

# GOODDING REMEMBERED AT VIGIL

## Hundreds turn out in rain

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

Two years ago, Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding was killed while attempting to serve a warrant. He was the 183rd Oregon law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty.

Under a light but steady drizzle, hundreds of law enforcement officers, first responders and visitors came to the police station Monday, Feb. 5, to remember their colleague and friend.

"Tonight we share with you our raw emotions," Lt. Bruce Holt, Seaside's longest-service police officer, told the crowd. "We will continue to go where others will not. We understand the past that has been placed before us and know that it is ours to deal with. We accept."

The 2017 remembrance had been a private affair, held among the closely knit law enforcement community.

This year's remembrance presented a different focus. "I wanted to make sure the community could join us this year," Holt said. "I want the community to know we appreciate everything they've done for us the last two years."

Sgt. Johannes Korpela read a poem in Goodding's honor and Sgt. Josh Gregory shared country song lyrics from the music Goodding loved: "Always stay humble and kind."

Police Chief Dave Ham requested a moment of silence as the crowd held candles.

Visitors remained after chaplain Andy Klumper's benediction, sharing a sense not only of loss for Goodding but an appreciation of the brotherhood of officers.

"It doesn't seem to get easier, but it's good to see all this support that's out here," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn, a former Seaside officer and friend of Goodding, said. "Time goes by, but you still have these remembrances. It brings you back where you were that night, all the different emotions, the anger and the sadness, and just trying to be there for family and close friends."

Tigard Police Officer Brandon Petersen left Seaside shortly before Goodding's death, but he recalled lessons learned. "He was always the kind of guy who, even as a supervisor, was out there and working hard on the street," Petersen said. "He'd always want to help you out."

Among those who toured the police station after the vigil to view the cards, letters and condolences that poured in after Goodding's death were Mayor Jay Barber and his wife, Jan.

"It's a wonderful tribute to Jason," Barber said. "He will never be forgotten in the community. It shows not only the character of the department, but the love for him and his family."

## Message from Salem

State Sen. Betsy Johnson was among those to speak at Jason Goodding memorial shortly after his death, an



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Jason Goodding



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Chief Dave Ham, left, among the crowd at Monday's vigil outside the police station.

event held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center that brought more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and first responders from around the nation.

Two years later, from Salem on the first day of the legislative session, she said the

harsh memories of that night in Seaside will always remain. "This is a dark day in Oregon, and regrettably for the family the pain will never go away. I hope they find comfort in the number of people who are remembering Jason Goodding today."

# Mystery smell concerns neighbors

## Odor described as like 'paint thinner'

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Crews from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed work inside a residence on the 900 block of Avenue K late last week.

"The EPA did leave last week and they were still waiting on samples to return this week," Seaside Fire Chief Joey Daniels said Monday. "The homeowner let me know that he was advise to air out his home, and he stated that most of the odor is gone at this time."

Last week, two EPA emergency response vans parked outside the single-family home, which had been evacuated by residents after a smell was reported inside the house.

A neighbor described the smell as like "paint thinner."

Seaside fire personnel responded to a report of the smell inside the residence on the about 8:30 p.m. Sat-



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EPA vans outside a Seaside home Thursday, Feb. 8.

urday, Feb. 3. A hazardous materials team from the Astoria Fire Department joined the investigation Monday and used general ventilation techniques.

Officials requested the help of EPA officials from Seattle and Portland, who began air monitoring and sampling Wednesday, Feb. 7. Investigators believe the issue is limited to the interior of the home.

"Investigators have indicated that they do not believe there is a risk to any neighbors, and the EPA has been testing and monitoring air throughout the neighborhood as additional precaution," Seaside Public Information Officer Jon Rahl said after the incident.

# DUII arrests in Seaside

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## POLICE LOG

**Feb. 1**  
**3:16 a.m.**, 300 block S. Prom: A burglary is reported.

**10:17 a.m.**, The Cove: Suspicious activity is reported.

**7:48 p.m.**, Broadway Park restroom: Criminal mischief in the third degree is reported; police say someone sprayed human feces on the wall adjacent to the door of the men's restroom.

**Feb. 2**  
**3:49 p.m.**, Police Department: A person came in to request a welfare check on a person they had recently given a ride to. The reporting party said they were under the impression the subject might be a missing person. Officers canvassed the area where the subject was dropped off with negative results.

**4:34 p.m.**, 500 block Avenue U: A runaway is reported.

**Feb. 3**  
**5:03 a.m.**, 200 block S. Roosevelt: A domestic dispute between a couple taking place in a parked car ended when police warned both parties of disorderly conduct.

**9:11 a.m.**, 400 block S. Roosevelt: Police trespassed a subject from a business after he urinated on himself and drank wine in the bathroom. The subject left without incident.

**10:39 a.m.**, Seaside: A citizen attempted to file a complaint about a person they say talks about them in public and "looks" at them. Police advised the complainant about the limits of freedom of speech.

**1:49 p.m.**, 900 block S. Holladay: A deceased person is reported.

**Feb. 4**  
**7:20 p.m.**, 200 block Avenue A: Caller reports a woman with a cart sitting on a bench by an ATM machine for a prolonged period of time. Police contacting subject say she is sitting on the bench to get out of the rain. Police advise her of the complaint. She moved her belongings away from the machine.

**Feb. 5**  
**9:42 a.m.**, 100 block Third

Avenue: Officers observed persons going into yards and going into trash cans. Officers advised subjects regarding statutes about theft and trespass. Subject responded "everyone does this for money." Officer advised subjects this activity is criminal in nature.

**8:33 p.m.**, 400 block First Avenue: Subjects are warned of unlawful lodging.

**8:40 p.m.**, S. Franklin and Avenue A: Subject warned of unlawful lodging.

**Feb. 6**  
**3:01 a.m.**, Avenue A: An assault in the fourth degree is reported.

**9:37 a.m.**, 800 block Avenue B: A person originally charged with trespass was arrested shortly after on an outstanding warrant. The complainant

reported trespassing at the residence. The subject was contacted by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Deputy, who contacted the subject's probation officer. The subject was then arrested by the deputy on a detainer warrant and transported to the Clatsop County jail. Officers cleaned up urine and vomit soaked belongings left behind at the residence after subject denied ownership. The belongings were disposed of.

**9:39 p.m.**, 2500 S. Roosevelt: A deceased person is reported.

**Feb. 7**  
**1:03 a.m.**, 800 block S. Holladay: Police respond to a report of a loud noise; it is determined that a person had fallen out of bed in an upstairs unit. There was no disturbance.

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