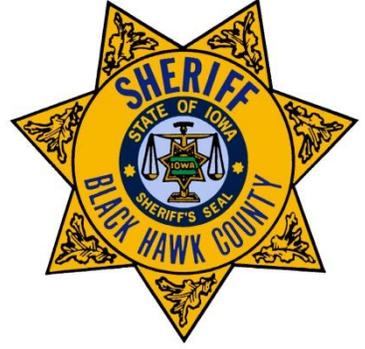


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2016 Deputy of the Year Announced

During the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association's annual Christmas Party, Sheriff Tony Thompson announced the 2016 Deputy of the Year was Deputy Harold Oliver.

Deputy Oliver was recognized for his continuing positive attitude, his upbeat approach to his duties, and his friendly demeanor. One of his peers commented when nominating him, "Harold is genuinely one of the nicest guys I know... both inside and outside of work. He always tells me to have a great day, or to be safe out there. I can imagine if he's this way with someone he barely knows, it would be great to work along side him."

Deputy Oliver is also being recognized in response to his actions on May 12, 2016. At approximately 6:30am, while on his way to work, he witnessed an incident near the Kwik Star on Franklin Street, Waterloo where shots were fired. He calmly responded, securing his service weapon and engaging the suspect, holding him at gun point and directing responding units to allow for a quick and life-saving response for the victim of that shooting.

"Deputy Harold Oliver's commitment to his fellow officer, the public we serve, and his dedication to his duties in the Civil Division certainly make him an outstanding choice for this year's Deputy of the Year. Deputy Oliver's quick thinking and calm, tactical response demonstrate his exceptional caliber as an officer and represents the very highest of standards in the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office" says Sheriff Tony Thompson.

Deputy Oliver is assigned to the 1st shift Civil Division and arrangements can be made for interview upon request.

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