

2023 HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS

For 2023 the Honorary Chairpersons are the six officers assigned to the night shift in Downtown Dayton on August 4, 2019. On August 4th just after 1am shots were fired in the Oregon District (a popular Dayton district full of bar goers, many enjoying the warm evening on outdoor patios along the street). These six Dayton police officers engaged the active shooter in the Oregon District within 20 seconds and had him down within 32 seconds of the first shots being fired. These brave officers were intended to be the 2020 Honorary Chairpersons but the May 2020 Festival was cancelled due to Covid. We are extremely happy to honor these men in 2023. Five of the officers have moved on to different roles within the department and one has retired.

Sgt W Chad Knight graduated from the Dayton Police Academy in the 86th Recruit class in 1997. Sgt Knight retired from the Police Department on March 3, 2021. Vincent Carter, Ryan Nabel, Brian Rolfes and David Denlinger all graduated from the Dayton Police Academy in the 104th Recruit class in April of 2016. Jeremy Campbell graduated in the 105th Recruit class in August 2016. Carter is currently in West Patrol. Nabel is an Evidence Technician. Denlinger and Rolfes are in contract positions with Greater Dayton Premier Management and the Phoenix Project respectively. Campbell is assigned to East patrol and was recently the Class Counselor for the 112th Recruit class which graduated in February 2023.

2023 Six Officers responding to August 4, 2019 Oregon District shooting (Sgt W Chad Knight, Jeremy Campbell, Vincent Carter, David Denlinger, Ryan Nabel, and Brian Rolfes)