

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

Our monthly recognition for the best of the best



Reserve Officer of the Month

HOWARD E. WILHITE

Reserve Officer Howard Wilhite, or "Willie" as his friends call him, is an excellent public servant who is highly valued by this agency. Willie is a railroad engineer and is out of town frequently; however, when he is in Jacksonville and not riding the rails for CSX, he volunteers as a Reserve Officer for JSO.

Willie joined the Reserve Unit in 1984 and since that time has chosen to spend his relaxation and recreation time assisting us in creating a safer Jacksonville. Currently he spends one weekend each month and many holidays patrolling the beaches with the four-wheel-drive unit, working special events around the city, providing crime scene security, or assisting the homicide detectives by searching for evidence.

Sheriff Rutherford says, "For more than 20 years you have spent countless hours ensuring that our beaches are safe, our special events run smoothly and just helping out and providing the extra manpower needed to solve cases. Your steadfast dedication to our agency is deeply appreciated."

Congratulations on being named Reserve Office of the Month.



Corrections Officer of the Month

ANDREW L. LOVINGS

Andrew Lovings, who has worked for the JSO since May 2001, is currently assigned to the Montgomery Correctional Center. He is responsible for transporting inmates and patrolling the grounds and is committed to the safety of the inmates, employees and visitors of MCC.

Last July, while conducting a routine security sweep of the visitor's parking area, he found a plastic bag stuffed inside a hollowed-out railroad tie and camouflaged by rocks. An experienced corrections officer, he knew that contraband drops are usually cleverly disguised as everyday litter or trash, so

he retrieved the bag and found an unloaded .32 caliber revolver.

Andrew has also taken every opportunity to expand his knowledge of law enforcement tactics. He is a Curriculum Maintenance System certified trainer in electronics weapons control, crisis intervention, field training, and he recently became a member of the JSO Honor Guard. In his spare time, Andrew also volunteers with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) clients, providing assistance with housing repairs or relocation services.

"I was proud to nominate Officer Andrew Lovings for Officer of the Month", says Sergeant Autumn Flemming. "He is truly an asset to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the community."

Congratulations for being named Corrections Officer of the month.



Police Supervisor of the Month

LT. SHANNON DOUBERLY

Shannon Douberly is recognized because of his outstanding success in managing "Operation Roadblock," which was created last year when JSO worked with FHP Officers from around the state to strategically target criminal activities in response to the city's increased number of murders. As a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative (HIDTA) supervisor, Douberly scheduled and coordinated the joint jurisdictional efforts of the operation.

From June through August, six deployments were conducted consisting of 30 FHP troopers, members of all JSO Zone Task force squads, members of the Violent Crimes Task Force, and JSO narcotics investigators assigned to the HIDTA Unit. Douberly ensured that each officer was strategically placed for maximum effectiveness and also working in conjunction with the OSS officers.

As a result of his ability to manage, motivate and coordinate such a detailed initiative, Operation Roadblock produced excellent results: 588 arrests were made, \$130,377 in cash, 25 vehicles and 61 firearms were seized. The following drugs were also seized: 6 kilos and 138.7 grams of powdered cocaine, 237.9 grams of crack cocaine, 143.8 grams of heroin, 3,107 grams of marijuana and 586 grams of Ecstasy.

Simultaneous to Operation Roadblock, Douberly and the HIDTA Unit continued their normal interdiction efforts, arrested 12 individuals and seized 574.25 pounds of marijuana, 2.75 Kilos of powdered cocaine, 170.02 grams of crack cocaine and \$25,390 in currency.

Douberly is successful in what he does because he understands the value of partnering with other agencies. "His hard work and skilled management techniques create positive outcomes and clearly support the Sheriff's Offices core values of *Always Improving, Community Focused, and Respect for Others*," says Lieutenant Randy Parmer.

Congratulations for being named Police Supervisor of the Month.



Civilian Supervisor of the Month

MICHAEL "MIKE" LAMB

Since joining the JSO family in February 2003, Mike Lamb has worked tirelessly to improve the Civil Processes Unit, which processes judicial documents that originate from the courts, governmental agencies and private attorneys in Florida and throughout the United States. He, his eight clerical employees and 150 appointed Special Process Servers (SPS) ensure that time-sensitive documents are received, processed and disseminated to the civil officers in a timely manner. Mike is also responsible for auditing and maintaining accurate records of the \$600,000 that the Civil Unit brings in yearly from customer service activities.

Prior to his arrival, the clerical staff did not have a duties/responsibilities manual, nor were their job functions clearly defined. Mike drafted a procedures manual to ensure that each member of the team was operating at maximum efficiency, and he saw other opportunities to improve the SPS Unit. He is responsible for annual testing of Servers, their interview and testing appointments, background screening, training, and handling all complainants as prescribed by Florida State Statute 48.021. In accordance with that law, Mike instituted inquiries into Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to ensure that JSO hired Servers of the highest quality.

Mike retired as a major after spending 22 years in the Marine Corps and served three years on the Fernandina Beach City Council and also as their Chamber of Commerce President. He brings a wealth of experience and leadership skills to the Civil Process Unit and JSO is proud to have him as a member of the family. Congratulations.



Civilian Employee of the Month

Clerical Support Aide III ANGELA FOURAKER

Angela Fouraker is recognized because she demonstrates zeal for every assignment and an aptitude for getting the job done. Her wide range of duties in supporting Community Affairs include: •maintaining the Graffiti Abatement database •scheduling all Community Affairs/Special Event Life Scan appointments •coordinating the monthly safety program •planning and producing retirement ceremonies •ensuring

the School Resource Officers database is accurate, and she created the Unit's Truancy database.

Angela's value to this agency cannot be measured by mere words but by the success of the community projects, such as JSO fundraising events, in which she has been involved: •2005/2006 Light the City motorcycle rides that, combined, raised more than \$100,000 for COPS and PAL •Annual Sheriff's Cup Golf Tournaments •Guns and Hoses Boxing Events •The Mended Little Hearts of Jacksonville •American Heart Association Heart Walk that set a JSO record of charitable giving by raising more than \$10,000 •Light the Night walk benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society •School Guard Appreciation Luncheon •Annual Combined ShAdCo Meeting held at Alltel Stadium.

"Angela takes to heart the 'Riding for the Brand' philosophy," says David Stevens, Chief of Patrol East. "We are proud to have her as a member of the Sheriff's Office 'West Wing.'" (Since this nomination, Angela has transitioned to Patrol East, assisting its new Chief, David Stevens.)

Congratulations on winning Civilian Employee of the Month.



Police Officer of the Month

DET. CLYDE "DANNY" McCLAIN

Detective Danny McClain is honored because he is a capable detective who is able to obtain detailed confessions and close burglary cases.

On May 10, 2006, Danny interviewed two suspects caught leaving a crime scene and obtained information about nine separate burglaries and enough information about a third suspect to arrest and charge that person. All nine burglaries were solved, several items of stolen property were returned to their rightful owners AND 10 firearms were recovered

as a result of this one skillful interview session.

Because of his investigative efforts from May 1 to Sept. 6, 2006, 13 arrests were made and 19 burglary cases were cleared, not to mention the 10 stolen firearms taken off the streets. His supervisor, Sgt. Wilfong, says, "Due to Danny's commitment to excellence and the JSO core value of *Community Focused*, the number of burglaries in his assigned area has decreased by 15 percent."

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