Towson, MD – In separate surprise ceremonies across the county, Baltimore County Public Schools today announced and celebrated its 2022 School Resource Officers (SROs) of the Year. The honorees are Officer Frank Gullion, Elementary School Resource Officer of the Year; Officer Kameia Dukes, Middle School Resource Officer of the Year; and Officer First Class Craig Willett, High School Resource Officer of the Year.

“We are pleased to celebrate the excellence of our school resource officer program and the positive impact of having these well-trained, dedicated, and caring adults in our school buildings,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Congratulations to Officers Dukes and Gullion and Officer First Class Willett for serving as such exemplars for our school resource officers countywide.”

“We have many SROs who deserve recognition,” said April Lewis, executive director of the BCPS Department of School Safety. “Each year we select three to honor who exemplify the qualities we value in our SROs and who go above and beyond their job descriptions. Congratulations to this year’s winners. We are proud of the partnership between BCPS and the Baltimore County Police Department to support school safety.”

Officer Gullion serves Carroll Manor, Hampton, Jacksonville, Lutherville, Mays Chapel, Padonia, Pinewood, Pot Spring, Prettyboy, Seventh District, Sparks, Timonium, and Warren elementary schools. Staff and administrators at these schools praise Officer Gullion for the time he takes to speak to classes
about security issues, online behavior, and cyberbullying; participating in gym classes with students; attending school events; and participating in school security drills at each school throughout the year.

Officer Dukes is assigned to Woodlawn Middle School. Woodlawn Middle staff and administrators describe her as reliable, flexible, and fair. She often participates in restorative circles, mediations, and conflict resolution, and she is seen during the school day greeting students, walking through the building, and talking to students and staff in the cafeteria.

Officer First Class Craig Willett is based at Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts. Staff and administrators commend him for serving as a community police officer, teacher, mentor, and friend both during the school day and after; for his personal generosity to students; and for his support of the school’s wrestling team.

(Editor’s note: Photos of Officers Dukes and Gullion and Officer First Class Willett accompany this release. Photos from the award ceremonies for Officer Dukes, Officer Gullion, and Officer First Class Willett can be found in the BCPS Flickr account.)

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