



## Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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## Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 22, 2019, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 32nd Annual Awards Presentation and Recognition Ceremony at Britain's Farm Chuckwagon & Steakhouse. Over 200 employees, volunteers, family, and friends attended the event.

During the awards presentation, several officers, civilian employees, and volunteers were recognized for their outstanding service to the Sheriff's Office and the community during 2018. The list of award recipients is as follows:

### **Administration Bureau**

Yesenia Duenas, Employee of the Year  
Jodi Bolger, Esprit de Corps Award  
Pennia Thrailkill, Special Merit Award  
Jennifer Hunter, Innovator of the Year Award

### **Detention Bureau**

Luis Lopez, Detention Officer of the Year  
Nataly Hunter, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year  
Robert Arriola, Detention Supervisor of the Year  
Martha Dominguez, Esprit De Corps Award  
Alfredo Caro, Special Merit Award  
Sherry Hardin, Innovator of the Year Award  
Edith Reveles, Meritorious Service Award  
Victor Neblina, Rookie of the Year Award

### **Patrol Bureau**

Joseph Olea, Deputy of the Year  
Frank Pereda, Patrol Supervisor of the Year  
Noe Felix, Esprit De Corps Award

Micah Huska, Special Merit Award  
Adrian Jaimez, Innovator of the Year Award  
Scott Bjornstad, Meritorious Service Award  
Juan Peralta, Outstanding Achievement Award  
Troy Burns, Rookie of the Year Award

**Volunteers of the Year**

Eric Driedger, Volunteer of the Year  
Julian Gutierrez, Explorer of the Year  
Gabriel Herrera, Explorer of the Year  
Bill Cox, Posse Member of the Year  
Charles Magliocca, Search and Rescue Member of the Year

On behalf of Sheriff Leon Wilmot and the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following businesses for their generous donations for our annual awards event: Ah-So Sushi & Steak Restaurant, Applebee's Grill & Bar, Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson, Brewer's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Chili's Grill & Bar, Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta, Dunkin Donuts, Ed Whitehead's Tire Pro, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers, FTS Automotive Center, Home Depot, Jiffy Lube, Kneader's Bakery & Café, Lerma's Western Wear & More, Lotus Day Spa, Lutes Casino, Red Lobster, Rinata Skin & Body, Soft Cloth Car Wash, Sportsman's Warehouse, Sprague's Sports, Starbucks (Big Curve), Target, Texas Road House, Tractor Supply Company, and Wild River Family Entertainment Center.

Their donations helped make this an unforgettable night of fun, food and camaraderie for everyone in attendance. Thank you for your continued support.

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