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Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 13, 2020, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 33rd 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 2019. The list of award recipients is as follows:

Administration Bureau

Jordan Amezcua, Employee of the Year
Airel Munguia, Administration Supervisor of the Year
Claudia Garnica, Esprit de Corps Award
Louise Hennings, Special Merit Award

Detention Bureau

Eduardo Rangel, Detention Officer of the Year
Carlos Ornelas, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year
Ana Duarte, Detention Supervisor of the Year
Anahi Alvarado, Esprit De Corps Award
Dulce Vallejo, Special Merit Award
Michael Cooper, Innovator of the Year Award
Martin Sanchez, Meritorious Service Award
Maria Vasquez, Outstanding Achievement Award
Joseph Gonzales, Rookie of the Year Award

Patrol Bureau

Ronald Jesser, Deputy of the Year
Raul Garcia, Patrol Supervisor of the Year

Frank Duarte, Esprit De Corps Award
Andrew Topper, Special Merit Award
Edgar Guerra, Innovator of the Year Award
Jason Hemstreet, Meritorious Service Award
Brandon Pike, Outstanding Achievement Award
Juan Correa, Rookie of the Year Award

Volunteers of the Year

William Smith, Civilian Volunteer of the Year
Carlos Garcia, Explorer of the Year
Dub Kelsey, Posse Member of the Year
Daniel Zarnik, Reserve Deputy of the Year
Kevin Lewis, 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-Foothills, Applebee's Grill & Bar-Yuma #2 (16th Street), Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Black Bear Diner, Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson, Brewer's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's Grill & Bar, Da Boyz Italian Cuisine, Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta (Foothills), Ed Whitehead's Tire Pro, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, FTS Automotive Center, Jiffy Lube/Soft Cloth Car Wash, Kneader's Bakery & Café-Avenue B, Kneader's Bakery & Café-Yuma Palms, Lerma's Western Wear & More; Lotus Day Spa; Lutes Casino, Mariscos Mar Azul, Olive Garden, Planet Fitness, Prison Hill Brewing Company, Red Lobster, Sprague's Sports, Starbucks (24th Street), Texas Road House, The Coffee Bean Espresso Bar & Café, Tractor Supply Company, Tractor Supply Company (Foothills), and the Yuma Landing Restaurant.

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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