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South Carolina sheriff receives victim services award

Appriss-sponsored award given at National Sheriffs' Association Conference

The Orangeburg County, SC Sheriff's Office is the recipient of this year's Crime Victim Services Award, sponsored by Appriss and presented at the annual conference of the National Sheriffs' Association. Sheriff Leroy Ravenell and his victim services unit were honored for their dedication to serving victims in his community.

The sheriff's victim advocates respond to victims, provide support, information, and transportation during court appearances. The unit also hosts community events and invites special guest speakers, including survivors of crime. Advocates also meet with crime watch and other community groups and provide victim related literature to public areas.

During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, the sheriff's office aggressively works to raise public awareness and also assists abused and battered women by providing cell phones that are equipped to call 9-1-1 without a cell service plan.

The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office Foundation recently began providing emergency housing, food, and clothing for victims and their families. Limited budgets have impacted the office's ability to provide funding, but staff members have continued to keep the services going by paying for it out of their own pockets.

"Congratulations to Sheriff Ravenell and his staff for a job well done," said Mike Davis, Appriss president. "Appriss is proud to join the NSA in recognizing leaders who go above and beyond to protect the citizens they serve."

This is the fourth year Appriss has sponsored the Crime Victim Services Award.

About Appriss

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investigators, to prevent the illegal sale of over-the-counter cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

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