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In 2001, Roger Hall won Officer of the Year, thanks to his peers at the Burleson Police Department. Eight years later, his peers honored him again, this time as Supervisor of the Year for 2008.

Sgt. Hall, 36, just marked his ninth year with Burleson. He promoted to sergeant in 2006, the same year he earned the slot as sniper for the department's SWAT team.

“As a supervisor, I like to encourage officers to set goals, then help them to

achieve those goals by developing the skills they already possess or the ones they produce through specialized training,” the sergeant said. “I have spent the majority of my career working nights, but I just recently changed shifts and I think that change has given me a different perspective of patrol. It gives me the opportunity to work with some of the newer officers.”

The honoree graduated from Rio Vista High School. He attended Hill College and the University of Houston. He earned a degree in criminal justice and went through the police academy at Hill College before starting his career in 1997 with the Hillsboro Police Department.

When Hall joined the Burleson force in 2000, he was trained by officers John Brackett and Shawn Lewis. Hall joined the SWAT team in 2001, became a field training officer and an intoxilyzer operator in 2002, and in 2008 he was appointed as team leader for the SWAT team.

“I enjoy the training that is required for a SWAT officer and being prepared for high risk situations that may arise,” Hall said. “I believe this training makes me a better officer when I am on patrol.”

In his 12 years in law enforcement, Hall has observed the traits of several different supervisors.

"I think this helped me by being exposed to both the positive and the negative qualities of leadership. As a leader, I try to set a good example of what's expected," Hall said. "I focus on the team aspect. As police officers, we work with each other, knowing that our safety and lives depend on each other."

Hall was one of five nominated for Supervisor of the Year. According to the nomination, Hall has "made a lasting impression on many patrol officers during his tenure. He often stays late to make sure that all of the supervisory work is completed and accurate which makes other units in the department run much smoother. He has proven to be a great leader by setting an example for other officers on his shift."

He sets an example by working alongside his officers. Hall has the fifth highest number of DWI arrests for the department and, according to the nomination, "completes most of the intoxilyzer tests for the midnight shift without complaint. He has a strong commitment to getting the job done right."

Law enforcement is in Hall's blood. His father, Larry Hall, has served as an officer since 1981 for the Joshua Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Grandview Police Department, and he is currently a reserve deputy constable for Johnson County's Precinct 1.

"I'm very proud of Sgt. Hall. He is well deserving of this award," Burlison Police Commander Chris Havens said. "He has always led by example on and off duty."

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