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OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, CHRISTINE WATTS

ABOUT OACA

Oregon Association for Court Administration is a professional organization committed to excellence. The association was established in 1977 and is Oregon's only organization for court professionals and those interested in the Court of Oregon. Our membership includes Justice, Municipal, Tribal and State Court Staff, students, vendors, active and retired judges, and others who share an interest in Oregon Courts.

OACA MISSION

The goal of the OACA Board is to provide beneficial and reasonably priced learning experiences. This is done through conferences held biannually, one in the spring and one in the fall. Each conference provides formal training and allows attendees the opportunity to network with people from similar court environments. The Board works very hard to develop the educational agenda for each conference.

Greetings, all!

I hope you are well and enjoying your fall season! I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed this conference for several reasons. Seeing everyone is always such a pleasure and the educational classes were amazing! Please take some time to read the class reviews included in this edition of The Echo. I really enjoyed seeing so many of you at The Past Presidents reception! What a fun evening, the comedian was a riot! More about The Past Presidents Reception and exciting changes later... So excited! Did I mention I was excited?!

I would like to take a moment to thank all the board members who served this past term. I'm proud to have served with you all and am extremely proud of your accomplishments! We actualized many goals together and that could not have happened without your hard work and dedication. I'm so thankful for having had the opportunity to work with you all. I'm very happy to continue to be able to do so with the returning board members who graciously volunteered to serve again.

Allow me to introduce our returning and new board members. Courtney Cox and Mary Shroll from Tualatin Municipal Court are, once again, co-chairing for Education Vice President. Shawn Branson from McMinnville Municipal Court is returning to the board as Conference Vice President. Amy Anderson from Hillsboro Municipal Court is, once again and lucky for us, serving as the Echo, Resolutions and By Laws Vice President. Sue Carlile-Hopper from Beaverton Municipal is our Secretary, serving the second of her two year term. Allie Sederlin from Springfield Municipal Court has moved on from serving as a Director and is now serving as Treasurer for the next two years. We have Holly Fenton from Salem Municipal Court serving as the Membership Vice President for the second year of her term. We have two returning board members and three "new to the board" members serving as directors. Jamie Rhodes from Lafayette Municipal Court and Carla Bantz from Milwaukie Municipal Court are both returning Directors. We have three new Directors as well! Wendy Looney from Newberg Municipal Court, Emira Vejo from Beaverton Municipal Court and Anastasia Olvera-Eichler from Fairview Municipal Court are the newest additions and I'm so pleased all of these amazing women volunteered! I am looking forward to moving forward and making this yet another great year for OACA and Oregon Courts.

A great big thank you goes to the vendors for their participation and contributions. I hope, as conference attendees, you took the time to say hello and visit. Their support of our organization is truly invaluable. We are able to grant scholarships for those whose budgets don't allow, or is limited in, funding continuing education. In addition, they contribute to the conferences by sponsoring different events and we are truly thankful for their partnerships. I am looking at making some positive changes to the vendor program, hopefully allowing for even more solid partnerships.

Presidents Message Cont...

Now on to why I'm so excited! Years ago, when I was the newly elected Conference Vice President, we had a session on Ethics that forced us to change a few things regarding member's financial gains. The good old rule... Basically put, we learned as an organization, we had to restrict prize drawings, raffles and the like to no more than \$50.00 per source, per calendar year. Thus, no more banquet and raffles, etc. I was not very happy leaving Bend knowing what changes had to be made. I didn't want to be the face of taking away some of the fun! We've slowly "morphed" the two together, now adding back in entertainment and limited gift exchanges. We had another session on Ethics at this conference and much to my surprise and delight; some of the rules have changed and are much less restrictive for our members. YAY!!!! I was so happy! Now, we will continue to expand the reception and add back in some more FUN! I don't envision adding another night of activities, rather making the Past President's Reception an "Evening with OACA", or something of that nature.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions you would be willing to share, I'm all ears! We have compiled the Overall Conference Evaluations and there were some great suggestions, so please keep them coming! I was pleased to read the overall positive responses. Now, it's time for this new board to get to work and make great things happen!

I look forward to seeing you all in April when we go back to the beach! Until then, enjoy yourselves, your family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. My best to you all!

Sincerely,
Chris



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Membership

Fall Conference New Member Breakfast

Your OACA Board welcomed many new members at our New Member Breakfast on Sunday, the first day of the conference. We had an opportunity to get to know each other, and to welcome the new members and give them information regarding the organization. Welcome to all of our new members!!!!

Membership is gearing up for the 2016 membership renewal process that will be occurring in January. An application for your membership renewal is included in this issue of the ECHO. Please fill it out and return with your membership dues. OACA Membership is from January through December and must be renewed each January. Please don't miss out on the opportunities OACA Membership offers! Your membership provides you with outstanding training opportunities. OACA offers two conferences per year for the membership to network and obtain valuable information to take back to your court.



You can help us keep our membership information current by contacting us if you have had a name, address, phone number or email change. You can make the change on your membership application renewal form, or by contacting your Membership Vice President, Holly Fenton at Hfenton@cityofsalem.net.

OACA always welcomes new members!! We encourage you to recruit new members from your colleagues and acquaintances. We offer rewards for recruiting new members! **Refer 3 new members in a year and win a free membership the following year! Refer 5 new members and win a conference registration!**

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My First Conference

By: Clarissa Rickels – Reedsport Justice Court Clerk

Traveling up to the Oregon Association of Court Administration conference, I was a bundle of nerves. This was my first conference. Not to mention, I was recently hired as a court clerk for the Reedsport Justice Court. All of these feelings were very much like a child's first slumber party away from home. After all, I'd be sleeping in a bed which wasn't mine for a few days.

Upon arriving Saturday night, Linda and I checked into our room. The staff was wonderful and the rooms were lovely. My favorite part was the view from the balcony. Linda and I captured some amazing photos during our time spent in our room. Soon enough, the time for a peaceful night's rest had come.

Sunday morning seemed to come all too quickly. I eventually made my way down to the new members' breakfast with Linda's help in finding the room. Breakfast was nice and healthy. The board members introduced themselves and allowed each one of us to give a short introduction of ourselves. It was during this time I volunteered "as tribute" to write this article. This meeting relaxed some of my nerves and I was able to meet other new members.

As the day carried on, Linda and I went to the lectures and luncheon. The Legislative Update lecture was helpful to me as I was able to pick out some new information I wasn't yet aware of. The Rap Session was a unique experience because I was able to hear new updates from other Justice Courts. The information I learned here allowed me to come back to work with new knowledge. I enjoyed the session about Workplace Communication too. There is so much of our job which requires us to communicate clearly with coworkers, management, leadership, and the public.

During each break and session, I spent the majority of my time mingling and interacting with different people from all over the state. I found it fascinating to learn about how different courts operated depending on the size of the court and the population being served. While Linda and I handle Traffic & Criminal offenses from start to finish, some of the other courts have specific people who handle specific tasks for each of these cases. It was enjoyable to have this opportunity to speak with so many friendly people working in the same field as myself.

The second day of conference OACA gave to me a session led by Jackalyn Rainosek. She was such an inspirational speaker! I would definitely go to any future sessions that she would speak at in the future OACA conferences. She helped relight the fire of inspiration within me by reminding me that I'm able to make a difference each day. My favorite part was the sticky notes of recognition. If we saw something or wanted to thank someone for something they've done, we could write it down on a sticky note and give it to that person. A whole new level of inspiration grew within me on that day.

Sadly, Tuesday seemed to come all too quickly. Each of the meals provided were delightful. Linda and I were able to sit through part of the Cop Talk session before we left. I learned some interesting information from this session. It was unfortunate we weren't able to stay for the remaining day's events.

In conclusion, I enjoyed my first conference. For any new clerks thinking about coming to the next conference, I would definitely sign up to go. I felt lucky to have the opportunity to share about the experience with each of you readers. The fall 2015 conference was a blast learning new information and making new connections with others in my profession.



Oregon Association for Court Administration

2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Oregon Association for Court Administration is a professional organization developed to provide educational opportunities for those individuals interested in the ongoing improvement of the administration of the courts in the State of Oregon. By your signature below, you signify your understanding that your membership in OACA is subject to the By Laws of the Association.

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Anastasia Olvera-Eichler, OACA Director

What court do you work for and what is your position?

I am the Court Clerk for the Fairview Municipal Court

How did you first get involved in OACA?

Fairview Municipal prior court clerk was a member. Paula in Troutdale also, recommended I join.

What is your favorite way of spending time?

Sitting on my deck with my coffee and a book. Soon it will be coffee, book and puppy.

If you could be or do anything else, what would that be?

Funny thing, I wanted to be a dental hygienist. But right now, I'd love to be retired like my husband.

What is or would be your favorite place to vacation?

Traveling with my husband, any State and anywhere, we have a great time on the road together. I love traveling.

What made you decide to run for this position?

I thought about it for a few years, I know what OACA has done for me and the knowledge I have received, time to give back and learn even more.

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

I am married to a wonderful man and have 2 wonderful grown kids and love my son-in-law and my daughter-in-law, they have been a wonderful addition to our family. We are a close family. We all live close and do lunch with my mom quite frequently. I work as a court clerk by day and I am a weekend waitress at my daughter's restaurant in Cascade Locks. Also, I am in the process of adopting a puppy, his name will be Samson.

Wendy Looney, OACA Director

What court do you work for and what is your position?

I am the court administrator for Newberg Municipal Court.

How did you first get involved in OACA?

I attended my first OACA conference in 2008 and have been going ever since.

What is your favorite way of spending time?

I love to read...I read at least one book a week. I have a farm so a lot of my time is spent feeding animals and tending to fixes that need to be done.

If you could be or do anything else, what would that be?

I would love to run a salvaged shop. Taking old wood and making signs, decorations, and furniture. I love old lodge style stuff.

What made you decide to run for this position?

I have been a member since 2008 and thought it was time I started to help and throw out my ideas.

Shawn Branson, Conference Vice President

What court do you work for and what is your position?

I am a Senior Court Clerk with McMinnville Municipal Court

How did you first get involved in OACA?

I started going to conferences. My first conference was probably 9 years ago.

What is your favorite way of spending time?

I like traveling, spending time with my family, friends and my dog

If you could be or do anything else, what would that be?

When I was little I always wanted to go to space!! I love watching crime shows so if I had to do it all over again I would go to school to become a crime scene investigator.

What is or would be your favorite place to vacation?

Mexico, Hawaii and I would love to visit Europe & Australia

What made you decide to run for this position?

To get involved with OACA again (Plus Chris begged me!)

Emira Vejo, OACA Director

What court do you work for and what is your position?

Senior Court Clerk at Beaverton Municipal Court

How did you first get involved in OACA?

Going to conferences for a while now, at least 5 years.

What is your favorite way of spending time?

I love to read.

If you could be or do anything else, what would that be?

When my kids were little I wanted to be a stay at home mom but couldn't afford it. If I had a dream job it would be something with under privileged kids and special needs kids.

What is or would be your favorite place to vacation?

Quiet places in the woods and by the lakes.

What made you decide to run for this position?

I Watched many of my colleagues get involved. Their experience, even trying at the times, was awarding and a positive one.

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

I don't like public speaking. I have to spell my name every time I meet a new person.

EDUCATION

Wow! The fall conference was quite an experience! With half of the board at other trainings, or injured and unable to attend, or needed elsewhere, there was a lot of work to be done and only a few people to do it! It is with heartfelt appreciation that we thank everyone who helped us at this event. Along with hosting classes and writing reviews, we asked extra duties of our scholarship recipients, who were more than happy to help. It made the biggest difference to us having such willing and capable people offering help with a smile. And, as usual, the board members stepped in and helped each other wherever help was needed. We couldn't do it without the help of our vendors, and the willingness of our members to step in and be involved. This is your education. Don't hesitate to jump in!

Looking forward to spring conference, we will be back at the beach where we are always so well treated! DMV has asked to come back and present information about their eConviction Program. We have been contacted by someone from Oregon State Police Criminal Justice Information Services Division; they would like to talk to us about dispositions and how to report them. There is a possibility of having a class on Oregon Records Management Solutions (ORMS). The MSU class will be on the topic of Visioning and Strategic Planning. It promises to be another great OACA experience. We hope to see you there!

Cortney Cox, Co-Education VP

Mary Shroll, Co-Education VP

I can't believe the fall conference has come and gone already. Unfortunately Tin and I were only able to attend Sunday of the conference, but from what we saw everything went well. Tin and I wanted to thank the board members for all of their help. We also wanted to thank everyone who volunteered their time helping out at the OACA store and registration table. We wanted to give a special thank you to Sandra Mills, Sue Carlile-Hopper and Holly Fenton who went above and beyond. Not only did they get stuck with everything Tin and I usually do at conference, but their own board duties. The Spring Conference will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn on April 10th – 12th, 2016.

Thank you for responding to the conference critique. The board reviews the critiques at our board meetings and they help us design upcoming conferences. From the responses that we have received 83% of you would like more court training classes. Overall the conference was a success, regarding your responses. We wanted to thank Amy Anderson who entered all the conference responses into the survey monkey.

This conference was bittersweet, I wanted nothing more than to attend the full conference, but due to work conflicts I was only able to attend on Sunday. Over these past years as your Education VP and Conference VP I have gained so much valuable information. I will truly miss being on the board and working with such incredible people. I will continue coming to conferences and helping out in any capacity I can. I am leaving OACA in the capable hands of Shawn Branson. Shawn is the new Conference VP and I am overjoyed that she agreed to become Conference VP, because she does an outstanding job.

Tin and I wanted to thank everyone again for all their help and insight.

Debbie Arntsen, Beaverton Municipal Court

2015 FALL CONFERENCE SESSION REVIEWS

Municipal Court Rap Session – Traffic & Misdemeanor

We had a small list of topics to talk about when we entered the room for our Traffic and Misdemeanor Rap Session, but that didn't stop us from filling up the time with lots of interesting topics!! The rap sessions are always full of great information, and it is always interesting to learn how we all handle the same issues/processes a little differently.

There were a wide variety of topics covered during our rap session, including: Fingerprint orders/processes to assure that arrests are on a defendant's criminal history for reporting conviction/dismissal information. We also discussed LEDS issues, who has access, who needs access, and what access is needed if courts are to begin updating CCH's via LEDS.

We talked about standard reductions, violations bureau processes, early reinstatement programs, and FTA processes (default amount on violations range from the presumptive fine, doubling the presumptive fine, or imposing the maximum amount allowed when a defendant fails to appear on a citation.)

As always the rap session for Traffic & Misdemeanor was fun and informative!

Reviewer: Holly Fenton
Salem Municipal Court

Municipal Court Rap Session—Traffic Only

The class this year was facilitated by Dori Oliveira and Colleen Fay. We discussed multiple items and received some good feedback. Some of the below items were discussed

E-Convictions: Bata testing for this project is being done in Lane Justice, Jackson County, and Clackamas County. Hopefully they see great success in this so we are able to implement in other courts.

Amnesty Program: This has been discussed in the past and some courts have done this but some had success and others have not. One of the processes talked about was that you only have it for a specific time frame and if they must pay half of the total amount due.

Parking Tickets: Running LED's for Ordinance parking citations is not allowed as it is seen as a means to collect fines; however state parking offenses are able to be run through the LED's system for registered owner information. It was noted that an offense for "Parking in a Disabled Space" will be placed on a person's record as a conviction; however, you are unable to suspend on it.

DWS Amendments: There are some Judges who will amend the offense to "No Operator's License" if the person brings in a valid license at the time of arraignment; however, if they default on the payment plan the offense is returned to the "DWS" conviction.

Courtroom Security: The courts that have security usually use an officer or a reserve officer. It was noted that if you don't have the funds for court security, the League of Oregon Cities" may have grant money for this.

Reviewer: Amy Anderson
Hillsboro Municipal Court

Justice Court Rap Session

Many things were discussed from issues that have come up from the legalization of marijuana, to everyday procedures that we wish to streamline and make more efficient.

A three month pilot project involving 3 courts, has now been completed regarding eConvictions sent directly to ODOT. Currently only Justice and Municipal courts are participating, and only violations can be submitted electronically. Other convictions are still being submitted manually. EConvictions will be returned to the court if mandatory data is missing. Examples of data required are: driver's license number and state, conviction type, ORS, offense date/conviction date, indication if the license holder has a CDL, and driver information. Participation in the eConviction Program is optional. If your court would like to begin the process, a court administrator must contact DMV to request participation. You may contact DMV Records Unit at 503.945.5033, or by email at DMVeConvictions@odot.state.or.us. DMV will create a MOVEit account for your court. Your court's IT representative will need to create court file structure. Court software must capture all required data elements. Those that have Majic software should be all set up. DMV will provide a User Guide to assist court administrators and you can begin sending convictions electronically to DMV!!!! This has been a long time coming and we are so happy it is finally a reality.

Many more topics were briefly touched upon, and as always, great contacts were made

Reviewer: Linda Graf
Columbia County Justice Court

Workplace Communication

This class started out by explaining the differences between a manager and a leader. A manager is someone who makes sure that work gets done, focuses on compliance, quality of work, sets goals, and improves efficiency and cuts costs. A leader is someone who looks for ways to challenge employees, inspires a common vision, delegates responsibility with the freedom to make decisions, and takes risks and experiments with new ideas. She talked about how today's younger generation is conditioned to expect praise (participation trophy) and the older generations are conditioned to work without praise (if something is wrong the supervisor will let them know, otherwise doing a good job). With a mixed age workforce, it takes a supervisor who is able to adapt to each employee's needs, to get them to perform at their highest potential.



If you are a supervisor it is important to have the qualities of both a manager and a leader. She focused mostly on the Kouzes and Posner Elements of Leadership. It is a well-known and a widely used formula in the business industry.

Model the way – Creating and maintaining personal credibility Encourage the heart of all coworkers
Enable others to do their best for the organization
Inspire (not creating) and support a shared vision
Challenge (constantly improve) the status-quo

Sharon Noone was an excellent speaker and kept the class involved by having us fill out management skills checklists and having group discussions. One of her key points was that you don't need to be a supervisor to be an effective leader. Anyone can be a leader!

Reviewer: Michelle Warren
Banks Municipal Court

Legislative Updates

The Honorable Judge A. Carl Myers, instructed us on the most recent legislative changes—a subject that could potentially be very dry, and boring. Judge Myers gave an enlightening, and sometimes humorous, view of his struggles on behalf of Municipal and Justice Courts.

His first statement was “Legislation is anecdotal; Justice is perception”.

He cautioned us to remember that his explanations were merely his “view” of the changes, and not “law”. It is essential that you take the time to review his in-depth description and analysis of the changes which occurred in this last legislative session. They are located on the thumb-drive provided to all registered attendees of the conference. The final page outlines changes in small claim and civil fees charged by courts.

Reviewer: Candy Ashby
Lane County Justice Court

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DMV

There were three employees from the Department of Motor Vehicles. They were all from the suspension unit so they could mainly only answer questions pertaining to suspensions. The floor was opened up for questions. The first question asked was about the clearance date, and we were told that DMV clears the suspension back to the date of the clearance. They also said that suspensions are cleared within two days of their receipt of the clearance. If you have a suspension that gets cleared before it is entered on a record, you can write "CBS" on the suspension clearance which means "Cleared Before Suspension". Suspensions and clearances cannot be e-mailed but they can still be faxed or mailed to DMV. Faxes are taken care of first before incoming mail. When someone with an out of state driver's license gets a conviction in Oregon, DMV does not create a record for them unless there is a suspension issued. The other state is not notified of the suspension but it is entered on the National data base so if that is checked, the suspension should show up. It takes about 48 hours to clear a suspension from the National data base. DMV still has no way to accept a credit card payment over the phone for reinstatement. It was mentioned that there is a service that will accept a credit card and send someone out to the DMV to pay your reinstatement fee for you. You can call DMV to verify a suspension clearance if it is an emergency. A question was asked about inmates answering phone lines for DMV. It was verified that inmates from Coffee Creek as well as OSCI answer call center calls for DMV. There was concern about confidentiality of information, and we were told that these people go through a screening process and are well trusted before they can have this job. DMV advised us to call 503-945-5400 to get an actual employee of DMV. Inmates answer calls on the other line which is 503-945-5000.

This was a pretty good DMV session, but many questions regarding convictions could not be answered because nobody was on the panel from the convictions unit. There is information on the OACA thumb drive with contact names and numbers for DMV.

Reviewer: Marlene E. Leland
Lebanon Municipal Court

RegJIN

City of Portland's Public Safety Project Manager, Jerry Schlesinger and Captain John Brooks presented on the newest regional justice network, RegJIN. RegJIN which is short for Regional Justice Information Network, went live across 40+ law enforcement agencies on April 14, 2015. RegJIN, replaces Portland Police Data System (PPDS), Clark County and Columbia County record management systems. Captain Brooks and Project Manager Schlesinger expressed, that considering, 1/2 of the law enforcement officers in the State of Oregon, and all of Clark County, Washington participated in the "Go Live" date which was for the most part a great success. To break it down, that's about 3,000 officers/deputies and nearly 6,000 total users.

Each agency that is part of the RegJIN project has the ability to see almost any police report submitted in an area covering 4,419 square miles. This type of information sharing allows officers to quickly obtain background information, arrest information, alerts, and crime trend data almost instantly. This information can be obtained while the officer is out in the field, connecting the officer to any of the linked agencies.

Currently, Tualatin Municipal Court is the first court in Oregon to interface with RegJIN for citation importation. The RegJIN representatives explained citation importation is a function of the project, and will impact courts cooperating with RegJIN users in the near future.

Reviewer: Cortney Cox
Tualatin Municipal Court



MSU LEADERSHIP

Jackalyn Rainosek is a very energetic and an inspirational speaker. She started the class with us getting to know each other and taught us how to unhook what you are addicted to (internet, phone, etc.)

“Only three things happen naturally in organizations: friction, confusion and underperformance. Everything else requires leadership”. This was the opening quote.

Followed by many other quotes that really hit home within our organizations and leadership roles. Everyone can be a leader in your organization.

She explained to us that you should give 1 compliment for every 3 negatives.

“Do not rent space in your head to negative people” is a quote that has stuck in my head since her class. What a great quote to follow.

This leadership class was revolved around 5 practices. Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart.

This class was an experience that left me feeling committed, excited, energized, influential and powerful.

Reviewer: Wendy Looney

Newberg Municipal Court

“Unbreakable Rules of Marketing”

The speaker for this session was Cathy Armillas who was inspirational right from the beginning. She was energetic, and it was obvious that she loves what she does. She has written a book which is available for purchase. She spoke about how marketing is about getting people to love you.

She said that we are all marketers in one way or another and that in marketing, you must take risks. Her strategy included making an impression. The rules consisted of “9 ½ ways to get people to love you”.

She gave a slide presentation and a handout so the class could follow along with her and write down each of her rules. She made it clear from the beginning of class that she considered the ½ rule to be the most important. That rule turned out to be “Know the Rules and Know When to Break Them”.

If you missed her session, you really missed out. There was nothing boring about it. She kept the class moving and motivated by adding videos and class participation activities.

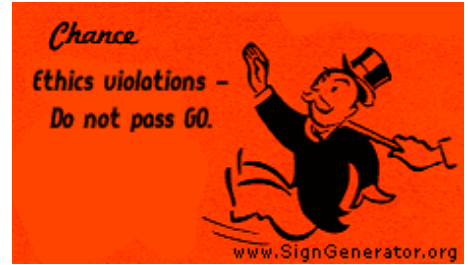
Reviewer: Marlene E. Leland

Lebanon Municipal Court

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Tammy Hedrick is from the Oregon Ethics Commission.

Oregon government ethics laws prohibit public officials from using office for financial gain, and require public disclosure of economic conflict of interest.



A public official must announce or disclose the nature of a conflict of interest. The way the disclosure is made depends on the position held.

There are approximately 200,000 public officials in Oregon. You are a public official if you are:

- Elected or appointed to an office or position with a state, county or city government.
- Elected or appointed to an office or position with a special district.
- An employee of a state, county or city agency or special district.
- An unpaid volunteer for a state, county or city agency or special district.
- Anyone serving the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions, such as the State Accident Insurance Fund or the Oregon Health Sciences University.

There are provisions in ORS Chapter 244 that restrict or prohibit a public official from using actions of the position held to benefit a relative; or may limit the value of financial benefits accepted by a relative of the public official or may require the public official to disclose the nature of a conflict of interest when a relative may receive a financial benefit.

There are occasions when public officials can accept gifts and Oregon Government Ethics law does not limit the quantity or value of gifts, but there are other occasions when the acceptance of gifts is limited to an aggregate value of \$50 from a single source in each calendar year [ORS 244.025].

Tammy included her presentation on our OACA thumb drive for the Fall 2015 Conference. If you were not able to attend her class, please take the time to review her material. Tammy provided great information that is beneficial for all of us to know and be aware of.

Tammy said it is very important to Document! Document! Document!

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- e-mail: OGEC.mail@state.or.us
- Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OGEC>
- Training
 - ◊ In person
 - ◊ iLinc Webinars – Presented live using the internet
 - ◊ iLearn – Self-paced online eLearning

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COP TALK

Officer Kevin Miller and Officer Brian Miller from the Tualatin Police Department spoke on things they have encountered as school resource officers.

No one thing means one thing.
-Everything is person specific.
-Language & some content.

Brian and Kevin talked about different clothing items that might be worn that refer to drugs or alcohol. They talked about other products that have hidden compartments to hide drugs or alcohol.



Brian and Kevin put a display table of items they purchased at a local store and items they seized from students at the local schools.

E-Devices-There is no age limit for purchases; There are many different types of devices; They are discreet and mobile to allow for more public use; They can be used for concentrates (wax or oil) or they can be used for herbal products and some can be used for both.

The THC chemical in Marijuana has a higher concentrate than it used to. In 1995 it was 3.75% and in 2013 it was 13%. They are starting to see a lot more marijuana concentrates. Marijuana concentrates (Butane Honey Oil) are being consumed by smoking it out of a bong, laced on cigarettes, vape pens or e-cigarettes and put into edibles. BHO can be put in anything and a big fear is that children will have access to this at home. They played a video about a man who died from overdosing on edibles.

Underage drinking: Most popular trend is binge drinking w/beer games- Beer Pong and Quarters.

Useful tools: Educate yourself and think outside the box. Search YouTube. Search Urban Dictionary. Familiarize yourself with popular social media apps and sites. Walk through popular retail locations and communicate with your children.

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