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July-September 2023 Employee Recognitions:

- 1. Officers responded to check the welfare of a suicidal subject. The officers build rapport with the subject and the subject agreed to be self-admitted to a local hospital for help. The officers are to be commended for their efforts which may have ultimately saved the subject's life.
- 2. Recognition for the efforts of officers related to a traffic stop that yielded a handgun and drugs. The driver and passenger were arrested on numerous offenses. The officers are to be recognized for their outstanding pro-active police work and investigation that led to the arrests.
- 3. Officers responded to a report of a subject down on the ground with a handgun laying by his feet. Officers arrived, tactically set up to approach the subject and found the subject to be under the influence. The firearm was secured and a second loaded handgun was located in the subject's backpack. The subject was arrested on numerous charges. This was a dangerous call and officers on this call are to be recognized for their response plan and efforts.
- 4. Officers conducted a traffic stop which led to the recovery of a loaded handgun and narcotics. A subject was arrested on numerous charges. This was exceptional pro-active police work and the officers on this call are to be commended for their efforts.
- 5. An officer provided a training to his co-workers which included a PowerPoint presentation, handouts and hands-on-learning techniques. The training was exceptional and well-received. The officer is to be commended for his time and energy that he put into the training.
- 6. Recognition for an officer who provided lifesaving aid to a pulseless non-breathing subject. The officer assessed the subject and administered naloxone which revived the subject.
- 7. Recognition for an officer who developed and presented a platoon training for his co-workers. The training included visual as well as hands-on presentation methods as well as handouts for the attendees. The training was outstanding and provided a critical tool for officers to use in the field.
- 8. Recognition for an officer who developed and presented a platoon training. The officer has developed into a leader among the platoon and she is to be commended for her efforts.

- 9. Recognition for the efforts of officers reference a sexual assault investigation. Everyone assigned to the call took great care to carefully preserve evidence and to provide compassionate care to the victim. The assigned detective worked tirelessly to shore up the probable cause and refer numerous criminal charges. The quick response, careful processing of evidence, care of the victim and the ensuing investigation resulted in making our community a safer place to live.
- 10. Recognition for the efforts of officers related to a "Gangs and Gun Violence" community engagement event. The feedback from the community was positive. Events like these educate and directly address community concerns. The officers involved are to be commended for their efforts.
- 11. Recognition for the efforts of officers who assisted in placing spike strips down for a vehicle/driver that fled from another law enforcement agency. The spike deployment was successful. The driver attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended. This call is a good example of good teamwork and everyone on this call are to be commended for their efforts.
- 12. Recognition for MPD's Addiction Resource Officer. The officer stepped into this innovative demanding role with grace, versatility and aplomb. The officer worked tirelessly behind the scenes and his work ethic and ability to represent MPD to the highest standard have carried our grant efforts to unimagined heights. He is to be commended for all of his efforts and service throughout his tenure in this role.
- 13. Recognition for the efforts of officers who investigated a complicated call involving an intoxicated father with two children. The officers worked out a solution and found care for the children by a relative. The officers bought food for the children until the relatives arrived from out of state. The officers are to be commended for their service and efforts.
- 14. Recognition for the officers who assisted with spring in-service as actors. The actors did an incredible job of creating a professional and impactful experience for all the officers attending. The officers are to be commended for their dedication and passion they showed to make sure the training was exceptional and powerful.
- 15. Recognition for a detective and his dedication and skill in investigating ICAC cases. His efforts are to be commended and sets the example on how these cases should be investigated.
- 16. Recognition for officers who served as squad leaders for Leadership Camp. The squad leaders have an immensely challenging role. The officers displayed endless patience, daily enthusiasm and above-and-beyond willingness to meet the kids where the kids were at. This camp is a tremendous opportunity to create a lasting, positive impact in the lives of high-risk youth. This camp would not be possible without the efforts of the officers and they are all to be commended for their efforts and service.
- 17. Recognition for an officer who has embraced and championed alternative options to arrests by making referrals to Community Restorative Court. The officer is changing lives and his efforts are noteworthy, impactful and merit formal commendation.

- 18. Recognition for officers who attended Safety Saturday as SET cyclists. The SET cyclists are a great visual at a large community event and a conduit to positive interaction with community members. Their participation and what they contributed to the overall event went above and beyond their normal roles and they are to be commended.
- 19. Officers responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash. Officers established initial protection of the scene containing important physical and biological evidence. Officers assisted the victim, sought out video evidence, interviewed witnesses and worked as a team to divide the work. They ensured all aspects of the investigation was thoroughly covered. The officers demonstrated professionalism, team work, quality service and great dependability.
- 20. A community member sent an email to thank a Sergeant who stopped to help them move a chair when he noticed them struggling to move it. The email said the Sergeant is "a heck of a nice guy and much appreciated."
- 21. Recognition for the officers who took into custody a subject who was involved in a series of burglaries, stolen auto and stolen motorcycle cases. The suspect was arrested on numerous charges. The subject had a long history of criminal history. The officers are to be commended for their efforts that brought this crime spree to a stop.
- 22. An email was sent to thank an officer who stopped on the side of the road to check on her. The subject stated she felt "so protected" and she was appreciative of the officers efforts.
- 23. A community member sent an email to thank the officers for how they responded to a situation with her son that required an involuntary commitment take place. The officers were described as kind and thoughtful for how they handled the situation.
- 24. A community member sent a message to thank an officer who picked up her wallet for her. She said that this was the first time something like this has happened to her and she was kind of scared because there were a couple suspicious details about the situation. She said the officers helped assuage her fears. She thanked the officer for taking time out of his day to help her and for staying with her to make sure she had all her cards and cash back.
- 25. Officers responded to a report of shots fired. An initial check of the area did not locate anything. An officer remained in the area after others cleared and heard a shot fired. Two officers canvassed the area when they heard additional shots. Officers sought cover and requested additional resources. Officers took up position, observed the area, observed a subject and gave orders to the subject to detain him. This was a call where a lot of police responded to assist. The two officers' initial response was critical in locating the correct house and gathering the information needed to peacefully resolve the incident. The officers are to be commended for their good work.
- 26. An officer worked the Art Fair Off the Square event and received recognition from a community member who stated the officer is "awesome" and did a great job as she could see him and hear him all day during the event. The officer is to be commended for being so dependable, friendly and hard-working.

- 27. Officers responded to a weapons offense call with a subject armed with a gun. An officer spotted the subject crawling in the grass. The officer gave verbal commands to the subject but he was able to flee and get away. The officer gave chase, giving clear directions to dispatch and responding officers. The officer was able to maintain a tactical distance from the suspect due to the weapons information. Eventually the officer tired out the subject who stopped. The officer ordered the subject to the ground and awaited back-up. The subject was taken into custody. This was a highly dangerous situation as the officer was chasing an armed subject who had made threats to commit suicide by cop. The officer displayed excellent tactics, radio discipline and personal bravery. She is to be commended for her actions.
- 28. An officer on routine patrol observed a subject down. The officer assessed the subject and administered naloxone which was successful. The officer should be commended for his quick actions.
- 29. Recognition for an officer who showed amazing human dignity and commitment to service skill regarding a disturbance between a mother and adult child. The officer went out of her way to assist this single mother with a small child get out of a poor situation. The officer helped give this person resources for housing and could see this person was doing everything they could to change their life around after a felony charge. The officer embodies our core values to the fullest and she is to be recognized for her efforts.
- 30. Officers responded to a call where a child called 911 because they could not wake up their parents. Responding officers and EMS located both parents and a grandparent unconscious due to drug intoxication. Two children were found in the home. Both children were found to have had ongoing environmental exposure to cocaine. Both children are now getting the care they need via foster care and the parents are facing child neglect charges. The officers on this call should all be commended for their compassion to the children victims and their ability to balance investigative needs with all their other duties on scene. This case was presented as an exemplary collaborative response to the Drug Endangered Children group at their July 2023 meeting. The officers and sergeant's initial work on scene was recognized as instrumental in providing optimal care to the children as well as aiding in evidence collection for this criminal case.
- 31. An email was received from a community member thanking an officer for giving her a call back to let her know how an incident she called in was resolved. She said she really appreciated the call and especially to learn that the man she saw lying on the ground was going to be okay. She said the call from the officer was very kind and considerate.
- 32. Recognition for an officer who responded to a call where a dog was in a locked vehicle and appeared to be in distress. The officer was very quick to respond and was immediately equipped for the task at home. The officer successfully breached the window to get to the dog. The officer is to be recognized for her continued drive and willingness to help all victims in our community.
- 33. An employee sent an email to a co-worker recognizing her for all her hard work. The email stated that since the employee has taken over supervision of the unit the process and procedures have drastically improved. The employee wanted to thank and commend their co-worker. The employee is a dedicated supervisor, a staunch advocate and cheerleader for her team and a highly-regarded member of the department.

- 34. Recognition for an officer who organized and led a training with the motorcycle unit that was focused on skills that should benefit the new riders going into the basic course that is scheduled in August. The training was well-received. The officer is to be commended for his leadership and commitment to the motor unit. HIs work does not go unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated.
- 35. Recognition for two investigators who presented at the DET Talks training on the topic of Cell Phone Warrants and Cellebrite downloads. The investigators are a wealth of knowledge on these topics and showed their commitment to continuous improvement by sharing their expertise with detectives and going above and beyond what is required in their job description.
- 36. Recognition for an officer who ran things alone for CIS in the command post all day. The officer did an amazing job. She is very knowledgeable regarding technology, efficient and able to multitask flawlessly. In the short time that the officer has been with CIS she has been thrown into a lot of situations and has done exceptionally well and has been a very quick study. She can handle a complicated command post and still maintain a good composure and attitude throughout it all.
- 37. Recognition for the officers who quickly assisted with an apprehension operation that another unit was conducting when help was needed quickly. An officer located the suspect vehicle and two other officers assisted with the apprehension of the suspect. The officers are always quick and willing to help even if an incident is outside of their normal assignment. These officers serve as excellent role models and should be applauded for their eagerness to help and be involved.
- 38. An email was sent to thank an officer for attending their event. The email said the officer genuinely connected with the community members. The officer was described as warm, honest and very approachable. The officer is to be commended for his efforts and how he represents MPD.
- 39. An officer responded to an uncooperative subject in crisis and made the decision to disengage to avoid further escalation. Days later the subject of the call and his father told a detective how appreciative they were of the officer's professionalism, calm demeanor and patience.
- 40. Detectives developed probable cause to arrest a burglary suspect. Two officers located and arrested the suspect. The officers are to be commended for their proactive work in capturing the suspect.
- 41. Officers responded to check the welfare of a subject. The officers located the subject without a pulse. The officers quickly identified the signs of opiate overdose and administered life saving measures including a narcan dose to the subject. The subject was transport to a local hospital. The officers are to be commended for their quick actions to save this subject's life.
- 42. Recognition for an officer who worked on a strong armed robbery investigation. The officer was able to use information to later develop suspect information and ID others involved. The officer took the investigative leadership role and arrested two of the suspects. The officer was able to recover the victim's ID and house keys. The officer put a great deal of effort and skill into identifying, locating and arresting the suspects and returning the property to the victim. The

officer is to be commended for her excellent work.

- 43. A community member went on a ride-along and sent an email with recognition for the officer stating that the officer is an outstanding example for community members to observe. Not only is she highly competent, she possesses the personal skills necessary in every situation to put the public at ease and make sure they are heard. The officer knows the intricacies of neighborhood law enforcement, yet she administers them with an easy personality that makes her interactions pleasant and productive. He thanked the officer for the chance to get a peek into policing in Madison.
- 44. A community member called 911 to report concerns stated by a neighbor. The community member said she did not know what to do other than call 911. She said the officers who responded did an excellent job. She said the officers all remained calm as they talked to and listened to her neighbor and ultimately came up with a resolution for the issue at hand that day.
- 45. Officers responded to a report of a subject with a gun at a park. As officers were responding a report of a shot fired was reported. Officers quickly had to problem solve a tactical problem involving darkness, a large park, large parking lot, several vehicles and several people of unknown status amongst whom was an armed subject. Officers arrived in the area and focused on a vehicle and occupants in the area. Officers gave verbal commands to the occupants while other officers coordinated and planned for contingencies by requesting and setting up additional resources and tools. Officers obtained witness statements. MPD's unmanned aircraft system was deployed once the subject was observed. Officers gave verbal commands to the subject and detained him safely. A firearm was located nearby and was recovered. All the officers who responded to this call arrived on scene quickly, removed as many uninvolved persons from the area as possible, isolated and verbalized with the main subject, interviewed witnesses, took the subject into custody and secured related evidence. They coordinated roles and responsibilities effectively and accomplished this complex task. They responded swiftly and decisively to a dangerous and volatile situation. They placed themselves in harms way. They are all to be commended for their service and actions.
- 46. A community member sent a message to compliment an officer who pulled her over for speeding. She said the officer was very polite and professional and she forgot to thank him for his service.
- 47. A community member left a voicemail wishing to thank a sergeant and an officer for their kindness and time. He wanted to let them know how much he appreciated their service and assistance.
- 48. A community member sent an email to thank an officer for his service. The officer responded to a crash. The officer was described as "pure joy." The officer's positivity was obvious and infectious. He thanked the officer.
- 49. Recognition for a detective who assisted a subject who had lost their passport. The detective made sure every avenue was searched for the passport. The detective made the subject feel at ease and really seemed to make them feel important and heard. The detective is to be commended for his care and diligence.

- 50. Officers were assigned to a special duty assignment and received recognition from the management company who hired them. The officers carried out their duties excellently and helped them ensure the flow of traffic was seamless. The management company was impressed with how the officers interacted with guests, pedestrian and drivers cheerfully, politely, offered thanks and apologies, traded jokes. They constantly heard how the drivers thank them for their service. They could not picture better ambassadors of the police force as being loved them and they did too.
- 51. An officer responded to a vehicle vs. tree crash. The officer was first on scene and observed a subject running away from the vehicle. The officer pursued the subject and provided dispatch with clear directions of the pursuit. The officer was able to take the subject into custody despite being resistive. The officer was in a dangerous confrontation and maintained his composure. This call exemplifies the officer's professionalism and excellent use of tactics. He is to be commended for his good work.
- 52. A community member sent an email to thank the officers who responded to the pool for an incident. They wanted the officers to know how much they appreciated their efforts during the emergency and afterwards.
- 53. A community member ran out of gas in traffic. An officer responded to help. The community member later called to give thanks to the officer who went "above and beyond".
- 54. A community member called to give thanks to an officer who responded to assist. The community member was appreciative of the response and efforts of the officer and wanted to relay their thanks.
- 55. Two officers responded to a residence for a report of suspicious activity. The community member sent an email to thank the officers and he said he was impressed by their response.
- 56. A father of a victim gave recognition for an officer. He stated he was very impressed with the efforts of the officer and he was grateful for her service.
- 57. Recognition for an officer who is a great field training officer. The recruits who have him turn in great reports. The officer should be considered to teach report writing in the academy.
- 58. Recognition for an officer and her work on a missing person's case. The officer gained a thorough background on the situation and the family. The officer utilized numerous resources in her attempt to locate the missing subjects. The officer is to be commended for her work and dedication to duty on this call.
- 59. An officer observed a suspicious vehicle and the driver/vehicle made an abrupt turn and stop. The driver walked away on foot and was not located. The officer observed in plain view firearms and drug paraphernalia. The officer contacted the registered owner and obtained consent to search the vehicle. The firearms, drugs and cash were located and recovered. This type of work is indicative of the excellent, pro-active work that the officer conducts. He puts in the effort to make good stops, use good tactics and conducts solid investigations.

- 60. An officer was observed talking with and kneeling next to a subject. This simple act demonstrates to the person observing that the officer had compassion and the officer is to be commended for her efforts.
- 61. Recognition for two investigators who volunteered to assist with intern ride-alongs. They took on this additional responsibility and coordinated their schedules to provide interns with opportunities to explore MPD's FSU and capabilities. They are to be recognized for their selfless public service and commitment to the community and FSU.
- 62. Officers responded to an arson investigation. They worked the investigation diligently and were able to identify a suspect. The officers located and arrested the suspect. The officers are to be commended for their outstanding work.
- 63. An officer observed a subject familiar to him and discovered he had multiple warrants, including failure to appear for a felony murder charge. The officer summoned additional resources and took the subject into custody. The officer is to be commended for this outstanding proactive arrest.
- 64. An officers responded to a fight in progress and located a victim with numerous stab wounds. The officer was able to manually clear an obstruction in the victim's airway using his fingers which allowed the victim to start breathing again. The officer applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding from the victim's wrist. The officer applied gauze and held pressure on the worst stab wounds until paramedics arrived. The officer is to be commended for his tremendous efforts on this difficult call.
- 65. The DA's office sent a letter with recognition for the excellent work of several officers on a specific case. The matter was concluded with the jury finding the defendant guilty of recklessly causing great bodily harm to a child thanks to the efforts and assistance of the officers.
- 66. Officers were provided information regarding open probable cause for a subject. The officers sought out appropriate follow up information and strategies to bring this matter to a safe and logical resolution. Both officers demonstrated initiative by taking the lead on proactive measures on this matter and were able to locate and safely arrest the subject. The officers are to be commended for their problem solving skills and efforts.
- 67. Recognition for an employee who presented to detectives on how to make better use of an online database for a variety of investigative purposes. The employee went above and beyond what is expected of her. She is to be commended for her efforts to support the mission of the MPD.
- 68. Officers responded to a report of a stolen auto. Officers tracked a likely suspect to a nearby park where the vehicle was located. Officers communicated together about recent similar activity and subjects involved. Probable cause was developed to make arrests. Officers involved in this investigation worked together to help get the right suspects responsibility for these crimes properly identified. The officers worked smart with clear communication and diligent follow up in order to see this case to a referral to the DA's office.
- 69. Recognition for employees and the magnitude of work they do for state-funded traffic grants.

They are to be commended for their hard work, attention to detail and assistance overall. Their hard work does not go unnoticed.

- 70. Recognition for the command staff who volunteered to assist the property team with signing sensitive paperwork. Without their help they would not have been able to move on with the destruction process. It means a lot to their team to have the support of the department.
- 71. Recognition for an officer who self-assigned himself to a missing subject call. When a K9 track was ruled out the officer searched areas on foot as other officers gathered information. The officer located the subject who was distraught. The subject was reunited with their family. The officer is to be commended for his excellent work.
- 72. Officers responded to a report of a subject who was choking and was not pulseless and nonbreathing. The officers arrived quickly and administered the Heimlich maneuver on the subject. The officers performed CCR until paramedics arrived. The obstruction was cleared and the subject is expected to make a full recovery. This was a very tense scene. It was resolved quickly due to the quick thinking and appropriate actions by the involved officers. The officers are to be commended for their outstanding work in jumping right into it and saving the subject's life.
- 73. An officer responded to a report of a vehicle/driver going the wrong way on a road. The officer located the vehicle and contacted the elderly driver. The officer interacted with the driver in such a courteous, personable and empathetic way that this subject called in a compliment for the officer. The subject stated he felt very relaxed with the officer and that the officer guided him and gave him instructions about driving a little better in reference to his late age. The officer is to be commended for his actions and efforts on this call.
- 74. Officers responded to a report of a subject in the water near the shore. Officers arrived on scene and located the subject in the water. The subject was pulled on shore, assessed, administered naloxone and officers performed CCR. Other officers responded to the scene and helped with the necessary investigative tasks. Two subjects on scene were arrested on unrelated charges. This case was an outstanding investigation by those on scene and involved a monumental task of property tagging several pieces of evidence at the conclusion of the investigation.
- 75. Recognition for an officer and her actions while in contact with a family in need. On a call the officer located a woman and her four young children who were homeless. The officer took it upon herself to make arrangements at a local hotel for the family and paid for the room out of her own pocket. The officer's actions clearly go above and beyond what is expected and embody the very best of what it means to be a MPD officer. She is to be commended for her exceptional service, tremendous efforts and a job well done.
- 76. Officers responded to a report of a robbery. The officers arrived quickly on scene, ascertained all pertinent information from the victim and available witnesses and shared the information gathered with co-workers. Areas were checked and a subject matching the description provided was located and contacted. The subject was ultimately arrested within 25 minutes of the officers being dispatched to the call. The vast majority of the victim's property was recovered and returned. The officers are to be commended for their investigative actions and efforts.

- 77. Recognition for an officer who was working an alcohol grant that ended up being short staffed. The officer made 8 out of 16 total stops in the first hour. The officer is to be commended for his work on this grant. His hard work and exemplary performance has not gone unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated.
- 78. Recognition for the staff who volunteered to assist with a program that was part of a district's community outreach plan. This program provided law enforcement volunteers to fill the role of mentors for the program in the community. The employees are to be commended for their commitment to community outreach, specifically with youth in our area.
- 79. Officers responded to a report of a subject having a significant mental health crisis. Officers attempted to dialogue with the subject who made threats to kill himself. Officers attempted physical contact with the subject but he turned to a fighting posture. The officers quickly deescalated and gave the subject space. The officers on this call conducted a lengthy interaction with the subject. The officers demonstrated exceptional patience and made maximum use of their presence to give the subject time. Officers saw a chance to go hands on in a safe way and did so successfully. They spoke to the subject calmly and encouraged him to cooperate which he ultimately did. The officers on this call all deserve recognition for their efforts and actions.
- 80. Recognition for the efforts of officers who assisted in the apprehension of a wanted subject. During the apprehension the subject attempted to flee in a vehicle while another subject attempted to exit the vehicle. The subject was dragged and had their leg run over. Officers were able to remove the wanted subject from the vehicle and provide medical aid to the other subject. The wanted subject was taken into custody as he continued to resist. The officers on this call did an outstanding job in a very difficult situation. They are to be commended for their service and actions.
- 81. A community member sent an email to thank the officers who responded to assist him in a time of distress. He said he appreciated the officers who responded and wanted them to know how much he appreciated their efforts.
- 82. Officers responded to check the welfare of a subject. Officers arrived on scene and attempted contact at the residence. The officers heard someone inside calling for help. Officers made entry to the home to find a subject down. The officers on this call are to be commended for their actions.
- 83. Officers responded to a check welfare request. Officers overheard sounds of distress when they arrived and they made entry to the residence where they found the homeowner down and in need of medical attention. The family of the subject reached out to share their immense thanks and gratefulness to the officers for their response.
- 84. Recognition for an officer and her dedication to our community. The officer was asked to attend and speak at a public meeting about her efforts and the importance of community outreach, specifically with youth. She is to be commended for her commitment to her position and to our community.
- 85. Recognition for a detective who proactively reached out to SnapChat in order to learn more

about how we could use their social media platform to further our investigations. The detective then coordinated a virtual training with the SnapChat Law Enforcement Outreach Team where detectives were taught about the platform in general and different options for court orders. The detective's efforts are demonstrative of his commitment to continuous improvement and his dedication to helping his co-workers become more effective in their cases.

- 86. An officer was thanked in a request for a police report letter from the community member and family. The note stated the police officer who handled the call was extremely nice and helped calm the subject down after she was involved in a crash. They wished to express gratitude to the officer for her kindness and assistance.
- 87. An email was sent with recognition from the organizers of Greek Fest for the officers were provided coverage. They stated the officers were wonderful and their presence was much appreciated.
- 88. A ride-along sent an email to thank the officer she rode with and to give him praise. She said the officer really took the time to show her everything. The officer was extremely professional and helped answer a ton of her questions.
- 89. Recognition for the officers who were tasked with leading a 20-hour block of crisis management curriculum for the MPD Pre-Service Academy. Everyone on the team contributed to the instruction being a success and they are all to be commended for their time and efforts.
- 90. Several years ago a detective at the time (since then has been promoted) was assigned a death investigation of a subject who overdosed. The detective maintained communication with the subject's mother throughout the investigation and throughout the years since then. The subject's mother was a yoga teacher at the time of her son's death but found her self unable to work after his death. She recently reached out to the Detective Sergeant to see of any interest from him and his coworkers on her teaching them yoga as her first yoga instruction since her son's passing. Several MPD employees participated in this yoga session. The detective sergeant should be commended for his commitment to this family and for recognizing the value of organizing the health and wellness opportunity offered to them for his team.
- 91. Recognition for an officer who demonstrated exceptional service and courage when he made entry to a residence due to an active violent domestic situation. The officer did not hesitate, he entered and stabilized the situation. Due to his quick thinking and courage a subject was saved from sustaining more significant injuries.
- 92. Officers responded to a report of shots fired with a lot of yelling on scene. The officers on this call performed admirably and heroically. They ran headfirst into danger with an unknown threat or threats awaiting them. They cleared the area of potential threats and set out to secure the scene and begin the critical role of investigating. Due to their quick response critical evidence was located and preserved and crucial witness statements were obtained. All involved on this call are to be commended for their actions and service.
- 93. Officers responded to a weapons offense/shots fired call. Officers located a victim with a gunshot wound and rendered medical aid. Their quick lifesaving actions kept the subject alive. Officers,

not knowing where the shooter was, ran to the sound of gunfire, ran into danger and immediately began to clear the area and render it safe. The officers preserved key evidence and took key witness statements which ultimately led to the arrest of a suspect. The officers on this call are to be commended for their tremendous teamwork, service and efforts.

- 94. Recognition for the efforts of the instructors who put on Instructor Development Day where nearly 70 instructors attended to prepare them to teach almost 30 different fall professional development days. The instructors wrote lesson plans, led instructor development stations and guided peer teaching evolutions to improve the student experience. Their commitment to training is to be highly commended.
- 95. Recognition for a detective who presented a DET Talks training to detectives on ways to monitor inmate communications on phone calls, tablets and video visits. The detective went above and beyond what was expected of him and shared his expertise with other detectives which is demonstrative of his commitment to continuous improvement and teamwork.
- 96. Recognition for an officer for developing and presenting a platoon training. The training was outstanding, innovative and based on legal concepts as well as best practices in the field.
- 97. Recognition for an officer for developing and presenting a platoon training. The presentation included a PowerPoint, lecture and handouts which were all outstanding.
- 98. Officers responded to a call for an unknown alarm sounding near a house. Officers canvassed the area and while doing so came across a large marijuana grow. The finding was reported and after consulting with the Dane County Narcotics Task Force, an operation to secure the contraband was enacted. Officers obtained consent from the homeowner to enter the yard where marijuana plants were located. This was outstanding police work and all involved should be commended for their efforts.
- 99. A subject was located deceased in her residence and was in an advanced state of decomposition. Detectives worked tirelessly to uncover the truth of what happened to the decedent which led to the arrest and conviction of a suspect. This case broke the mold of a typical MPD homicide and required creativity, perseverance and a great deal of teamwork to achieve this successful end result. The detectives are to be recognized for their outstanding efforts and their selfless service.
- 100. Recognition for the staff who attended Viva Mexico. The officers volunteered their time to make sure the event was a safe event. This is an annual event which draws in proud community members not just from Madison but from all around the state and the region. They are all to be recognized for their efforts.
- 101. Recognition for staff who were assigned as firearm instructors for fall professional development training. Their dedication to student-centered training is in keeping with MPD's core value of service and is to be highly commended.
- 102. Officers responded to a report of a severely injured subject. The initial responding officers were confronted with a gruesome scene and a subject in need of medical attention. The officers immediately recognized the gravity of the case and began an initial investigation that included

witness statements and evidence preservation all while attempting to provide medical assistance to the victim. The response by everyone involved built the foundation for an investigation that led to the arrest of a suspect. This group performed exceptionally and should be commended.

- 103. A sergeant on his way home observed a young child walking alone on a busy street in the dark. Other officers responded to the area to assist. Officers gathered information and were able to return him home safe. Recognition for the sergeant for his awareness to see a lost child in the dark and to ensure the child's safety until his home was located. The sergeant's actions represent the heart of police work and community service and he is deserving of our commendation.
- 104. Detectives responded to a call regarding a child at a hospital that sustained internal trauma. The detectives assisted patrol through this unique and difficult call. With the detectives' early involvement and guidance, comprehensive statements were obtained and the scene was thoroughly searched, leaving very little follow-up requirements. The detectives' dedication to not only investigating these difficult calls but also helping other officers do the same is commendable and deserves recognition.
- 105. Officers responded to a report of a subject attempting to gain access to a residence that did not belong to them. It was reported the subject was armed with an axe. Officers were able to evacuate everyone out of the building, except for the suspect. The suspect was combative and refused to come out. Officers did an excellent job of trying to dialogue with the suspect. This allowed for a contact team to be formed and a plan to be developed to take the suspect into custody safely. The suspect was holding a sledgehammer when officers made contact and he refused to drop it until a sponge round was deployed and struck him. The suspect was taken into custody. This was an excellent example of teamwork with many officers playing a variety of roles.
- 106. Recognition for a Captain who was working a night and did not miss a call. It was a very eventful evening with some intense happenings. The Captain has been at each call and ensured he checked in on officers. Officers talked about how energizing it was to have the Captain join them on a call. The Captain was assisting shuttling a squad from an incident which then required an emergency response to the hospital. His presence was noticed and matters. The Captain was thanked for his leadership and morale boost.
- 107. Recognition for an officer who noticed a youth who had finished a football game begin to walk home in the pouring rain and offered him a ride. The officer then offered to take the youth to the boys and girls club for a dinner event that was occurring. The officer enjoyed a meal with the youth and then assisted back in patrol with a fleeing resistive driver of a vehicle. The night was busy and the officer helped significantly. He is to be commended for his efforts and actions.
- 108. A community member sent an email to thank two officers for their response. The officers were described as professional, concise and went above and beyond to walk through the incident with their family.
- 109. Recognition for a sergeant's diligence and bravery related to a weapons incident. Officers responded to reports of shots fired between two vehicles. The sergeant picked up on one of the fleeing vehicles. A traffic stop was attempted but the driver/vehicle fled. The sergeant continued to follow the vehicle and provided updates on path of travel and road/traffic conditions. The

vehicle entered into a circle where the occupants fled on foot. The sergeant aired continued updates on the fleeing subjects while also detaining one subject. Inside the vehicle were 4 handguns, ammunition, identifying information and other items of evidence. The sergeant is a veteran sergeant who is highly respected. His dedication to duty, community members and his coworkers is unwavering. The sergeant is to be commended for his continued service and for always leading by example.

- 110. Recognition for an officer who responded to and investigated a hit-and-run. The officer made his way over to the offender's/registered owner's address and located an elderly subject slumped over in a vehicle. The officer assessed the subject and got her to regain consciousness. EMS responded and the subject was transported to a local hospital as the subject was experiencing a medical event. The subject later called the police department to thank the officer for saving her life. The subject had ended up in the hospital with an infection for 5 days. The subject believes the officer should be recognized for an award for his service/efforts. Arrangements were made for the subject and the officer to meet up so the subject could personally thank the officer.
- 111. Recognition for an officer who took it upon himself to assist a domestic violence victim secure her residence. The officer, along with two other officers, assisted in fixing the doorknob and lock to the residence. The officers are to be commended for their kindness and care for the victim.
- 112. An officer, who was in a mounted patrol capacity, heard tones of a weapons offense. Even though the officer was driving with a truck and trailer and horses he responded to the incident as he was nearby and responded as the solo officer until patrol could arrive. The officer contacted a subject who had shot themselves, made the weapon safe and then handed the call off to patrol. This speaks volumes to the officer's character and commitment and abilities.
- 113. Officers responded to check the welfare of a subject. Officers made entry to the residence to check on the subject and found the subject unconscious and bleeding. EMS was requested. The subject's breathing improved and officers monitored his well being until EMS arrived. The subject was conveyed to a local hospital and it appears the subject suffered a medical event. The officers are to be commended for their efforts and actions.
- 114. Recognition for a detective who has always been helpful when an officer had questions on investigations and how to continue investigations. The detective has taken the time to teach the officer how to write search warrants, go to the crime lab and submit evidence, use numerous new databases and resources and consistently provided guidance to her. The detective did all this while also managing his own work load. The detective has gone above and beyond to share his experience and knowledge and the officer appreciates the opportunity to learn from him.
- 115. Recognition for a detective who assisted an officer with questions on some investigations. The detective's assistance and expertise was appreciated. Without the detective's assistance on these cases they would not have done to the quality they deserve. The detective is a true mentor and team player. The detective is to be commended for her investigational skills, initiative, leadership and commitment to developing new officers.