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Gulf Council names Roy Lipscomb Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

BILOXI, Miss. – Marine Patrol Master Sgt. Roy Lipscomb on Wednesday was named the 2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

The Council chose Lipscomb from nominees submitted by the five Gulf states' law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA Fisheries' Office for Law Enforcement.

He received the award at the Council's meeting in Biloxi from Council Chairman Leann Bosarge.

"I am very humbled by this award," Lipscomb said. "It's one of the top three events in my life. I've always had a passion for conservation and wildlife."

Lipscomb began working for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in 2003 as a fisheries technician in the agency's Shellfish Bureau. He also served as a reserve officer for Marine Patrol. Lipscomb became a full-time Marine Patrol officer in 2014.

"When I worked at the oyster check station, I was around Marine Patrol officers and fishermen, and I learned a lot," he said. "Now I try to educate the fishermen and not just patrol and write tickets."

In addition to his work at MDMR, Lipscomb serves as a sergeant first class in the U.S. Army National Guard, where he has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marine Patrol Chief Keith Davis said Lipscomb's service has been invaluable to MDMR.

"Without officers like Roy Lipscomb, the department would not be able to achieve its dedicated mission to enhance, protect and conserve," he said.

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MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller said this award is an example of Lipscomb's dedication to his work.

"Officer Lipscomb's service to his country and Mississippi marine enforcement has been exemplary, and I can think of no one more deserving of such an honor," Miller said.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

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