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Pembroke Police Department Presents

2010 Department Awards

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The Pembroke Police Department presented its 2010 Department Awards at a brunch held at the Red Blazer in Concord on December 19th. The event was hosted by the Pembroke Police Association.

Sgt. Gary Gaskell was honored as the department's Employee of the Year. Sgt. Gaskell started his career in Pembroke in 1997. He left Pembroke in 2002, returning in 2007. Sgt. Gaskell is now the department's Patrol Supervisor. "Sgt. Gaskell never fails to step up and do what needs to be done to complete the department's missions. This is often done at great personal sacrifice." Lane went on to describe Gaskell as "an Officer who has not lost his compassion and sense of caring for the people of Pembroke that he serves."

Detective Sergeant Dawn Shea was honored with a plaque for achieving the "*Chief Wayne A. Cheney Excellence in Physical Fitness Award*." The award is presented yearly to the Officer who excels in the area of physical fitness during the department yearly physical fitness testing program. This is the second year that Sgt Shea has received the award, "... a tribute to her continued dedication to physical fitness," said Chief Lane.

Officer Karl Hanson was presented with a plaque for achieving the 2010 Motor Vehicle Enforcement Award. This is the second year that Officer Hanson was been the department's highest producer in the area of motor vehicle enforcement. He received the award in 2009 as well. Sometimes seen as mundane and routine, motor vehicle enforcement is an important part of a police officer's job. "Officer Hanson continues to demonstrate great drive and self-motivation in this area," said Chief Scott Lane.

Sgt. Michael Crockwell was also acknowledged having completed 20 years of service with the department this year. Sgt. Crockwell serves as a Firearms Instructor and is presently assigned to Pembroke Academy as a School Resource Officer.

Released by Chief Scott J. Lane