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Officer of the Year

Officer Ian Oden was named Officer of the 4th Quarter 2018 and Officer of the Year for 2018. Officer Oden has been instrumental in the successful launch of the Sherman Police Department's Motor Unit. He focused on increased motorist safety and educating the public concerning Texas traffic laws and identified problem areas to utilize the Department's SMART trailer to increase safety awareness. He adjusted his hours to assist when the highest amount of traffic occurs, assisted when patrol units were busy on other calls, and made himself available for special events in an attempt to build community relations. He is a member of the crisis negotiator team and assisted with K9 training. He is respected in the Department for his attitude, personality, and work ethic and he also received numerous compliments from citizens to whom he issued traffic citations that indicated he is polite and professional. *Congratulations!*



Civilian of the Year

Records Specialist Sherri French was named Civilian of the 4th Quarter 2018 and Civilian of the Year for 2018. The Records Unit started the 4th Quarter of 2018 with a large number of cases that needed to be filed to the District Attorney's Office.



Sherri prioritized her daily tasks to focus on those case filings as a priority and ended the quarter/year with a 67% decrease in cases to be filed and exceeded the time frame to accomplish this goal. In addition, Sherri mentored a new employee in learning this process. She also assisted with the audit and review of the Family Violence forms for the UCR reporting as well as reviewing cases to compile the drug totals and to verify laboratory analysis. *Congratulations!*

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4th Quarter 2018 Awards

Officer Bregoree Anderson received a Certificate of Merit for his use of technology and networking. He actively sought out narcotics users and dealers as well as setting a high standard of excellence in his patrol duties. He volunteered countless hours to help raise money to benefit the K9 Pride Fund and donated a custom-built AR-15 rifle to be raffled off.

Officer Brad Bigham received a Certificate of Merit for establishing the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team to include obtaining quotes for a drone, taking the FAA Remote Pilot License Class, and assisting in the development of a UAS policy. He is currently working on a lesson plan to teach and instruct future pilots and assist them in obtaining their license. Additionally, he assisted in hosting a number of accident investigation classes for the Department's Critical Accident Investigation Team (CAIT) and several local agencies.

Officer Joseph Buttery received a Certificate of Merit for using his training as a hostage negotiator to communicate with a person with a firearm threatening to shoot himself. The peaceful resolution is mostly attributed to the efforts of Officer Buttery.

Officer Shawn Kelly and Officer Shea Rhoades received a Certificate of Merit for their role in the successful identification of three suspects responsible for two Sherman burglaries and three Denison business burglaries and the recovery of four stolen vehicles.

B-Shift Officers – Officer Dylan Anglin, Officer Tyler Carroll, Officer Bradley Richards, Officer Stephfon Haywood, and Officer Bregoree Anderson received a Certificate of Merit for their outstanding teamwork in the apprehension of three prolific offenders responsible for several windows being broken out at a student-housing apartment complex at Austin College along with possession of stolen items from the apartment.

Tactical Dispatch Course

In January, the Sherman Police Department hosted a Tactical Dispatch course that instructed communications officers on the vital role they play during tactical incidents.



The Department has developed a Tactical Dispatch team to assist incident Command throughout a Special Response Team (SRT) deployment. The SRT receives focused attention from specially-trained communications officers for their incident while Communications Center maintains normal operation for our officers on patrol. The three-day course concluded with the students observing the SRT during their training exercises, e.g. room clearing, shooting, and proper approach to Air Evac with a patient. A special thanks to the SRT for allowing the communications officers to participate.

Environmental, Safety, and Health Fair (ESH) at Texas Instruments



Pictured above L to R: Stenger, Stigall, Mullen, Marcano Sgt. Brett Mullen and Communications Supervisor Tracy Stenger attended the two day ESH Fair at Texas Instruments recently. They were available to pass out personal safety/911 information and to answer safety-related questions from the employees. They also met with the site manager Missy Stigall and the Security Manager Danny Marcano. In total, they interacted with approximately 250 employees.

Sherman Police Association (SPA)

SPA sponsored a softball team from the PD and purchased shirts to play in the Women Rock's 6th Annual Donna Jones Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Fairview Park.



Pictured above L to R: Sgt. Alex Shivers, Sgt. Brett Mullen, Officer Jeanette Connors, Officer Scott Vance, Det. Talia Riffe, Officer Austin Ross, Officer Bradley Richards (kneeling), Officer Dylan Anglin, Officer Shawn Kelly, Det. Tyler Halter, and Communications Officer Amber Otten. Officer Scott Barker not pictured, just his beanie behind Kelly.

911 Telecommunicators Banquet

The Texoma Council of Governments hosted the 911 Telecommunicators Banquet at Austin College. Each year, this is an opportunity to recognize our Communications Officers for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism in public safety.



Pictured above L to R: Sara Patterson, Audrey Baxter, Chief Zachary Flores, Communications Supervisor Tracy Stenger, and Amber Otten.

Amber Otten received the Silent Hero award for assisting a victim of ongoing domestic violence. The victim directly credited Amber with helping her break the cycle of violence and gain the courage to report the incidents after years of not cooperating when law enforcement responded. She ultimately left her abuser because of Amber's compassion, professionalism, and caring attitude when she called for help.

Leland Booher received the Life Saving Award for assisting a veteran during a mental health crisis. The male was suffering from PTSD after serving two tours in Afghanistan. He was a recovering alcoholic, paranoid, and a danger to himself and others. Leland's calm, non-judgmental and reassuring demeanor helped the caller trust him and ultimately trust the responding officers. Leland also ensured the safety of our first responders by having the caller remove himself from the home where there were numerous weapons.

Communications Office News

Communications Officer Jodi St. Clair has resigned her position to pursue other interests at this time. Jodi joined the Department on November 16, 2015. We wish her success in her new job.

Chili Cook-Off

The staff enjoyed tasting and voting on their favorite chili recently. Assistant Chief Bob Fair, Tracy Stenger, Karen Wolff, Kent Buskirk, and Vickie O'Dell all had entries in the Chili Cook-Off. The winner for favorite chili was Vickie O'Dell. Vickie received a restaurant gift card.



Saturday, March 23, 2019

9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2019

10 am to 5 pm

New Location for 2019

2190 Fallon Drive

Sherman, Texas 75090

Across the street from Midway Mall

(North Side)