

Sheriff Lawhorne Recognized By Staff

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For some time now, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne's mantra has been "Respect, Responsibility and Results." He often jokes that when he first heard the words, he liked them so much he "borrowed" them from a colleague and has used the phrase as the motto for the Alexandria Sheriff's Office—a rally cry to excellence. Now in his second term of office, Sheriff Lawhorne continues to live by those three words, motivating his staff to respect themselves and others, take responsibility for their actions and work for positive results.

On April 20, 2010, the staff of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office honored colleagues who demonstrated the very essence of the Sheriff's Office motto at the Office's Annual Employee Awards Ceremony. Appreciation for exemplary performance didn't stop with employees, however. Flanked by members of the 2010 Employee Awards Committee, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne was presented a proclamation from the 219 men and women of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office recognizing the accomplishments made by the Office under his leadership during his first term of office. The surprised Sheriff received an eight-point proclamation from his staff, the first time such an honor had been bestowed by the agency to its chief executive.

The awards committee cited Sheriff Lawhorne for his tireless efforts to improve "the image, professionalism, responsiveness and quality of service" of the Sheriff's Office. Under his leadership, Sheriff Lawhorne developed community service projects to connect the Sheriff's Office more closely to the city, and strengthened and established new working partnerships with the police department, other city agencies and the community to improve life for the citizens of Alexandria. One important contribution to the city under Sheriff Lawhorne's leadership has been expansion of the Office's Inmate Work Detail from two to three crews. During 2009, the Inmate Work Detail saved the city of Alexandria approximately \$205,000 in labor costs.

Sheriff Lawhorne has been a steadfast leader who has implemented award programs ensuring that staff is recognized and rewarded for outstanding performance. While the Annual Employee Awards Ceremony was already in place, Sheriff Lawhorne implemented "On the Spot" awards to recognize staff throughout the year for their accomplishments and contributions to the Office and has made it a practice to honor employees who perform with excellence at

each monthly general staff meeting, complete with photo and inclusion of the commendations in the local media.

Members of the awards committee included Rose Barnes, Deputy Audrey Eskridge and Lieutenants Carlton Dewberry and Brian Grenadier. Commander Mondre' Kornegay served as Committee Chair.

The 2010 Employee Awards winners were:

Deputy Monique Edwards, Community Service;

Sergeant Anthony Zygmunt, Best Idea;

Sergeant Byung Rim, Esprit de Corps;

Deputy Charlie Winstead, Outstanding Performance by Sworn Line Staff;

Sergeant Mavis Thomas, Outstanding Performance by Sworn Supervisor;

LaToscha Piece, Outstanding Performance by Civilian Staff ;

Commander Mondre' Kornegay, Outstanding Performance by Civilian Supervisor;

Deputy Ernesto Arroyo, Uniform and Physical Fitness;

Deputy Tanya Wilson, Life Saving;

Patricia Barton, food service worker, received the award Contributions by an Employee of a City Agency, Organization or Contractor; and

The Inmate Work Detail received the Unit Spirit Award.



Sergeant Lynn Oliver, Sergeant Mavis Thomas, Sheriff Lawhorne and Commander Michele McCarty