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Salem Police detective recognized as top forensic examiner

Salem, Ore. — A tenured detective with the Salem Police Criminal Investigations Section was given top honors last week for his work as a digital forensic examiner.

On January 4, the [US Secret Service's National Computer Forensics Institute](#) (NCFI) recognized Detective Matt Brassfield for being one of the nation's top 50 examiners in the field of digital forensics in 2022. The veteran detective ranked 47th from amongst more than 1,500 participating examiners all across the country. The field of digital forensics involves the recovery and investigation of material found on a variety of digital devices, such as small digital storage container, mobile phones and records, computers, and network storage systems.

"The use of digital technology in the commission of crimes continues to grow," said Deputy Chief Jake Burke who oversees the Investigations Division. "Detective Brassfield's skill and knowledge in the field of forensics is essential to the successful prosecution and closure of numerous persons and property crimes. We are very proud he is being recognized for his work and expertise."

Brassfield, who has worked in the field of computer forensics for six years, was previously honored by NCFI in 2019 and 2020.

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