

SGT. JASON GOODDING | MEMORIAL



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Officers salute as Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket is escorted from the Seaside Civic and Convention Center during his memorial service Friday.

Fallen officer's dedication and smile are remembered



Everyday hero receives a heartfelt farewell

By KYLE SPURR
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SEASIDE — Everyone who knew Jason Goodding says his smile could light up a room.

Before giving the closing benediction at Goodding's memorial Friday afternoon inside the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, Jerry Gaidos, a chaplain for Clatsop County law enforcement, paused to describe how he will always remember Goodding's smile.

Gaidos, a former patrol officer and criminalist, said he was listening to a man in need last week and began picturing Goodding and thinking about all the times the Seaside

Police sergeant helped people in similar situations. "I just became aware of Jason's smile and face. I sat back and relaxed and just listened to the man talk because that's what Jason did for people," Gaidos said. "That's going to be a legacy I can keep with me all the time."

Goodding, 39, was shot and killed Feb. 5 while trying to arrest a suspect on a felony assault warrant. Friends and colleagues spoke at the memorial about Goodding's "Chiclet smile," his compassion and dedication to his family and community. Each person — taking turns standing at a podium above an American flag-covered casket, flowers and photographs of Goodding — addressed a sea of uniformed officers who came from all across the country.



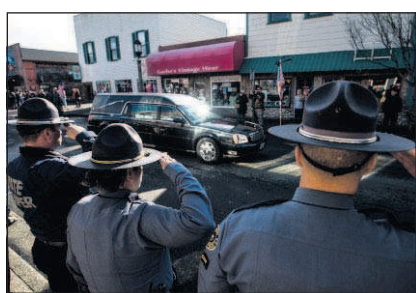
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An officer stands watch by Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket before the memorial service.

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Community grieves for Seaside's Sgt. Goodding

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Police officers salute as Sgt. Jason Goodding's hearse passes during a procession involving hundreds of police vehicles.

SEASIDE — Thousands gathered Friday to remember Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding as a father, husband, friend and comrade who gave his life protecting the community he loved.

A procession guided Goodding's casket from Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton to a memorial at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, passing through downtown, where hundreds of law enforcement officers and residents turned out to pay their respects.

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5 while trying to arrest a suspect on a felony assault warrant.

Gov. Kate Brown presented Goodding's widow, Amy, with the Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice, and the well-liked officer was remembered with love, humor and affection in remarks by Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin, Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham and state Sen. Betsy Johnson.

"He always made every single person he talked to feel like you were his best friend," Bergin said fondly at the memorial. "And there's 1,600 heads in this place right now, and I can see about 1,100, 1,200 of them shaking their heads going, 'Yeah, that's just so true."

"So true." Ham, who was close friends with Goodding as well as his chief, described the fatal shooting as "our worst nightmare."

"Jason brought out the best of others," he said, "whether it is personally or professionally, whoever he was working with, whether he is supervising or mentoring."

Ham said Goodding "did his job respectfully. He was fair. He was kind. He carried out his duties in the most professional manner and represented the Seaside Police Department in the best possible way."

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Injuries higher than reported in deadly Dungeness crab fishery

OSU works to fill info gaps, find solutions

By MICHELLE KLAMPE
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CORVALLIS — Commercial Dungeness crab fishing on the West Coast is one of the highest-risk occupations in the U.S., based on fatality rates. But nonfatal injuries in the fishery appear to go largely unreported, a new study from Oregon State University shows.

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The preliminary study can be read at www.tinyurl.com/CrabbingInjuries

"While the rate of fatal injuries was 65 times higher than the rate for all United States workers, the (reported) non-fatal injury rate was 3 times lower than the rate for all United States workers," the study found.

Fatality rates in the Dungeness crab fleet have been reported in the past, but the incidence of nonfatal injuries

have not been previously studied, said Laurel Kincl, an assistant professor of environmental and occupational health and safety in the OSU College of Public Health and Human Sciences.

"The commercial Dungeness fishing fleet, which operates along the coast of Oregon, Washington and Northern California, is a vital economic commodity," she said. "Injuries can be life-threatening and life-altering, leading to disability, decreased quality of life and lost wages."

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Astoria High junior is crusading through music



Submitted Photo
Astoria High School junior Niko Tila marches with the Oregon Crusaders.

If he ever decides to embark on a solo career, his name would certainly look catchy on billboards ("Niko! Live in concert!").

But for now, Astoria's Niko Tila is just enjoying his musical life with the Astoria High Marching Band, and his other gig with the Oregon Crusaders.

And it's a pretty prestigious gig.

The 16-year-old junior at Astoria High School is in his second year with the Crusaders, a professional music organization based in Portland.

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