

After 26 Years with Tualatin Police Department, Sgt. Larry Clow to Retire

Sgt. Larry Clow started his career in law enforcement in 1981 with the Clatskanie Police Department.

Clatskanie was and still is a small agency in a small town, however, like any agency had many busy moments. It was not unusual to have up to 3 active bar fights every Friday and Saturday night.

During his 6 years with that department he worked as a patrol officer, held the position of Fire Arms Instructor, Field Training Officer, and was appointed to the position of a Deputy Medical Examiner for a period of 3 years.

“The most memorable event during this period was the abduction of a 7 year old female from her bed by an unknown suspect. It was about 2 AM and I was the initial officer on scene.

24 hours a day, for 3 days. Multiple agencies assisted and this event ended as I was able to locate the child alive and alone in an isolated area where the suspect had abandoned her. My portable radio was out of range and I was unable to contact anyone for assistance. I carried the child to safety and then to medical care. This is something I will never forget.”

In 1987 he joined the newly formed Tualatin Police Department. “I was apprehensive as I was the only Officer hired that was not a previous Washington County Deputy. Sure I had a lot to learn, but quickly discovered that my previous training and experience was a great asset.”

During the years with Tualatin he served as a Field training Officer, as an instructor for Defensive Tactics, PR-24 and ASP Baton, Oc Spray, Sudden Custody Death, Ripp Restraints, High Risk Vehicle Stops, Fire Arms Instructor, Rapid Deployment, and developed the first department

sanctioned Scenario Training at the TVF&R Training center.

From 1991 to 1994 he was assigned to a Motor Officer (motorcycle) position, while continuing as a Field Training Officer as needed. He enjoyed the motor position and was considered an excellent rider by his peers.

In 2000 he was promoted to the position of Sergeant where he remains today 14 years later.

“In my career I’ve experienced what being a Police Officer is all about, from being a new recruit, to an instructor, and then a supervisor, all while never leaving the street. I’ve experienced the excitement, and the boredom of everyday patrol, and even the sheer terror of an Officer Involved Shooting. I wouldn’t change anything!”

Thank you for your 26 years of service to Tualatin, Sgt. Larry Clow!

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