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The Alaska Municipal League held their Annual Local Government Conference in

Anchorage from November 19 through November 21, awards municipalities, employees

and elected officials for exemplary performance through innovative programs, or elected

officials and employees who give over and above. This year, the City & Borough of

Juneau saw one of their own employees receive the Alaska Municipal League

Employee of the Year award go to one of their own………..Blain Hatch, Police Officer.

Officer Hatch is the Juneau Police Department’s only School Resource Officer. He

single-handedly teaches DARE in six middle schools; runs the Junior Police Academy;

responds to police calls in the schools and assist patrol in his “space” time. Officer

Hatch does the job of an entire unit that used to be staffed with three sworn officers and

a sergeant.

Officer Hatch assisted with security at the prom celebrations during the spring of 2013.

A school employee wrote the Juneau Police Department a thank you letter after seeing

Officer Hatch vacuuming the entry way of the venue in uniform just before the doors

Opened. Officer Hatch is consistently lauded as being a friend to young people in

Juneau, as well as someone who teaches them responsibility and holds them

Accountable. Officer Hatch is described as somewhere between a rock star and a

substitute parent for so many of Juneau’s kids.