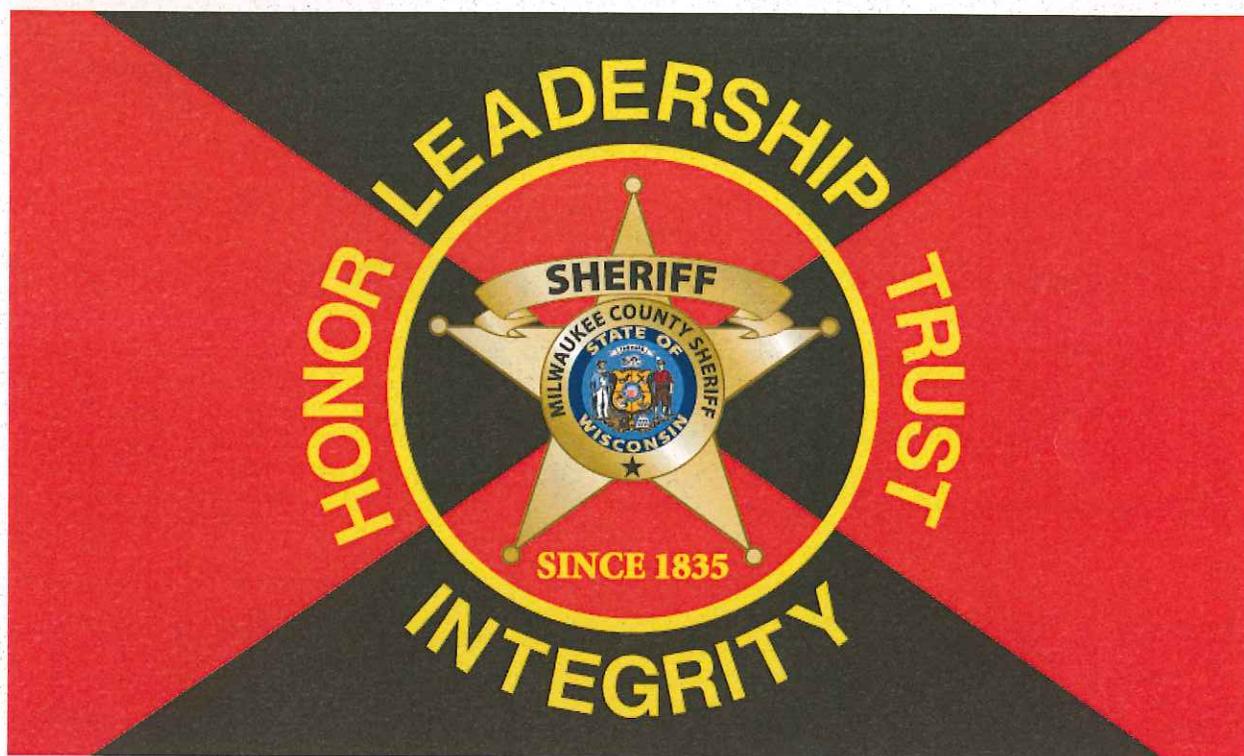


MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF

Expect the Best

2014 Honorees Luncheon



Tuesday, September 23, 2014



The Imperial Ballroom
The Pfister Hotel
424 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program

Welcome

Inspector Edward H. Bailey, Adjutant to Sheriff Clarke
Director Fran McLaughlin, Administrative Services

Presentation of the Colors

Honor Guard of the Sheriff's Office
Deputy Sheriff Scott Krueger, Unit Commander

The National Anthem of the United States

Ms. Rhonda Begos, Vocalist

Invocation

Minister Robert Pyles
Pastor, Abundant Faith Church of Integrity

Welcoming Remarks

David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff of Milwaukee County

Lunch is Served

Video Programming Courtesy of the MCSO Community Policing Unit: *Performance Matters Here*

During lunch, our Silent Auction will be open for bidding.
Winners will be announced at the end of the ceremony.
Please refer to page 6 for a listing of items.

Keynote Address

Mrs. Amanda Collins of Reno, Nevada

Presentation of Awards

Letters of Commendation
Community Service Awards
Commitment to Excellence Awards
The Sheriff's Crime Prevention Award
Citizen's Medals of Valor

David A. Clarke Jr., Sheriff of Milwaukee County
Richard R. Schmidt, Inspector of the Sheriff's Office

Benediction

The Rev. John Wesley McVicker Sr., TH.M.
MCSO Chaplain / Pastor, Christ The King Baptist Church

Retirement of the Colors

Honor Guard of the Sheriff's Office

Conclusion

Director Fran McLaughlin

**A Message from David A. Clarke Jr.
64th Sheriff
of Milwaukee County**



**David A. Clarke Jr.
Sheriff**

County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff



**Sheriff of the Year
2013**
Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

September 23, 2014

Today, you will hear stories of those who have set their own personal safety aside in rendering lifesaving service to others. You will hear of those who charitably gave of their time and talent to help the law enforcement community. Of those who approached their duties in so steadfast a manner as to bring great credit upon the profession of law enforcement.

This year, in particular, you will have a chance to meet and admire those who have, themselves, fought back under the most horrendous circumstances in protecting themselves, their loved ones, and other citizens who found themselves in harm's way. In particular, I am humbled that Mrs. Amanda Collins was able to travel from the Silver State to join us today. Mrs. Collins became an unwilling "voice of the people" when in October 2007 she was attacked on the campus of the University of Nevada - Reno while walking to her car after a night class. Her attacker, James Biela, a serial rapist armed with a gun, saw Mrs. Collins as a weak, easy target. He couldn't have been more wrong.

In her recovery from that horrible night's events Mrs. Collins found her way to make an impact, becoming an impassioned advocate for women's rights and forcing the University to install more emergency call boxes and lights in the parking structures. Sadly, just months later, Biela went on to murder 19-year old Brianna Dennison. With Biela sitting on Nevada's death row, Mrs. Collins considered that the outcome, for both women, may well have been different. As one of the few victim's of on-campus rape to come out and publicly share her story, she has forced people to consider changes to the law to prevent future victims. She has testified before Nevada lawmakers in support of a bill that would allow concealed weapons at the state's public universities, in support of our Second Amendment rights, stating, "Everyone deserves a chance to defend themselves. The criminals who are intent on committing a crime don't care about what the rules and regulations are." She trusts her fellow citizens to do so responsibly. Frankly, I couldn't say it better myself.

As always, I would like to offer a special thanks to our corporate benefactors whose generosity in helping to underwrite today's event makes our celebration possible: WaterStone Bank, Hupy and Abraham, Roundy's, The Marcus Corporation Foundation and Marcus Hotels and Resorts, The Milwaukee Bucks, and The House of Harley Davidson, Milwaukee. Their willingness to join us in acknowledging the heroes among us is a powerful statement of their ongoing commitment to the standard of living in our community. They value shared efforts between the corporate world and government, and understand that being "community friendly" is a responsibility, not just a slogan.

David A. Clarke Jr.

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Milwaukee County

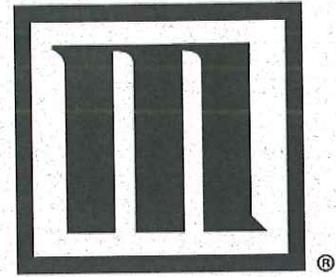
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Keynote Speaker:

Mrs. Amanda Collins of Reno, Nevada

Amanda is a 4th generation graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education and English.

While attending UNR she became an accidental advocate for the Second Amendment when she was "legislated" into being a victim on her campus. She has since worked tirelessly, advocating for women's rights to self-defense in an effort to ensure that women across the United States are given the ability to choose how to protect themselves, particularly on college campuses.

Amanda has testified before the Nevada State Legislature in support of allowing Concealed Carry on campuses. She also appeared before the Colorado Senate pleading for their current Campus Carry bill to avoid repeal.

Recently, Amanda began speaking on college campuses in an effort to educate students about the devastating effects rape has on an individual and how current gun control laws on campuses leaves law abiding citizens vulnerable.

While her legislative efforts are what she has become known for within the concealed carry community, Amanda knows that her most impressive accomplishment is her family. In June 2008 she married her best friend, Nathaniel. But by far her most precious title is Momma, and Amanda currently raises her two daughters, Annabelle and Penelope, who are three and one. It is Amanda's goal that when her girls head off to college they can attend any university they want, and be able to choose how they want to protect their bodies.

Silent Auction

This afternoon, the Luncheon Committee is hosting a silent auction, with all proceeds going to offset the cost of today's event. A brief description of the items, available on the tables in the outer lobby, is offered including the minimum initial bid for each item. Winning bidders may take the auction item with them this afternoon, and are asked to remit full payment, via cash / check, within 1 week of today's luncheon.

- ◇ *A set of Hank Aaron and Bob Uecker Bobbleheads* *\$30.00*
- ◇ *Driven, the Autobiography of Green Bay Packer Donald Driver, Signed by the Author* *\$40.00*
- ◇ *Coca-Cola Mini Football, autographed by 3-Time Rose Bowl Champion Head Coach and UW Athletic Director Barry Alvarez* *\$30.00*
- ◇ *Bucks #34 Game Jersey, Autographed by Shooting Guard Giannis Antetokounmpo* *\$75.00*
- ◇ *2-Day Rental, 2015, of any Available Cycle, from the House of Harley* *\$40.00*

Letters Of Commendation

December 12, 2012

On December 12, 2012, the Criminal Investigations Division was tasked with investigating a business burglary that occurred in the most unlikely of places: at the General Mitchell International Airport. The crime scene was unremarkable; the prize taken was not: \$20,000 in cash from Host Marriott Services, which maintains all of the concessions at the airport. Over the ensuing weeks, through dozens of interviews, hours of video, and the execution of hours of surveillance leading to numerous search warrants, Detectives Mark S. Gaudynski, a 17-year veteran, and Donald J. Desotell, Jr., a 19-year veteran, saw through the fog and established the crime for what it was: an "inside" job perpetrated by the Marriott Manager who initially reported the crime, Tewodros Argaw. With the net closing, Argaw ran...all the way to Istanbul, Turkey. But these Detectives are no mere report filers. Working with Detective Daniel R. Settingsgaard, a 22-year veteran assigned to the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, the investigative team involved ICE/US Customs Enforcement, eventually receiving a tip that Argaw had snuck back into the US and was skulking about in Chicago, Illinois. In the predawn hours of a cold February, 2014, the USMFTF (Milwaukee) and USMFTF (Chicago) secured the arrest of Argaw. He was extradited back to Wisconsin and now sits, awaiting trial...after having surrendered his passport! For setting a cooperative, persistent standard of investigative work worthy of emulation, over a sustained period of over 2 years, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriffs Mark Gaudynski, Daniel Settingsgaard and Donald Desotell with Letters of Commendation. This is Detective Settingsgaard's second such citation.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey

Award Recipients

Letter Of Commendation

April 25, 2014

On a spring afternoon, Brown Deer Police Officer David Jacobs was doing what municipal cops often do: Canvassing an area in the 8100 block of North 51st Street, conducting investigative follow-up to a string of garage burglaries and bicycle thefts in their Village. Suddenly, lightning struck: Officer Jacobs spotted a suspect matching the description of the burglar. At the moment the suspect saw the handcuffs come out he bolted, lashing out at PO Jacobs, knocking them both to the ground where the fight raged. In a scenario that every cop in America has come to rely upon, help was just one more cop away...this time, in the form of off-duty Deputy Sheriff Wayne A. Griffin, a 13-year veteran of the Expressway Patrol Division. Deputy Griffin, driving through the area, saw the PO struggling on the ground and leapt from his vehicle and joined the fight. Together, the 2 officers effected the arrest of the suspect. Thanks to Deputy Griffin's quick actions to aid Officer Jacobs, neither of them were injured and a burglary suspect was apprehended and later convicted. For his quick thinking and selfless reaction in providing off-duty assistance to a fellow law enforcement officer, and for truly showing that the colors and badges on the uniforms don't ever matter and that our is a 24/7/365 profession, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Wayne Griffin with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by: Chief Steven Rinzel, Village of Brown Deer

Letter Of Commendation

December 27, 2013

One of the secrets in law enforcement is that on most agencies, the MCSO included, the civilian staff outnumber the sworn officers. So critical are they to our success that the MCSO Mission Statement recognizes their efforts: *We are law enforcement professionals, representing a variety of criminal justice disciplines, and we exist to serve the public.* Fiscal Specialist Thomas E. Dietz, recently retired from the Fiscal Affairs Division, is just such a professional. On a December afternoon in 2013, Tom noticed a subtle discrepancy in the accounting and cash reconciliation in an area of the Fiscal Division's operations: The Civil Process window, where citizens pay fees, often in cash, to have their lawsuits, divorces, restraining orders and the like served. Tom noticed a disturbing pattern that appeared, to him, to be indicative of a classic "till tap" scheme: taking in cash, but voiding the transaction and pocketing the ill-gotten loot. On initial blush, the 3 employees commonly assigned to the area denied such actions. Sadly, often in government work poor supervisors let such matter lapse. Not Tom. Valuing the knowledge that he worked for a law enforcement agency, and feeling thus empowered, Tom instead referred the matter, quietly, to the Detective Bureau for investigation. After a speedy investigation, the Detectives identified a rank case of employee theft, profiting over \$1,200 dollars through 49 fraudulent transactions. No mere misdemeanor...the ensuing criminal indictment was of the felony of Misconduct in Public Office. For his attention to detail and swift referral of his suspicions to the appropriate investigative force, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Tom Dietz with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey

Award Recipients

Letter Of Commendation

August 5, 2013

We at the Sheriff's Office partner with so many county offices: No partners provide as much day-to-day support as the Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel, our attorneys and their staff, who assist us with lawsuits, claims, sheriff's sales, and the issuance and executions of dozens of different types of civil writs. In the summer of 2013, **Ms. Marisol Mendoza, a clerical staff member working in the office of Corporation Counsel**, was processing just such mundane materials: a complaint being proffered before the US District Court here in Milwaukee by an inmate, Floyd Lee Semons, who while incarcerated in Green Bay prison for 5 years for 2 convictions of Recklessly Endangering Safety was claiming a civil rights violation, "cruel and unusual punishment," during his prior stay in the Milwaukee County Jail. Buried amidst the voluminous hand-written materials, Ms. Mendoza saw something that gave her pause: a series of notes on the back of a page, seemingly unrelated to the complaint at hand. Notes with addresses, street names including "lil man" "Baby momma brother" and references to various guns, calibers, slang for drugs and dollar amounts with addresses. Ms. Mendoza had discovered the equivalent to Al Capone's ledger books, but did she realize it? She did! Reaching out to IAD Division Commander Captain James Cox, Ms. Mendoza's discovery, in the right hands, helped link Semons to a 4-defendant Felony Murder case! He still sits in prison...but this time under an additional indictment for that Murder, currently set for a plea hearing this coming November right here in Milwaukee County. In appreciation for her partnering with the Sheriff's Office, her continuing commitment to the citizens of Wisconsin and all of law enforcement through the conscientious, observant performance of her duties, we are proud to present Ms. Marisol Mendoza with a Letter of Commendation, our first such award to that office.

Nominated by: Captain James Cox

Letters Of Commendation

May 26, 2014

At 1:57 p.m. on a cold Memorial Day, Deputy Sheriffs Steven J. Paull (21 years), Rick J. Worzala (24 years), Jeffrey T. Hartung (19 years), Joseph Mazurczak (21 years) and MaryLynn Grueneberg (22 years), all of the Airport Division, responded to an innocuously-named "Alert 4"...cop jargon for a life-threatening medical emergency, in the GMIA baggage claim area between carousels 3 and 4. When they arrived they found a woman, 63-year-old Lynne Strong of Wauwatosa, had collapsed while looking at the arrivals board, crashing backwards to the floor. Deputy Hartung immediately began an initial medical assessment and found the worst: no pulse and no breathing. While Deputy Paull began chest compressions and Deputy Hartung began rescue breathing, with Deputy Grueneberg tending to the witnesses and later the family, Deputy Mazurczak retrieved an Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.) and applied the pads. A shock was given and CPR was continued until Airport Fire Rescue arrived on scene. By that time, Ms. Strong was breathing and was transported to St Francis Hospital, where she began a long road to recovery that continues today. In writing to the MCSO afterwards, Lynne's father noted, "All of these officer's actions show how well-trained and prepared they are for such difficult situations. But more importantly, their actions showed how truly caring and compassionate they are as well." We agree. For their immediate life-saving actions, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriffs Steven Paull, Rick Worzala, Jeffrey Hartung, Joseph Mazurczak and MaryLynn Grueneberg with Letters of Commendation. This is Deputy Paull's second such citation.

Nominated by: Captain Nancy Evans

Award Recipients

*Community
Service
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2012-2014

Since his arrival at the MCSO in 2002, Sheriff Clarke has worked tirelessly to show us the need to, as he puts it, "Partner with the community, forming a circle of trust, dependability, respect and justice." From his time as a Police Officer with Milwaukee Police Department, Sheriff Clarke knows that it is just such a functioning relationship with the public that solves crimes and ultimately enhances the quality of life in Milwaukee County. But to form that relationship, we must look past ourselves and our own needs. For the past two years, one of our greatest at doing so is Correctional Officer Michael A. Hannah Jr., a six-year member of the Detention Services Bureau. CO Hannah has planned, organized and coordinated countless fundraisers, including the Sheriff's Office Annual Basketball Tournament, raising thousands of dollars in philanthropic funds benefiting Breast Cancer awareness (honoring Deputy Rochelle Jackson), Multiple Sclerosis research, this very awards luncheon, and the agency's signature program, Shop With a Cop, all while promoting Esprit de Corps, fitness, camaraderie, friendly competition, and driving others to recognize the importance of community involvement. For his tireless efforts, and his regional scope in drawing in personnel from the Racine PD, MPD, MFD, Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility, MPS, and MCSO Correctional Officers and Deputies, the MCSO is proud to present CO Michael Hannah Jr. with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Deputy Inspector Aisha Barkow

*Community
Service
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2006-2014

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS.) provides resources to assist in rebuilding the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Furthermore, COPS provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors. One of the ways that COPS succeeds in their mission is by running the national COPS Kids Camp each year in East Troy, providing family interaction, camp activities, grief counseling, relaxation and lots of old-fashioned fun for school-aged children (6-14) and the surviving parent /guardian of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. As you might imagine, such an undertaking, drawing more than 160 kids to the serene woods of Southeastern Wisconsin each summer, requires a virtual army of volunteers to run smoothly. Enlisting in that army, for the past 9 years, has been Mrs. Angie Kasal, wife of one of the Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Airport Division. With all of those children and escorts arriving and departing on the same two days, one of the goals of the Airport Division has been to provide them with a smooth transition to the camp environment by hosting arrival and departure lounges. Since 2006, on her dime and her time, Mrs. Kasal has fired up her ovens and baked, from scratch, thousands and thousands of delectables to greet those visitors as they arrive and depart the airport. But that style of giving only tells part of the story: During the same timeframe, Mrs. Kasal has fired up her ovens each year during National Police Week, delivering her baked goods to the men and women of the Police Services Bureau. For her selfless generosity in showing the men and women of law enforcement, and sadly their surviving children, just how much she appreciates and values their efforts and their sacrifices, the MCSO is proud to present Mrs. Angie Kasal with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Captain Nancy Evans

Award Recipients

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2006–2014

From great tragedy a beautiful thing was born. In 2006, while with her husband at their third funeral in six months (this one of a police officer who had taken his own life) Ms. Catherine Draeger began to imagine a place where women could join together who understood what it was like to be married to a law enforcement officer. Catherine knew that she wanted to support her husband in his life's calling, but didn't know how to do it. She knew, instinctively, that other women felt the same way. She put the matter in God's hands, and after days of prayer and reflection she took a cup of coffee down the street to a complete stranger's home, that of a fellow police wife, and asked her if she'd like to talk. Thus was born Shielded Hearts. What followed were regular potlucks and families drawing support from each other. Soon followed a desire in the group to have guest speakers come speak on issues relevant to police life. Catherine formed a place where women could gather over a cup of coffee, learn from someone who has been there, and start to get to know each other and come to truly understand what it was like to be with a law enforcement officer. And not just a place for Milwaukee Police families, but for all agencies in the Greater Milwaukee Area. 8 years later, Shielded Hearts focuses on not only the needs of their core group, but started serving the community organizing *Teddy Bear Drives* (later renamed *Shielded Hearts Roundups*) collecting, to date, over 10,000 stuffed animals, toys, socks and sweaters donated to local law enforcement agencies and Child Protective Services. Now, as an established 501(C)(3) with over 260 members, and seeing women in other areas start chapters of their own, Ms. Draeger has achieved the noble: a true community, encouraging each other by finding hope in police life through education, friendship, service and faith. For these efforts, the MCSO is proud to present Ms. Catherine Draeger, founder of Shielded Hearts, with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by:

Captain Leslie Wachowiak

Community

Service

Award

1980–1989

After a 25-year absence, MCSO Squad 712 is "*Back in Service!*" Between 1980 – 1989, Ms. Pamela Baas (Murr), a fighting Badger and graduate of Madison's Journalism School, prowled the skies over Milwaukee for WTMJ Radio as a traffic reporter. With her airborne office in the jumpseat of a single-engine Piper Warrior, Ms. Baas worked in all conditions, including a few stalled nosedives...and when the weather forced her down, her duties took her to the Communications Division of the MCSO, where she would file her on-air reports alongside Dispatchers. But Squad 712 lived for the sky, wearing two earpieces: one for her radio engineer, and one for the MCSO radio that she manned. Using that radio, and her encyclopedic knowledge of the freeway as only a Patrol deputy can understand it, Mrs. Baas helped us on the ground get to crash scenes, through traffic jams, and aided fire rescue in their responses by letting us know how many vehicles were involved, vehicle condition and whether anyone appeared injured at a scene. From her bird's eye view at 1200 feet, the "Sky Queen" could get the Deputies where they needed to be...fast! And what's more, she worked a cop's schedule. Imagine...work from 6-9 AM...off work, at home...and back to the Airport to be in the sky from 3-7 PM. On the eve of her retirement from the "Flying Game" after 8 ½ years, former Sheriff Richard Artison invited her downtown to receive an award of thanks. On the specified day, just as Pamela was about to leave the house, the Sheriff's office called to say something had come up and they would have to cancel the ceremony. Bizarrely, they never called back. But, we're more than happy to set things right. Now 25 years later, Pam told us, "I still consider myself a part of the agency!" We do too, Pam, and welcome Squad 712 back into the family by presenting you a Community Service Award testifying to your near-decade of service.

Nominated by:

Inspector Edward Bailey / JS Columnist Jim Stingl

Award Recipients

Commitment

To

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November 29, 2013

On a crisp fall afternoon, while off-duty on a hunting trip in Jackson County, Milwaukee Deputy Sheriff Bryan Lee, a 19-year veteran, observed a fellow motorist careening down I94 in the distress lane before leaving the interstate, slamming down the embankment, crashing through a chain-link fence and smashing into the tree line. After summoning help and upon arriving at the vehicle, Deputy Lee found a male driver trapped inside, with the door locked and windows rolled up, trying to rock the vehicle free from the trees. Suddenly, the car burst into flame. Despite the spreading fire, Deputy Lee retrieved a section of pipe, and smashed out the windows and attempted to rescue the burning driver. Deputy Lee wedged himself into the vehicle, grabbing the driver's legs and working to pull him out through the smashed out window before himself becoming overcome by the smoke and flames. While staggering back a few steps, Deputy Lee noticed two semi drivers who had stopped on the roadway, yelling to them that he almost had the driver out. The truck drivers yelled down that the car was going to blow; Deputy Lee ignored them, going back into the burning car once again. When a State Patrol Trooper, James Fetherston, arrived with a fire extinguisher, boxes of ammunition in the burning car began to cook off. Grabbing Deputy Lee, the Trooper pulled him from the wreck, and they were forced to retreat as flames fully engulfed the car's interior, making rescue impossible. Fire officials arrived, conveyed Deputy Lee and Trooper Fetherston to a safe distance away and treated their burns. Despite Deputy Lee's best efforts, the driver perished at the scene. As the Trooper wrote in his report: "Deputy Lee was very upset that he was unable to do more to save a life that day. In my opinion, Deputy Lee's actions were heroic and in the greatest traditions of Expressway Patrolling." We couldn't agree more. For his brave actions, suffering burns and smoke inhalation, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Bryan Lee with a Sheriff's Commitment to Excellence Award. Deputy Lee is a prior recipient of two Letter of Commendation, and a 2005 Medal of Valor.

Nominated by:

Sergeant Sarah Byers / WSP Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald

*Sheriff's
Crime*

Prevention

Award

October 6, 2013

On a cold fall afternoon, Mr. William Bierman Jr., a Milwaukee County Transit Supervisor, was on duty when he spotted a clearly intoxicated man battering a young woman on a city street, outside a tavern near S. 2nd St. and W. National Ave. The transit supervisor tried to summon help, but decided to act, knowing that he could no more stand idly by than if the woman were his own sister. He intervened to keep the man away from the woman, breaking up the attack but only after being slugged twice by the man. Milwaukee Police arrived on scene, summoned by Bierman himself. For his efforts, in the finest tradition of Good Samaritanism and the Golden Rule of Reciprocity, Mr. Bierman was terminated by the Transit System for "unspecified rules violations," immediately earning the ire of Alderman Bob Donovan and Sheriff David Clarke. "I guess I'm supposed to act like nothing was happening," Bierman said at the time. "Don't be a human. Don't be a citizen. If your wife or daughter were being attacked and was asking for help, wouldn't you want someone to step in and help?" You bet we would. Every day, law enforcement encourages citizens to come to the aid of a crime victim when it can reasonably and safely be done. It is one's civic duty. This is what strengthens a sense of community. As Sheriff Clarke stated at the time, "Bill Bierman should be commended for doing precisely what the state law (Duty to aid victim or report a crime) requires in such situations...to summon police or come to the aid of the victim. He is a hero. He led by example. It is what we want supervisors to do. He disregarded his own safety to protect someone else. There is no greater act of civic responsibility. Milwaukee County should have heralded Bill Bierman. They fired him instead." That decision was, in an ultimate act of justice spurred by the public outcry, reversed. Today, we are pleased to honor Mr. William Bierman Jr. with a Sheriff's Crime Prevention Award.

Nominated by:

Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

Award Recipients

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To
Excellence
Award*

August 3, 2014

A summer Sunday spent on a Pontoon boat, cruising Little Muskego Lake with family...What could be more Wisconsin? For Captain Janet L. Borucki, a 6-year member of the Detention Services Bureau, and her family members, including two small children (8 months and 4 years of age) that summer day turned into another day at Janet's office...a water rescue. Shortly before 4pm, while out for an afternoon ride on the lake, just off of Idle Isle Park, a public beach and boat launch, a jet ski traveling in excess of 60 MPH tried to cut between Captain Borucki's boat and the tip of the island. The personal watercraft skidded sideways out of control, pitching the driver forward over the handlebars and sending the passenger spinning in the air like a helicopter, both landing in the water a few feet from shore and remaining face down. Jumping to lend aid, the family saw the driver struggle to his feet, disoriented. Working as a team, the family called 9-1-1, and Captain Borucki jumped in from the front of the boat and secured the still facedown unconscious passenger in a head splint rescue technique, rolling him onto his back, lifting his face out of the water. They lifted the bleeding man onto the front of the pontoon boat, stabilized his head and rolled him onto his side. Still bleeding profusely from a head wound, with a dislocated shoulder and an elbow cut open to the bone, the family applied towels and pressure to the wounds and drove the boat to Idle Isle beach, towards the approaching siren and the waiting Muskego Police Department. Afterwards, Captain Borucki credited her years as a lifeguard and the First Aid/CPR training she received from the MCSO in contributing to the happy outcome of this potentially deadly event. No Janet...It was the instantly rendered, expert teamwork that got the job done and prevented a drowning. The credit is to you, and your team. For their quick actions and expert medical care, the MCSO is proud to present Team Borucki with a Sheriff's Commitment to Excellence Award.

Nominated by: Inspector Richard Schmidt

*Sheriff's
Crime
Prevention
Award*

March 12, 2013

A Marine Corps veteran, trained in cool, brave decision-making at moments of crisis and challenge: Charlie Blackmore Jr. is the type of man you want around in your moment of need: Always Faithful. No surprise, then, that when Mr. Blackmore saw a man kicking a woman in the head and belly at the side of the road as he drove to work on an early Spring West Allis morning, he didn't hesitate. He pulled his car over and ordered the suspect to stop. The man did stop attacking the woman, turning his attention towards Mr. Blackmore. That's when the Marine, who served on active duty from 2005 to 2007, made the decision to draw his pistol. The assailant, 6 feet tall and 220 pounds, proceeded to taunt the Marine, saying "Shoot me, then." But Mr. Blackmore's training is in more than force...it is in restraint. "If you come at me, I will shoot you," he told the suspect. As the man moved to make his escape, Mr. Blackmore followed at a distance, gun still drawn, and dialed 9-1-1. The Marine kept his cool head, and when police arrived, they forced the suspect to the ground and arrested him. By that time, the battered woman's eye had swollen shut from the beating, her nose smashed. The attacker was charged with the felony of Substantial Battery, earning 1 ½ years in prison for the violence. Shortly after Mr. Blackmore's actions, Sheriff Clarke praised him, stating, "I want to get to a day when acts like this are viewed as a citizen doing their civic duty. Criminals have got to be reassessing things right now. They have to be asking themselves, *Is it worth it anymore?* That's a good thing." Not all citizens have the training and expertise of Marines and law enforcement. That's not what we honor today. We honor a commitment to one's community, a concern for one's fellow man, and grace under pressure. For those attributes, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Charlie Blackmore Jr., with a Sheriff's Crime Prevention Award.

Nominated by: Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

Award Recipients

*The
Citizen's
Medal
Of
Valor*

June 23, 2014

Most of us rightly consider our homes our sanctuary; a safe place from life's danger. For Ms. Victoria Davison of Milwaukee, it was pulling in to park at her home on a warm summer evening after a gym workout when her nightmare began. Her neighborhood had undergone a spate of dozens of carjackings and robberies, in and around Milwaukee and Wauwatosa. That afternoon, as Ms. Davison pulled to a stop, two thugs came up behind her, and one of them shouted for her to give up her keys: "I want the keys, the car, everything," he told her. When they felt that Ms. Davison didn't produce the keys fast enough, one of the robbers turned to utter the words that Victoria will live with for the rest of her life: "Go get the cannon." The would-be robbers grabbed Ms. Davison, each seizing one of her hands. Knowing that "the cannon" meant a gun, Ms. Davison broke free, and managed to unzip her gym bag, produce her own pistol, and fire at the robbers, striking one. Proving that there is indeed no honor among thieves, the 2nd would-be robber ran, leaving his cohort lying on the ground. It was the arrest in the attempted carjacking of Ms. Davison that broke the case, unravelling a crime spree that had been terrorizing citizens in and tying the wounded thug and his accomplices to other crimes, including other carjackings and armed robberies. Subsequent investigation of the pair revealed that in their prior holdups, they had shot one of their victims in the face. One difference between Davison and that victim is that she was able to get her hands on the concealed weapon she kept nearby. But it was the fighting spirit of Ms. Davison, her aggressiveness, speed and decisive use of the element of surprise in her own defense that carried the day for her. For her quick reactions in defense of her life, leading to the apprehension and disassembly of an armed robbery and carjacking crew that had been terrorizing the area, the MCSO is proud to present Ms. Victoria Davison with a Citizen's Medal of Valor.

Nominated by:

Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

*The
Citizen's
Medal
Of
Valor*

August 16, 2013

Shortly before Midnight on a hot summer night, 3 armed gunmen stormed Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall at 37th and Burnham streets attempting to rob the bartender, who is also the owner, at gunpoint. Instead, in a brave, swift act of not only self-defense but the defense of his patrons, Mr. Andrew Kochanski turned the tables on the robbers, produced a handgun, and shot two of them. One man died at the scene, and the other two fled, to later be arrested and charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and Felony Murder. The District Attorney's Office quickly affirmed Mr. Kochanski's justified and appropriate use of his firearm in self-defense. At the time, with the regional and national recognition of his brave actions, Mr. Kochanski stated his desire to thank the law enforcement community for their professional handling of his situation, and to thank the entire Milwaukee community for their overwhelming support. No Andy...It is you who deserve our thanks, for your brave handling of a situation that many cops train for, but never actually face. This wasn't the first time Andy Kochanski had stared down the barrel of a robber's weapon. In 2008, men in ski masks armed with a sawed-off shotgun stormed the Concertina bar during a Christmas party. Kochanski fired at the suspects on that occasion too, and they fled. Despite his level-headed bravery in a clear case of self-defense that likely saved his life and that of his customers, Mr. Kochanski remains atypically humble, stating, "I did what I had to do to protect my customers and myself." As Sheriff Clarke noted at the time, "It's not easy to do what he did, to point a firearm at another human being and pull the trigger. It's not innate in most human beings, especially law-abiding ones. But when you have to do it, I hope you have the courage and conviction to protect yourself, your family, and your fellow man." For his repeated bravery when confronted by armed and masked gunman, in defense of both himself, his patrons, and his business, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Andrew Kochanski with a Citizen's Medal of Valor.

Nominated by:

Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

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*Then will the desert become an orchard
and the orchard a forest.*

*Right will dwell in the desert and
justice abide in the orchard.*

*Justice will bring about peace;
right will produce calm and security.*

*And my people will live in peaceful country,
in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.*

Isiah 32:15 - 18

