

**NOMINATIONS and EVENT NARRATIVES:
2018 OSSA AWARDS
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office**

**NOMINATION:
DEPUTY SCOTT MEYERS**

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office would like to nominate **Deputy Scott Meyers** for Search and Rescue Coordinator of the year.

Deputy Meyers should be recognized for his compassion, professionalism, and servanthood when dealing with the families of lost or missing persons as well as his willingness to respond on calls and work day after day.

Deputy Meyers epitomizes teamwork. He is willing to take on any role in the ICS system and is passionate about the call no matter what role he is playing. He is able to work with all types of individuals and communicates effectively with them all and identifies well with family members and friends of the missing person(s). He trains newer team members on our team and recognizes their strengths and trains them up in the areas they are not yet confident in. He takes care of equipment and keeps everything clean, organized and ready for the next callout. He has an amazing attention to detail and will handle the smallest of tasks to accomplish any mission.

Deputy Meyers is the liaison for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and all of the K-9 resources that we utilize in our County. This involves countless phone calls and conversations and independent evaluations of the resources so that when we call on a K-9 to assist on a SAR, we know we are getting a competent and tested resource.

Deputy Meyers is a lifelong learner within Search and Rescue. He is constantly evaluating the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office SAR program on how it can be improved, as well as how he can improve individually. This year, he coordinated a trip to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Search and Rescue to develop relationships and speak to them about being an additional/backup air resource for not only the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, but also neighboring agencies. He is always thinking of how SAR can be improved at our own office, but always keeping in mind how he can help other SAR programs in the process.

Over the past two years Deputy Meyers has received an inordinate number of commendations from people about his involvement in Search and Rescue missions. Both the families and volunteers are extremely appreciative of Deputy Meyers and how he communicates with them and the professionalism he exhibits on calls. He takes the time to get to know people on a personal level and puts them at ease on calls. He is always available to them and he helps people understand the efforts that are being taken to find their loved ones.

A perfect example of this was captured in a note written by Joanne Anderson after Deputy Meyers looked for her son on a search and rescue call. She said, "You were so confident and calming, and you never said anything that was B.S. like "oh don't worry, he's fine". You didn't know that and we knew that. You were PERFECT and for such a crappy event, you really made it better. THANK YOU!!!!"

Deputy Meyers remains close to the families after the missions have ended and routinely does follow-up phone calls and sometimes even attends events with them. He puts his heart into his role on the Search and Rescue Team and people recognize that and appreciate that.

Most recently Deputy Meyers was the Incident Commander for the search and rescue for Diana Bober who was located off the Hunchback Trail in Zig Zag, Oregon. This was a difficult search in a large area but he made decisions on the search that allowed us to identify witnesses and the missing person's location in a very short period of time. He worked extensively with the family and with the witnesses and kept them at ease throughout the process and also protected them from the media who were ever present during the event. He communicated with them and kept them up to date on what happened to Diana Bober. He managed many resources due to the suspicious nature of the death, identified many scenes to be examined for evidence, and maintained good communication so nothing was missed. When it was determined that she was killed by a cougar he volunteered to stay on and assist ODFW with locating cougars in the area, going into the field himself many times to direct resources before the eventual locating and killing of a cougar that was possibly involved.

Deputy Meyers should be recognized for his efforts on the Clackamas County Search and Rescue Team, and his commitment to serving the community

NOMINATION: SHERIFF CRAIG ROBERTS

I am writing to nominate **Sheriff Craig Roberts** for the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association "Sheriff of the Year." He deserves consideration for this honor, not only because of his long and successful history with our own department, but because this nomination follows a remarkable run of accomplishments — especially over the past few years — that helped deputies and citizens statewide.

First, a brief overview of his career:

Born and raised in Clackamas County, Craig Roberts has risen through the ranks of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office over the past 30 years. Along the way, he has worked to restore funding and jail beds, consolidated resources, and helped launch numerous initiatives, programs, task forces and conferences in such fields as child-abuse investigation, domestic-violence prevention, search and rescue, mental health and peer support.

Sheriff Roberts began his career with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in 1979 as a reserve deputy sheriff, and was hired full-time in 1982. He served on the Special Weapons And Tactics team and worked as an undercover narcotics officer. He was promoted to detective in 1989 and worked on the child-abuse and major crimes teams in the Detective Division. He has launched numerous initiatives and programs with the aim of protecting children and families from abuse, including the nationally recognized **Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit**, a **Domestic Violence Unit**, and the **Inter-agency Child Exploitation Prevention Team (INTERCEPT)** — a regional Internet crimes team targeting sexual predators who prey on children.

Sheriff Roberts was first elected sheriff in 2004 (taking office in January 2005) — and his first major task as sheriff was to pass a **five-year, \$42.7-million operating levy**

that allowed him to reopen 84 closed jail beds, put more deputies on the street and create an interagency drug task force to combat the methamphetamine epidemic. In 2010, voters approved a renewal of this levy by more than 75% because of the great work done during the first five years of the levy. The levy was overwhelmingly renewed again in 2016.

In 2008, Sheriff Roberts emerged from the May primary with almost 80 percent of the vote in a three-way race, clearing the path for another four-year term in office. He was reelected in 2012 for his third term and ran unopposed for his fourth in 2016.

In 2007, Sheriff Roberts launched **Northwest SARCon** – a landmark search-and-rescue conference for law-enforcement personnel and SAR volunteers. The has provided low-cost, high-tech search-and-rescue training to hundreds of search-and-rescue volunteers and professionals throughout the nation. Like the Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit, this conference has been supported by non-profits and businesses in the local community who recognize the important work done by sheriffs across the state.

Sheriff Roberts makes a point of sharing his agency's search-and-rescue expertise with other counties on numerous occasions.

Sheriff Roberts spent more than two years working with local judges and county commissioners to institute a **Justice Court** in Clackamas County. Sheriff Roberts believed that with a local Justice Court, more revenue could be retained at the local level and reinvested in local traffic-safety initiatives. In 2009, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved the formation of a Clackamas County Justice Court, which is now operational and extremely successful.

In 2004, even before taking office, Sheriff Roberts began another initiative aimed at providing critical training to all Sheriff's office staff on how to better deal with those suffering from mental illness. This initiative, **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)**, was a partnership with Clackamas County Mental Health and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) that brought diverse groups together with the goal of helping law-enforcement personnel understand and recognize individuals suffering from mental illness. The CIT program, now held twice per year, provides training to numerous law-enforcement agencies in the Portland metropolitan area.

Over the years, the Sheriff's Office grew to the point that it needed to utilize numerous leased and rented buildings throughout the county just to house all of its operations. Sheriff Roberts realized how expensive and inefficient this was — so he started working with the County Commissioners on ways to consolidate his operations. In 2009, Sheriff Roberts requested and received approval from the Commissioners for a \$30-million bond to **consolidate all Sheriff's Office operations into a single building** (not including the Clackamas County Jail), and to **remodel and expand the existing jail**. The jail expansion created 50 new jail beds and added 12 beds specifically for those inmates suffering from mental illness. In 2010, Sheriff Roberts also privatized the jail medical services — saving the county \$500,000 per year.

In 2016, Roberts also opened a facility to help keep people from *returning* to jail. **The Clackamas County Transition Center** is the first facility of its kind in Oregon — and a major step forward in reducing our jail population. The Transition Center — located in CCSO's former South Station in Oregon City — is an all-in-one location providing crucial services to people leaving jail or prison and to those at risk of returning. Its goal is to break patterns and change lives. Clients can walk out of our jail upon release, cross the parking lot, and enter the Transition Center to get access to services

including employment and housing assistance, peer mentors, cognitive therapy, mental-health and substance-abuse assessments, on-site health care, bi-monthly health-care enrollment, basic needs, hygiene items, GED courses through Clackamas Community College, and parenting classes through Northwest Family Services. Transition Center Probation Officers also conduct "reach-ins" at the Clackamas County Jail and local prisons — completing risk assessments, developing release plans and beginning the referral process for clients before they're released.

Going back to his years as a detective, Sheriff Roberts has always worked to protect the most vulnerable in our society. That is why he started the **Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit** and **INTERCEPT**. He has also done everything he can to protect victims of domestic violence. That is why he worked with the County Commission, Circuit Court and Clackamas Women's Services to create the first Family Justice Center in Clackamas County.

A Safe Place Family Justice Center, opened in December 2013, follows nationally recognized guidelines and provides wrap-around services under one roof for victims of domestic violence and their families. The Family Justice Center concept is simple but powerful: Bring together a wide range of domestic-violence services in a single location. During one visit, a client might have the opportunity to talk to a domestic-violence advocate, speak with a police officer, receive counseling and spiritual guidance, develop a safety plan, obtain medical care, get food and clothing, or find out about available shelters.

As a detective, Sheriff Roberts also started an offender sweep that grew into the **National Family Violence Apprehension Detail** — bringing together agencies from across the country to locate and arrest offenders wanted on domestic-violence charges on a specific day in October. Nationwide, the 2018 warrant sweep (our 16th) included over 300 county sheriffs' offices, police departments, probation departments, and community agencies from 29 states.

In 2013, Sheriff Roberts rolled out an entirely new policies-and-procedures manual that replaced a manual that dated back to 2002. This was the first step toward **accreditation for the Sheriff's Office through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance**, which was achieved in Spring 2014.

In 2012, the Sheriff's Office also launched the **Northwest Peer Support Conference** — a conference designed to educate members of public-safety peer-support teams in a variety of crisis-related issues, as well as providing guidance for those interested in starting their own peer-support teams.

President Obama recognized the Sheriff's Office for its response to the December 2012 active-shooter incident at Clackamas Town Center. Sheriff Roberts was invited to the White House to meet with others from Sandy Hook and Virginia Tech to share lessons learned. And in 2015, Sheriff Roberts was asked to participate on a conference call and provide recommendations to the subcommittee reporting to President Obama on 21st-century policing.

The Sheriff and his staff also drew on their hard-won crisis experience to provide behind-the-scenes assistance, advice and personnel to other Oregon sheriffs during high-stakes situations — including the **June 2014 Reynolds High School shooting**, the **October 2015 Umpqua Community College mass shooting** and the **2016 Malheur Wildlife Refuge militia occupation**.

In 2015, Sheriff Roberts championed the passage of **HB 2763, the "Veterans' Pay Bill,"** which benefits public agencies statewide. Introduced by Rep. Shemia Fagan (D-Clackamas) and signed into law in May, HB 2763 permits public agencies at the state and local level to supplement the military pay received by employees who serve in the National Guard or Reserves while on active duty. Prior to this legislation, Oregon law prohibited public employers from making up the difference between an employee's regular pay and their military pay. The policy — known as differential pay — is already practiced by many private employers. This law now allows public employers to have the option to provide this critical benefit to their employees.

Passage of the bill is part of a larger effort within the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to provide comprehensive support for employees serving in the National Guard or Reserves. This support includes the **Military Employee Support Program (MESP)**, launched in July 2014. MESP establish an in-house network of financial and logistical support for Clackamas County Sheriff's Office employees who serve as citizen soldiers.

Additionally, Sheriff Roberts has worked hard to explain the law-enforcement hiring process to veterans, who are uniquely trained and suited to first-responder work. This has included personally leading workshops at Camp Withycombe designed to demystify the Sheriff's Office hiring process for vets and those in active service.

These efforts in support of veterans and active military members have not gone unnoticed. This summer, the Department of Defense presented Sheriff Roberts with its 2016 **Employer Support Freedom Award** at the Pentagon. Fifteen employers from across the nation received the prestigious award — the nation's highest honor given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees.

Sheriff Roberts also lobbied successfully for the creation of **Memorial Highway Signs for fallen Deputies Jimmy Shoop and Bill Bowman**. Deputy Shoop died in the line of duty on November 7, 1981, when his patrol car was rammed by a drunk driver while Shoop was responding to an accident. Deputy Bowman died at age 36 during a training accident at Camp Rilea on Sept. 12, 2000. Construction was completed this year on a **Law Enforcement Memorial Plaza** at Sheriff's Office headquarters to honor fallen law-enforcement personnel. The Plaza is the culmination of a decade-long effort by the Sheriff and the memorial committee and sponsors to honor the fallen in Clackamas County, and it is a moving addition to our Brooks Building headquarters.

Over the past four years Sheriff Roberts has also served as Chair of the **Oregon Task Force on School Safety (OTFSS)**, established by House Bill 4087 during the 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly, partly in response to active-shooter events including the June 2014 incident at Reynolds High School. In Fall 2015 the OTFSS presented Governor Brown with options to enhance safety at Oregon schools with the goal of better anticipating and preventing active-shooter incidents — including statewide school floorplans, a statewide tip line (which went live in Jan. 2017 as **SafeOregon**), threat-assessment systems and standardized terminology. This important work will make a huge difference for Oregon students in the coming years.

In his decade as sheriff, Sheriff Roberts has also served on the following additional boards and committees:

- Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation – Board Member
- Clackamas County Peace Officers Benevolent Foundation – Board Member

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Ares (HIDTA) – Executive Board Member and Budget Committee
- Regional Organized Crime Narcotics (ROCN) – Executive Board Member
- Children's Center of Clackamas County – Board Member
- Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Clackamas County Family Justice Center Steering Committee
- OSSA Representative on the Medical Examiners Board
- OSSA Legislative and Executive committees
- OSSA Law Enforcement Technology Work Group
- OSSA Representative on the Domestic Violence Task Force in conjunction with the Oregon DOJ
- National Guard Capital Campaign Committee (for the new museum at Camp Withycombe)
- Governor's Task Force on School Capital Improvement Planning Task Force — his membership here was a result of his work on school-safety issues following 2012's tragic shootings at Clackamas Town Center and Sandy Hook Elementary.

Clearly, Sheriff Roberts is dedicated to improving public safety not only in Clackamas County, but also throughout the entire state and across the country. His motto — and the motto of the Sheriff's Office — is "**Working Together to Make a Difference.**" Throughout his entire career, especially during his terms as sheriff, Sheriff Roberts has followed that motto. He has the unique ability to bring together diverse groups of professionals to achieve common goals to improve the community and citizens he serves.

I hope you agree that Sheriff Roberts is more than deserving of this recognition.

A recent profile of Sheriff Roberts in OSSA's magazine is attached, and provides additional biographical detail.

If you have any questions about this nomination, please give me a call.

Sincerely, Undersheriff Hoy

NARRATIVE: SEPT. 30 SAVE OF BABY AUDREY

Shortly after noon on Sunday, Sept. 30, deputies received an urgent call from Clackamas Town Center. A week-old infant, Audrey Harmon, had stopped breathing in the portrait studio at JCPenney.

Deputies Zacharkiw (pronounced "za-KARK-ee"), Olson, and Russell responded, running through the mall to the portrait studio. They found Baby Audrey pale and unresponsive. Authorities believe she had choked on fluids. The parents were distraught. The mother had called 911 while the father and a number of Good Samaritans made the first attempts at infant CPR and assisted the parents.

Deputies immediately went to work.

Deputy Zacharkiw performed chest compressions while Deputy Olson checked the infant's airway with his finger. Deputy Russell stabilized Audrey's head, keeping her neck arched and airway open. Deputy Zacharkiw turned Audrey over on her stomach and performed a burping chest pat to remove fluid from the baby's airway. After he flipped Audrey back over, Deputy Russell used a Bulbous nose sucker to extract fluid from the infant's nose.

Clackamas Fire District #1 paramedics arrived about two minutes later and took over CPR.

Baby Audrey was transported to OHSU. At this writing she remains in intensive care, but her condition is steadily improving.

On Oct. 7, Audrey's parents, Kaylob Harmon and Jessie Siefer, invited Deputies Zacharkiw, Olson, and Russell to visit Audrey at OHSU and take a group photo.

"Kaylob told us he wanted a picture to show Audrey one day of the guys who saved her life," reported Deputy Zacharkiw. "It was unbelievably heartwarming to be invited back, and amazing to see how far she has progressed since last Sunday. Shortly after we left, Kaylob texted me a few more pictures, excited that the EEG leads had been removed from Audrey's head."

Incident video from this dramatic rescue is here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nm2ye94wnrk6tgn/18-26684-IncidentVideoAndHospitalVisit.mp4?dl=0>

NARRATIVE: DEC. 26 SWAT SHOOTOUT

The year 2017 ended with a stark reminder of the risks faced every day by law-enforcement professionals. On Dec. 26, 2017, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office deputies and one Canby Police officer faced a nightmare scenario: a shootout in rural Boring against a heavily armed man who sprayed several patrol cars with automatic rifle fire.

The story begins in July 2017. Following a domestic-violence incident with his wife, **Nathaniel Fritz Macalevy** was arrested and indicted on a felony domestic violence charge. A pretrial No Contact Order went into effect, prohibiting Macalevy from having contact with his wife and/or his daughter.

The following month, Macalevy's wife also obtained a restraining order prohibiting him from having contact with her and their daughter. Macalevy moved out of their home on Ten Eyck Rd. to a rental property on SE 312th Ave. in Boring.

On Christmas Day, 2017, the 44-year-old Macalevy was drinking alcohol at his rental residence. He sent disturbing messages via text and Facebook Messenger to both his sister and his new girlfriend. One, sent at 4 p.m., read: "You don't understand I'm done tonight one way or the other. I can't go back, follow through with the plan. I can take some POS with me or alone it doesn't matter." This is one of several concerning messages sent in December 2017 describing possible suicidal ideations.

Macalevy's new girlfriend would later tell authorities he was considering committing "suicide by cop."

At some point, Macalevy put on camouflage pants, a camouflage ballistic vest and a camouflage ballistic helmet and armed himself with an AR-15 and a handgun. He then

left in his work van — a white Chevy Express 2500 — and arrived at his wife's house at approximately 10:11 p.m.

Deputies would later learn this van was loaded with boxes containing hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

At 11:07 p.m., Clackamas 911 received a call in which a woman could be heard saying "I know you have a restraining order — you can't be here," before the phone disconnected. The phone number came back as belonging to Macalevy's wife.

A minute later, Sheriff's Office units were dispatched to Macalevy's wife's residence on SE Ten Eyck Road in Sandy.

Meanwhile, Macalevy's mother-in-law called 911 with more information. She told dispatchers she'd received a text message from Macalevy's wife indicating he was causing problems at the wife's residence — and that he might be armed.

Sheriff's Office units arrived at the SE Ten Eyck Road residence at 11:25 p.m. The weather was cold, icy and foggy. Deputies located Macalevy's unoccupied company vehicle.

Four minutes later, Macalevy's wife exited the house with a chilling message.

She told deputies Macalevy was on the premises with a loaded rifle pointed at her — and at responding police. He'd told her he was "going to end it tonight."

Deputies took cover behind their patrol vehicles and in ditches on the property. They requested additional units and a SWAT team, and escorted the wife safely to Sandy PD headquarters. The wife told authorities Macalevy was in full camo, wearing a military tactical vest with ballistic plates, and had a rifle with extra magazines and a Kevlar helmet.

The county's SWAT Team and an MRAP armored vehicle arrived on scene at 1:51 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. A reverse 911 call to residents within a half-mile radius asked them to lock their doors, stay inside, and report any suspicious activity to the non-emergency line.

Around 4 a.m., SWAT cleared the scene, opening up roadways, sending another reverse 911 call to residents and discontinuing the search for Macalevy. They had correctly determined that Macalevy has the tactical advantage and was no longer placing anyone in imminent danger; clearing the scene and attempting to locate him at a future date was deemed the safest choice for all involved.

This was a wise decision. Investigators would later learn Macalevy had been hiding under the deck at the residence in a crawlspace, perfectly positioned to ambush any law enforcement officers attempting to go in the backyard. In the post-shooting investigation, detectives would also recover a rifle scope, cigarettes and ejected rounds in that crawlspace. Macalevy's wife had told authorities that Macalevy had that scope on the gun before she left.

Using armored vehicles as cover, SWAT and deputies pulled back and began traveling to Sandy PD headquarters to debrief.

At this point, an unexpected encounter turned into a pursuit — and a shootout.

At 4:33 a.m., a SWAT member in his personal vehicle spotted Macalevy driving in his white company van, traveling westbound on Highway 26 in Sandy.

Multiple Sheriff's Office units began following Macalevy's van. At 4:36 a.m. they activate lights and sirens, and a pursuit began.

Many involved in that pursuit had been clearing the SWAT call and heading for home. Many weren't wearing their vests. They did not have their pacset radios. All they knew was that they were chasing a heavily armed and armored man who was on the edge.

The deputies — joined by a Canby PD Officer — chased Macalevy to his rented residence on SE 312th Ave. in Boring. At approximately 4:41 a.m., pursuing units followed Macalevy's van up the residential driveway .

Macalevy's van came to a stop.

Seconds later, he jumped out and opened fire on the deputies with an AR-15, discharging approximately 30 rounds. Patrol cars were sprayed with bullets and there were several near-misses. One CCSO patrol vehicle was shot several times as the deputy inside took cover, leaning over the passenger side seat before escaping the vehicle. Another bailed out of his patrol car just before three shots penetrated the windshield.

Deputies returned fire, hitting Macalevy in the ankle. All available units were dispatched to the scene as the firefight continued. Macalevy got back into his van and drove further into the property, exiting the van to take cover behind a barn. Deputies continued to fire at Macalevy, who was still carrying his AR-15.

At 4:52 a.m., Macalevy's girlfriend called 911 from a residence on the property. She was unarmed, frightened and unaware of her boyfriend's whereabouts. Dispatchers told her to stay inside.

SWAT arrived on-scene at 4:56 a.m. and considered their options. They decided to drive the heavily armored MRAP vehicle down the driveway towards the outbuilding — using it to push the van away from the barn structure. This would prevent Macalevy from accessing the van and any additional weapons or ammunition it might contain.

They made their move at 5:21 a.m. The MRAP rammed the van, pushing it away from the outbuilding and Macalevy.

SWAT personnel in the MRAP found Macalevy's lifeless body on the ground behind the outbuilding.

Medical and fire were ordered to clear.

Sheriff's Office detectives and members of the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Unit and Criminal Reconstruction And Forensic Team (CRAFT) arrived to process the scene, collect evidence and conduct interviews. And they quickly learned the extent of Macalevy's preparations.

Among items found in his work van: seven AR-15 magazines, over 200 cartridges of .223 ammo, and a box containing 288 cartridges of .22 LR ammunition. The Portland-area bomb unit would later respond to remove tannerite explosive from a plastic container in an outbuilding on the property, near the house where Macalevy was living.

Authorities also worked to determine if Macalevy had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, as initially believed. Analysis quickly determined that Macalevy was shot by one of seven possible law enforcement personnel — six from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office or one from Canby PD — who engaged in the firefight in Boring. Forensic analysis determined that the fatal shot traveled through the barn structure and entered Macalevy's head inside his mouth and exited behind his left ear, striking his spinal cord and killing him instantly. An OSP forensic scientist narrowed down the source of the shot to one of two possible Sheriff's Office deputies involved in the firefight, but couldn't make a definitive determination.

Macalevy's blood alcohol level was found to be .12 at time of death.

According to the Clackamas County DA's Feb. 2018 decision memo on the incident, "This situation was incredibly dangerous and quite frankly it is surprising that no officers were harmed during this shootout."

Incident video is here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vlnvbf10bq0tsq/17-33830-OISvideo.mp4?dl=0>