



WPD NEWS

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Officer Of The Year, Non-Sworn Employee Of The Year, Cooper/McKee Volunteer Of The Year To Be Honored By WPD

The Wichita Police Department will hold a reception honoring the Officer of the Year, Non-Sworn Employee of the Year and Cooper/McKee Volunteer of the Year at a City Hall Ceremony, it was announced today by Police Chief Norman Williams.

The 2007 Officer of the Year award will be presented to Lt. Jeff Easter, an 18-year veteran of the Wichita Police Department. Speaking for seven other detectives, two assistant U.S. Attorneys and Captain Randal Landen in nominating Lt. Easter, Detective Tim Relph cited Easter's devotion to duty, adding, "I have seen the worst that men can do confronted by the brute opposing force that is the character and will of Jeffrey Todd Easter."

Lt. Easter, who currently heads the Gang/Felony Assault Section, was the supervisor in charge of the historic WPD Cold Case investigation, which resulted in

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the indictment of 38 members and associates of the Neighborhood Crips gang by federal grand juries earlier this year.

Easter also was instrumental in helping gain passage of the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 2006 by the Kansas Legislature. In doing so, he built valuable relationships with members of the legislature including Senators Jean Schodorf and Mike Petersen.

Easter's other honors include the Wichita Police Department Bronze Wreath of Meritorious Service, a Certificate of Commendation, and honors by the Mental Health Association, and the Wichita Business Journal's "40 under 40" award. In addition, during his career Lt. Easter was able to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree from Friends University.

The Non-Sworn Employee of the year for 2007 is Patsy Terrill, a case review administrative aide in the Records Bureau. Cynthia Davis, also in the Records Bureau, nominated Terrill, a 22-year veteran of the Department.

Davis cited Terrill as a role model for other employees, adding she has a "strong work ethic, willingness to help others and extensive job knowledge." Terrill, who has worked in all areas of the Records Bureau currently is responsible for maintaining the WPD gateway to the State of Kansas crime data collection system. The gateway forwards WPD crime data to state and federal law enforcement agencies. Terrill's past awards include the Wichita Customer Service Award and an I.R.I.S.E. recognition by her fellow employees.

The 2007 Cooper/McKee Volunteer of the Year award goes to Reserve Officer Robert J. "Joe" Duloher, Jr. In his nomination of Duloher, Reserve Deputy Chief Galen Davis called Duloher "a tremendous resource to helping the Wichita Police

Department meet is mission statement and 2007 goals.” Davis cited Duloherly’s extraordinary commitment to the department by volunteering more than 1,000 hours per year in 2005 and 2006, and nearly 900 hours in the first seven months of 2007. According to Davis, his nearly 3,000 hours of service have saved the citizens of Wichita approximately \$74,000.

Reserve Officer Duloherly’s awards and achievements include the 2006 Wichita Police Department Reserve Officer of the Year, and the Wichita/Sedgwick County Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association’s Volunteer Police Reserve Service recognition.

Duloherly, who is married and has two children, is employed full-time outside the Department.

The award ceremony honoring Easter, Terrill and Duloherly will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26th in the City Council chambers. A reception in the East Hallway of City Hall will follow the ceremony.



Lt. Jeffrey Easter



Patsy Terrill



Reserve Officer Joe Dulobery