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(NORTH CHARLESTON, SC) At its Dec. 10, 2019, meeting, the Charleston County Council recognized three Charleston County Sheriff’s Office employees for their achievements on a national stage:

Easter LaRoche, a CCSO employee for four decades, has served as victim services coordinator for more than 20 years and led her team to receive the 2016 Crime Victim Services Award from the National Sheriffs’ Association. She received two significant internal awards for 2018: Civilian Supervisor of the Year and the Carroll B. Gordon Award. Capping off her recent achievements, LaRoche recently received the Crime Victim Services Award at the 20th annual Southern States Victim Assistance Conference.

Master Deputy Paul McManigal has spent the past 31 years with CCSO and sits on the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force. In the past two years, McManigal has been recognized as the most prolific South Carolina computer forensic examiner on the task force. In 2017, he was also among the Top 30 performers nationwide. Last year, he was in the Top 15.

Lauren Knapp recently completed a successful fellowship with the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team in Washington, where she advised the team on first-responder information and provided education and outreach for federal and non-federal partners. In this role, she traveled the country, helping to build a bridge between federal and local law enforcement intelligence communities. While working on the Threat Assessment Team at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center before her fellowship, Knapp identified through correspondence fans and potential copycats of Emanuel AME Church shooter Dylann Roof and discovered the continuation of Roof’s manifesto.