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## Deputy Centner named Resource Officer of the Year



MEDINA, OHIO (7/13/10) – Deputy Sharon Centner, Medina County Sheriff's Office and Highland Schools Resource Officer, was recently honored with the 2010 Ohio School Resource Officer of the Year Award. The award was presented on June 29 at the Annual Ohio School Resource Officer's Conference in Maumee, Ohio.

According to her nominator, Dr. John Deuber, Principal at Highland Middle School, "Officer Centner has worked tirelessly with the entire school community to provide an excellent education centered around the DARE concepts. As the DARE and School Resource Officer, she spends time communicating with parents to keep them abreast of their child's progress academically, socially and behaviorally. She has a strong working relationship with her community of learners."

Dr. Deuber continued by stating that Officer Centner is always suggesting and then implementing programs and activities for students. In a relatively rural district, the opportunity to participate in healthy, fun activities outside of the school day is vital for children. For example, Sharon has coordinated many after-school programs such as DARE Skate Night, DARE Bowling Night and a huge 5th grade DARE graduation night. Each of these on-going activities is well-attended and eagerly anticipated by the students.

Officer Centner also utilizes high school students as role models during her activities, providing a vertical connection between students in the middle school and high school. The high school students apply to be role models and relish the opportunity to give back to the community and school.

"Deputy Centner maintains a very visible presence in the school and the community," stated Dr. Deuber. "She chaperones many of our school activities, including dances, athletic contests and musical programs. Sharon also coordinates a two-hour parent meeting that touches on many aspects of adolescence image, peer pressure, academics, smoking, and internet safety to help provide insight and assistance to parents when dealing with their new teenagers. She truly takes the success of each student personally."

Dr. Deuber said that as an administrator, he has come to rely on Deputy Centner's help when dealing with students who need a little extra attention. "She can communicate with a student, a parent or a court officer in a child-centered way that supports the mission of the school, the responsibilities of law enforcement and the court system, and ultimately, the choices that students and parents make. Sharon always projects a competent and professional image. Her dedication is unwavering, and she is what every School Resource Officer should be."