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Officer Sorrels



Sgt. Bolton & Officer Sorrels



Sgt. Bolton

Two of Burleson's motorcycle traffic officers competed in the Celebrate Roanoke Police Motorcycle Training and Rodeo.

Sgt. Sean Bolton placed seventh and Officer Robert Sorrels placed 14<sup>th</sup> out of 23 riders in the Oct. 11 event. The sergeant also placed third, along with Sgt. Neal Maranto from North Richland Hills, in the partner ride.

Twenty three officers from Burleson, Irving, Rowlett, North Richland Hills, Roanoke, Colleyville, Keller, Southlake, Dallas Fort Worth Airport Public Safety and Bedford competed.

The goal is to make it through a maze of orange traffic cones as quickly and precisely as possible. Course times ranged from 49.998 seconds to 1:26.955 minutes. Riders are penalized for touching a traffic cone, knocking a cone down, putting a foot down during the run, and breaking the pattern of the course. During the Oct. 11 rodeo, riders ran through the course three times. The rider's fastest two runs are averaged for the final standing.

This was Officer Sorrels' first motorcycle training and rodeo. He joined Burleson's motorcycle traffic unit in February 2008. This was Sgt. Bolton's seventh motorcycle training and rodeo. Bolton was one of the department's first two motorcycle officers in 2002. In October 2007 Bolton was promoted to sergeant over the traffic unit. The Roanoke event was the sergeant's first motorcycle training and rodeo since he survived a near-fatal off-duty motorcycle accident in April 2008.

This is the second time for Roanoke to host the training and rodeo. This year's event benefited Special Olympics Texas. Roanoke raised approximately \$500.

For more information about this release, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.