

# TO PROTECT AND SERVE

*Our monthly recognition for the best of the best*



## *Corrections Officer of the Month*

### **BRYNN R. HATTON**

Brynn Hatton, a Housing Security/Control Officer at the Montgomery Correctional Center, daily handles the care, custody and control of more than 270 inmates. Last October 8, while on duty and in uniform, Hatton was approached by a contract civilian worker who handed him a note that said he had prescription pain killers and wanted to know if the officer knew anyone wanting to buy them. Without tipping

off the suspect, Hatton notified his chain of command that the contract employee had tried to sell him prescription pain killers.

The JSO Integrity and Narcotics Units launched an investigation of the attempted drug sale. Hatton assisted undercover narcotics officers in making two significant buys from the civilian worker, who was arrested and the illegal drugs removed from the MCC. By agreeing to go undercover and make the drug buys, Hatton went the extra mile to ensure the safety of employees who work at MCC.



## *Police Officer of the Month*

### **HAROLD W. CHAPMAN**

Harold Chapman, a member of Zone 1 COPS Unit and the JSO Mobile Field Force, obtained 11 search warrants in the past year, resulting in 17 DART evictions and the seizure of 16 firearms, 150 grams of marijuana and 45 grams of crack cocaine. DART is the "Drug Abatement Response Team" which works with the city's code enforcement division

to rid Jacksonville of blighted properties often used for drug dealing and prostitution.

Last April suspects began shooting at each other inside the University Plaza Apartment complex. Although not assigned to the call, Chapman volunteered to investigate the intricate case which involved seven victims and four suspects. He recovered the firearms involved in the incident and created photo spreads that were shown to the victims, who identified three of the four suspects. Using this information and other evidence, Chapman obtained arrest warrants for the three suspects.

He is also a valuable resource to the JSO Robbery Unit and the State Attorney's Office. In February 2009, he developed a "found firearm" call into a "grand theft" and "possession of a firearm by a convicted felon" case. The suspect was a co-conspirator in an armed robbery and subsequent officer-involved shooting. Without Chapman's exceptional investigative work and his ability to develop a rapport with citizens in order to gain information about the case, the suspect's identity might have remained a mystery.



## *Lifesaving Award*

### **JEFFERY E. CARLSEN**

Corrections Officer Jeffrey Carlsen, 26-year JSO veteran assigned to 6 West, deals with some of the most difficult inmates in the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. Some of the inmates are suicidal, have mental health issues, disciplinary problems, or a combination of all three. Last December, an inmate in the self-harm dorm escaped when the door to his cell was opened and ran up the stairs to the top tier of the dorm. Carlsen ran

after him, caught him by his legs just as he was jumping over the rail (to fall 20 feet onto the tiled floor below) and single-handedly pulled him back over the rail to safety. Then, he maintained control of the inmate until assistance arrived and the inmate was secured in his cell. Carlsen's quick actions prevented this inmate from causing himself serious bodily harm, perhaps his own death.



## *Certificate of Appreciation*

### **STEPHEN M. KOHN**

Saturday night, Feb. 27, Stephen Kohn witnessed an impaired individual driving erratically on I-295, reported it to authorities and followed the blue Honda onto the Buckman Bridge. A few minutes later the suspect's vehicle caused an SUV to hit the guardrail and plunge into the St. Johns River, killing the driver. Mr. Kohn followed the vehicle that caused this crash (but did not stop) to an apartment complex

in Mandarin, where he waited for police to arrive so he could show them the driver. The suspect was arrested and the case solved.

Sheriff Rutherford said, "As a law enforcement agency responsible for public safety, we rely heavily on citizen involvement to achieve our mission. Citizens taking an active role and voluntarily becoming good witnesses are the cornerstone of successful criminal investigation and prosecution. We continually encourage the residents of this community to get involved, and your actions have set an excellent example for others to follow. The citizens of this county, along with the men and women of this agency, appreciate your personal involvement that was instrumental in apprehending a dangerous driver, now charged with DUI Manslaughter."



## *Corrections Supervisor of the Month*

### **BARBARA WEBER**

Sergeant Barbara Weber, Jails Division Training Coordinator, is responsible for all in-service training for the Department of Corrections, and she conducts specialized shift training and teaching assignments at the Training Academy. She prepares lesson plans for in-service or specialized blocks of instruction to assist fellow officers hone

their knowledge, skills and abilities and perform at a higher level.

In November 2009, Weber created a 40-hour instruction block in Crisis Intervention Team training, as she has done for four years. This involves scheduling more than 30 instructors and mentors from within and outside JSO in six separate locations.

Throughout the years her accolades and honors include:

\* JSO's Corrections Officer of the Month January 1999 and Corrections Officer of the Year in 2001;

\* Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) Distinguished Service Award in Corrections 2000 and 2001;

\* JSO's Corrections Supervisor of the Month in 2003, 2004 and 2008;

\* The Mental Health Association's Law Enforcement Community Leadership Award in 2008; and

\* The Jails Division Supervisor of the Month in December 2009.

Sheriff Rutherford said, "Sgt. Weber, your energy, drive, initiative and professionalism deserve to be acknowledged. Even if this is the fourth time you've won the Corrections Supervisor of the Month award, as long as you continue to distinguish yourself with innovative projects and accomplishments, we'll be ready to recognize you!"



## *Police Supervisor of the Month*

### **LAKESHA BURTON**

Sgt. Lakesha Burton was in JSO's School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit from June 2008 to June 2009. The presence of police officers in schools helps ensure a safe learning environment for all students. The officers are trained to assist school officials and teachers, while enforcing the law and serving as a deterrent to crime.

During the month of February 2009, the Duval County Public Schools implemented their "Out of School Suspension Center" program. A schedule of officers who would work at the Center the remainder of the school year was needed as soon as possible. Sgt. Burton accepted the intensive task, made sure officers were apprised of their duties, and the program ran smoothly for the remainder of the school year.

During summer months SROs must complete their continuing education and new training, take vacations, deal with administrative business, plan for the next academic year and serve in staff positions at the Police Athletic League. This presents great scheduling challenges with limited resources. Sgt. Burton accepted this responsibility toward the end of the 2008-2009 school year, and when she starting working in the Community Affairs Division in June 2007, she volunteered to be the liaison with the NAACP Educational Committee, attending monthly meetings in the evening.

She also acted as the unit's liaison with the Duval County Public Schools, attending all meetings of Project Safe Students in Schools. In years past, Sgt. Burton has shown her commitment to youth by taking part in Take Stock in Children, a program in which she volunteered to mentor six children at various schools in the city. Now, she works in the Field Training Office where she manages recent graduates of the JSO Police Academy.



## *Civilian of the Month*

### **SARAH MCKIBBEN**

Sarah McKibben, a Help Desk Technician within the Information Systems Management Unit, came to the Unit in April 2009. Responsible for the daily operations of the ISM Help Desk, each month she completes more than 150 work orders and answers more than 400 telephone calls. When needed, Sarah, a hard worker and team player,

volunteers to stay late and changes her work schedule to ensure that someone is always available to assist JSO employees with computer problems, especially the sworn officers in the field.

She resolves such technical issues as air cards not working properly, broken laptop screens, creates or updates personnel passwords, creates new users' accounts, repairs Network connection issues and other hardware and software problems. She also troubleshoots and fixes software-related issues with any of the 145 in-house applications and 25 different types of software.

Law enforcement is a data- and technology-driven business whose success AND SAFETY depend on the ability of every officer out there on the street, stopping a car or serving a warrant, to have confidence that information services professionals are keeping them armed and functioning. Sarah's role is vital in keeping JSO running smoothly.

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