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Nebraska American Legion Honors Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year

Lincoln (January 13, 2020) - The Nebraska American Legion honored Deputy Christopher J. Lichtenberg as their 2019 Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year for his hard work and dedication with the Saunders County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Lichtenberg has been with the Saunders County Sheriff's Office for the past 14 years. He has performed his demanding and, at times, dangerous duties with the utmost professionalism. He routinely assists his fellow officers even on his days off. While off duty, he responded to a distress call from another officer. He was the first on scene and was able to help restrain the subject. Lichtenberg also used his personal airboat to assist with the river rescues during the historic March of 2019. He also came in off-duty and volunteered his time to search for a missing female. He also instituted "Fugitive Friday" on the department's Facebook page to help catch individuals with warrants.

Lichtenberg has also been awarded the 2018 Saunders County Sheriff's Office Officer-of-the-Year and the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association's Heroism Award.

In his spare time, he serves as the Chief of Police for the Cedar Bluffs Police Department, Chairman of the Cedar Bluffs Village Board, and is the Assistant Chief of the Cedar Bluffs Fire Department.

Lichtenberg and his wife, Stacey, live in Cedar Bluffs.

Department Commander Gary Wooten presented Deputy Lichtenberg with a certificate and plaque and thanked him for his dedication to duty. Following selection as Nebraska's Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year, Deputy Lichtenberg's name has been submitted for consideration as the National Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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