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## **Retired Forest Grove Police Chief Henry Reimann Receives the LOC's Herman Kehrli Award**

EUGENE, Ore. – The prestigious Herman Kehrli Award was presented Friday evening to recently retired Forest Grove Police Chief Henry Reimann during the League of Oregon Cities' 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, held at the Graduate in Eugene. The award is given to a city employee who has made exceptional contributions to city government in Oregon, producing lasting benefits for their community. This year, the Kehrli Award was presented to co-recipients, with Siletz City Recorder Barbara Chestler and Woodburn City Administrator Scott Derickson also recognized.

Chief Reimann is a respected and tireless advocate for inclusivity, equity, and justice. His lifetime of service was recently punctuated by his return to the city to mend and change a culture not only within the police department, but the city itself. He stepped in to serve as chief of police when the city and the department needed strong leadership. His ethics, people skills, and collaborative leadership created an environment which allowed Forest Grove to address systemic racism and injustice. Chief Reimann led this effort by working with local leaders to create, implement, and highlight training around bias and microaggressions. This challenging work was possible because of the relationships the chief had developed with the police department, community members, and city staff. This level of commitment and designing of programs to meet local needs is a model for police departments nationwide. In addition, the results achieved by this work are a powerful testament to Chief Reimann's outstanding leadership abilities.

### **About the Herman Kehrli Award**

From 1933 to 1966, Herman Kehrli served as executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities and director of the University of Oregon's former Bureau of Governmental Research and Service. A joint effort between the LOC and the Bureau established standards of excellence for local government officials through an agenda that included research, consultation, and training in city government affairs. Today, the quality of city government statewide is due in large part to the success of this joint effort.

### **About the League of Oregon Cities**

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance, and publications.

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