

PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARD

Public safety is rich with history and traditions that represent the fraternal bond that we share. Some are borne from sadness, some from celebration, but all involve the gathering of those who share this rare profession.

From our long tradition also comes our connection to the universal symbol and sounds of the bagpipes and drums. Their pageantry and haunting notes serve to both mourn and uplift. They have become what we identify with most in expressing our grief in loss and also our joy of living. Simply, they serve to remind us of the fallen, celebrate living and to bind us fraternally in carrying on.

The Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps grew from the tragedy of September 11th, and became a fraternal organization in 2004 whose goal was to honor the sacrifices and successes of the men and women of public safety.

Their mission is simple; to honor and represent all public safety personnel and to promote the Celtic and Scottish tradition. Notably, they are called on to play at funerals and memorials for active or retired public safety personnel, which they do at no cost. As you have seen tonight, they represent what is best about our fraternal family.

For their commitment, passion and fraternal concern, the Maine Association of Police is proud to present the Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps with the President's Recognition Award.