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LCSO Announces Correctional Officer and Deputies of the Year

On October 11, 2016, the Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association announced the Correctional Officer of the Year and Deputy of the Year Awards. Congratulations to Lieutenant Leod Davis our Correctional Officer of the Year. Congratulations to Lieutenant Silas Lewis and Deputy Michael Wallace our Deputies of the Year.

Below are portions of each nomination:

Lieutenant Leod Davis

Lieutenant Leod Davis began his career with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1988 at the old Leon County Jail. He quickly earned the respect of the inmates, his supervisors and his coworkers. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996. His leadership skills were recognized by his lieutenant who began leaving him in charge as acting watch commander during his absences. In 2006 Leod was promoted to lieutenant and designated as one of the watch commanders of the jail. In 2013, he was transfer to the case management unit. Currently Leod oversees the Inmate Services Section encompassing Medical Security, Kitchen Security, Programs Security, Visitation Lobby, Mailroom and the Laundry.

He is a servant leader who is always encouraging people, both staff and inmates, to make positive changes in their lives and ensuring that all people are treated with fairness and respect.

During the last twenty-nine years, Leod has demonstrated his courage and willingness over and over to put himself in harms-way, in potential dangerous situations to protect others. That is why Lieutenant Davis is recognized as the 2016 Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association Distinguished Service Corrections Officer of the Year.

Lieutenant Silas Lewis

Lieutenant Silas Lewis started his career with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in 1986 as a correctional officer in the old Leon County Jail. He was subsequently transferred to the Uniform Patrol Bureau in 1988. In 1990 he was promoted to detective and worked in



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the Street Crimes Unit and the Vice Unit. The Leon County Sheriff's Office Boot Camp open in 1993 and Silas was one of the first to volunteer for this assignment. That same year he was promoted to sergeant at the boot camp. He was subsequently promoted to lieutenant at the boot camp. In 2000, the boot camp closed and Silas was reassigned to the jail for a short period. In 2001, he was reassigned to the Uniform Patrol Bureau as a lieutenant because of his work ethic, and his ability to motivate his subordinates. Silas found his true calling when he was transferred to the Specials Operations Unit. For most of the last four years Silas and his unit have been responsible for the majority of the security at special events in Leon County. These events include; FSU Football game security, Celebrate America, Red Hills Horse Trials, Springtime Tallahassee Parade, Veterans Day Parade, City of Lights Parade, north Florida Fair, Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon and any major concerts, road races and dignitary escorts. Silas has demonstrated for years his ability to work with all local state and federal agencies. He has also volunteered many hours to the Special Olympics Florida, Big Bend United Way, Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, MADD/SADD and a host of other organizations.

Silas demonstrates high standards of professional conduct by developing enduring professional relationships with the citizens he serves. He will end his thirty year of service in November 2016. That is why Lieutenant Lewis is recognized as the 2016 Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni Association Distinguished Service Deputy of the Year.

Deputy Michael Wallace

Deputy Michael Wallace began his career with the Leon County Sheriff's Office in April 2015. Michael has demonstrated his dedication to the community through his volunteer work with the Pop Warner Little Scholars Program, Special Olympics and at the Governor's Charter Academy. He has volunteered countless hours to the Pop Warner Little Scholar program since 2006. He brings his leadership, training skills and love for youth to the participants who range in age from 5 through 14. He is always working to find ways to reach our youth to build lasting relationships to keep youth out of the correctional system. He is also a School Resource Deputy and one of the football coaches at the governor's Charter Academy. From the beginning of football his mission has been for the boys to be good citizen leaders in the school and the community. He constantly tells the boys that football is not the most important thing in life. He shares with them how and why the decisions they make impact their lives and the lives of those around them. Michael's leadership and commitment is evident in all he does. He has impacted 30 young men and the students at the Governors Charter Academy. They know a deputy can be trusted, they can talk to him and he will help.

Also, in May 2016, Michael assisted in preparing and coordinating a plan to provide safe travel for the Special Olympic Athletes and staff to the games in Orlando, Florida. Michael was able to spend time with the athletes, even cheering on his daughter to medal in Track and Field during the weekend. The Leon County delegation was especially proud when "Deputy Mike" came to the Wide World of Sports Stadium during the opening ceremonies with hundreds of statewide law enforcement officers bringing

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the Special Olympics Torch, "The Flame of Hope." Michael was also honored on July 2016 at the Special Olympics Florida – Leon County Awards Gala for his Above and Beyond contribution to investing in the lives of those with intellectual disabilities in his community. Clearing Deputy Michael Wallace is deserving of the 2016 Community Involvement Beyond the Scope of Assigned Duties Deputy of the Year Award.



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