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

Lincoln (January 24, 2022) - The Nebraska American Legion honored Officer Christopher Goley of Papillion as their 2021 Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year for his hard work and dedication to the Papillion Police Department.

Officer Goley has been with the Papillion Police Department for the past 20 years. He has performed his demanding and, at times, dangerous duties in the Papillion and surrounding areas. He has been instrumental in moving his department forward with the implementation of equipment training and educational programs that impact other officers and the safety of the community. In 2017 Officer Goley was able to save the life of a 17-year-old boy during a high-stress situation. He said that no matter what happens in his career, he knows that he saved at least one person. Their connection continued when he helped the boy graduate high school and venture to college. He also has been working with the Police Service Dog, Trinity, for the last year and has proven how indispensable the role is to the department. He also has trained a second K-9 Unit for the department. He instructs a multitude of classes for department members and is known to step up to the plate whenever help is needed.

In his spare time, Goley is a guest instructor at Creighton University for future paramedics, teaching them about real-life situations. He can also be found instructing at UNMC in Emergency Medicine training for resident Physicians. He also serves on the advisory board for Nebraska Police Service Dogs.

Department Commander Dan Benes presented Officer Goley with a certificate and plaque and thanked him for his dedication to duty. Following selection as Nebraska's Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year, Officer Goley'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 national defense with a focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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