Caddo Sheriff to recognize employees with awards and promotions

Monday, June 18, 2012
Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator will recognize three employees with promotions and others with departmental awards during a ceremony at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 19, at the Caddo Correctional Center Re-entry Facility.

Deputies being promoted are Avery Leary, sergeant at the Caddo Sheriffâ€™s Regional Training Academy; Roland Dunn, sergeant at the Caddo Correctional Center; and Marvette Griffin, director of the Sheriffâ€™s Office Civil Department.

Leary is a 13-year deputy who has served in Corrections, Patrol, Training, and Narcotics. Dunn is an 18-year deputy who has served in Corrections, Patrol, Bailiffs, and Courthouse Security. Griffin has worked for the Sheriffâ€™s Office for 14 years in Jail Records, Personnel, and the Civil Division. She replaces Director Judy Bolen, who retired.

Two deputies will be recognized as senior deputies with five years of service. They are Justin McDonnell and Christopher Ardoin. The following will be recognized for attaining the rank of corporal with 10 years of service: Louis Atkins Jr., Christopher Daniel, Frank Launer III, Johnny Loomis, and Douglass Smith.

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Other recognition will be given to Alice Lance, Martha Raley, Richard Robinson Jr., Phyllis Nickels, and Judy Thomas for 10 years of service; Alma Lee, 15 years of service; and Cassandra Atkins, 30 years of service.

Also at Tuesdayâ€™s ceremony, Sheriff Prator will recognize Caddo Sheriffâ€™s Deputy Devin Pickett and Fire District #1 Firefighter Juston Lewter with Lifesaving Awards for rescuing a woman who could not swim from Cross Lake on June 12. The woman was in a vehicle that was driven into the lake by her boyfriend, who was later arrested for attempted murder.

Sgt. Cassandra Atkins will receive the Sheriffâ€™s Office Certificate of Commendation for her response to a threatened suicide in the 8000 block of Greenwood on May 2. A woman locked herself inside a tractor trailer rig with a claw hammer, a box cutter, and a shard of glass from a broken mirror and threated to harm herself. Sgt. Atkins successfully talked the woman into giving up the weapons and exiting the vehicle to seek medical attention.