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### *Officers Of The Year*

Our club is pleased to honor outstanding law enforcement officers. Each department selected an individual who represents the best in his/her service to the community.



#### **Festus Police Department**

Patrolman Kelsey Schleusner nominated by Festus Police Chief Tim Lewis. Patrolman Schleusner did a long-term drug investigation. She developed informants and worked with them to the point that the department was able to obtain search warrants and make several arrests and seized drugs.

#### **Herculaneum Police Department**

The Herculaneum Police Department nominated Chief Mark Tulgetske. Chief Tulgetske is recognized for his 40 years of dedication to law enforcement. He has been a consistent driving force for the improvement of the department. Chief Tulgetske has stood by his officers through thick and thin and is the true spirit of law enforcement.



#### **Crystal City Police Department**

Chief Chad Helms nominated Patrolman Jack Montgomery from the Crystal City Police Department. On May 26, 2020, Patrolman Jack Montgomery provided medical assistance to a woman in the process of childbirth. Not only did he do this, he provided critical medical assistance to the newborn infant which had stopped breathing. Patrolman Montgomery physically unwrapped the nuchal cord, which was wrapped around the infant's neck multiple times, thus allowing the infant to begin normal breathing. Patrolman Montgomery will be receiving a "Life Saving" award for his actions.

#### **Hillsboro Police Department**

Hillsboro Chief of Police, Steve Meinberg, nominated Captain Darrick Curtis. Although many officers in the department do an outstanding job, Captain Curtis stands out. Captain Curtis obtained the rank of Captain this year and acts as Assistant Chief. He's worked hard this year to help build the Hillsboro Police Department into a professional agency. His hard work, diligence, and attention to detail have made the agency and our community a better place. His knowledge and abilities have sped up the transition and has helped it to be seamless. He has been invaluable to the agency.



#### **Jefferson County Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Dave Marshak nominated Detective Corporal Shane Frazier. Detective Frazier is responsible for technical investigations involving computers and phones. He retrieves digital evidence, analyzes it, and documents various images and intelligence from crimes ranging from child abuse, sex crimes, to homicides. The job is not technically easy, but more importantly at times not mentally easy either. Detective Frazier does an incredible job balancing the responsibilities of his work and his home. As a result of his work, many Jefferson County victims have been rewarded with justice.

#### **De Soto Police Department**

Chief Jeff McCreary nominated Officer Eric Robinson from the De Soto Police Department. Officer Robinson consistently led the department in activity of traffic enforcement and arrests. His proactivity has led to his ability to identify problem areas and persons who are persistent offenders. Officer Robinson has done this while also serving as a Field Training Officer.



#### **Pevely Police Department**

Captain Larry Miller of the Pevely Police Department nominated Officer Kayla Boyd and Corporal Joe St. Clair for their joint effort. On Sunday, June 7th, 2020, at 2:04 a.m., while patrolling Pevely Park, Corporal Joe St. Clair and Officer Kayla Boyd observed a vehicle parked at the end of the driveway on the southwest portion of the park. The officers observed the body of a white female lying on the ground outside of the open driver's door.

The female was barely breathing, unresponsive, and her clothing was soaked in blood. They immediately summoned an ambulance which upon arrival discovered a large vertical laceration on her females left arm from a suicide attempt. The actions of these officers saved the life of this person who would have succeeded in her attempt to commit suicide had they not checked the park. This woman was also able to get the help she needed at the hospital.

