

Memorial: Chief Ham read aloud letters from Goodding family

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Goodding's death, said a prayer. Officer Kenneth J. Henson II of the Lakewood Police Department in Washington state gave a speech that highlighted how he and his department rallied to help the families of lost peers.

'Daily struggle'

Then, it was Ham's turn. "It's been a long 14 months since Jason's been gone," he said. "It's a daily struggle to keep from crying and missing my friend."

Ham delved in to the department's struggles with personnel changes in the past 14 months, Goodding's death being the most dramatic.

"Out of the struggle came the hiring of new faces," Ham said. "All of these personnel changes have brought a new and fresh face to the department and a level of excitement that I know Jason would be proud of. His excitement for the job is reflected in the leadership of our department now and in the faces of our current staff."

Amy's letter

During the speech, Ham read a letter Amy Goodding wrote to the Seaside Police Department shortly after her husband's death.

It described how an emotionally exhausted Goodding would often fall into bed fully clothed after a long day at work, only to take a call in the middle of the night to answer an officer's question. He would often confide in Amy when he felt helpless at a call on a particular day and wasn't sure if he made the right decision in a given situation.

"He believed that his body was his weapon and his mind his tool to protect and serve his family in service and hope," the letter read. "There is nothing he wouldn't give for you, and he worked himself into the ground trying to take care of everyone but himself."

Family letters

The police chief also read letters the family wrote specifically for the memorial.

"His loss has created an emptiness in our lives that can never be filled," one of Amy's letters read. "The hopes and dreams of our family have been shattered, and we are still trying to put the pieces back together. Jason will always be my husband, and he will never stop being Jayden and Joslyn's daddy. But now he will be our guardian angel. We will make the best of this life that we are now going to have to face without him."

Joslyn and Jayden wrote about how much they love and miss their father. Joslyn added she wished she listened to more of his basketball coaching advice. Amy Goodding later helped lay wreaths on stands in front of the wall.

One moment in Ham's speech perhaps illustrated the struggle and perseverance of Goodding's family and community, both last year and now.

"Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Goodding family and the Seaside Police Department as we navigate through this hard time and we continue to grow to what has become our future," Ham said in a progressively soft voice.

"Excuse me," he then said, collecting himself.



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ABOVE: The Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial ceremony in Salem on Tuesday honored Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding. BELOW: Fellow law enforcement officers remember Goodding during the memorial ceremony.

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Amy Goodding

wife of fallen officer Sgt. Jason Goodding. The Goodding family wrote letters specifically for the memorial, which Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham read aloud

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