

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board Minutes September 17, 2021

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a WebEx meeting on September 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE Salem, Oregon.

Committee Members:

Colette Peters, Director, Chair, Department of Corrections
DaNeshia Barrett, Non-Management Law Enforcement
Liz Lawrence, Non-Management Law Enforcement
James Oeder, Oregon Volunteers Firefighters Association
Vacant, Non-Management Parole & Probation
Vacant, Public Member

Committee Members Absent:

No members were absent

DPSST Staff:

Suzy Herring
Shelby Alexander
Julie Olson

Guests

No guests attending this meeting

1. *April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approve minutes

Liz Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2021 Public Safety Memorial Fund Board meeting. James Oeder seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. *John Burrigh (DPSST #15066) - Department of Oregon State Police

Presented by Suzy Herring

On September 4, 2001 Oregon State Police (OSP) Sergeant John Burrigh, was struck by a vehicle while assisting a stranded motorist on Interstate 5. Sgt. Burrigh was permanently and totally disabled as a result of this incident.

On May 4, 2021, Sergeant Burrigh passed away, after a nearly 20 year battle after this tragic incident left him with debilitating and career-ending injuries. "Delayed complications of persistent vegetative

state”, “remote multi compartment traumatic brain injury” and “blunt head trauma” resulted in his death due to the accident on September 4, 2001.

James Oeder made a motion to accept the death as a qualifying death as set forth in ORS 243.954. Colette Peters seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call of members present. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. *Rick Ilg (DPSST #22817) - Forest Grove Fire & Rescue

Presented by Suzy Herring

On December 18, 2018, Fire Captain Rick Ilg was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, however returned to full duty after several procedures and treatments until his cancer progressed again and forced his retirement in 2021.

On September 12, 2021 the fire department was notified that Captain Rick Ilg had passed away following his battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma). Occupational cancer is a serious issue for the fire service. The smoke, and burned debris of our modern structure fires contain considerable amount of carcinogens and toxins that been scientifically proven to contribute to causing cancer. That being said, cancer is considered a line of duty death for firefighters. Rick’s loss is the first line of duty death in Forest Grove since the adoption of presumptive cancer legislation was passed in Oregon over two decades ago.

James Oeder made a motion to accept the death as a qualifying death as set forth in ORS 243.954. DaNeshia Barrett seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call of members present. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Suzy announced that both Sergeant Burrignt and Captain Rick Ilg’s spouses will receive the mandatory \$25,000.00 benefit as supported by statute. The check will be printed and delivered and DPSST will work through the Oregon State Police Office to facilitate this process.

4. Next meeting – TBD