Travis County Sheriff’s Deputy Receives State Award

At an awards ceremony this morning, June 3, 2011, Senior Deputy Derrick Taylor received the 2010 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Public Service. The award was given by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. The ceremony was held in the State Capitol Extension Auditorium at 10am this morning. 33 law enforcement officers from across the state were recognized in three categories, Professional Achievement, Public Service and Valor.

Deputy Taylor’s presentation from the ceremony read;

Senior Deputy Derrick R. Taylor has been with the Travis County Sheriff's Office for 20 years. He is currently assigned to the Community Services and Outreach Unit. He has successfully coordinated several events and presentations throughout the Travis County community. Most of his presentations focus on youth behavior. One particular program is "Consequences" which informs youths of the positive and negative effects of their choices. Shattered Dreams is another program he coordinates. High school students are educated on the impact of drinking and driving. Derrick also serves as the Advisor for Travis County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 1099, providing guidance and structure to young people. They learn about careers in law enforcement and valuable community service. Each April Deputy Taylor arranges for boat rides at Mansfield Dam for Texas School for the Deaf students and follows up in May with Ranger Day at the school. Derrick’s biggest event is the Community Extravaganza. The Extravaganza is a time for the Sheriff's Office to give back to the community. Attendees have the opportunity to interact with law enforcement and other vendors. The day is filled with free food, prizes, games and activities for all. Over 3000 people attend each year. Attendees also have the opportunity to meet officers up close and personal. It is with deep thanks for Senior Deputy Derrick R. Taylor's commitment to his community that the Public Service award is given.

Sheriff Hamilton and the entire Sheriff’s Office are quite proud of Deputy Taylor’s accomplishment and congratulate him.

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