

Monroe Police win "Top Shot" competition

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Chief Debra Duncan, holds the "Top Shot" Trophy along with Detective David McAllister and Lt. T.J. Goforth of the Monroe Police Department.

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On Thursday, the Monroe Police Department was honored for having the top law enforcement marksmen in this region. Chief Debra Duncan was on hand to receive the first ever "Top Shot" trophy on behalf of the department's team.

Elite Training Academy, an indoor shooting range and firearms instruction center in Monroe sponsored the month long competition. Mark and Lynn Elmo, the range owners are also trainers in the use of weapons and provide instruction and certification for many of this region's law enforcement agencies and security firms. It was their idea to sponsor this first ever competition for both local shooters and police officers.

"We believe in the work of Turning Point and its mission to protect women and children from those who would abuse them. That is why we wanted to stage this fundraiser for their shelter. We enjoyed having police officers from five different agencies along with civilian shooters who all came together for a friendly competition while supporting a worthy cause," shared Lynn.

Contestants were required to shoot seven bowling pins off a table from twenty feet away. Every player was timed and the best shooters were awarded trophies. A barbecue and raffle drawing made the final night of the event a fun conclusion to an exciting event.

Officer David McAllister of the Monroe Police Department was recognized as the fastest marksmen among law enforcement professionals, leading the Monroe Police Department team to victory. To honor their agency, the "Top Shot" trophy will be displayed at the Monroe Police Department station for the next year. The trophy was sculpted by local artist, Joe Edwards, of White Rock Studios.

There were three levels of shooting competition. The top civilian shooters and their times for each level were: A CLASS – Alex Stone (6.105); James Polson (8.63); James Polson (10.33) / B CLASS – Brian Griffen (18.46); Lee Paysour (18.94); Steve Martin (20.01) / C CLASS – Jay Kutt (37.96); Rick McCoy (38.36); Bob Cannon (39.04).

Top police officer scores for the competition were: A CLASS - David McAllister (9.36); Glen Jenkins (9.61); Glen Jenkins (9.76) / B CLASS – Daniel Stroud (13.06); Daniel Stroud (14.44); Mike Musselwhite (18.14) / C CLASS – Barney Malone (27.21); Barney Malone (29.14); T.J. Goforth (36.64).

Elite Training Academy hopes to make the contest an annual event to support Turning Point's programs for victims of domestic violence.