Salem Police awards; Coca-Cola honors student Kira Hein; DEQ violations: Industry Notes

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Salem Police Department employees were honored for outstanding service to their communities by the Oregon Peace Officers Association. (Salem Police Department)

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Clackamas Community College sophomore Kira Hein is a 2014 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. The awards are given to new students in Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for students at two-year colleges, to help defray educational expenses.

Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential. This year's recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 900 applicants. Recipients of the award received a $1,000 scholarship.

Hein is on the women's softball team.

She is a 2013 graduate of Forest Grove High School earning an associate's degree at the college. Future plans include transferring to Oregon State University and majoring in education.

The Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program was launched in 2001 to benefit Phi Theta Kappa members, providing assistance in obtaining an associate degree, while encouraging participation in the honor society's programs. The scholarship program is especially beneficial at a time when increasing importance is given to completion of a college credential, associate degree or certificate, among community college students.

Details: Michelle Baker, the college's Phi Theta Kappa adviser, at 503-594-3041 or by email.

SALEM

The Oregon Peace Officers Association honored more than 90 criminal justice professionals for outstanding service to their communities during its 45th annual awards banquet held recently in Grand Ronde.

The list includes the following Salem Police Department employees, who were recognized for demonstrating exceptional accomplishments in their field to officers who successfully saved the life of another human being:
* Call-taker Amanda Branlund -- Public Service Award
* Officer Barrett Byers -- Lifesaving Award
* Officer Omar DeMarco, -- Lifesaving Award
* Det. Scott Emmons -- Lifesaving Award, Medal of Honor
* Officer Andrew McFerron -- Lifesaving Award
* Officer Joe Miller -- Lifesaving Award
* Officer Robert Owings -- Lifesaving Award
* Officer David Smith -- Lifesaving Award
* Sgt. Steve Smith -- Distinguished Service Award
* Officer John Stackhouse -- Lifesaving Award
* Officer Oscar Zambrano -- Lifesaving Award

Here is a summary of each award and the staff involved:

- **Branlund, DeMarco, David Smith:** In November 2013, Branlund answered a suicidal male's 911 call in which she took immediate action to gain the necessary information to assist responding officers to the location of the caller by using mobile phone tracking technology. Given the location coordinates, DeMarco, Owings, and Smith located the jumper at the Capitol Center Building where the distraught male was making his way over the roof parapet. Immediately, Smith grabbed the male's leg and ankle as DeMarco leaned over the parapet to grab the falling male's torso. The officers worked as a team to successfully pull the male back onto the safety of the roof avoiding the possible tragic loss of life.

- **Byers:** Recognized for his quick action in providing life-saving first aid to a multiple gunshot wound victim when he responded to assist the Keizer Police Department on a residential intruder call in March 2014.

- **Emmons:** In December 2013, Emmons encountered an aggressive and reckless driver which led to a traffic stop during which the male driver exited the vehicle with a raised pistol and charged toward the detective. Emmons responded by firing his pistol and striking the suspect. Seeing the suspect had sustained an injury, Emmons provided life-saving first aid with the assistance of an Oregon State trooper that had responded to the scene to provide cover.

- **McFerron, Miller, and Stackhouse:** In response to a report of an out of control naked male subject in March, McFerron, Miler and Stackhouse successfully provided lifesaving CPR to him as he experienced a state of excited delirium due to his consumption of illegal drugs.

- **Steve Smith:** Recognized for distinguished service for his 16-year career as a police service dog handler during which he had two canine partners, Benny and Jett. Together with his partners, Smith recorded nearly 2,000 deployments resulting in 808 captures. Smith and Benny also served on the department SWAT team assisting with 55 missions. Also during his tenure, Smith contributed to the K9 unit program's continued service by collaborating with community partners to assist with funding and veterinary assistance for the canines, as well as keeping the unit on the forefront of technology and equipment needs.

- **Zambrano:** Recognized for providing lifesaving CPR as the first responder to medical call of a 64-year old male in cardiac arrest. Even before medics could arrive Zambrano successfully had the victim revived and breathing on his own.

**VIOLATIONS**
The **Oregon Department of Environmental Quality** recently issued a $6,618 fine to Sauvie Island Moorage Co. for repeated waste disposal violations. The facility is located on Multnomah Channel, at **17717 N.W. Sauvie Island Road in Portland**.

The violations include a $4,068 penalty for violating waste disposal monitoring requirements, and a $2,550 penalty for violating waste disposal limitations.

Since 2009 Sauvie Island Moorage failed to conduct 20 instances of waste disposal monitoring, which are required in order to determine if the facility's sewage disposal system is functioning properly.

Additionally, monitoring reports submitted by the company indicate that the waste disposal system had repeated violations of its permitted effluent limits.

The violation notice requires Sauvie Island Moorage to prepare a corrective action plan within 60 days of receiving the notice, and that it implements the corrective plan within six months of DEQ approving the plan.

Sauvie Island Moorage Co. has until Nov. 24 to appeal the penalties.

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