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Shreveport Police Department Celebrates Annual Awards Banquet

Last night, the Shreveport Police Department hosted its annual awards banquet, welcoming a larger-than-average crowd of officers, families, and supporters. The event, organized by the North Shreveport Business Association and hosted by the esteemed Debbie Martin, was a testament to the dedication and bravery displayed by the city's law enforcement.

Chief Smith took the stage to express gratitude to his officers for their unwavering commitment and hard work throughout the year. In a heartfelt address, he emphasized the importance of finding purpose, embracing small victories, and never underestimating the power of kindness and compassion.

Accompanied by his command staff and Mayor Tom Arceneaux, Chief Smith presented multiple awards, recognizing outstanding achievements within the department. Among the honorees were:

- Unit Citation Award: Presented to the Shreveport Police DWI Unit, consisting of Sergeant Daniel Atkins, Corporals Corey Sullivan, Jess Camp, Darryl Council, and Rodney Keaton.
- Departmental Commendation Award: Bestowed upon the Violent Crimes Abatement Unit, comprised of Lieutenant Steve McKenna, Sergeant Henry, Detectives Jeremy Blanchard and Robalo.

Several officers were recognized for their exceptional bravery and life-saving actions during the course of 2023. Notable recipients included Sergeant Briana Rivera, Sergeant Marcus Hines, Sergeant Kevin Duck, Corporal Adam Gagneaux, Corporal Stephen Boyd, Corporal Joshua Tingler, Corporal Jon Smith, Corporal Avery Williams, Officer Monica Davis, Officer Dakota Bourdon, Officer Joseph McNalley, Officer Colin York, Officer Daniel Hubley, Officer Trevor Pinckley, Officer Christopher Thompson, Officer Eric Williams, Officer Ashley Heflin Cody Hyde, Agent

Jamie Bryant, Agent Ryan Owen, Agent Brian McCay, Corporal Phillip Tucker, Sgt John Jackson, Corporal Emmett Gafford, Officer Matthew Rhoden, Andrew Presley, Corporal James Tilley, Corporal John Lee, Officer Jeff Walker, and Sergeant Hi Phan.

Special recognition was given to Dispatchers Kiuntai Deal and Judy Lamb, who were awarded Support Officers of the Year, and civilian Anthony Hudson, who received the Civilian of the Year Award.

The Investigator of the Year Award was presented to Amber Futch, while Marcus Hines was named Supervisor of the Year and James Tilley received the Training Officer of the Year Award. The coveted Officer of the Year title was bestowed upon Corporal John Lee.

In a poignant moment, Chief Smith honored Sgt Anthony Kelly with a Purple Heart for his courage and sacrifice in the line of duty. Additionally, Sgt Mike Jones and Officer Joshua Mitchell were presented with the prestigious Medal of Valor, the highest award conferred by the Shreveport Police Department.

The Shreveport Police Department extends heartfelt thanks to the North Shreveport Business Association for their continued support and special appreciation to Debbie Martin for her invaluable contributions as host and MC of the evening.

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