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Prevention Network Honors Local Officers

The hard work of local law enforcement and legal personnel in enforcing alcohol laws was honored Thursday during a special event at the Great Plains Technology Center.

Members of several agencies, including the Lawton Police Department and Comanche County Sheriff's Department, gathered at the tech center for a day of education and congratulations organized by the Wichita Mountains Prevention Network and Alcoholic Beverage Law Enforcement Commission. Joe Daniels, special agent in charge of the McAlester Office of the ABLE Commission, had high praise for everyone involved Thursday.

"This community has always gone above and beyond in supporting these enforcement personnel," he said. "It starts in the homes. We want everyone to be educated in alcohol responsibility and it shows in this area."

As part of the education and training Thursday, officers were briefed on the latest alcohol-related laws and were given brush-up courses on existing laws already on the books. Daniels said many of the officers in attendance have been on the force for a substantial amount of time and a refresher course is never a bad thing. Everyone was served lunch before four individuals were recognized by the Lawton/Fort Sill Community Coalition for their work.



The Lawton Fort Sill Community Coalition honored Comanche County law enforcement officers on Thursday for their efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. From left are David Hornbeck, chief of police for Lawton Public Schools, CARE Award; Cache Police Officer Dylan King, Comanche County Rookie of the Year; Brooke Mahoney, regional prevention coordinator for the Wichita Mountains Prevention Network; Todd Anthony, senior agent for the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission; Lawton Police Lt. John Schwenk, Comanche County Sheriff's Department