Caddo deputies to be awarded, promoted at Tuesday ceremony

Monday, January 11, 2010
Sheriff Steve Prator will promote 13 Caddo sheriff's deputies during a ceremony at 8:30 a.m., January 12, at Caddo Correctional Center. The sheriff will also present departmental awards to six other deputies.

Deputies being promoted to the rank of lieutenant are:

- Chris Abney, a 9-year deputy assigned to the Identification Division;
- Randy Coke, a 26-year deputy assigned to Judicial Services;
- Steven Joe, a 21-year deputy assigned to the Training Academy; and
- Willie Mosely, an 18-year deputy assigned to Work Release.

Those being promoted to sergeant are:

- James Lewis, a 20-year deputy assigned to Investigations;
- Thomas Lites, a 5-year deputy assigned to Work Release;
- Mike Middleton, a 29-year deputy assigned to Judicial Services;
- Robert Montoya, an 11-year deputy assigned to Caddo Correctional Center Administration;
- Pamiko Pineset, a 7-year deputy assigned to the Training Academy;
- David Robinson, a 13-year deputy assigned to Internal Affairs;
- Kevin Sentell, a 23-year deputy assigned to the Civil Division;
- Greg Ardoin, a 19-year deputy assigned to the Patrol Division; and
- Carl Henderson, a 24-year deputy assigned to the Patrol Division.

Sheriff Prator will award the department's Distinguished Action Award to Sgt. Stacy Cowgill, Sgt. James Bonnette, Deputy E.J. Parker, Deputy Jeremy Bergren, and Deputy Devin Pickett. The award is presented to recognize a Caddo Sheriffâ€™s deputy who takes quick and decisive action while exposing him or herself to personal danger above and beyond the normal demands of law enforcement.

The deputies are being recognized for their response to a vehicle crash that occurred October 29 on Hwy. 1. The deputies battled pouring rain, storm warnings, and a vehicle fire to rescue motorist Douglas Green from his truck, which crashed during the storm.

Deputy Matt Purgerson will receive the department's Lifesaving Award, which is presented when a deputy saves or prolongs a personâ€™s life during a situation that is not life threatening to the deputy.

On October 31, Deputy Purgerson assisted a citizen who lost consciousness and drove his truck into a ditch. Deputy Purgerson witnessed the incident and immediately began CPR on the scene until Fire District 1 arrived to take over.