

Retired Police Sergeant Bev Cross-McNeal was honored for her service to Delphos and its police department at Monday's city council meeting. Cross-McNeal was on the force for 33 years starting in June 1979 as a dispatcher. She began on the auxiliary force in August 1979 and joined the department full-time on Nov. 4, 1979, making history as the first full-time female police officer in Delphos. In 1988, she was promoted to sergeant, the first female police supervisor Delphos had seen. Police Chief Kyle Fittro, left, and Mayor Michael Gallmeier present Cross-McNeal with plaques commemorating her service to the city. (Delphos Herald/Nancy Spencer)