

GRADUATION AWARDS

All Basic Classes – Corrections, Police, Parole & Probation, and Telecommunications

Victor G. Atiyeh Outstanding Student

Victor G. Atiyeh served as Oregon's governor from January 8, 1979 to January 12, 1987. After attending the University of Oregon in Eugene for two years, Atiyeh joined Atiyeh Brothers, the Portland rug and carpet firm his father had established at the turn of the century. Atiyeh was actively involved with the Boy Scouts, where he holds the highest council and regional adult leadership awards. He served in the Oregon Legislature representing Washington County as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives from 1959 to 1964 and as a state senator from 1965 to 1978.

Among his accomplishments as Governor were improving state management, reforming workers compensation, and energy and economic development programs. His administration's priorities included property tax limitation, land use planning reform, renewed aid and commitment to higher education, continued emphasis on economic development, and establishment of special programs for public safety. His administration was successful in creating thousands of diversified jobs and attracting new industries to the state. The Oregon State Lottery, created by initiative petition in 1984, contributed to this success. New laws against drunken driving were passed during Atiyeh's administration. His Advisory Committee on DUI was effective in heightening public awareness of the seriousness of the drunk driving problem. Atiyeh was instrumental in establishing Oregon Food Share, the nation's first statewide food bank. Because of his successful efforts to enact laws against racial harassment, Atiyeh won the Distinguished Public Service Award of Oregon B'nai B'rith and the highest honor for public service from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Governor Atiyeh was instrumental in the creation of a dedicated facility for the training of Oregon's public safety providers. This was evidenced by the construction of the first Oregon Public Safety Academy on the campus of Western Oregon University in Monmouth. To honor not only Governor Atiyeh's support of public safety, but also his commitment to public service excellence, DPSST created the Governor Victor G. Atiyeh Outstanding Student Award which is awarded at each basic training class graduation.

Basic Police

Leo B. App Top Shooter

Leo B. App Jr. served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation more than 30 years, 1947-1977, in Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles, California; and in Portland, Oregon, where he was principal firearms instructor, squad supervisor and actively participated in firearms and related training at the Oregon Police Academy (OPA). Since his retirement from the FBI December 30, 1977, he has continued as a competitor and rangemaster in the Oregon Peace Officer Association (OPOA) police combat competition, firearms, training officer for the Milwaukie, Oregon Police Department as a sworn reserve officer, and instructing at OPA. He is a charter and life OPOA member, National Rifle Association (NRA) life member, holds the OPOA police combat pistol rating of distinguished master, is a member of OPOA Oregon Governor's "Top 20" police combat competition, and a charter active member rangemaster in the Oregon Police Firearms Instructors Association. He is a former member of the NRA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee and has instructed at NRA Police Firearms Instructor Development Schools. Sadly, Leo passed away December 20, 2014.

Lee M. Bown Academic Achievement

Lee M. Bown was appointed as the first Executive Secretary of the Advisory Board on Police Standards and Training on April 1962. Mr. Bown worked with Oregon law enforcement agencies and the Oregon Legislative Assembly to pass House Bill 1151 in 1968 which created the Board on Police Standards and Training (BPST) and established mandatory standards for police officer certification and training.

Before becoming the Executive Secretary of BPST Mr. Bown was a member of the Lane County Sheriff's Office. He was also one of the original members of the Oregon State Police (OSP) which was created in 1931 to serve as a rural patrol and to assist local city police and sheriffs' departments. He started as Lieutenant on 8-1-1931 and rose to the rank of Captain years later. He was the first District Commander of District 3 in Medford and served in that capacity from 8-1-31 to 9-19-40. He served as Deputy Superintendent of the Oregon State Police from 1940 until 1962, serving mostly as assistant State Police Commander to the first Superintendent of the Oregon State Police Charles Prey and the second Superintendent Harold Maison. After retiring from BPSST Mr. Bown was a charter member of the OSP reserve which was formed on 8-16-73.

Basic Corrections & Parole and Probation

George L. Tooley Top Shooter

George Tooley quietly served Oregon corrections for over 35 years: as a jail manager of three jails; as an officer, supervisor, and manager in three prisons; and, most of all, as Oregon's Master Correctional Trainer from the 1960s to the 1990s. His real love was firearms training; he passed his knowledge on to thousands of Oregon's public safety officers. In corrections, the mastery of George Tooley is on display in every officer he trained, in every life he touched, and in every life they touch. Those who receive this award are challenged to pass on to others the best of their qualities. You are unique among your peers. With this award comes the spirit of George Tooley, the quiet corrections officer, known for high professional standards. Today, you are publicly recognized; take on the responsibility to make a quiet contribution of your own, in honor of all those officers who have passed on and those who will watch your example.

Dr. Ernest M. Ogard, Jr. Academic Achievement

Dr. Ogard served as a member of the Board on Police Standards and Training from 1973 until 1981. He served as Chair of the Board from 1978-1980. He was the first citizen member of the Board to serve as Chair. During Dr. Ogard's tenure on the Board mission was expanded to include the training and certification of corrections and parole and probation officers. Dr. Ogard is a Professor Emeritus at Western Oregon University where he taught from 1966 until 1996. He was responsible for the development and management of graduate and undergraduate criminal justice degree programs at Western. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Ogard served as an adult parole and probation officer with the State of Oregon from 1960-1966. As a licensed psychologist, Dr. Ogard has conducted a number of extensive research studies in the criminal justice field. The most extensive research project is one that spans 24 years and involves the study of criminal justice personalities.

To recognize Dr. Ogard's commitment to excellence in criminal justice and especially his work in the parole and probation field, DPSST awards the Dr. Ernest M. Ogard, Jr. Academic Achievement in each Basic Parole and Probation Course at the Academy.

Basic Telecommunications

Carol Fagan Academic Achievement

This award is granted to the top academic student of each Basic Telecommunications Class. Carol was a communications specialist with the Eugene Police Department - Central Lane Communications Center. She was instrumental in the creation of DPSST's Telecommunications Training Program, which began in 1990. She served as an adjunct instructor at DPSST and was also very active in the training program at Central Lane Communications Center. Sadly, Carol died in a car accident in route to work for an overtime shift in Central Lane in 1995. Since this tragic event, the Basic Telecommunications Academic Achievement Award is named in her honor to recognize her commitment to excellence in public safety communications training.