

To Protect & Serve

Our Monthly Recognition of the Best of the Best

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

MS. CAROLIN ODOM

Ms. Carolin Odom works as a Clerical Support Aide III in the Fugitives Unit. She is often called upon to fill in for the Chief of Detectives Secretary when necessary. In addition to her clerical duties, Ms. Odom manages a program that tracks and bills the State of Florida for services associated with Writs of Attachment for child support. Because of her attention to detail, Ms. Odom noticed a change in the contract regarding payment to the JSO. She brought this information to her supervisor that led to a review of the information. As a result of her action, Ms. Odom prevented what would have been a 57 percent reduction in payment to the JSO. Had the contract been changed, the loss of revenue would have been nearly 61-thousand dollars per year with a total amount of 183 thousand dollars over the three-year life of the contract. Thank you Ms. Odom for your dedication and commitment. You are an invaluable member of the team. Congratulations on being selected the Civilian Employee of the Year.



CORRECTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

OFFICER ROBERT URBAN

Corrections Officer Robert Urban is assigned to the Montgomery Correctional Center in the Jails and Prisons Supply Section. Officer Urban rose to the occasion when he filled in for his immediate supervisor who was on leave for seven weeks. Officer Urban oversaw the entire operation of the Jails and Prisons Supply Section. His functions included all warehouse operations; the ordering, receipt, distribution and inventory of all supply items as well as the pick-up and delivery of all mattresses and pillows when necessary. Officer Urban made sure the prison industries of shoe repair and silk-screening continued its operations without any problems. Not only did he handle these additional duties well, Officer Urban played an active role in the Police Memorial Day Ceremony. He insured the delivery of culinary equipment and food to the PMB for the event. Officer Urban went well beyond the normal requirements of his daily duties as Supply Officer. He manages to always meet and exceed the expectations placed on him. Officer Urban, you are a credit to your profession and this Department. Congratulations on being selected the Corrections Officer of the Year. Thank you for a job well done.



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

DET. LARRY KUCZKOWSKI

Detective Kuczowski knows the meaning of perseverance. His efforts to never give up led to the arrest of some very dangerous criminals. After a five-month investigation, Detective Kuczowski arrested two felons and cleared five bank robberies. In the beginning, initial leads and information led to dead-ends, but this detective persisted against the odds. Finally, after several attempts, Detective Kuczowski was able to get enough information to identify a possible suspect. The suspect eventually confessed to the five bank robberies and implicated the co-defendants in the other cases. Because of the Detective's commitment, more armed robberies were prevented from happening. Detective Kuczowski, thank you for your commitment and dedication. Your work ethic is second to none. Congratulations for being selected the Police Officer of the Year.



VOLUNTEER EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

MR. GEORGE "SCOTTY" FORBES

Mr. George "Scotty" Forbes has been a member of the Sheriff's Volunteer Program for twenty years. Scotty started volunteering after he retired as a Marine Field Service Engineer. Since joining us in March of 1981, he has logged more than 27 thousand volunteer hours. Scotty has worked in many locations in the department. For the past five years, he has been assigned to the Traffic Homicide/Auto Theft Unit. Scotty handles a variety of duties including clerical work and making sure the Auto Theft contact cards are sent to the victims. Scotty is 86 years old but he says that a second retirement is not in his plans. Thank you, Scotty, for being a great asset to this department. You are most deserving of being selected as the Volunteer Employee of the Year.



SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

SGT. DARRYL DANIELS

Sgt. Darryl Daniels is assigned to Patrol Zone 4. He is an excellent supervisor who inspires his officers to be pro-active and to solve problems. They had their work cut out for them when residents began complaining that a local club in Zone 4 was a magnet for illegal activities. As a Midnight Watch Supervisor, Sgt. Daniels began the near impossible task of solving this growing problem and restoring consumer confidence. Sgt. Daniels researched the calls for service at the bar and found that there had been numerous acts of violence and even a stabbing at the business. He implemented an action plan that included pro-active traffic enforcement, curfew enforcement and increased police presence. Sgt. Daniels continued the assault with both high visibility and covert deployments. This Zero Tolerance approach sent a strong message to club owners, patrons and citizens. Finally, the owners of the club decided to relocate. Thank you, Sgt. Daniels, for your persistence and perseverance. Our citizens are now writing thank you letters, instead of complaints. Congratulations on a job well done and for being selected the Sworn Supervisor of the Year.



NON-SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

COMM. SGT. VICKIE DIAZ

Communications Sgt. Vickie Diaz has been with the JSO since 1988. Ten years after joining our agency, she was promoted to Sergeant. Since that time, she has played an active role in developing the team concept among her subordinates and fellow supervisors. She exemplifies this effort in her daily routine. Sgt. Diaz has received recognition and commendations for her superior performance. In one case, she played a vital role during a S.W.A.T. call-out. Sgt. Diaz contacted the suspect who was threatening to commit suicide. While on the telephone, she established a rapport with him and was able to convince the man to surrender. Her experience was instrumental in another case involving an infant that had been kidnapped. Sgt. Diaz was a key player in what became a major incident. In spite of many pressures, she coordinated the efforts of communications personnel, the FBI, news media and Patrol. Sgt. Diaz, you make all of us proud. Your positive attitude and enthusiasm are among your great qualities. We appreciate you and the entire Communications Center team. Keep up the great work. Congratulations on being selected the Non-Sworn Supervisor of the Year.



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