

Sheriff



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OCSO 2011 DEPUTY OF THE YEAR



Deputy Heath Hehl is the 2011 Deputy of the Year for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Larry Ashley presented the award this afternoon during an agency awards banquet, calling Hehl a "model" officer.

Deputy Hehl was singled out for responding to 2,829 calls for service in the East District, conducting 201 initial or continuing investigations, and affecting 73 arrests for violations ranging from Driving Under the Influence to Armed Burglary. One of those investigations resulted in the recovery of more than \$110,000 in stolen property.

Sheriff Ashley says Deputy Hehl has a standard of excellence in everything he does, from his demeanor and appearance to his drive and professional manner. Those qualities also resulted in his appointment as a Field Training Officer for the OCSO despite having been employed less than a year.

Deputy Hehl was also praised for performing his duties with the right mix of compassion and tenacity.

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