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2018 Respect for Law Banquet

On Friday May 4th The Kendall County Association of Chiefs of Police in conjunction with the Oswegoland Optimist Club hosted their 33 Annual Respect of Law Banquet at Whitetail Ridge in Yorkville, IL. The respect for law banquet recognizes law enforcement officers from agencies in Kendall County for Lifesaving, Valor, Investigator of the Year, Telecommunicator of the Year, Civilian of the Year, and Officer of the Year. At this year’s banquet, multiple Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Deputies were recognized for their efforts in these different categories. The following Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Deputies received awards:

Life Saving Award

- Deputy Mark Snead
- Deputy Tim DeCamp
- Deputy Karen Hanson
- Deputy Tyler Riffell

Valor Award

- Deputy Commander Joseph Gillespie

Nominated for Investigator of the Year

- Detective Tom Hagerty
Nominated for Civilian of the Year

- Tracy Page

Nominated for Officer of the Year

- Deputy R. Wayne Dial
- Deputy Zachary Schmitt
- Inspector Robert Lechowicz

Inspector Lechowicz was honored as the 2017 Officer of the year. Inspector Lechowicz is part of the Criminal Intelligence team (CIT) he was nominated for his unwavering work ethic, along with his knowledge and exemplary investigative skills in the areas of narcotics and gang enforcement. Inspector Lechowicz had previously been recognized as officer of the year in 2013 as well.

Pictured below is Officer of the Year Inspector Lechowicz and Sheriff’s Dwight Baird. Also pictured here are some members of the Sheriff’s Office who were in attendance for this year’s Respect for law Banquet.