



OCSO Victim's Advocates recognized as nation's best

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ST. LOUIS - Members of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office Victim's Advocates have been recognized as the nation's best for 2011.

During an awards ceremony in St. Louis, Mo. on Monday, the sheriff's office was presented the 2011 National Sheriffs' Association Crime Victims Services Award.

"I applaud the efforts of the Victims Advocates for rendering exceptional service to individuals who are victimized in Orangeburg County," Sheriff Leroy Ravenell said. "This recognition by the National Sheriffs Association is special and dear to us as we move forward in our advocacy for victims and continue to implement critical service improvements for the citizens of Orangeburg County."

Ravenell, Victims Services Director Chandra McPherson and Maj. Rene Williams accepted the award in St. Louis on Monday afternoon.

The OCSO victim's advocates are Thais Britt, Jeania Jeffcoat and Thomas Brown.

The national Crime Victim Services Award was established six years ago through support of the U.S. Department of Justice.

The OCSO is the only agency in South Carolina to receive the award in its history, officials say.

The award is administered by the National Sheriffs' Association's Crime Victim Services Committee in an effort to recognize the most outstanding victim's advocate group in terms of support of victims.

Since 2008, the award has been sponsored by Appriss Inc. The award recipient for 2010 was the Douglas County (Colorado) Sheriff's Office.