

# Sheriff



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## OCSO DEPUTY AWARDED POLICE LEGION OF THE PURPLE HEART



Investigator Steve Hough is presented award from Dennis Wise, National President of the American Federation of Police and Concerned Citizens as Hough's wife Tanya and Okaloosa Sheriff Larry Ashley look on.

Okaloosa Sheriff's Investigator Steve Hough today was awarded the American Police Hall of Fame's Law Enforcement Purple Heart.

The action is in recognition of "grievous injuries sustained while in the performance of duties as a law enforcement officer". Investigator Hough was shot three times December 9<sup>th</sup> while working as part of a U.S. Marshals Service Task Force arresting a violent fugitive in Santa Rosa County.

The award was presented by the National President of the American Federation of Police and Concerned Citizens, Dennis Wise of Santa Rosa Beach. The AFP&CC is a non-profit organization which offers programs and services for the families of fallen officers and supports communication, education, and development within the law enforcement community.

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