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MDOC law enforcement officers among honorees at 'Top Cop' event

JACKSON – The Director of the Corrections Investigative Division of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and three agents are among the honorees at this year's "Top Cop" event.

Steven Maxwell, MDOC's lead investigator, was surprised when his name was called as the recipient of the Malcolm E. McMillin Lifetime Achievement Award "in appreciation of your service to the people of Mississippi." Maxwell previously served at the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, rising through the ranks of numerous leadership positions including directing the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics over a 29-year career. The family of the late Hinds County Sheriff for whom the award is named presented the award.

The annual Police Memorial and Appreciation Luncheon was held Tuesday at the Mississippi Trade Mart at the state fairgrounds in Jackson. Municipal, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers received "Top Cop" recognition.

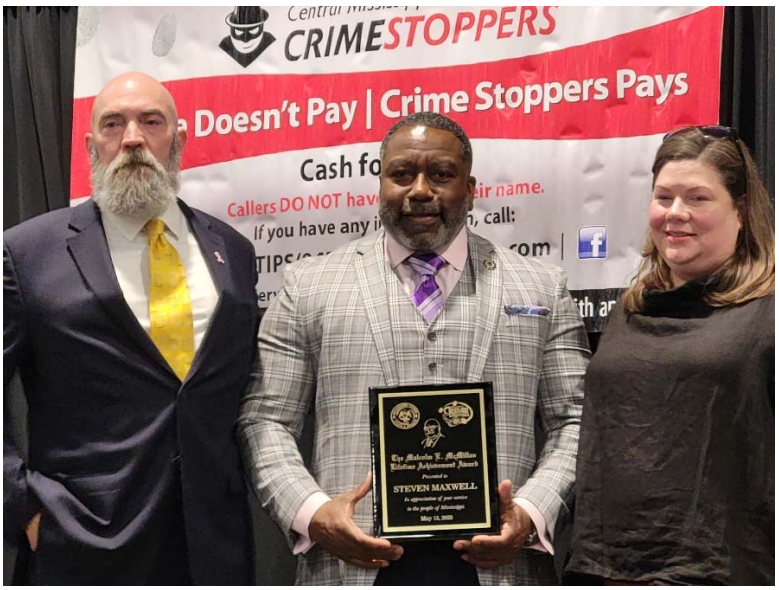
Agents Demoria S. Shannon and Albert Tilley were MDOC "Top Cops." Shannon is a Probation and Parole agent assigned to Yalobusha County and represents MDOC with the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force. Tilley is an investigator with CID assigned to MDOC's Pontotoc office.

Agent Lashanda Griffin was nominated by the Madison County District Attorney's Office.; Griffin is assigned to Madison County.

The MDOC agents were three of 16 officers honored on the state level while 38 officers were honored on the local level, and seven federal officers were honored.

Additionally, fallen officers Jeremy Malone and Troy Floyd were honored and remembered having been killed in the line of duty in 2024. Floyd had worked for the MDOC during his career.

MDOC employees were honored for their service Tuesday including, from left, Agents Lashanda Griffin, Albert Tilley, CID Director Steven Maxwell, and Agent Demoria S. Shannon.



CID Director Steven Maxwell, center, was honored by the McMillin family with a lifetime achievement award in memory of the late Hinds County Sheriff Malcolm McMillin.