

CO of the month

Communications Officer II Taylor Watkins

CO Taylor Watkins has been selected as the December Communications Officer of the Month. She has been employed with the Department of Emergency Communications since October 31, 2016. Taylor has shown major growth during her short tenure with the department.

CO Watkins takes the lead when it comes to team building, morale, and overall helping her co-workers in need. She takes pride in being knowledgeable in her job duties and works hard with her peers to ensure no one fails. Whether it's team building, roll call presentations, morale boosters for the platoon, or working together in general. She leads the platoon in her work statistics and quality assurance scores.

CO Watkins inquired if she could do all team building activities, as this is what brings the platoon closer together, she was granted this opportunity. Examples of her team building exercises:

- Date of Birth- In a group of two (2) teams, each team put themselves in order from first born to last born using only the month and the day. No talking was allowed, so teams had to focus on communicating with out one of the six (6) senses, hearing.
- Blind Drawing- With pairs of two (2) each team was given a drawing and one teammate had to describe the picture to the other with their back turned. The team with the best drawing based on their teammate's description won two (2) Chick-Fil-A gift cards. The sense that was taken away in this game was seeing.
- Never Have I Ever Ball- Consisted of a ball of



paper that was thrown around the room with professional "never have I" questions. The person with the most points at the end of the game that had never done these things was considered the winner. This team building activity helped everyone get to know each other better and open up more.

• Innovating Charades- Divided the platoon into two (2) teams. Each team had to come up with a different use for an object other than what it was invented for. This encouraged everyone to think outside of the box for creative and innovative ideas.

On Monday, December 18th, CO Watkins was the primary operator for Police Channel 3. During that time, an off duty code unit keyed up and a scuffle was heard in the background. CO Watkins immediately identified the code unit and his location. During the time CO Watkins was handling the incident, a call was received from a citizen inside of Retreat Hospital advising there was a patient fighting with the off duty unit. Thanks to CO Watkins quick reaction, by the time this call came in, units were already en route to the unit's locations. Once the assisting units arrived on-scene, CO Watkins verified that everyone involved and assisting was ok, and terminated the incident.