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Six major awards as well as lifesaving awards and the Medal of Valor were presented at the Burleson Police Department's annual banquet Feb. 17.

Traffic Officer Jay Davis earned Officer of the Year; Officer Tim Mabry took home Rookie of the Year; Katie Reynolds, a telecommunications operator, won Employee of the Year; Sgt. Jody Trumble was tapped for Supervisor of the Year; Officer Kasey Martin earned the Ofelia Blair Outstanding Character award; and Officer Paul Lancaster was selected as the department's first winner of the Most Outstanding Community Policing Award.

Lifesaving awards went to telecommunication operators Shelly Watson and Sabrina Rivera, Officer Mabry and Sgt. Diron Hill for a December 2010 report that started with a 911 hang-up call from a woman who feared for her life. Telecommunication operators were able to narrow down the general area where the cell phone call was placed, got the name of the caller from the voicemail and obtained an address for the responding officers. The female's husband was found at the location with a loaded gun.

Lifesaving awards also went to Sgt. Wes Routson, Officer Nick Grace and Officer Robert Collard for an April 2010 report about a possible suicide attempt. The ex-boyfriend said he received a text message from the woman who said she was going to harm herself. When officers arrived, the door was dead bolted. Officers kicked in the door and found the victim attempting to hang herself.

Six earned a Medal of Valor for a May 2010 report of a person with a weapon. Sgt. Roger Hall, Sgt. Bob Sherman, and officers Scott Bartlett, Chaz Garrett, Cameron Pilgrim, and Shaun Kellum found a man, who was wielding a large hatchet, in his truck in the driveway. The man threatened approaching officers. After negotiations failed, officers deployed Tasers and subdued the man.

A Medal of Valor and Lifesaving Award went to Sgt. Hall and officers Craig Bastible, Kellum, Cody Austin, John Fields, and Larry Sparks. In June 2010, the officers responded to a report of a shooting in progress. A man had shot one person and was actively chasing and shooting at other people. When officers arrived, they heard gunshots. The officers were able to detain the active shooter.

Police officers and civilian employees were also honored for meritorious conduct, police commendation, safe driving, honorable service, and community service.

Five year service awards went to officers Jay Davis, John Fields, Brad Schaefer, Tiffany Bauereisen and Robert Collard as well as telecommunications operator Trina Keeton and Victim Assistance Coordinator Wanda Page. Ten year service awards were presented to Det. Shannon Kimberling and Karen Dawkins, lead telecommunications operator. Officer John Morgan and Property and Evidence Technician Gayla Robison were honored for their 15 years of service to the department.