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City of LaGrange Animal Services Employee Honored for Combating Illegal Animal Abuse

LaGrange, Ga. February 28, 2019 – City of LaGrange Animal Services Supervisor Chris Bussey is being honored by the Humane Society of the United States for his leadership in combating illegal animal abuse in the community.



Pictured from left to right: City of LaGrange Animal Services Supervisor Chris Bussey & Humane Society of the United States Georgia State Director Debra Berger

Bussey was presented the Humane Law Enforcement Award by the Humane Society of the United States Georgia State Director Debra Berger at Tuesday evening's City Council meeting.

“Chris Bussey is being honored because he not only expanded and

improved his position but he helped to provide other opportunities for other law enforcement agencies to experience professional development by organizing law enforcement programs,” said Berger.

In November, the City of LaGrange Animal Services Department hosted free training to law enforcement and animal control officers from across the state to learn more about address animal cruelty and dog fighting.

“We are extremely proud of Chris,” said LPD Chief Lou Dekmar. “Under his leadership we have developed partnerships throughout the nation, reduced the euthanasia rate by almost 75% while addressing calls for service that have increased 67% since 1995. The LaGrange Police Department’s Animal Services Unit is a model because of him and his team.”



Pictured from left to right: Chris Bussey & David Mixon

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