



SPACE CENTER ROTARY
HONORS
EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
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PRESENTS
1999 EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

The Excellence in Law Enforcement Committee of the Space Center Rotary was established to recognize law enforcement officers from the various departments serving the Clear Lake area that have distinguished themselves among their own peers. Selections of nominees come from within each department based on various categories related to upholding the high standards of law enforcement. Categories considered include:

- Involvement in crime prevention efforts/programs
- Special investigation activities
- Awards and/or acts of extraordinary valor
- Community involvement – activities/programs
- Special activities/programs with juveniles
- Drug prevention and control
- Traffic safety programs
- Facilitation of lectures and training programs
- Development of innovative approaches to better performance
- Other accomplishments or contributions to law enforcement and the community

This year's committee, chaired by Gerald L. Hurley, had the great privilege of meeting a tremendous group of nominees. Each one of them represents the best of Law Enforcement, going far beyond the basic requirements of their duties in servicing our families and businesses. It was not easy narrowing down the group of four finalists to a single Officer of the Year for 1999. They are all winners and deserve the recognition and appreciation of all the citizens they serve. Please give them a warm Rotary welcome as they are introduced to the membership and visitors today, and take the opportunity to thank them for their ongoing contributions. Although only one will be recognized as the Officer of the Year, they are all Distinguished Service Award winners and invaluable to our community.

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Officer Gary A. Brown
Houston Police Department

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Police Chief: Chief C.O. Bradford
Capt. S.A. Merrill

Officer Gary Brown's major duties include Gang Intelligence Operations, gang investigations, and disseminating gang information to other departments. He has been serving in law enforcement for 28 years, all with the same agency. In addition to high school and college education, he has had training and advanced education in Crime Scene Specialist and Gang Investigations Analysts. Officer Brown's letter of recommendation and nomination was submitted by his Supervisor, Sgt. Steven Cain, recounting Officer Brown's involvement in conducting over 100 gang investigations (clearing 60% of them), his commitment and dedication to the students of Pasadena I.S.D., Clear Creek I.S.D., and Civic Groups to whom he performs public speeches, and his role in several high profile cases.



Deputy Nathan Douglas
Harris County Sheriff Department

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Police Chief: Sheriff Tommy Thomas

Deputy Nathan Douglas' major duties include Law Enforcement Patrol Officer, Criminal Law Enforcement, and Traffic Control. He has been serving in law enforcement for 8 years, all with the same agency. In addition to high school, and a degree in Criminal Justice, he has had training and advanced education in Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician, 1992; Intermediate Peace Officer Certification, 1996; Advanced Traffic Investigation, 1998; and Hazardous Materials Technician, 1998. Community Services include numerous volunteer programs, Bayside Little League and Nasa Area Youth Soccer, member of the CLEMC Emergency Medial Technician, works with the fire department, and is dedicated to his family. His letter of recommendation and nomination was submitted by Lt. Michael J. O'Brien, listing his many involvements in capturing burglary suspects, contributions in recovering stolen vehicles and properties, acting as a liason with chemical plants in dealing with hazardous materials, and his service as a Technician geared toward Emergency Disaster Response.



Officer Steven G. King
Lakeview Police Department

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Police Chief: Chief Tom Savage

Officer Steven King's major duties include Municipal Police Patrol Officer for the cities of El Lago and Taylor Lake Village, Juvenile Officer, and Marine Safety Officer. He has been serving in law enforcement for 22 years, 18 years with his present agency. In addition to high school, he has training and advanced education in Peace Officer Certification, 1993; Child Abuse/Neglect, 1994; Shaken Baby Syndrome training, 1997, and Missing/Abduction Children training, 1998. Officer King's letter of recommendation and nomination was submitted by Chief Tom Savage, commending his high ideals of a professional, involvement in church and his children, community spirit and affairs. He is adulated for the saving of a fellow officer, on account of a lake front confrontation. Officer King spent time as an Industrial Safety Officer and at one time worked part time as an officer while maintaining another job. He is now a full time officer.



Deputy Sean Kitchens
Harris County Precinct 8
Constable's Office

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Police Chief: Constable Bill Bailey

Deputy Sean Kitchens' major duties include County Precinct 8 Law Enforcement Patrol Officer, Officer dispatcher, and Highway Patrol Officer. Deputy Kitchens' letter of recommendation and nomination was submitted by his Supervisor, Constable Bill Bailey, recounting a kidnapping which took place in the 3100 block of Nasa Road 1. While Deputy Kitchens took the original call, he was off-duty when he alertly spotted the vehicle, and with back-up assistance was able to capture the suspect. Deputy Kitchens' keen sense of observation and perseverance in locating the vehicle played a major part in the apprehension of the kidnapping suspect.