



# Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

## Sheriff's Office honors citizens who helped deputy in life-or-death struggle

Last fall, Deputy **Robert Cordova** faced a nightmare scenario — a struggle for control of his gun.

The Sheriff's Office recently honored two citizens who bravely ran toward the sound of gunfire to help — and very likely saved Cordova's life.

It was 6:25 a.m. on Nov. 15. Deputy Cordova was on patrol. Civilian **Trevor Wolf** — who knew Cordova from their time in the Cadet program — was with him as a ride-along.

Cordova took a call. There was a report of an injury hit-and-run with a pedestrian lying in the road. The caller said she thought the man who was hit might have been "under the influence of something."

Cordova and Wolf rolled up. A man — suspect **Steven Wilson** — was in the road at Sunnyside, near 140th. Cordova left the vehicle.

Wilson grew nervous. (Authorities later learned he was high on meth, with a long history of mental illness.) Cordova walked over to determine Wilson's condition.

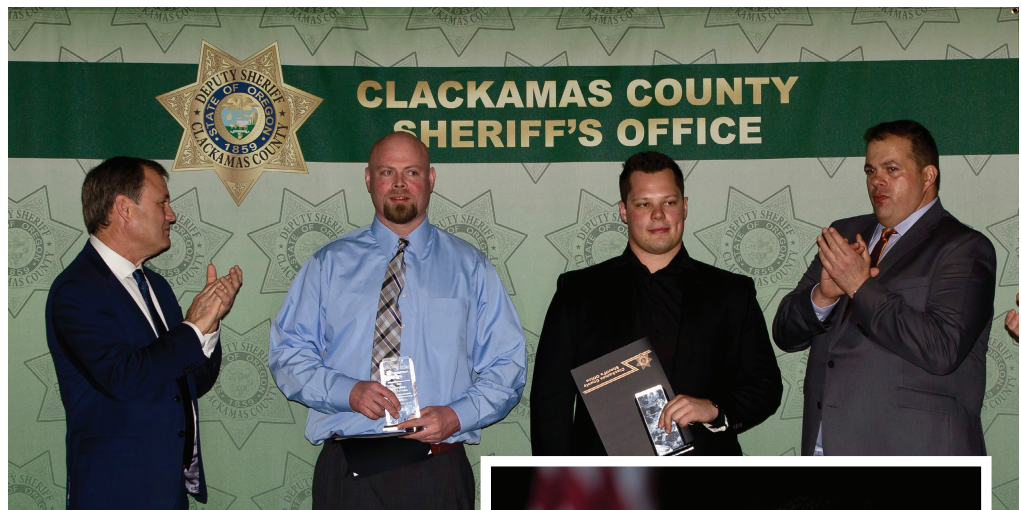
He asked for Wilson's ID.

Suddenly, Wilson lunged for Cordova's gun. He removed the gun from its holster. The life-or-death struggle for control of the weapon began.

Three gunshots went off during the struggle. Cordova was hit twice — shot in his right leg, with shrapnel damage in his left. Wilson was also wounded.

Trevor Wolf heard Cordova call for help and rushed into the fight.

Meanwhile, citizen **Allister Duffin** was walking by, heading to the gym. He heard gunshots from the fight, and



**Above:** At the March 4 CCSO Awards Banquet, Sheriff Roberts and Chief Deputy Hoy join the crowd in applauding Allister Duffin (second from left) and Trevor Wolf (second from right) for their heroic efforts.

**Right:** Deputy Robert Cordova, photographed by *The Oregonian* for a Feb. 9 interview. (Photo reprinted with permission.)



a call that a deputy had been shot — and he *also* rushed in.

Together, Wolf and Duffin helped Cordova fight the suspect. They wrestled him to the ground. When backup arrived, they had the suspect disarmed and pinned down.

Deputy Cordova was 23 at the time. As *The Oregonian* reported, he was the youngest of at least six police officers in Oregon shot on duty last year.

Cordova has returned to duty, and his recovery has been remarkable. A month after being shot, he could move his right leg again. Just three months later, he was talking to *The Oregonian* about how eager he was to get back to work. "It's something I've always wanted to do and something I still want

to do," he told reporters. "I understood the risks signing up for it.... We have an amazing community here."

Cordova also had profound words of thanks for Wolf and Duffin: "I wouldn't expect anyone out and about just minding their own business to hear gunshots and run to help you.... The thing you think that someone would do is run the opposite way. Instead, they ran directly to me. So it's definitely appreciated."

At the March 4 Sheriff's Office Awards Banquet, Sheriff Roberts presented Deputy Cordova with the Purple Heart and Medal of Valor, and Wolf and Duffin with Distinguished Service Awards, along with the agency's profound thanks. They received standing ovations. ♦

## Sheriff's Office renews OAA accreditation

On Jan. 31, the Sheriff's Office renewed its accreditation through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.

Accreditation is a process that involves voluntary, independent verification of established standards by an outside organization of professionals and peers.



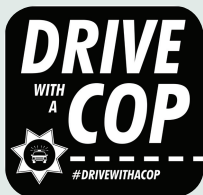
There are 102 OAA accreditation standards, covering the full spectrum of law enforcement ethics and procedures.

The Sheriff's Office first earned accreditation in 2014, cross-referencing and rewriting its policy manual to conform to OAA standards.

To learn more about our accreditation, visit [clackamas.us/sheriff/oa.html](http://clackamas.us/sheriff/oa.html)

## 'Drive with a Cop' returns in October

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of U.S. teens. Looking to improve the skills of your



teen driver? The Sheriff's Office will once again provide its free driving training for local teenagers this October.

The third annual "Drive with a Cop" will be held on Oct. 21 at Portland International Raceway during "Safe Teen Driving Week" (Oct. 15-21, 2017). The event pairs licensed teen drivers with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office deputies who teach them about the importance of safe driving.

More details and registration info will be online soon at [DriveWithACop.com](http://DriveWithACop.com). For more information contact Kim Lippert at [klippert@clackamas.us](mailto:klippert@clackamas.us).

## Sheriff's Office commits to additional 'Mental Health First Aid' training

The number of mental health cases encountered by law enforcement is on the rise — leading the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to take the lead in "Mental Health First Aid" training.

Throughout the months of January and February 2017, the Sheriff's Office trained approximately 100 Corrections deputies in "Mental Health First Aid" — giving those deputies a better understanding of mental health issues.

"Mental Health First Aid" is an 8-hour course that teaches attendees how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance-use disorders.

The training gives people the skills they need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance-use problem or experiencing a crisis.

NAMI reports that a person in a mental health crisis is more likely to encounter police than get medical help. As a result, 2 million people with mental illness are booked into jails in the U.S. each year — and nearly 15% of men and 30% of women booked into jails have a serious mental health condition.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office sent **Sgt. Jason Ritter** and **Deputy Tim Jackson** to a weeklong training to



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

become Mental Health First Aid instructors in 2015.

Since then, Ritter and Jackson have brought the Mental Health First Aid curriculum to the Sheriff's Office **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)** for public safety

personnel and taught public classes in Molalla and Oregon City.

Crisis Intervention Training is a major initiative for the Sheriff's Office. Since February 2005, the Sheriff's Office has collaborated with the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** and local mental health agencies to build the CIT program. CIT's goal is to provide information, tools, and resources to enhance first-responder encounters with the emotionally disturbed — in jail and on the street — and reduce overall incarcerations and risk of injury or death. The Sheriff's Office offers public safety employees a 40-hour CIT class two times a year, drawing personnel from around the state.

Mental Health First Aid has training designed for adults, youth, public safety, higher education, rural residents, veterans, and older adults. If you would like to learn more about Mental Health First Aid or want to find a course near you, visit [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org) or [www.gettrainedtohelp.com](http://www.gettrainedtohelp.com).

## Substance Abuse Program grads rebuild their lives



**Above:** Warm congratulations to the women who graduated from our **Corrections Substance Abuse Program (CSAP)** on March 14. You've worked hard to accomplish your goal of sobriety. Best of luck in your future. We are behind you!

CSAP helps men and women struggling with addiction who end up in the criminal justice system receive important treatment to begin a new life of sobriety. In September 2009, Community Corrections opened a 10-bed facility to start a Women's CSAP program; today, that facility has 34 beds.

To watch a video on a major success story in our CSAP program, visit our YouTube channel at [YouTube.com/ClackamasSheriff](http://YouTube.com/ClackamasSheriff)