



2010 Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers of the Year

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers (DWCOs), working with Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs), perform many 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 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.

photo-ARS Thomas Tarkowski



Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Howard J. Egger (third from the left) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Egger are (left to right) Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissioner Edward P. Mascharka III, Executive Director John A. Arway and WCO Chad E. Doyle.

photo-WCO Thomas Numanacher



Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer E. Lawrence Krest (center) is the Northcentral Region's Deputy Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Krest are Bureau of Law Enforcement Director Thomas J. Kamerzel (left) and Northcentral Region Manager Gerald B. Barton (right).

photo-WCO Larry Furlong



Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer John B. Toki (left) is the Southwest Region's Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Toki is retired Southwest Region Manager Emil Svetahor.

photo-WCO Chad Wolesiegle



Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Tyrone L. Stewart (left) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Stewart is Southcentral Region Manager Corey L. Britcher.

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photo-WCO John Cummings



Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Ross D. Piazza (right) is the Northeast Region's Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Piazza is Northeast Region Manager Larry L. Bundy Jr.



photo-Southeast Region ARS Clyde Werner Jr.

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Robert P. Derstine (center) is the Southeast Region's Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer of the Year. Pictured with DWCO Derstine are Bureau of Law Enforcement Director Thomas J. Kamerzel (left) and Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissioner Glade E. Squires (right).

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: Randolph G. Leighton, Benjamin J. Suchocki
20 years: Bradley W. Donor
25 years: Donald J. Cataldi, David F. Gustafson
35 years: Duane M. English

Southwest Region

10 years: Brad R. Kirsch
25 years: John B. Toki
30 years: Charles W. Lutz Jr.

Northcentral Region

No recipients

Southcentral Region

15 years: Gary R. Bullock, Loren W. Lustig
20 years: Carl W. Books

Northeast Region

10 years: William A. Delonti, Theodore C. Smith Jr.
Tama R. Viola
15 years: Jeanne P. Kropa, Steven K. Mason

Southeast Region

10 years: Bradford C. Smith, Joseph A. Winhofer
15 years: Gary R. Bullock
20 years: Denis E. Mora
25 years: David F. Eichler
40 years: William F. Muller

Becoming a DWCO

Deputies engage in work successfully from a variety of backgrounds and 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 the nearest Commission regional headquarters. These headquarters are listed on the Commission's website, www.fishandboat.com, and in the *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.

**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**