



2009 Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers of the Year

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers (DWCOs), working with Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs), perform mainly specialized law enforcement duties in protecting, conserving and enhancing our water resources. This work includes watercraft safety law enforcement.

Deputies work long hours, often on weekends and holidays. 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 employees in the Commission's Bureau of Law Enforcement and Bureau of Fisheries review the nominations and choose the winners. DWCOs receive plaques for these awards. The awards carry the distinction of the recipients knowing that their peers selected them.



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Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Donald J. Cataldi (center) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Cataldi is Northwest Region Manager Bob Nestor (left) and Bureau of Law Enforcement Director Thomas J. Kamerzel (right).



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Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Neil H. Cook, Jr., (right) is the Northcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Cook is Northcentral Region Assistant Regional Supervisor Gerald B. Barton.



photo-WCO Larry Furlong

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Kenneth L. Pate (right) is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Pate is Southwest Region Manager Emil Svetahor.



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Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer John R. Sorenson (left) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Sorenson is Southcentral Region Manager Don Lauver.



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Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Peter J. Napoli, Jr., (left) is the Northeast Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Napoli is Northeast Region Manager Larry Bundy, Jr.



Photo-ARS Clyde Warner

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Theodore W. Romberger (right) is the Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Romberger is Southeast Region Manager Ray Bednarchik.

Years of Service Recognition

During the regions' annual awards presentations, the Commission recognized the following DWCOs for their length of service.

Northwest Region

- 5 years: Ronald W. Gainer, Anthony Rao, Jr.
- 10 years: Kenneth G. McCarrison
- 35 years: Ronald C. Wygant

Southwest Region

- 15 years: Christopher M. Konopka, Lonnie K. Lowndes, Kenneth L. Pate
- 25 years: Stephen J. Kutchman
- 35 years: Randolph G. Conray

Northcentral Region

- 15 years: David W. Twoey
- 25 years: David M. Mull, Joseph J. Parr
- 30 years: E. Lawrence Krest
- 35 years: Gary W. Walter

Southcentral Region

- 10 years: Andrew E. Seman
- 25 years: Steven M. Kisner
- 35 years: Robert L. Beck, Tyrone L. Stewart

Northeast Region:

- 5 years: Peter J. Napoli, Jr., Bryan A. Schumacher
- 10 years: Jonathan J. Dunsinger
- 15 years: Randy L. Payne
- 20 years: David A. Martin

Southeast Region

- 5 years: Jonathan R. Grove, Henry J. Vickers, Jr.
- 10 years: David W. Breyan, Craig V. Madonna
- 25 years: Mark F. Tenaglia
- 40 years: Theodore W. Romberger

Becoming a DWCO

Deputies engage in this work successfully from a variety of backgrounds, and they choose to be DWCOs for many reasons. All DWCOs share a common commitment to saving lives on our waterways and to protecting, conserving and enhancing Pennsylvania's aquatic resources and environment. Many DWCOs use their training and experience to move on to other law enforcement occupations.

Anyone interested in learning more about DWCO positions should contact his or her nearest Commission regional headquarters. These headquarters are listed on the Commission's web site, www.fishandboat.com, and in

If you are interested in becoming a fulltime Waterways Conservation Officer, contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission at 717-705-7861, or contact the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission at 717-783-3058, www.scsc.state.pa.us.