



**Press Release**  
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Re: Officer of the Year 2016 – Kyle Nelson

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On February 24, 2017, the Optimist Club of Roseburg held the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Respect for Law Enforcement Banquet at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The Sutherlin Police Department's Honoree & Officer of the Year for 2016 is Officer Kyle Nelson

Officer Kyle Nelson truly acts, behaves and practices those behaviors that are aligned with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Professional Public Safety agency. Officer Nelson is caring and encouraging, is achievement driven daily, knows what being a wonderful team member means, and embraces the concept of being a lifelong learner. As an added benefit, Officer Nelson has a subtle and appropriate sense of humor that in many circumstances diffuses tension. Officer Nelson lives a life that demonstrates that he not only believes in the nobility of professional public safety and policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he demonstrates it by giving back to the Sutherlin and Oakland community daily.

This last year Officer Nelson took six child welfare cases with cross reports to the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Program as the lead investigator, and assisted fellow officers with many more. He also took three cases involving the elderly, disabled or mentally ill, with cross reports to the Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and Disabled work unit. The total number of criminal cases investigated by Officer Nelson in 2016 totaled 87, with an outstanding 86% case clearance rate. He responded to a total of 634 calls for service during 2016.

Officer Nelson has been schooled in the care and maintenance of our departmental shotguns that are used for less lethal deployment only, as of January 2017 is an instructor for our TASER X2 program, and was trained and certified in December of 2016 as a Crisis Negotiator and is part of Roseburg Police Department Hostage Negotiation Team. He has worked for the Sutherlin Police Department as a full time Police Officer since July 16, 2014.

Officer Kyle Nelson, as the Chief of the Sutherlin Police Department I am personally proud to work with you as a fellow law enforcement officer in the Cities of Sutherlin and

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Oakland specifically, but also as part of a larger team in Douglas County. Kyle, for your calm and professional demeanor, for your sincere and genuine interest in the Sutherlin and Oakland communities, for your willingness to step into leadership roles when asked or compelled to do so, for your willingness to take difficult and challenging assignments, and for your passion for training, teaching and encouraging others at the City of Sutherlin Public Safety (Police Services) Department, you are our choice as the Honoree & Officer of the Year at this Optimist Club of Roseburg – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Respect for Law Enforcement Banquet. Congratulations!

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