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Sheriff Recognized for Victim's Rights

Sheriff Michael A. Jackson has been awarded the *2008 Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus Allied Profession Award*. The award recognizes the efforts of individuals, organizations, or coalitions that directly benefit crime victims, but who are not direct victim service providers.

Sheriff Jackson was submitted for this honor for implementing the first 24 hour-7 days a week Domestic Violence Intervention Unit, civilian Domestic Violence Intervention/Community Services Unit and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Unit in the region. "We wanted to give victims a safe haven so to speak," Sheriff Jackson said, "we felt a need to provide a comprehensive approach to services and protection when it came to domestic violence. We wanted to help them navigate through the many services available and have a better understanding of how the judicial process works."

The annual Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 in the Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC

"The acknowledgement is always welcomed, but the real reward comes when programs like these are implemented all over the state." Jackson said.

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