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Officer David Nelson Selected as SPD Officer of the Year

Officer David Nelson was recently voted the Somerset Police Department Officer of the Year for 2009.

Officer Nelson started his law enforcement career in 1988 when he was hired as a dispatcher for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department. He was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff in 1991 and graduated from the Department for Criminal Justice Training's police academy later that year.

In 1996, Officer Nelson was hired by the Somerset Police Department and has served in its Patrol Division since then. He has served on the Emergency Response Team and is the senior Field Training Officer.

He has received numerous letters from co-workers commending his ability to find suspects or vehicle wanted in connection with criminal investigations.

In 1997, Officer Nelson received the Governor's Award for Impaired Driving for having the highest number of DUI arrests for the department.

In 2001, Officer Nelson received a Citation of Merit for meritorious conduct when he was fired upon by an active shooter on South Main Street during a standoff.

He is a 1986 graduate of Pulaski County High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 1991.

PHOTO ATTACHMENT: Officer David Nelson

