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Sgt. Jody Trumble is a leader, a mentor and a friend who “leads by example and encourages others to be their very best. She empowers people and holds herself accountable. She expects of them no more than she is willing to give herself. She is a true leader.”

That’s what fellow sergeant, Bob Sherman, said in his nomination letter that earned Sgt. Trumble the Supervisor of the Year award. The honor was presented at the annual Burleson Police Department awards banquet Feb. 17.

Trumble is a veteran of the United States Air Force. She graduated from the North Central Texas Regional Police Academy in February 2004. She was the salutatorian and secretary/treasurer of her academy class and won the Top Gun award for marksmanship.

After leaving active military duty, the honoree was hired by the Burleson Police Department in October 1998, as a telecommunications operator. She was called back to active duty after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as a member of the 610th Security Forces Squadron. Trumble served at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada; Canadian Forces Base-Cold Lake, Alberta; MacDill Air Force Base in Florida; San Vito de Normanni Air Base in San Vito, Italy; Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland and Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait.

In his letter, Sherman said Trumble’s commitment and dedication to the department and the City “is evident when you look at the road she took to get where she is today. Her goal to become a police officer was realized not long after she returned from her overseas assignments with the Air Force. She worked on patrol for several years, continued on to become a detective, and she worked hard and established herself as a top notch investigator.”

Trumble earned her sergeant stripes in 2010. She has also completed her Intermediate Peace Officer License, is the assistant team leader for the department’s Crisis Negotiations Team (of which she has been a member since 2000), and is the bugler for the Burleson Police Department Honor Guard. Trumble is currently working on finishing her bachelor’s degree.

“I have had many mentors throughout my military and civilian career and am very thankful for their positive influence and sound advice,” Trumble said.

As a supervisor, the honoree is paying forward that mentorship.

“This award is given to a supervisor who is highly regarded by his or her peers for consistently supporting the department’s pursuit of excellence,” Sgt. Sherman said. “They lead by example and are consistently fair, honest, compassionate, and understanding of the needs of others. They make a significant difference in the daily operation of the department simply by being here and encouraging others to be their best.”

Sgt. Trumble is the youngest child in a blended family of 10 children. Her father and mother both served in public safety in Trumble’s rural hometown in Michigan. The honoree has a host of pets, most of which are rescued animals. Sgt. Trumble enjoys riding and rehabilitating rescued draft horses.