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Courtney Haley was honored with the Burleson Police Department's Civilian Employee of the Year award at the department's annual banquet March 1. She was one of seven to receive top awards.

"I am honored to receive this award and am thankful to the people who nominated me," she said.

Haley is the criminal investigations clerk. She was hired in September 2010. Her job entails filing criminal cases for the detectives in both Johnson and Tarrant counties. She also prepares cases for municipal court and juvenile court. Haley handles both misdemeanor and felony offenses. She is also responsible for the registration of sex offenders in Burleson.

According to the nomination, "this employee has proven herself to be an invaluable member of this department. Her duties as CID clerk have evolved into much more than what her original job description entailed. She always seems to have a kind word for everyone and she has a positive personality. She assists patrol whenever she can, without complaint, and she has the foresight to recognize problems before they become an issue. She is a vital part of the criminal investigations division."

Haley found out that she liked working with law enforcement when she was a work program student with the Johnson County District Attorney's Office.

"I found out that I enjoyed the case preparation and law enforcement," Haley said. "I wanted to work for a police department because I find the job interesting and there is a new challenge every day. And, I get to serve the community."