service to Lincoln County Law Enforcement and community.

Years service awards were presented to Sgt. Steve McBain, 25 years (Lincoln City Police Department); Sr. Ofcr. David Strassburg, 30 years (Lincoln City Police Department); Steve Kittson, 20 years (Newport Police Department); and John Meister, 30 years (Oregon State Police).

Wendy Rudy and Tom Zandoli presented the PAADA (Partnership Against Alcohol & Drug Abuse) awards for DUII Enforcer of the Year to the officer from each agency with the highest number of DUII arrests in 2008. The awards were presented to: Officer T.J. Erikson (Newport Police Department); Officer Kevin Litten and Officer Steve Dodds (Lincoln City Police Department); Deputy Eric Sorby (Lincoln County Sheriff's Office); Trooper Greg Plummer (Oregon State Police); and Officer Brian Willard (Toledo Police Department)

The following law enforcement agency personnel were honored for their distinguished service as Employee of the Year within their agencies: Janae Hilderbrand (LinCom); Officer Kraig Mitchell (Newport Police Department); DJ Budz, Civilian Employee of the Year, Officer Steven Dodds, Officer of the Year, and Officer Russ King, Problem Oriented Policing Employee of the Year (Lincoln City Police Department); Senior Deputy Gary Davey, Patrol Division, Dee Kaminski, Animal Shelter Recipient, Search and Rescue, Volunteer Recipient, and Chris Spurgeon, Jail Recipient (Lincoln County Sheriff's Office); Senior Trooper Ryan Kehr (Oregon State Police); Dave Bavaro (Parole & Probation); Kyrene Sorby (Toledo Police Department); and Deputy District Attorney Michelle Branam, Jen Tyler, and Linda Evans (District Attorney's Office).

The Color Guard from the Coast Guard Station Depoe Bay opened the banquet with the posting of the flags and the National Anthem was played. Door prizes and gift baskets filled with items donated by the different law enforcement associations, employees from law enforcement offices and departments, and the Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet Committee were presented to those in attendance. A special thank you goes to Mike Goff & TCB Productions, Steve Keck and Oregon Coast Catering, and Lyle Mattson and JC Thriftway Newport.

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