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## **2006 Officer of the Year Honored**



*From left to right: APHF Executive Director Donna Shepherd,  
APHF Vice President Deputy Dennis Wise (Ret.), Deputy Alfred C. Fisher, Jr.*

The American Police Hall of Fame honored its 2006 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year on October 26th. Each year one officer from across the nation is selected for demonstrating a special act of bravery and going above and beyond the call of the duty. "This can be a hard selection to make", says Donna Shepherd, Executive Director of the American Police Hall of Fame. "There are thankfully many officers from all across the U.S. that do great things which makes singling out just one officer a very tough decision" says Shepherd. This year's selection was Deputy Alfred C. Fisher, Jr. from the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office in Virginia. Deputy Fisher risked his own life to free his shift partner, Deputy John W. Sanford, Jr. from his burning patrol vehicle that was the result of a head on collision. Deputy Fisher began CPR on Deputy Sanford as help began to arrive. Unfortunately, Deputy Sanford died from his injuries. The banquet honoring Deputy Fisher was held at La Cita Country Club in Titusville Florida.