



Deputies recognized for efforts in youth-alcohol prevention

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Scott Smith and Kelly Rowell are honored for their work in the community by ensuring alcohol stays out of the hands of Canadian County youth

Two Deputies with the Canadian County Sherriff's Office were recognized last week by the Canadian County Coalition for Children and Families.

The Deputies were singled out and recognized for their "Hard work and Dedication in the Community."

Sergeant Scott Smith, of the Sheriff's Juvenile Investigation Division was recognized for his dedication and commitment in providing Responsible Beverage Service and Sales training to retail businesses such as restaurants, convenience stores, bars and liquor stores throughout the county.

The goal of Sergeant Smith's program is to garner support from the businesses in recognizing under-aged patrons when they enter the establishments, and successfully avoid making an illegal sale.

During the last 12 months, Sergeant Smith conducted a half dozen training sessions, reaching about one hundred potential servers.

Deputy Kelly Rowell, of the Sherriff's Civil Division was also recognized for his dedication and commitment in conducting alcohol compliance checks in conjunction with the Too Much To Lose (2M2L) program which is sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services.

Over the last year Deputy Rowell conducted over 200 compliance checks throughout Canadian County.

The checks were conducted in retail stores including Grocery & Convenience stores, as well as bars, restaurants and liquor stores.

The primary objective of the 2M2L compliance checks is to decrease under-age drinking through the prevention of illegal sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

This marks the second year in a row these deputies have been recognized for their efforts in education and prevention concerning under-aged persons and alcohol.

"I'm extremely proud of both my Deputies and the hard work they put forth to provide the youth of Canadian County are protected from retailers who put profits before the safety of young people. This is the second year in a row they have been recognized for their efforts," said Randall Edwards, Canadian County Sherriff.

Both awards were presented during a June 10, 2014, awards banquet conducted at the South Yukon Church of Christ located on NW 10th.

The Canadian County Sherriff's Office was the only law enforcement agency in attendance, and were joined by a number of Child and Family advocate groups as well; some of which also received recognition for their hard work in the field.

For additional information concerning youth alcohol prevention program persons can contact the Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator, Michelle Bugg at 405-354-1928.