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**OCSO STAFFER NAMED FLORIDA CRIME
PREVENTION PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR**



OCSO Crime Prevention Specialist Ashley Bailey has been named the 2010 Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year by the Florida Crime Prevention Association.

Ashley Bailey earned the prestigious award for exceptional efforts towards preventing crime, while educating and involving the community in effective, long-lasting crime prevention strategies.

“Along with her regular duties, Ashley is committed to working countless events throughout the year – from Neighborhood Watch informational meetings to community gatherings that showcase the many crime prevention programs offered by the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office,” said Sheriff Larry Ashley. “This award is testimony to Ashley’s dedication and the agency’s ongoing statewide reputation for outstanding crime prevention efforts.”

Ashley joined the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office in November 2004.

(nomination letter is attached)



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TO: FLORIDA CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION
FROM: LIEUTENANT KRISTIN POND
SUBJECT: CRIME PREVENTION PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR
DATE: 10/4/2011

This letter is in regards of Ashley Bailey who is my nomination for Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year 2010. Ashley started her career with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in November, 2004, and became our Crime Prevention Officer in June, 2005. Ashley's quality of work reflects her dedication and high professionalism over the past year. Here are a few of her accomplishments for 2010 and 2011.

- Ashley worked on a campaign which Target funded a 15-hundred dollar grant for the purchase of "Lock, Take, Hide" signs and educational hand-outs. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Okaloosa County Parks and Recreation Department, City of Destin, and Target have joined forces in a push to promote a public education campaign that reminds residents and tourists to lock their cars, take their keys, and hide their belongings.
- Ashley worked with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice implemented a program to help keep track of youths on probation. The CODY program, Check On Delinquent Youths, 14 trained volunteers were paired with 10 members of the Sheriff's Posse to check on youth offenders to insure they are complying with mandatory in-home curfews. To date they have completed over 296 checks.

Ashley has numerous responsibilities and duties under Crime Prevention which include but are not limited to:

The General Safety Program

- Car Burglary Prevention (Lock, Take, Hide)
- Neighborhood Watch which currently have 98 neighborhoods involved
- (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Security Checks were conducted on 13 businesses
- Prevention Presentations
- Women's Self Defense Tactic Classes were three have been offered this year

Youth Programs

- The SafeAssured Digital ID Kits
- Posse, the volunteer dog

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- Kid's Self Defense Tactics Class
- Eddie Eagle Gun Safety
- Drug Prevention Programs
- Bicycle Safety
- Anti-Bullying Presentation
- Teen Safety Tips
- Teen Sheriff's Office Volunteer Program
- CODY List Checks

Programs for Senior Citizens

- (CARE) Call Reassurance Program
- Take Me Home
- (CASE) Communities Against Senior Exploitation Fraud/Scam presentation explains all seven aspects of Fraud/Scams, ID theft presentation, CASE Fraud Hotline, and monthly fraud/scam alerts
- CASE Fraud Hotline/over 1,000 calls since it started.
- Monthly Fraud Alerts
- Safety Presentations for Seniors/16 Senior Safety and Fraud and Scam Presentations

In addition to the above duties, Ashley is also responsible for coordinating the Citizen's Police Academy classes. I have personally witnessed her compassion and dedication by the responses I have received from citizens she has reached out and touched.

Ashley's professionalism and work ethic is exceptional resulting in a very positive reflection to the Youth Services Division and the Sheriff's Office. Ashley has demonstrated her loyalty, dependability, integrity, and devotion on numerous occasions. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to nominate, Ashley Bailey for the Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Kristin Pond
Youth Services Division

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CRESTVIEW News Bulletin

Sheriff's program ensures teens meet curfew

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The Friends of the Library guest speaker for July was Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office crime prevention specialist Ashley Bailey. Bailey told the group about a partnership between the sheriff's office and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice implemented the first of June to help keep track of youths on probation. The CODY program, Check On Delinquent Youths, pairs trained volunteers with members of the Sheriff's Posse to checks on youth offenders to ensure they are complying with mandatory in-home curfews. There are more than 400 juveniles in Okaloosa County on probation, Bailey said, adding that in the first two nights of implementation of the program, random checks on 29 juveniles revealed that 17 of them failed to comply with their curfew. "We have seen a significant number of these youth following the mandatory times more closely because they don't know when their random check will happen," said Bailey, who is a volunteer recruiter for the sheriff's office. "We are in need of volunteers in the north end of the county for community events, in the citizen's academy, and for the CODY probation program," Bailey said. "When citizens actually spend a shift in a ride-along with a deputy, then they see that there is so much more than just traffic stops involved in their work." Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and must pass a drug test and a background check. Bailey also updated the group on efforts by the sheriff's office in the use of social networking, such as Facebook and Twitter, which provide current weather and traffic advisories. "It's amazing when a traffic accident occurs on State Road 85 and traffic is slowed for miles," she said. "It is a helpful planning tool for those commuting into or out of Crestview to know about the advisory and updates to cellular devices are automatic." Useful links on the sheriff's office website were also explained. "Under Crime Watch residents can choose a radius around a specific location and see the amount of activity in that diameter," she said. "Vacation Watch is a tool for those who leave town and want the sheriff's office to be aware that they are not home." The section allows you to make note of vehicles that are authorized by the vacation goers to be in the home – for pet sitting or mail pick up. Departure and return dates are noted by shift deputies who check the address in a proactive watch against crime."

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