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### **Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies recognized by VFW Post 2121**

Two Weld County Sheriff's Office deputies were recently recognized for their service by Greeley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2121.

Weld County Jail Deputy Guadalupe Garza received the Outstanding Officer Award for the detentions side of the agency, while Deputy Carlos Lopez received the award for the patrol side. The awards were presented Feb. 23 during VFW Post 2121's Americanism Program.

Lopez, originally from the Denver metro area, began his law enforcement career in the mountains before transferring in 2017 to the Weld County Sheriff's Office. He is assigned to District 2, Del Camino, which despite its small size is a high crime area for stolen vehicles, vehicle parts, burglaries, narcotics, assaults and vehicular eluding.

Lopez led the agency in arrests in 2018 and 2019. Last year, he made 77 arrests.

"I'm not just making arrests, but also getting convictions thanks to my awesome supervisors – Sgt. Sean Standridge, Sgt. Kris Haffner, Sgt. Ben Endreson and Sgt. Dana Oakes – who have pushed me to sharpen my investigation skills by thinking outside of the box," Lopez said. "I'm not just arresting people, I'm arresting bad people who steal and prey on innocent residents, and who lie and cheat the criminal justice system."

Garza started with the sheriff's office in September 2012. He is a Deputy III, a CPR instructor and a leader on his shift who both senior and new deputies seek out for advice.

"Deputy Garza is a cool, calm and collected person who has amazing communication skills," said Weld County Jail Capt. Matt Turner. "I have personally witnessed Deputy Garza talk inmates out of some very poor behavior, and we were happy that there was an opportunity to recognize him."

Steve Reams – Sheriff