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#### 2010 DRE SCHOOL by Sergeant Michael Iwai

The Oregon DECP is in the final quarter of the grant year and DREs across the state have been extremely busy.

Phase I & II of the 2010 Oregon DRE School is complete. We had 24 students from law enforcement agencies around the state successfully complete training in Ontario, Oregon, from June 21 through July 1, 2010, at Treasure Valley Community College. The overall class average was 95.5%, which is one of the highest class averages Oregon has ever had. In addition, the DRE school academic award winner finished with an average of 99.7% and we had one student score a perfect 100% on the final classroom test. I am very satisfied with the progress of each student and their ability to grasp the fundamentals of the DRE Program. Additionally, the instructor cadre led by course manager, Sqt. Mark Duncan from the Oregon State Police - Ontario Area Command Office did a phenomenal job managing and mentoring the students. Phase III (DRE Field Certification Training) is scheduled to begin on August 11 and will conclude on August 22, 2010, in Portland, Oregon. By the end of August 2010, Oregon should have an additional 24 DREs assisting officers and prosecutors in jurisdictions throughout the state of Oregon.



2010 DRE School Treasure Valley Community College Ontario, Oregon

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DRE School Course Manager, Sergeant Mark Duncan







Dr. Andy Nicholes

Dr. Karl Citek



Deena Ryerson, TSRP



Sergeants Mark Duncan & Mike Iwai

#### DUII MULTI-DISCIPLINARY IMPAIRED DRIVING TRAINING CONFERENCE

Several DREs were recognized for their efforts during the 2010 DUII Multi-Disciplinary Impaired Driving Training Conference on April 23-24, 2010, at the Riverhouse Inn & Resort in Bend, Oregon.

2009 DRE OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to an IACP certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) from a municipal, county, and state law enforcement agency who was active in using and sharing his/her DRE skills to detect, apprehend and assist prosecuting drug-impaired drivers in their community statewide. The recipient should also possess the skills and desire to share and use their knowledge to benefit others in the community, such as fellow law enforcement officers, schools, businesses, and private industry. All recipients of the DRE of The Year Award are pictured with Gretchen McKenzie, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, Oregon Department of Transportation, Transportation Safety Division.

City DRE of the Year – Sergeant Tim Weaver Newberg-Dundee Police Department



County DRE of the Year – Deputy Joshua Wilson Washington County Sheriff's Office



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State DRE of the Year – Trooper Steve Hinkle Oregon State Police – Salem Area Command



#### 2009 DUII TRAINER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a police officer, a city, county, state employee, or a private trainer, instrumental in providing or assisting in the delivery of worthwhile training to groups and organizations in how to deter, detect, or reduce DUII or alcohol and/or drug related incidents. Officer Hull is pictured with Troy Costales, Administrator, Oregon Department of Transportation, Transportation Safety Division.

Officer Darke Hull (DRE), Portland Police Bureau



#### 2009 STATE DUII ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

This award is presented to a sworn police officer from a city police department, county sheriff's office, and the Oregon State Police who is either active in DUII enforcement or was instrumental in establishing, promoting, or supervising a unique or effective DUII enforcement program. Trooper Sether is pictured with Gretchen McKenzie.

Trooper Evan Sether (DRE) Oregon State Police – Springfield Area Command



#### 2009 SENIOR TROOPER MARIA MIGNANO DEDICATION TO DUTY AWARD

This award is presented to a sworn police officer who exemplified the behavior, dedication and professionalism in all aspects of impaired driving detection, apprehension, and prosecution during the past year. This award is named in honor of Senior Trooper Maria Mignano who tragically lost her life in 2001 and was dedicated to removing impaired drivers from our roadways. Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook is pictured with Gretchen McKenzie.

Sr. Trooper Kenneth Snook (DRE) Oregon State Police – Grants Pass Worksite



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2009 HONORARY, SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD (Retired) Captain Charles Hayes Oregon State Police

This award has only been presented on two other occasions since 1995.

Charles Hayes started his law enforcement career in 1972 with the Ontario Police Department and two years later was hired by the Oregon State Police (OSP). Following his first assignment at the Bend Patrol Office, he embarked on a path that led to assignments and promotions to OSP offices at Salem, Albany, Capitol Mall, and as Captain, directing the OSP Patrol Services Division. He retired from OSP in 2003.

Here are some of his career highlights: 1<sup>st</sup> Oregon police officer to receive Drug Recognition Expert Training from the LAPD (1983), 1<sup>st</sup> certified DRE for the state of Oregon (1990), 1<sup>st</sup> certified Oregon DRE Instructor (1994), 1<sup>st</sup> law enforcement representative to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) Alcohol Server Education Committee, coordinated with NHTSA/IACP to lay the foundation for Oregon to become a DEC state, served as the Section Chair to the IACP DRE Section, and promoted legislative concepts that changed Oregon's DUII laws, Oregon Implied Consent laws, and Oregon Administrative Rules governing Field Sobriety Testing.

Charles Hayes is currently serving as Chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII and is employed with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) – DRE Regional Operations.

Charles Hayes (right) is photographed with the Chair of the DUII Multi-Disciplinary Training Conference Task Force, Officer Robert Hayes, Albany Police Department.



#### NATIONAL AWARD

IACP DRE Section "DRE Emeritus" (Retired) Sergeant John Burright Oregon State Police

The DRE Emeritus is awarded to a formerly certified DRE who has served the purposes of the DECP with honor and the highest integrity. This individual is no longer eligible either through retirement or a job promotion, to maintain active DRE certification. This award is granted only by the IACP DRE Section.

Here is the nomination:

On September 4, 2001, just before 7:00 p.m., (DRE) Sergeant John Burright of the Oregon State Police and Officer Jason Hoerauf of the Albany Police Department (Reserve) who was part of a ride-along program, stopped to help a disabled motorist eight miles south of Salem. Senior Trooper Maria Mignano of the Oregon State Police also stopped on location to assist. Both emergency vehicles were positioned off the traveled portion of the roadway when a pick-up crossed over the shoulder and struck the three officers.

Senior Trooper Maria Mignano and Officer Jason Hoerauf died at the scene. Sergeant John Burright underwent five hours of emergency surgery for massive internal injuries at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon. To this day John Burright has not fully recovered from the injuries sustained during this tragic incident. On November 20, 2002, Sergeant John Burright was medically retired from the Oregon State Police.

John Burright began his law enforcement career as a reserve deputy for the Benton County Sheriff's Office on January 11, 1982. His primary duties were traffic patrol, investigating traffic collisions, and removing impaired drivers. Additionally, John became active in drug enforcement and worked "undercover" with detectives in narcotics. John left traditional law enforcement from August 1985 through February 1987 for the private sector of asset protection and internal theft. Then on March 1, 1987, John was hired by the Oregon State Police as a recruit **Trooper and assigned to the Roseburg Patrol** Office. On March 1, 1988, John was promoted to the rank of Trooper and later transferred to the Albany Patrol Office. He was then promoted to the rank of Senior Trooper on March 1, 1995. Next, on August 1, 1998, John was promoted to Sergeant and re-assigned to the Salem Patrol Office as a supervisor.

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Sergeant Burright was extremely active while being employed with the Oregon State Police. He enjoyed many aspects of police work, but really excelled in removing impaired drivers and fulfilling his tactical role with the Oregon State Police's Mobile Response Team.

Sergeant Burright arrested hundreds of impaired drivers and attended Oregon's first DRE School in 1995. As a DRE, John performed 35 drug evaluations and later became a DRE/SFST Instructor. John was responsible for training hundreds of law enforcement officers in DUII enforcement or DRE related training. Due to his expertise, Sergeant Burright was sought after by other law enforcement partners for questions pertaining to DRE or DUII. Furthermore, his advice was based on current case law, current manuals, patrol experience, and good judgment.

Since the medical retirement of Sergeant Burright the police certifying agency in the state of Oregon, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has named a special supervisor award on behalf of Sgt. John Burright. The "Sergeant John Burright Traffic/Patrol Supervisor of the Year" award recognizes the leadership of a supervisor who goes above and beyond regular duties, encouraging outstanding efforts in traffic safety and enforcement within their department and implements and/or encourages innovative programs, curriculums, and/or presentations that emphasize traffic safety within their agency, community, and state.

Senior Trooper Steve Webster of the Oregon State Police (DRE # 4220) said, "John bled OSP blue and his heart was always on the road arresting the impaired driver. He was my roommate at DRE School and was an exceptional leader. Above all, John cared most about his wife and two sons."

Senior Trooper Dave Peterson of the Oregon State Police (DRE # 4599) said, "Sgt. John Burright is a man who cared deeply about his subordinates, the profession he chose including the DRE Program, and especially his family. As a supervisor, he always put his subordinates first and cared for the people he worked with and for."

Retired Captain Chuck Hayes of the Oregon State Police (DRE # 1488) said, "John Burright was an outstanding student in DRE School and completed training at the top of his class. He was extremely competitive and motivated as a DRE. John excelled with training new DRE students during field certification training and his morals and ethics were above reproach."

Lieutenant Richard Pileggi of the Oregon State Police (Non-DRE) said, "John was the hardest working person I have ever known and had a passion for arresting the impaired driver. He was hard to keep up with and loved his work. His priorities were in order...his family was first."

Sergeant John Burright served as a drug recognition expert with extreme honor and with the highest level of integrity and is deserving of the DRE Emeritus Award.

Sgt. John Burright was nominated by Senior Trooper Michael Iwai, Oregon DECP Coordinator on September 1, 2009.

The award was presented to Rhonda Burright (John's wife) on April 23, 2010, at the DUII Multi-Disciplinary Impaired Driving Training Conference in Bend, Oregon. In addition, Sergeant John Burright's award nomination was read at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving on July 23, 2010, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Sgt. Burright is one of only 68 DRE Emeritus Award winners.



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