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Wyoming Public Safety Department Names Officer of the Year

WYOMING, Mich., February 25, 2014 – Wyoming Department of Public Safety Director James Carmody presented officers and civilian staff with several awards this week, including the Wyoming Police Department Officer of the Year award.

Officer Mark Doornbos, who has served with the Wyoming Police Department for more than 25 years, received the 2013 Officer of the Year Award for his practice of exemplary police work throughout the year.

"Mark has a very strong work ethic and is consistently known as a top performer," Carmody said. "He fills all of his uncommitted time with useful, proactive police activities. He volunteers to attend neighborhood and business meetings and he partners with the detective division and community services unit to solve problems in his patrol district.

"Mark is an excellent role model for younger officers and exemplifies the type of officer we are proud to have as a part of our organization."

In addition to Doornbos, a number of other individuals were recognized for their service and contributions to public safety in Wyoming at the ceremony that was held at the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.

These individuals include:

- Deborah Visser, the Director of Public Safety's administrative assistant, who was named Civilian of the Year.
- Lieutenant Joseph Jones and Firefighter Daniel Deppe who were named Fryling-Yonker's Firefighters of the Year.
- Officers Eric Grunewald and Douglas Smit who were awarded Certificates of Merit for their outstanding and meritorious performance of duty during a difficult situation.
- Fifteen officers and one civilian who received individual commendations for outstanding service in the performance of their duties.
- Officer Jeremy Walter who was awarded a Citation of Valor for saving the life of an individual who was trapped inside a burning vehicle.

The department also awarded life saving awards to Officers Douglas Smit, Steve Rellinger, Jeremy Walter, and Eric Grunewald for helping save the lives of two individuals having dire medical emergencies.

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