

# TO PROTECT AND SERVE

*Our monthly recognition for the best of the best*



## *Police Officer of the Month*

### DETECTIVE REY COLL, JR.

Detective Rey Coll, Jr., is honored for his dedication and ability to produce fast, accurate results. Earlier this year when JSO assumed the responsibility of law enforcement for the town of Baldwin, a full accounting was required of that Department's property and evidence room.

The task force assigned to this job had to bring the evidence and records up to JSO's accreditation standards and ready for audit. It was critical that the firearms, money and narcotics, as well as evidence collected in previous investigations and

seizures, be properly accounted for and disposed of in accordance with state law.

Coll participated with the JSO team that identified, cataloged, researched and disposed of the thousands of pieces of evidence stored in Baldwin. The work was difficult and tedious. In many situations either missing reports or more than one version of the same incident or case made classification of the evidence challenging.

Coll, who conducted detailed research and provided insight into the classification process, consistently made smart decisions and worked tirelessly to complete the project in the time provided. Serving with integrity and distinction, he ensured the job was done properly and efficiently and that our agency's standards were honored.

The operation was deemed a success by everyone involved, including the Mayor of Baldwin and the members of the private firms brought in to observe and authenticate the process. Congratulations to Detective Rey Coll for a job well done.



## *Civilian of the Month*

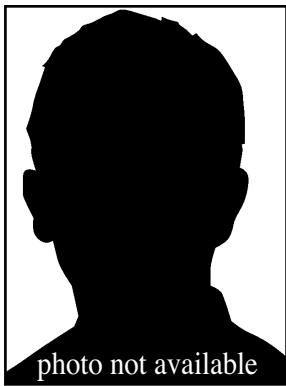
### KATHY E. GOING

Kathy Going, a 23-year JSO veteran, was named Civilian of the Month because of her unwavering work ethic and positive attitude toward JSO and the Central Records Unit. Starting her career in Corrections, she was promoted to Sergeant before transferring to the Central Records Unit. As lead worker for her shift, Kathy (a PST II in data input) oversees the evening assignments, tracks both missing reports and reports that have been returned to officers for corrections, and inputs more than 300 reports during her shift. She is always professional,

friendly and helpful, resulting in a positive and productive working relationship between officers and Data Input.

Kathy also volunteers as the Central Records representative for the Citizens Academy. She developed a PowerPoint presentation designed to educate students about all facets of Central Records: UCR Codes, warrants, capias, dispositions, release of records according to the Public Records Law, sealing and expunging arrest records and many other interesting areas of the Records Unit, including the proper handling of fraud records.

Because of Kathy's excellent understanding of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) codes as they relate to offense reports, she was chosen to facilitate a training class on the subject. Kathy developed a detailed syllabus, included actual examples of reports and provided the students hands-on training in real life situations. She demonstrates all four core values of this agency, especially Community Focused and Always Improving.



## *Corrections Officer of the Month*

### GARY BARNHART

Gary Barnhart, a 19-year JSO veteran, is currently serving in the Services Division of the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. He is diligent, hard-working and a true professional who has displayed strong personal commitment and ability on several occasions when he has served as Officer in Charge. He is knowledgeable in all areas of building maintenance and in numerous areas of skilled labor. Gary routinely uses these skills to save JSO thousands of dollars each year.

Case in point: recently the officers' dining room needed re-carpeting. After receiving a quote of \$3,500 to install the new carpet, Gary was able to provide the same results for about \$575. By using inmate labor and his knowledge of construction, he saved the agency approximately \$2,925.

"Officer Barnhart is an asset to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and is a true professional," says his Lieutenant, Clarence H. James. "Each and every day, he exemplifies our Core Values: Worthy of Trust, Community Focused, Always Improving, and Respect for Others."

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is happy to have this fine worker with all of the skills, knowledge and commitment to responsibility he brings to the PTDF. Congratulations on being honored as the November Corrections Officer of the Month.



## *Police Supervisor of the Month*

### SERGEANT CARY J. COWAN

Sgt. Cary Cowan, assigned to the School Resource Officer program, is recognized for his ability to lead others by example, think quickly and for his dedication to JSO, the community and his family. During his short SRO tenure, Cowan has taken every offered opportunity to increase the level of efficiency and ability of officers under his command.

In April, Cowan attended a conference in Orlando that addressed bullying in our schools. Returning home, he created a PowerPoint presentation to provide other SROs information

and tools necessary to address the problems associated with traditional bullying and cyber bullying.

Cowan also realizes that his responsibilities encompass the schools AND the surrounding areas. Last April, he was en route to a Duval County School when he learned a burglary had occurred near his location. Responding to the call, he noticed an individual nearby matching the suspect's description and attempted to detain the man. The suspect fled the scene, but after a brief pursuit, Cowan apprehended him and returned the majority of the following stolen property to the grateful victim: several pieces of jewelry, a laptop computer and a firearm.

Unfortunately, one valuable piece of jewelry was not recovered at the scene, so Cowan requested an evidence technician and metal detector, and the missing ring was found. The suspect later pled guilty to this burglary and three others committed in the area.

Sgt. Cowan, also a Major in the U. S. Army Reserves who served one year of deployment in Iraq, is married and the father of two sons. "He takes great joy and pride in his sons' accomplishments and his family life," says his Lieutenant John T. Lamb.

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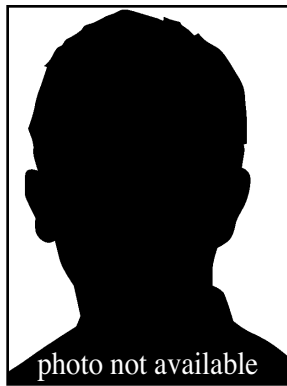
## *Volunteer of the Month*

### BERNARD THOMAS

Bernard Thomas has provided loyal and dedicated service as Chairman for the Sector-M Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo) since 1996. He provides presentations, locates different sites for the meetings and ensures that each neighborhood in the sector is included. He contributes to the success of the Sheriff's Walks by distributing flyers to notify the residents of the upcoming walk and handles all logistics.

For the last two years, Bernard has also regularly volunteered his time and talents at the Zone 5 Substation. He maintains the facility and grounds, supervises inmate workers, paints, stocks necessary supplies, distributes mail and correspondence and runs errands as needed. He cheerfully and willingly accepts any request for assistance from the administration, staff, supervisor, officers and other employees.

On three separate occasions, Bernard has spearheaded the plans, preparations and finances needed to give the personnel at Zone 5 a fish fry. Bernard wants to "let the officers know that we care about them." For his exceptional voluntary service to JSO and the community for many years, he is honored as Volunteer of the Month.



## *Corrections Supervisor of the Month*

### SGT. SCOTT UMSTEAD

Sergeant Scott Umstead is honored as Corrections Supervisor of the Month because of his reputation as being diligent, hard working and a true professional. A 16-year JSO veteran, he is currently assigned to the Services Division at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

Scott supervises the laundry room, kitchen and receiving / maintenance areas. He is a natural leader who makes the day-to-day operations of these high-volume work areas flow smoothly

with few interruptions.

He looks for ways to improve the productivity and accountability of the Corrections Department. During the recent FCAC re-accreditation process, Scott reorganized the facility tool room and initiated a new tool accountability procedure. This procedure not only drastically enhanced the safety and security of the facility, but also exceeded the expectations of the accreditation inspectors.

JSO is proud to have such a dedicated individual representing the agency's Department of Corrections. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done.



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