
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Two Sheriff's Office Employees Honored at National Alliance on Mental Health Annual Dinner

On Monday, December 4, 2017, two employees of the Lane County Sheriff's Office were recognized at the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Annual Dinner Fundraiser for their outstanding efforts in the community working with those in mental health crisis.

Captain Dan Buckwald was presented with the NAMI Special Recognition Award at the banquet for his work at the Lane County Jail, including bringing in three behavioral health specialists to assist with inmates who have severe and persistent mental illness. Many of the programs that Captain Buckwald has initiated focus on improving mental health services and treatment options within the jail to decrease an inmate's chances of recidivism, including cognitive behavioral therapy, coping skills classes, and socialization classes. Captain Buckwald has also focused on connecting inmates with mental health service providers outside of the facility to ensure their continued support upon release.



Deputy Bryan Holiman and Captain Dan Buckwald

Deputy Bryan Holiman was presented with the Crisis Intervention Training Officer of the Year Award. Deputy Holiman is a member of the regional Crisis Negotiations Team, or CNT. He is frequently called upon to respond to calls involving someone in mental health crises, in hopes of resolving potentially dangerous or life-threatening situations without the need for force. Bryan's calm demeanor has resulted in the safe resolution of multiple calls involving suicidal subjects in our community as well. He is able to rapidly connect with someone in crisis, and is able to successfully help them refocus on solutions instead. His patience working with those in crisis paired with his negotiations skills have made him a huge asset in the community as well as to the Sheriff's Office.

We offer our sincerest appreciation to NAMI and the sponsors of the event for taking the time to recognize the contributions of these law enforcement officers. Their contributions truly make a positive difference in our community and we are thankful to have them on the Sheriff's Office team! Congratulations Captain Buckwald and Deputy Holiman!

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