Sheriff’s Office Annual Awards

Location of Incident: Yuma, AZ

On Friday, March 24, 2017, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office held its 30th 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 2016. The list of award recipients is as follows:

**Administration Bureau**
- Frances Esparza, Employee of the Year
- Cindy McGuire, Administration Supervisor of the Year
- Jordan Amezcua, Esprit de Corps Award
- Yesenia Duenas, Special Merit Award
- Maritza Rubio, Innovator of the Year Award

**Detention Bureau**
- Maria Rosales, Detention Officer of the Year
- Kimberly Wright, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year
- Tiffany Wyman, Detention Supervisor of the Year
- Maria Rosales, Esprit de Corps Award
- Angel Mendez, Special Merit Award
- Michael Cooper, Innovator of the Year Award
- Ricardo Sandoval, Meritorious Service Award
- Thomas Ruelle, Outstanding Achievement Award
- Cecilia Pimentel, Detention Rookie of the Year Award

**Patrol Bureau**
- Michelle Callahan, Deputy of the Year
- David Callahan, Patrol Supervisor of the Year
- Adam Hass, Esprit de Corps Award
Ronald Jesser, Special Merit Award
Joshua Farias, Innovator of the Year Award
Juan Peralta, Meritorious Service Award
Brandon Pike, Rookie of the Year Award

Volunteers of the Year
Billy Kennedy, Volunteer of the Year
Francisco Pereda, Jr., Explorer of the Year
Alexis Quintero, Explorer of the Year
Billy Kennedy, Posse Member of the Year
Larry Mann, 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, Applebee’s Grill & Bar, Bobby’s Territorial Harley-Davidson, Brewer’s Restaurant & Sports Bar, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chick-Fil-A, Chili’s Grill & Bar, Chretin’s Mexican Food, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Ed Whitehead’s Tire Pro, Firehouse Subs, Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, FTS Automotive, Home Depot, JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding LLC, Kneader’s Bakery & Café, Lerma’s Western Wear & More, Lotus Day Spa, Lutes Casino, Mariscos Mar Azul, Native Grill & Wings, Pep Boys, Red Lobster, Reddy Ice, Sprague’s Sports, Starbucks, Texas Road House, The Chile Pepper, 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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