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## CrimestoppersGNO to host it's 39th Annual Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 1, 2024

New Orleans Sheraton Hotel, Napoleon Ballroom "Heroes' Reception for Officers/Deputies of the Year"

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon program begins at 11:45 a.m.

**Keynote Speaker** 

Superintendent Robert P. Hodges
Louisiana State Police

**CrimestoppersGNO** and their law enforcement partners from across the region, state and federal along with corporate sponsors will enjoy a luncheon honoring awards of excellence for nominated officers and community advocates. A special recognition highlight of the day will be given to **NOPD newest Community Ambassador <u>"Patch"</u>** the miniature support horse.

Winners include: George Loker Community Service Award; United Way of Southeast Louisiana Michael Williamson, President & CEO and Charmaine Caccioppi, Executive Vice President and COO

Crimestoppers Deputy/Officers of the Year Award per agency, Presented by the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust

**Gretna Police** Officer Jacob Small; **JPSO** Detective Gregory Donald; **Kenner** Police Officer Billy Hingle **NOPD** Detective Lamar Rena Lewis; **Plaquemines Parish** Lieutenant Jason Kornovich; **St. Bernard Parish** Sergeant Jeffrey Vega; **St. Charles Parish** Deputy Michael Kinler; **St. John the Baptist Parish** Det. Sergeant Demond Memminger; **St. Tammany Parish** Sergeant Grant Candies; **Slidell** – Officer Anthony Karsolich

## **Awards of Excellence for NOPD Homicide and Cold Cases**

Top "Closer" Award (2019 to 2023) Detective Walter Edmond clearance rate of 62% over a 5 year period

Top "Closer" Award - Second Place (2019 to 2023) Detective Nickolas Davis has a clearance rate of 54%

Top performer for 2023 (at least 10 cases investigated) Detective James Fyfe solved 10 of 11 cases for 91%

NOPD Cold Case "Detective of the year" (2023) Detective Ryan Aucoin

NOPD Homicide "Cold Case" "Supervisor and Outstanding Crimestoppers Liaison" (2023)

Sergeant Robert Barrere

For the Overall "Officer of the Year" Social Media Campaign, over 15,000 votes were cast in the first 48 hours of the campaign. With the closing of the campaign, just under 20,000 votes were cast, 28, 230 views and 6,000 signed up to win tickets to the luncheon. The overall success of the campaign is a tribute to the positive feelings and acknowledgement of the excellent work done by our officers. Congratulations to all.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting <u>www.crimestoppersgno.org</u>. up till Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> noon.

