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2021-01-09 Three honored in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver honored three people today as employees of the year in their departments in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The winners include: --

Deputy of the Year: Sgt. Robert Patterson, Community Services; --

Telec—communicator of the Year: Danielle (Dani) Hennesy, Central Dispatch; --

Corrections Officer of the Year, Cpl. Thomas Small Sr., Georgetown County Detention Center.

Sgt. Patterson coordinates community outreach services, ranging from children's functions at day-care centers and schools, to civic and fraternal events as well as Community Watch. "Sergeant Patterson truly depicts what a public servant is and should be," said First Lt. Mike Nelson, who nominated him. "He gives freely and unrelayedly of himself for this agency, the community and fellow officers. We often don't even know what he's done. We don't always know when he's done it, but rest assured, he did it and he did it well for the good of the agency and his fellow officers. He is the officer we should strive to emulate because he does his duty selflessly."

Hennesy began her career at Central Dispatch in February 2020 and has become one of its top tele—communicators. "She has a positive attitude, is very compassionate with our citizens at their darkest points and is committed to her career," said Maj. T.L. Staub in nominating her. "In the past year, Dani has served the sheriff's office and Georgetown County through the pandemic and several major incidents. Her overall job performance has been recognized by her supervisors and fellow employees, leading to her nomination and selection as 2020 Tele—communicator of the Year."

Cpl. Small was described as dependable, an educator, a motivator, and a de-escalator by Director Neil Johnson in nominating him. "Cpl. Small demonstrates the work ethic and skills we strive to see in every officer on a daily basis," Director Johnson said. "He is always up for 1 whatever task he is given and most importantly is not afraid to ask questions about the task at hand because he wants it to be done adequately."

