

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD 2022

Tonight, the recipient of the Chairman's Award for the year 2022 comes from a nomination made by Captain Tracey Quinn for a certain Greene County Sheriff's Deputy. This particular Deputy has been with the Greene County Sheriff's Office since 2013. He goes above and beyond every single day, even on his days off. His work ethic is second to none. He is approachable, professional, and yet extremely effective as a road patrol member. He is one of our lead field Training Officers, often giving his own time to help new Deputies learn and excel. He takes great pride in helping a new employee become a well-rounded and fully prepared Deputy with Greene County. He does so much and often volunteers his own time, for the betterment of the Greene County Sheriff's Office and for the safety of the citizens of Greene County.

This Deputy is also in charge of the Marine Patrol Unit and again, he puts in a lot of his own time on his days off to make sure all the boats are in good working order and the members are scheduled in a fiscally conservative yet fair manner.

He is also the Union President and has the full faith and trust of everyone he represents. He works very hard to remedy issues before they get out of control, and he sets a fantastic example for his fellow GCSO members.

Additionally, he is our lead drone operator, and he has responded many times to assist not only our agency, but other local agencies too, when a drone was needed.

Of course, I'm speaking of K-9 Deputy Kristopher Danko, who is currently in charge of the K-9 Unit, as well as being the handler for both dogs: Havoc and Bolt. Maintaining one dog is difficult enough, but he stepped up and accepted the challenge of training Bolt as well.

He also oversees the vitally important Project Lifesaver Program, helping keep those with autism, dementia, or other cognitive disabilities, safe. I've been told of one little boy in the program that absolutely adores Kris and this little boy's family has told the Sheriff's Office several times about how thankful they are for Kris and how well he interacts with their child. The child's grandmother was moved to tears by Kris going out of his way to bring "Big Blue" (Sheriff Office's armored truck) to change the child's locator battery because the little boy was so thrilled by his gesture.

That is just the kind of person he is, and the kind of dad he is: a devoted father of two, with a baby on the way! He is respected by all, and deeply loved by children and animals, which speaks volumes about his temperament, philosophy and the way he lives his life.

As a K-9 Officer and drone operator, Kris is pretty much on-call all the time (but not compensated as such) and he has never failed to come in when needed. Kris also serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company. His dedication is phenomenal, and he fully deserves to be recognized for all the work he does for the citizens of Greene County.

We thank you Kris, most sincerely, for all that you do on behalf of Greene County, and it is with the utmost respect and admiration that I present to you the Chairman's Award for the year 2022.