The Department of Criminal Justice Training presented employee service awards in five categories on Dec. 4 during the agency’s annual meeting.

Two candidates received the professional achievement award this year: Training Instructor Barry Blair and Purchasing Officer Dee Fleming. DOCJT Commissioner John W. Bizzack said Blair served as leader of the Rapid Deployment program, immediately assuming additional responsibilities upon his transfer to firearms and successfully spearheading a weapons trade-in program. Bizzack noted that several awards this year went to those who work behind the scenes and do exceptional work, such as Fleming. She has developed outstanding relationships with vendors that allow essential supplies required for training to be ordered and shipped expeditiously if necessary and shows professionalism in all aspects of her work, Bizzack said.

The teamwork award went to six employees for their work to update the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund processes. KLEPF Program Coordinator Kay Fuson, Administrative Specialist Jason Foreman, Systems Engineer Matt Kendrick, Fiscal Manager Ken Smith, Accounting Supervisor Kim Coyle were awarded for key enhancements to the KLEPF system that were developed to provide higher levels of security and streamline processes, reducing the time needed to process stipend checks and allowing for more efficient administrative management of the fund.

The administrative staff person of the year award also was given to two candidates this year: Administrative Specialists Dee Broaddus and Kim Sexton. Being the face of the agency at DOCJT’s front desk, Bizzack said Broaddus offers a “Good Morning” every day and clearly enjoys what she does. She is adaptable to the DOCJT work environment and is patient and efficient when addressing phone calls and clients with questions. Sexton has taken a leading role in making new instructors familiar with agency policies and procedures relating to administrative duties. She spent several hours assisting with the 2015 schedule book and has actively participated in curriculum development.

Firearms Instructor Joe Wallace was named the 2015 Instructor of the Year. Wallace’s contributions in 2015 have been diverse and impactful, including the research and purchase of a laser range simulator, a presentation at the Kentucky Sheriffs’ Association Conference and the most successful DOCJT Competition Shoot in agency history.

Finally, Bizzack presented the Commissioner’s Award to Jack Dyer, who made significant contributions in promoting DOCJT and goes above and beyond in his performance of assigned responsibilities. He is the rarest of individuals who would be welcome in any government work setting. His character is sterling and his work ethic is exemplary, Bizzack said.