

**Saturday
April 13th
7:00 am**

**Speaker:
Sam Kamkar**
(Eugene Police Department and Industrial
Finishes and Systems—full bio on back)



Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall



Sam Kamkar is a national-level teacher and consultant on Arabic Culture, Islam and Radical Islam; he conducts state-wide teaching and consulting in Tactical Ethics, Biased Based Policing – Racial Profiling, Diversity and Profiling in Contemporary Policing.

Sam Kamkar is among only a few Middle-Eastern police officers in the state of Oregon. Kamkar's knowledge of Middle-Eastern culture, Islam and his language ability has helped with numerous criminal investigations— Kamkar has been teaching, on a national and state level, for several years. Kamkar's audience have included police officers, fire fighters, dispatchers and call takers, public works and library professionals.

Captain Sam Kamkar began his law enforcement career at Portland Police Bureau as a police cadet in 1991 and then became a reserve police officer. In 1994, he joined Oregon State Police as a trooper. Captain Kamkar has been with Eugene Police since 1997.

Today, Captain Kamkar is in command of the Patrol Division consisting of 6 lieutenants, 16 sergeants, 120 officers and other support staff. His areas of responsibilities include: patrol, SWAT, crisis negotiation team, traffic enforcement, school resource officers, Eugene airport team, scheduling, crime prevention, K-9 team, and Downtown bike team.

Captain Kamkar's family immigrated to the United States after the 1979 revolution in Iran during which the Persian King, known as Shah, was deposed and replaced by Ayatollah Khomeini. In 1989 Kamkar became a US Citizen and has been an Oregonian for almost 25 years.

While at Eugene Police, Captain Kamkar has progressed through the Department's ranks from police officer, to sergeant, then lieutenant and acting captain. He has been a watch commander, training manager, patrol supervisor, downtown team supervisor, crowd control bike team commander, background team supervisor, and the UO campus unit supervisor. As a line level officer, in addition to general patrol, Kamkar worked as a school resource officer, UO campus police officer, background investigator, major collision investigator, academy instructor, field training officer, and a mentor for new recruits. He also has served on the department's Honor Guard Team. He helped to manage the security operation during the 2008 and 2012 Eugene Track and Field trials as well as events such as the Eugene Marathon.

In 2002 Captain Kamkar received the City of Eugene's employee of the year award for his contributions toward protecting the members of the Eugene community that were targeted based on their race, religion, and ethnicity in the local aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on America. In 2005, Captain Kamkar received the Mary Carol Norenberg Humanitarian award for developing and delivering cultural competency training for City employees. The same year, he received the Distinguished Service Award for helping to save the life of a man drowning in Delta Ponds. In 2008 he received the Meritorious Service Award for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the department's training program. In 2012, he received a Class II Commendation for his role as Liaison between the City of Eugene leaders and Occupy Eugene.

He currently serves as Executive Director of Human Resources at Industrial Finishes and Systems, Inc.

