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ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

James Carman Named CSO of the Year

CSO James Carman, assigned to the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded the Harry Belluomini Court Security Officer of the Year award by the U.S. Marshals Service during a ceremony in Arlington, Virginia on March 1, 2001.

Akal hosted a luncheon for CSO Carman and his family following the ceremony. A number of Akal representatives were in attendance, including Daya Khalsa, Senior Vice President, Richard Wimberly, Director Court Security Division, Larry Homenick, 9th Circuit Contract Manager, Bob Seignious, 2nd Circuit Contract Manager, Don Rehm, 8th Circuit Contract Manager and Carl Siler, 12th Circuit Contract Manager. The Chief and Marshal from Little Rock, as well as USMS Headquarters representatives also attended the ceremony and luncheon.

Carman was honored for saving the life of U. S. District Judge



Beda Tupay, USMS Contracting Officer; John Kraus, USMS Chief, Judicial Security Contracts and James Carman



James Carman with his brother-in-law and sister

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

New Branch Office Opens In Las Vegas

This March Akal opened a new branch office in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ed Norton, Director of Commercial Operations, is acting Branch Manager. Fred Arnold is Operations Manager.

“Las Vegas is the fastest growing city in the U.S.,” Norton said. “We need to position Akal to take advantage of that growth.”

Norton intends to target retail and retail banking customers. His goal is to have 336 hours of work per week and 25 employees on board by the end of 2001. Currently, the Las Vegas branch employs five part-time employees to handle special events.

The Las Vegas branch office will also offer private investigation services, primarily pre-employment and background checks for businesses.

A Busy Month In Springfield

CSO C. E. Wells had a busy April at the federal courthouse in Springfield, Missouri. In early April, while on a routine walk through the courthouse, Wells heard the sound of running water coming from one of the courtrooms. Upon investigating, Wells discovered several ceiling tiles filled with water ready to cave in on expensive electrical equipment. Workers were repairing the courthouse roof, using water to cool hot tar-covered paper.

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AKAL'S LEADING EDGE

Coastal International Security Business Expands

According to Daya Khalsa, Senior Vice President, recent contracts awarded to Akal partner, Coastal International Security (CIS), reflect CIS's reputation as the security provider of choice for demanding federal government customers.

In December, CIS was awarded a subcontract to provide security services and 75 officers for the Maryland-based National Institutes of Health. In January, CIS began providing security services (100 officers) for the Interstate Commerce Commission and Environment Protection Agency offices in the Ariel Rios building in Washington, D. C. In March, CIS was awarded a subcontract from Startech, a minority-owned small business in Washington, D. C., to provide security and 150 officers at the headquarters of the Department of Agriculture. That contract will begin in June. Most recently, CIS took over security at the IRS

Service Center in Atlanta, Georgia for one year, providing 100 officers to that regional facility.

“We’re really proud of the work the CIS executive team of Jeanette and Paul Hurt is doing to achieve this kind of growth,” said Daya. “It’s come about because of their willingness to meet challenging customer requirements in a variety of work and security environments.”

CIS is based in Surfside Beach, South Carolina with a major operations office in Springfield, Virginia. Akal has partnered with CIS since 1996, providing financial and support services.

ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

Special Olympics A Calling For George Martin

Site Supervisor George Martin says it's the spirit of true sportsmanship that's kept him involved with Special Olympics for the past 20 years, first in Wisconsin and now in Colorado. Last year, Martin volunteered close to 25 hours a month at local, regional and state competitions, supporting events such as downhill skiing, slalom racing, bowling and softball.

“It’s very competitive. The kids are grouped according to ability to keep things even, but these kids have to follow the same rules as regular high school athletics,” Martin said.

Martin got involved with Special Olympics when his son, Garrett, now 22, began competing in Special Olympics at age eight. Garrett, like his father, is still involved.

“Garrett is very athletic,” Martin said, laughing. “There’s no way I can keep up with him skiing now.”

Besides working directly with the kids, Martin helps with coaching, race support, transportation and scheduling. Ski competitions begin with local events in December. Local winners go on to regional events and regional



George & Garrett at the Silvercreek, Colorado Skiing Competition 2000

winners compete in a state competition held in March at the Winter Park Ski Resort in Winter Park, Colorado. The best part of the job, Martin said, is getting to know the kids.

“I literally have dozens of photo albums of kids I’ve worked with since they were eight until they went on to high school,” said Martin. “It’s almost like raising your own kids.”

Martin is a Site Supervisor at the Federal District Courthouse in Denver, Colorado.

Outstanding Accomplishments

Detroit CSO Vincent McMullen has fellow CSO Lawrence Gryniwicz to thank for saving his life. Alone in his office, CSO McMullen was snacking on an apple when a piece of the fruit became lodged in his throat. When CSO Gryniwicz entered the office and saw CSO McMullen, he used the Heimlich maneuver and restored McMullen's breathing.

LCSO Marvin Atterberry and CSO Marlin Brown were outside the C. Clifton Young Federal Building in Reno, Nevada when they observed a fight between two males across the street at Reno High School. Before the Reno police could arrive, the fight escalated when one of the men threatened the other with a knife. After securing the Federal Building, Atterberry and Brown intervened and restrained both men. The Reno Police Department and Reno School Police arrived shortly after. Due to Atterberry and Brown's quick thinking, there were no serious injuries.

This past November LCSO Mike Gerrity came to the aid of an employee at the Foley Federal Building in Las Vegas. Gerrity observed a man who, while getting ready to clean the

floor, began to choke on a piece of candy. After ascertaining that the man was choking, Gerrity used the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the candy. The man was fine and returned to work.

Fred Chun and Craig Fujihara received a letter of commendation from Ted Sakai, Director, State of Hawaii Department of Public Safety, for their help interviewing and rating candidates for



L to R: LCSO James Gross; CSO Larry Gryniwicz; CSO Vincent McMullen; LCSO Charles McKinney; Site Supervisor Donald Mayville

CSOs David Williams and Trenton Brown received recognition from CACI, an information technology provider, commending them for their help with technical issues that arose prior to a trial. "David and Trenton performed an excellent job of accommodating the victims' family members, as well as work technical issues with CACI personnel," wrote Doug Wainwright, CACI. "I wish I had one employee with the same character qualities as David and Trenton."

27 newly established Deputy Sheriff positions at the Honolulu International Airport. "They were highly skilled, extremely knowledgeable and unselfishly assisted us in administering the examination in an unbiased manner," wrote Sakai. "You can be proud of them and the manner in which they represented Akal Security."

In February, a plaque was dedicated to CSO David Palmer, who died recently after an 18-month battle with cancer. Palmer was a CSO for ten years with the Southern District of Indiana, and served the program with honor.

CSO Kenneth McHenry didn't realize duty at the Federal Court House in Milwaukee was so hazardous. The courthouse is a five-story atrium with courtrooms and government offices opening up to the atrium. In December, a call came from an upper courtroom that the noise in the atrium was distracting the trial. McHenry approached a



Luncheon for CSO Gryniwicz after the award presentation. L to R: LCSO James Gross; Site Supervisor Donald Mayville; Contract Manager Robert Starke; CSO Larry Gryniwicz; CSO Vincent McMullen (the CSO who was choking); U.S. Marshal James Douglas; LCSO Charles McKinney.



A Busy Month In Springfield

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Unbeknownst to anyone, the water leaked. Wells quickly mobilized the maintenance staff and the roofers and saved the courts the cost of



CSO C. E. Wells

having to replace or repair carpet, furniture and electrical equipment.

Several weeks later, just after completing his shift, Wells noticed a man standing in the bed of a pickup truck parked in front of the courthouse. The man was waving a long pole with a burning object at the end. He poured liquid over several other objects in his truck and threatened to ignite them. Wells immediately notified the U.S. Marshal's office, as well as LCSO Pam Shanks. When the Springfield Police Department arrived, they subdued the man and took him into custody without incident.

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James Carman Named CSO of the Year

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Henry Woods after he collapsed on the way to his vehicle following a meeting at the courthouse.

Assigned to escort Judge Woods to his car, Carman radioed for medical assistance, requested additional CSO support and administered CPR until EMTs arrived at the scene.

“CSO Carman demonstrated tremendous heroism and



James Carman with his wife and daughter.

professionalism,” Daya said. “He represents Akal’s finest.”

Carman started with Akal in 1999 after retiring from the Arkansas State Police with 29 years of service.

AKAL'S PHOTO GALLERY

CSO's at Aberdeen, Mississippi



L to R: Standing: Ruffin Fyfe; Jimmy Carson; J.D. King; Jimmy Edwards; Edward Marshall; Joe Rieves; Dewey Crump; John Moore. Seated: Tommy Robertson; Jimmy Wafford

Riding The Rails



Since 1998, Akal has worked with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) police to provide security for the railroad. According to Branch Manager, Ken Lieberman, “It’s a logistical challenge, to say the least.”

Security officers must follow expensive railroad repair equipment as it’s moved each day up and down the BNSF line from Northern New Mexico to Needles, California. Many of the officers spend up to five days on the road.

The biggest challenge, said Lieberman, is keeping track of the equipment since it’s moved each day. Often the site supervisor has to physically drive around, searching for the equipment.

Despite the challenges, Lieberman credits the good working relationship with BNSF police as the key to Akal’s ability to keep BNSF a satisfied customer.

Outstanding Accomplishments

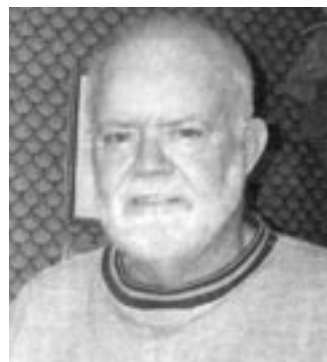
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noisy toddler, put his fingers to his lips and said, “Shhhhhh.” For his efforts, Henry got kicked in the shin.

Marshal James Whigham and the Northern District of Illinois

were awarded the Distinguished District Award in the Large District category in April. Akal Court Security Officers and U.S. Marshals were presented with certificates and pins in recognition of their performance during 2000.

The Northern District of Illinois was chosen for the award due to a long list of successes, including the arrest of a 15 Most Wanted



Don Mays, Court Security Officer for the Southern District of Illinois



L to R: Marshal James Whigham, Gary G. Potter S/S, Chief Deputy James Tantillo and Federal Judge Charles Kocoras

fugitive, handling several high-threat trials, a 22 percent increase in arrests and a 30 hour increase in utilization of LEAP hours despite a reduction in staff numbers.

CSO Donald Mays was recently featured in his hometown newspaper,

Mt. Vernon Register-News. The article profiles Mays’ life, from his stint in the Marine Corp to his 32 years with the Illinois State Police. Mays has been a CSO with the Southern District of Illinois since 1995.

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