



Eugene Police Department Commendations

January 2021



The Eugene Police Department received 9 commendations from citizens in January, 2021. Below is a sample of those commendations.

- An officer was commended by a citizen for their sincerity during a recent traffic stop that the citizen was involved in. The citizen had been pulled over due to the officer being unable to view the citizen's temporary registration tag on their new vehicle. Once the officer realized that it was present, the officer apologized and the two concluded their contact with a pleasant conversation. The citizen commented, "During this challenging time of uncertainty when we are navigating uncharted territory on a daily basis, I wanted to let you know that this experience with (officer's name) instilled in me confidence in the competency and professionalism of the Eugene Police Department!"
- A citizen shared their appreciation for an officer that recently had the unfortunate task of having to inform the citizen that their partner had passed away unexpectedly from a cardiac event while jogging. The citizen commented, "(Officer's name) was so kind, sincere, and patient during the utter shock I was experiencing. I continue to look back on that moment and feel such gratitude for the services that each of you provide for our community. I know that so much of what you and the officers do on the day-to-day goes unrecognized; and while I don't envy your duty, I hold immense appreciation for the professionalism that I have experienced from the Eugene Police Department."
- Officers received high praise from a citizen for their professionalism and treatment of a suspect involved in a 'Disorderly Conduct/Assault' incident. The citizen commented, "The officers did very commendable work."
- A citizen sent a 'Thank You' card commending the responding officers that had arrested the citizen for a DUI violation recently. The citizen was very embarrassed of their actions, but very appreciative for the way they were treated during the incident. The citizen commented, "You treated me well, you were understanding...I felt like I was treated with a certain amount of dignity." The citizen further stated, "I don't mean to sound overly climatic, but this incident probably saved my life and I thank you."
- An officer was commended by a citizen for their tact and professionalism related to a 'Dispute' call for service that the citizen was involved in. The citizen felt that once the officer arrived on scene, the incident became settled because of the officer's "great job" in dealing with the situation. The citizen commented, "He never threatened me. I want (officer's name) to get a Medal of Honor!"
- A citizen commended an officer for the compassion that was witnessed during an incident involving a young woman who had just watched her dog being hit by a driver that had fled the scene. The citizen commented, "The officer arrived and made sure all of the people were safe, and then he assessed the dog."

While it seemed clear the dog was deceased, he said he wanted to take the dog to the emergency vet. It's right here I want to applaud the actions of the officer. Taking the dog was an act of pure compassion. It was an amazing extension of grace as this horrific moment will surely haunt this young woman for the rest of her life.”

- A community service officer was commended by a citizen that had been a victim in a burglary case. The citizen had been extremely frustrated by the incident but recognized the superb work by the officer. The citizen stated that the officer was “very professional”, felt that the officer expressed "sympathy and empathy" and was "awesome to work with”.

- An officer received accolades from a citizen. Recently, the officer responded to a single vehicle crash near the citizen’s home involving an elderly woman and a street tree. The citizen commented, “He was so kind and patient and made us all feel like we were in good hands and not on our own in handling the situation. As the homeowner, I wanted to care for the lady, but also didn't know what to do with her, esp. during a pandemic. I also didn't want to pester her about insurance when she had been in a traumatic event. (Officer’s name) handled the exchange for us and took care of her. He embodied the motto "To protect and serve" and I am grateful. Events like this may be boring for officers, but they are a big deal in regular people's lives. (Officer’s name) kindness and attention was more than was required or expected. Thank you!”