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Deputy waterways conservation officers (DWCOs) work with WCOs, performing mainly specialized law enforcement duties in protecting, conserving and enhancing our water resources. Their duties also include watercraft safety law enforcement. Deputies work long hours, often during weekends and holidays, and even though they receive a small allowance for some expenses, they are otherwise not compensated.

Any officer may nominate a deputy for this recognition. Regional committees of personnel in the Commission bureaus of Law Enforcement and Fisheries review the nominations and choose the winners. DWCOs receive plaques for these awards. The awards carry the distinction of their recipients knowing that they were selected by their peers.

The law enforcement regional managers presented DWCO Officers of the Year awards during regional meetings early in 2004. Here are the 2003 DWCOs of the year.

Northwest Region

DWCO William D. Logue
Clarion County

DWCO Logue entered deputy service with the Fish & Boat Commission in 1998. Since then he has served the anglers and boaters of Clarion County. During the last two boating seasons, DWCO Logue has increased his volunteer hours to provide coverage in the absence of the district officer. He has assisted the PA Game Commission and other agencies in routine law enforcement patrols. He has also participated in special operations all over the Northwest Region. DWCO Logue has



DWCO William D. Logue (right) with Assistant Regional Supervisor Robert Nestor

found time to take an active role in his community as well as fulfill the duties of a deputy waterways conservation officer.

Southwest Region

DWCO Amil Zuzik
*Western Westmoreland,
Fayette Counties*

DWCO Zuzik has been an active DWCO in Westmoreland County for more than 27 years. During 2003, Amil spent many hours on fish and boat patrol, especially during the early morning and late-evening hours. Amil assisted district WCO Ron Evancho with most of the fish stocking duties, which covered two districts. Amil attended many sportsmen's club meetings and conducted programs on fishing for youth groups. Amil assisted with a fundraiser for retired WCO Don Hyatt's



DWCO Amil Zuzik (right) with Southwest Regional Manager Emil Svetahor.

daughter for her cancer treatments. Amil is a dedicated and professional officer.

Northcentral Region

DWCO Jeffrey H. Colwell
Cameron County

DWCO Jeffrey H. Colwell has been serving the Commission's Northcentral Region since 1991. Jeff has a long and tireless history as a local sportsman, having devoted many hours benefiting fish, wildlife and fellow sportsmen. He is also a great supporter of his district WCO, William Crisp.



DWCO Jeffrey H. Colwell (right) with Northcentral Regional Manager Brian Burger.

Southcentral Region

DWCO Bradley H. Criswell
Bedford, Western Fulton Counties

DWCO Criswell has been a DWCO since 1977. His law enforcement career began at Shawnee State Park, where he worked as a park ranger for several years. He has assisted Area Fisheries Manager Larry Jackson with many fish surveys of Shawnee Lake, Cumberland Dams and various Bedford County trout streams. Bradley has led the annual Envirothon for the Chestnut Ridge Middle School. He has also assisted the local WCO in presenting programs to the PA State Police Camp cadet participants and Scouting groups. DWCO Criswell averaged about 200 hours per year of law enforcement patrol time during the last two



DWCO Bradley H. Criswell (left) with Southcentral Regional Manager Donald Lauver.

years. His local knowledge of people and places has been invaluable to WCO Kane. A great communicator, he makes sound decisions and uses good judgment in law enforcement situations.

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Northeast Region

DWCO Albert P. Snyder
Northern Wayne County

DWCO Albert P. Snyder has served with four WCOs. He has a 30-year background as a public school science teacher. He administers the annual program for Camp Starlight for the Commission, and he is a boating safety instructor. DWCO Snyder is also a dedicated trout stocker. He initiated a high-profile pollution investigation on the West Branch Lackawaxen River, and he has indirectly assisted in dozens of Fish & Boat Commission cases.



DWCO Albert P. Snyder with Northeast Regional Manager Sally A. Corl.

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Southeast Region

DWCO David W. Breyan
Northern Chester County

DWCO David Breyan has been a deputy waterways conservation officer since 1999. He serves in the Northern Chester County district with WCO Robert Bonney, who nominated him. Dave is employed as a park ranger at Marsh Creek State Park. He is not only an active deputy officer, but he also volunteers with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Habitat for Humanity and the Big Brother Program. Dave not only actively patrols the streams checking anglers, but he also has helped investigate pollutions. Recently he assisted with the investiga-



DWCO David W. Breyan (left) with Southeast Regional Manager Jeffrey Bridi.

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tion of a siltation incident that affected Marsh Creek Lake. Officer Bonney was able to track down the responsible party

because of DWCO Breyan's observations and evidence. ☐