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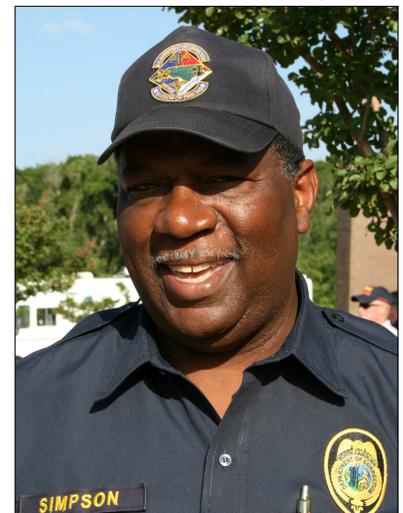
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Edwin Simpson honored as Officer of the Year

RALEIGH – Edwin Simpson has been honored as a Department of Correction Officer of the Year for 2011.

Assigned to Pender Correctional Institution, Simpson was nominated for his tireless efforts in fundraising, supporting and encouraging others to get involved with the Special Olympics. He has been involved with the NC Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics for 10 years, serving as coordinator for Pender Correctional and as the Leg Leader/Coordinator for the Wilmington to Kenansville leg of the run. In this role he encourages and helps coordinate the many correctional and law enforcement participants who take part in the run.

For his support of the Special Olympics athletes, officials from the NC Law Enforcement Torch Run presented Simpson with the Bill Dalton "Unsung Hero" Memorial Award in January. Simpson says he accepted the award on behalf of the team of co-workers at Pender CI who join him in supporting this very worthwhile cause.



"Deep down in my heart I know this (Special Olympics) is what I am supposed to be a part of," Simpson said. He added that he got involved because of his best friend's daughter.

Simpson began his career as a correctional officer in 1993. He is a transportation officer whose primary role is maintaining safety and security while driving inmates to court appearances and to outside medical appointments.

He is originally from California, but has lived in North Carolina for more than 30 years.

The award was presented during a ceremony on June 13 in Raleigh.

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