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OSP MCMINNVILLE FISH & WILDLIFE TROOPER NAMED "2011 FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION TROOPER OF THE YEAR"
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Recognized as a valuable team member, knowledgeable mentor, and proficient investigator, a McMinnville-area Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division trooper received the Division's 2011 "Fish and Wildlife Division Trooper of the Year" award. Senior Trooper Adam Turnbo was presented the award Friday by Captain Jeff Samuels, OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Director, and his supervisor, Sergeant Todd Hoodenpyl, during a presentation at the OSP Tillamook Worksite in front of his family and peers.

The was the division's sixth annual presentation of the award which is based on criteria including professionalism, dedication to the citizens and natural resources of our State, and the individual's work ethic. Nominations were received from around the state and reviewed by regional and General Headquarters staff before the recipient is announced.

Turnbo, age 34, is a member of the Mid-Coast Team, a group of seven sworn troopers stationed in Tillamook and McMinnville. He has been assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division for the eleven years he has worked for OSP.

A very talented and skilled trooper who is always organized and prepared, Turnbo was commended by Captain Samuels for his dedication toward the protection of natural resources.

"Adam takes his role as a law enforcement officer seriously by mentoring and assisting less tenured troopers into becoming more competent and successful fish and wildlife investigators," said Samuels.

In addition to his normal duties, Turnbo is the NW Region Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) coordinator responsible for the build and maintenance of wildlife decoys, often referred to as "Scruffy," and related training regarding use of the WED as an enforcement tool to combat poaching. He also trains new recruit troopers at the police training academy on fish and wildlife enforcement.

Turnbo's investigative skills and abilities in monitoring social media for unlawful activities have proven very successful. He is skilled at organizing his investigations and authored several affidavits to obtain search warrants in multiple counties.

During 2011, Senior Trooper Turnbo investigated and successfully concluded several noteworthy cases that stemmed outside of Oregon to as far away as Indiana:

* On one case, Senior Trooper Turnbo contacted an illegal guide who was filming a hunting show on public lands. The investigation revealed the illegal guide had unlawfully taken an elk while the show was being filmed. As the investigation continued, several subjects from Oregon and Indiana were found to have illegally harvested countless animals during a two year period all over the State of Oregon. The investigation spanned from the Oregon Coast out of Tillamook County to the southeastern boundary in Harney County. Several search warrants obtained by Turnbo which resulted in the arrest of the guide and several other subjects for wildlife and criminal violations. He worked with all the District Attorney's Offices, Department Of Justice, and the State of Indiana where all the subjects pled to lengthy hunting and guiding suspensions and fines.

* In a second case, Turnbo investigated a taxidermist who was unlicensed and was illegally taking bobcats. This investigation led to obtaining a search warrant for the subject's residence which resulted in the arrest of the taxidermist for multiple wildlife violations in numerous counties. The investigation also uncovered that the subject was unlawfully baiting bear.

After serving as an OSP cadet from 1997 to 2000, Turnbo joined OSP as a sworn member in 2000 and was assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division. He has been stationed in McMinnville following assignments in Coos Bay, Albany, and Salem.

Those who nominated Turnbo for the award remarked at his outstanding commitment and the pride he takes while performing his duties and protecting Oregon's natural resources and citizens.

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The primary responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Division is enforcement of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and protection of Oregon's natural resources and the habitats upon which they depend. As Fish and Wildlife Division officers are fully trained State Troopers; they also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock, and environmental protection laws and respond to emergency situations.

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