

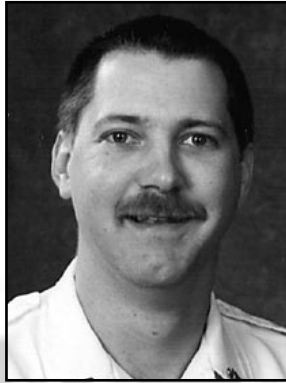
# To Protect & Serve

## Our Monthly Recognition of the Best of the Best

### CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#### **MR. JAMES VAN GORDER**

Mr. Van Gorder is an Emergency Communications Officer Two. He is currently assigned to the Communication Center as the Assistant Training Coordinator. As an experienced dispatcher, he handles multiple calls for service and dispatches officers without skipping a beat. Mr. Van Gorder does not show signs of distress, anger or confusion during stressful or emergency situations. He is always calm, no matter what the situation is. Right now, he is providing classroom instruction to personnel that are training to be Dispatchers. On a moments notice, he will stay late or work overtime. Mr. Van Gorder also has a vast knowledge of computers, including the CAD system, laptops, and PC's that operate the NCIC/FCIC software. He works closely with the ISM unit to ensure that the needs of the Communication Center are met. Last year when the Communication Center underwent a major CAD system upgrade, Mr. Van Gorder was there every step of the way. He worked closely with Printrak, and ensured that the new system and the Center were operating efficiently. He worked diligently to fix any problems that arose during this time. He certainly has a reputation for extending his duties and contributions well beyond that of his title. The personnel in the Communications Center have expressed how proud they are to have him as a fellow employee, a friend and a rock to lean on. Congratulations, Mr. Van Gorder, for being selected as the Civilian Employee of the Month.



### NON-SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SERGEANT SHARON ELLIOT**

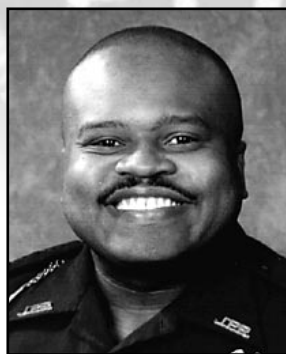
Sharon Elliott is an ECO Sergeant in the Communications Center. She has been with the JSO since 1989. During her tenure, she has continued to excel in her duties. On a daily basis, she performs each task with confidence and professionalism. Sergeant Elliott takes time to personally monitor the training of new employees. She ensures that they are receiving the direction and materials needed, understands and applies the importance of teamwork. Sergeant Elliott has received numerous accolades from her superiors, police officers and citizens for her hard work, patience, and time that she dedicates. She has assisted in research projects, requiring her to gain extensive knowledge on different types of software; displayed initiative by accepting and completing the task of entering all the boat ramps in the CAD system. She assisted on extremely stressful nights when computers malfunction and require the personnel to dispatch in manual mode. Sergeant Elliott has shown her expert capabilities by calmly coordinating Patrol and Rescue units, along with various other units, on extremely stressful scenes, and is well trained and experienced in many areas of the Communications center. She is respected for the way she handles her day-to-day activities and stressful situations, and can be categorized as a role model for other employees. It is an honor today to announce that you are the Non Sworn Supervisor of the Month. Congratulations.



### RESERVE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER CRAIG CAMPBELL**

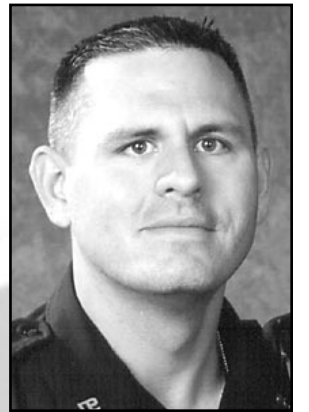
Officer Campbell is employed full-time as a UPS Driver. He is the Minister of Bowden Methodist Church. He has almost 20 years of military service in the US Army Reserve as a Sergeant First Class (E-7), and he is attending Seminary Class at Coral Ridge University pursuing his degree. One can certainly say that he is a busy man. During the last ten years, he has also dedicated himself as a JSO Reserve Officer. He has been described as a superlative officer in all respects. Officer Campbell displays the proper attire when he is on duty. He is always safe, reliable, and courteous, and interacts well with all the officers with whom he comes in contact. Officer Campbell, you are to be commended for your devotion, skills and reliability in this volunteer position. We truly appreciate all that you do for the community. Congratulations on being selected as the Reserve Officer of the Month.



### POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER MATTHEW DOHERTY**

Officer Matthew Doherty has been employed as a Police Officer for two years. During this time he has been assigned to Patrol Zone One. Officer Doherty's exceptional work ethic and productivity have been recognized. Between May and October of last year, Officer Doherty received commendations for several incidents that included apprehending suspects for murder, auto theft and armed robbery. Additionally, he has been commended for entering a burning home to save a family. In each of these cases, Officer Doherty displayed courage and commitment. He is a team player, who is willing to follow orders as well as make decisions. Officer Doherty continues to work on improving his policing skills. Over the past year, he has attended numerous classes on his own time. These include "Integrity in High-Liability Police Operations" and "Kinesic Interviews". He completed his four-year degree in Business from the University of Florida and he is a graduate of the Police Corp. Thank you, Officer Doherty, for your dedication and professionalism. Your commitment to excellence is evident. We encourage you to keep up the great work. Congratulations on being selected the Police Officer of the Month.



### CORRECTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### **OFFICER GARY WAKEFIELD**

Officer Wakefield is assigned to the Pre-Trial Service Program where officers screen and release the offenders that will be monitored while their cases are pending before the courts. The monitoring consists of weekly sessions to include, but not limited to, referral services and random drug testing. This program is a challenge for the officers assigned. He is extremely dedicated to accomplishing the program goals. Promoting public safety by ensuring the supervision and presenting pertinent information concerning the offenders to the court are two of those goals. Officer Wakefield is a valuable part of the program team. He has primarily worked as a case management officer but is also skilled as a courtroom officer. He performs each task with a high degree of knowledge.



Attendance of the staff is critical in this unit. Officer Wakefield is always willing to adjust his personal schedule, working extra hours if needed, and covers the shifts of his co-workers to ensure the staffing needs are met. He also dedicates his time to Boy Scouts of America troop. Officer Wakefield is certainly "Community Focused". Thank You Officer Wakefield, for your dedication. Congratulations on being selected as the Corrections Officer of the Month.

### SWORN SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

#### **SERGEANT JIM SUBER**

Sergeant Jim Suber has been with the JSO for 28 years. He is currently assigned as the Special Events Coordinator and the Marine Unit Supervisor. In his duties, he must coordinate security and traffic surrounding Special Events. A few of these events are New Years Eve, Fourth of July, and Veteran's Day. He is also involved in the planning of Jaguar Football games and other special games played at Alltel Stadium. Sergeant Suber also takes on additional duties. He participates in staff studies regarding the selection of JSO vehicles, motorcycles and marine vessels. Additionally, he is the primary contact for all police escorts. These escorts must be planned with the greatest of detail to ensure safety for everyone. He has coordinated escorts to include protection and movement of Presidents of the United States as well as other dignitaries, both domestic and foreign; is regarded as a traffic safety expert, and also serves on numerous other committees and advisory boards. He has a reputation for successfully accomplishing many tasks for this agency and this community. Sergeant Suber, you are most deserving of this honor today. Congratulations on being chosen as the Sworn Supervisor of the Month.



**JOHN RUTHERFORD**

## Thank You Jacksonville!