

Media Release

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YCSO Deputies Recognized for their Efforts

Sheriff Mascher – *“I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of Deputy’s Lewis and Perry resulting in these well-deserved commendations. My thanks to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving board in Phoenix and members of the Chino Valley Elks for recognizing these outstanding deputies. Deputy’s Lewis and Perry represent the best in YCSO and I am proud of them and all who serve with such dedication every day.”*

Deputy Michael Lewis - This past Thursday, Deputy Lewis who is a 5- year-veteran with YCSO, was recognized by the Phoenix chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) as their 2015 Officer of the Year. The presentation was held at an event in Phoenix. As noted by his supervisor:

“Deputy Lewis has committed himself to excellence in DUI enforcement through training, performance and diligently patrolling to apprehend DUI offenders. Deputy Lewis’ professionalism has been demonstrated through compliments from both prosecuting and defense attorneys for his comprehensive testimony and professional demeanor.”

“This year, besides the most DUI arrests in the agency, Deputy Lewis has been attending training to further his knowledge of drugs and their effects while driving. He has also been certified as a DUI instructor and teaches at the law enforcement academy. Deputy Lewis has truly committed himself to excellence in DUI enforcement.”

Deputy Michael Perry - On Wednesday, September 23rd, Deputy Perry received the Deputy of the Year award from the Chino Valley Elks Lodge membership. Deputy Perry, who has been with YCSO for more than 3 years, had been nominated by his supervisor because of his



Deputy Lewis with MADD
Program Director in Phoenix,
Jason Frazier

excellent work as a patrol deputy in the Northern Area Command which covers many areas in the Prescott basin.

An example of Deputy Perry's effort was noted by his supervisor and involved a residential burglary investigation from August of this year. In this case, Prescott homeowners sustained the loss of a handgun, nearly \$2000 in cash/coins and jewelry, including a wedding ring, totaling approximately \$5000 in value. Deputy Perry learned that a neighbor suspected a group of juveniles who had been at his home during the timeframe of the burglary. When interviewed, all those in the group denied involvement.

The next day, Deputy Perry received information that 3 juveniles used a coin counting machine in a local supermarket on the day of the burglary to deposit a \$1000 worth of coins for cash. Deputy Perry contacted the supermarket manager who initially recognized one of the juveniles from a prior shoplifting incident. The manager released surveillance video for review and Deputy Perry quickly recognized the 3 juveniles from interviews at the neighbor's home the previous day.

Deputy Perry located one of the juveniles who eventually admitted involvement along with identifying his crime partners, one of whom was an adult. The investigation continued resulting in several arrests and recovery of the stolen handgun. Additional stolen property is expected to be found.

Deputy Perry's work in this case is typical of his commitment to service and duty.

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