

# TO PROTECT AND SERVE

*Our monthly recognition for the best of the best*



## *Corrections Supervisor of the Month*

### **SGT. STEVEN R. JESSEE**

Corrections Sergeant Steven R. Jessee is being honored because he is compassionate to ALL residents of the pre-trial detention facility. On September 21, 2006, Steve was on duty when an inmate arrested by the Jacksonville Beach Police Department (JBPD) was admitted into the Pre-Trail Detention Facility. When the inmate was transferred from Jacksonville Beach, his personal electronic wheelchair was too large to be transported in the JBPD vehicle.

Recognizing the problem of not having the wheelchair with the inmate, Steve immediately dispatched the PTDF's wheelchair van to retrieve the electronic chair. When the officer returned with the van, the key to the wheelchair was not with it. Unfortunately, it was after 1:00 a.m. and the Property Room would not reopen until 6:30 a.m. Steve called the JBPD and spoke to Corporal Brown who agreed to bring the key to the PTDF the next morning.

Steve took the time to explain the situation to the inmate, made sure the wheelchair was plugged in, with the battery charging, and made arrangements for the next Watch to get the inmate his wheelchair first thing in the morning. The extra time and attention he gave to this situation is a prime example of his dedication to JSO's core value of *Always Trustworthy*.

An 11-year veteran of JSO, Steve has always displayed an attention to detail and compassion for others. Congratulations on winning Corrections Officer of the Month.



## *Corrections Officer of the Month*

### **LAUREEN CARTER-BROCK**

Corrections Officer Lauren Carter-Brock is recognized because she is dedicated to the safety of Jacksonville residents off duty, as well as on. Early one morning last September as Lauren left work at the Community Connections Division, she noticed an inmate running down the street. She immediately took action to stop the escapee by placing an "officer needs assistance" radio call. She maintained visual surveillance while relaying his location to Corrections Sgt. Sandra Miller.

Lauren followed the escapee from CCD across the parking lot at the corner of Catherine and Duval Streets, toward Church Street. At this point, she commanded the inmate to stop, which he ignored. He then removed his S.A.T. institutional orange shirt, jumped a fence and ran behind a row of houses on Washington Street. Lauren positioned her car in front of the houses and waited for Corrections Officers to arrive or for the escapee to make a move.

When backup officers arrived at the scene, Lauren and five of the officers searched around the houses while two others remained in front. After methodically searching under the houses, the inmate was located and returned to custody.

Officer Carter-Brock's alert action and diligent surveillance of the inmate resulted in his quick capture and subsequent re-arrest on an escape charge. Congratulations on being named Corrections Officer of the Month.



## *Police Officer of the Month for March*

### **DETECTIVE MISTY LEDERMAN**

When Detective Misty Lederman joined the School Board investigation Unit in April of 2004, she immediately created programs that targeted specific needs of students. She developed an Anti-Violence/Anti-Bullying program which she presents to Duval County Elementary, Middle and High Schools, as well as private schools.

Misty was instrumental in creating the Summit for Underage Drinking. Prior to the start of prom season she partnered with the Duval County Public School Board, Mothers Against

Drunk Driving and the Fraternal Order of Police to hold an all day event educating teenagers about drunk driving. The Stop Teen Underage Drinking (STUD) Teen Summit offered speakers AND a fully developed fatal crash scenario. Participants from Fire/Rescue, the Shands Hospital Trauma One Helicopter and students from Ed White High School acted out the crash scenario. The Summit was a success, with more than 320 students in attendance.

Troubled students know Misty will always take the time to meet with them, and she volunteers as a mentor to a family of four siblings at San Jose Elementary School through the State Attorney's Office CUP program.

This detective is an experienced investigator with a reputation of having an excellent work ethic. She successfully cleared difficult cases at Terry Parker High School, Northwestern Middle School and Sandalwood High School. Lt. William Medlin says of Misty, "As her supervisor, I am proud to have such an outstanding individual to submit for Officer of the Month."

Sheriff Rutherford said, "Misty, I am proud to recognize your outstanding achievements in the School Board Investigations Office. Congratulations on winning Police Officer of the Month."



## *Police Supervisor of the Month*

### **SGT. MICHAEL D. BRUNO**

Police Sergeant Michael D. Bruno is recognized for his actions as a supervisor in two very different and unique units. He supervised the School Resource Officer program and was a sergeant on the Bomb Squad.

As a supervisor of the SRO program, Michael documented all of the activity and arrest reports from six squads and 48 school SROs assigned to the 47 Duval County Middle and High Schools. The carefully organized results proved to be an invaluable resource for incident inquires by the media and

school officials.

Michael also coordinated with the Crime Analysis Unit to integrate the duties of the SROs into the Mobile Data Computer system. This required adding new signals for the SROs to use and designing a program capable of documenting student conferences, parent conferences and social agency referrals into the MDC. Adding the signals and new information to the MDC provided better tracking and management of the SRO program.

The sergeant developed standardized forms that the SROs use while checking the 1000-foot perimeter around the school and created a template for the Juvenile Civil Citations that is in use by the State Attorney's Office, Teen Court and the SROs.

In addition to his SRO duties, Michael serves as a sergeant on the Bomb Squad. He developed a Homeland Security web page for 94net which included a general overview of the Homeland Security Unit and its specific operation. The web page also provides JSO employees general information that they and their families might need in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster. He also contacted the COJ.net webmaster and had vital safety information placed on the public Website, as well.

Michael is responsible for the safe identification and "Render Safe Procedure" of any suspicious package calls. He facilitates communications between the Bomb Squad and the Patrol Watch Commander at the scene of such incidents.

As supervisor of the SROs and sergeant in the Bomb Squad, Michael carries a tremendous amount of responsibility, and he always works towards improving his areas of responsibility. Congratulations on winning Police Supervisor of the Month.



## *Civilian of the Month*

### **RICHARD T. KOCIK**

Richard T. Kocik is an excellent forensic fingerprint examiner capable of producing identifications in major cases. On Jan. 11, 2006, the body of Denise Manning was located inside the trunk of her leased Gator City Taxi. The victim died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. The vehicle was processed by the Crime Scene Evidence Technicians, who lifted a latent print from the trunk area.

Richard worked quickly and provided a lead to the possible murderer; furthermore, he was able to offer a detailed explanation of the hand motion involved in leaving the print, which indicated that whoever left the print was closing the trunk. The unidentified prints were run through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, AFIS, and matched to Rex McKennie, who was located in the Polk County Jail. Although McKennie denied killing Ms. Manning when questioned by homicide detectives, he did later confess to other inmates that he committed the murder. He was subsequently charged with the murder of Denise Manning.

Congratulations on being honored as Civilian of the Month.



## *Reserve Officer of the Month*

### **TIMOTHY R. HINSON**

Reserve Officer Timothy R. Hinson is being honored because he took the time to teach crime prevention classes during Neighborhood Watch meetings in the fall of 2006. He taught ten training classes to these groups in preparation for the busy holiday season.

"I feel confident that Reserve Officer Hinson has made a difference within our community, not only by educating citizens, but by building excellent relationships within the community," says Reserve Sergeant Eric Schwabe.

Timothy is a nine-year veteran of the Reserve Officer program and has worked in patrol, narcotics, vice and special events. In appreciation for his hard work and dedication to crime prevention in our neighborhoods, he is named Reserve Officer of the Month.

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