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Above And Beyond The Call: Hunterdon County Sheriff Honors 2025 '*Officers Of The Year*'

Hunterdon County Sheriff Fred Brown recently honored Officer Raymond Scarpa III and Investigator Jarren Mann as the **2025 Hunterdon County Officers of the Year** – recognizing their exceptional professionalism, vigilance, and commitment to public safety.

This year's recognition highlights two incidents in which decisive law enforcement actions prevented potentially dangerous situations from escalating and ensured the safety of county employees and the public.

Officer Raymond Scarpa III, a member of the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office since 2018, was recognized for his actions at the Hunterdon County Justice Center shortly after returning from an extended military deployment. While assigned to a routine security post, Officer Scarpa detected a firearm during X-ray screening at the courthouse entrance. His swift and decisive response led to the recovery of a .45 caliber handgun with a high-capacity magazine and the arrest of the individual involved.

Sheriff Brown shared, "Officer Scarpa exemplifies the highest standard of public service. His awareness, calm demeanor, and quick action ensured the safety of everyone inside our Justice Center that day."

In a rare departure from tradition, Sheriff Brown also recognized a second Officer of the Year – Investigator Jarren Mann was honored for his leadership and command presence during an incident that included reports of a firearm and an attempted carjacking within the vicinity of the County Human Services building. Investigator Mann's prompt and tactical control of the scene were instrumental in safely taking the suspect into custody without injury to officers or civilians.

"Investigator Mann's actions were critical in preventing a potentially dangerous encounter from escalating," Sheriff Brown stated. "This is exactly the type of professionalism and judgement we expect and are proud to recognize within the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office."

Sheriff Brown congratulated both Scarpa and Mann for their bravery and emphasized the importance of vigilance within the agency, "These two officers remind us that even routine assignments can change in an instant. Because of their dedication and preparedness, our community was kept safe."