

THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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SLED SALUTES AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) proudly recognizes several Special Agents and employees for their outstanding service and dedication to the agency.

Director Reggie Lloyd says, "These employees work diligently every day. They were all nominated by their peers for continuously going above and beyond the call of duty. I applaud their hard work and devotion."

Director Lloyd presented these honors at the quarterly awards ceremony this afternoon at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy's Hall of Fame located on Broad River Road.

Special Agent Paul Larosa is the esteemed recipient of the **Employee of the Quarter Award** for sworn employees.

Larosa has been given this honor for his exemplary work on the Stephen Coke Eubanks case out of Aiken County.

Larosa was instrumental in the October 2008 arrest of Eubanks, a former school administrator on allegations that he engaged in inappropriate, sexual behavior with students dating back to the late 1970's.

In addition to that investigation, Larosa recently saved a senior citizens life while he was on duty.

The woman was choking at a Laurens restaurant on December 31, 2008.

Larosa noticed her distress and immediately started the Heimlich maneuver on her.

He repeated this technique several times and successfully helped to clear her airways.

Larosa waited with the woman until EMS personnel arrived.

Agent Larosa works in the Midlands Region and has been a SLED agent since 1994.

He is a Columbia native and a graduate of Chapin High School and The Citadel.

He resides in Lexington with his family.

Other award recipients include:

42 Years of Service

Dan Defreese- Firearms Examiner

Superior Accomplishment

Captain Jeff Stephens – Piedmont Region

Director's Unit Citation

Aviation Unit

Piedmont Region

Certificate of Merit

Danny Remion – Insurance fraud

Employee of the Quarter (non-sworn)

Ralph Bell – Facility Manager

Letter of Commendation

Vickie Gibson- Senior Analyst (SCIIC)

Patti Ruff – Intelligence Analyst (SCIIC)

Cecil Bradstreet – Intelligence Analyst (SCIIC)

Nicole Bryan – Gang Intelligence Analyst (SCIIC)

Brad Keller – Arson Investigator (Piedmont Region)

Sebrena Matthews – Administrative Assistant (Investigative Services)

David Givens – SC Computer Crimes Center

Lucinda McKellar - SC Computer Crimes Center

Matt Brown – Special Victims Unit

Distinguished Associate

SCDC Investigator Rocky Barrett (for assistance to SLED)

SCDC Investigator Kim Dawsey (for assistance to SLED)