

## Nomination for Officer Brandon Rathje

### WSHNA President's Award Nomination

In 2021 the Eugene Police Departments Crisis Negotiation Team responded to eighty-nine call outs, Officer Brandon Rathje responded to nearly forty call outs, as a negotiator, team lead and acting CNT Sergeant. He acted as a primary negotiator on multiple calls including several suicidal jumper calls. Officer Rathje coordinated a level II CNT training held in Eugene. He was eager to provide training to dispatchers, negotiators, and Officers, building and presenting training on de-escalation and specifically on lessons learned from high element jumper calls. Officer Rathje built relationships with other teams and advocated for training for our team. Officer Rathje gleefully recruits for CNT and assisted with interview panels for EPD and LCSO. In 2021 Officer Rathje found the time to join our peer support team and become a part time behavioral health trainer at DPSST. He took point, working to secure a new communications system for the team. Officer Rathje put in hours logging over one hundred calls in the FBI's HOBAS system. After 10 years on CNT Officer Rathje remains the resilient and dependable lynch pin that holds together a dedicated team of 10 negotiators, he will fill any empty seat and bring a positive attitude. Officer Rathje does all of this while supporting his co-workers and balancing a healthy home life. He balances it all while working downtown, in one of our most hectic patrol areas.

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