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Burleson Police Officer Chaz Garrett must be doing something right. He was honored as the 2009 Rookie Officer of the Year, the 2011 Officer of the Year, and on Jan. 30, he was tapped as the 2013 Officer of the Year.

"This was very much unexpected and very humbling," Garrett said of the most recent honor.

That wasn't the only honor Garrett took home. He earned a Life Saving Award in connection with a suicidal person call and a police commendation award for a call involving a man asleep at the wheel that quickly escalated in to resisting arrest.

Garrett, 32, calls Cleburne his hometown, and he served 11 months as a reserve deputy for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, but it was the professionalism of the instructors who taught his academy that made him want to apply to Burleson. Garrett earned his associates degree in criminal justice from Hill College in 2007 and put himself through Hill College Peace Officers Sequence Course in February 2008.

"Deputy Chief Chris Havens taught several blocks of material at my academy," Garrett said. "I grew to respect him very much and have looked up to him, since I was a recruit, for guidance in my career. He's just the type of leader you want to follow."

Burleson hired Garrett in March 2009. The award winner is a field training officer, an intoxilyzer operator, an advisor for Burleson Police Explorer Post #4911, and is a member of the department's bicycle patrol.

According to the nomination, Garrett "sets the bar extremely high when it comes to productivity while on patrol. He is a high level performer in all categories. He performs his duties to the best of his abilities and then goes above and beyond that. This is one of the officers that supervisors go to when shifts need to be covered, when there are special assignments or when a volunteer is needed for a special event. He is selfless."