



## Montero leaves Downtown Development Association Board to search for replacement

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Tita Montero has resigned as the executive director of the Seaside Downtown Development Association.

Her resignation was effective immediately, although she has offered her assistance during the transition.

Sarah Dailey, administrative assistant at the association since last June, is filling in as interim executive director while the nine-member board of directors searches for a replacement for Montero as soon as possible.



Tita Montero

“In a small organization, with just two of us, it was just kind of a natural for us to continue working together, me and the board,” Dailey said.

Montero, who serves on the Seaside City Council, became the full-time executive director in February 2015. She replaced Laurie Mespelt, who became executive director in 2007. Montero was the fifth executive director for the association since it started in 1993.

President Ruth Swenson said the board was meeting with Montero on Feb. 1 to discuss general business, and that was when she first presented her resignation. The move came as unexpected to the board.

Montero said the position required a lot of abnormal working hours and brought the kind of stress she does not want in her life right now.

“I’ve really come to a time where I don’t want to be the person in charge,” Montero said. “You’re basically on call weekends and for events.”

She said she plans to “take a breather,” which will give her time to pursue other interests and spend time with her mother, sister and brother-in-law who soon are moving to Prineville.

Although the resignation was immediate, Swenson said, she has continued conversing and holding conference calls with Montero, who has offered her help until a new executive director is found.

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## SEASIDE SHOOTING

# Investigation clears officer in shooting



Officer David Davidson

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The findings of the Seaside shooting investigation show Seaside Police Officer David Davidson was legally and morally justified in shooting and killing Phillip Max Ferry.

Ferry was being arrested on a felony assault warrant Feb. 5 when he shot and killed Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Good-

ding. Ferry was then shot by Davidson and later died.

Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis, the Oregon State Police and Clatsop County Major Crime Team released the findings and identified Davidson, a Seaside Police officer since late 2012, during a press conference today at the Judge Guy Boyington Building in Astoria.

“The purpose of the investigation deals primarily with the shooting of Mr. Ferry,” Marquis said. “The murder of Jason Goodding was not the primary focus, not because it doesn’t profoundly affect us, but because the legal issue is whether the surviving officer was justified in using deadly force.”



Phillip Max Ferry

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## OFFICER JASON GOODDING

# REMEMBERED



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Pallbearers take Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket into the memorial service.

## A heartfelt farewell to an everyday hero

By Kyle Spurr  
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Everyone who knew Jason Goodding says his smile could light up a room. ¶ Before giving the closing benediction at Goodding’s memorial last 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.

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Emotions raw at Seaside Sgt. Jason Goodding's memorial at Seaside Civic and Convention Center Friday.

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# SHARED HOPE

Local resident seeks to halt sex-trafficking industry

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Seaside’s Jay Barber is on a mission to promote the efforts of Shared Hope International, a nonprofit organization trying to eradicate sex trafficking at home and abroad. The nonprofit seeks to raise awareness and influence federal and state laws that strengthen the response to trafficking.

Barber first became aware of Shared Hope International, founded by former Washington congresswoman Linda Smith in 1998, while leading a training program called the Essentials of Development for the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust.

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