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## **TEN OCSO DEPUTIES EARN PROMOTIONS**

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office announces the promotions of ten sworn officers to the rank of Sergeant. The ten were chosen following a rigorous selection process conducted by mid-level supervisors. The process encompassed a written test, background investigation, performance and training evaluation, and a scenario-based appearance before an oral selection board. Recommendations from the mid-level supervisors were then forwarded to the Senior Command Staff and ultimately approved by Sheriff Larry Ashley. The promotions become effective December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Those promoted to the rank of Sergeant are: Investigator Bill Gerard, Investigator Shannon Tait, Investigator DJ Folley and Investigator Ron Kimble along with Corporal Micah Redmon, Corporal Mark Raiche, Corporal Bill Griffith, Deputy Jeff Morgan, Deputy Jim Duval, and Deputy Jason Fulghum.

Sheriff Larry Ashley offered his congratulations to the new Sergeants saying, "Sergeants serve as the front-line field supervisors for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, functioning as organizers, problem solvers, and agency leaders. They are a critical link between the policies and directives issued by the Sheriff and Command Staff and the actual implementation and performance by our deputies. I have confidence that the men and women chosen during this selection process will work to fulfill our agency's new mission statement: To ensure an equal administration of the law, safeguard civil liberties and preserve public safety with professionalism and unity of purpose, while being good stewards of the public's trust."

A reorganization effort at the agency has created two additional Sergeant-level positions within the OCSO by in part, trimming the number of upper level supervisors and adding field-level or line supervisors and also through splitting the south end district into two separate districts, East and Central, so that supervisors can be more responsive for their geographic regions and better measure resource allocations.

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