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Deputy of the Year Award

The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Citizen's Academy Alumni Association (CAAA) has established a 'Leon County Deputy of the Year Award' to be presented each year at the LCSO Citizen's Academy Graduation Banquet.

In keeping with the mission of the Association to "promote and preserve a close relationship between the alumni, the community and the LCSO," the intent of the award is to provide recognition to a deputy for distinguished service to the profession of law enforcement and the community. Deputy of the Year nominations were reviewed and a decision was made by a committee consisting of CAAA representatives and members of the community with oversight by Sheriff Larry Campbell.

The 2008 Leon County Deputy of the Year is Sergeant Tim Baxter. Sgt. Baxter has been employed by the Sheriff's office for 25 years and currently serves in the Violent Crimes Unit. During the months of October – December 2007 there were four homicides in Leon County and Sgt. Baxter was the supervisor over all of them. He was one of three deputies that went to Georgia to investigate evidence in the Cheryl Dunlap case and remains closely involved in that case. In the past year in an off duty capacity, Sgt. Baxter became involved handling a situation that could have hurt the participants or others had he not taken the initiative to become involved. He also serves as a hostage negotiator on the hostage team and answers to the 'call of duty' at all times of the day and night.

Sgt. Baxter is dedicated to the honor and integrity of the LCSO and is well respected by his colleagues as a leader and supervisor. He also participates in fund raising for the Sheriff's Youth Ranch by bagging groceries at local Publix supermarkets for a day. Sgt. Baxter was very involved in the Heart Walk in Leon County and was Agency Coordinator for the American Heart Association for LCSO.

The CAAA is pleased to recognize the distinguished service of Sergeant Tim Baxter, the 2008 Deputy of the Year.

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