

DA speaks at fallen officers ceremony

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis was the keynote speaker Tuesday at the annual Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' memorial ceremony.

About 400 people gathered at the state memorial at the Public Safety Academy in Salem to remember the state's 183 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since the 1880s.

"We can never forget the importance of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, by name," Marquis told those gathered. "We need to share their stories. We need to share who they were. We need their families to hear their names, for all to hear so we never forget."

The Oregon memorial is held the week ahead of National Police Week events in Washington D.C.

Astoria Scuba grows with acquisition of San Diego firm

Astoria Scuba and Adventure Sports has acquired San Diego-based Pacific Defense Supply and will relocate the operation to Astoria.

"PDS enhances our ability to service our U.S. government customers in sales, service and distribution of our vendors' high quality and successful American-made ... brands," said Floyd Holcom, Astoria Scuba's managing director.

His company carries 18 supply lines listed in government

service contracts, he said.

"This acquisition brings a considerable revenue stream to our local area including increased enhanced on-time logistical capabilities and better distribution though Oregon and, of course, no sales tax status," Holcom said.

The acquisition brings new employees and additional contract employees as well as sales growth.

Astoria Scuba was founded in 2005 with the goal of

expanding high quality recreational scuba training and enhanced retail sales of scuba, kayak, water sports and recreational equipment.

Since its founding, Astoria Scuba brought Astoria Fire and Safety and Astoria Gas Lab within its operations.

Pacific Defense Supply was founded in 2009 at the height of the U.S. involvement in the War on Terror to quickly provide tactical and defense-related equipment to military units and other end users.

Drought: Warnings of tree problems

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with healthier trees. But, when dry conditions stress all trees, they're more vulnerable to attack and bark beetle populations can increase to unsustainable levels.

The department advises tree and forest owners to plan ahead and consult with an arborist or forester to help healthy trees survive, despite lower precipitation.

They may recommend removing some trees or competing weeds to allow the remaining trees to get enough food and water during dry spells. They also recommend avoiding fertilizing and planting less drought-tolerant trees such as Douglas fir



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The brown branches indicate a bark beetle infestation.

in areas historically dominated by more drought-tolerant trees, such as oak and pine.

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