



## MAYOR'S GALLERY: OFFICER OF THE QUARTER, OFFICER JOHNATHAN FORDHAM



*Left to Right: Mayor Gary Fuller, Officer Johnathan Fordham, OPD Chief John McEachern, Assistant Chief Kasey Brown, Captain Shane Healey*

Congratulations to Officer Johnathan Fordham who was selected as Officer of the Quarter (3rd Quarter 2019) by his peers.

Officer Fordham has been with the Opelika Police Department for eight years and been a K9 handler for the last 5 years. He recently attended rigorous training at Alabama Canine and is now a Certified Trainer. He can train new dogs and their handlers in several facets of their job as well as certify them to be part of Opelika PD's K9 Unit.

Officer Fordham's nomination detailed several specific cases where he and his partner, Pyrrhos (pronounced "pie-ro"), have assisted in the location of crucial evidence, as well as, the tracking of fleeing suspects.

Officer Fordham works tirelessly with the dogs in the unit and trains them constantly. He works on his off days at home to maintain a superior level of skill that helps not only himself, but the entire Opelika PD K9 Unit remain a premiere K9 Unit within the State of Alabama.