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You could call Officer Andrew Prieskorn a repeat performer. He took home the 2013 Rookie Officer of the Year honors, then last week he was honored again, this time with the 2015 Officer of the Year award for the Burleson Police Department.

"I am excited and very honored," Prieskorn said of being tapped for one of the department's top honors.

According to the nomination, "dedication, hardworking, and professional are just some of the words used to describe Officer Prieskorn. He is a natural leader among his peers and sets a very high standard and work ethic that he encourages others to achieve. There is no job that Officer Prieskorn will turn down. He is dedicated to service throughout the department."

The 35-year-old Detroit, Michigan, native was hired by Burleson on Aug. 1, 2012. He and his family moved to Burleson from the Dallas area.

"The people I have had interactions with here made me want to work here," Prieskorn said. "They are so down to earth and friendly."

Prieskorn came in armed with an associate degree in paramedic sciences (he worked as a paid on-call firefighter in Michigan). As a firefighter, Prieskorn was certified as a Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 2, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic, and in hazardous materials operations. He currently has his basic TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education) certification.

Since he was awarded the Rookie honor, Prieskorn has joined the department's SWAT Team and is in the bicycle patrol unit. He has also distinguished himself in DWI enforcement.

"Officer Prieskorn led the department in DWI enforcement for the past year," according to his nomination. "He works with new officers in training to help them understand the complicated tasks associated with DWI enforcement."

His father, quality control manager for a plumbing company, is his mentor. Prieskorn and his wife have two daughters – 7 years old and 4 years old – and a little boy on the way.