

Sheriff



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A member of the Okaloosa County Special Response Team who joined the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in May 2008 has been selected by the agency's supervisory staff as **Deputy of the Year for 2010**.

Deputy Kyle Lowery works some of the busiest, most demanding zones in the south county's Delta Shift South and logged more than 22-hundred calls for service or self-generated service calls last year. He also made seventy-five probable cause arrests while maintaining an exemplary case closure rate seventy-three percent.

Deputy Lowery earned the OCSO Medal of Valor for his actions on May 10th 2010 when he tracked down and arrested a man who had just robbed a citizen at knifepoint.

On night of November 7th, he stopped a car driving without headlights on Beal Parkway. The driver was arrested for Felony Driving without a License but Deputy Lowery also found probable cause to search the car. That search led to arrests for trafficking in narcotics and the seizure of more than 43-hundred dollars in drug monies.

Additional honors given out by the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office for 2010 include:



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Field Services Division Outstanding Performer Deputy Victor Jackson of Delta Shift North. Deputy Jackson was responsible for saving the life of a despondent citizen armed with a gun on February 26th 2010. His actions also earned him a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congress
Jeff Miller.

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The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

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OCSO 2010 DEPUTY OF THE YEAR AND OTHER AWARDS

Criminal Investigations Division Outstanding Performer Investigator Rodney Owens. Investigator Owens helped organize a task force that broke up a burglary ring operating across Northwest Florida. That investigation culminated in Federal indictments. Along with working an intense caseload, Investigator Owens is also active in community events.



Support Services Division Outstanding Performer Corporal Gary Venuti. Corporal Venuti, the current school resource officer at Ruckel Middle School in Niceville organized and managed two youth camps during the summer. His dedication to his job resulted in his selection to the Statewide Educational Taskforce.

Supervisor of the Year Sgt. Jay Jones. Sgt. Jones was picked for his very pro-active attitude towards not only traffic enforcement but his focus on public education. Under his leadership, the OCSO Traffic Unit earned the Florida Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Chief's Challenge, earning a \$15,000 grant for traffic safety equipment for the agency.



Non-Sworn Employee of the Year Angel DeJesus. DeJesus is responsible for undertaking often complex, necessary, remodeling jobs at the agency that achieve excellent results at a very low cost to taxpayers. Using inmate labor that he helps train, DeJesus remodeled the North District Office in Crestview in 2010, saving taxpayers an estimated \$200,000 in labor costs alone.

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