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2016 DEPUTY SHERIFF AND EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Sheriff Mike Harrison awarded the agency's Deputy Sheriff and Employee of the Year at the agency's Christmas party this past month. Sergeant Richard Burkett was named the 2016 Deputy Sheriff of the Year and Mrs. Margaret Mathis the 2016 Employee of the Year. "The Sheriff's Office prides itself on our core values," said Sheriff Harrison, "and this is a way to recognize dedication and exemplary service to the citizens of Gulf County."

Sergeant Richard Burkett started his law enforcement career with the Gulf County Sheriff's Office in February 1993. He began as a dispatcher and worked part-time as a Deputy Sheriff. During his career Sgt. Burkett has worked assignments on patrol and the K-9 unit. Sgt. Burkett currently supervises a shift in the Patrol Division. Mrs. Mathis started with the GCSO in April 1988 as a Corrections Officer. She currently serves as the Communications Supervisor and is responsible for maintaining records for the agency.

"It's an honor to have Sgt. Burkett and Mrs. Mathis on the Sheriff's Office team, and I am proud of their dedication to this agency and the citizens of Gulf County," said Sheriff Harrison.

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