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2019 Respect for Law Awards

On Friday May 3, 2019 the Kendall County Association of Chiefs of Police in conjunction with the Oswegoland Optimist Club hosted their 34th Annual Respect of Law Banquet at Whitetail Ridge in Yorkville, IL. The respect for law banquet recognizes law enforcement officers from agencies in Kendall County for Lifesaving, Valor, Investigator of the Year, Telecommunicator of the Year, Civilian of the Year, and Officer of the Year. At this year's banquet, multiple Kendall County Sheriff's Office employees were recognized for their efforts in these different categories. The following Kendall County Sheriff's Office employees received awards:

Life Saving Award

- Deputy Craig French
- Deputy Todd Brautigam
- Deputy Jason Unterborn
- Sergeant Ed Belmonte
- Deputy Casey Kailus
- Deputy Andrew Nemenoff

Investigator of the Year

- Detective Bryan Harl

Civilian of the Year

- Tonya Johnson

Nominated for Officer of the Year

- Deputy Charles Van Thompson
- Deputy Nancy Velez

All awards were presented by Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis and the Honorable Judge Robert Pilmer. Sheriff Dwight Baird expressed his pride in the hard work of these members of the department. "Every day the men and women of the Sheriff's Office work hard to protect the community. The work itself is rewarding but it's especially gratifying when these efforts are recognized by groups outside this organization. We thank the Optimist Club for expressing their appreciation."