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Media Advisory: Jeff Andress is 2016 Smart911 Telecommunicator of the Year

Alachua County Sheriff's Office Advanced Telecommunicator Jeff Andress has been selected as the national winner of the 2016 Smart Telecommunicator Awards announced during National Telecommunicators Week this week.

Over the past several weeks, colleagues and citizens have voted for 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers across the United States. The annual awards program, now in its 5th year, has received hundreds of votes culminating in today's announcement of Jeff's winning.

The Smart Telecommunicator Award was created, and is sponsored, by Rave Mobile Safety's Smart911, the acclaimed national public safety service, in order to highlight the instrumental role telecommunicators play in public safety.

Smart911 will hold a national press conference in the Combined Communications Center to honor Jeff on Friday, April 15th, at 1 p.m. The Combined Communications Center is located at 1100 SE 27th Street. In addition to the Smart Telecommunicator Award, Smart911 will also present a donation of \$1,000 in Andress's name to Big Cat Rescue, located in Tampa, Florida.

Please join us as we celebrate this national honor with Jeff on Friday.

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