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Employees of the Year Honored

(Georgetown, SC)---On December 18, 2008, Sheriff A. Lane Cribb recognized an employee of the sheriff's office, detention center and central communications at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Awards Banquet. The award recipients were selected after they were nominated by their supervisors to receive an award for their outstanding job performance.

Corporal Chris Geno was selected for the "Deputy of the Year" award for his distinguished service to his profession and Georgetown County. Corporal Geno began his career with the sheriff's office in July of 2002 where he was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. In August of 2004, he was transferred to the Organized Crime Bureau (OCB) and later took the responsibility as a K9 Handler in addition to his duties as an agent with OCB.

Corporal Geno was nominated for Deputy of the Year by his supervisor because of his dedication to the sheriff's office such as exceeding in the area of team work, the availability of him at any time whether he is working or off and his consistent ability to lead in a positive and productive manner.

Officer Vatralla Collins was selected for the "Correctional Officer of the Year" award. Officer Collins has been with the Georgetown County Detention Center since June of 2007. During her year and a half tenure, she has proven to be an honorable employee and works hard every day to exceed her supervisors' expectations for a successful career.

Officer Collins was nominated for Correctional Officer of the Year by the administrative staff at the detention center because of her willingness to exceed as a team player, her continued eagerness to learn and the seriousness she carries while performing her job duties. It was also noted that Officer Collins conducts herself in a professional manner and she refuses to accept anything less.

Telecommunicator Sharon Freyer was selected for the "Telecommunicator Officer of the Year" award. Telecommunicator Freyer has been with Georgetown County Central Communications since March of 2004 and was promoted to Lead Communications Officer in April of last year. Her recent promotion tells a story in itself but is found to be a short story of her true dedication.

Her supervisor nominated her for this award beginning with the job description of a telecommunicator in a few single words; skill, professionalism, multitasking and leadership. Telecommunicator Freyer was nominated because she exceeds the expectations that accompany these four words. While performing her duties, she stays composed, focused and undeterred which takes a special person that serves as a telecommunicator. In addition to her dedication that has a positive impact on the public and other emergency services we serve, she is also a strong leader of her shift and other co-workers.

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb said, "In addition to this year's award winners, I would also like to congratulate all my employees for their outstanding job performance. Every year I wish I could present all my employees with awards because they all are outstanding employees. I am very proud of all my employees and I stand behind their decision that these three employees are well deserved of these awards."
