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INFORMATION RELEASE

OES VOLUNTEER RECEIVES LARRY PEABODY AWARD Solano County Office of Emergency Services

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The Larry Peabody Award is an annual award given by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the California volunteer search and rescue individual or team that performs their search and rescue duties with professionalism, dedication and an unswerving desire to successfully accomplish their noble mission.

67 year old Fairfield resident Jan Ostrat, a major with the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has been a volunteer with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as well as our local Solano County Office of Emergency Services for many years as a professional volunteer, responding to missing or overdue aircraft missions and distress alert beacon activations referred to as ELT's (emergency locator transmitters).

During the past 28 years he has responded to over 700 missions within the state of California. During that time there have been a number of lives that have been saved directly attributed to his efforts. Jan often volunteers his own personal aircraft a Cessna 206.

Jan's vast expertise in missing aircraft and ELT searches is recognized by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services-Law Enforcement Branch which considers Jan to be a "Subject Matter Expert".

For the past 23 years Solano County OES has been extremely privileged to have such a dedicated member within our search and rescue team. Additionally Jan has also been a Solano County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy since 1997.

During the summer months Jan is busy flying wild land fires "air attack" or reconnaissance for Cal Fire in his Cessna. Jan can be called upon on a moments notice and is always there to respond as needed. His expertise is second to none and his efforts are truly appreciated.

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