

Tulsa Officer Selected for Honor

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Sgt. Stephanie Jackson is the Insurance Women of Tulsa's Outstanding Officer of the Year.

Tulsa Police Sgt. Stephanie Jackson will be honored as the Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Insurance Women of Tulsa organization.

The award will be presented at a luncheon at noon Thursday at the Radisson Hotel, 10918 E. 41st St.

"I was totally in shock" about being selected for the award, Jackson said Wednesday. "I do what I do because I love doing my job. I never slow down."

Jackson was nominated for the award by Capt. Travis Yates for saving several people from a knife-wielding woman last year and for her extensive work in planning more than 700 community events.

Jackson was able to draw the woman, who was armed with several knives, away from bystanders she was threatening on Jan. 28, 2006, Yates stated in his nomination. Jackson eventually shot the woman, eliminating the threat to herself and the others, Yates wrote.

"While this incident was truly heroic, it comes short of explaining the actions of Stephanie Jackson throughout 2006 and to the present day," Yates wrote. "Stephanie is the public education sergeant for the Tulsa Police Department, and her dedication and diligence to this duty is seen by not only her co-workers but the citizens of Tulsa."

In the last year, Jackson has supervised more than 700 community events, such as neighborhood meetings and benefit basketball games, and led more than 30 presentations to about 12,000 Tulsa Public Schools students in the Student Crime Stoppers program, Yates wrote.

In the last four months, he wrote, Jackson has put on more than 40 community presentations. He called her an important part of informing the media and public with regular updates on the Police Department's Web site and its new podcast site.

"While community policing is not new to the department, Sgt. Jackson has taken it to another level," Yates wrote. "Whether it is placing child seats in the cars or telling the public how to prevent crimes, Sgt. Jackson is the model that every officer should reach for."

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