



## **About Our Sponsors**

### **Responder Life**

First Responders put their personal safety on the line every day in order to protect and serve our communities. This intense and highly charged environment in which they work often impacts them and their families in a negative manner. Not only do First Responders regularly sacrifice their health and well-being on behalf of public safety, but they are subjected to professional stressors that can be overpowering to them and their families, ultimately setting them up for dysfunction and failure. The end results are staggering...

- Divorce rates as high as 84%
- 1 out of 4 Responders struggle with Alcoholism
- 30% of Responders suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Responders are three times as likely to die from Suicide, than in the Line of Duty
- Cynicism, Hyper-vigilance, and Isolationism, become the norm

In response to these critical realities, Responder Life was formed to support and strengthen the Families of all First Responders, including Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Medical Professionals, 911 Dispatchers, Military Personnel, and other responders serving in City, County, State and Federal Agencies.

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### **Citizens Crime Commission**

“Advocating for Businesses and Mobilizing Citizens to Reduce Crime in our Community”

For over two decades, the Citizens Crime Commission has provided citizen leadership in the fight against crime by working with businesses, first responders, elected officials, criminal justice representatives, and lawmakers to make Oregon’s state and local criminal justice systems more efficient, effective and accountable. The Citizens Crime Commission is a respected and impartial voice on the complicated public safety issues affecting Portland, the Tri-County Area, and Oregon. We bring a unique business perspective – focusing intensively on the greatest community benefit for public dollars spent.

Utilizing public testimony, well researched reports and our media contacts, we have doggedly advocated for effective programs to achieve a proven balance between mental health and substance abuse treatment, prevention, intervention, and incarceration. At present, we are simultaneously studying the “root causes” of circumstances leading to law enforcement involvement with citizens experiencing a mental health crisis and participating in community discussions about improving our city’s relationship with our local Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The Citizens Crime Commission has led efforts to strengthen the Portland Police Bureau through both increased staffing and greater emphasis on community policing. We have supported measures to increase available jail space, and provided leadership to improve the juvenile justice system. The Citizens Crime Commission was instrumental in restructuring Portland's homeless youth services to provide for measurable outcomes and accountability. The Commission's dedication to Oregon's children is reflected in their work on the KIIDS report. This report led to the founding of Portland's Children's Levy which supports early childhood, foster care, mentoring, and after school programs for children and families.

Founded in 1988, the Citizens Crime Commission is a citizen organization affiliated with the Portland Business Alliance.

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### **Public Safety Chaplaincy**

Public Safety Chaplaincy was started in 1981 as 'Officer Alive' with the Beaverton Police Department, and incorporated with the State of Oregon in May 1984. As the organization expanded it was renamed 'Metro Police Chaplaincy,' and more recently became 'Public Safety Chaplaincy,' reflecting our involvement with multiple arenas of first responder personnel. Our PSC chaplains are professionally trained, non-denominational, on-call 24 hours a day/seven days a week, and serving at the request of their assigned agency. We provide consistent relational connections to our first responders and their agencies in meeting the unique demands of their world of 'routine crisis.' Our chaplains are committed to a 'relational presence of excellence' within the agencies which fosters a strong level of confidence. They also respond with the agency's personnel to on-scene crisis, assisting with intervention to both professional and community needs.

Public Safety Chaplaincy provides chaplaincy services of marked excellence that meet the unique spiritual and emotional needs of public safety personnel, their families, and the communities we serve. Our chaplains provide crisis intervention, counseling, training, mentoring, and family and community support. The relational presence of our chaplains enhances the overall wellbeing of those served.

It is our policy at Public Safety Chaplaincy to respond at the request of the Police, Fire, EMS and Dispatch organizations which we serve and the greater community, without regard to faith. Ours is a ministry of presence in many cases, and is not predicated on having a faith or being of a particular faith. In the capacity as chaplains we do not "evangelize" anyone unless initiated by the individual.

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### **Oregon National Guard's Historical Outreach Foundation**

The Historical Outreach Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization created in September 2009 to continue the Oregon National Guard's educational outreach program to teach history to schools and organizations. The Historical Outreach Foundation also is a friend of the Oregon Military Museum and is the organization that raises the much needed funds so that the Oregon Military

Museum can open its doors as a regional attraction, a place that anyone can go to learn about Oregon's Military history.

The Oregon Military Museum moved from a small location on Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon to the large armory at the entrance of the camp that will be fenced off from the camp so that the public will have easy access to this great addition to Oregon's history. This greatly increased the size of the museum and opened up the possibilities of expanding the displays and making it a true museum that students, teachers, and military buffs could go to and learn about Oregon's military history, a history that is intertwined with Oregon's history from the tribes of prehistory to the present day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Oregon Military Museum has built unique collections that extensively document the role of the Oregon National Guard and Oregonians' military service and contributions to state, national, and world history. From rare weapons to prisoner-of-war relics, mustard gas warnings to flags and colors, from tracked vehicles to ribbon-laden uniforms, the outstanding \$6 million collection contains more than 13,000 artifacts, some of which are one-of-a-kind and cannot be seen elsewhere. Each tells its own historically-significant story. The Oregon Military Museum library collection also houses over 27,000 library volumes and has more than 750 cubic feet of archives dating back to the 1860s.

The seven project goals of the Oregon Military Museum are:

1. Become a regionally significant museum with an expanded audience and better defined character.
2. Create new educational exhibits and enhance the public's access to meaningful learning experiences.
3. Prepare, protect, and preserve military artifacts and library material.
4. Enhance visitor experience and visitor services.
5. Support historic military research and study.
6. Upgrade building systems.
7. Modernize environments.