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### **Deputy Don Apperson Awarded Commissioner's Public Safety Award**

(Paulding County, GA) On Tuesday February 27, 2018 Deputy Don Apperson of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Youth Services Division was awarded the Paulding County Board of Commissioners Public Safety Award. Deputy Apperson was awarded the Commissioner's Public Safety Award for his exemplary service to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Apperson has been employed with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office for nearly 3 years. Prior to working with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Apperson worked as a Deputy with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (Florida) where he retired.

Since coming to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Apperson has gotten extremely involved as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Dobbins Middle School as well as in the community. Deputy Apperson started the first ever Junior Police Academy at Dobbins Middle School. He also began a program with some of the special needs students at Dobbins Middle School where they are simulating a run to Washington D.C. He recently organized and helped host the first annual Polar Plunge event to benefit the Paulding County Special Olympics. Deputy Apperson is currently in the process of helping to organize the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which also benefits Special Olympics. Sheriff Gullede remarked, "Deputy Apperson has a special place in his heart for the children here in Paulding County, especially our children who have special needs. He has done a fantastic job for us as an SRO."

Deputy Apperson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Commissioners along with a "Dinner for Two" Gift Card from *Texas Roadhouse*. On hand to present the award was: Standing First Row (L-R): Corporal Ronald Curtis, Lieutenant Deirdre Morris, Deputy Don Apperson, Sheriff Gary Gullede, and Sergeant Wade Tanner. Standing rear row (L-R): Post 1 Commissioner Ron Davis, Post 2 Commissioner Todd Pownall, County Attorney Lani Skipper, Commission Chairman Dave Carmichael, Post 3 Commissioner Vernon Collett, and Post 4 Commissioner Tony Crowe. Congratulations to Deputy Apperson and thanks to *Texas Roadhouse* for the generous donation of the gift card!