

Nomination for Community Service Award-Law Enforcement Officer

Nominated Officer: Madison Police Officer Susan Krause

Officer Susan Krause joined the Madison Police Department in 1995. In her assignment as a patrol officer, she had worked diligently, serving the community and applying the principles of Community Policing and Problem Solving. In January 2005, Officer Krause applied for, and was accepted for, the position of Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood Officer. Since taking on this position, Officer Krause has worked on many projects and activities, which have been beneficial to the South Madison Community, and to the City of Madison, in general.

The following is a list of Officer Krause's activities and accomplishments. In these, Officer Krause has combined her Law Enforcement efforts with her Community Policing efforts, in order to form a partnership with the citizens and community groups. These efforts have resulted in many new, or enhanced, programs, activities that have improved the quality of life for citizens, as well as, making the South Madison Cypress/ Magnolia Neighborhood a safer place to live.

- ❖ Cub Scout Troop 911----Officer Krause was instrumental in organizing and starting a Cub Scout Troop in the area. She noticed that a Daisy Girl Scout Troop existed for the South Madison young girls, but there was nothing for the young boys. Officer Krause initiated the process, and she recruited some local parents to assume leadership of the Troop. The Cub Scouts now meet regularly at the South District Police Station, and Officer Krause helps out with some meetings and activities, including organization of a tour of the Dane County 911 Communications and Dispatch Center.
- ❖ Summer Recreation Program for Youth----Officer Krause found that there was a lack of organized summer activities for youth, in the South Madison area. She worked to develop a proposal of ideas for summer recreation, and it will now be implemented in Summer 2006, involving the Madison School-Community Recreation Department. Lincoln School will be the site of a summer youth recreation program this year, thanks to Officer Krause's efforts.
- ❖ Lincoln School Community Garden----Officer Krause initiated the plan for a Community Garden, on a section of the Lincoln School grounds. She felt that a garden would give people of the Burr Oaks Neighborhood the opportunity to work together on their own community project, to grow food for donations or for their own families. She also saw this as an opportunity for youngsters and adults to work together on a project, for the youngsters to learn how to garden and care for a garden, teaching them skills and responsibility, while giving them a sense of pride and accomplishment. Officer Krause worked with members of the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association to get permission from the school, neighbors, and the city, to start the garden. She also assisted the Neighborhood Association President by advising him of a local grant for funding of the garden. The garden will be a reality in Spring 2006.

- ❖ Lincoln School Picnic----Officer Krause thought of and planned a picnic for students of Lincoln School. The picnic will be held on June 12, 2006, and it will celebrate the start of the summer. Officer Krause worked with the Fit City Madison Coalition, as she is a Fit City Madison Coalition Partner, and with the Coalition's coordinator, applied for a grant for the picnic. They received the grant, and the students will be treated to a nutritious picnic lunch, they will participate in an array of activities that promote physical fitness, and they will take a walk on an identified safe route to the new community pool, where they will receive free admission, courtesy of the grant.
- ❖ Madison Metro South Transfer Point----The South Transfer Point lies within Officer Krause's Neighborhood. This is often the site of disturbances among students, as they return home from school. Officer Krause has worked to reduce these problems in a couple of ways. In spring of 2005, and again in 2006, a group of men from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church respond to the Transfer Point, to act as positive role models for the students there. The men interact and speak with the students, and they offer suggestions for positive activities for the students. One of the activities, organized by Officer Krause, is for the students to go to the Boys and Girls Club, for after school activities. In 2005, officer Krause contacted the Club, and at her request, they send a van over to the Transfer Point, after school, to pick up students to take them to activities at the Club. This was a positive and well-received activity. Additionally, Officer Krause spent time last spring, going door-to-door in the Burr Oaks Neighborhood, handing out flyers and speaking to youngsters and parents about summer activities at the Boys and Girls Club. She arranged to have vans pick up the children to take them to the Club for activities.
- ❖ Safety Saturday----Officer Krause helped with the plan, organization and activities for the Safety Saturday Event at Penn Park in August 2005, and will do so again for 2006. This event provides free school supplies and backpacks for school-aged children, as well as celebrating the start of school. The event included food, music, numerous informational booths, which promoted community activities, health and wellness, and physical fitness. There were also demonstrations by the Madison Fire Department and by the Madison Police K9 unit.
- ❖ Z104 Toy Drive----Officer Krause, along with many other Madison Police Officers, participated in the toy drive and collection for Christmas presents for children. Radio Station Z104 organized the drive, and officers helped to collect and distribute the toys to children who otherwise may not have received a toy for Christmas. Officer Krause spent several shifts in the collection role.
- ❖ Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association and South Madison Anti-Drug Coalition----Officer Krause has worked closely with the members of the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association (BONA) and the South Madison Anti-Drug Coalition (SMADC). She takes Neighborhood Watch Walks with the BONA members, as she assists them in their efforts to watch for, identify, and discourage behaviors which may be criminal or detrimental to the neighborhood, to include the Badger/Cypress/Magnolia area, as well as the

surrounding neighborhood. The walks also promote a sense of community and an effort to be good and friendly neighbors. These walks help to empower the residents of the neighborhood, as they work to get to know their neighbors and send out the message that bad behavior is not acceptable. She also organized and participated in a tour of the 911 Communications Center, for members for the SMADC, as the group worked on a project to educate themselves and their neighbors about the process of how calls are received and dispatched, in an effort to reduce citizens' reluctance and fear of calling the police.

- ❖ Joining Forces for Families----Officer Krause meets regularly with the JFF Team in the area, assisting with providing services for families in need.
- ❖ Neighborhood Patrol----Officer Krause is responsible for patrolling the Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood. She works closely with landlords, private security, fellow officers, and other city agencies, to strive for the goal of a safe and pleasant neighborhood for the residents. She spends hours on foot patrol, talking with people, identifying problem behaviors, and addressing them, through either enforcement action, referrals to services, or simple police presence.

These are just some of the examples of Officer Krause's efforts and work. Although some of these projects and activities are performed within the scope of her position as a Neighborhood Officer, Officer Krause has gone above and beyond what is expected in the everyday work of a typical Neighborhood Officer. Officer Krause is very creative with thoughts and ideas, and she has great organizational skills. She works hard to initiate ideas and projects, and she then works to recruit and involve the citizens of the community, for them to become involved in, and eventually lead the projects, so the citizens can take ownership, leadership and responsibility for the projects for the long term. This is beneficial, as it creates a great sense of community for the citizens. Her hard work, boundless energy, and friendly personality illustrate her genuine care and dedication to the community.

For these reasons, we would like to nominate her for the Community Service Award for Law Enforcement.

Thank You.

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