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### Officer of the Year Award

On Monday, May 14th the Olympic Peninsula Chapter 74 of the International Footprint Association held its annual dinner and "Officer of the Year" award ceremony in Sequim. Law enforcement officers and firefighters from area agencies were nominated by their host agencies and recognized at the event. Port Angeles Police Officer Luke Brown was recognized as the PAPD Officer of the Year.

Officer Brown is a Clallam County native, 2000 Port Angeles High School and 2003 Peninsula College graduate. He is also a 14 year law enforcement veteran. Officer Brown has been with the Port Angeles Police Dept. for 2 years after serving 12 years with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department. In 2017 Officer Brown carried a very high caseload, including writing 423 reports, responding to 2,344 incidents, writing 57 citations and making 95 physical arrests. From Sergeant Josh Powless' award nomination: "The most impressive thing though was Officer Brown's ability to take this workload in stride with a 'can do' attitude."

Officer Brown is well regarded by his team, partner agencies and the Prosecuting Attorney for the quality of his work and attention to detail. He also displayed excellent communication and de-escalation skills. Based on his performance he has been sent to specialized training as a crisis/hostage negotiator and as a critical incident stress management (CISM) team member. An example of Officer Brown's negotiation skills was a recent incident. A male domestic violence suspect had barricaded himself in a trailer. He told his girlfriend that he was not going to jail and had an axe and crowbar with him when he entered the trailer. Officer Brown arrived and began speaking with the subject, building rapport. As he spoke with the individual he could hear the sound of the axe striking the floor. Corporal David Dombrowski arrived and the two worked together to diffuse the incident. Their negotiations resulted in

the peaceful surrender of the subject. Corporal Dombrowski later stated that Officer Brown should be "commended for his clear headed handling of a very stressful incident."

Officer Luke Brown is a great asset to the Port Angeles Police Department and to the community. He makes us proud!

(pictured: Officer Luke Brown and his wife Erin)

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