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SLED AGENT NAMED 2008 STATE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) proudly announces that Senior Special Agent Jeff Kindley has been named the **2008 State Officer of the Year** during the annual Strom Thurmond Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement luncheon.

The ceremony was hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office this afternoon at Fort Jackson's Officers' Club in Columbia.

Director Reggie Lloyd says, "South Carolina is safer because of Agents like Jeff Kindley. He is a career law enforcement officer who has dedicated his life to protecting the innocent. I'm honored to have him as part of the SLED family."

Agent Kindley says, "This is a humbling moment in my career. I am receiving this award on behalf of every deputy, agent and officer I've worked with over the years. Policing is a team effort. I'm grateful to everyone who has supported me. I'm just a street cop at heart who works to put the bad guys in jail."

Agent Kindley started his SLED career in 1999.

He currently works in the Piedmont Region which covers Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee Pickens, Spartanburg, Union and York Counties.

His expertise is in violent crime, specifically homicides and officer involved shootings.

Kindley has also worked on the SLED SWAT Team.

This Senior Agent previously worked as a member of the Violent Crimes Unit, the Bloodhound Tracking Team, Aviation Team, Color Guard Team and Field Force Team for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office (1988-1999).

He has been involved in various community policing partnerships.

Agent Kindley's dedication to law enforcement has also earned him the honor of **Rookie of the Year** for the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in 1989, **Master Deputy** in 1993, Greenville County's **Deputy of the Year** in 1994 and The Russ Sorrow Memorial Award for **Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** in 1998.

Kindley is a Greenville County native and father of two daughters. He resides in the Upstate.

For more information on the **2008 State Officer of the Year Award**, please call the U.S. Attorney's Office at (803) 929-3000.