

Remembering EPD Fallen Officers



Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen

Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen, age 43, was fatally shot at approximately 4:30 p.m. during a traffic stop on I-105 and 52nd Street in Springfield, Oregon on Friday, April 22, 2011. The suspect was later apprehended. Officer Kilcullen, age 43, left behind a wife and two children.

Officer Kilcullen was a 12-year veteran of the Eugene Police Department for 12 years (1998-2011). He was a graduate of the University of Oregon where he received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Sociology and Psychology in 1994. At the time of his death, Kilcullen was a member of a Special Operations Section - Traffic Enforcement Unit. He had also served in the Rapid Deployment Unit, Crisis Negotiations Team, and Crisis Intervention Team. As a member of the Eugene Police Department, he received more than 85 commendations for his professional demeanor and positive interactions with the community. He held Advanced Police Certification from Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Officer Kilcullen was honored by the community during a public tribute at Matthew Knight Arena, and in the naming of a section of eastbound Highway 126, now the Officer Chris Kilcullen Memorial Highway.

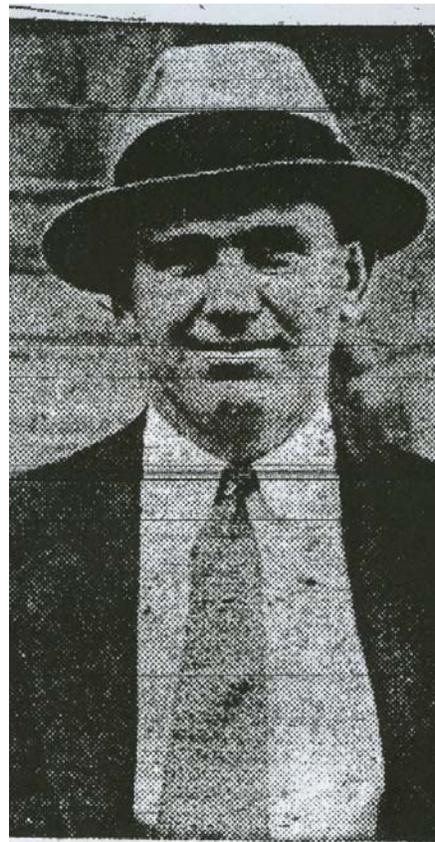
Officer Kilcullen was noted for saving many lives both on and off the road throughout his career. His courageously compassionate service, combined with his professionalism epitomized values the department strives for and the community seeks. Officer Kilcullen regardless of whether it was in his professional life or personal life, consistently engaged people from all walks of life.

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Officer Jesse Jennings Jackson

Officer Jesse Jennings Jackson was killed in the line of duty on Saturday, June 2, 1934, while he and Patrolman Clarence Quinn were pursuing a reckless driver. Quinn was driving, and Jackson was a passenger, when the car they were following suddenly swerved. Quinn attempted to avoid a head-on collision and the police car plunged into the mill race. Quinn survived the crash. The suspects the pair was chasing were later arrested.

Jesse Jennings Jackson was born in Rola, Missouri, on July 2, 1898, living in that city until he was 16-years-old. He attended the Philadelphia State Electric and Steam Engineering School and upon his graduation, he joined the engineering service of the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy he made 15 trips across the Atlantic, being given a commission before his discharge at Vallejo, California in 1920. He went to Portland to become engineer for the Northwest Electric Company, remaining there 10 years. In 1930, he came to Eugene to be an engineer for the University of Oregon. He had been a police officer for the City during the past year. Jackson left a widow, Blanche Jackson, and one daughter, Francelle, age 8. He is interred at Walker cemetery (Masonic Lodge cemetery).



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Officer Oscar Duley

Eugene Police Officer Oscar Duley was killed in a Marcola liquor raid at 9:30 p.m. on August 28, 1930 by a bootlegger named Ray Sutherland.

Duley was a City of Eugene Police Officer who had done an "outside agency assist" in going on the liquor raid with Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies on that date in 1930.

Officer Duley used to live at 531 Monroe Street with his wife Jacyln (there was a house there at the time). He was a famed local athlete and was known as Duley the Wrestling Cop. He was scheduled to wrestle an opponent at the Lane County Fair the night he died.

Funeral services for Duley were held the next Monday morning at the Branstetter chapel. Until after the ceremony, the flag at the city hall was at half mast. The service was read by the Rev. A.L. Lonsberry of the Bethany Evangelical church. Members of the Eugene Police Department, of which Duley had been a member, served as pallbearers. Interment was at the Mt. Scott Cemetery in Portland.



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