

## Public Employee Recognition Week Awards Program (2004)

The week of May 2 – 8, 2004 was Public Employee Recognition Week across the United States. There were many activities that took place during this week for GDC Employees. Various GDC locations sponsored a number of events to show their appreciation for their hard work and dedication. There were picnics, blood drives, softball games, scavenger hunts, baby picture days, etc... that were held throughout the Department and enjoyed by staff members. This was a time for the managers and supervisors to show their appreciation to their employees.

Also during this week there were employees from all state agencies that received recognition in various categories, such as Community Service, Customer Service, Heroism, Innovations and Suggestions, Leadership, Safety and Teamwork. Here in GDC, there were 29 nominees with two state winners in the categories of Heroism and Innovations and Suggestions. There were also two honorable mention winners in the categories of Community Service and Customer Service.



Terry Hicks

**Terry Hicks** was a State Winner in the category of **Heroism**. Mr. Hicks saw a small child pinned beneath a car. He stopped and orchestrated an effort to lift the car and free the child. This action was the ultimate factor that saved the child's life.



Roy T. Edgerton

**Roy T. Edgerton** was a State Winner in the category of **Innovations and Suggestions**. Mr. Edgerton suggested that instead of discarding inmate boots they could be repaired. After research, machines were purchased to repair the inmate boots at a cost that saved the Department over \$21,000.00.

**Michelle Owens** received Honorable Mention recognition in the category of **Community Service**. Ms. Owens is very involved in various community organizations, such as The Haven Rape Crisis Center, Adopt-A-Family, Kids safety awareness, etc. Her work in the community has helped a number of residents in the area.



Debra Roberts

**Debra Roberts** received Honorable Mention recognition in the category of **Customer Service**. Ms. Roberts was instrumental in securing funding that allowed residents at the LaGrange Transitional Center to obtain their GED.

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Community Service**: **James Holland, Jr., Kaije McDougald and Michelle Owens.**

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Customer Service**:  
**Annette Anderson, Kandes Byrdsell, Nancy Carlton , Fred Johnson, Rodney McCloud and Debra Roberts.**

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Heroism**:  
**James Atwater, Judy Fair, Terry Hicks, Jahn Warrener and Arona Welsh.**

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Innovations and Suggestions**:  
**Roy T. Edgerton, Jr., Yvonne Fraser and Rex Swain.**

The following individuals were nominated in the category of **Leadership**:  
**Martha Brawner, Johannes Causey, Alexis Chase, Arnold DePetro, Jr., Diane Hassett, Herman Hill, William Kissel and Jimmy Sikes.**

The following teams were nominated in the category of **Team**:  
**Canine Unit (Statewide), Lookout Mountain Probation Circuit and Rome Diversion Center.**

**Congratulations** go out to all the Winners and Nominees!