



WINSTON-SALEM PD

SHAUN MABE, CAPTAIN
WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer of the Year – Officer Sharum



Officer Sharum was selected for his heroic actions in the line of duty last summer, demonstrating exceptional courage and dedication as he protected and aided a fellow officer injured in the line of duty while responding to a call.

In addition to his actions during the critical incident, Officer Sharum has demonstrated exceptional performance throughout 2025 as a member of the Field Services Bureau (FSB).

His accomplishments include:

- Ranking in the Top 10 for firearms seized
- Ranking in the Top 10 for felony and misdemeanor arrests
- Ranking in the Top 10 for VCSA seizures
- Proactively authoring multiple search warrants
- Identifying high-crime areas within his assigned zone and implementing long-term, problem-solving strategies

Notably, Officer Sharum took initiative in addressing ongoing criminal activity at key locations throughout the city as well.



Officer of the Year Runner-Up – Corporal Cheek



Corporal Cheek drew from his own experience and perspective and provided a highly effective plan to curb crime in a location with long term crime issues. He saw a problem, presented a plausible solution, and helped make it happen by leading teams in the field.

The operation yielded dozens of misdemeanor and felony arrests, narcotics seizures, recovery of stolen firearms, and many warrant services. These efforts were proven to be effective in a short period of time with maximum benefit.



Professional Staff Member of the Year – Jonathan Lewis



Assistant Police Evidence Supervisor (APES) Jonathan Lewis consistently performs at a level that exceeds the expectations of his position. He demonstrates a strong commitment to the success and development of his colleagues by building confidence in areas of opportunity, challenging staff to expand their skill sets, and adjusting his schedule to work alongside personnel during critical training phases. One of APES Lewis's greatest strengths is his innovative thinking. He routinely evaluates existing practices and procedures, thoughtfully questioning their effectiveness and efficiency. He is not afraid to implement change; through his adaptability and leadership, he guides the team to embrace change with confidence rather than hesitation.



Professional Staff Member of the Year Runner-Up – Tommy Leonard

Senior IS Analyst Tommy Leonard has 25 years of service to the WSPD. Tommy is able to balance everyday tasks along with very large projects like the radio system upgrade which was completed in 2025. He is regularly called upon for his depth and breadth of knowledge to assist with a wide variety of tasks in the department. Tommy truly cares about this department, and his dedication is very appreciated.





Chief Penn's Positive Wolf Award – Brittany Gomez



The “Positive Wolf” is a story that Chief Penn often shares throughout our agency—a powerful reminder of the mindset we should carry as we serve our community. The story speaks of two wolves inside each of us. One represents anger, sorrow, regret, and greed. The other stands for joy, peace, love, humility, kindness, and faith. These two wolves are constantly in battle—but the one that wins is the one we choose to feed. This message is more than just a story—it’s a challenge. A reminder that we are responsible for choosing which wolf we nurture. And in our line of work, that choice matters more than ever. When we talk about the “Positive Wolf of the Year,” we’re talking about someone who consistently chooses to feed the good wolf. Someone who shows up every day with the right intentions, keeps a positive mindset no matter the task, and leads by example—even when there’s no spotlight or recognition. Being the positive wolf means being the kind of person who inspires—not just the next generation, but also those around us right now, and even those who came before us. Brittany Gomez always shows kindness, strives to support her team in every way possible, and encourages others to do their best.



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