

# 2007 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-WCO Tom Edwards

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Dan Johnson (right) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Johnson is Northwest Region Manager Bob Nestor.*



Photo-WCO Thomas A. Niranmacher

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Janet M. Colwell is the Northcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Colwell is Northcentral Region Manager Brian Burger.*



Photo-WCO Larry Furlong

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Joe Ow (left) is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Ow is Southwest Region Manager Emil Svetahor.*



Photo-ARS Burrell

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Tyrone Stewart (right) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Stewart is Southcentral Region Manager Don Lauver.*



photo-Northeast Region Manager Sully Carl

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Scott C. Siegfried is the Northeast Region's Deputy of the Year.*



photo-DWCO Dan O'Connor

*Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Paul Marchese (right) is the Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Marchese 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 Com-

## 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: Brian C. Beliveau, Michael J. McSkimming, Jamie M. Valencic, David A. Wetsell, Thomas C. Wharry  
 10 years: Mark J. Kasiorek, Mark D. Scholtz  
 15 years: Donald E. Christy  
 20 years: Michael J. Eismont

### Southwest Region

10 years: Thomas D. Byrnes

### Northcentral Region

5 years: Ronald E. Myers  
 10 years: Janet M. Colwell, William F. Rathjen Jr.  
 15 years: Scott A. Hornberger

### Southcentral Region

5 years: David M. Maier  
 10 years: Christian J. Garman  
 15 years: Alan L. Bernardi, Mark S. Briner  
 30 years: Bradley H. Criswell

### Northeast Region

5 years: Joseph E. Dolan, Ross D. Piazza, David S. Shygelski, Scott C. Siegfried  
 10 years: Gerald L. Cepil  
 15 years: William J. Kropa, Ardell L. Loncosky II

### Southeast Region

5 years: Christopher T. Brosey, Edmund M. Portko  
 10 years: Stephen P. Barras, Christopher J. D'Ascenzo, Richard A. Kessler, Paul V. Marchese  
 15 years: John W. Hechler, Richard J. Sodouski  
 25 years: Robert P. Derstine  
 40 years: Roger G. Lauderback  
 45 years: Theodore A. Ciesinski

mission's web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us), and on page 42 of the 2008 *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.

If you are interested in becoming a fulltime waterways conservation officer, contact the Fish & Boat Commission at 717-705-7861, or contact the State Civil Service Commission at 717-783-3053, [www.scsc.state.pa.us](http://www.scsc.state.pa.us).

