

# Goodding: Fallen Badge Foundation is paying for event

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Gov. Kate Brown will present the medal and an American flag to Goodding's wife, Amy, at a memorial Friday afternoon at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the service and pay their final respects to Goodding, who was shot Friday night while trying to arrest a suspect on a felony warrant. He died Saturday morning.

Goodding is the 183rd Oregon law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty since the 1880s.

## Memorial service

The Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation is working with the Seaside Police Department to host the memorial.

The service takes place at the convention center, but that facility is reserved for the Goodding family, fellow officers and emergency responders. Organizers are requesting community members go to Seaside High School or North Coast Family Fellowship on Wahanna Road, where the service will be simulcast. Other venues in Astoria, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach will stream the memorial live.

"We're anticipating a few thousand people here, well over the capacity of the convention center," Sgt. Eric Bunday of the Hillsboro Police Department and Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation told Seaside City Council on Monday.

Goodding's death immediately elicited a response from the local community, government officials, law enforcement agencies and emergency responders, who were mobilized to memorialize the officer and support his family.

## Procession

A public safety motorcade procession, involving family and hundreds of public safety and emergency response vehicles, will precede the service. The procession begins at 10:45 a.m. at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton and ends at the convention center.

The southbound lane of U.S. Highway 101 will be closed from Patriot Way in Warrenton to Broadway during the procession. The northbound lane of Highway 101 will remain open, but will be partially detoured around Seaside from Avenue S to Wahanna Road. Area travelers should be prepared for traffic congestion and delays along the highway and streets in Seaside, Gearhart and Warrenton. The Oregon Department of Transportation will post temporary signs advising motorists of closures, delays and detours for traffic.

Members of the public attending the event are encouraged to carpool, walk or ride a bicycle. Parking will be extremely limited.

## Many donations

The Fallen Badge Foun-



The flag at the Seaside Police Department flies at half-staff above flowers left to honor Sgt. Jason Goodding.

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## PROCESSION ROUTE

- From Patriot Way, proceed south on U.S. Highway 101
- Proceed on the highway to Gearhart Lane
- Turn right on Gearhart Loop and proceed west to North Marion Avenue
- Continue south on North Marion Avenue
- Turn left on North Pacific Way and proceed east
- Turn right on Highway 101 and proceed south through Seaside
- Turn right on Broadway
- Turn right on North Columbia Street
- Turn right on First Avenue and proceed east to the convention center.

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Goodding remembered in Cannon Beach. Also, bus routes may be delayed because of Friday memorial. See Page A5.

ation is paying for the event. "The family doesn't pay a dime," according to foundation member Sgt. David Peterson of the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Providence Seaside Hospital, where Goodding's wife works as a nurse, is assisting with volunteer coordination for the service.

Bunday told city councilors the foundation is "here for you, we are here for the Goodding family and we are here for your community."

"We are so sorry we have to be here," he added. "We don't want to be here. But we are honored and humbled that you asked us to come in and help."

Since arriving in Seaside and experiencing the city "in this hour of grief," Bunday said, he and Peterson have seen "a very resilient, amazing community that bonded around their police department and the Goodding family with love and support."

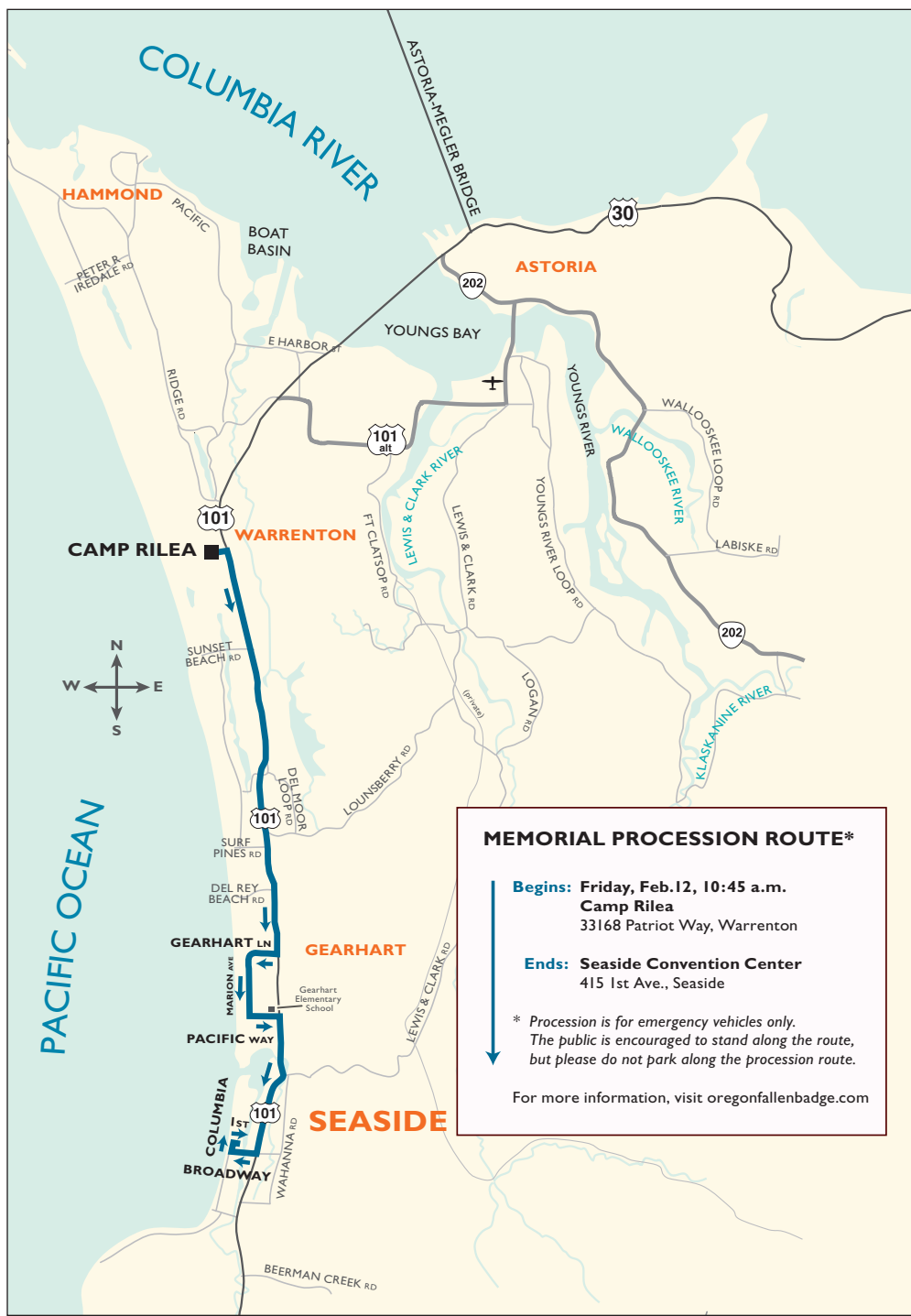
"It's a testament to you folks, so thank you for welcoming us in," Bunday said.

A partner organization, called Concerns of Police Survivors, also sent a team of surviving family members of fallen officers to work directly with the Goodding family and help take care of their needs, Bunday said.

The Soup Ladies, another volunteer organization from Washington state, has been in town preparing food for the first responders and others arranging the service.

Organizers are expecting fellow law enforcement officers from Oregon and out of state to attend the event.

City offices — including Seaside City Hall, the Seaside Visitors Bureau, Seaside Public Library and Seaside Public Works Department — will be closed Friday in honor of Goodding's memorial. Regular hours will resume Saturday. Clatsop County Sheriff's Office is open Friday but with limited services. There will be no concealed handgun applications or renewals processed and no fingerprinting available. Police and fire services will remain available at all times.



The route for the procession honoring Sgt. Jason Goodding.

Submitted Photo

## MEMORIAL PROCESSION ROUTE\*

**Begins:** Friday, Feb. 12, 10:45 a.m.  
Camp Rilea  
33168 Patriot Way, Warrenton

**Ends:** Seaside Convention Center  
415 1st Ave., Seaside

\* Procession is for emergency vehicles only. The public is encouraged to stand along the route, but please do not park along the procession route.

For more information, visit oregonfallenbadge.com

# Dangers: 'We are constantly sending people to trainings'

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don't know if they're armed, and so obviously you have a high awareness all the time," he said. "And when you're obviously dealing with someone who may have a record of assaulting a public safety officer, as Mr. Ferry did, you're going to treat that with a lot more caution."

## Training for confrontation

With so many warrants of varying severity but so few beds in the Clatsop County Jail, the sheriff's department has little choice but to release the inmates least likely to reoffend to make room for the most high-risk offenders — a less-than-ideal situation that allows some career criminals, like Ferry, back on the street without ever really holding them accountable, Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said. "That's where we run into a lot of problems," he said. "Unless we hold people accountable, we're going to continue to have these types of events."

And it means local police officers will continue dealing with people they've already dealt with

multiple times, often people with a history of aggressive behavior toward law enforcement.

The state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training sets a minimum number of required training hours for officers on a year-by-year basis.

"We constantly are sending people to trainings, whether it's for firearms, or for hostage negotiations, or for whatever it might be," Bergin said.

Each law enforcement agency decides how its officers' training is provided and regularly updated, Johnston said.

In Seaside and elsewhere, officers go through a regular mini-academy: three days of scenario-based training in which officers learn to handle different confrontational encounters.

They learn to watch for the subject's eyes ("Is she looking for an escape route?" "Is he eying my gun?"), body language ("Why is he removing his jacket?") and, most importantly, the person's hands, because "that's what going to essentially kill you," Schermerhorn said. "Mr. Ferry was not presenting his hands."

## 'Life is precious'

In his career, Bergin has

been hit and spit on. He's had guns and knives pulled on him. He's been bitten to the bone and poked with syringes, he said.

"We see so much, and we tend to want to throw up walls and protect people, especially our closest families and friends," said Bergin, a friend and neighbor of Goodding's family in rural Seaside.

But officers, he said, know they're doing good for their communities, because it is a necessary job, one that most people wouldn't want to do.

"Who wants to deal with a suicide? Who wants to deal with someone who's gone through a windshield and might not be in a complete piece," Bergin said. "Who wants to talk to a family about finding their child some place with their head blown off?" "You do become a little bit hardened," he said.

When a fellow officer is killed, some officers, especially young ones, may question whether this is the right profession for them. And older officers might start wondering whether it is time to get out, Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said.

However, "there's a calling to be in police work that's

hard to explain," Workman said. "Everybody gets into the profession for different reasons, but there's still that desire to help people and that desire to make a difference."

"Every day," Bergin said, "we put on the uniform and go back out to work because it's something that we know — as a person, or as an individual — that's what we've dedicated our life to do."

"And occasionally things go wrong. However, most of the time they go right, and there's a lot of satisfaction," he said. "We just want to make sure that people always have a safe place to go home at night."

## Pulling together

In the wake of Goodding's death, officers and emergency responders have attended critical incident stress debriefings, a time when they discuss the ordeal and the feelings of trauma they may be working through, Schermerhorn said.

"It's definitely a struggle for everybody involved, especially Seaside and their department now," he said. "They have two different things they're struggling with, having lost a won-

derful officer and friend, but then having another officer who has been in an officer-involved shooting. These are two horrific things to have to deal with, and it's all falling on one department."

Though talking about the experience allows officers to return to their jobs more quickly, they can't help but carry the tragedy around with them.

"I can tell you that we're all grieving at the moment," Johnston said. "Jason, because he was on the (Clatsop County Drug Task Force) and also on the Major Crimes Team, spent a lot of time in all of our police departments, and was well known to all of us and well liked by all of us, and it affects us."

And, for the officers raising children in a coastal community where such violence hardly ever happens, Goodding's death means something else.

"We have to explain to our kids, 'It does happen here, and it can happen here,'" Schermerhorn, a father of two, said. "That's a difficult thing trying to explain to your children."

## Community support

But to see the commu-

nity in general, and the law enforcement community in particular, pull together this week to support the local departments, and the family of their fallen comrade, has made a great difference, Johnston said.

"You wouldn't believe the number of agencies that have offered help, that are helping, the number of things that local officers and officers far and wide have volunteered to do. It's pretty outstanding."

Workman led a tsunami drill at Warrenton Grade School Wednesday. At one point, a little girl, about 6 or 7 years old, walked passed him and said, "Sorry police officer died," Workman recalled. "I heard her say that and told her 'thank you' as she walked by."

"You see all these kids out in the cold and the rain and the drizzle, smiling at you, thanking you, fist-bumping you, saying, 'Hello' ... it really puts a smile on my face," he said. "Some called me 'chief,' some called me 'officer,' and it just really reinvigorates me."

And it reminds him why he chose his line of work: "We are making a difference."