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Fort Pierce Chief honors three young heroes for their bravery

FORT PIERCE - Police officers put their lives on the line every day, but sometimes it's regular citizens who risk life and limb for their fellow man.

Three Okeechobee teenagers will be honored Wednesday, September 1, 2010, by Chief R. Sean Baldwin for their heroic efforts in rescuing a distraught Fort Pierce woman who jumped off the Seaway Drive Bridge more than two weeks ago.

Travis Mauldin, 17, Cody Beasley, 17, and Brandon Smith, 16, will be among a host of officers honored for going beyond the call of duty to protect the community we serve during the department's awards ceremony held at the in the City Commission Chambers at Fort Pierce City Hall, 100 N. U.S. 1.

Mauldin, Beasley, and Smith will receive the Chief's Citizen Award for their bravery.

In addition, the department will announce its 2009 annual award recipients: Officer of the Year Daniela Dreizehnter, Detective of the Year Dave Cuti, Supervisor of the Year Lieutenant Christopher Bender, Manager of the Year Sergeant Alecia Rock, Support Personnel of the Year Crime Analyst Jessica Scheiter and Grant Writer Dorett Williams, and Volunteer of the Year Kathi Gore.

Several different officers will receive Lifesaving awards for their efforts in saving the lives of three Fort Pierce residents, various units are being honored for their collective work in investigating and solving numerous crimes, and two volunteers will be recognized for donating hundreds of hours of their valuable time to the department.