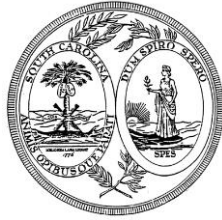


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2017 BILLY WILKINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT GIVEN TO GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER

Sergeant Timothy Michael Conroy was awarded the 2017 Billy Wilkins Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement today at a ceremony at the Greenville County courthouse. The award is jointly made by the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Greenville County Bar Association as part of Law Week celebration. It was established in 1984 in the name of former Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Billy Wilkins to honor law enforcement officers who have exhibited outstanding attributes in performance of his or her duties in both the field and the courtroom.

Sergeant Tim Conroy began his law enforcement career with the City of Greenville Police Department on February 5, 1996. Over the years, Conroy worked his way through the ranks as he gained experience as a Patrolman and Corporal in the Uniformed Patrol Division. He also worked as a Detective in the Vice and Narcotics Unit, and the Violent Crimes Unit and subsequently as a Sergeant in the Operations Division. In January, 2015, Tim was made Supervisor of the Vice and Narcotics Unit.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Conroy has shown initiative and hard work. During the past year alone, he implemented a police interdiction program disrupting illicit drug trade by seizing packages of drugs which were being shipped illegally by parcel post. To date, the parcel interdiction program has seized over 3 lbs of methamphetamines, 224 lbs of marijuana, and \$115,000.00.

Sergeant Conroy also worked to implement a drug detection K9 team that would be attached to the Vice and Narcotics Unit. He took the lead in locating a dog; worked with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office to have the canine team trained; and solicited private funding to purchase the canine, pay for all training accessories and house the canine. The K9 team was certified in late October 2016 has already successfully seized approximately 40 lbs of marijuana.

Further, Conroy organized a department-wide initiative to have unclaimed funds from criminal cases moved from Property and Evidence to interest bearing accounts so that dividends could be used as capital toward Departmental needs. Through his efforts, there has been a 75% reduction in cash funds stored in Property and Evidence through the use of bank deposits while ensuring that funds which could not be forfeited were returned in a timely manner.

Because of his hard work, Sergeant Conroy earned four departmental commendations and the Alcohol Enforcement Team Officer of the Year in 2015. His initiatives have made the Police Department more efficient and increased safety for the citizens of Greenville.

Tim Conroy was born and raised in Greenville. He is married and the father of four children.



Solicitor Walt Wilkins, Sergeant Timothy Michael Conroy, and Retired Federal Judge Billy Wilkins