

Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Program Awards

Class B-24-01 January 8, 2024 – May 17, 2024

Overall Best Student: Justin Pratt, Montgomery County

The overall best student award is presented to the deputy with the highest cumulative score for all subjects, sponsored by the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Pennsylvania.

Academic Achievement: Joshua Campano, Carbon County

The academic achievement award is presented to the deputy with the highest academic average, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association.

Law: Kyle Martin, Lancaster County

The law award is presented to the deputy with the highest average scores for civil and criminal law, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Firearms: Theodore Wendt, Dauphin County

The firearms award is presented to the deputy with the highest firearms range qualification, sponsored by the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board.

Michael VanKuren Memorial Award: Matthew Jati, York County

This memorial award is presented to the deputy with the highest score and proficiency level in defensive tactics. Michael VanKuren was a Deputy Sheriff with the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, who was killed in the line of duty on March 31, 2004. Deputy VanKuren was also a Defensive Tactics Instructor with the Deputy Sheriffs' Training Academy.