

# To Protect & Serve

## Our Monthly Recognition of the Best of the Best

### CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### **MS. VICKIE NELSON**

Vickie has been a dedicated employee for the past 13 years. She is currently assigned to the Budget and Management Division as an Account Technician. She manages a budget worth approximately four and one-half million dollars (\$4,500,000.00). Her assignment includes processing paperwork for acquisitions and payment of supplies and services. On a daily basis she assists City Vendors to promptly and accurately pay for their goods or services that they have provided for the Support Services Division. Vickie is often called upon by other employees for assistance in making decisions regarding how and what should be done in the acquisition of supplies and services. She is always courteous and helpful. Vickie also has been there to assist the new employees assigned to the unit. She assumed these training responsibilities without complaint. On a daily basis, Vickie displays qualities most deserving of this honor. Congratulations on your selection as the Civilian Employee of the Month.



### CORRECTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER CHRISTOPHER KELSEY**

Officer Kelsey is assigned to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility on the Fifth Floor as the Floor Security Officer. One day at the end of his shift, the East Pod Officer alerted him that a disturbance was taking place in one of the dorms. Officer Kelsey observed an inmate stabbing another inmate with a pencil. He immediately ordered the inmate to stop. The inmate ignored his commands and continued to stab the other inmate, who was now unconscious. The attack was taking place near the dorm door. Officer Kelsey had the door rolled open, deployed OC spray to the face of the attacker, and removed the inmate from the dorm. The inmate was quickly handcuffed, and the weapon removed from his grasp. Due to his quick decisive actions, Officer Kelsey prevented this inmate from causing further injury to others. Officer Kelsey was not injured during this incident. Thank You, Officer Kelsey, for your efforts to stop the violence among the inmates. Congratulations on being selected as the Correctional Officer of the Month.



### NON-SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SGT. VENICE FULTON**

Sergeant Fulton is assigned to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. She sets a fine example for her squad. She has taught them how to be available and listen to the inmates when they have information and how to follow up on that information. Because of her willingness to listen, she was informed that a young inmate was preying on one of the elderly inmates. This inmate was stealing commissary items. Sergeant Fulton always does a thorough investigation before taking action against an inmate. During her investigation, she also learned that the accused inmate had crack cocaine in his possession. A search of the accused inmate's possessions revealed the commissary items and the crack cocaine. Additional criminal charges were placed on the inmate, and he was removed from the population to prevent him from doing this again. Sergeant Fulton, your supervisor has received compliments from inmates on your professionalism and calm demeanor when handling problems that arise when you are on duty. Thank you for taking your job seriously. We are proud to have you as part of our team. Congratulations on your selection as the Non-Sworn Supervisor of the Month.



### POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **DETECTIVE ROBERT COOK**

Robert Cook is assigned as a Detective in the Organized Crime Tactical Unit where he has gone above and beyond his normal duty assignment. In the words of his supervisor, "He has worked tirelessly to make a difference in eliminating the open - air drug markets". He has been responsible for coordinating and initiating stings that have occurred in several target areas in our county with priority based on calls for service and complaints of drug activity. During these operations, Detective Cook has to frequent the target areas, putting him in harms way most of the time. His investigations entail identifying the suspects, gaining evidence, obtaining arrest warrants and then executing the warrants. He must coordinate his efforts with other units, including patrol, in the target areas to ensure that he is not interfering with other investigations and to get assistance in making the arrests. As a result of his efforts in the past year; 69 suspects have been arrested for a total of 111 cases for sale of cocaine, robbery and theft. Detective Cook, we appreciate your dedication to this agency and the citizens of Jacksonville.

### SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SGT. JAMES PARKER**

Sergeant Jim Parker was recently assigned as the Team Leader for the newly formed Homicide Cold Case Unit. He has experience dating back to 1989 in Homicide cases when he was a Detective. Since his return to the Homicide Unit as a Sergeant, he has received recognition for his leadership abilities, tenacity and job performance. On September 26, 2002, a triple murder occurred, and Sergeant Parker was designated the Primary Supervisor for the investigation. This case became extremely sensitive and complex due to the nature of the incident. Two young boys and their Aunt were brutally gunned down by unknown suspects. Last month we recognized the dedicated and talented investigative team that was assigned to this case. Sergeant Parker was faced with the tremendously challenging task of planning and organizing this investigation. He utilized and coordinated critical personnel and resources. He held briefings with all units involved. He ensured that all critical information was relayed to the assigned prosecutors at the State Attorney's Office. The primary mission to expedite the investigation was accomplished, without sacrificing the quality of the results. Three suspects were apprehended and indicted for first-degree murder. Sergeant Parker, you are highly respected by the Homicide Unit and others within the JSO. Congratulations on being selected as the Sworn Supervisor of the Month.



### RESERVE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **DR. WILLIAM BLAND**

Officer Bland has been actively involved with the JSO Reserve Program for 12 years. He is employed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield as the Director of Security. With his expertise in Security and his inside knowledge of the JSO, he assisted in the implementation of the new building security procedure. Officer Bland volunteered his time, his resources, and training materials to this department. He gave JSO representatives a tour of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building. The highlight of the tour was their impressive security system. Additionally, he shared ideas and made recommendations to suit our needs and enhance the security for the Police Memorial Building. Officer Bland, you have truly shown your dedication to the security and safety of others. On behalf of the employees of JSO, we thank you for assisting us. Congratulations on being selected as the Reserve Officer of the Month.



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