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Sheriff Announces Employees of the Year

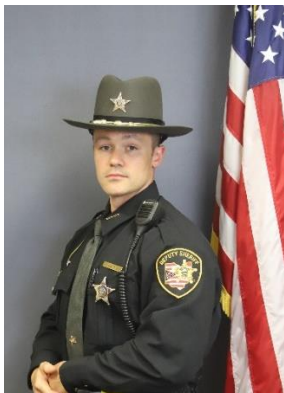
Sheriff Jamie Patton has announced the 2020 employees of the year at the Union County Sheriff's Office. The deputy sheriff of the year is Ben Smith. Deputy Smith began his career at the Sheriff's Office in June 2018. He previously served six years as a corrections officer and special deputy at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, as well as serving as a patrol officer with the Shawnee Hills Police Department. He is a 2008 graduate of Bath High School and earned an associate degree in public services from James A. Rhodes State College in 2010. He completed basic Ohio Peace Officer Training in 2012. He is currently assigned to second shift as a patrol deputy. He was recently selected to serve as a field training officer for the Sheriff's Office and will train newly hired deputies. Smith was nominated by his peers for this award because of his excellent work ethic, professionalism, dependability, and support of the Sheriff's Office Mission, Vision, and Values.

The civilian employee of the year is Jody Geer. Geer began her career at the Sheriff's Office in September 2017 and currently serves as the accounts payable clerk in the Administrative Division. She is 1992 graduate of Fairbanks High School and earned an associate degree in applied business from Marion Technical College in 1995. Jody was nominated by her peers for her positive attitude, her reliability, attention to detail, and her commitment to go above and beyond to help members of the Sheriff's Office and the public.

"Ben and Jody are excellent employees and I am proud of the fact that they serve our staff and our community whole heartedly everyday", said Sheriff Patton.

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Ben Smith



Jody Geer

