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LCDPS Employees Of The Year Named



(from left) Firefighter Paramedic Katy Yanok, Levy County Department of Public Safety Director Mitch Harrell LCDPS Battalion Capt. Joe Rinaudo stand as Yanok and Rinaudo are chose as the 2016 Levy County Department of Public Safety Employees of the Year. The presentation was made at the Annual LCDPS Christmas Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 3. Each year, the employees of the LCDPS nominate who they feel deserves the award. This year, two employees received the same number of nominations resulting in the dual award. During the nomination process, both nominees were described by their co-workers as dedicated and hard-working. Rinaudo has been serving Levy County as a member of the Levy County Fire Department since 2006 and Yanok since 2009. Both employees continue to show their commitment to serving others and their dedication to the LCDPS on a regular basis. The management and staff of LCDPS note their appreciation to the Black Prong Equestrian Center for helping to make this event a great success.

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IAFF Greets New LCDPS Director



Katy Yanok and Mitch Harrell are seen at the party holding the custom flag. The International Association of Fire Firefighters Local 4069 represents the men and women of Levy County Department of Public Safety. These men and women provide EMS care and fire services to the residents and visitors of Levy County by using aggressive protocols, current technology and extensive training. At the Levy County Department of Public Safety Christmas party on Dec. 3, IAFF Local 4069 President Katy Yanok presented Director of Levy County Public Safety Mitch Harrell with this custom flag as a token of appreciation on behalf of all Local 4069 members.



Joining in the photo opportunities with the customized flag are (from left) Levy County Commissioner Matt Brooks, IAFF President Katy Yanok, LCDPS Director Mitch Harrell and County Commission Chairman John Meeks.

Director Harrell joined LCDPS on

Sept. 1. In just a few months, Director Harrell has shown his dedication to the employees and the department. Yanok said that Director Harrell is not just a boss, but he is truly a leader. She said there has been a major improvement in morale and that the department was finally on a positive path to success. Director Harrell, Yanok said, has shown that he has the best interest of his employees, the department and people that are served in mind at all times. President Yanok stated that the IAFF Local 4069 members are excited to welcome the new chief to the team.

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