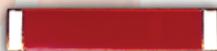
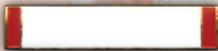
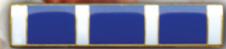


# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Presents the  
**MERIT AWARDS  
CEREMONY**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
6:00 pm

# Mission & Vision Statements

## *Mission*

In partnership with the community,  
we will create and maintain  
neighborhoods capable  
of sustaining civic life.  
We commit to reducing  
the levels of crime, fear and disorder  
through community-based,  
problem-oriented  
and data-driven policing.

## *Vision*

A Milwaukee where all can  
live safely and without fear,  
protected by a police department  
with the highest ethical and  
professional standards.



## BE A FORCE

Milwaukee Police Department  
749 West State Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233  
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Edward A. Flynn  
Chief of Police

Family and Friends

Welcome to our semi-annual Merit Awards Ceremony.

This evening, the Milwaukee Police Department is proud to honor and recognize members of our organization and everyday citizens for the extraordinary acts they performed. These brave and selfless men and women placed their lives on the line for the safety of our community.

We gather to honor our award recipients twice a year but the work of the Milwaukee Police Department takes place every minute of every day. Please join me as we celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals who are committed to forwarding the vision and mission of our Department. They are examples that we can all follow in our daily lives.

To our award recipients, I commend you on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Edward A. Flynn  
Chief of Police

# Invited Guests

*City of Milwaukee*

**Tom Barrett**

Mayor

*The Milwaukee Common Council*

**Ashanti Hamilton**

Common Council President

*Ashanti Hamilton*  
1st District

*Cavalier Johnson*  
2nd District

*Nik Kovac*  
3rd District

*Robert J. Bauman*  
4th District

*James A. Bohl Jr.*  
5th District

*Milele A. Coggs*  
6th District

*Khalif J. Rainey*  
7th District

*Robert G. Donovan*  
8th District

*Chantia Lewis*  
9th District

*Michael J. Murphy*  
10th District

*Mark A. Borkowski*  
11th District

*José G. Pérez*  
12th District

*Terry L. Witkowski*  
13th District

*Tony Zielinski*  
14th District

*Russell W. Stamper II*  
15th District

*Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission*

**MaryNell Regan**

Executive Director

*Kathryn Hein*  
Commissioner

*Fred Crouter*  
Commissioner

*Angela McKenzie*  
Commissioner

*Nelson Soler*  
Commissioner

*Ann Wilson*  
Commissioner

*Marisabel Cabrera*  
Commissioner

*Steven M. DeVougas*  
Commissioner

*Clifton Crump*  
Operations Manager

*Other Invited Guests*

Command Staff  
Milwaukee Police Department

Milwaukee Police  
Supervisors' Organization

John T. Chisholm  
Milwaukee County  
District Attorney

Milwaukee Police  
Association

Family and  
Friends

*Merit Awards Program*

*Musical Prelude*

Milwaukee Police Band  
Retired Lieutenant Karen M. Dubis  
Director

*Welcome*

Captain of Police Nicole Davila  
Milwaukee Police Department

*Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors*

Lieutenant Derrick L. Harris  
Sergeant Gregory D. Holley  
Police Officer David C. Doughty  
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock  
Police Officer Peter A. Pfau  
Police Officer Dorian L. Ratliff  
Police Officer Thomas L. Struck

*National Anthem*

Milwaukee Police Band

*Remarks*

Mayor Tom Barrett  
City of Milwaukee

*Remarks and Presentation*

Police Chief Edward A. Flynn  
Milwaukee Police Department

*Mistress of Ceremonies*

Ms. Mary Stoker Smith,  
Fox 6 News

## Award Classifications

### *Medal of Honor*



The Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the Milwaukee Police Department. It is awarded to a member for exceptional bravery at the imminent risk of life or serious bodily injury. The recipient has demonstrated exceptional courage by performing a voluntary action in an extremely dangerous situation. The act may involve situations where deadly force is used against an officer and the officer prevails or a rescue situation in which the risk of death or injury was substantial.

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### *The Medal of Valor*



Combat



Rescue

The Medal of Valor is presented to a member who has performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish himself/herself for gallantry and intrepidity. The act goes beyond normal demands and is of such a nature that the member was fully aware of the threat to his/her safety and acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his/her own life.

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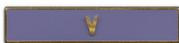
### *Lifesaving*



The Lifesaving Award is presented to a member who is directly responsible for saving a human life. A member is eligible to receive this award if his/her actions led to the prolonging of the life of a victim to the extent that the victim was released to professional medical care.

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### *Purple Valor/Star*



The Purple Valor/Purple Star Award is presented to a member who, in the line of duty, sustains any serious bodily injury or permanent disfigurement or permanent or protracted impairment of the function of any body member or organ or permanent or protracted impairment of health. A "V" device will signify combat-related serious bodily injury.

## Award Classifications

### *Chief's Superior Leadership*



The Chief's Superior Leadership Award is presented to a member at the discretion of the Chief of Police for leadership excellence in the performance of duty and/or honorable conduct and professionalism in pursuit of the Department's mission.

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### *Distinguished Service*



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a member who has continuously distinguished himself/herself by exceptional service in the performance of his/her duties or great or unusual responsibility wherein he/she has displayed unusual responsibility and initiative, marked ability, keen observation and exceptional energy.

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### *Excellence in Police Service*



The Excellence in Police Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution, above and beyond the call of duty, to the community-service component of the Department's mission. The award recognizes those instances over a period of time wherein the member's diligence, teamwork, perseverance and problem-solving ability exemplifies the highest standards of community policing.

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### *Meritorious Service*



The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution to the mission of the Milwaukee Police Department above and beyond the normal call of duty. It recognizes those instances wherein a member's courage, resourcefulness, tenacity, diligence and/or perseverance in the line of duty goes beyond that which is normally expected of members in the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime or the apprehension of an armed and/or dangerous criminal.

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### *Unit Service*



The Unit Service Award is presented to a Departmental Unit whose actions through a combination of teamwork, diligence and perseverance is performed in an exemplary manner.

## Award Recipients

### District 1

Police Sergeant Logan H. Jeffery .....	Lifesaving
Community Education Assistant Monica Sosa .....	Meritorious Service
Mr. Jacob S. Hensley .....	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Robert A. Manhardt .....	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Robin W. Westrick .....	Valorous Conduct
Mr. John J. Hirschboeck .....	Meritorious Conduct
Mr. Kent Krueger .....	Meritorious Conduct

### District 2

Police Sergeant Sean A. Mahnke .....	Medal of Valor Combat
Police Officer Steven Campbell .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Gustavo M. Gonzales .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Gregory J. Knox .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Bojan Samardzic .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer James J. Spinato .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Jose I. Ramirez .....	Purple Star
Police Officer Peter J. Ulatowski .....	Purple Star
Police Officer Erik A. Andrade .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Richard J. Klarkowski .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Luis Vargas-Ramos .....	Meritorious Service
Mr. Charles E. Harris .....	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Jaime Curbelo Sr. ....	Meritorious Conduct
Mr. Jaime D. Curbelo .....	Meritorious Conduct
Mr. Jaime V. Curbelo .....	Meritorious Conduct
Ms. Ebony S. Ferrell .....	Meritorious Conduct
Mr. Eduardo Sebastian-Baltazar .....	Meritorious Conduct

### District 3

Police Officer Natalie Cruz .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Scott R. Wieting Jr. ....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Lafayette J. Emmons .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Eric T. Magee .....	Meritorious Service

### District 4

Police Officer Shahriar A. Solati .....	Distinguished Service
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### District 5

Police Officer Michael A. Budziszewski .....	Medal of Valor Combat
Police Officer Jeffrey M. Kennedy .....	Medal of Valor Combat
Police Officer Bryan K. Miller .....	Medal of Valor Combat
Police Officer Michael R. Schwandt .....	Medal of Valor Rescue

## Award Recipients

### District 5 Continued

Police Officer Aaron V. Frantal .....	Lifesaving Meritorious Service
Police Officer Mark S. Dillman .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Kevin Manley .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Nathan S. Smalkoski .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Kody C. Wetzel .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Jennifer Feather .....	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Chad E. Boyack .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Jesse J. Busshardt .....	Meritorious Service (2)
Police Officer Michael T. Driscoll .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Kyle J. Graf .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Jordan J. Hemmings .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Anthony J. Milone .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Patrick M. Shannon .....	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Brian Wunder .....	Meritorious Service

### District 6

Police Officer Michael Dederich .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Benjamin T. Delaney .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Henry N. Dummann III .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Fabian Garcia .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Michael C. Krohn .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Ryan A. LaFond .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Paul A. Miner .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Dale R. Staszewski .....	Lifesaving
Ms. Cynthia Campbell .....	Meritorious Conduct

### District 7

Police Officer Russell W. Barker .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Brian D. Kobelinski .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Chad D. Poepppey .....	Meritorious Service
Police Aide Jonathan Schroeder .....	Meritorious Service

### Intelligence Fusion Center

Detective Richard F. McQuown .....	Distinguished Service
Detective Walter G. Cappelli .....	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Christopher C. Agnew .....	Excellence in Police Service
Police Aide Andrew M. Wroblewski .....	Excellence in Police Service

### Marine Boats—Harbor Unit

Police Officer Alejandro Leal .....	Lifesaving
Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr. ....	Lifesaving

Award Recipients

Metropolitan Investigations Division

Detective Timothy S. Keller ..... Meritorious Service

Neighborhood Task Force

Police Officer Trevor D. DeBoer ..... Medal of Valor Rescue  
Police Officer Jeremy W. Greene ..... Medal of Valor Rescue  
Police Officer Erik D. Rodriguez ..... Medal of Valor Rescue  
Police Officer Daniel N. Sebald ..... Medal of Valor Rescue  
Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Michael J. Pittsley ... Valorous Conduct Award  
Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Christopher M. Rydelski

Valorous Conduct Award

Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff John K. Scifres ..... Valorous Conduct Award  
Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Joseph A. Zarleti ..... Valorous Conduct Award  
Kenosha Police Officer Austin J. Brechue ..... Valorous Conduct Award  
Milwaukee Firefighter Steven P. Radomski ..... Valorous Conduct Award

North Investigations Division

Police Sergeant Robert J. Crawley ..... Meritorious Service  
Detective Rudolfo Alvarado ..... Meritorious Service

Office Of Community Outreach And Education

Police Officer Paul A. Marchese ..... Purple Star  
Police Officer Andrew D. Marx ..... Purple Star

Office of Management, Analysis, and Planning

Police Sergeant Chad M. Raden ..... Meritorious Service  
Police Officer Penny A. Brown ..... Meritorious Service  
Police Officer David A. Novak ..... Meritorious Service  
Police Officer Denise A. Rueda ..... Meritorious Service

South Investigations Division

Police Officer Jack R. Kelly ..... Meritorious Service  
Police Officer Stephanie L. Seitz ..... Meritorious Service  
Police Officer Jose A. Viera ..... Meritorious Service

Technical Communications Division

Emergency Communications Operator I Sarah M. Michalski  
Excellence in Police Service  
Emergency Communications Operator I Stephanie Radtke  
Excellence in Police Service

Executive Command Staff

Assistant Chief of Police James Harpole ..... Chief's Superior Leadership  
Assistant Chief of Police William R. Jessup ..... Chief's Superior Leadership

*Excellence In Police Service Award Recipients*

Police Officer Chad E. Boyack	Police Officer Anthony J. Milone
Police Officer Jesse J. Busshardt	Police Officer Gary L. Post
Police Officer Bryon D. Downey	Police Officer Jose R. Rivera III
Police Officer Tobias J. Golembiewski	Police Officer Justin R. Schwarzhuber
Police Officer Andrew R. Gross	Police Officer James D. Swiercz
Police Officer Timothy J. Krejci	Police Officer Joshua Yang
Police Officer Michael J. Michalski	

*Crisis Intervention Team Training Presenters*

Alzheimer Association, Southeasten WI Chapter  
Autism Society of Southeastern WI  
Christopher Prochut  
Community Resource Referral Center  
Crisis Resource Centers  
Greater Milwaukee Foundation  
Heather Kersten  
Impact 211  
Milwaukee County Courts  
Milwaukee County Department of Aging  
Milwaukee County Mobile Urgent Treatment Team  
Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel  
NAMI-Greater Milwaukee  
Our Space  
Outreach Community Health Centers  
Psychiatric Crisis Services  
The Grand Avenue Club  
US Department of Veteran Affairs  
Mr. Blaine Layne  
Mr. Jessie Smith

Unit Service Award Recipients

HIDTA Heroin Initiative Unit

Supervisor-Special Agent Jacob J. Jansky      Police Officer Miguel Correa Jr.  
DEA Special Agent Kellen J. Williams      Police Officer Evelyn Lazo  
Detective Matt J. Cooper      HIDTA Analyst Rebekah J. Beaudry  
Detective Abner Valcarcel      Assistant United States Attorney Mario F. Gonzales

Honor Guard

Inspector Leslie M. Thiele  
Lieutenant Charles Berard  
Lieutenant Derrick L. Harris  
Lieutenant Madrina Dela Cruz  
Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter  
Sergeant Greg D. Holley  
Sergeant Scott F. Thorne  
Police Officer David C. Doughty  
Police Officer Greg A. Geniesse  
Police Officer Jaimie A. Hewitt  
Police Officer Trent D. Little  
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock  
Police Officer Peter A. Pfau  
Police Officer Dorian L. Ratliff  
Police Officer Joel R. Rossmann  
Police Officer Erik F. Smith  
Police Officer Thomas L. Struck  
Retired Lieutenant Gregg R. Duran  
Retired Lieutenant Cathy A. Wichman  
Retired Sergeant James M. Crouse  
Retired Police Officer Kathy R. Schult  
Retired Police Officer Clifton L. Stephens

*Please join us in Room 182 for refreshments immediately following the program.*

## Physical Readiness Challenge Award

The Physical Readiness Challenge is the first of its kind for the Milwaukee Police Department. The event tests participants in five physical fitness events. These events being the 1.5 mile run, 300 meter run, vertical jump, pushups and sit ups. Each participant is then scored based on the established Cooper Fitness Standard which considers their age and sex. Their cumulative score is then used to place them into one of six levels. Only participants who score in one of the top three positions earn a fitness pin. Those fitness pins being Gold, Silver and Bronze.

### GOLD PIN

Police Officer Wyatt Graikowski

### SILVER PIN

Lieutenant Scott Charles

Sergeant Richard Hoffman

Sergeant Kerry Namin

Police Officer Kai Anderson

Police Officer Savaughn Boston

Police Officer Katie Corrao

Police Officer Darren Picard

Police Officer Froilan Santiago

Police Officer Kenneth Walkowiak

### BRONZE PIN

Detective Dave Metz

Police Officer Jonathan Bohn

Police Officer Erica Tolentino

Police Aide Dakota Elm

On June 13, 2017, Sergeant Jeffery responded to E. Juneau Avenue in Downtown Milwaukee as a man had jumped in the Milwaukee River. Sergeant Jeffery saw the man was in the water, under a floating platform, attempting to drown himself. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant Jeffery jumped into the water. Eventually he convinced the subject to grab onto a pole and hold himself up. Sergeant Jeffery held onto the man until other officers pulled them out to safety. As a result of his courage, devotion and quick thinking, Sergeant Jeffery saved the man's life.

**Police Officer Alejandro Leal**

On September 17, 2017, the officers responded to a subject in Lake Michigan near N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Upon their arrival, they found an individual in the water and without hesitating entered the cold water. When they reached the man, he told them he wanted to kill himself by drowning and began physically resisting the officers as they attempted to pull him to safety. Eventually they pulled him to land and the man was transported to a local hospital for treatment. As a result of their courage, devotion and quick thinking, the officers saved the life of a suicidal individual.

**Community Education Assistant Monica Sosa**

On July 20, 2017, three related burglaries and a stabbing took place on Milwaukee's East Side. Ms. Sosa heard the request for an officer with a camera and with the ability to lift fingerprints. Due to limited resources, she volunteered for this assignment and tried to lift fingerprints from all of the locations knowing how important solving this case was. Due to her tenacious efforts, she was able to lift a usable print from a window of one of the homes. The print was quickly linked to an individual who worked in the area. Because of this fingerprint, detectives were able to connect all three incidents to this individual. Ms. Sosa displayed a level of professionalism that should be admired. Her dedication is reflected in the quality of her work and her willingness to help her colleagues.

**Mr. Jacob Hensley**

On August 12, 2017, Mr. Hensley was driving southbound on Interstate 43 at the Marquette Interchange, when he saw a car pulled to the side of the road on fire. Mr. Hensley approached the vehicle and saw a man inside the car appearing to be dazed and unaware of the dangerous situation. Mr. Hensley reached inside the vehicle, unlocked the door and pulled the man to safety. As Mr. Hensley was pulling the man away, the car exploded.

## District One

Captain Diana Rowe

At this point, Milwaukee County Sheriff deputies arrived on scene and took control of the situation. Despite the fact that Mr. Hensley had no formal training, he disregarded his own personal safety, and helped a stranger in need.

Mr. Robert Manhardt

Mr. John Hirschboeck

Valorous Conduct Award

Mr. Kent Krueger

Meritorious Conduct Award

On July 19, 2017, Mr. Hirschboeck and Mr. Krueger were returning to shore after fishing in Lake Michigan when they saw a small fishing boat, which appeared to be unoccupied. Mr. Krueger called out “Mayday” and activated the man overboard button on his GPS to alert the Coast Guard. Mr. Hirschboeck and Mr. Krueger pulled up alongside of the unoccupied boat. Mr. Krueger boarded the boat, and saw that it was unmanned, but did locate a cell phone, which was later determined to belong to the victim who fell overboard. On another boat, Mr. Manhardt heard the “Mayday” call. He began to search for any possible victims and located a man in the water. He threw a life ring to the man but he had gone unconscious. A short time later the Coast Guard arrived and pulled the man from the water. This group’s alertness and motivation helped the Coast Guard rescue the man and gave the victim a chance to survive.

Mr. Robin Westrick

Valorous Conduct Award

On September 1, 2017, near Bradford Beach, Milwaukee Police Officers responded to two subjects struggling in Lake Michigan. A short time later, Mr. Westrick along with another subject was rescued from the cold water. When interviewed, Mr. Westrick said he was relaxing at the beach when he saw a subject being dragged into deep water by the heavy current. Without consideration for his personal safety, Mr. Westrick began to paddle toward the subject on his surfboard. Because of this, Mr. Westrick was able to hold onto the subject until first responders arrived on scene and took over. Mr. Westrick’s quick thinking and bravery helped prevent the subject from drowning.

## District Two

Captain Alexander Ramirez

Police Officer Steven Campbell

Police Officer Aaron Frantal

Police Officer Gregory Knox

Police Officer Bojan Samardzic

Lifesaving Award

Mr. Charles Harris

Valorous Conduct Award

On August 23, 2017, Mr. Harris called MPD as a female was standing on the other side of a fence on the 27th Street viaduct. Mr. Harris began talking with the female and when officers arrived, they immediately took action.

## District Two

## Captain Alexander Ramirez

They began a dialogue with her while taking control of some of her articles of clothing through the chain link fence to prevent her from falling. For about 15 minutes, the officers maintained a positive dialogue with the female while keeping her calm. Members of the Milwaukee Fire Department later arrived and placed ladders on the chain link fence to assist the female back over it and bring her to safety. If it were not for the quick actions and calm demeanors of these officers and Mr. Harris, the subject may have succeeded in her attempt to take her own life.

### Police Officer Benjamin Delaney

### Police Officer Gustavo Gonzales

### Police Officer James Spinato

### Lifesaving Award

On May 13, 2017, these officers responded to a double shooting near S. 14th Street and W. Becher Street. At the scene, Officer Delaney found the first victim in the backyard bleeding from his leg. Officer Delaney quickly applied his tourniquet which helped stop the bleeding and remained with the victim until medical personnel arrived. Officers Gonzales and Spinato found the second victim bleeding in the kitchen and also applied their tourniquets. The victims were then transported to a local hospital for treatment of their injuries. The rapid response by these officers ensured the survival of the victims.

### Police Officer Jose Ramirez

### Police Officer Peter Ulatowski

### Purple Star Award

On April 17, 2016, Officers Ramirez and Ulatowski were driving a marked squad car to an assignment. As they were traveling eastbound on W. Lincoln Avenue, a vehicle traveling southbound on W. Windlake Avenue ignored a red traffic light and struck the squad car. As a result of the accident, Officer Ramirez suffered a concussion, lacerations, and bruising. Officer Ulatowski suffered facial lacerations and a broken left ankle. As the squad car came to a rest after the collision, the officers were able to exit it. They immediately detained the driver who was intoxicated. The passenger in the striking vehicle also suffered injuries because of the crash. The officers contacted the dispatcher via radio to request medical attention and additional squads to the scene. Their actions and quick thinking led to the arrest of the suspect and provided help to the crash victim.

### Police Officer Erik Andrade

### Meritorious Service Award

On September 9, 2017, Officer Andrade was dispatched to a subject with a weapon complaint near S. 13th Street and W. Arthur Avenue. Officer Andrade located the man, who was armed with a knife, in a bedroom with a blanket over himself. After engaging in meaningful dialogue, Officer Andrade was able to convince the man to put the knife down. After more dialogue, the subject became agitated when told that he would need to go to Milwaukee County Mental Health.

## District Two

## Captain Alexander Ramirez

Again Officer Andrade calmly talked to the man and eventually convinced him to seek treatment. Officer Andrade exhibited extreme restraint and professionalism when dealing with an armed subject.

**Police Officer Aaron Frantal**

**Police Officer Richard Klarkowski**

**Police Officer Luis Vargas-Ramos** Meritorious Service Award

On June 20, 2017, these officers conducted a traffic stop near S. 34th Street and W. Scott Street. They made contact with both the driver and the front passenger of the vehicle, both of whom were uncooperative and refused to exit their vehicle despite a strong scent of marijuana coming from it. For over 40 minutes, the officers tried to get both individuals to exit the vehicle with no success. Eventually the officers saw an opportunity to safely unlock the door and removed one of the subjects, armed with a firearm, without incident. The other armed suspect then became combative with the officers. The suspect was actively resisting for three minutes before officers were able to gain control. A search of the vehicle revealed numerous narcotics. These officers demonstrated courage and exceptionally quick thinking when dealing with a dangerous subject.

**Mr. Jaime Curbelo, Sr.**

**Mr. Jaime D. Curbelo**

**Mr. Jaime V. Curbelo**

**Ms. Ebony Ferrell**

**Mr. Eduardo Sebastian-Baltazar** Meritorious Conduct Award

On September 11, 2017, near S. 18th Street and W. Lincoln Avenue, an individual was engaged in lewd and lascivious acts near a school. Mr. Curbelo alerted the school to the incident so they could keep children away from the area. Mr. Curbelo and Mr. Sebastian-Baltazar attempted to detain the suspect, who was able to break free. Mr. Curbelo, his sons, Mr. Sebastian-Baltazar and Ms. Ferrell were then able to catch up to the suspect and subdue him until Milwaukee Police arrived and took over. It was later revealed the suspect was wanted for multiple bank robberies, burglaries, and other instances of lewd behavior close to schools. This group's quick thinking and bravery helped prevent the subject from escaping and would have likely continued to commit crimes.

## District Three

## Captain Shunta Boston-Smith

**Police Officer Natalie Cruz**

**Police Officer Scott Wieting, Jr.** Lifesaving Award

On September 3, 2017, the officers responded to a shooting near N. 39th Street and W. Meinecke Avenue. At that location, a victim had been shot to the chest and was having trouble breathing.

## District Three

## Captain Shunta Boston-Smith

The officers found an exit wound on the victim's back and placed a dressing on the wound. The officers also discovered the victim had fluid in his lungs. Officer Cruz inserted an airway in the man's nose to assist with the unstable breathing and monitored his breathing and pulse. Both officers then moved the victim to a more secure location where the Milwaukee Fire Department took over. The skills of the officers and their efficient treatment helped prevent the loss of life.

## Detective Rudolfo Alvarado

## Detective Timothy Keller

## Meritorious Service Award

On June 23, 2017, the detectives were sent to a home near N. 37th Street and W. Kilbourn Avenue where a man had barricaded himself inside a home. The man, who spoke limited English, was in the room with his young daughter and was armed. Detective Keller, who is a trained negotiator, and Detective Alvarado, who speaks Spanish, began talking with the man. The man eventually let his daughter go but moved to another room and stated he wanted the police to kill him. Eventually the man surrendered. These detectives showed great courage by negotiating with an armed subject for over three hours while ensuring a safe outcome.

## Police Officer Lafayette Emmons

## Police Officer Eric Magee

## Meritorious Service Award

On October 6, 2017, these officers were dispatched to a fight near N. 45th Street and W. Wright Street where they could hear the desperate, urgent, screaming of a woman from a balcony. Fearing that an individual's life could be endangered, the officers forced open the door to the lower level and ran into the upper unit. The officers saw a mother holding onto her daughter and trying to prevent her from jumping off the balcony. The daughter was breaking free from her mother's grip and heading over the rail. The officers grabbed the girls' waist and pulled her over the railing to safety. The girl later admitted she wanted to end her life by diving off the 15 foot balcony. As a direct result of the officer's immediate determined actions, the juvenile received the mental health evaluation and treatment she desperately needed.

## District Four

## Captain Andra P. Williams

## Police Officer Shahriar Solati

## Distinguished Service Award

In November 2016, Officer Solati was assigned to follow-up on an investigation in which a suspect had committed three sexual assaults on the Northwest Side. With his knowledge of the most recent incident and District Four, Officer Solati used a composite sketch of the suspect to begin interviewing residents in an apartment building near N. 76th Street and W. Green Tree Road. As a result of his investigation, he was able to develop a potential suspect.

## District Four

Captain Andra P. Williams

The Milwaukee Police Department's Sensitive Crimes Division responded to the scene and located clothing consistent with the assaults. The victim positively identified a 21-year-old man as her assailant. Officer Solati's determination and keen observation skills helped break this case and develop a suspect.

## District Five

Captain Timothy S. Heier

Police Sergeant Sean Mahnke

Police Officer Michael Budziszewski

Police Officer Jeffrey Kennedy

Police Officer Brian Miller

Medal of Valor-Combat Award

Police Sergeant Robert Crawley

Police Officer Patrick Shannon

Meritorious Service Award

On July 22, 2016, officers were dispatched to a strong armed robbery near N. 5th Street and W. Wright Street. The investigation revealed a known suspect had beaten and robbed a citizen and then fled the crime scene. The next day, officers were sent to the same address, yet this call stated someone was being stabbed. Again the suspect fled the scene, but returned a short time later. The suspect entered the crime scene by removing the yellow tape and approached officers while holding a knife. The officers engaged the suspect in conversation with the hope he would surrender. The suspect continued to advance, raised the knife, and lunged toward the officers. The officers deployed their Tasers and fired shots to stop the deadly threat presented by the suspect. These officers demonstrated courage in the apprehension of this criminal.

Police Officer Kevin Manley

Police Kody Wetzel

Lifesaving Award

On July 22, 2017, these officers were assigned to a walking beat when they saw a vehicle strike a parked car near N. 22nd Street and W. Capitol Drive. They rushed over to the vehicle and saw the front passenger unresponsive, without a pulse and not breathing. The officers immediately removed the unconscious individual from the vehicle and requested medical attention. CPR was then performed on the subject as the officers took turns performing chest compressions. Eventually they were able to restore a pulse and the subject started breathing again. The heroic actions of these officers helped prevent the loss of life.

Police Officer Mark Dillman

Police Officer Nathan Smalkoski

Lifesaving Award

On January 24, 2017, these officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop near N. 27th Street and W. Clarke Street. The driver refused to pull over and fled the scene.

## District Five

## Captain Timothy S. Heier

The officers notified dispatch of their non-pursuit when, from a distance, the same vehicle disregarded a traffic signal a few blocks away. The vehicle crashed into a tree and burst into flames. One of the occupants was thrown from the car while the other two were trapped inside. Disregarding their own personal safety, the officers reached inside the vehicle which was engulfed in flames, and pulled the two occupants to safety. The officers tended to the wounds of the ejected occupant while standing by for the Milwaukee Fire Department. Officers Dillman and Smalkoski demonstrated their commitment to protecting the lives of the citizens they serve.

## Police Officer Jennifer Feather Excellence in Police Service Award

Officer Feather has contributed in helping facilitate the Juneteenth Day event over the last eight years. Officer Feather has taken on many supervisory rolls in helping bring in over 150 police officers from around the city and making sure everything runs smoothly. Long before the event, Officer Feather reached out to officers, supervisors and probation agents in pre-planning and taking necessary measures leading up to the event. Officer Feather also set up meetings with community members to brainstorm and address potential problems. Due to Officer Feather's planning and contributions, the 2017 Juneteenth Day was a great success.

## Police Officer Chad Boyack

## Police Officer Anthony Milone Meritorious Service Award

On September 20, 2017, these officers were patrolling near N. 24th Street and W. Center Street when they spotted a vehicle taken in a recent robbery. The officers activated their lights and sirens on their marked squad car and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The car then fled at a high rate of speed. The officers pursued this vehicle through four different districts for nearly an hour. The fleeing vehicle reached excessive speeds and showed utter disregard for human life. Eventually it was determined by the officers that their squad needed gas and air in their tires and they surrendered the primary pursuit role to another squad. Eventually the three occupants of the vehicle abandoned the car and fled on foot. Two of the three suspects were arrested after a brief foot pursuit. One of the suspects was concealing a gun on his person. The officers were determined to apprehend the suspects and protect the citizens from their terror.

## Police Officer Jesse Busshardt

## Police Officer Michael Driscoll

## Police Officer Kyle Graf

## Police Officer Jordan Hemmings

## Police Officer Brian Wunder

## Meritorious Service Award

On November 17, 2016, these officers responded to N. 26th Street and W. Ruby Avenue for an entry call.

## District Five

Captain Timothy S. Heier

The caller stated a burglary was taking place and when officers arrived the suspect fired a gunshot toward them. Other officers ran toward the shots fired without hesitation as the gunman fled the scene. The search then began for the suspect. A short time later the suspect was arrested without incident. These officers not only acted courageously during difficult circumstances, but also prevented a burglary from occurring. The suspect confessed to the crime and was charged with First Degree Attempted Intentional Homicide and Burglary.

## Police Officer Jesse Busshardt

Meritorious Service Award

On June 11, 2017, Officer Busshardt responded to a call for assistance near N. 22nd Street and W. Locust Street. An undercover officer had been shot at by suspects driving a red Mazda. As a result of his immediate response, Officer Busshardt located the vehicle in the area where the shots were fired. Knowing the suspects were armed and dangerous, Officer Busshardt pursued their vehicle with great determination. The suspects' vehicle became inoperative and one of the suspects fled the scene on foot. Officer Busshardt, without hesitation, pursued the suspect on foot and quickly apprehended him. Responding officers recovered a rifle and a semiautomatic handgun from the suspects' vehicle. Investigating officers later discovered a third firearm that was discarded from the vehicle while it was fleeing from the crime scene. Furthermore, it was discovered these suspects had fired their weapons at a citizen a few blocks away. Officer Busshardt demonstrated courage as he placed the safety of the citizens he protects above his own.

## District Six

Captain Jeffrey Point

## Police Officer Henry Dummann III

## Police Officer Fabian Garcia

Lifesaving Award

On May 16, 2017, these officers were dispatched to a stabbing on S. Winchester Avenue in Bay View. When they arrived, the officers found a male victim bleeding profusely from his right arm. Officer Dummann attempted to apply his tourniquet to stop the man's bleeding but due to the man's agitation he was unsuccessful. Officer Garcia was then able to apply his tourniquet that stopped the bleeding. The man was transported to a local hospital where a trauma doctor said that had the officers not intervened with these lifesaving measures, the man would have likely died at the scene.

## Police Officer Michael Dederich

## Police Officer Michael Krohn

Lifesaving Award

On September 21, 2017, these officers responded to S. Williams Street in Bay View regarding the welfare of a citizen. An elderly caller believed there was someone dead in her basement but was physically unable to check. Upon entering the basement, an unconscious female was on the floor with no pulse.

## District Six

## Captain Jeffrey Point

Officer Krohn proceeded to perform life saving measures while Officer Dederich administered Narcan in an attempt to revive the woman. While still unresponsive, Officer Krohn started chest compressions and Officer Dederich performed rescue breaths. After performing CPR, the woman's pulse was restored. As a result of their courage, devotion and quick thinking, these officers saved the woman's life.

## Police Officer Ryan LaFond

## Police Officer Paul Miner

## Lifesaving Award

On October 7, 2017, these officers were dispatched to a subject in the Kinnickinnic River near South Chase Avenue. The officers approached the water to get a closer look when they saw an individual holding onto the individual who was in the water. Officer Miner grabbed onto the individual who was helping while Officer LaFond held onto Officer Miner. Officer Miner lowered himself closer to the water and was able to secure the drowning individual. Officer LaFond then pulled them all to safety. These officers demonstrated tremendous courage and disregarded their own personal safety while attempting to save a drowning individual.

## Police Officer Dale Staszewski

## Lifesaving Award

On April 9, 2017, Officer Staszewski was working to locate a suicidal male subject who had sustained a serious self-inflicted wound to his arm. Officer Staszewski was searching the Kinnickinnic River Parkway in the Jackson Park Neighborhood when he spotted a piece of blue jean material near a fallen tree. The material was actually pants of the man who was missing and Officer Staszewski saw the man in the river at 10-12 feet below the ground level. Officer Staszewski descended onto the loose ground and was able to communicate with the man. The man had a serious wound, fractures, and numerous cuts. Officer Staszewski stayed with the man until medical help arrived. As a result of Officer Staszewski's immediate actions, paramedics on scene stated that he saved the man's life.

## Ms. Cynthia Campbell

## Meritorious Conduct Award

On March 27, 2017, a woman was reported missing from S. 10th Street and W. Euclid Avenue. The missing woman was elderly and had been diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's but was still able to drive her vehicle for short distances. A short time later, Ms. Campbell was leaving work near N. Port Washington Road and W. Capitol Drive. The missing woman pulled up to Ms. Campbell in her vehicle and stated she was lost and unable to find her way home. Ms. Campbell was given the address to where the missing woman lives and began to drive to that location with the elderly woman following in her own vehicle. Ms. Campbell took city streets, deliberately avoiding the freeway, as the woman stated she was fearful of the freeway. Ms. Campbell was able to locate the woman's residence and return her home safely, driving a total of 12 miles. Ms. Campbell displayed tremendous character and went above and beyond to help a confused citizen in need.

Police Officer Russell Barker

Police Officer Brian Kobelinski

Lifesaving Award

On July 2, 2017, these officers were dispatched to a fire at a house near N. 49th Street and W. Concordia Avenue. Upon entering the front of the residence, they saw four individuals in the lower unit unaware there was a fire. These citizens advised the officers there were residents in the upper unit where the fire was coming from. The officers ran to the stairs and yelled to the residents in the upper unit to evacuate because there was a fire. The officers successfully evacuated nine residents ranging in ages from 4 to 60 years. As a result of their courage, devotion and quick thinking, the officers saved numerous lives.

Police Officer Chad Poeppy

Meritorious Service Award

On July 15, 2017, Officer Poeppy was dispatched to a suicide attempt near N. 67th Street and W. Locust Street. On scene, Officer Poeppy was advised by another individual that a male subject had stabbed himself in the neck. Officer Poeppy located a trail of blood and followed it to where he saw a male with a large laceration and another individual applying pressure. Officer Poeppy helped apply pressure on the subject's wounded neck. Officer Poeppy aided the subject until the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and continued medical treatment. Officer Poeppy's actions helped save the life of a citizen in distress.

Police Aide Jonathan Schroeder

Meritorious Service Award

On June 12, 2017, a suspect was arrested for domestic violence and conveyed to District Seven for processing. During the initial screening, there was no indication the suspect was suicidal. A short time later, Police Aide Schroeder heard yelling from the cell which the suspect was in. Police Aide Schroeder saw the suspect sitting on his bench stating he wanted to kill himself. Police Aide Schroeder briefly left to make proper notifications. Upon returning he observed the suspect with a t-shirt wrapped around his neck. Police Aide Schroeder activated the panic button and other officers responded to the cell block to assist. Police Aide Schroeder and the other officers worked together to remove the shirt from the suspect and save his life.

Intelligence Fusion Center

Captain David A. Salazar Jr.

Detective Richard McQuown

Distinguished Service Award

Since the inception of the High Technology Unit in 2004, Detective McQuown has been a leader in research and application of technological advances in the industry. Detective McQuown has created programs used across the country to capture and process memory from running computers. He has been nationally recognized for his work in malware forensics and his efforts have often led to the discovery of items of evidentiary value, which would otherwise be left unnoticed.

## Intelligence Fusion Center

## Captain David A. Salazar Jr.

Detective McQuown's ability to develop innovative and creative solutions is indicative of his mindset. Through his initiatives, the High Technology Unit has maintained itself as a leader in digital forensics. Detective McQuown's resourcefulness and willingness to share his knowledge and experience has helped support investigations throughout the City.

## Detective Walter Cappelli

## Police Officer Christopher Agnew

## Police Aide Andrew Wroblewski Excellence in Police Service Award

On March 28, 2017, this group from the Intelligence Fusion Center helped investigate a shooting on the North Side. They reviewed pole camera footage from the area of N. 27th St. and W. Burleigh Street. They focused the video on a gas station parking lot and the surrounding traffic close to the scene and saw a silver vehicle traveling along Burleigh Street and a firearm being presented from one of the occupants of the vehicle. After running various license plates, the group was able to discover that the suspect's vehicle listed to silver Mercury Milan. As a result of this information, officers went to the address where the vehicle was listed to. They took two armed suspects into custody thereby, protecting the community from. This group's attention to detail prevented further crimes from being committed by these individuals.

## Neighborhood Task Force

## Acting Captain Lieutenant Derrick Harris

## Police Officer Trevor DeBoer

## Police Officer Jeremy Greene

## Police Officer Erik Rodriguez

## Police Officer Michael Schwandt

## Police Officer Daniel Sebald Medal of Valor-Rescue Award

## Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Michael J. Pittsley

## Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Christopher M. Rydelski

## Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff John K. Scifres

## Kenosha County Deputy Sheriff Joseph A. Zarleti

## Kenosha Police Officer Austin J. Brechue

## Milwaukee Firefighter Steven P. Radomski

## Valorous Conduct Award

On August 14, 2016, the Milwaukee Police Department Tactical Enforcement Unit attempted to stop rioting and restore order during a violent, civil disturbance. This group was near "Ground Zero" of the riots where they could hear gunshots from a very close range and could see rocks and bricks being thrown in their direction. In the midst of this chaos, a citizen was struck in the neck by gunfire.

## Neighborhood Task Force

### Acting Captain Lieutenant Derrick Harris

The group of officers exited their armored vehicles and moved quickly toward the injured victim. The crowd around them continued to behave violently toward the officers. The officers moved the victim to an armored vehicle where a paramedic and another officer could begin performing lifesaving measures. The victim was conveyed to the hospital where he survived his gunshot wound. As a result of their professionalism, courage and collaborative efforts, this tactical unit risked their lives to save the life of a citizen in desperate need of rescuing.

## Office of Community

### Outreach and Education

### Captain Raymond Banks

**Police Officer Paul Marchese**

**Police Officer Andrew Marx**

**Purple Star Award**

On July 20, 2017, these officers were assigned to the Promise Zone Initiative which was a foot patrol beat in selected neighborhoods. While walking on the Northwest Side, they were flagged down by a citizen who wanted to report a nuisance property. As they spoke with the citizen, a vehicle driving recklessly lost control, struck the officers on the sidewalk and fled the scene. Officer Marchese suffered substantial injuries to his elbow and shoulder. Officer Marx suffered a fractured tibia and head injuries. These officers remained calm and sent pertinent information regarding the vehicle involved, out to responding officers. They obtained a description of the vehicle which led to the eventual apprehension of the driver. The ability of these officers to provide important information in spite of their serious injuries, allowed the reckless driver to be apprehended.

## Office of Management, Analysis and Planning

### Director Leslie Silletti

**Police Sergeant Chad Raden**

**Police Officer Penny Brown**

**Police Officer David Novak**

**Police Officer Denise Rueda**

**Meritorious Service Award**

In May 2017, these members of the License Investigation Unit assisted both the DEA and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue with a local synthetic marijuana manufacturing and distribution investigation. MPD assisted with the execution of a search warrant at a Milwaukee convenience store where synthetic marijuana was being sold. A large quantity was located along with scales, packaging devices, a handgun and other related items. A search warrant was also executed at a commercial business located in Oak Creek. An even larger quantity of synthetic marijuana was found at this location. This site was actively being used for the manufacture, packaging and distribution of the drug. Early estimates of the value of illegal items seized were in excess of \$2 million dollars. These officers should be commended for their assistance in this investigation and their professional work in removing a dangerous drug from the streets.

**Police Officer Jack Kelly**

**Police Officer Stephanie Seitz**

**Police Officer Jose Viera**

**Meritorious Service Award**

On August 31, 2017, these officers helped in a vehicle pursuit of a vehicle taken in an armed robbery earlier that evening. This pursuit lasted for more than 37 miles. These officers were able to safely maneuver their squad car while providing a clear and accurate broadcast of the vehicle's direction of travel. The stolen vehicle eventually became disabled near N. 36th Street and W. Capitol Drive with all four occupants fleeing on foot. Two occupants were arrested a short time later and the other two were identified by fingerprints. Inside the vehicle were four loaded guns, a pound of marijuana and \$3,000 in cash. The persistence and courage of these officers resulted in the arrest of suspects and ended their crime spree.

**Emergency Communications Operator I Sarah Michalski**

**Excellence in Police Service Award**

On April 22, 2017, Operator Michalski answered a call from a suicidal female stating she had just tried to hang herself and requested help. Operator Michalski was able to obtain a location from the distressed caller. A squad was immediately dispatched. ECO Michalski engaged in dialogue with the subject and tried to provide reassurance help was on the way. Operator Michalski was able to find out why the female was depressed and talked with her about her situation. When ECO Michalski advised the subject that a squad was on its way, the subject requested to speak with her until the officers arrived. Operator Michalski was effective in de-escalating the distressed caller and maintained courage to remain on the line with her until the police arrived.

**Emergency Communications Operator I Stephanie Radtke**

**Excellence in Police Service Award**

On Monday, May 1, 2017, Operator Radtke took a call from a citizen stating he was hearing voices and wanted to commit suicide. A few minutes later, another call came in from the same citizen which Operator Radtke again handled. The caller stated he wished to be with his deceased mother. Operator Radtke was able to engage the caller in conversation until a squad arrived. During the conversation, Operator Radtke reassured the caller that he was doing the right thing by calling. ECO Radtke calmly reminded him that he took the first step in getting help. Operator Radtke's effective communication and de-escalation skill encourage a distressed suicidal citizen and prevented a loss of life.

*Executive Command Staff*

Assistant Chief of Police James Harpole

Chief's Superior Leadership Award

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Assistant Chief Harpole began his career with the Milwaukee Police Department in September of 1985 as a Police Aide. Throughout his career, he was promoted to the rank of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and in 2008, Assistant Chief. He has worked in several locations including Districts, the Identification Division, the Data Services Division, the Communications Division, the Patrol Support Division, and the Internal Affairs Division. Assistant Chief Harpole's current position is the Commander of the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau. This includes all seven Districts, the Neighborhood Task Force, and the Office of Community Outreach. Assistant Chief Harpole has dutifully taken on the added responsibility that comes with his job. He demonstrates leadership on a daily basis with honorable conduct. As a representative of the Chief of Police and the Department, Assistant Chief Harpole's integrity and work ethic is an example to all members of the Department. His passion for the history of the Department shows his commitment to serving the citizens of Milwaukee and the Department.

*Executive Command Staff*

Assistant Chief of Police William R. Jessup

Chief's Superior Leadership Award

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Assistant Chief Jessup began his career with the Milwaukee Police Department in February of 1990 and in the past 27 years has been promoted to the ranks of Detective, Lieutenant, Captain, and Inspector and in February of 2016, Assistant Chief of Police. He has served in various assignments including the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Neighborhood Policing Bureau, and Risk Management Bureau. Currently, Assistant Chief Jessup commands the Investigations and Intelligence Bureau and the Risk Management Bureau. Recent restructuring and retirements within the Department have given added responsibility to Assistant Chief Jessup. He has taken on these extra duties with professionalism and his leadership serves as an example to all Department members. His service to the citizens of Milwaukee and his pursuit of the Milwaukee Police Department's mission is exceptional.

*Excellence in Police Service Award*

Police Officer Chad Boyack  
Police Officer Jesse Busshardt  
Police Officer Bryon Downey  
Police Officer Tobias Golembiewski  
Police Officer Andrew Gross  
Police Officer Timothy Krejci  
Police Officer Michael Michalski  
Police Officer Anthony Milone  
Police Officer Gary Post  
Police Officer Jose Rivera III  
Police Officer Justin Schwarzhuber  
Police Officer James Swiercz  
Police Officer Joshua Yang

These officers are being recognized for receiving numerous consistent letters of commendation. These letters show the daily outstanding performance of these officers as well as their willingness to go above and beyond the ordinary call of duty. We appreciate the faithful contribution these officers make to the Department's mission.

## Mr. Blaine Layne

## Certificate of Appreciation

In 2017 Blaine Layne, a local dog trainer, who is the assistant to a local dog trainer, was contacted about what he could do to help out a female who was fearful of gang retaliation due to her being victimized and threatened because of her upcoming testimony in a certain case. The business which Mr. Layne works for was able to provide two service dogs to the victim at a reduced rate of \$5,000 (the cost is usually \$20,000-\$30,000 a dog). The victim and Mr. Layne eventually met, as Mr. Layne worked with the victim for three full days at her residence teaching the victim the do's and don'ts of caring for a service dog. Mr. Layne stayed with the victim and the service dogs until the victim and the dogs were completely comfortable around each other. The victim would later say that for the first time in her life she felt completely safe and protected. Blaine Layne's sincerity and devotion has had a profound impact on this individual as well as all the service dogs which he has trained.

## Mr. Jessie Smith

## Certificate of Appreciation

In 2017 Jessie Smith, a local dog trainer was contacted about what he could do to help out a female who was fearful of gang retaliation due to her being victimized and threatened because of her upcoming testimony in a certain case. Mr. Smith, former military and retired law enforcement, provides service and protection dogs for military, law enforcement partners and private citizens. Mr. Smith was able to provide two service dogs to the victim at a reduced rate of \$5,000 (the cost is usually \$20,000-\$30,000 a dog). The victim and Mr. Smith eventually met. Mr. Smith empathized with the victim's dilemma as he answered all of her questions and honored all her requests. Also, Mr. Smith's business partner spent three full days helping her get used to her new service dog. The victim would later say that for the first time in her life she felt completely safe and protected. Jessie Smith's sincerity and integrity has had a profound impact on this individual as well as many other individuals.

## Crisis Intervention Presenters

## Certification of Appreciation

The following community members are being recognized for their tremendous work in assisting the Milwaukee Police Department in their tireless effort in training over 1,200 members of the Department in Crisis Intervention Training. This 40 hour, 5-day course, focuses on bringing together law enforcement officials, mental health providers, individuals suffering from a mental illness, as well as their families. This program also helps officers recognize individuals having a mental health crisis and the best service to provide to them. Due to this effort and the contributions from the Crisis Intervention Presenters, officers have become more advanced at deescalating situations involving mental health individuals. This partnership has been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

*Certificate of Appreciation*

Alzheimer Association, Southeasten WI Chapter  
Autism Society of Southeastern WI  
Community Resource Referral Center  
Crisis Resource Centers  
Greater Milwaukee Foundation  
Milwaukee County Courts  
Milwaukee County Department of Aging  
Milwaukee County Mobile Urgent Treatment Team  
Milwaukee County Office of Corporation Counsel  
NAMI-Greater Milwaukee  
Outreach Community Health Centers  
Psychiatric Crisis Services  
The Grand Avenue Club  
US Department of Veteran Affairs  
Impact 211  
Our Space  
Heather Kersten  
Christopher Prochut

Unit Service Award Recipients

HIDTA Heroin Initiative Unit

Milwaukee Police Department

Detective Matt Cooper                      Police Officer Miguel Correa Jr.  
Detective Abner Valcarcel              Police Officer Evelyn Lazo

Division of Criminal Investigation

Supervisor Special Agent in Charge Jacob J. Jansky

Drug Enforcement Administration

Special Agent Kellen J. Williams

Department Of Justice

Assistant United States Attorney Mario F. Gonzales

HIDTA

Analyst Rebekah J. Beaudry

In June of 2016, the HIDTA Heroin Initiative was asked to assist the U.S. Attorney General in the investigation of laundering of drug proceeds through several banks in the United States. This investigation recovered nearly \$1 million in U.S. currency in three months.

In September 2017, a large scale operation was conducted involving nearly 200 local, state and federal law enforcement personnel aimed at arresting 21 of the targets of this investigation. At the culmination of this operation, 20 of the 21 had been arrested on charges of Conspiracy to Deliver Heroin, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine. Seventeen search warrants were executed on residences and vehicles associated with members of this drug trafficking organization. In total, this investigation yielded over \$1.2 million in US currency, over 30 kilograms of cocaine, 1.5 kilos of heroin, 50 pounds of marijuana and 10 pounds of methamphetamine.

This drug trafficking organization was responsible for countless narcotics related crimes which contributed greatly to street level drug dealing in Milwaukee and the violent crimes associated with it. Due to inter-agency cooperation, diligent investigation, and months of collaborative work between this group and multiple local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, a complex high volume drug trafficking organization was disrupted and dismantled.

Unit Service Award

Honor Guard

Inspector of Police Leslie M. Thiele	Police Officer Jaimie A. Hewitt
Police Lieutenant Charles Berard	Police Officer Trent D. Little
Police Lieutenant Derrick L. Harris	Police Officer Elvis M. Lock
Police Lieutenant Madrina Dela Cruz	Police Officer Peter A. Pfau
Police Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter	Police Officer Dorian L. Ratliff
Police Sergeant Greg D. Holley	Police Officer Joel R. Rossmann
Police Sergeant Scott F. Thorne	Police Officer Erik F. Smith
Police Officer David C. Doughty	Police Officer Thomas L. Struck
Police Officer Greg A. Geniesse	
(Ret.) Police Lieutenant Gregg R. Duran	
(Ret.) Police Lieutenant Cathy A. Wichmann	
(Ret.) Police Sergeant James M. Crouse	
(Ret.) Police Officer Kathy R. Schult	
(Ret.) Police Officer Clifton L. Stephens	

The Milwaukee Police Department's Honor Guard unit was restructured in February of 2012 to a team of 16 members. Some of these members have been part of the Honor Guard for 10 to 20 years and range in rank from Police Officer to Inspector of Police.

In October of 2013 a group of four members travelled to Arlington Virginia to receive training from the Army's Continental Color Guard and Honor Guard Units. These members brought this new training back to the department and have conducted training sessions with the entire unit in order to teach the members what was learned.

In May of 2015, four members travelled to Washington D.C. where they were able to participate in the National Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony with multiple Honor Guard units from across the country. The opportunity to join with other law enforcement agencies to show respect to those officers who died in the line of duty only reiterated why this unit does what it does.

This group has shown respect, dedication, and loyalty to the Milwaukee Police Department through their committed service to the Honor Guard unit.

*In Memory of those who gave their lives in the line of duty*



Frank Piszczek .....	6/22/1884	Raymond A. Nencki .....	0/05/1959
John Kossow .....	9/30/1899	Robert Kraemer .....	2/7/1963
Ernest Johnson .....	9/15/1904	James J. Rivers .....	3/21/1966
Otto H. Flieth .....	12/17/1908	Ronald T. Hogan .....	5/2/1967
Peter Gauer .....	7/3/1909	Bryan Moschea .....	7/31/1967
Charles W. Gudgell .....	8/22/1916	George Fish .....	9/23/1970
Frank Caswin .....	11/24/1917	Alan Sroczynski .....	11/8/1970
Henry Deckert .....	11/24/1917	Paul DuPlanty .....	11/9/1971
Frederick Kaiser .....	11/24/1917	Gerald Hempe .....	1/31/1973
David O'Brien .....	11/24/1917	Charles T. Smith .....	1/31/1973
Charles Seehawer .....	11/24/1917	Ronald Reagan .....	12/13/1973
Edward Spindler .....	11/24/1917	Thomas G. Matulis .....	7/10/1974
Stephen Stecker .....	11/24/1917	Robert D. Riley .....	7/10/1974
Albert Templin .....	11/24/1917	Michael Draeger .....	12/28/1974
Paul Weiler .....	11/24/1917	Dennis Obradovich .....	8/17/1975
William Kaemmerling .....	1/26/1922	Albert Kohn .....	10/29/1975
Joseph Kubacki .....	5/24/1924	Thomas Kiefer .....	11/25/1977
Walter Luedtke .....	12/18/1924	John Machajewski .....	12/23/1981
Harold W. Schmidt .....	4/4/1925	Charles S. Mehlberg .....	12/23/1981
Hilbert Thurow .....	8/22/1930	Sydney C. Snow .....	1/20/1982
Robert Bahlke .....	2/23/1932	Rosario J. Collura .....	3/19/1985
Richard R. Zingler .....	2/8/1933	Leonard R. Lesnieski .....	3/19/1985
Harry Pieske .....	6/27/1935	Dennis J. Gorlewski .....	2/25/1987
Charles George .....	6/8/1936	Roger A. Sterling .....	5/11/1987
Nelson Goodman .....	8/10/1937	Steve J. Hasenstab .....	8/19/1989
George Raabe .....	11/2/1937	Richard E. Wagner .....	10/25/1990
Joseph Lecher .....	3/21/1943	Michael R. Tourmo .....	11/18/1990
Arnold Werner .....	7/10/1943	William A. Robertson .....	9/7/1994
Valentine Adam .....	3/6/1948	Michael A. Niehoff .....	12/1/1994
Elmer W. Bates .....	8/23/1948	Wendolyn O. Tanner .....	9/7/1996
Vernon White .....	11/10/1951		

*Be sure to visit the Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall located just outside the Main Office*

# Core Values

## *Competence*

We are prudent stewards of the public's grant of authority and resources. We are accountable for the quality of our performance and the standards of our conduct. We are exemplary leaders and exemplary followers.

## *Courage*

We place the safety of others before our own and accept our moral responsibility to take action against injustice and wrongdoing. Police members are expected to take prudent risks on behalf of the public.

## *Integrity*

We recognize the complexity of police work and exercise discretion in ways that are beyond reproach and worthy of public trust. Honesty and truthfulness are fundamental elements of integrity. It is our duty to earn public trust through consistent words and actions. We are honest in word and deed.

## *Leadership*

We seek to influence human behavior to achieve organizational goals that serve the public while developing individuals, teams and the organization for future service. We accept our responsibility to be leaders, both within the community and among our peers, and for the actions of our colleagues and ourselves. We are all responsible for the performance, reputation and morale of the Department.

## *Respect*

We hold life in the highest regard. We treat all citizens and colleagues with dignity and respect, and are fair and impartial as we perform our duties.

## *Restraint*

We use the minimum force and authority necessary to accomplish a proper police purpose. We demonstrate self-discipline, even when no one is listening or watching.

*When you do nothing  
you become powerless.  
But when you get involved,  
you feel the sense of hope  
and accomplishment  
that comes from knowing  
you are working  
to make things better for everyone.*

*-Author Unknown*



**BE A FORCE**

*Special thanks to the City of Milwaukee residents  
for their continued support and cooperation  
in helping to keep our city safe.*