

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Sheriff's Best Honored at Banquet Friday Evening
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Last Friday evening Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto honored his 2007 top employees at thnnual Employees Awards Banquet at the Hotel Woodland.

Michael Glaser was honored as Deputy of the Year for his devotion to duty and distinguished work. This is his second honor in receiving the award since he began his career with the department in 1991. He was also named Deputy of the Year in 1999.

Correctional Officer of the Year for 2007 is Cleon Jones. Sheriff Prieto acclaimed that this Correctional Officer gives 100% every day; he has a positive and calm nature, and that he is well-respected by all.

Others that were recognized include Corrections Records Specialist II JoAnn Ehrke as Employee of the Year for her dedication and hard work; and Sergeant Dale Johnson as Sworn Manager of the Year for his instrumental accomplishments and leadership in removing criminals from our streets. The Civilian Manager of the Year Award was given to Supervising Legal Secretary Tammy Machado for her invaluable expertise and work with other employees, the citizens of Yolo County, and outside agencies; and S.T.A.R.S volunteer Gerry Kappler as Volunteer of the Year for nearly 500 donated hours to the Sheriff's Department in 2007, always with a positive attitude.

The following employees were recognized for distinguished service: Animal Services Officer II Shala Shores; Animal Services Officer II Perry Crawford; Correctional Sergeant Miguel Castaneda; and Deputy Gary Hallenbeck.

Sheriff Prieto also recognized the following employees for their dedicated service: Corrections Records Specialist II Leisa Alexander, Captain Larry Cecchettini, Sergeant Lance Faille, Corrections Records Specialist II Heather Kjar, and Correctional Officer II Scott Oliver.

The Sheriff said, "We are fortunate to be able to celebrate exemplary work ethics and our commitment to the community. The employees selected to receive awards have shown dedication to their profession and their performance is consistent with the department's motto 'Service Without Limitations'."