

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

Our monthly recognition for the best of the best



Police Officer of the Month

TRACY A. STAPP

Detective Tracy Stapp is honored because of excellent results he achieves as a valued member of JSO's Crime Scene Unit. Last August 5, patrol officers responding to a 911 call at a residence on the Westside found the body of Delores Futrel and suspected she had been murdered. Tracy and Evidence Technician Det. Dewayne Gray responded to the scene and began collecting evidence in the house and backyard. To process the scene as quickly as possible, in a four-day period the two detectives worked about 48 hours. They took more than 758 photos, collected 106 swabs, gathered 64 individual pieces of evidence, and dusted or glued about 40 surfaces for fingerprints. Staying in constant contact with homicide detectives and sharing information as it became available, Tracy stored and maintained all evidence he and the ME's office collected, then submitted it to FDLE for DNA matching.

During the last week of August, homicide detectives were notified that FDLE had a "hit" on the DNA, and on Aug. 31, Randall Deviney was brought in for questioning for the murder of Delores Futrel. When confronted with the overwhelming evidence against him, evidence primarily collected by Tracy, Deviney confessed to the murder.

Because of his professionalism and excellent attention to detail, Tracy was also the primary detective on the highly publicized shooting incident of Jaguar Richard Collier.



Civilian Employee of the Month

TIFFANY MACKKEY

Tiffany Mackey, Program Manager for the Police Athletic League, coordinates and promotes PAL's nine sports programs and is a liaison for many of the special activities at PAL sites, that are held to benefit PAL, or in which PAL partners, such as the upcoming Shannon Miller Kids Marathon. Last year she led planning of the successful PAL Volunteer Recognition Banquet on May 3 (250 attendees).

She planned and executed the PAL Summer Program, coordinating a mandatory training for police officers and civilian counselors that provided information regarding youth development concepts and strategies, as well as interactive scenarios and an introduction to the camp curriculum. She developed the themes for each week's camp (attended by more than 250 children), while directly overseeing the individual curriculums developed by on-site camp coordinators.

Tiffany also coordinated the annual Sheriff's Cup Golf Tournament fundraiser and silent auction which grossed more than \$80,000 for PAL, an agency that serves more than 2,200 children throughout the city.



Certificate of Appreciation

JAMAR WILLIAMS

On Dec. 6, 2008, Officer David Brown was dispatched to an automobile crash at the Fortuna Senior Center on McCormick Road in Arlington. When he arrived at the scene, he spoke to 14-year-old Jamar Williams who had witnessed an 83-year-old woman get into her car with the intent of backing out of her parking space. Instead of backing up, however, her car accelerated forward, ran over a concrete barrier, went through a parking lot, hit a tree and overturned. Jamar immediately ran to the woman's aid and found gas spilling from the gas tank. He acted quickly and calmly, pulling the driver from the overturned car. His quick actions kept the elderly woman from receiving further injuries as a result of being trapped in the overturned car.

Lifesaving Awards

GREGG L. MATTSON

On Nov. 11, 2008, Zone 1 Officer Gregg Mattson was dispatched to a house fire where the home was engulfed, with smoke billowing out of the windows. JFRD Capt. William Langley, Engine 2C, gave this account of Mattson's actions: "...I observed a lady in a wheelchair trying to escape out the front door of the home with heavy smoke around her and fire beginning to 'lick' out the top of the same front door. Officer Mattson, who apparently had arrived seconds before me, had made his way to the front porch, up the stairs and to the potential victim. He alone, without fear for his own life, lifted the wheelchair bound lady...chair and all, off the front porch (which sat a good four feet off-grade) and safely guided her to the street where Rescue personnel were able to evaluate her. If not for the actions of Mattson this night, I feel sure we would have had a serious injury or possibly a fatality..."

STEPHEN C. RHATIGAN

Last May, while off duty at the Florida Tackle and Gun Club on San Jose Blvd, Officer Rhatigan, canine handler for the Seaport Unit's newest narcotics dog, was alerted to an emergency in the kitchen. Rhatigan, along with retired JFRD Chief John Bunn, went to the kitchen and found a man lying on the floor with no pulse and not breathing. The men began CPR on the man and continued their efforts until Rescue arrived. Once the man was defibrillated by Rescue, his heartbeat and pulse returned to normal. The man was transported to St. Lukes Hospital for further treatment. JFRD Lt. Kip Pashall states, "the quick and decisive action taken by Ofc. Rhatigan and Chief Bunn...directly affected the saving [this man's] life."



Corrections Officer of the Month

TEDDY CLAYMAN

Working in the Intake and Releasing area (ITR) of the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Teddy Clayman has developed a reputation for having a sixth sense about when an inmate is not acting normally and when he should further investigate a situation. Sgt. Michael Devlin wrote about Teddy in his nomination, "...I have personally expressed to him numerous times [that] he has developed an impressive ability to recognize unusual inmate behaviors that is a great asset to his squad and the Department of Corrections."

Last September Teddy was assisting in processing an inmate who appeared to be nervous. The more instructions Teddy gave him, the more edgy and uneasy the inmate became. Realizing the man was probably hiding something not found in the initial search when he was arrested or during the search Teddy had just completed, he asked the man to step into a nearby restroom. Upon entering the restroom, the inmate pulled from his person a baggie filled with white powder and put it in his mouth. Teddy realized the man was trying to swallow the bag and attempted to stop him.

If the bag contained a significant quantity of an illegal or hazardous substance and was ingested, the sudden influx of drugs could kill the man. If the inmate had successfully sneaked the contraband into the jail and distributed it to others, then the situation would become even more dangerous. Several officers arrived to assist Teddy and together they got the inmate to spit the baggie (containing cocaine), out of his mouth. He admitted taking numerous illegal drugs prior to being arrested, including Xanax and Oxycontin. Following examination by an on-site nurse, he was taken to Shands Hospital for further evaluation.



Reserve Officer of the Month

CHARLIE L. HAAS

Charlie Haas has dedicated 38 years of his life to volunteering with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. For the last five years he has been an additional law enforcement presence at Ed White High School where he assists School Resource Officer Grover Smith. In 2008 Charlie volunteered more than 1255 hours, more than 100 hours per month.

Throughout the school day, Charlie assists in a variety of ways: arrests that include violence against an SRO, resisting arrest, and illegal drugs on campus. He also provides back-up to the SRO when he is confronting potentially armed suspects, and he attends after-hours athletic events at the school to offer additional law enforcement presence.

Many times during the years Charlie has served as the Patrolman In Charge (PIC) at Reserve Officer's meetings during his sergeant's absence. Reserve Officers are a valuable resource to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the citizens it serves.



Corrections Supervisor of the Month

GEORGE C. PRATT

Sgt. George Pratt is supervisor of the Pre-Trial Services (PTS) Unit, managing the Officers, Counselors and the First Appearance PTS Officers. In September 2008, George became involved in a project to bring JSO into compliance with the newly enacted Florida State Statute 907.043 Pre-Trial Release: "Citizens' Right to Know." The new statute requires a weekly report (consisting of 11 requirements) and an annual report consisting of 15 reporting requirements that include: the total number of indigents or those defendants who require appointed public defenders, total number of court appearances, and program compliance of defendants participating in the PTS Program.

At the beginning of the project, Chief of Jails Tara Wildes thought that ensuring compliance would require a review of all of the PTDF Releasing processes and coordination with several other units including: ISM (our technology department) and the Crime Analyst Unit to create a database to collect the needed data, key releasing personnel to ensure continuity of policy, and the Office of the Clerk of the Courts, the recipient of the report.

However, George revised the current PTS Forms to collect the necessary information and developed a spreadsheet to capture all of the information in a clear and concise weekly report that satisfies FSS 907.043 requirements. Thanks to his expertise, he completed the project in two weeks and kept the work solely within his unit.



Gregg L. Mattson and Stephen C. Rhatigan.