The Oregon Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate was developed during the 2009 legislative session to honor Oregon fallen firefighters and law enforcement officers that are killed in the line of duty.

Money earned from the Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate is placed in a fund managed by the Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund which is a special committee comprised of law enforcement, fire department, and citizen members. Each license plate will cost an additional $8 a year (an additional $32 for two years of registration).

Oregon law requires that no tax dollars be spent on creating and implementing a specialty license plate. Even with our difficult economic climate, the Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund was able to raise all $23,700 in DMV administrative fees and plate manufacturing costs in less than six weeks. These dollars were raised through the generous donations of law enforcement and fire personnel and private citizens. An additional campaign was run through the Fallen Public Safety Officer License Plate Facebook page with over 10,000 followers. For license plate updates please join us at [https://www.facebook.com/fallenpublicsafetyofficerlicenseplate?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/fallenpublicsafetyofficerlicenseplate?ref=hl).

The idea for the Fallen Public Safety Officer license plate began shortly after the horrific events in Woodburn in December 2008, when a bomb inside a bank killed Woodburn Police Captain Tom Tennant and Oregon State Police Senior Trooper William Hakim. Mary Nunnenkamp, retired from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, began working with Oregon State Representative Matt Wingard to develop legislation to create the license plate. Even in a crowded legislative session and with thirteen other license plates vying for legislative approval, the license plate passed both chambers and was signed into law in June 2009.

Proceeds from the Oregon Fallen Public Safety Officer License plate support the law enforcement and fire memorials located at the Public Safety Academy, financial support for families and honor guard members traveling to Emmitsburg, MD for the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial or Washington, D.C. for the National Law Enforcement Memorial in the year the fallen officer is honored, Oregon Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation, Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard, NW Peer Support Team, and the placement of Oregon Fallen Officer Memorial Highway signs.

There are more than 35,000 law enforcement, corrections, parole and probation, fire, and telecommunications personnel working in the state of Oregon.