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Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 22, 2024, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 37th 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, officers, civilian employees, and volunteers were recognized for their outstanding service to the Sheriff's Office and the community during 2023. The list of award recipients is as follows:

Administration Bureau

Claudia Macias, Employee of the Year
Jerry Quintana, Administration Supervisor of the Year
Claudia Macias, Special Merit Award

Detention Bureau

Francisco Sandoval, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year
Virginia Quiroz, Detention Support Supervisor of the Year
Luis Lozano, Detention Officer of the Year
Jasmine Saldana, Detention Supervisor of the Year
Renee Gallegos, Esprit De Corps Award
Jesus Beltran, Special Merit Award
Corey Russom, Innovator of the Year Award
Zachary Hixon, Meritorious Service Award
Pedro Alvarez, Outstanding Achievement Award
Jentry Goforth, Rookie of the Year Award

Patrol Bureau

Kenneth Allmon, Deputy of the Year
Russell Russom, Patrol Supervisor of the Year

Misael Meza, Esprit De Corps Award
Ronald Jesser, Special Merit Award
Bryan Evans, Innovator of the Year Award
Carlos Olmos, Meritorious Service Award
Nathan Hunter, Outstanding Achievement Award
Daniel Dillinger, Rookie of the Year Award

Volunteers of the Year

Ron Bramstedt, Civilian Volunteer of the Year
Bryan Perez, Explorer of the Year
Mark Galate, Posse Member of the Year
Steven Smith, 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 Jennifer Blackwell for taking on the job as Master of Ceremonies. We would also like to give a huge thanks to the following businesses for their generous donations for our annual awards event:

Ace Hardware, Ah-So Sushi & Steak Restaurant, Applebee's Grill & Bar-Foothills, Bare Naked Soap Company, Black Bear Diner, Brewer's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burgers & Beer, Chick-Fil-A, Dillards, Donut Corral, Ed Whitehead's Tire Pro, Express Auto/RV Care Center, Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, LLC, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, FTS Automotive Center, Jiffy Lube, Lerma's Western Wear & More, Mariscos Mar Azul, Moose Lodge, Soft Cloth Car Wash, Sprague's Sports, Starbucks (Pacific Avenue), Sunshine Café, Swire Coca-Cola, Yuma Honda, Yuma Landing Restaurant, and the Yuma Territorial Prison.

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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