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NEBRASKA AMERICAN LEGION HONORS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Nebraska American Legion honored Senior Officer Dawn M Jonas of the Crete Police Department, Crete, Nebraska as their “2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year” during the 85th Department Mid-Year Conference held on January 14th in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Officer Jonas has been with the Crete Police Department for the past 13 years and is currently the School Resource Officer. Additionally, she performs duties as the traffic enforcement coordinator, lead chemical instructor, field training officer, active threat instructor and is on the human trafficking task force. Officer Jonas heroism is without question as she placed herself between a teenager and a man holding a pistol, shielding the teenager from threat. In addition to her Police duties, Officer Jonas also works with the “Teammates” program, the Limited English Proficient program, and was named in a national publication as being an integral reason Crete was selected as a leader in inclusion/welcoming efforts. Demonstrations of her devotion to the community and children can be found in her efforts with “Stuff the Cruiser” and Advocacy with a Heart and has served as a Marine Air traffic controller.

Dawn lives in Wilber with her husband Matt.

Department Commander Beth Linn presented Officer Jonas with a certificate and plaque and thanked her for her dedication to duty. Following selection as Nebraska’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Officer Jonas’ name has been submitted for consideration as the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.