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## ***Sheriff Announces Employees of the Year***

Sheriff Jamie Patton has announced the 2022 employees of the year at the Union County Sheriff's Office. The deputy sheriff of the year is Captain Mike Justice. In conjunction with receiving the deputy of the year award, Captain Justice was also promoted from Lieutenant to Captain of the Patrol Division. Captain Justice began his career at the Sheriff's Office in 1990 and is the first three-time recipient of the deputy of the year award having been recognized with this award in 2010, 2014 and now in 2022. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1988 and attended Columbus State Community College. His commitment goes beyond the office for he has served his community as a volunteer firefighter, youth baseball coach, and youth softball coach. Captain Justice was nominated for deputy of the year due to his exemplary leadership and the commitment he has for our community and his staff.

The dispatcher of the year is Communications Officer Andrea Schalip. Communications Officer Schalip was nominated for this award for her reliability and consistent performance as a dispatcher while remaining calm under pressure. Andrea always helps new dispatchers in training learn and grow and encourages them as they acquire the finer art of being a good dispatcher. Andrea is an all-around great example of a dispatcher always being ready for whatever may happen during her shift. She has been praised by her peers for her consistently solid performance. This is Andrea's second dispatcher of the year award as she was also selected in 2018.

The civilian employee of the year is our Civil and Criminal Process Clerk Randy Barker. Barker is a thirty-nine-year veteran of the Union County Sheriff's Office and an integral part of the Court Services Division. He was nominated for civilian of the year for always being on top of his job, being helpful when information is needed, a team player, and quick support for the Court Services Division staff. Randy has tremendous amount of knowledge; he completes his job with great efficiency and is always willing to take on extra tasks while sharing his amazing sense of humor.

The special deputy of the year is Deputy Dale Mabry. Mabry was nominated for his ongoing support of the UCSO as a volunteer special deputy. He is now the one and only uniformed special deputy at our office. He has been with the UCSO's special deputy bureau since 1999. In 2022, he donated over 105 hours working at the Sheriff's Office at special events such as the Union County Fair, working patrol shifts as a second deputy in one of our cruisers, and assisting with fundraiser events such as our annual turkey shoot. He provides his time all while running a full-time business and maintaining his peace officer status by completing all continuing education requirements and annual re-certifications.

"It's a privilege to have these individuals working here at the Union County Sheriff's Office! They exemplify the spirit of selfless public service which impacts our community, our staff, and other

first responders in a positive way every day. It's an honor to serve the Citizens of Union County with these folks," said Sheriff Jamie Patton.

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Communications Officer Andrea Schalip



Civil and Criminal Process Clerk Randy Barker



Special Deputy Dale Mabry



Captain Mike Justice

