

## **BILBREY NAMED ALGOOD OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Andrew Bilbrey is named as the Algood Officer of the Year for 2018. He oversees the department's command post.

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Andrew Bilbrey was named as the Algood Police Officer of the Year at the recent Algood Christmas dinner.

Officer Bilbrey was surprised at the announcement.



"It was a surprise. They (APD and city officials) told me at the city's Christmas dinner. I was happy to receive it," Bilbrey said.

The award was based on improvement.

"The area we focused on was the officer who showed the most improvement," said Capt. Bryant Swallows.

Chief Dale Armour added that initiative was another factor in the decision.

"We looked at the officer who showed the most initiative," Armour said. "He saw projects to completion, even if that meant he had to come in on his own time to do it."

One project for Officer Bilbrey included setting up the department's command post, which is used in special city events, like the Algood Christmas parade and 4th of July firework show.

"He's taken the bull by the horns, and set up all the technology for it," Capt. Swallows said.

Bilbrey grew up knowing he wanted to be in law enforcement. He began his career as a dispatcher for the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and worked there for eight years.

But he wanted to take the next step in his career.

"So I went and graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy," Bilbrey said. "Now I've been working here at the Algood Police Department for two and a half years."

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