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Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 28th Annual Awards Presentation and Recognition Ceremony at Britain's Farm Chuckwagon & Steakhouse. Over 300 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 community during 2014. The list of award recipients is as follows:

Administration Bureau

Daniel Dresden, Employee of the Year
Gianini Bacaneri, Esprit de Corps Award

Detention Bureau

Jeff Ordway, Detention Officer of the Year
Jesse Butler, Support Staff Member of the Year
Jesus Torres-Nava, Esprit de Corps Award
Oscar Ortiz, Special Merit Award
Elisa Soto-Alvarez, Innovator of the Year
Kenneth Allmon, Professional of the Year Award - Rookie
Tristan Gomez, Professional of the Year Award - Veteran

Patrol Bureau

David Callahan, Officer of the Year
William Rice, Esprit de Corps Award
Eric Driedger, SOLVE Esprit de Corps Award
Sonny Hixon, Special Merit Award
Edgar Guerra, Meritorious Service Award
Isabel Shadle, Rookie of the Year Award
Daniel Zarnik, Reserve Officer of the Year

Volunteers of the Year

Rigo Orta, Volunteer of the Year

Ashley Gamez & Ben Thraikill, Explorer of the Year

Mark Galate, Posse Member of the Year

Robert Bennett, 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 vendors and individuals for their generous donations for our annual awards event: A Man Cave, Ah-So Sushi & Steak Restaurant, Chick-Fil-A, Cocopah Casino, Food City, Tom Giver, JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding LLC, Jiffy Lube, Bob Kammann, Lerma's Feed & Western Wear & More, Lute's Casino, Mar Azul, Sprague's Sports, Target and Wild River.

Their donations helped make this an unforgettable night of fun, food and camaraderie for everyone in attendance.

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