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### **Pentagon Force Protection Agency Recognizes Employees of the Year at Annual Awards Ceremony**

WASHINGTON - Three [Pentagon Force Protection Agency](#) (PFPA) employees were honored recently for being selected as employees of the year for 2015, during the agency annual awards ceremony.

Mr. Ron Kirkemo, from Boise, Idaho, Police Officer Rick Bolgiano, from Harford County, Md., and Police Lieutenant Reggie Kim, from Los Angeles, Ca, were selected as the PFPA employee, officer and lieutenant of the year, respectfully.

“These exemplary employees have demonstrated strong leadership and initiative,” said PFPA Director, Steven Calvery, to the workforce. “They should be justifiably proud of their achievements.”

Ron Kirkemo, a policy analyst with the Policy and Planning Office, was recognized for developing standard operating procedures, directives, and documents in support of the PFPA mission. Kirkemo assisted PFPA directorates in the development of key directives on access control, systems verification and validation, Unmanned Aerial Systems defense, and continuity of operations.

“It’s an honor that your supervisors feel strongly enough about you to submit you for an award in the first place,” says Kirkemo, who is very appreciative of his supervisors’ support.

What inspires Kirkemo each day comes from his time in Europe, “where I helped provide security for the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team,” says Kirkemo, pointing to an autographed team picture in his office. “While the team visited Germany, they trained in the local pool.”

“I became close friends with the team and saw first-hand the challenges they overcome each day. I saw blind people swim the 200 meter freestyle and people swimming without their legs. Looking back at what they were able to achieve, these guys provide me with inspiration that I draw on today.”

Rick Bolgiano earned 2015 Officer of the Year recognition for his work while assigned to the Policy Office. There, he helped formulate critical Agency policy on challenging issues, for

instance weapon carry, use of force, and active threat response. Bolgiano was also the driving force behind PFPA's new Ethics Guide.

Bolgiano was grateful for the support he received from his co-workers. "They were patient with me . . . I didn't have any experience in PFPA Policy or DoD Policy, but with the Lord's help and guidance I did well," he says. "I wanted to make a difference. I'm grateful because getting this award shows that I did make a difference."

Lieutenant Reggie Kim, selected as Lieutenant of the year, serves as the Supervisory Police Officer of the Special Events Unit. He has served as the incident commander for numerous high-profile special events held at the Pentagon. He reviewed and administered Pentagon special event access requests, requiring detailed coordination and excellent diplomatic and communication skills. Kim's leadership and outstanding dedication inspires trust and confidence up and down his chain of command.

For Kim, mission success can only be achieved through teamwork. This ultimately is what inspires him each day. "Whatever task that I need to accomplish will be accomplished with a team who shares the same mission and who will answer the call of duty," says Kim.

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Three Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) employees were honored during the agency annual awards ceremony. From L to R: PFPA Principal Deputy Director Jonathan Cofer (standing left in each frame) presents awards to Mr. Ron Kirkemo, from Boise, Idaho, Police Officer Rick Bolgiano, from Harford County, Md., and Police Lieutenant Reggie Kim, from Los Angeles, Ca. Kirkemo, Bolgiano and Kim were selected as the PFPA employee, officer and lieutenant of the year, respectively.