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Attorney General Keynotes Awards Luncheon

Oregon Attorney General John Kroger was the keynote speaker at the 14th Annual CICP Awards Luncheon, February 24, 2010. Kroger discussed the relationship between drug abuse and property crimes. He said, increased treatment and prevention will help reduce

crime, but those activities need to be coupled with enforcement. "If you are only doing enforcement and not doing enough on treatment and prevention, it is like fighting with one hand behind your back," he said.



Oregon Attorney General John Kroger gives keynote speech

CICP Honors Law Enforcement and Contractors

The 2010 Law Enforcement Award was awarded to Douglas County Deputy Travis Terry for his work recovering a \$15,000 welder and returning it to its rightful owner.

The 2010 Law Enforcement Partner Award was awarded to Eugene Police Detective Johann Schneider for his work developing relationships with scrap metal recyclers, construction contractors and local utilities. Those relationships were used to verify that 26,000 pounds of transformer cores were not stolen and were being appropriately sold.

Far West Fibers, South Corridor Constructors, and Eric McDaniel of the Portland Police Bureau were the winners of the 2010 Partnership Award. Law enforcement officials asked CICP to distribute an ALERT to recyclers about some questionable material with information about possible suspects and a vehicle. When that vehicle showed up at the Far West Fibers yard, they notified law enforcement. Law enforcement responded and the suspects had a new load of suspicious material. CICP again was asked to distribute an ALERT to try to identify the owner of the material. CICP participant South Corridor Constructors was able to identify the

material as stolen from them. Portland Police Detective Eric McDaniel worked the case, and the material, valued \$26,000 has been returned to South Corridor Construction. McDaniel arrested the suspects and they are awaiting trial.

The winner of the 2010 CICP Padlock Award is Steve Tygart, CEO of Interstate Mechanical. Tygart acted decisively when he was notified that one of his employees was suspected of stealing metal and selling it at a scrap yard. He authorized a full investigation, determined that over \$25,000 in material was stolen, terminated the employee and cooperated fully with the police and the District Attorney's office. The former employee plead guilty to five felony counts, is currently serving time and has begun paying restitution.

It is never easy when an employee is suspected of theft. It casts a shadow on the hard working honest members of the team. Yet, Steve Tygart and Interstate Mechanical were adamant that they would not tolerate any incidents of jobsite thefts. They would not be the employer who simply terminates the employee and sends them on their way, to perhaps victimize other contractors.



CICP Board Chair Joel Scroggy presents the following awards:

- Law Enforcement Award** to Deputy Travis Terry, Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Law Enforcement Partner Award** to Det. Johann Schneider, Eugene Police Dept.
- CICP Partnership Award** to Jeff Stienfield & Efrain Gasca, Far West Fibers, Brenda Santillan, South Corridor Constructors and Det. Eric McDaniel, Portland Police Bureau
- CICP Padlock Award** to Steve Tygart, Interstate Mechanical

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In the first two months of 2010 losses valued at \$155,100 were reported to CICP. During that same period CICP participated in recoveries of \$10,000.

Since CICP began in 1996, \$12,122,076 in losses have been reported to CICP and CICP participated in recoveries of \$3,729,501.