

# RICHLAND CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Press Release

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Sheriff Darrell Berglin and Chief John Annear announced that nine local law enforcement officers were recognized on February 10th at the Annual Awards Banquet for the Wisconsin Association of SWAT Personnel held in Brookfield. The nine officers make up the Richland County Special Response Team, one of six tactical teams involved in the April 3, 2008 stand-off and firefight at the Robert Bayliss property in rural Richland County.

The six tactical teams involved were collectively recognized as the 2008 tactical team of the year in the state Wisconsin. The tactical teams include: the Dane County Tactical Response Team, Eau Claire County SWAT Team, La Crosse County Emergency Response Team, Richland County Special Response Team, Sauk County Emergency Response Team and the Vernon County Combined Tactical Unit. It is the first time in the history of the association that the award was given to multiple teams involved in a single event.

Local law enforcement officers who were recognized include: from the Richland County Sheriff's Department- Sgt. Dane Kanable- co-commander, Sgt. Charles McBain- Team Leader, Deputy Marsha Machotka and Deputy Paul Higgins. From the Richland Center Police Department- Captain Dave Kropp- Co-Commander, Officer Lucas Clements- Team Leader, Officer Jason Pilla, Officer Kirk Konichek and Officer Billy Jones.

Approximately 300 officers from around the State were in attendance at the awards banquet. The keynote speaker at the banquet was Chief Edward Flynn of the Milwaukee Police Department.