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He was named Rookie Officer of the Year for the Burleson Police Department in 1993. On Jan. 30, 2014, Sgt. Bob Sherman was named the 2013 Supervisor of the Year.

According to the nomination letter, Sherman "is a strong leader amongst his patrol shift and a leader in the hostage negotiations team. He takes great pride in his career and it shows."

Sherman, 51, hails from Walden, New York. When he was hired by Burleson in 1993, he had already spent 11 years as a United States Air Force law enforcement specialist. He served as a patrolman, flight sergeant, desk sergeant, quality control evaluator and police instructor. Sherman achieved the rank of staff sergeant. He was stationed at Hahn Air Base in Germany, Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth (now Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base), the Kunsan Air Base in South Korea and Homestead Air Force Base outside Miami, Florida. Between August 1990 and February 1991, Sherman also served in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Sherman was honorably discharged in July 1992.

The award winner attended the Tarrant County College Police Academy where he was the distinguished recruit and valedictorian. After Sherman graduated the academy, he chose the Burleson Police Department.

"Burleson was a very different place 20 years ago. I had just finished the police academy and applied to several departments," he said. "I didn't know a lot about Burleson before I applied and I had only visited a few times. My decision to work here was based on Burleson's size and potential for growth, and it has grown!"

Burleson's population when Sherman was sworn in was between 16,000 and 18,000 residents. Today, the number of residents exceeds 39,000.

Sherman is certified as a master peace officer, field training sergeant, a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement instructor, mental health peace officer, hostage negotiator and first aid/CPR instructor. He is the team leader for

Burleson's Crisis Negotiation Team and he teaches classes for the department's Citizens Police Academy and the Citizens On Patrol academy.

The award winner has been recognized by other organizations as well. He was recognized as the Outstanding Member of the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators (TAHN) in 2004. In 2006, at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration School of Supervision, Sherman was awarded the professionalism award. That same year, he was the team leader when Burleson Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team was selected as Team of the Year by TAHN. In 2008, Sherman was honored as the fifth Life Member of TAHN. And in 2009, the honoree was again the team leader when Burleson's hostage negotiation team won first place in the Texas State University Hostage Negotiations competition.

Sherman isn't the only public servant in his family. His brother Jim Sherman was a firefighter for the city of Newburgh, New York for 20 years before he retired to Florida. The honoree has been married to his wife Lisa for 12 years. They have two daughters who are attending Texas State University.