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“Deputy Sheriff of the Year” Honored by Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Memphis has named Shelby County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Travis Taylor as “*Memphis Deputy Sheriff of the Year.*” Sergeant Taylor, who has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1975, will be honored at Noon today at the Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Avenue.

The Kiwanis Club gives an award each year to the deserving Shelby County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff for exemplary service to the community. “**We are grateful to the Kiwanis Club for taking time to honor Sergeant Taylor. He is an excellent officer and truly exemplifies the professional standards of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office,**” said Shelby County Sheriff Mark Luttrell, Jr.

Sergeant Taylor is assigned to the Sheriff's Office Special Operations Bureau, *FBI Gang Task Force*. Sergeant Taylor led two major drug investigations last year, ***Operation Titan*** and ***Operation Jetta***. ***Operation Titan*** concluded with 70 arrests and the seizure of 6,000 pounds of marijuana. Additionally, 12 criminal enterprises involving street gangs, drug trafficking, alien smuggling and prostitution were dismantled or disrupted.

During ***Operation Jetta***, also a drug case, 23 people were arrested and 40 kilograms of cocaine were seized along with 15 firearms. A marijuana growing operation was also dismantled as well as several drug trafficking enterprises.

"Every detective assigned to these investigations has stated that Sergeant Taylor has improved their ability as investigators and taught them valuable lessons that will improve and assist them for their entire careers. His outstanding mentorship will be felt in the department for decades to come," said Inspector Mark Dunbar, who commands the Sheriff's Special Operations Bureau.

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