

Deputy Jonathan Michael Tankersley of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office was recently named the "North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" presented by the North Carolina Grange.

Deputy Tankersley is a lifelong resident of Henderson County and is the son of William A. and Robin D. Tankersley. He graduated from East Henderson High School in 1998. He attended AB Tech in pursuit of a culinary arts degree before deciding to pursue law enforcement. He graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training through Blue Ridge Community College in April 2001. He was sworn as a Henderson County Sheriff's Deputy in August of 2001. At the Sheriff's Office he has been assigned to Detention, DSS Child Protective Services, School Resource Officer-East Henderson High School and currently is assigned as Rugby Middle School Resource Officer and DARE Officer. He also is the Community Watch Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office, a SWAT Team Member and Departmental Sniper and Crime Stoppers Representative.

Jonathan is married to Rachel (who is employed at the Henderson County Department of Social Services). He is an active member of the Kedron Masonic Lodge and enjoys studying Science, History, and Astronomy. Congratulations to Deputy Jonathan Tankersley for this well-deserved honor!