

2008 Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers of the Year

Deputy waterways conservation officers (DWCOs), working with 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 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 the recipients knowing that they were selected by their peers. ☐



photo-ARS Thomas Tarkowski

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Michael J. Eismont (left) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Eismont is Northwest Region Manager Bob Nestor.



photo-WCO Thomas A. Ninnamacher

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Eugene W. LaFavor (center) is the Northcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO LaFavor is Northcentral Region Manager Brian Burger (left) and Bureau of Law Enforcement Director Thomas J. Kamerzel (right).



photo-WCO Larry Furlong

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Amil A. Zuzik (right) is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Zuzik is Southwest Region Manager Emil Svetahor.



photo-ARS Corey Britcher

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Robert D. Reiner (right) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Reiner is Southcentral Region Manager Don Lauver.



photo-WCO Dave Kimeski

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



photo-ARS Clyde Warner

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

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 the *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.

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: Jeffrey A. Snyder
 10 years: Wendi D. Donachy, William D. Logue
 20 years: Donald J. Benczkowski, Philip A. Pompilio
 25 years: Howard J. Egger

Southwest Region

5 years: Keith J. Myers
 10 years: Bradford E. Mooney
 15 years: Theodore E. Rusin, Robert J. Liptock, Jr.
 20 years: Leroy V. Ammon
 25 years: Charles M. Hurst, Ernest J. Bedillion
 30 years: Donald K. Anderson

Northcentral Region

5 years: Eugene W. LaFavor
 10 years: Larry R. Dennis
 20 years: Jacqueline K. Carey, Neil H. Cook, Jr.
 30 years: David D. Coe

Southcentral Region

5 years: John R. Sorenson, Robert D. Reiner
 25 years: Howard R. Hellyer
 35 years: Dallas E. Cook

Northeast Region

5 years: Raymond J. Squires
 20 years: Roger J. Wrazien

Southeast Region

5 years: Theodore L. Bachman
 20 years: John M. Hand
 25 years: Gordon F. Smith

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 717-783-3053, www.scsc.state.pa.us.

