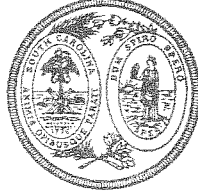


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2014 BILLY WILKINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

United States Postal Inspector Richard P. (Phil) Carter, Jr. and Captain Jeffery Michael Stone of the Clemson City Police were presented the 2014 Billy Wilkins Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement today by retired U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William W. Wilkins, Jr. in separate ceremonies held in Greenville and Pickens County.

The presentation of this award began in 1984 in honor of former Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Billy Wilkins, and is presented to individual law enforcement officers who have exhibited outstanding attributes in performance of his or her duties both in the field and in the courtroom.

Clemson City Police Captain Jeffrey Michael Stone

Captain Jeff Stone has been with the Clemson City Police Department since September 1994. He graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy where he received the J.P. Strom Award, the highest achievement award given by the Academy within the basic law enforcement training

While continuing his work as a police officer, Jeff also graduated from Tri-County Technical College with a degree in Criminal Justice and Magna Cum Laude from Anderson College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Currently Captain Stone has multiple responsibilities within the Clemson Police Department, some of which are: Coordinating all Uniform Patrol Functions, Coordinating all special events, including Clemson game day operations, Departmental training coordinator, Coordinating the Highway Safety Unit and Collision Reconstruction Unit and Managing the department's State Accreditation process.

Police Chief Jimmy Dixon said of Stone, "Captain Jeff Stone epitomizes the level of excellence the Billy Wilkins Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement stands for. He is equal to all that have received this award before him and holds true everything that then Solicitor Billy Wilkins stood for."

United States Postal Inspector Richard P. (Phil) Carter, Jr.

Phil Carter has dedicated his entire adult life to law enforcement in South Carolina, beginning in 1996 with the Colleton County Sheriff's Office, moving on to the United States Secret Service and finally to the United States Postal Inspector Service (USPIS) where he has worked since 2007.

Inspector Carter is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. He has received other law enforcement training including the FBI, the United States Secret Service and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Currently, Postal Inspector Carter is the task force leader of USPIS' Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force (FCTF), a multi-agency task force that was created to combat financial and mail-related crime in the upstate. In 2012, the Upstate FCTF netted over 50 federal arrests and \$750,000 was paid back to victims in restitution. In 2013 there were 78 federal arrests with over \$14,000,000 in court ordered restitution.

According to Steven C. Stabbins, United States Postal Inspector – team leader for South Carolina, "I have not encountered a federal agent that works as tirelessly as Phil. His ability to bring all facets of law enforcement together to work as a team to combat financial crime in the upstate of South Carolina is unparalleled.

Carter lives in Taylors, is married and has two children.



Retired Federal Judge Billy Wilkins, Postal Inspector Richard P. (Phil) Carter, Jr. and Solicitor Walt Wilkins



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