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## **ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES ACTS OF KINDNESS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

(Baton Rouge, LA) – When law enforcement officers violate their oaths and the public trust, it ends up in the news. But what about the much more common scenario – when officers perform acts of kindness that go way beyond what they are professionally required to do?

To recognize those kindnesses by so many law enforcement officers in Louisiana, Baton Rouge resident Linda Hull created a non-profit organization, Beyond the Badge, Louisiana.

On March 8 Beyond the Badge presented fifteen law enforcement officers from across the state with a Heart of Law Enforcement Award at a ceremony and luncheon held in Baton Rouge, LA. Two recipients, Sergeant Keniyelle Frank of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office and Detective Keniel Henry of the St. John the Baptist Sheriff's Office, were presented with the Beyond the Badge Service Before Self award. The Service Before Self award is given to the officer or officers whose act of kindness stands out in the field of nominees.

"At a time when there is so much negative attention directed toward law enforcement in general, I thought someone needed to honor all the officers who go beyond the call of duty. We need to let the public know about their acts of kindness and generosity," Hull said.

The annual ceremony was attended by more than 200 guests, including state elected officials and area police chiefs and sheriffs. Honorary Event Chair Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser gave brief remarks, and actor John Schneider of *The Dukes of Hazzard* and *The Haves and Have Nots* was the keynote speaker for the event.

The officers were given an award packet that included a \$100 Visa gift card and a framed Louisiana state flag that had been flown over the Louisiana State Capitol for a day in his or her honor. The Service Before Self honorees received a \$500 Visa gift card in addition to the flag, and all officers received an official statement of recognition from Governor John Bel Edwards, a tactical gear bag, and a Beyond the Badge challenge coin.

Officers receiving a Beyond the Badge Heart of Law Enforcement Award were:

Deputy 1 <sup>st</sup> Class D'wanya Black	Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office
Captain James Colvin	Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Keniyelle Frank	Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Detective Jill Feverjean	Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office
Chief Shayne Gibson	Greenwood Police Department
Deputy Ethan Hemphill	Grant Parish Sheriff's Office

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Corporal Joseph Valencia  
Corporal Alex Zaunbrecher

Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office  
St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office  
Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office  
Louisiana State Police, Troop L  
Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office  
Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office  
Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office  
Baton Rouge Police Department  
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office

Beyond the Badge was incorporated in April of 2016 and is operated entirely by citizen volunteers and funded by corporate and private donations. "We have no paid staff and no office space, so every penny donated to Beyond the Badge goes directly into the project," Hull said.

Nominations of officers for Beyond the Badge's Heart of Law Enforcement award can be made throughout the year. Members of the general public or law enforcement agencies can submit nominations online at [www.beyondthebadgelouisiana.org](http://www.beyondthebadgelouisiana.org). Nominations are accepted until Jan. 31 for acts performed during the previous calendar year. Each year, Beyond the Badge will select law enforcement officers who have been nominated for acts of kindnesses during the prior year to receive a Heart of Law Enforcement Award during a special ceremony and luncheon honoring the recipients.

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## **2022 HEART OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **DFC D'WANYA BLACK and DEPUTY ALEX TROXCLAIR** **ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

It was just a few days before Christmas 2021 when Deputy First Class D'wanya Black and Deputy Alex Troxclair responded to the Quality Inn located on Hwy 70 in Donaldsonville, in reference to a stranded 19-year-old female. Upon speaking with the young woman, the deputies found out that she had little money and belongings and was just trying to get home. The young woman was from California and needed some time to get in touch with family and friends so they could help her make arrangements to travel home, but she had nowhere to stay in the meantime. Deputy Troxclair and Deputy First Class Black demonstrated genuine Christmas spirit by reaching into their own pockets and offering to pay for two nights of lodging at the hotel so the young woman would have somewhere safe and warm to stay.

We are told that this type of action is typical of Deputy Black, who is always charitable in his day to day interactions with the public. When asked about Deputy Troxclair, his colleagues responded that he has only been with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office for a short time, but he has quickly adopted their love for community service.

### **CAPTAIN JAMES COLVIN, SERGEANT MATT HENDERSON, and** **DEPUTY JOANIE HUFFMAN** **LINCOLN PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

In early November 2021, the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office was contacted by a parish resident who homeschools her two girls. She stated that the girls loved public servants and wanted to write letters to the deputies as pen pals. Major Hunt with the Criminal Division provided the office's contact information. A week later, a large envelope with drawings and thank you notes arrived courtesy of the sweet girls. Major Hunt wrote a letter back to the girls and mailed it. As word spread around the office about the drawings and letters, the deputies decided to bring a turkey (from the Turkey Not Tickets giveaway) and DARE prizes to the family.

As part of their new friendship, the same mom reached out in December to ask how many deputies were employed with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office. Her daughters wanted to make a little Christmas gift for each deputy. A few days later, the mom sent a photo of her daughters making paracord survival bracelets for them.

A couple of days before Christmas, mom called again to say the bracelets would not be ready by the holiday, but assured Major Hunt that the girls were still working hard on them. She went on to explain that her sister, nieces, and nephews had a tragic event on Christmas Eve where another family member went on a drug binge and stole all the kids' Christmas gifts. The sister and her kids were now staying with them in Lincoln Parish. The thing mom was most disappointed in was the misperception that her nephews had that "Santa didn't love them." Because of the whole unfortunate incident, the girls had not been able to finish the bracelets.

Upon hearing the news of the unfortunate incident effecting the aunt and cousins of their new pen pals, Captain James Colvin, Sergeant Matt Henderson, and Administrator of Criminal and Victim Services Deputy Joanie Huffman banded together on a mission to ensure that the

everyone's Christmas spirit was revived. The group solicited their colleagues for contributions and then headed to the local Walmart to shop for the children. They purchased remote control trucks, matchbox car sets, teddy bears, block sets, and board games for the kids and parents using the contributions from the entire office. They also purchased a gift card for mom to buy new clothes for the kids.

Later that day, Colvin, Henderson, and Huffman delivered the gifts to the family. This act of kindness not only restored the Christmas spirit of the effected family and young kids, it also gave all of them a special bond with law enforcement. One of the kids who received gifts danced around talking about how cops are the good guys and his new friends.

**DETECTIVE JILL FEVERJEAN**  
**CALCASIEU PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

On May 17, 2021, Lake Charles and other communities in Calcasieu Parish were caught off guard as an historic 16-18 inches of rain fell over a six-hour period, causing an unprecedented flash flood.

During this time, deputies from the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office were deployed to do what they do best, respond to emergencies. One place where deputies were sent was a local church which had quickly mobilized to serve as a makeshift shelter. In addition to providing crowd control functions, deputies were taking in reports of stranded motorists and residents from those who were able to get to the shelter. While speaking with residents and observing the surroundings, Detective Jill Feverjean noticed a despondent woman with no shoes. What really caught Detective Feverjean's attention, however, was the infant on an oxygen tank who was clinging to the shoeless woman.

Detective Feverjean immediately approached the woman and child to inquire whether medical attention was needed. The woman responded that the child was good for the time being. Then, the woman relayed her story that she had quickly fled the rising flood waters with only minimal supplies for herself and her child. The despair in the woman's eyes and the compromised health of the young child spurred Detective Feverjean into action. Knowing that all the community resources she would usually call were busy responding to the flood, Feverjean went to the store and used her personal funds to buy shoes, diapers, and formula for the woman and child.

Detective Feverjean went above and beyond what is required of her and displayed a genuine act of kindness for those who were most vulnerable.

**CHIEF SHAYNE GIBSON**  
**GREENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

While on patrol, a Greenwood police officer located a 1967 Chevy Pickup with an ATV in the truck's bed. After running the truck VIN, it came back as stolen from the town of Tool, Texas. A few days later, Chief Shayne Gibson received word that the ATV was also stolen from a different owner in Tool. Then, Chief Gibson got the news that the ATVs owner included a 4-year-old named Jojo who is battling cancer. He was told that riding in the ATV with her grandparents is one of the few real joys Jojo has so you can imagine how excited Chief Gibson and his officers were to have retrieved the ATV.

During the investigation, the truck and ATV were stored at Rials' Towing near Greenwood. After a month or so had passed, Chief Gibson noticed that the ATV was still at Rials. He called the Chief in Tool to inquire as to the status of the family coming to pick up the vehicle. Chief Rossman told Gibson that the family really wanted the ATV back, but had no way of retrieving it. That's when Chief Gibson sprang into action. He got on the phone with the owner of Rials' Towing to explain the situation. The owner offered to waive the storage fee. Next, Chief Gibson called around to find a repair shop because the owner at Rials' explained that the ATV had been damaged by the thieves. Two days later, the ATV was fixed and running again. At that point, Gibson made a few more calls to locate a trailer to borrow. He called Chief Rossman in Tool again to let him know he would personally be returning the ATV to little Jojo.

On a lovely Saturday morning in October 2021, Chief Gibson and crew hooked his pickup up to a trailer, loaded the ATV, and headed west to Tool. Upon arriving in Tool, Gibson and crew met up with Chief Rossman and Tool PD staff. Chief Rossman had organized a parade of fire trucks, ambulances, police units, crash trucks, and many civilian vehicles. The parade proceeded to Jojo's grandparents' house where they were able to meet Jojo and off-load the ATV. A witness of the event said that Chief Gibson not only returned the vehicle, he returned a beaming smile and a ton of happiness to a sick little girl.

**DEPUTY ETHAN HEMPHILL**  
**GRANT PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Deputy Ethan Hemphill was dispatched to investigate a report of a suspicious person loitering near several businesses. When Deputy Hemphill located the person and began his interview, he quickly realized that the man meant no harm to anyone. He was simply down on his luck and was trying to get to friends in north Louisiana. Deputy Hemphill attempted numerous contacts to the man's friends and family, but no one was able to make the trip to pick up the man that night.

Now, Grant is a friendly and quaint community, but it does not have any shelters or 24-hour businesses so Deputy Hemphill had to get creative. He made some phone calls and was able to find the man a safe place to sleep for the night. However, Deputy Hemphill realized the man had no belongings so he took it upon himself to go to a local store to purchase blankets and toiletries for the man.

Deputy Hemphill put out all this effort without a second thought, and without any mention to his colleagues. A second deputy who responded to the call saw these actions, however, and reported them to his Sheriff. Grant Parish Sheriff Steven McCain personally submitted this nomination to honor Deputy Hemphill and the selfless acts that are done on a daily basis by law enforcement professionals.

**TROOPER WILLIAM HUGGINS**  
**LOUISIANA STATE POLICE TROOP L**

Picture it...It's the summertime and the Pettitt family is taking a road trip to Biloxi, MS for some sun and fun. The family stops at the Target in Hammond to take a break and grab some last-minute supplies. Afterwards, they load up their bounty and drive off to the Gulf Coast. Once they get to Biloxi and are inching along in stop and go traffic, they hear a knocking noise coming from the back of the suburban. Indeed, this is the beginning of a horror story.

As the Pettitt parents pulled over to check out the noise, they realized the back hatch had not properly secured shut and they had never been notified by the computerized sensors in the car. Thus, the hatch had bounced open and closed and some belongings had fallen out of the vehicle. After a quick inventory, mom realized that the loss was minimal, except for the boys' green under armour backpack with ALL of their 12" power rangers and action figures. Not knowing what else to do, Mom reached out to the Louisiana State Police Troop L to ask if they'd be willing to keep an ear open for a report of the bag. After a couple of days, Trooper Williams Huggins called mom back to say that they had not received any reports of the bag and no patrols had spotted it. Trooper Huggins and the crew at Troop L would not let the Pettitt boys down, however. Trooper Huggins asked the Pettitt parents to meet him and other Troopers at the same Target on their way back through Hammond. So, on June 19, the Pettitt family met Trooper Huggins and his family who gifted the boys with new action figures, Louisiana police bears, and Louisiana police t-shirts. Huggins and the Troop L folks even had a new toy for baby Pettitt. The boys were thrilled to have new action figures and mom and dad were so grateful to State Police for having some wonderful men and women serving Louisiana's communities.

**DEPUTY BREANN LOVETT**  
**LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

It was extremely difficult for the Lieutenant who nominated Deputy Breann Lovett to pick just one act of kindness, so he provided two. The first act involved a longtime employee of Livingston Parish government, beloved dispatcher Laura James. James passed away in September 2021 after a month-long battle with COVID-19. Deputy Lovett found out that the cemetery where James was going to be laid to rest was in disrepair due to the impact of Hurricane Ida earlier last year. Deputy Lovett found this unacceptable so she sent a call out to anyone who could help and organized a clean-up crew to put the cemetery back in order. "The deputies that showed up have been working seven days a week on twelve-hour shifts, but still gave up time with their families and much needed rest to make sure her final resting place would be as beautiful as Laura." Deputy Lovett also organized a memorial service for James so Sheriff's office employees could celebrate her life.

The second story involved a family of five which included three girls ages 8, 11, and 15. The family lost everything in a house fire right around Christmas time in 2021. Deputy Lovett heard about their situation and tried to get the parents to sign up for the Christmas Crusade hosted by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. The Christmas Crusade helps children in need during the holidays. However, the mom didn't want to take away from other need families. Deputy Lovett was touched by the spirit of the parents, but still wanted to do something for them.

At that point, she sent out a message to the sheriff's office staff to gather donations for the family. Her outreach garnered an overwhelming response of money and clothing donations. The family was speechless at the generosity of their fellow Livingston Parish residents, many of whom they did not know.

According to her nominator, Deputy Lovett is not only a person with a servant's heart, but she reminds many of us at the office to not forget why we entered this profession to begin with...to truly serve and protect the members of our community.

**DEPUTY KENNETH TRAMBLE**  
**OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Many Sheriff's offices have impactful outreach programs such as Deputies Making a Change, or DMAC for short, which is a youth mentoring program that addresses the incarceration rate among 9-13 year olds and is run out of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office. However, not every youth mentoring program has a Deputy Kenneth Tramble who is a star of DMAC. Deputy Tramble's own personal story has given him the heart to reach young men who are less fortunate because he recognizes that it takes a village to raise children right.

The mom of one of those young men, Ms. Allen, told the story of her son, Christopher, and his very special relationship with Deputy Tramble. Christopher is now 17, but first met Tramble when he was 11 years old. Christopher was experiencing some discipline problems at school and then his father walked out on him. Understandably, Christopher was reluctant to build a relationship with anyone, particularly an adult male who may walk out on him again. But, Deputy Tramble proved Christopher wrong time after time. Since first meeting him, Tramble took an interest in Christopher and became deeply involved in his life by being there for every event...we are talking every awards ceremony, parent/teacher conference, and milestone. With the guidance of Deputy Tramble and love from the entire Tramble family, Christopher has become an honor student, member of the band, National Beta Club member, JROTC cadet, and has been accepted to seven universities. His demeanor is well-mannered, respectful of the law, proud, and confident. In January of this year, Deputy Tramble was present for Christopher's induction into the National Honors Society. He pulled Christopher aside and told him how proud he was and that, while he had not fathered him, he was his Father and he had a family in the Trambles.

Deputy Tramble's colleagues report that he contributes countless community service hours to DMAC and other causes. There are times when students have attended DMAC classes not fully dressed in accordance with school guidelines. Deputy Tramble has used his own money to purchase socks, shoes, and school supplies to help these youths. He regularly stays after school to help with homework. He has even organized toy drives for less fortunate youth to ensure they get presents.

**CORPORAL JOSEPH VALENCIA**  
**BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

It was October and the height of football season. At four-years old, Maddox was a life-long LSU Tigers fan. But unfortunately, due to a life-threatening heart defect, his family didn't know how much longer he would be around to cheer on his beloved Tigers. That's when MMR Group and the Baton Rouge Police Department stepped in.

With the help of many folks with deep roots in Tiger Town and a desire to help others, Maddox and his family were gifted with suite tickets and a parking pass so they could go to see the Tigers play in Death Valley. The day of the game turned into a real party with a police escort to campus by the Baton Rouge Police Department's motorcycle division. Upon arriving at the stadium, the BRPD officers, Maddox, and his family engaged in a little impromptu

tailgating. During that time, Maddox became particularly friendly with one BRPD officer, Corporal Joseph Valencia. Everyone could see that Corporal Valencia made a lasting impression on Maddox.

So much so that, shortly after, when Maddox's little heart gave out, his family reached out to Corporal Valencia with a special request. They asked him to serve as a pallbearer at Maddox's funeral. Corporal Valencia countered with an amazing offer. He felt like the final journey for Maddox should be one for the ages. So, he offered to escort him on his BRPD-issued motorcycle to his final resting place. The family agreed it would be a wonderful way to honor Maddox and accepted Valencia's offer.

But the Corporal had an even bigger celebration of life planned. On the day of the funeral, as the family was saying their final good-byes, Corporal Joseph Valencia and 90 of his closest friends from the national police officers motorcycle association arrived at the church. These officers represented not just BRPD, but police departments all across the country. In addition, Valencia coordinated with Louisiana State Police and EMS to participate in the procession to the cemetery. The effort Corporal Valencia put into recruiting the officers and organizing the escort of little Maddox to his final resting place brought the family to tears. It was a memory that will carry forever.

#### **CORPORAL ALEX ZAUNBRECHER**

#### **CALCASIEU PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

On January 20, 2021, Corporal Alex Zaunbrecher with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a disturbance call. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that one of the individuals present on scene was a victim of human trafficking. The adult victim had a small child with her which complicated matters. Both of them were apprehensive of law enforcement and the adult victim was less than cooperative with responding deputies trying to file their report. Corporal Zaunbrecher intervened and was able to calm down the victim and also encouraged her to participate in the investigation.

Subsequently, Corporal Zaunbrecher learned that the adult victim was heavily reliant on the male suspect from the disturbance call, mainly because she and her child were homeless. Corporal Zaunbrecher took it upon herself to secure a motel room for the mom and child, and also purchased food and clothing using her personal funds. Zaunbrecher also ensured the child had a few toys to occupy her time while at the hotel.

The next morning, while Corporal Zaunbrecher was off-duty, she was able to locate a family friendly homeless shelter for the adult victim and child. With no other means of transport, Zaunbrecher drove them across the state to the shelter and helped to get them settled in.

### **2022 SERVICE BEFORE SELF AWARD RECIPIENTS**

#### **SERGEANT KENIYELLE "NIKKI" FRANK**

#### **LAFOURCHE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sergeant Keniyelle "Nikki" Frank serves in the Community-Oriented Policing and Problem-Solving, or COPPS Section, of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. There, she is responsible for keeping communities safe and being a positive role model for the children that reside in her

area. Sergeant Frank sees herself as a deputy who can bridge the gap between community and law enforcement, and it's her lifelong dream to help others.

Specifically, Sergeant Frank was nominated because of her involvement in the Beyond the Bell program, and its fundraising organization, Friends of Beyond the Bell. She has been a part of the program since its inception in January 2015. The program is based at the Reverend Lloyd Wallace Community Center in Raceland and services the children of the Alidore Community, a community that is poverty-stricken and considered a high-crime area. The program is intended to expand to serve all children throughout the parish in the coming years.

Referred to affectionately by the children as "Nanny Nikki," Sgt. Frank has been a huge part of the program's success over the years. The children are always excited when they see her LPSO car at the center. Not only does she provide them with a sense of security, but she also helps bridge the gap with unconditional love. She hosted her first community event at the center in 2015, a Father's Day event, and went above and beyond by purchasing food and supplies for the children to make cards for their fathers and father figures. She has also helped organize events such as "Cookies with Cops" on Valentine's Day, "Shop with a Cop" at Christmas, and "Backpack with Blue" where she coordinated donations for kids going back to school. There was even a picnic called "Crawfish with Cops" where she purchased extra crawfish when the event was going to be short.

In 2020, she helped to found Friends of Beyond the Bell to help bring in more resources and opportunities for the children in the Alidore community. She served as president of the board in 2020 and 2021, and still serves as president. This allowed donations to be funneled into the program appropriately and legally.

In 2021, she planned and coordinated the first fundraiser for the program and was able to provide an incredible summer program for the children thanks to those efforts. During a field trip, she even paid for lunch for a group of children out of her own pocket when the restaurant would not accept a check as payment.

While her involvement in the program has been valuable to her job and the COPPS Section, it is not a requirement. Furthermore, her leadership within the group and the giving of her extra time and donations are also purely out of the kindness of her heart. She is consistently surprising the children with snacks and goodies to make them feel special. Hope to break the cycle of hate and violence toward each other and law enforcement and help steer the kids on the right path to success.

Sergeant Frank has previously stated that being a survivor of a tragic childhood with several heartbreaking events has provided her with life experiences to help others cope with devastation. It is with intention and energy that she has provided a much-needed spark to the lives of the children of the Alidore community.

#### **DETECTIVE KENIEL HENRY**

#### **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Detective Keniel Henry of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office goes ALL out for his own birthday. No, he doesn't buy himself expensive presents or dine out on fancy cuisine.

Instead, Detective Henry throws himself a huge birthday party of sorts, but instead of receiving gifts, he's the one giving them. That's right! For the past eight years, Detective Henry has commemorated the day of his birth by spending it with family and strangers at a festive cookout.

As his birthday approaches, Keniel, his wife Sharanda, and his mom Joy Brown, begin making supply lists and planning for the cookout. The goal for Detective Henry and his crew: cook for and deliver the food to the homeless people staying under the Claiborne Ave/I-10 overpass in New Orleans. You see, Keniel feels deeply that he is blessed and so he is always looking for ways to bless others. He has been heard saying that there isn't anything he really wants or needs so giving to others has become his priority.

On Detective Henry's actual birthday, July 9, he and his family load up all the supplies he has purchased with his own money and organized during his free time and he ventures to Downtown New Orleans. Once there, the crew lays out a spread of hamburgers, hot dogs, ham and turkey sandwiches, chips, and red beans and rice. Detective Henry mingles with the individuals getting to know their stories and making sure their bellies are full of delicious food, at least for one day.

Keniel's department head, Sheriff Mike Tregre, was quoted as saying, "It is inspiring to the entire department to see Detective Henry perform this act of kindness and generosity year after year during which he gives of his time and resources to help others. He truly enjoys giving back to the community."

Not to be outdone by his summertime giving celebration, in January 2021, Detective Henry began a donation drive to gather blankets and warm clothes for the same community of homeless individuals. Keniel used his social media accounts and word-of-mouth to solicit for donations, even offering to pick up donations himself. He and a group of friends and colleagues personally delivered the donations to the homeless encampment.



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## WHAT IS BEYOND THE BADGE?

*Beyond the Badge* is a non-profit organization begun in 2016 by Baton Rouge resident Linda Hull to recognize law enforcement officers in her community who perform acts of kindness beyond that required by their oaths of service. *Beyond the Badge* is operated entirely by citizen volunteers and funded by corporate and private donations.

The mission of *Beyond the Badge* is to educate the public about ordinary law enforcement officers performing extraordinary acts of kindness in their communities. Each year, *Beyond the Badge* will select law enforcement officers, who have been nominated by their agencies or the public, to receive a Heart of Law Enforcement award in recognition of acts of kindness they performed during the previous calendar year. The nominee whose act of kindness stands out among the field of nominees will receive the Service Before Self award. Awards will be given during a special luncheon honoring the recipients.

Criteria for nomination:

- Nominations may be made by anyone – supervisors, fellow officers, citizens, family members, friends.
- Nominees must be employed in the state of Louisiana as a POST certified law enforcement officer.
- Nominees must have performed acts of kindness that were not required of them in their regular duties as law enforcement officers.
- Nominees will be considered for acts performed while on duty or off, and whether or not they were in uniform at the time.

Nominations will be accepted until January 31 for acts performed during the previous calendar year.

To submit a nomination online, or to make a donation to *Beyond the Badge*, please visit our web site at [www.beyondthebadgelouisiana.org](http://www.beyondthebadgelouisiana.org) or find us on Facebook.