

Folsom Dam Security Officers Honored

On March 13, 2012, three officers with the Folsom Dam Security Bureau (FDSB) were honored by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) at the “Security Officer Recognition Day Luncheon” held at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Sheriff’s Security Officers Sergeant Chandra Dewan and David Abdul were recognized for bravery involving risk to life. Sheriff’s Security Officer Lyle Reed was recognized for exceptionally meritorious service. All three are members of the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, FDSB.



Officers Dewan and Abdul

About 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2011, Officers Dewan and Abdul were working as a roving unit for the FDSB when they were notified of a car accident on Folsom Lake Crossing. The officers responded and found an overturned vehicle in a ditch with four injured occupants – and the vehicle was on fire.

The two officers pulled out the semiconscious driver and front-seat passenger and moved them to a safe location. Officer Dewan then helped a back-seat passenger climb through a window, but the other occupant was unconscious.

Unable to pry open the rear passenger door, Officer Abdul entered the vehicle through the rear hatch back, intending to stabilize the unconscious victim’s neck until paramedics arrived; he planned to only remove the woman from the vehicle if the fire could not be controlled.

Fortunately, Officer Dewan was able to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, just as the Folsom Fire Department arrived. Officer Abdul then helped Folsom Fire extract the woman.

Officers Dewan and Abdul were recognized for demonstrating courage and dedication to duty by placing their lives in significant danger to assist the four injured occupants of the burning car.

Officer Reed

Sheriff’s Security Officer Lyle Reed was honored for going above and beyond his normal job responsibilities of ensuring the physical security of Folsom Dam and the surrounding areas. From the inception of the FDSB, Officer Reed has worked with the security and surveillance system, voluntarily taking on the role of project manager.

Officer Reed played a major role in deploying Folsom’s mobile Skywatch surveillance system, working with vendors to develop requirements, troubleshooting problems, and developing a training program for fellow officers.



Because of Officer Reed's knowledge and skills in the area of computer technology – both hardware and software – he has provided ongoing training and technical support for other officers, ensured software updates and physical equipment upgrades were completed, and performed routine maintenance of the equipment.

Officer Reed took on all of these critical tasks voluntarily, saving the FDSB and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department tax dollar while providing the unit with a state-of-the-art system with which to protect Folsom Dam and the residents of Sacramento County.

The primary responsibility for all three of the honored Sheriff's Security Officers is to secure Folsom Dam's concrete structure as well as the earthen dams and dikes surrounding Folsom Reservoir. The officers are assigned to roving patrols responsible for securing the inner and outer perimeter of the facility. Officers are also assigned to stationary posts where their primary concern is to secure the concrete structure.

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