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## **Orange County Sheriff's Office Honors Workforce** *Annual awards ceremony recognizes outstanding service, longevity*

**Goshen, NY** – The Orange County Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff Carl E. DuBois, held its annual awards ceremony at the County Emergency Services Center in Goshen to honor the dedicated and outstanding service of Orange County Sheriff's Office members.

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana said, "Thank you for all you do in maintaining the safety and security of our residents, and a special thank you to your families who support you in this mission. I also would like to congratulate all of tonight's awardees."

The program began with the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums, followed by a presentation of colors by the Orange County Sheriff's Color Guard. Cadet Captain Michael Armida of Explorer Post #5110 led the audience in the pledge of allegiance and Reverend Dr. Coleman Briggs of the New Hope Baptist Church in Newburgh offered the invocation.

Sheriff DuBois said, "While we pause to honor our members of all colors and denominations, we must also honor their families, and the families of all corrections and law enforcement personnel, sworn or unsworn."

Orange County Undersheriff Kenneth T. Jones presented welcoming remarks and introduced the evening's keynote speaker Lt. Colonel Hugh L. Atkinson of the United States Marine Corps, and Orange County resident, whose address focused on the safety, security and reliability that the Orange County Sheriff's Office delivers for its residents, thereby maintaining law and order in the County.

In memory of Roger G. Phillips, the former Orange County Sheriff who served from 1981 to 1990, Sheriff DuBois presented the Roger G. Phillips award to: Lieutenant George R. Haas, Captain Jacqueline M. Bennett, Chief Richard P. Onorati and Chief Criminal Investigator Gregory T. Gaetano.

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Undersheriff Jones presented the following Service Awards:

Deputy of the Year – Deputy Sheriff Christopher K. Shaw;

Correction Officer of the Year – Officer Phillip A. Leon;

Investigator of the Year – Investigator Shawn R. Ost;

Life Saving Award – Sergeant Keith E. Conroy, Sergeant Coleman J. Rothmond Jr., Officer Chris J. DeSena, Officer Michael A. Pflieger, Carmen Burgos NP, Lorraine M. Levitas RN, Kristy Anne Perez LPN;

Unit Citations – Investigator William S. Peterson, Investigator Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Investigator Robert E. Walker, Investigator David G. Thompson, Investigator Guiliane Leger-Vargas, Sergeant Joseph M. Kastner, Investigator Kenneth Vrana, Investigator Annette Davila, Investigator David F. McDonald, Investigator Robert M. Berkowitz, Sergeant Carmen A. DeStefano, Deputy John W. Trazino, Deputy Andrews Eberhardt, Deputy Richard C. Garcia, Deputy Luke Pagnillo;

Meritorious – Correction Officer Ronald G. Farina;

Commendations – Sergeant Paul Arteta, Investigator Brian K. Manning, Correction Officer Rafael A. Marquez, Correction Officer Beverly L. Moskowitz, Corrections Officer Daniel W. Greer, Deputy Ahmid A. Bitawi, Deputy Daniel J. Volpe, Deputy Rodney L. Carpentier III, Deputy Thomas J. Henson, Deputy Jake S. Kirby, Deputy Justin F. Butterfield, Correction Officer Dominic C. Pascal, Investigator Christopher K. Shaw, Correction Officer Belinda Ortiz, Correction Officer James P. Ryan, Correction Officer Brian Redner, Correction Officer Andrew J. Ghiold, Deputy Thomas J. Durso, Deputy Bernard A. Mendoza, Deputy Christopher K. Shaw, Deputy John R. Byman, Correction Officer Patricia A. Mendoza;

Certificate of Appreciation – Sheriff's Office Department of Public Works team;

Administrative Commendation – Vincent Cannavale, Anthony Lease;

25 Years of Service – Bernadine C. Ogden, Kevin M. Moore, Robert J. Sanfilippo; and,

20 Years of Service – Keith L. Pelton, Robert J. Evans, James E. Kane, Rueben V. Sanchez, Mark W. Walter, John R. Byman, Matthew M. Brennan, Scott K. Hamill, Mark E. Warren, Benny Rivera, Daryl F. Piatt, Tracey Mahoney, Richard P. Onorati, Gerald A. Judson, Joseph M. Kastner.

The evening concluded with a prayer by the Reverend James VanHouten of Walden Baptist Church in Walden, NY.

For more information please contact the Orange County Sheriff's Office at (845) 291-4033 or visit them at [www.orangecountygov.com](http://www.orangecountygov.com).

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***Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois presenting Deputy Sheriff of the Year award to Investigator Christopher K. Shaw at Sheriff's Annual Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2011, County Emergency Services Center, Goshen, NY.***



***Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois with Reverend Dr. Coleman Briggs of New Hope Church Baptist Church, Newburgh at Sheriff's Annual Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2011, County Emergency Services Center, Goshen, NY.***