



Employee Recognition Commendable Service Award



**Lt. Steve Todd, Sgt. Darin Bredman, Deputy Mike Trygg, Deputy Jarod Jacobsen and Deputy Gabe Tweten Receive the Commendable Service Award
November 23, 2010**

At the November 23, 2010 Clay County Board Meeting, Lt. Steve Todd, Sgt. Darin Bredman, Deputy Mike Trygg, Deputy Jarod Jacobsen and Deputy Gabe Tweten were presented the Commendable Service Award by Sheriff Bergquist for their work in the Police Training Program (PTO). The following nomination letter was submitted by Lt. Steve Todd.

Nomination Letter November 3, 2010

This afternoon we finished the extensive process of training two new deputies for the Sheriff's Office. The process began in early July and has been continuous until today. I am taking this opportunity to inform you of the exceptional work conducted by the 4 Police Training Officer (PTO) trainers who make the training program possible. I am also requesting that the 4 PTO trainers be recognized for their achievements with the PTO program.



Lt. Steve Todd, Deputy Gabe Tweten, Deputy Jarod Jacobsen, Deputy Mike Trygg, Sgt. Darin Bredman, Sheriff Bill Bergquist

Sergeant Darin Bredman, Deputy Mike Trygg, Deputy Jarod Jacobsen and Deputy Gabe Tweten have been critical to the formation and operation of our PTO program since its inception in 2007. I am very thankful to have the opportunity to work with these men and have them as our PTO team. Each of them brings valuable experience to the table and each of them has handled their role in the training process in a mature and professional manner. Each team member has attended countless

meetings at inconvenient times, spend hundreds of hours training with new recruits, produced multiple written documents relating to training, developed and refined a multitude of ideas to improve the training process, and given up many every day freedoms while instructing a new recruit. Each of the team members understands that sacrifices are necessary to have a successful training program, and that the quality of their future co-workers depends on the efforts put forth. The PTO program has been a fine example of what can be accomplished through teamwork, hard work and belief in finding new ways to solve old problems.

I would request you recognize each of the PTO trainers for the work they have done relating to the PTO program. I would recommend you award each of the PTO trainers with the Commendable Service Award as described in Article 30, Section 30.3 of the Clay County Sheriff's Policy Manual. Sergeant Bredman, Deputy



Trygg, Deputy Jacobsen and Deputy Tweten have put in an enormous amount of effort over a substantial period of time. Their efforts have polished the new recruits into deputies that will represent our department well and will serve Clay County in an effective and professional manner. I am very proud of the results we've experienced with the PTO program, but I am even more proud of the quality of men the PTO trainers are and the quality of work the trainers have continuously exhibited. Each of these deputies deserves to be recognized before the Clay County Board of Commissioners for their exceptional performance in their role as PTO trainers.

I would also like to point out that Deputy Gabe Tweten will be leaving the PTO team to take on a new assignment in the investigations division. His contributions to the patrol division and the PTO program have been very valuable and appreciated. While I hope to keep Deputy Tweten involved in the PTO program as a member of the Board of Evaluators, we will miss his daily involvement.