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Goose Creek CISD Security Department recognizes officers of the year

The Goose Creek CISD Security Department recently held its inaugural Officer of the Year awards. The 2010 security officers of the year are:

- Benito Perez, Campus Security Officer of the Year
- Sanjuana Salinas, School Crossing Guard of the Year
- Wayne Zeagler, Patrol Security Officer of the Year
- Norman Anderson, School Resource Officer of the Year
- Rafael Acosta, Community Service Officer of the Year

This is the first year for the department to recognize its top officers.

Goose Creek CISD Security Chief Lupe Garza sought nominations from school district personnel to recognize the good deeds of those in his department.

The first-time awards ceremony was held on June 3 at the Administration Building. The event was attended by Superintendent Toby York, district administrators and school board members, and Baytown Police Chief Keith Dougherty.

"Our inaugural banquet was a total team success," Chief Garza said. "We received about 50 nominations in a short time period for our Security Officers, Crossing Guards and School Resource Officers from different school district employees. This speaks volumes of the job well done by our men and women in a school district that I am proud to serve."

Nominating Campus Security Officer of the Year Benito Perez, a five-year veteran of the force, were Sterling High School assistant principal Michael Curl and Attendance Officer Lisa Vaughn.



"Benito is known to go above and beyond the scope of his duties when necessary, and has been a pleasure to work with," Curl said.

"His willingness to help others is immeasurable," Vaughn said of Perez. "His character exemplifies what true dedicated employees are made of."

School Crossing Guard of the Year Sanjuana Salinas could not be friendlier or more professional, say her nominators from Travis Elementary School, Nieketta Batiste, Robyn Sewell, Jaime Denton, and Maria Cienfuegos. Each remarked how Salinas is always smiling and waving to students and staff at Travis.

"She is always polite to our students, parents, and staff, and keeps everyone safe," Cienfuegos said.

"Ms. Salinas is here before the first student walks to school, and is here until the last student is gone," Batiste said. "Ms. Salinas is a great crossing guard."

Patrol Security Officer of the Year Wayne Zeagler has worked for Goose Creek CISD for seven years.

One of his nominators, construction project manager Bruce Riggs, said Zeagler's dedication and loyalty to the work and the district is exemplary. "He continues to show good judgment in meeting with the public and working with our staff," Riggs said.

Folks at Goose Creek Memorial High School praised Norman Anderson, School Resource Officer of the Year, for his work.

"We love him here and feel like the school environment would be different without him," said GCM secretary Cecelia Ricketson.

"I do not worry about my safety at GCM because I know that Norman is on top of things. He is a blessing and I hope he remains here at GCM."

Community Service Officer of the Year Rafael Acosta has worked for Goose Creek Security Department for two years. His nominators agree that Goose Creek Memorial High School is a safer place with him on campus.

GCM teacher John Magness said Officer Acosta is a real asset. "I believe he is positively affecting the lives of students with whom he comes in contact."

"Many students report that they feel comfortable talking with (Acosta) about problems they are dealing with, and seeking his advice," added nominator Kristi Elliot, GCM counselor.

Assistant Chief Larry Strattmann was awarded the Chief's Eagle Award "for being a vital part of the overall success" of the department.

"He has a strong work ethic and excels in getting the job done. He is an individual who goes above and beyond the call of duty each day," said Chief Garza.

Strattmann has worked for Goose Creek CISD for 13 years.

Lastly, recently retired crossing guard Cynthia Moore was recognized for her service to Goose Creek CISD.

"I like to express my appreciation for the outstanding service and dedication Cynthia Moore gave to the many children, staff and community members in our Baytown community.

It is indeed a great tribute to celebrate 33 years of service in the midst of great challenges such as rain, sleet, snow or whatever Mother Nature decides to bring.

Officer Moore is to be commended for her outstanding and exceptional dedication," said Chief Garza.

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