



Officer of the Year Award: *“Awarded annually to a sworn member of the department whose overall performance for the prior year has contributed substantially to the mission of the department and whose conduct has demonstrated the core values of the department.”*

2020 was a year unlike any year we have ever seen and our department went through many changes, including COVID 19. One person that comes to mind as an individual who stepped up and faced every challenge, every change and every opportunity presented to him last year, Sgt. Mickey Farris. Mickey is one of the hardest working officers that you will ever meet. Mickey is always the first to ask if someone needs help with anything and is so appreciative if he receives help from anyone else. In 2020, with Patrol being short staffed after a couple of resignations and COVID-19 quarantines, Sgt. Farris worked many hours of overtime, covering shifts on other crews, even working extra duty jobs within Andover, a community service provided by the department.

Mickey lost his long-time K9 Thor in 2019 quite suddenly and Mickey never missed a beat, continuing to be dedicated to the department, and the Kansas Police Dog Association, an organization that he was once resident of. In April of 2020, Sgt. Farris stepped up and took over the training and handling of a second K9 Roko, after Officer Smith was offered a position as a School Resource Officer. In 2020 Mickey was a big part of planning, organizing and hosting the 2020 Kansas Police Dog Association's Fall Training and Certification Conference, helping to coordinate the training schedules, training locations, lodging and meals, as well as, soliciting and collecting many conference gifts for the participants. Additionally, Sgt. Farris plays a major role each year in assisting the Andover Police & Fire Foundation in their Annual Calendar Fundraiser, both with the solicitation of local area business sponsorships, and the deliveries of the calendars.

Commitment is one of the department's values; Each day expect to do your best!" Sgt. Mickey Farris does this every day. He is always willing to help anyone with anything. He comes to work with a positive attitude and works hard every day!

Therefore, having met the requirements of General Order M1218, as recommended by the Awards Board and approved by the Chief of Police, it is my privilege to present Sgt. Mickey Farris with the department's 2020 "Officer of the Year Award."