



# Newport Police Department

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## ***Retirement of Lt. Dave Teem***

At a Newport Police Department meeting on 10/27/2010, Lt. Dave Teem announced his retirement after more than 29 years with the Newport Police. Lt. Teem began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Patrol Officer with the City of Bend, Oregon before being hired in September of 1981 as a Patrol Officer in Newport. During his tenure with the Newport Police Department, Lt. Teem has worked for five city managers, four police chiefs, and under the direction of six different sergeants. He spent 13 years as a Patrol Officer, 13 years as a Patrol Sergeant, and one year as an Administrative Sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant with the creation of that position in 2007. The Lieutenant position is second in command to the Chief of Police, and is responsible for the supervision of the patrol division, detectives division, records division, community service officer, volunteers program, and parking enforcement program.

While with the Newport Police Department Lt. Teem served for 27 years on the SWAT team as a hostage negotiator, and as a Field Training Evaluation Program trainer and supervisor. In addition, Lt. Teem has provided training to Newport officers, as well as other police departments throughout Oregon, in Field Training and Evaluation, police bike operations, building searches, high risk traffic stops, and a variety of other specialty training topics.

Lt. Teem was instrumental in promoting the concept of making NPD vehicles stand out in the community, a proven crime-reducing strategy, by changing the police fleet from solid colored patrol cars to the current, highly visible black and white cars. He worked to standardize the equipment in the cars, researching and promoting advances in the types of equipment to enhance officer and public safety.

Lt. Teem told the assembled group that some of his proudest achievements have been the Field Training Evaluation Program, Police Bicycle Team, hostage negotiator program, Volunteers program, parking enforcement program, and Community Service Officer program. He proposed and implemented the Bike Patrol Program so that officers could be more visible in the community, and would have another tool to fight crime. As a hostage negotiator he worked closely with the tactical side of the SWAT team to save several lives and de-escalate crisis situations. When he began working with the volunteer program there were only six active volunteers. That program has grown to 36 volunteers who represent the Police Department at all public functions, provide parking control, make public presentations, overall reduce the burden of police officers, and continuously represent the Department and community in a positive way. He said that being part of training officers to be the best they could be has been extraordinarily satisfying. He has been involved in training every member of the Department, except the Police Chief, for the last 27 years.

Lt. Teem told the group that it has been a privilege being involved with such a highly professional group of officers, and serving the Newport community for so many years. His retirement will be effective on 12/01/2010. Lt. Teem plans to remain in the area. He will continue his educational pursuits, and work as business manager for Indulge Sweets, a Seal Rock business that his mother and sister started, and of which he is now a partner.

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