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Sheriff's Office Annual Awards

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On Friday, March 28, 2025, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office held its 38th Annual Awards Presentation and Recognition Ceremony at Britain Farm. Over 250 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 2024. The list of award recipients is as follows:

Administration Bureau
Laurie D'Alessio, Employee of the Year
Airel Munguia, Administration Supervisor of the Year
Katelyn Zizzo, Esprit De Corps Award
Yesenia Duenas, Special Merit Award

Detention Bureau
Beatriz Campagne, Detention Support Staff Member of the Year
Fior Baez, Detention Support Supervisor of the Year
Caiden Kellner, Detention Officer of the Year
Javier Hernandez, Detention Supervisor of the Year
Miguel Estrada, Esprit De Corps Award
Abigail Luna, Special Merit Award
Edith Reveles, Innovator of the Year Award
Jesus Monjardin, Meritorious Service Award
Arturo Vargas, Outstanding Achievement Award
Jonathan Valdez, Rookie of the Year Award

Patrol Bureau
Christian Serna, Deputy of the Year
Andrew Topper, Patrol Supervisor of the Year

Kenneth Allmon, Esprit De Corps Award
Brandon Pike, Special Merit Award
Erick Cisneros, Innovator of the Year Award
Elder Dominguez, Meritorious Service Award
Adam Hass, Outstanding Achievement Award
Cody Cook, Rookie of the Year Award

Volunteers of the Year
George Huffman, Civilian Volunteer of the Year
Sebastian Duarte, Explorer of the Year
Mark Ellsworth, Posse Member of the Year
Phillip Dayton, Search and Rescue Member of the Year

Sheriff Leon Wilmot also presented the YCSO Life Saving Award to Deputy Chandler Bell and Rural Metro Firefighter/EMT Cesar Esquivel for their acts of heroism and exceptional performance above and beyond the call of duty under emergency conditions wherein a service was rendered that resulted directly in saving a human life on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

On behalf of Sheriff 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 Freightways, Ace Hardware, Ah-So Sushi & Steak Restaurant, Applebee's Grill & Bar-Foothills, Brewer's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Broken Yolk Café, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burgers & Beer, Chili's Grill & Bar, Cracker Barrel, Dillard's, Donut Corral, Ed Whitehead's Tire Pro, Famous Dave's, Firehouse Subs, Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, FTS Automotive, Glam Brows Studio by Linda, Jiffy Lube, Lerma's Western Wear & More, Lute's Casino, Mariscos Mar Azul, Pour Behavior, Prison Hill Brewing Company, River City Grill, Soft Cloth Car Wash, Sprague's Sports, Starbucks (24th & Ave. B), The Best Taquito, The Hills Gastropub, Swire Coca-Cola, Wheezy's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Yuma Honda, Yuma Landing Bar & Grill, 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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