



## Director's Office

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2013  
TO: DPS Employees  
FROM: Director Chris Perry  
SUBJECT: Department Employee Awards

I am honored to announce this year's employee award recipients. The awards committee was tasked with selecting one employee for each of the following categories: Civilian Employee of the Year, Sworn Employee of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, and Innovation Award. The selection process was extremely difficult as there were many outstanding employees nominated. Please join me in congratulating the following employees for their outstanding contribution to public safety.

**Civilian Employee of the Year - Tawanna Walker, PSD III, NHP – Las Vegas**

This award recognizes a civilian employee distinguished for outstanding achievement and performance.

*Tawanna has been an active participant and a key player in the peer counseling program. She has helped out in the dispatch training program giving fresh ideas and having the ability to mold new dispatchers into successful team players. She is a vital member of the dispatch team and has helped create a positive environment to work in. She makes an effort everyday to check on each dispatcher or trooper involved in the peer counseling program.*

**Sworn Employee of the Year – Danton Vidovich, DPS Officer II, NDI – Carson City**

This award recognizes a sworn employee distinguished for outstanding achievement and performance.

*Detective Vidovich is an outstanding example of a dedicated, loyal, and hard working investigator that has given NDI it's stellar reputation. Although Dan has been assigned to narcotics he has also assisted various units throughout the state with non-narcotics. He took lead assisting the Winnemucca Police Department on a surveillance operation related to a possible sexual predator. His recommendations to the PD and the District Attorney's Office resulted in the arrest of the subject.*

**Supervisor of the Year – Novelt Mack, Sgt., NHP – Las Vegas**

This award recognizes the outstanding achievement and performance of one supervisor, civilian or sworn.

*Sgt. Mack excels in all areas but stands above with his additional responsibilities and self initiated activity. He is, at most times, solely responsible for major incidents in his area. He also*

*writes operation plans for major events. He is heavily involved in community activities to include the schools in the Laughlin area. He regularly meets with school officials to discuss student safety and instructs traffic safety and alcohol awareness to students of Laughlin High School. He is an active Defensive Tactics and Firearms Instructor and has volunteered to act as a PSTO for two new Troopers.*

**Innovation Award –Danny Brennan, BPA III, SFM - Carson City**

This award recognizes an individual who has creatively or effectively promoted the use of future thinking and/or methodology that advances the department's ability to meet its mission efficiently.

*Danny is primarily responsible for establishing the fire extinguisher training program, designing the curriculum and methodology and then rolling it out to state employees across Nevada. His development as an instructor directly resulted in the successful fire safety education of over 900 employees across the state in 2012. Bringing in "Bullex", the digital fire extinguishing system has saved the state substantial funds when compared to conventional fire extinguisher training techniques and practices.*

**Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding achievements.**

*DPS employees, family, and friends are invited to the:*

**Employee Awards Ceremony  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 2pm  
DPS Headquarters Training Room, Carson City**

**Cake and refreshments will be served**