

1st Quarter 2026
Employee of the Quarter Winners

1. Willie Squires, Sheriff's Department:

Lieutenant Squires consistently demonstrates leadership skills in multiple critical roles. He serves as a Team Leader for the San Luis Valley Regional SWAT Team, where his professionalism, tactical expertise, and calm decision-making skills enhance team effectiveness and safety. In addition, he is the Lieutenant of the Alamosa County Detention Center, where he does an outstanding job overseeing operations, mentoring staff, and ensuring the facility runs efficiently and professionally. Lieutenant Squires also serves as a Task Force Operator with the United States Marshals Service, further reflecting the trust placed in him at both the local and federal levels. He routinely assists patrol deputies with high risk calls and is always willing to step in where ever help is needed, regardless of assignment or schedule. Lieutenant Squires possesses extensive knowledge of law enforcement practices and procedures and is always willing to share his knowledge with others. He consistently makes himself available to answer questions and provide guidance. Lieutenant William Squires commitment, leadership, and willingness to serve above and beyond expectations make him highly deserving of recognition as Employee of the Quarter.

2. Janelle Santillano, Clerk & Recorder's Office:

1st Nomination: On 12/3/25 the Treasurer and Public Trustee were processing a foreclose auction and sale. The purchaser needed a Spanish translator. We went to the Clerk's Office and Janelle volunteered to assist us. It was a complicated sale and the transaction required a significant amount of time and translation, about an hour. Janelle was very patient with us and the process and did an exceptional job listening to our rules and assisting the customer by translating in detail. This was a perfect example of a team work situation.

2nd Nomination: Janelle was very patient with both the Treasure's Office staff and with the community member wishing to make the purchase. Janelle took her time in explaining and making sure the bidder understood what was expected during the auction.

3rd Nomination: I appreciate Janelle's help with the auction as it helped a member of our community be able to participate in something he could have struggled with or not have fully understood what he was putting money into without the translation. Janelle helped to explain all the rules as we stated them and the regulations as well as to explain what he was bidding on to ensure he did not miss any details of the foreclosure sale and how much money he was going to be bidding.

3. Eric Treinen, Emergency Manager:

I would like to nominate Eric for Employee of the Quarter for several reasons. As the airport has grown over the last few years, Eric has always stepped up to assist. These efforts range from teaching classes to our staff, leading emergency exercises, testing our ARFF equipment, helping develop procedures that make the airport safer and most recently, he has put a lot of time and effort into helping the Airport prepare to bring the new ARFF truck on line. We are fortunate to have Eric on the team and appreciate the extra time and work he spends in our department outside of his main job duties.

Thank you,
Sonia Salinas
HR Director