



# 2011 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.

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 the Bureau of Fisheries review the nominations and choose the award recipients. DWCOs receive plaques for these awards. The awards carry the distinction of the recipients knowing that their peers selected them.

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DWCO Jeffrey A. Snyder (center) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Snyder are (left to right) WCO Erik P. Shellgren and Captain Robert R. Nestor, Northwest Region Manager.



photo-WCO Steven G. Boughter

DWCO Gary W. Walter is the Northcentral Region's Deputy Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Walter is Captain Gerald B. Barton, Northcentral Region Manager.

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DWCO and former Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissioner Donald K. Anderson is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Anderson are (left to right) Southwest Region Assistant Regional Supervisor Thomas F. Qualters Jr. and Colonel Thomas J. Kamerzel, Director Bureau of Law Enforcement.



photo-ARS Alan Robinson

DWCO Carl W. Books is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Books is Captain Corey L. Britcher, Southcentral Region Manager.



DWCO Scott C. Siegfried (center) is the Northeast Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Siegfried are (left to right) Captain Larry L. Bundy Jr., Northeast Region Manager, and Executive Director John A. Arway.



DWCO Christopher J. D'Ascenzo (center) is the Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO D'Ascenzo are (left to right) Captain Raymond A. Bednarchik, Southeast Region Manager, and Executive Director John A. Arway.

## Years of Service Recognition

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

### Northwest Region

- 10 years: Shawn C. Hedglin
- 15 years: Michael J. Reed
- 20 years: C. Robert McDowell
- 25 years: Robert H. Johnston Jr.

### Southwest Region

- 5 years: Alan E. Harff, David M. Knepp and Jeffrey W. Rhodes
- 15 years: David E. Thomas and Brian L. Tuccarello
- 35 years: Amil A. Zuzik

### Northcentral Region

- 15 years: James F. Hillman
- 20 years: Jeffrey H. Colwell
- 30 years: Terry F. Bowersox

### Southcentral Region

- 30 years: Robert C. Houser Jr.

### Northeast Region

- 5 years: Mitchell K. Marcus

### Southeast Region

- 5 years: Michael P. Koehler Jr., Michael S. Rau Jr. and James S. Yerger Jr.
- 15 years: William H. Edwards
- 20 years: Richard D. Babb
- 25 years: C. Stephen Mobley
- 30 years: Robert P. Derstine
- 50 years: Theodore A. Ciesinski

## Becoming a DWCO

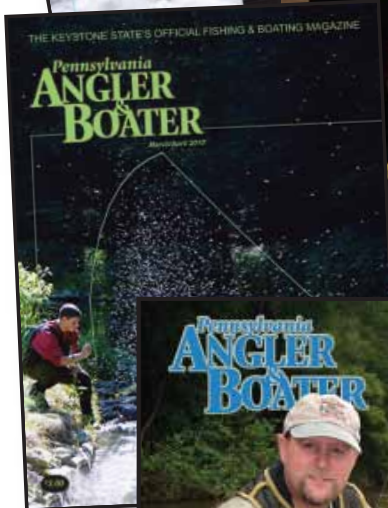
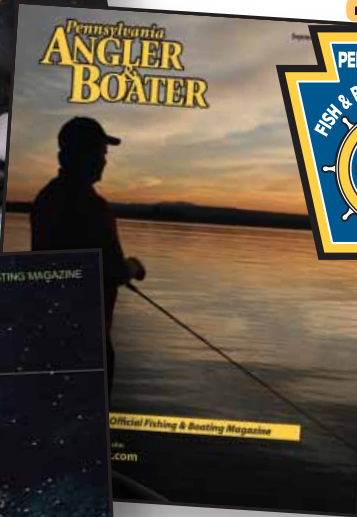
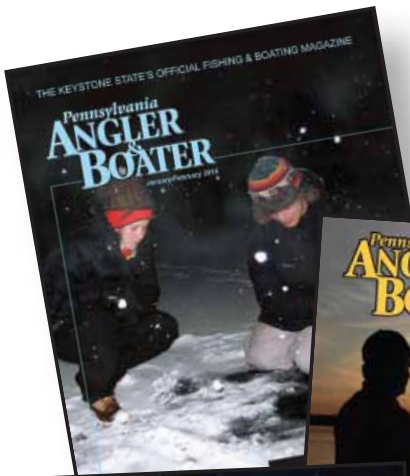
DWCOs engage in successful work from a variety of backgrounds and choose to be DWCOs for many reasons. All DWCOs share a common commitment: to save lives in our waterways and to protect, conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's aquatic resources and environment. Many DWCOs use their training and experience to move on to other law enforcement occupations.

Anyone interested in learning more about DWCO positions should contact the nearest Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Regional Law Enforcement Office. These offices are listed on the Commission's website, [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com), and in the *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.



**If you are interested in becoming a full-time 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](http://www.scsc.state.pa.us).**





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