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### **Burlleson Police announce department honors**

The Burlleson Police Department honored some of their own during their annual awards banquet last month.

#### **Officer of the Year**

The 2017 Officer of the Year is Shayne Morrison, a four-year veteran assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section. Detective Shayne Morrison began 2017 in patrol where he was a field training officer and serves as a valued member of the Hostage Negotiations Team. He made thirty-one arrests, including ten felonies. In October 2017, he was selected as a detective where he began learning an entirely different aspect of law enforcement.

Perhaps his most significant contribution to the department was his willingness to learn about available resources when officers respond to calls for service involving mental illness. In 2016, BPD responded to 495 calls for service that involved mental illness and in 2017, we responded to over 500 calls. These complex calls often leave officers frustrated because options are limited. Detective Morrison started building relationships with the Tarrant County Law Liaison program, Adult Protective Services, and the Department for Aging and Disabled to share knowledge with our staff on options they have when responding to persons with an intellectual disability. Detective Morrison's efforts have assisted all Burlleson officers in their ability to respond to these calls.



## Rookie of the Year

Officer Harold Chou was selected as the 2017 Burleson Police Department Rookie of the Year. Officer Chou joined the department in June of 2016 as an academy cadet. His supervisor said, "He hit the ground running" and described him as a natural leader with the confidence of a seasoned officer. His willingness to participate in any task distinguished him in the eyes of his supervisor. Officer Chou is committed to expanding his knowledge and was recently selected to train as an accident reconstructionist.



## Supervisor of the Year

The 2017 Burleson Police Supervisor of the Year is Sergeant Don Adams. Sergeant Adams, a fifteen year veteran of BPD has been a sergeant for two years. He is assigned to the Operations Bureau as an evening shift supervisor. Three separate nominations for this award described his leadership skills, training ability, and passion to teach officers. Sergeant Adams has vast experience in narcotics interdiction, having served in the STOP Task Force for Johnson County and uses that experience to train young-tenured officers. He serves as the SWAT Commander and scripts the training scenarios to prepare that team for deployment. He organized a full-scale training exercise last summer for rapid response to active shooter calls that involved numerous BPD officers, the Fire Department, and BISD staff. Finally, he organized tactical medical training for the SWAT team that eventually will extend to all officers.



## Civilian of the Year

Burleson Police Department's civilian staff works diligently behind the scenes in support of the department's mission, the department is proud to recognize Alex Schneider as the Civilian of the Year. As Burleson PD's Crime Analyst, Alex always has an eye on Burleson's crime trends to ensure officers in the field have accurate and timely information as they patrol your neighborhoods. She creates crime bulletins and packages intelligence through collaboration with analysts from nearby cities and serves as the President for the state-wide Crime Analyst network. In 2017, Alex assisted a neighboring department to provide intelligence in a double homicide, as well as gathering intelligence for our detectives. She took the lead to train all officers on a new platform for gathering and processing crime data in Burleson.



## Ofelia Blair Award

Officer Tiffany Bauereisen was the recipient of the Ofelia Blair Award. Scroll through the department's Facebook page and you will see Tiffany's character reflected through her contagious smile, laugh, and willingness to engage others. Her dedication to helping others can be seen through her involvement in our community. Tiffany is a Community Resource Officer and serves the North District of the city. In addition, she coordinates the Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol and the Citizen Awareness Training Seminar (CATS). She participated in the Burleson Friends Festival, Hope Farm event, Holiday Friends toy drop-off, and organized the Harvest House Angel Tree for BPD, all aimed at helping children in our community.



The Ofelia Blair Award is named after a former BPD employee whose actions exemplified outstanding character and service to others. The award is sponsored by Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce.

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