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His wedding anniversary may be Jason Tauch's lucky charm. He was hired by the Burleson Police Department on May 14, 2014, his wedding anniversary, and excelled quickly, earning him the department's 2015 Rookie Officer of the Year honors. The award was presented on Feb. 25 at the department's awards banquet.

"Officer Tauch is recognized as leader by his peers and sets an example for other officers in his daily actions, judgment and conduct," according to the nomination. "Officer Tauch is noted for his professionalism in every situation, his thoroughness in his enforcement action and his general attitude on a daily basis. Officer Tauch is a high producing officer on his shift, an active member of the department's SWAT team, and can be called on for any task within the department and he will carry it out to the best of his ability."

The 41-year-old Dickinson native said he was honored to receive the award, but noted that "my receiving this reflects on the training and leadership that I had during this time. The field training officers and sergeants are the ones who earned this. I, or any recipient, is only a reflection of the work they have done to maintain the reputation of the Burleson Police Department."

Tauch completed 41 hours at Texas A&M University. He is certified as a basic peace officer, sexual assault/family violence investigator, and SWAT operator.

"I've lived here with my family since 2007," the award winner said. "Burleson is my home, and I always knew I wanted to be in law enforcement, so when the opportunity presented itself here, my family and I agreed that this is where we would stay."

Officer Tauch's military background trained him for his future role as an officer. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a scout observer. He retired as a Staff Sergeant. Tauch's combat deployments included Somalia, Afghanistan (twice), Iraq (twice), and Counter Narcotics Operations in South America. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Camp Pendleton, Calif., North Carolina, and Fort Worth.

His personal mentor was his father, a career law enforcement officer with the Galveston Police Department (patrol sergeant, motors sergeant, and vice commander); Federal Task Force; and chief deputy of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. He died in 1995. His mother retired from Boeing-NASA.

Public safety is a way of life for Officer Tauch's family and extended family. His brother is a retired captain with the Galveston Fire Department; his father-in-law served as a captain with the Port of Galveston Police Department and retired as a sergeant with the Galveston Police Department; his mother-in-law retired from the Galveston Police Department; and his brother-in-law is a deputy with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office.

Tauch is the second of three children in his family. He and Robbin have two children – 17-year-old Hunter and 14-year-old Taylor. Robbin works for a company that sells and repairs fire and police vehicles.