



## Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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## Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 24, 2023, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 36th 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 2022. The list of award recipients is as follows:

### Administration Bureau

Bradley Burch, Employee of the Year  
Jeff Davis, Administration Supervisor of the Year  
Adriana Alvarado, Esprit de Corps Award  
Tania Pavlak, Special Merit Award  
Daniel Dresden, Innovator of the Year Award

### Detention Bureau

Nery Zarate, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year  
Gerardo Monjardin, Detention Officer of the Year  
Israel Amadisto, Detention Support Supervisor of the Year  
Wendell Walker, Detention Supervisor of the Year  
Lillian Zerega, Esprit De Corps Award  
Daniel Perez, Special Merit Award  
Victoria Gonzalez, Innovator of the Year Award  
Priscilla Castillo, Meritorious Service Award  
Dennis Zimmerman, Outstanding Achievement Award  
Daryl Tillis, Rookie of the Year Award

**Patrol Bureau**

Carlos Olmos, Deputy of the Year  
Jason Hemstreet, Patrol Supervisor of the Year  
Maria Rosales, Esprit De Corps Award  
Joshua Bermudez, Special Merit Award  
Andrew Topper, Innovator of the Year Award  
Sonny Hixon, Meritorious Service Award  
Bryan Evans, Outstanding Achievement Award  
Jairo Cardenas, Rookie of the Year Award  
Stephanie Mayberry, Rookie of the Year Award

**Volunteers of the Year**

Ronald Ziarnick, Civilian Volunteer of the Year  
Bryant Barragan, Explorer of the Year  
Ray Evans, Posse Member of the Year  
Eric Driedger, Reserve Deputy 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 (Foothills), Black Bear Diner, Brewer's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Broken Yolk Café, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burgers & Beer, Cafecito, Da Boyz Italian Cuisine, Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta (Foothills), Donut Corral, Ed Whitehead's Tire Pro, Express Auto/RV Care Center, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, LLC, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, Swire Coca-Cola, Soft Cloth Car Wash, Lotus Day Spa, Lutes Casino, Mariscos Mar Azul, Prison Hill Brewing Company, Sprague's Sports, Starbucks (Pacific), The Pint House Bar & Grill, Truck Mates, Yuma Honda, Yuma's East Barbershop 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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