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Quick Facts

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Dewayne Bunch

ROCK HILL, S.C. – Two Winthrop University police officers – **Sergeant Dewayne Bunch** and **Officer Thomas Dunham** – have received recognition from area civic organizations for their outstanding work.

The **Optimist Club of Rock Hill** honored Bunch on May 15 during its annual **Respect for Law program**, which has been in place since 1966 as a way to honor the law enforcement officers.

Bunch has worked at Winthrop since 2001 and is now the supervisor for the David Shift. Trained as a driving instructor and a DUI instructor, his passion is to get impaired drivers off the roads. He also is a member of the **York County Multijurisdictional Traffic Team**.

Bunch was awarded a bronze metal this year by the state's **Office of Highway Safety** for his achievements in removing impaired drivers from the roadways.

In addition to honoring a Winthrop officer on May 15, the **Optimist Club** also noted the achievements of officers from Rock Hill Police Department, the York County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Highway Patrol officer and the South Carolina Highway Transport Police.

On June 1, Dunham will be named the 2013 **Central City Optimist Club Police Officer of the Year** for his commitment and dedication to the **"Alive at 25" Defensive Driving Program**.

Dunham has 10 years of law enforcement experience, having worked at Winthrop and the Tega Cay Police Department.

Trained as an "Alive at 25" instructor, Dunham attended a **Defensive Driver Instructor School** sponsored by the **National Safety Council**. The program is designed to educate teenage drivers on driver safety and is delivered through a 4 ½ hour program in the high schools.

In June of 2012, Dunham was chosen as one of the **"Best of the Best" instructors** out of the 131 instructors serving in South Carolina, and he now serves as one of 28 mentors to new instructors in South Carolina. Since Dunham has been involved with "Alive at 25," he has instructed 1,560 young adults.

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