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Sgt. Craig Bastible earned the respect of his peers in 2007 with Rookie of the Year honors and in 2009 with Officer of the Year accolades. At the Burleson Police Department's annual awards banquet in January, he was awarded Supervisor of the Year for 2012. Bastible is the sixth sergeant to earn the award since its inception in 2007.

The 27-year-old Burleson native was described in the nomination letter as "a person who jumps in with both feet to make sure that goals are accomplished within the department. He tries to do things the right way the first time and expects the same for his shift. He leads by example, which sets the tone for his shift. He is always willing to do what it takes to get the job done and never hesitates to take on a task. He will come in early or stay late if needed and he does that with no complaints."

Bastible is a 2003 graduate of Burleson High School. He was hired by the Burleson Police Department in January 2006.

"I wanted to work for Burleson because it is my hometown," Bastible said. "I wanted to give back."

The department put him through the North Central Texas Council of Government Police Academy in 2006. Bastible was promoted to sergeant in June 2011. He is a 2012 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

"He is constantly looking for ways to improve the department, updating procedures and forms and ensuring that we are compliant with legal updates," according to the nomination.

The award winner is the sergeant in charge of the department's Sworn Bicycle Unit, member of the SWAT team, is a field training officer for new recruits, and an intoxilyzer operator for DWI arrests. He is currently a supervisor of the midnight shift. Bastible is also an instructor for the Hill College Police Academy in Hillsboro.

"Sgt. Bastible treats the members of his shift with the utmost courtesy and respect and that attitude is reflected back to him," according to the nomination. "He is never overbearing and has earned the respect of his officers through his actions and attitude. His officers will tell you that he is easy to work with because of his commitment to the shift."