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FROM: WILLIAM P. MULLEN, SHERIFF

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SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2021

I am pleased to acknowledge the selection of **Deputy Sheriff Vonzale Boose and Deputy Sheriff Mark Kowaleski** as Employees of the Month for January 2021.

As previously stated, the Firearms Division has experienced substantial incumbrance remaining open and operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public health emergency, coupled with an unprecedented increase to firearms permit applicants, has required division employees to work both resourcefully and relentlessly to keep pace with public demand.

Over the past three months in particular, when the division was open to walk-in applicants and pre-existing appointments, throngs of individuals appeared at the courthouse, with people lining around the building to obtain their carry permits. Everyday Deputy Boose and Deputy Kowaleski were responsible for a range of assignments such as maintaining order and six-foot social distance amongst applicants, performing temperature checks, ensuring the proper completion of paperwork and upholding COVID-19 health and safety protocols. As a team, Deputies Boose and Kowaleski established an efficient applicant vetting system to ensure citizens entering the Firearms Office were considered sanitized, safe and prepared to apply for their firearms permits.

Moreover, the influx of people to the courtyard posed additional security risk to court facilities. Due to the ongoing and persistent efforts of Deputy Boose and Deputy Kowaleski, the Sheriff's Office was able to uphold the safety of all court buildings, despite increased public traffic to the grounds. Throughout these difficult stages of the pandemic, and when weather conditions were especially adverse, Deputies Boose and Kowaleski provided invaluable assistance to our citizens, helping to expedite the entire application process.

In recognition of their work, Deputy Boose and Deputy Kowaleski will each be granted one full day off work, as long as no overtime is incurred. Please join me in congratulating these Deputies on a job well done!