



Josh Samples is the recipient of the West Carrollton police department's 2007 Employee of the Year Award.

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OFFICER RECEIVES 2007 POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

WEST CARROLLON, Ohio – After serving two tours as a military police officer with the Marine Corps in Iraq, Joshua Samples became a West Carrollton police officer.

Samples joined the West Carrollton police department in January 2005 after serving with the Marine Corps in Anbar province, Iraq, in 2003 and 2004.

During the city council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, Samples will be recognized for his service to the local community, by receiving the police department's 2007 Employee of the Year award. He was nominated by his fellow officers in the department.

“Josh was nominated and recognized by his peers, not for one single event, but for the many different things he did in 2007,” said Rick Barnhart, West Carrollton police chief. “Being recognized by your peers is a great compliment,” he said.

Samples provides the best service possible to the citizens and has truly been a great asset to the police department, according to Barnhart.

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Samples said that he enjoys the variety of the job. “Every day, I get to meet new people and face different challenges,” he said.

Samples graduated from Tipp City high school in 1998 and from Sinclair Community College’s police training academy in 2002. He served the Marine Corps from 1999-2005. He also served as an auxiliary reserve officer for West Carrollton before being hired full time.

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