

# CPSO Deputy is named "Law Officer of the Year"

Friday, April 8, 2022

Cpl. Shonda Abercumbia was selected by the La Societe des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux's (The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses) as the Law Officer of the Year and was honored in a ceremony at the 40 and 8 Club Chateau on Thursday, April 7.

Cpl. Abercumbia will represent the Shreveport-Bossier area in the state competition.

Cpl. Abercumbia has been a deputy for over 25 years. She has worked in detention and the bailiff section, and is currently assigned to the Civil Division as a process server and member of the CPSO hostage negotiation team.

"Shonda is a hard worker who is dedicated to her job and it is a joy to supervise her," said Sgt. Jeff Thomas.

As a process server, Cpl. Abercumbia has executed court orders that involved taking children out of a dangerous environment and removing defendants from their homes. She completed all orders without incident and conducted herself in a professional manner at all times.

During the winter freeze of February 2021, Cpl. Abercumbia assisted the operations division by distributing water to the hard-hit areas of Caddo Parish and helping citizens affected by the weather.

She was also the main negotiator in two of three hostage incidents she was called to in 2021. Each time, she was able to negotiate with subjects and diffuse the situation resulting in a positive outcome.

When off duty, Cpl. Abercumbia remains involved in the community. She is an active member of the Order of The Eastern Star. She also volunteers with the Salvation Army to feed the homeless.

"Her work is exemplary and brings honor to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and to the citizens that we serve," said Sgt. Thomas.

# Attachments



