



The Oregon Cold Case Investigator's Association was formed in 2018 to bring attention to the missing and forgotten victims of murder throughout the State of Oregon. These cold cases are often marginalized after leads in the initial investigation have run out. Deemed cold, these cases are shelved for years, often decades; along with countless others, possibly over thousands, while the preparators of these most heinous of crimes remain free to kill again. Cold case investigations are often the most difficult to solve due to the passing of time, every year that goes by, making these investigations that much more complex. Cold Case Investigators of this association have dedicated themselves to find justice that remains lost for the victims and their families.

The inception of the **Oregon Cold Case Investigations Award** was to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of these such investigators for doing the following:

The recipient made a significant and major contribution to the development of cold case investigations in the following criteria:

- a. The development of programs (Grants, statical analysis, studies), policies or procedures, initiative evidence or forensic processing and analysis, legislative work; which had a substantial impact to the furthering the field of cold case investigations.
- b. An individual, unit or a combination of a multi-disciplinary team who reopened a cold case that required \*significant amount of investigative work to solve. Example of this would be with the investigators having to retrace or restart the investigation from the beginning, develop new information and witnesses. An example of what is not eligible for this award would be merely having evidence retested under modern technology to charge a suspect.
- c. An individual, unit or a combination of a multi-disciplinary team who successfully closed a \*significant number of cases over a period of time.
- d. \*\*\*Optional\*\*\* The organization and development of a sustained team or unit dedicated to solving cold missing and homicide cases. Organization and development would involve coordination with other entities creating the formation of protocols and/or by-laws promoting the long-term furtherance of the team or unit.

\*The term significance is to be determined by the OCCIA awards committee based on their discipline.