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Subject

Sutter County Sheriff's personnel bring home the gold in multi-state police and fire competition.

Text

Four members of the Sutter County Sheriff's Department brought home a total of nine medals from recent competition in the Western States Police and Fire Games held in Reno, Nevada last month. Law enforcement and fire personnel from Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington competed in the games.

Detective Donna Myers won three gold medals in weight lifting and track & field competition. In the bench press she lifted 248 pounds beating her nearest competitor by nearly 50 pounds. In the push/pull competition she lifted a combined weight of 665 ³/₄ pounds and in the shot-put she threw the 8-pound shot a distance of 35'-9". Each of her accomplishments established meet records for the competition.

Deputy Andre Licon won gold in the team event and a bronze medal in the individual competition for Cowboy Action Shooting. In this sport, participants dress in period cowboy costumes and shoot at steel plates with single action revolvers, lever-action rifles and a shotgun. The course is a timed event with penalty seconds taken off the overall time for missed shots.

Deputy Mike Gwinnup and his K-9 partner "Dexter" won a gold medal in the Protection Phase of the K-9 competition against 28 K-9 teams from throughout the western states region. The Protection Phase consisted of three events which included a gunfire scenario, a no-contact pursuit call-off, and a hostage rescue situation.

Correctional Officer Johnny Rodriguez took gold in the half-marathon (13.1 miles) running event for the age 50-54 group; gold in the team event for the 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) Cross Country Race in the over 40 age group and a silver medal in the individual event for the same race.

All four members were honored at a reception held at the Sheriff's Department earlier this afternoon.