

# SALUTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

## MEET THE CHIEF



### In the line of duty

Each year during May, National Police Week pays special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Ceremonies are held in Washington, DC, and in communities in Oregon and across the nation. Visit our “In the Line of Duty” section to learn about the brave 28 men and one woman Oregon State Police troopers who lost their lives in the line of duty. For a list of fallen officers go to: [www.oregon.gov/OSP/memorial.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/memorial.shtml)

Chief Turner began with the Florence Police Department in May of 2015. The City of Florence has approximately nine thousand residents. The City Police Department has a total of 25 employees, 15 sworn personnel, 1 Corrections Officer, 7 dispatchers, and Administrative Staff. We provide for 24 hours a day police services, dispatch, and a municipal jail.

Prior to this Chief Turner was the Lane County Sheriff from 2011 until the Chief appointment in 2015. Lane County has a population of three hundred and fifty thousand people. As Sheriff he was the Chief Executive Officer for a full service law enforcement agency with over 350 employees that included Adult Corrections, Patrol Services, and Prisoner Transport/Court Security. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office has over 600 volunteers; from Search and Rescue to the Mounted Posse. He joined the Lane County Sheriff’s Office in 2006 as a Captain, then promoted to the Undersheriff in 2007. As Undersheriff, 2nd in Command, he was responsible for Human Resources, Training, Emergency Management, Labor Relations and Professional Standards. He was appointed to the Sheriff’s position in January of 2011.

His career began as a Reserve Officer for the City Of Eugene in 1981. In 1982, he accepted a full-time position with the Lane County Sheriff’s Office as a Resident Deputy based in Florence, Oregon. As a result of budget cuts, after six short months on the job, he left the Sheriff’s Office and became a Police Officer with the Eugene Police Department.

For the next 23 years, Chief Turner served the City of Eugene as a Police Officer, Police Agent (corporal), Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He spent 19 years with the Special Operations Division starting as a SWAT operator and bomb technician; ultimately becoming the lieutenant of the Division.

Chief Turner’s training and education include thousands of hours of training and multiple certi-



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fications, including a DPSST Executive Certificate and graduate of the FBI National Academy. His formal education includes a Bachelor of Science and a Master’s of Business Administration. Chief Turner’s professional memberships include the Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, Oregon Education Association, Oregon State Sheriff’s Association, National Sheriffs Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police,

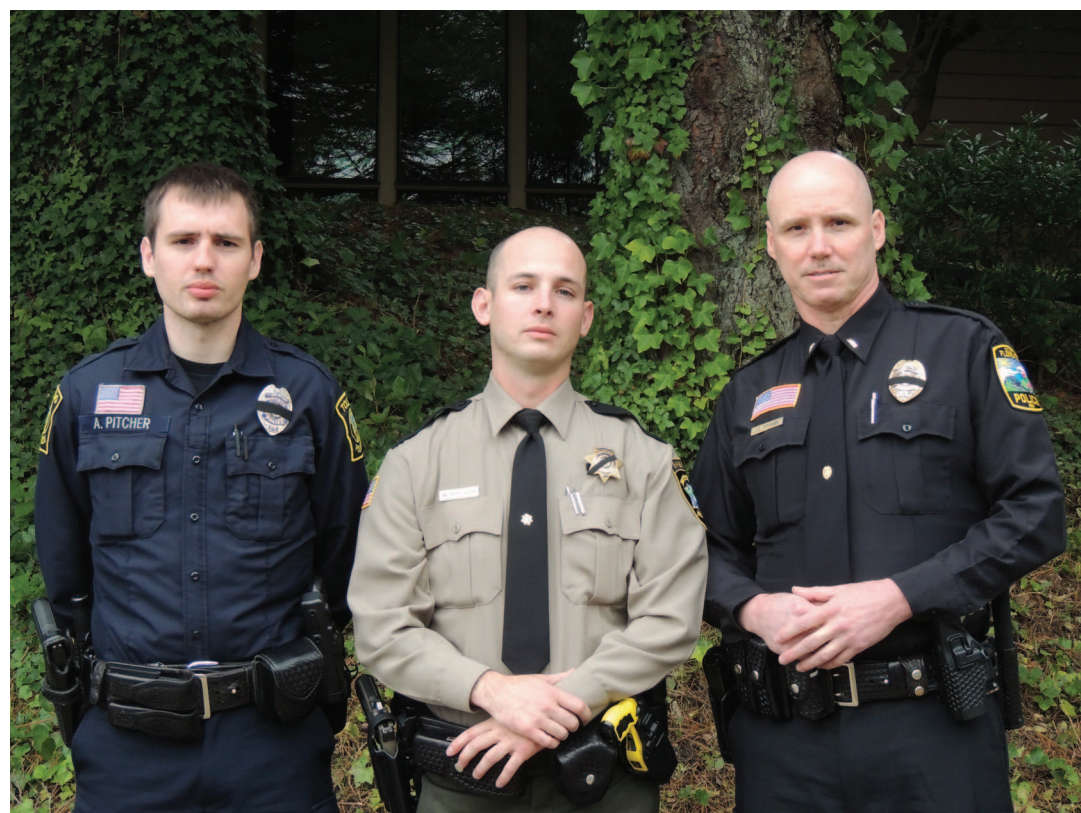
FBI National Academy Associates, the National Tactical Officers Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

Chief Turner was born and raised in Oregon, married to wife Collin for 26 years, with three children, ages 12 to 23.

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## Commander John Pitcher

Commander John Pitcher has served the City of Florence as a police officer since February, 1988. He came to Florence PD after serving in the US Air Force. John and his wife Diane raised their sons in Florence, both of whom graduated from Siuslaw High School and have gone on to law enforcement careers of their own. Son Michael Pitcher (center) is a Deputy with Douglas County Sheriff. Son Aaron Pitcher is an officer with Toledo (Oregon), Police Department. John enjoys spending time with his family and LOVES being a Grandpa.



Pictured from left, Detective with the Toledo Police Department, Aaron Pitcher, Douglas County Sheriff Deputy Michael Pitcher, Commander John Pitcher

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