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2019 Recognitions



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Due to COVID-19, our in-person annual awards ceremony is unable to take place this year. Please take a moment to read all of the amazing acts of courage, sacrifice, lifesaving measures, extraordinary efforts and beyond that community members and members of our department were selected to receive. Congratulations to them all!

AWARDS

Sergeant Ryan Gibson, Officer Justin Nelsen, Officer Sonny Martinez, Officer Joseph Buccellato ***Medal of Valor Award***

- MPD responded on October 27, 2019, to a report of a subject armed with a gun and shooting outside a building. Officers canvassed the area and two officers entered an apartment complex where they observed the armed suspect. The officers were able to safely retreat to outside the building until additional back-up officers arrived. While the officers were outside, the suspect exited the building and advanced towards them. Officers attempted to dialogue with the suspect and gave the suspect commands to drop the weapon, but the suspect did not comply. The suspect fired a round in the direction of the officers. The officers responded by putting an end to the active threat for the sake of our community, for their own safety and their co-workers' safety. Sergeant Gibson, Officer Nelsen, Officer Martinez and Officer Buccellato are receiving the Medal of Valor, which is the highest recognition of achievement presented by the Madison Police Department, for their display of extraordinary bravery by placing their own safety and lives at risk in the pursuit of their duties.

Nathan Coulthurst, Mark Kendall, Brett Sprecher..... ***Lifesaving Award***

- On August 16, 2019, a suicidal subject jumped into Lake Mendota. Brett Sprecher was in a boat and observed the subject in the water. As Brett watched, the subject went under the water and did not resurface. Brett piloted his boat to the subject's location and jumped in the water to help. Brett was able to find the subject and pulled the subject to the surface. The subject attempted to get away and go back under the water. Nathan Coulthurst and Mark Kendall observed what was taking place and entered the water to assist both Brett and the subject. The subject was rescued and safely brought to shore. The three community members are to be credited for saving the subject's life. Nathan, Mark and Brett are receiving Lifesaving Awards for their efforts that led to saving a community member's life by putting their own lives at risk.

Ania Moore..... ***Community Member Recognition Award***

- Ania Moore witnessed her friend being physically assaulted by an unknown suspect in 2019. Ania snapped a photo of the suspect on her phone, which proved to be invaluable in not only this incident but also multiple other open cases. Due to the photo taken by Ania, the suspect was identified, located and arrested on numerous charges. Ania, a young juvenile, showed bravery, awareness and compassion. Through her efforts, she was able to help

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bring justice to multiple victims. The MPD expresses our gratitude to Ania by awarding her with a Community Member Recognition Award.

Gerald Hinz, Nick McGhee, Timothy Harrison..... *Community Member Recognition Award*

- On July 26, 2019, Gerald Hinz, Nick McGhee and Timothy Harrison assisted the MPD by taking two violent suspects into custody. The MPD and paramedics were dispatched to a report of two subjects slumped over in a vehicle. The vehicle occupied by the two subjects was confirmed to be stolen. The teenage driver ignored commands from officers to exit the vehicle and fled by ramming an ambulance and several parked vehicles. The vehicle became inoperable and the driver and an occupant fled on foot. Gerald observed one of the suspects fleeing and ran after him, later joined by Nick in the chase. The suspect was taken into custody by officers. Timothy gave chase to the other suspect and ended up having a gun pointed at him by the suspect. Officers apprehended the suspect at gunpoint. For Gerald, Nick and Timothy's acts of service to our community under circumstances involving bravery, personal risk and heroism, we award each of them with a Community Member Recognition Award.

David Whelan..... *Community Member Recognition Award*

- David Whelan was walking his dog in Brittingham Park on June 15, 2019, when he heard a man shouting at a couple. David looked to see where the shouting was coming from and observed the male suspect physically assault a victim. David decided to take action and tackled/restrained the suspect until officers arrived. The suspect, who was a complete stranger to the victim, was arrested for aggravated battery against an elderly person. David is deserving of and is receiving a Community Member Recognition Award for his extraordinary efforts!

Hunter Boddy..... *Community Member Recognition Award*

- On September 19, 2019, Hunter Boddy heard a yell for help from a fellow community member who had just had her wallet stolen by a male suspect. Hunter intervened on behalf of a complete stranger and attempted to hold the suspect down until police arrived. The suspect fought back but was delayed in fleeing enough for the police to arrive and take him into custody. The suspect was arrested for robbery and disorderly conduct. The wallet was returned to the victim. We thank Hunter for his intervention and award him with a Community Member Recognition Award.

Retired Dane County Sheriff's Office Detective David Bongiovani, DOJ Agent Michael

Mansavage..... *Community Member Recognition Award*

- David and Michael were on Northport Drive on September 9, 2019, when a teenager opened fire on an occupied vehicle. David and Michael chased the suspect and helped the Maple Bluff Police Department take him into custody. The suspect was arrested and charged with 1st degree reckless endangerment and possession of a firearm by an adjudicated delinquent. David and Michael are awarded the Community Member

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Recognition Award for their assistance in apprehending a dangerous suspect who opened fire in broad daylight in an area where many innocent bystanders were present.

Hever Jose Zuniga..... Community Member Recognition Award

- Officers were dispatched to State Street around bar time for a fight in progress on November 30, 2019. An officer attempted to detain an involved subject but the subject was not cooperative. As there were no other officers on scene, bystander Hever Zuniga saw that the officer needed help and came to the officer's aid. Hever and the officer were able to hold down the subject until back-up officers arrived. Hever is recognized for his bravery and willingness to risk his own safety to help an officer and is awarded a Community Member Recognition Award.

Phil Gadke..... Outstanding Support Award

- Phil Gadke is the safety and security supervisor for Madison Metro, and an outstanding partner of the Madison Police Department. One of Phil's responsibilities is supplying bus video requested by officers and detectives who are investigating crimes. Phil is always extremely responsive to our requests and has video available for us quickly. Phil often goes above and beyond in his duties. His assistance has proven crucial in helping solve many crimes. For supporting the MPD with his extraordinary efforts, Phil Gadke was nominated for and selected to receive an Outstanding Support Award.

Bradley Stieber..... Outstanding Support Award

- Bradley had a desire to give back to his community and he has done just that by volunteering to assist the MPD's mental health unit for the past 3-years with its tremendous amount of complex data. Bradley brings his expertise of sophisticated analytical software to the unit by assisting with processing and making sense of vast data sets with ease and efficiency. Bradley has been so generous with his time and expertise to the MPD. We thank him and award him with an Outstanding Support Award as a token of our appreciation.

Dr. Nancy Barklage..... Outstanding Support Award

- Psychiatrist Dr. Nancy Barklage has been an integral part of the MPD's hiring process for over 30-years. Dr. Barklage assists with candidate interviews, approaching each with a remarkable level of detail, incorporating information she gleans into well-written summaries. Her contributions directly correlate to the high-level of officers we hire, many of whom continue to serve our community. We are grateful for the outstanding contributions Dr. Barklage has made in our hiring process and we wish to recognize her efforts by awarding her with an Outstanding Support Award.

Officer Scott Favour (retired)..... Outstanding Service Award

- After serving the MPD and our community for 28-years, Officer Favour took on a new assignment: retirement. Officer Favour was a steadfast and dedicated peace officer, always looking to see where improvements could be made, searching for ways to do his job better and sharing best practices with area law enforcement partners. Officer Favour had a positive

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attitude, was a team player, had exceptional attention to detail and did his job with the utmost professionalism and compassion. Officer Favour contributed to the policing profession and to our community in ways far exceeding expectations and set a new high standard for others to follow. Officer Favour is deserving of and is receiving an Outstanding Service Award for his extraordinary policing career.

Officer Andrew Muir (retired)..... Outstanding Service Award

- Officer Muir was a key member of our department's mental health unit and he is receiving an award for his outstanding service to our community through this role. Officer Muir used his vision, analytical expertise, commitment to excellence, and dedication to greatly enhance the unit's collection and analyzation of data to be more useful and insightful. For all that Officer Muir has done for the MPD's Mental Health Unit and for so many community members who needed help, we award Officer Muir with an Outstanding Service Award.

Sergeant Nathan Becker Outstanding Service Award

- Sergeant Becker is being recognized for his overall outstanding leadership. His desire and drive to inspire continuous improvement among officers has bolstered morale and has made for better-educated officers. Sergeant Becker is a mentor and a true leader. He takes the time to check in with officers, establish individualized goals, discuss career advancement/promotional opportunities, and he is always looking for ways to improve himself and the officers. Sergeant Becker was nominated for and selected to receive an Outstanding Service Award for his exceptional service and leadership.

Detective Clare McCoy (retired)..... Outstanding Service Award

- Detective McCoy retired after an extraordinary 30-year career with the MPD. As a Detective, Clare's focus and commitment was to bring justice for victims. Detective McCoy worked tirelessly in her commitment to child victims and victims of domestic violence. Detective McCoy always went the extra mile, always cared and made sure victims were safe. She leaves behind a legacy at the MPD and she is well deserving of an Outstanding Service Award.

Officer Daniel Sherrick..... Outstanding Service Award

- Officer Sherrick was nominated for and selected to receive an Outstanding Service Award for his imaginative approach to training, attention to detail, exemplarily work ethic and extremely high level of motivation and dedication to service. Officer Sherrick went to great lengths to research, prepare and present various trainings to his co-workers, which resulted in informative, inventive and interesting training tabletop exercises and scenarios. Officer Sherrick's outstanding work ethic is to be recognized and he has demonstrated exceptional knowledge, skills and abilities.

Detective Peter Baio, Detective Matthew Nordquist, Detective Gregory Kamoske

..... Outstanding Service Award

- For their extraordinary efforts to solve a cold case homicide, Detective Baio, Detective Nordquist and Detective Kamoske are receiving an Outstanding Service Award. The homicide

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case was re-opened in 2016 and the case was thoroughly reviewed and next steps were formed. A person of interest was identified, located and interviewed. After completing all the necessary tasks and interviews, the case was brought to the District Attorney's office for charging consideration. Due to the tenacious persistence of the detectives, an arrest warrant was issued for the suspect and the suspect was arrested. The re-work of this cold case took approximately three years. The detectives worked tirelessly to bring the victim's killer to justice. They are well-deserving of an award for their extraordinary efforts and service to our community.

Detective Roger Baker *Outstanding Service Award*

- Detective Baker was instrumental in the creation of a detective position focused on the issue of human trafficking. He has worked incredibly hard on human trafficking cases in our community and is an incredible source of information to other law enforcement agency partners, social service agencies and community/outreach organizations. Detective Baker frequently gives presentations about the issues of human trafficking, assists with trainings for other law enforcement agencies and is always willing to assist day or night. Detective Baker is deserving of an Outstanding Service Award for his exceptional efforts, expertise and problem-solving initiatives to combat the human trafficking problem.

COMMUNITY MEMBER ASSISTANCE CITATIONS

Garrett Gabrielse

- In May of 2019, Garrett Gabrielse was a passenger on a city bus when he confronted another passenger (suspect) about not using derogatory language that could be heard by the younger riders. The suspect reacted by physically assaulting Mr. Gabrielse. The suspect was arrested and charged from this incident. Mr. Gabrielse is recognized for standing up for others and doing the right thing to benefit the community members around him.

Brad Groves

- Brad's assistance to officers in October of 2019 was instrumental in officers being able to locate and take a dangerous felon into custody safely. Brad spent a considerable amount of time locating and providing crucial information to officers as to the whereabouts of the suspect. Brad's role significantly benefited the community when a dangerous suspect was taken off the streets. Brad is recognized for his efforts by receiving a Chief's citation.

Jennifer Foscher

- When what appeared to be an intoxicated subject going through a drive-thru, Jennifer did not hesitate to call 911. A plan was put into place to delay the driver from leaving the parking lot so that the police could respond. The driver/suspect was found to be under the influence and arrested for his 7th offense of driving while under the influence. For keeping our community safer by being alert and calling in this dangerous driver, we recognize and thank Jennifer.

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David Hesthaven

- On November 2, 2019, David witnessed an almost head-on crash and then observed the suspect driver fleeing on foot. David gave chase and tackled the suspect to the ground. The suspect was arrested for his third offense of driving while under the influence and hit-and-run. David is receiving a Chief's citations for his extraordinary efforts – thank you David!

Adrian Godfrey

- A gunshot was fired in a downtown parking lot and a vehicle was observed driving at a high-rate of speed. Adrian took cover and observed the suspect vehicle leaving the ramp. Amazingly, Adrian was able to see and provide crucial identifying information about the vehicle (license plate numbers) to responding officers. Due to having this information, an attempt to locate was aired and the suspect vehicle was located a few blocks away from the incident. The suspect was also located and taken into custody. Without Adrian's quick thinking, the vehicle and suspect may have not been able to be located. Thank you Adrian for your tremendous efforts and assistance!

Joe Greer

- Joe Greer is the Fire Life Safety Manager for Summit Companies and stepped up in a big way to help with MPD's largest recruit class in 2019 for fire extinguisher training. Joe and his team provided the recruit class with numerous fire extinguishers to use and practice with which allowed for all recruits a hands-on practical exercise and at no cost to the department/city. We thank Joe and his team for their support.

Becky Kilzer, Marcia Ouchakof

- Becky and Marcia read an editorial written by a member of the MPD which asked for community members to consider donating to a youth reading program. Donations came flooding in and Becky and Marcia (retired reading teachers) reached out and helped implement a program. They provided expertise, structure, reading sessions and so much more. In 2019, more than 20 kids improved their reading, thanks to the phenomenal efforts of Becky and Marcia. Without their organization and vision, the program would not have been a success. For their dedication and commitment to our community, we honor Becky and Marcia with a Chief's citation.

PROBLEM-SOLVING CITATIONS

Officer Christopher Marzullo

- Officer Marzullo had a primary role in the development of school, business and home safety assessment materials, which included a reference guide on suggestions for locks/deadbolts, door reinforcement, window options, alarms, lighting, security and landscaping considerations. The materials were well organized and detailed. Officer Marzullo is deserving of a problem-solving citation for his involvement in this project.

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Captain Cory Nelson, Officer Joshua Bower

- Officer Bower sought to address a long-standing problem with a liquor store business in his district. A series of undercover purchases of illegally sold alcohol were conducted. A case was put together, which included other violations. A detailed report by the officer was crafted that included summaries of the violations, calls for service and historical and current information regarding the business. All of this work led to the City Attorney's office requesting a revocation of the liquor license from two establishments. The owner agreed to give up the licenses. The incredible work done by many, but with specific credit for this Chief's citation to Officer Bower and his commander Captain Cory Nelson, led to the resolution of a longstanding and deeply imbedded blight on the community. Their thorough, time consuming, and very dedicated work is to be recognized.

EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE CITATIONS

Officer Mitchel Burkholder

- On March 4, 2019, Officer Burkholder was on routine patrol when he was confronted by an armed community member (suspect). The officer was masterful in his work of creating distance and ordering the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect was taken into custody safely. Officer Burkholder displayed exemplary performance by showing tremendous restraint, tactical soundness, poise and bravery during this call.

Officer Alexandra Nieves Reyes

- In her role and capacity as a neighborhood officer, Officer Nieves Reyes was instrumental in assisting a family after a very tragic incident occurred which resulted in the loss of life of an infant. Officer Nieves Reyes made a genuine connection with the family and went above-and-beyond to help them during a traumatic time in their lives. Her care and compassion was visible. Officer Nieves Reyes' connection with the family enabled them to speak with and trust investigating officers/detectives. Officer Nieves Reyes' commitment and dedication to the community and family to which she serves is commendable and she is deserving of an Exemplary Performance Citation for her efforts.

Officer Gabriel Heck

- Officer Gabriel Heck responded to a residence on July 29, 2019, after a resident reported finding a piece of clothing and a wallet on their porch. A dried red substance, possibly blood, was observed nearby. Officer Heck attempted to locate the subject whose wallet was found to check on their welfare. The subject was located bleeding profusely. The officer called paramedics and the subject was transported to a local hospital. If not for the commitment and dedication of the officer to locate the subject, the subject may not have survived. Officer Heck is receiving an Exemplary Performance Citation for his efforts.

Detective Taya Dolsen

- Officers were dispatched to a report of a suicidal subject on January 11, 2019. Detective Taya Dolsen heard the call and responded in plain clothes, which ended up being incredibly

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helpful. Detective Dolsen walked casually behind the suicidal subject. Detective Dolsen flawlessly grabbed the subject from behind and quickly pulled the subject off the ledge to safety. This would not have been able to happen if Detective Dolsen was in uniform, as the subject would have noticed her. Detective Dolsen is to be commended and recognized for her swift actions, her bravery and her initiative to respond to this call.

Sergeant Matthew Baker, Detective Amelia Levett, Officer Brandon Sheraden, Officer Eric Disch, Officer Elijah Misener

- Officers responded to a report of a domestic abuse restraining order violation on Thanksgiving Day, 2019. The suspect was reported to be intoxicated and resistant to police contact. A plan was established by officers to make contact with the suspect. After negotiations and a plan were put into place, the suspect made his way to the front door. The suspect did not comply with commands from officers and the officers were required to intervene as the suspect's father engaged in a physical struggle with the suspect. Officers moved in and it was announced that the suspect may be armed with a gun. The suspect was pinned down efficiently and a loaded handgun was located. Had the officers not responded in the rapid way they had and neutralized the threat, the outcome could have been drastically negative. For their exemplary performance, Sergeant Baker, Detective Levett, Officer Sheraden, Officer Disch and Officer Misener are deserving of receiving an Exemplary Performance Citation.

LIFESAVING CITATIONS

Joshua Brzezinski

- Joshua Brzezinski was driving to work on March 14, 2019, when he noticed something not quite right on Lake Mendota (which was iced over). Joshua took a closer look and discovered a community member in the icy water. Emergency crews were called to assist and the community member was given a second chance at life, thanks to Joshua's efforts. Joshua is receiving a Lifesaving Citation for his actions.

Triquida Johnson

- On October 9, 2019, a subject was observed on the ground having a medical emergency. Triquida Johnson called 911 and began chest compressions on the male subject until EMS/officers arrived. The male subject was revived and given another chance at life, thanks to the efforts of Triquida. A Lifesaving Citation is awarded to Triquida!

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The following MPD personnel received Lifesaving Citations for the lifesaving efforts they provided to community members in 2019. Lifesaving measures included the administration of naloxone to subjects experiencing an overdose, rendering medical/first aid to subjects in need of emergency aid, performing CCR on pulseless non-breathing subjects, saving someone from choking or locating a missing person in a dire situation. Congratulations to each MPD member who made a tremendous difference in a community member's life!

Sergeant Chad Crose (x2)
Officer Cruz Ramirez
Officer Luke Lengfeld
Officer Hamp Johnson
Officer Nicholas Meredith
Officer Micaela Magsamen
Officer Rayvell Gillard
Officer Justin Nelsen
Officer Christopher Van Hove
Officer Ryan Jeffery
Officer Derek Huber
Officer Tyrone Cratic Williams (x2)
Officer Jason Baumgart
Officer Eric McCarthy
Officer Julia Helbach
Officer Paige Martin
Officer Andrew Deuchars (x2)
Officer Henry Whyte
Officer Sarah Boespflug (x2)
Officer Dana Cummings
Officer Michael Greendonner
Officer Anthony Vogel
Officer Mikaela Olson (resigned)
Officer Daniel Sherrick
Officer Matthew Olson (x2)
Officer Kelly Powers (x2)
Officer Guadalupe Contreras
Officer Stephanie Nelson
Officer Daniel Frei