Correctional Supervisor of the Year

Shawn Stapleton, CJO
Lieutenant
Garland County Sheriff’s Office
Hot Springs, Arkansas

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Lieutenant Shawn Stapleton is a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas and has resided in Garland County his entire life. He attended National Park Community College, receiving two technical certificates as an EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic. He continued his education, receiving training from the Fire Academy in Camden and Jonesboro. In August 2017, he graduated from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy as Squad Leader and received a technical certificate in law enforcement. In December 2018, he received an associate degree in criminal justice. Before working in corrections, he worked in the EMS and Fire Service industry.

In 2010, Lt. Stapleton began his career in corrections with the Arkansas Department of Corrections at the Ouachita River Unit, working his way through the ranks as Officer 1st Class, Corporal, and then transferring to the Cummins Unit as Sergeant in 2013.

In 2014, he was employed by the Garland County Sheriff’s Office. He was promoted to Corporal in 2015, and in 2017 was assigned as the Housing Supervisor and promoted to Sergeant/Relief Commander. Later that year, he was promoted to Lieutenant and made Shift Commander for Team 4 of the Garland County Detention Center.

He is supported by his wife, Sarah, and son, Ezekiel. He is also supported by his mother, Diana Stapleton; brother and sister-in-law, Aaron and Alleasa Stapleton; and his niece, Delilah Stapleton.