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Lieutenant Doug Asboe of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office HOPE Team Honored with State Land Board Award

SALEM, Ore. – Lieutenant Doug Asboe, whose compassionate leadership helps address impacts of long-term camping on Oregon's public waterways, was recognized today by the State Land Board during the 18th Annual State Land Board Awards.

Lieutenant Asboe helms the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team, which works day-in and day-out to build networks with service providers and create trustworthy relationships with vulnerable populations in the field to connect them with needed services.

Governor Kate Brown, Treasurer Tobias Read, and Secretary of State Shemia Fagan today recognized Lieutenant Asboe with the State Land Board's Catalyst Award.

"The Catalyst Award recognizes the people who bring change – the people whose spark lights our way, whose words and actions lead us toward a better world," said Governor Kate Brown, who presented the award. "Lieutenant Doug Asboe has been a catalyst in so many ways."

The HOPE Team is an essential partner in DSL's ongoing efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of long-term camping along Oregon waterways. Lieutenant Asboe has been pivotal to the success of this collaboration, continuously demonstrating the importance and effectiveness of understanding individual experiences and individual needs.

"Lieutenant Doug Asboe leads with compassion as he works to serve the most vulnerable people in Multnomah County," said Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese.

Lieutenant Asboe joined the MCSO from the Fairview Police Department in 2017 and began supervising the HOPE Team as a sergeant in 2018. Working with the houseless community in Fairview, and having a family member who was suffering from mental illness and battling addiction experience houselessness, made the HOPE Team feel like the right place for Asboe to be, he said.

“The social service system is very complex, even under best-case scenarios,” he said. “For individuals who may be dealing with mental health issues or addiction, or just getting by day-to-day living outdoors, it’s almost impossible to navigate the system. People living outdoors have also been let down by the system, some of them a number of times.”

The HOPE Team helps increase access with the expectation of accountability. Having support to begin chipping away at barriers makes all the difference. What’s most rewarding, Asboe said, is “seeing people believe there’s a chance they can have something more than they have now, realize they can get to a better place than they are now, whatever that is for them.”

The State Land Board Awards honor exceptional projects and partners for their contributions to protecting and enhancing Oregon’s treasured natural resources. View the awards ceremony on the Department of State Lands [YouTube Channel](#).

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About the State Land Board

The State Land Board consists of Governor Kate Brown, Secretary of State Shemia Fagan and State Treasurer Tobias Read. Established by the Oregon Constitution in 1859, the Land Board oversees the state’s Common School Fund.

About the Department of State Lands

The Department of State Lands is the Land Board’s administrative agency, managing the lands and resources that help fund Oregon’s public schools and protecting the state’s waterways and wetlands for the many benefits they provide. For more information on DSL, visit www.oregon.gov/DSL.