



Eugene Police Department Commendations

March 2021



The Eugene Police Department received 17 commendations from citizens in March, 2021. Below is a sample of those commendations.

- A citizen commended an officer for their tact in placing them at ease while taking a report of ‘Sexual Assault’. The citizen stated that the officer “was very kind and concerned” and they appreciated the way everything was handled. The citizen commented, “He didn't make me feel embarrassed about the situation and made sure to tell me that I did everything right and that the incident wasn't my fault. He made sure to tell me about the counseling unit that rides around and works with EPD. He made sure that I was going to be ok for the night.”
- The Chief of Police was commended by a citizen for their “unbiased approach in policing”. The citizen had been listening to a local radio station interview and was impressed with the Chief's responses to the questions that were asked. The citizen commented, "It's the most neutral and yet positive non-biased responses that I have heard from anybody in years."
- An officer was praised by a citizen for their professionalism when they took a police report from the citizen. This was a very difficult situation for the citizen, but the officer did their best to earn the citizen's trust and ensure that it was ok to discuss the incident. The citizen commented, "He was very nice, respectful and helpful."
- A citizen commended officers for the compassion that was displayed during the citizen's arrest last summer (2020).

The citizen commented, "Officers were kind enough to me and noted my mental health state. They also did not shoot me and looked out for my fiancé."
- Officers were commended by an outside agency employee for their assistance in taking a youth with a warrant into custody. During the incident, it had become clear that the youth was not going to cooperate and had intentions of running away. The representative from the outside agency commented, “EPD officers showed up to assist with safely getting him into custody, were kind and professional, and followed us to (redacted location) to ensure he was lodged in detention safely.” The representative further stated, “The youth was a serious risk to the community and was safely returned to his home county without incident. I don't know the names of all the officers who responded but wanted to make sure that they knew their help was very appreciated.”
- A citizen commended officers for their response at a local preschool where a subject had violently tried to enter the school. The citizen commented, “My daughter and her classmates sheltered in the dark in anticipation of an attack. My daughter (5-years-old) was shaking and told to keep her head down in case of gunfire. She has told me she was scared "but the police came and got the bad man, then I knew I was ok". Thank you very much for protecting my daughter and her school today. I am profoundly

grateful to your department and all the officers involved.”

- Officers received accolades from a citizen for their response to a situation that took place in the citizen’s neighborhood. The citizen felt that the officers handled the situation with the utmost professionalism. The citizen commented, "Thank you for being alert and for protecting us."
- A citizen commended officers for their quick response and for bringing resolve to a shoplifting incident at a local neighborhood market. The citizen commented, “Tempers were hot on all sides including bystanders. We just want to commend the officers that responded on how they handled the situation and all parties involved... We want the police to know that even though we don't always agree with how things are handled we do appreciate them and the services that they provide. They defused the situation and hopefully got to the bottom of the issue.”
- A citizen commended officers for their skill and response in handling a curfew/easement trespassing incident that the citizen had reported. The citizen commented, "They did an excellent job."
- Officers were commended by a citizen for their expert handling of an incident in a local park recently. The citizen commented, "I just to thank the police who were at the (name of park) on Saturday and I appreciate them being there. It seemed to solve a problem. Thank you very much."
- A law enforcement employee from an outside agency sent a letter to express their gratitude for officers and their assistance related to the arrest of a "violent, multi-convicted felon known to carry and use firearms while distributing

controlled substances and committing acts of violence". The officers’ partnership with the outside agency led to the arrest of this dangerous suspect. The employee from the outside agency commented, "I would like to commend your department and officers for their professionalism and commitment to duty. These investigations are a clear example of how partnerships between the (redacted agency names) can protect the public by removing violent offenders from our streets."

- A citizen sent a 'Thank You' card to commend officers for their compassion during a 'Deceased Subject' call for service. The citizen was very appreciative for the officers' assistance and commented, "Thank you so much for the kindness you showed us during your call to (facility name redacted) on Sunday. You did an excellent job at being professional, yet polite. You both explained things very well and I felt prepared to understand what I was about to see."
- A local Fire Captain, sent a letter commending a detective for their assistance in retrieving and returning the Captain’s phone when they had lost it recently on a city trail. The detective, while off-duty, was running on the trail and noticed a gentleman looking at the phone obscurely. At that point, the detective asked the gentleman a few questions and was able to retrieve the phone. The Fire Captain commented, "I know this wasn't any great detective work, and he did the right thing, but what got me is he did this off-duty. He could have just run right past the guy with my phone, and I'd probably never see it again. But, he sensed something was off, and when he asked, retrieved my phone. He then met me to get the phone back."