

# 2019 Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Awards



## Annual Deputy of the Year Program

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers (DWCOs) assist Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs) in the performance of specialized law enforcement duties to carry out the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's mission of protecting, conserving, and enhancing the Commonwealth's aquatic resources.

Deputies work long hours, usually on weekends and holidays, and at times by themselves. As volunteers, they receive a small stipend to help with expenses; however, they are not otherwise compensated.

One DWCO is awarded the prestigious DWCO of the Year Award annually. Deputies are nominated by a WCO or other DWCOs in each law enforcement region. The Deputy of the Year is then selected from six nominees by a committee comprised of law enforcement and other supervisors at headquarters. The Deputy of the Year is given an engraved badge plaque to honor the achievement.

The six region nominees are reviewed for a final selection of the Statewide Deputy of the Year Award winner. ☐

photo-DWCO David Twoey



DWCO E. Lawrence Krest (center), the Northcentral Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee, received the 2019 Statewide Deputy of the Year Award. Pictured with DWCO Krest are WCO Emmett Kyler (left) and Executive Director Tim Schaeffer.

photo-DWCO David Twoey



DWCO Robert C. Houser Jr. (center) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Houser Jr. are Captain Anthony Quarracino Jr. (left) and Executive Director Tim Schaeffer.

photo-PFBC archives



DWCO Andrew R. Panessa (center) is the Northeast Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Panessa are Executive Director Tim Schaeffer (left) and WCO Robert A. Plumb.

photo-Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence Farthing



DWCO Paul V. Marchese (center) is the Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Marchese are WCO Robert J. Bonney (left) and Sergeant Jeffrey R. Sabo.



DWCO Donald J. Benczkowski (center) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Benczkowski are Executive Director Tim Schaeffer (left) and Colonel Corey L. Britcher.



DWCO John B. Toki (left) is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Toki is Captain John G. Hopkins.

## Years of Service Recognition

During the annual awards presentations, the Commission recognized the following DWCOs for their years of service.

### Northeast Region

15 years: Peter J. Napoli Jr.

### Northcentral Region

10 years: Chriss L. Brower

25 years: David W. Twoey

30 years: David A. Martin

40 years: E. Lawrence Krest

### Northwest Region

10 years: Jayson M. Hoovler and Daniel E. Reiber

15 years: Anthony Rao Jr.

Deputy Retirement: Michael J. Reed

### Southwest Region

35 years: Stephen J. Kutchman

## Becoming a DWCO

DWCOs are recruited from all walks of life. All DWCOs share a common commitment: to safeguard the public along our waterways and to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources. Many DWCOs use their training and experience to move to other law enforcement occupations.

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



# Always Wear Your Life Jacket

## Make sure the life jacket fits

For a life jacket to work properly, not only does it need to be on your body, it should fit properly as well. A properly fitting life jacket is more comfortable (meaning you are more likely to wear it) and is a legal requirement. More importantly, it functions better. Life jackets that are too large can ride up or even come off when you are in the water. For more information, go to [www.fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations](http://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations).