

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Presents the
**MERIT AWARDS
CEREMONY**

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
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.



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Edward A. Flynn
Chief of Police

Dear Family and Friends:

Welcome to the Merit Awards Ceremony.

Tonight we are honored to recognize those members who have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to the Milwaukee Police Department and the community they serve. We will also recognize individuals in our community who have courageously and unselfishly performed extraordinary acts to ensure the safety of others.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we continue the tradition of recognizing those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Please help us celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals whose actions contribute to our vision of a Milwaukee where all can live safely and without fear, protected by a police department with the highest ethical and professional standards.

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

Michael J. Murphy

Common Council President

Ashanti Hamilton
1st District

Joe Davis, Sr.
2nd District

Nik Kovac
3rd District

Robert J. Bauman
4th District

James A. Bohl Jr.
5th District

Milele A. Coggs
6th District

Willie C. Wade
7th District

Robert G. Donovan
8th District

Robert W. Puente
9th District

Michael J. Murphy
10th District

Mark A. Borkowski
11th District

Jose G. Perez
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 Crouther
Commissioner

Michael M. O'Hear
Commissioner

Ann Wilson
Commissioner

Marisabel Cabrera
Commissioner

Steven M. DeVougas
Commissioner

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

Deputy Inspector Terrence T. Gordon
Police Academy

Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors

Captain Leslie M. Thiele
Lieutenant Madrina Dela Cruz
Lieutenant Cathleen A. Wichmann
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock
Police Officer Clifton L. Stephens
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

Masters of Ceremonies

Susan Kim,
Vince Vitrano,
TMJ 4

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.

The Medal of Valor



Combat



Rescue

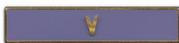
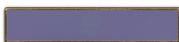
The Medal of Valor is presented to a member who has performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish himself/herself for gallantry and intrepidity. The act goes beyond normal demands and is of such a nature that the member was fully aware of the threat to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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Officer James N. Knapinski II	Lifesaving
Police Officer Pernell V. Reynolds	Lifesaving
Police Officer Frederick C. Schroeder	Lifesaving
Police Officer Jonathan Echevarria	Meritorious Service
Ms. Jane M. Shingledecker	Certificate of Appreciation

District 2

Police Officer James J. Spinato	Medal of Valor - Rescue
Police Office Jason G. Stachowiak	Medal of Valor - Rescue
Police Officer Patrick C. Elm Jr	Lifesaving
Police Officer Mark J. Lindstrum	Lifesaving
Police Officer Juan A. Lopez	Lifesaving
Police Officer Matthew M. Nogalski	Lifesaving
Police Officer Julian G. Nunez	Lifesaving
Police Officer Adam J. Rusch	Lifesaving
Police Office Jason G. Stachowiak	Lifesaving
Police Officer Ronald W. Ziarnik	Lifesaving
Police Officer Jesus Gloria	Excellence in Police Service
Police Sergeant Kieran J. Sawyer	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Douglas J. Lemke	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Vance A. Scollin	Meritorious Service
Ms. Melissa Y. Freytes	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Aaron K. Leija	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Jerry Miller	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Evan Santos-Montanez	Meritorious Conduct
Agent Steven Boehm	Certificate of Appreciation
Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez-Jasso	Certificate of Appreciation

District 3

Police Officer Joshua R. Nemeth	Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer David P. Wilhelm	Lifesaving

District 4

Police Officer Craig M. Nawotka	Lifesaving
Police Officer Bradley M. Tremblay	Lifesaving
Police Officer Matthew J. Zaworski	Lifesaving
Police Officer Nathan L. Woods	Meritorious Service

Award Recipients

District 5

Police Officer Anthony J. Milone Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Jaime S. Rosado Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Michael P. Walker Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Steven A. Mahnke Medal of Valor - Rescue
Police Officer Andrew T. Fuerte Lifesaving
Police Officer Nicholas M. Kropp Lifesaving
Police Officer Ismar Kulenovic Lifesaving
Police Officer Gregory M. Kuspa Lifesaving
Police Officer Jonathon C. Newport Lifesaving
Police Officer Eric A. Northwood Lifesaving
Police Officer Janel M. Vytlacil Lifesaving
Police Officer Gary S. Cherone Meritorious Service
Police Officer Corey J. Lopez Meritorious Service
Police Officer Christopher S. Ottaway Meritorious Service
Police Officer Kurt S. Saltzwadel Meritorious Service
Police Officer Michael P. Walker Meritorious Service
Mr. Wilma Davis Certificate of Appreciation

District 6

Police Officer Joshua P. Dummann Medal of Valor - Rescue
Police Officer Michael J. Dederich Lifesaving
Police Officer Ramon P. Lastrilla Lifesaving
Police Officer Mary J. Smolen Lifesaving
Police Officer Matthew C. Wagner Meritorious Service
Mr. Jason D. McCoy Valorous Conduct
Mr. Boston E. Compton Meritorious Conduct

District 7

Police Officer Molly D. Wellman Lifesaving
Police Officer Jose M. Luna Meritorious Service

Central Booking and Court Administration

Police Officer Michael D. Kuykendall Medal of Valor - Rescue

Facilities Services Section

Custodial Worker II Joe Adams Meritorious Service

Investigative Management Division

Forensic Investigator Jeffery C. Muhammad Meritorious Service

Award Recipients

Marine Boat Section

Police Officer Matthew K. Dresen Lifesaving

Neighborhood Task Force

Police Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter Medal of Valor - Rescue

Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr Lifesaving

Police Officer Mark A. Flessert Jr Meritorious Service

Police Officer John R. Shipman Meritorious Service

Police Officer Daniel J. Sutyak Meritorious Service

North Investigation Division

Detective Tyler J. Kirkvold Lifesaving

Detective Craig J. Thimm Meritorious Service

Office of Community Outreach & Education

Police Officer Gregory D. Hunter Medal of Valor - Rescue

Police Officer Raymond L. Monfre Meritorious Service

Police Officer Shane A. Pecoraro Meritorious Service

Mr. Juan R. Trevino Valorous Conduct

Unit Service Award Recipients

Violent Crime Tint Crew

Captain of Police

Johnny C. Sgrignuoli

Police Lieutenants

Kevin Armbruster

Eric C. Donaldson

Police Sergeants

Brian C. Burch

Steven Herrmann

Steven J. Braunreiter

Wesam F. Yaghnem

Detectives

Mark E. Harms

Gena A. Malanche

Daniel G. Knitter

Michael J. Slomczewski

Police Officers

Brian P. Brosseau

Jonathon C. Newport

Jason A. Dewit

Vincenzo G. Paolo

Jennifer Feather

Jose G. Ramirez

Phillip J. Ferguson

Kurt S. Saltzwadel

Gregory M. Kuspa

Steven L. Strasser

Richard K. Litwin

Joel P. Susler

Michael Lopez

Michael P. Wawrzyniakowski

Dean S. Newport

Kurt R. Ziarnik

Crime Analyst

Kyle D. McFatrige

Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney

Laura Crivello

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

Police Officer James N. Knapinski II

Police Officer Pernell V. Reynolds

Police Officer Frederick C. Schroeder

Lifesaving Award

On April 4, 2015, Officers James N. Knapinski and Frederick C. Schroeder were flagged down by a young man whose mother was unresponsive inside her vehicle. The officers removed the woman from the vehicle and positioned her on the sidewalk. After checking for a pulse and realizing she was not breathing on her own, Officer Schroeder began compressions while Officer Knapinski retrieved the pocket mask from the squad and gave rescue breaths. Officer Reynolds and his partner were patrolling the area when they observed the officers giving aid to the woman. He relieved Officers Knapinski and Schroeder and took over chest compressions while his partner monitored her pulse.

The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived, continued with lifesaving measures and further treatment. A physician at the hospital confirmed the immediate lifesaving measures given by the officers preserved the woman's quality of life.

The quick response of Officers Knapinski, Reynolds and Schroeder prevented extensive injury to the unresponsive woman and prevented the loss of life. Police Officer James N. Knapinski II, Police Officer Pernell V. Reynolds, and Police Officer Frederick C. Schroeder are therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Jonathan Echevarria

Meritorious Service Award

On April 2, 2015, Police Officer Jonathan Echevarria responded to a strong-arm robbery in the 200 block of West Wells Street. Officer Echevarria observed a male subject inside a restaurant wearing clothing that did not fit the initial description from the call. This subject was standing near the cash register with his sweatshirt hood pulled up. The subject and the cashier were the only two individuals in the restaurant. Although Officer Echevarria did not witness criminal activity and the clothing did not match the suspect's description, he felt something was not right.

Officer Echevarria, watching this interaction, witnessed the man assault the cashier and attempt to grab the cash drawer from the register. Officer Echevarria took action immediately and ran into the restaurant to apprehend the offender and save the victim. The clothing described in the initial description was recovered and matched to the suspect through security video footage.

Officer Echevarria's intuitive actions and devotion to community service resulted in the arrest of an individual who posed a threat to the community. Therefore, Police Officer Jonathan Echevarria is recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

District One

Captain Eric J. Moore

Ms. Jane M. Shingledecker

Certification of Appreciation

On June 20, 2015, a male subject fell out of his row boat and into the Milwaukee River near the St. Paul Avenue bridge. When he approached the bridge, he had pulled in one of the oars because he feared hitting the bridge support with that oar. The unstable boat suddenly tipped over and the subject found himself in the water clinging to the bridge to save himself. He was not wearing a life jacket nor did he have one on board his boat. Not a strong swimmer, he quickly became very exhausted.

Ms. Shingledecker was observing the rowers in the river and watched a group of them go under the bridge. She quickly deduced one of the rowers had fallen into the water and desperately needed a life jacket. Fortunately, Ms. Shingledecker had a life jacket on board her boat and provided it to the rower who had fallen into the water.

If not for Ms. Jane M. Shingledecker's preparedness and quick response in providing a flotation device, the citizen would have possibly drowned.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Police Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter

Police Officer James J. Spinato

Police Officer Jason G. Stachowiak Medal of Valor-Rescue Award

On February 12, 2015, Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter and Officers James J. Spinato and Jason G. Stachowiak observed a large amount of smoke coming from a house in the 1700 block of South 15th Place. Sergeant Carpenter repeatedly rang the doorbell and pounded on the door to wake up the residents. After a resident answered, the officers informed him the house was on fire. The resident said that everyone inside the residence was sleeping. The officers disregarded their own safety and entered the dark, smoke-filled house. They moved from room-to-room, warning all of the growing fire, and then led all of the frightened family to safety.

Multiple Milwaukee Fire Department units responded to extinguish the blaze. When the raging fire was extinguished, firefighters discovered most of the rear roof had burned away. The house sustained more than \$70,000 in damage. All occupants were safely evacuated.

These officers displayed exceptional competence in locating the house fire before the occupants were aware of it. They also embodied the core value of courage when they entered a burning building to evacuate the occupants to safety. Sergeant Rebecca L. Carpenter, Officer James J. Spinato and Police Officer Jason G. Stachowiak shall therefore each receive a Medal of Valor - Rescue Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officers Jason G. Stachowiak

Police Officer Ronald W. Ziarnik

Lifesaving Award

On July 7, 2015, Officers Jason G. Stachowiak and Ronald W. Ziarnik responded to a sick and injured person in the 500 block of West Maple Street. They found an unconscious and unresponsive female. The officers rendered first aid. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene and took over. The subject woke up and ran to the bridge that spans the freeway. Officers and paramedics chased the subject but she reached the bridge, jumped the fence and tried to jump into freeway traffic. Officer Stachowiak grabbed the back of her clothes and pulled her towards the fence with the assistance of fire personnel. The subject immediately tried to slice her own throat on the chain link fence.

Officer Stachowiak and a firefighter struggled to hold the subject upright. The firefighter suffered a severe laceration to his right forearm during the struggle. Officer Ziarnik climbed the fence to gain control of the subject and hoisted her into the arms of fire personnel. The subject was transported to the hospital for treatment and further mental health evaluation.

Officers Stachowiak and Ziarnik's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented loss of life. Police Officer Jason G. Stachowiak and Police Officer Ronald W. Ziarnik are therefore recognized with this Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Adam J. Rusch

Lifesaving Award

On August 19, 2015, Office Adam J. Rusch and his partner responded to a subject down in the 800 block of West Arthur Avenue. Officer Rusch observed the subject had shallow breaths, his eyes were rolled back, and he was unresponsive.

Officer Rusch determined this subject was experiencing a heroin overdose; he ran to his squad and retrieved his opiate overdose kit then administered a dose of Narcan. The man's heart rate increased and his breathing became clearer. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived, continued lifesaving measures and transported the subject to the hospital for treatment.

Officer Rusch's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Adam J. Rusch is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

On June 13, 2015, a runner collapsed at the finish line of the Summerfest Rock and Sole Half Marathon. The runner was unconscious, pulseless and not breathing. Officer Lopez immediately began CPR. Officer Lopez continued chest compressions while medical volunteers lifted the victim's legs to increase blood flow to his heart. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and took over medical treatment. After fifteen minutes of lifesaving measures, the rescuers restored a pulse to the runner. Officer Lopez remained by the side of the subject during his transport to the hospital for medical treatment.

Officer Lopez's immediate intervention prevented the loss of life at the scene. Police Officer Juan A. Lopez is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Michael D. Kuykendall

Police Officer Mark J. Lindstrum

Police Officer Julian G. Nunez

Lifesaving Award

Ms. Melissa Y. Freytes and Mr. Aaron K. Leija Valorous Conduct Award

On June 27, 2015, Ms. Melissa Y. Freytes and Mr. Aaron K. Leija heard a commotion coming from Kosciuszko Park Lagoon located in the 2200 block of South 7th Street. They observed two subjects drowning and immediately jumped into the water to save them.

Officer Michael D. Kuykendall, Officer Mark J. Lindstrum, and Officer Julian G. Nunez responded. Upon their arrival, one subject was out of the water and being attended to by citizens. The citizens told the officers another subject was still in the water. The officers observed bubbles rising to the water surface approximately thirty feet from the shore. Mr. Aaron K. Leija and Ms. Melissa Y. Freytes informed the officers that the subject was last seen in the area of the bubbles. Mr. Leija and the officers ran into the murky, filthy, water and in spite of the poor visibility were able to locate the second subject in approximately eight feet of water. Mr. Leija and the officers pulled the subject out of the water and onto the shore where they immediately began CPR. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived, continued life saving measures and transported the subject to the hospital for medical attention.

The quick thinking, heroic actions and determination of Officer Michael D. Kuykendall, Officer Mark J. Lindstrum, and Officer Julian G. Nunez prevented the loss of life. These officers are therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Ms. Melissa Y. Freytes and Mr. Aaron K. Leija's heroic life-saving actions prevented the loss of life. Therefore they are recognized with a Valorous Conduct Award.

Police Officer Patrick C. ElmPolice Officer Matthew M. NogalskiLifesaving Award

On October 18, 2014, Officer Patrick C. Elm and Officer Matthew M. Nogalski responded to a battery in the 700 block of South 6th Street. They encountered a male subject holding a hunting knife in the stairway to the upper apartment unit.

The victim had escaped from the apartment but was covered in blood and hysterical. Assisting officers immediately and safely removed the victim from the scene and sought medical treatment for her. The armed man was covered in blood and yelling at the officers to kill him. The officers attempted to de-escalate the situation by engaging in dialogue as the subject paced in-and-out of the residence with the knife. The subject threatened the officers with the knife and begged them to kill him. The subject finally threw the knife onto the porch floor and moved toward the officers with a fixed trance-like stare. Officers Elm and Nogalski gained control of the agitated and combative subject and took him into custody. A search of the subject revealed another knife in his pocket. Officers later learned that the subject had a long history of mental illness and was recently released from inpatient treatment.

Officers Elm and Nogalski's calm demeanor and de-escalation tactics in a highly charged situation prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Patrick C. Elm and Police Officer Matthew M. Nogalski are therefore each recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Jesus GloriaExcellence in Police Service

As a Community Liaison Officer, Officer Jesus Gloria has been instrumental in bridging the gap between the Milwaukee Police Department and the community for nearly ten years. He has excelled at empowering citizens to take their neighborhoods back by helping to reduce the levels of crime, fear, and disorder. Officer Gloria has developed immeasurable partnerships and has been involved in various projects that exemplify the Milwaukee Police Department's mission.

For example, Officer Gloria worked hand-in-hand with the Block Watch Council to create approximately 300 block watch groups. Additionally, he has played an integral role in the creation and implementation of a graffiti removal program. For this initiative, Milwaukee Police Department partnered with the Department of Corrections, offenders on Probation and/or on Parole, and community volunteers to clean graffiti in many south side neighborhoods. Officer Gloria has partnered with a multitude of churches and civic groups on community safety and crime prevention. The Boys and Girls Club and local schools seek Officer Gloria for presentations due to his strong relationships with youth and his professional experience.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Officer Gloria has developed strong partnerships throughout the community, which helped to create and maintain neighborhoods capable of sustaining civic life. He has exceeded the expectations in every project and partnership and has truly exemplified the values and mission of the Milwaukee Police Department. For his hard work, dedication, and true passion for his work, Police Officer Jesus Gloria is recognized with an Excellence in Police Service Award.

Police Sergeant Kieran J. Sawyer

Police Officer Douglas J. Lemke

Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt

Police Officer Vance A. Scollin

Meritorious Service Award

On July 28, 2015, Sergeant Kieran J. Sawyer and Officer Douglas J. Lemke, Officer Gerald L. Schmidt, and Officer Vance A. Scollin were completing a field interview while on bicycle patrol in the area of South 20th and West Greenfield Avenue. They heard a loud gunshot and saw suspects rushing to leave the area on foot. Officers ordered them to stop; one ran, while the other surrendered to Officer Scollin.

Sergeant Sawyer initiated a foot pursuit while Officer Lemke pursued the fleeing suspect on his bicycle. Officer Schmidt, who was still on his bicycle, joined the chase and observed the suspect in the alley. Officer Schmidt noticed the suspect had a pistol near his waist. The officers ordered the suspect to drop his gun but the suspect refused. Officers followed and eventually apprehended the armed suspect.

After the arrest, officers conducted thorough interrogations. The suspects confessed their involvement in an attempted robbery and shooting.

As a result of their quick actions and persistence, justice was provided for the victim's family and our community. Sergeant Kieran J. Sawyer, Police Officer Douglas J. Lemke, Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt, and Police Officer Vance A. Scollin are therefore each recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Jerry Miller

Valorous Conduct Award

On August 4, 2015, Mr. Jerry Miller was expecting to buy groceries at the store located on the 3300 block of West Lincoln Avenue. Little did Mr. Miller know that he would soon be in an armed robbery followed by a double shooting. After a door slam, Mr. Miller immediately ducked for cover and witnessed an armed robber approach the clerk with a gun. Without warning, the robber shot the clerk in the arm and demanded that he open the cage. The clerk fled to the back of the aisle where Mr. Miller was hiding. The clerk was caught and taken back to the cage. An unarmed accomplice standing at the front door noticed Mr. Miller and told the first robber where he was hiding.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Aware of the danger he was in, Mr. Miller, who is a valid carry concealed permit holder, accessed his firearm and pointed it at the armed robber. Mr. Miller, however, did not shoot the armed robber because the clerk was being held as a human shield. Realizing that he had been shot twice, a bullet to the femoral artery and a bullet grazing his left shoulder, Mr. Miller tried to escape.

As Mr. Miller went back into the store to check on the clerk, he noticed the robbers had already left. Mr. Miller attempted to call police but fainted from his injuries. Although barely conscious and struggling to stay alive, Mr. Miller remembered being treated by the Milwaukee Fire Department.

By drawing the armed robber's attention to himself, Mr. Miller saved the clerk's life. If not for Mr. Miller's heroism, the clerk and possibly additional citizens may have been killed. Mr. Miller was fully aware of the threat to his personal safety and acted beyond the normal expectations of a citizen. Therefore, Mr. Jerry Miller will be awarded the Valorous Conduct Award.

Mr. Evan Santos-Montanez

Meritorious Conduct Award

On May 8, 2015, a pedestrian crossing the street in the 2600 block of south 13th Street was struck by a vehicle driven by a drunk driver. The driver fled the scene without assisting the injured citizen. Mr. Evan Santos-Montanez, who witnessed the event, told citizens to watch over the victim while he followed the drunk driver using his own vehicle. While following the suspect, Mr. Santos-Montanez called the police and relayed critical information about the suspect's vehicle and location. After noticing a squad car parked on the side of the road, Mr. Santos-Montanez honked his horn to get the officer's attention. He pointed to the vehicle that was involved in the hit and run. The officer then pursued, following the vehicle for almost a full mile before taking the drunk driver into custody. Unfortunately, the citizen struck by the vehicle succumbed to his injuries despite the life-saving measures performed by the assisting citizens.

Because of Mr. Santos-Montanez's quick thinking and selfless actions, he was able to assist the Milwaukee Police Department in making an expedient arrest of the suspect. Therefore Mr. Evan Santos-Montanez will receive a Meritorious Conduct Award.

Agent Steven Boehm

Certificate of Appreciation

On December 17, 2014, a carjacking had occurred in the 700 block of West Rogers Street. Agent Steven Boehm, an employee of the Department of Community Corrections, and a Milwaukee police officer were near the area of West Cleveland Avenue when they heard the radio broadcast the description of the auto. During the broadcast they saw the same vehicle pass southbound onto the expressway.

Agent Boehm and the officer confirmed the plates through the squad mobile data computer and they followed the vehicle onto the freeway. Agent Boehm relayed the vehicle's location as they traveled through heavy traffic, staying a few cars behind the stolen vehicle. After traveling nearly ten miles from the scene of the robbery, assisting officers were able to intercept the vehicle and take a suspect into custody.

Agent Boehm's contribution to the Department's Mission went beyond the ordinary call of duty. His resourcefulness and diligence in the line of duty resulted in the arrest of an armed and dangerous criminal. Agent Boehm shall therefore receive a Certificate of Appreciation Award.

Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez-JassoCertificate of Appreciation

On June 12, 2015, Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez-Jasso, her husband, and one year-old son were parking their car on the gated slab behind their residence in the 2400 block of West Orchard Avenue. Her husband, who blocked the alley with his car, got out to manually open the gate. While Mrs. Rodriguez-Jasso remained in the car with her child, she noticed an occupied vehicle parked in the alley south of their location. The vehicle seemed to be occupied by a female subject. Mrs. Rodriguez-Jasso then observed two male subjects running from her neighbor's yard and jump into the vehicle. Having suspicions about the subjects running from her neighbor's yard, Mrs. Rodriguez-Jasso took down the description and license plate of the vehicle.

The three suspicious subjects attempted to drive out of the area, but couldn't because her husband's car was blocking the entrance of the alley. Mrs. Rodriguez-Jasso remained in the car with her small child, until she heard her husband yelling. When she jumped out of their car, she saw her husband being attacked by the three subjects. When she intervened in the fight, two of the subjects ran away while the other fought with her husband. The subject then pulled out a black handgun and shot him twice in the upper leg and then fled from the scene.

Officers traced the plates to the registered address and apprehended the subjects. These same subjects were found to be involved in another robbery in the area earlier that day. Due to Mrs. Rodriguez-Jasso's ability to provide a description of the subjects and their vehicle during a terrifying event, the subjects were taken into custody, ending their robbery spree.

District Three

Captain Jason A. Smith

Police Officer Joshua R. Nemeth Medal of Valor-Combat Award

On July 14, 2012, Officer Joshua R. Nemeth and his partner were flagged down by a citizen in the 2600 block of North 49th Street. The panicked citizen told officers a subject armed with a handgun was on the porch of a nearby house. The officers then approached two men who were at that location and ordered them multiple times to lie on the ground.

The suspect, armed with a pistol, refused officers commands. The suspect instead raised the handgun and pointed it directly at officers. Fearing for the lives of nearby citizens, his partner, and himself, Officer Nemeth discharged his firearm. The officer struck the suspect and stopped the imminent threat.

Officer Nemeth confronted a dangerous subject with the safety of the community in mind. During the confrontation, Officer Nemeth demonstrated extraordinary courage and acted quickly in stopping the imminent threat of an armed suspect. Police Officer Joshua R. Nemeth shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor - Combat Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer David P. Wilhelm

Lifesaving Award

On May 19, 2015, Officer David P. Wilhelm and his partner responded to a subject in crisis on the 35th Street viaduct. Officer Wilhelm approached the man, who was poised to jump from the edge of the bridge, and engaged him in conversation. Officer Wilhelm learned that the man felt helpless and depressed over substance abuse and family issues and intended to kill himself.

Officer Wilhelm continued dialogue with the subject in an attempt to get him to climb over the railing to safety. Officer Wilhelm, who has Crisis Intervention Training, was able to successfully persuade the subject to climb off the railing and sit down on the curb beside him. The subject was then transported for further medical treatment. The subject later stated that it was Officer Wilhelm's ability to redirect him into listening to better reasoning that made him reconsider his actions.

Officer Wilhelm's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer David P. Wilhelm is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

District Four

Captain Victor E. Beecher

Police Officer Bradley M. Tremblay Lifesaving Award

On April 10, 2015, Officer Bradley M. Tremblay responded to a house fire in the 5200 block of North Teutonia Avenue. Officer Tremblay observed four residents standing outside of the house which was engulfed in flames. The residents stated everyone, except their dogs, were out of the building.

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Officer Tremblay observed one of the residents re-enter his burning home. Officer Tremblay, without regard for his own safety, ran into the burning building to evacuate the resident. Because the smoke was so heavy, Officer Tremblay had to search on his hands and knees. Officer Tremblay called out to the man until he responded. The officer followed the sound of the man and located him in a rear area of the house. Officer Tremblay led the subject back to the front door using the furniture as a guide. Officer Tremblay and the resident escaped the fire safely without enduring significant harm.

Officer Tremblay's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Bradley M. Tremblay is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Craig M. Nawotka

Police Officer Matthew J. Zaworski

Lifesaving Award

On March 21, 2015, Officers Craig M. Nawotka and Matthew J. Zaworski conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for an equipment violation in the 3700 block of West Villard Avenue. As Officer Nawotka approached the vehicle, he observed the driver hitting himself in the chest. As the officer moved closer, he observed the driver had a knife in his hands and was intentionally stabbing himself.

Officer Nawotka opened the driver's door and ordered the subject to drop the knife. When the subject stopped stabbing himself, Officer Zaworski took control of the knife. Officer Zaworski retrieved the First Aid Kit from the squad. Officers Nawotka and Zaworski worked together to keep the driver from going into shock. They applied direct pressure to his wounds preventing the loss of blood. The driver remained conscious and the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived to take over medical treatment.

Officers Nawotka and Zaworski's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Craig M. Nawotka and Police Officer Matthew J. Zaworski are therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Nathan L. Woods

Meritorious Service Award

On August 19, 2014, Officer Nathan L. Woods and assisting officers responded to a "violation of restraining order" call in the 6800 block of North Teutonia Avenue. When officers arrived, a man was holding a broken bottle, hitting himself in the head with it, and taunting the officers on scene.

Officer Woods successfully recognized a need for mental health intervention and de-escalated the situation using active listening techniques and directing the subject to put the bottle down.

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Officer Woods calmed the subject, eventually developing a rapport with him and convincing him to drop the bottle. Officers safely took the man into custody. Officer Woods successfully de-escalated the situation and prevented any harm to the subject and officers on scene.

Officer Woods' behavior exemplified successful utilization of crisis intervention techniques and prevented a potential fatal incident. His actions and professionalism epitomize the core values of the Milwaukee Police Department. Police Officer Nathan L. Woods is therefore recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

District Five

Captain Thomas G. Stigler

Police Officer Jamie S. Rosado Medal of Valor-Combat Award

Police Officer Christopher S. Ottaway Meritorious Service Award

On April 24, 2015, Officer Jaime S. Rosado and Officer Christopher S. Ottaway responded to a "shots fired" call for service in the 2600 block of West Nash Street. Upon arrival, they located two suspicious subjects in the immediate area. The officers observed one of the subjects place an item underneath the bushes. Fearing the object was possibly a gun, Officer Rosado attempted to conduct a field interview. The second subject reached underneath the bush, retrieved a handgun and ran. As he ran he turned and pointed the gun at the officer. Officer Rosado fired one shot and struck the suspect. In spite of his injuries, the suspect continued to run from officers. Officer Ottaway relentlessly pursued the suspect and apprehended him. Officers subsequently took both suspects into custody and recovered the firearm involved. Officers were fully aware by responding to the shots fired call there was a threat to their safety.

Officers Rosado and Ottaway's quick thinking and heroic actions prevented the situation from escalating further. Police Officer Jamie S. Rosado shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor- Combat Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016 and Police Officer Christopher S. Ottaway shall therefore receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Police Officer Michael P. Walker Medal of Valor-Combat Award

Police Officer Corey J. Lopez Meritorious Service Award

On March 9, 2015, Officer Michael P. Walker and Officer Corey J. Lopez responded to an armed robbery in progress at a business in the 1300 block of East Locust Street. Officers Walker and Lopez entered the store to stop the robbery and protect civilians. They found a suspect armed with a pistol behind the register. Officer Walker ordered the suspect to drop the firearm, but the suspect turned and aimed his gun at the officers. Fearing for the safety of the store employees, the customers, and his partner, Officer Walker discharged his firearm at the suspect.

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The suspect, without explanation, aimed the gun at his chest, shot himself, and collapsed. When Officers Walker and Lopez approached to provide medical assistance, the suspect shot himself again. Officers Walker and Lopez performed CPR on the suspect until medical arrived.

Employees stated that the suspect threatened to shoot people if they did not open the safe and cash registers. Witnesses also related that Officer Walker was heroic and did not hesitate to enter into an armed confrontation to protect the people held captive.

Officers Walker and Lopez's courageousness, selflessness, quick actions, and devotion to community service prevented the situation from escalating further. Police Officer Michael P. Walker shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor - Combat Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016. Police Officer Corey J. Lopez shall receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Police Officer Anthony J. Milone Medal of Valor-Combat Award
Detective Craig J. Thimm Meritorious Service Award

On March 19, 2015, Officer Anthony J. Milone and Detective Craig J. Thimm observed two suspects conduct what he believed to be a hand-to-hand narcotic transaction near the intersection of 1700 West Center Street. As Officer Milone exited the squad to conduct a field interview, the suspect turned and pulled a pistol from his waistband. The suspect shot at Officer Milone as he ran from the police.

Detective Thimm immediately provided backup support and drove the squad car in the direction of the fleeing subject, despite being a shooting target for the gunman. Officer Milone bravely chased the suspect on foot into a yard in the 1600 block of West Center Street, where the suspect again tried to shoot Officer Milone. Fearing for his safety and the safety of residents in the neighborhood, Officer Milone returned fire and struck the suspect twice. The suspect ran until he collapsed a short distance later. Determined to get away, the suspect fought with Officer Milone and Detective Thimm but was ultimately placed under arrest and treated for his wounds. A variety of street drugs were recovered from the suspect.

Police Officer Anthony J. Milone and Detective Craig J. Thimm demonstrated extraordinary calm and courage under fire as they pursued and captured a homicidal felon. Police Officer Milone shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor - Combat Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016. The actions of Detective Craig J. Thimm on the day of this incident were heroic, placing the safety of the community above his own. His actions swiftly ended a violent encounter with violent armed man. Detective Craig J. Thimm shall therefore receive a Meritorious Service Award.

On February 21, 2015, Milwaukee firefighters responded to a subject having a seizure. However, firefighters at the scene in the 3300 block of North 10th Street soon learned that a suspect had stabbed himself and was holding his girlfriend hostage. Firefighters called the police to address the escalating situation.

Officer Steven A. Mahnke and other officers forced entry into the home and found a woman inside who told them nothing was wrong. Suspicious that the woman was being coerced, officers called out for the suspect to come forward as they systematically searched the house.

The suspect abruptly opened the door of a closet where he was hiding. The suspect then pointed what Officer Mahnke believed to be a military-style rifle at officers in the room. Officer Mahnke, realizing the life of his partner was in imminent danger, discharged his firearm and struck the suspect. The suspect was transported for medical treatment and taken into custody. A subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect was holding an exact replica of a firearm.

Officer Mahnke's keen observation skills, quick action, and concern for his fellow police officers stopped the imminent threat posed by the suspect to the officers and the female resident. Police Officer Steven A. Mahnke shall receive a Medal of Valor - Rescue Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Andrew T. Fuerte

Police Officer Nicholas M. Kropp Lifesaving Award

On July 12, 2015, Officer Andrew T. Fuerte and Officer Nicholas M. Kropp quickly responded to a shooting in the 3000 block of North 25th Street. The officers found a victim shot twice in the upper left leg. The bullets shattered her femur and struck the femoral artery causing the wound to bleed profusely.

Without hesitation, Officer Fuerte applied direct pressure to the wound. Officer Kropp immediately retrieved the tourniquet from the squad. Officers Fuerte and Kropp then applied the tourniquet to the victim's leg, which stopped the bleeding. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and continued medical treatment. Medical personnel stated Officers Fuerte and Kropp's quick actions saved the victim's life.

Officer Fuerte and Kropp's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Andrew T. Fuerte and Police Officer Nicholas M. Kropp are therefore each recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

On July 11, 2015, Officer Ismar Kullenovic responded to a shooting in the 2600 block of West Port Sunlight Avenue. Officer Kulenovic observed a Milwaukee Fire Department captain alone at the scene with the wounded subject. The MFD captain found the victim with six gunshot wounds; the victim was unconscious and pulseless.

Without hesitation, Officer Kulenovic and the MFD captain began CPR taking turns with chest compressions. The victim regained consciousness and began to breathe on his own. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel arrived, provided additional treatment, and transported the victim to the hospital for further treatment.

Officer Kulenovic's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Ismar Kulenovic is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Gregory M. Kuspa,

Police Officer Jonathon C. Newport

Police Officer Eric A. Northwood

Police Officer Janel M. Vytlacil

Lifesaving Award

On April 16, 2015, while conducting a traffic stop, Officer Vytlacil observed smoke coming from a nearby residence and immediately notified District Five squads of the fire. Officer Newport notified dispatch and requested the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Officers Kuspa, Newport, and Vytlacil ran past the blazing fire on the porch and into the residence. Officer Kuspa retrieved a three year-old toddler from the house while Officer Vytlacil evacuated the mother, father, and five year-old child. Officer Newport remained inside and cleared the residence of other occupants.

Officer Northwood returned to the squad cars to retrieve fire extinguishers. After the evacuation, the officers used the fire extinguishers and buckets of water to put out the fire. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and managed the scene.

Their quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Gregory M. Kuspa, Police Officer Jonathon C. Newport, Police Officer Eric A. Northwood and Police Officer Janel M. Vytlacil are therefore each recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Gary S. Cherone

Police Officer Kurt S. Saltzwadel

Police Officer Michael P. Walker

Forensic Investigator Jeffery C. Muhammad Meritorious Service Award

On November 9, 2014, Officer Gary S. Cherone, Officer Kurt S. Saltzwadel, and Officer Michael P. Walker responded to an armed robbery call in the 3000 block of North Bremen Street. Two women were robbed of their purses at knifepoint and violently thrown to the ground by an unidentified male. The suspect fled in a vehicle driven by an accomplice.

A neighbor gave officers surveillance video of the incident, and Forensic Investigator Jeffery C. Muhammad obtained the license plate of the suspect's vehicle. The victim informed the officers that their credit cards were being used at a restaurant in the 1200 block of West North Avenue. Officers Cherone, Saltzwadel, and Walker immediately drove to the restaurant, found the suspected vehicle, performed a high-risk traffic stop, and arrested the suspects.

Due to the efforts of these officers, the suspects, one being a repeat offender of armed robbery, were held accountable for their actions. The resourceful actions and thoroughness of Officers Cherone, Saltzwadel, Walker, and Muhammad went above and beyond the basic expected duties of handling an armed robbery suspect. Police Officer Gary S. Cherone, Police Officer Kurt S. Saltzwadel, Police Officer Michael P. Walker, and Forensic Investigator Jeffery C. Muhammad are therefore each recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Wilma Davis

Certificate of Appreciation

On June 19, 2014, Mr. Wilma Davis assisted detectives in finding and arresting a suspect who was involved in a homicide which occurred two days before in the 4400 block of North Green Bay Avenue. The suspect attempted to lose the detectives as they were following him. After a while, the suspect exited his car and began firing at them. He then fled the scene with one of the detectives chasing him. The detective lost sight of the suspect and returned to his vehicle. Mr. Davis then approached the detective and informed him of where he saw the suspect throw the firearm. After directing him to the firearm, Mr. Davis agreed to watch over the vehicle as the detective retrieved the gun. Shortly thereafter, the suspect came to his senses and turned himself in to authorities where he was taken into custody.

Thanks to Mr. Davis the detective was able to retrieve the firearm even as citizens approached the vehicle. Mr. Wilma Davis is therefore recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Police Officer Joshua P. Dummann Medal of Valor –Rescue Award

Police Officer Mark A. Flessert Jr.

Police Officer Matthew C. Wagner Meritorious Service Award

On March 5, 2015, Officer Joshua P. Dummann, Officer Mark A. Flessert and Officer Matthew C. Wagner responded to a subject with a weapon complaint located in the 400 block of East Plainfield Avenue. The officers were informed that the husband was threatening his estranged wife with a knife in violation of a restraining order.

Officers forced entry into the residence and located the couple. Officers Dummann, Flessert and Wagner found the terrified wife seated on her husband’s lap, pleading for help as he held a knife to her neck. He refused to obey police commands to drop the knife and release the woman. With no other options, Officer Dummann ended the incident by firing one precise round. As a result of Officer Dummann’s courage, the victim only sustained minor abrasions to her neck.

Officer Dummann’s quick thinking and heroic actions ended the incident and prevented the situation from escalating further. Police Officer Joshua P. Dummann shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor - Rescue Award and three days off to be taken in 2016. Police Officer Mark A. Flessert, Jr. and Police Officer Mathew C. Wagner shall each receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Police Officer Michael J. Dederich Lifesaving Award

On August 6, 2015, Officer Michael J. Dederich and his partner responded to an unresponsive man inside of a vehicle in the 100 block of West Holt Avenue. Officers assessed the man and it was determined he had no pulse. Officer Dederich’s partner recognized hypodermic needles in the backseat of the vehicle and immediately suspected a heroin overdose.

Officer Dederich and his partner removed the subject from his vehicle. Officer Dederich retrieved his pocket mask, began CPR and continued with life-saving measures until relieved by the Milwaukee Fire Department. Narcan was administered to the subject by the MFD and he immediately regained consciousness. The subject was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Officer Dederich’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Michael J. Dederich is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Mary J. Smolen Lifesaving Award

On December 19, 2014, Officer Mary J. Smolen and her partner responded to a call of a man with mental illness who had barricaded himself inside a bedroom with a knife.

The man was schizophrenic, in a manic state, and not taking his medications. Officer Smolen, who has been trained in Crisis Intervention, attempted dialogue with the man for approximately twenty minutes. His mother also attempted to persuade her son to come out of the bedroom. The subject's mother pushed on the bedroom door and felt resistance as if her son was bracing his body against it. The top of the door broke, and the mother was instructed to move away.

Officer Smolen and her partner pushed the door open and observed the subject sitting on the floor with his back pressed up against the lower portion of the door. The man held the knife in his hand with the blade turned toward himself. Officer Smolen continued communication with the man. He was not cooperative and refused to drop the knife. Officer Smolen's partner took a position of advantage while the dialogue continued. The man suddenly flinched and raised the knife to his chest. Her partner, without hesitation, deployed a taser, striking the subject in the chest and torso and incapacitated him.

Officers took the subject into custody. During the initial medical assessment officers saw the subject had numerous self-inflicted lacerations on both sides of his neck and puncture wounds on his left side. The man was conveyed to the hospital for further treatment.

Officer Smolen used her active listening skills and effective dialogue intervention to prevent the loss of life. Police Officer Mary J. Smolen is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Detective Tyler J. Kirkvold

Police Officer Ramon P. Lastrilla

Lifesaving Award

On July 24, 2015, Detective Tyler J. Kirkvold and Officer Ramon P. Lastrilla responded to a call in the 4000 block of South 25th Street for a complaint of a male subject with a firearm. The severely depressed subject brought a rifle into his garage with the intent of taking his life.

Detective Kirkvold and Officer Lastrilla located the subject in the backyard hiding in the bushes. At that moment, the subject was pointing the rifle at himself and was just seconds away from pulling the trigger. Detective Kirkvold and Officer Lastrilla quickly engaged the subject in conversation to de-escalate the crisis. After using active listening skills, the officers convinced the man to put his rifle down. The subject was taken into custody and transported to Milwaukee County Mental Health for further treatment.

Detective Kirkvold and Officer Lastrilla's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Detective Tyler J. Kirkvold and Police Officer Ramon P. Lastrilla are therefore each recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

District Six

Captain Diana Rowe

Mr. Jason D. McCoy

Valorous Conduct Award

On May 5, 2015, an armed robbery occurred at a dealership located in the 5100 block of South 27th Street. Mr. Jason McCoy witnessed two armed juveniles arguing and pointing pistols at a 74 year-old female senior citizen. Concerned for the victim's safety, Mr. McCoy called the police. In addition, he jumped out of his vehicle and chased the two juveniles northbound on South 27th Street. Eventually, he caught up with the juveniles and detained them until officers arrived. On the scene, officers recovered the BB pistols, which resembled real firearms, and took the juvenile suspects into custody.

With his quick thinking and dedication towards helping another citizen, Mr. McCoy played an instrumental part in capturing the juveniles until the police arrived. Therefore, Mr. Jason D. McCoy will be awarded the Valorous Conduct Award.

Mr. Boston E. Compton

Meritorious Conduct Award

On July 21, 2015, officers responded to a female subject threatening to jump off a 100 foot bridge in the 3300 block of South Howell Avenue. The subject was seen sitting on the railing of the bridge and ready to fall to the ground. However, standing next to her was Mr. Compton, a friend who was desperately persuading her not to jump from the bridge.

As the officers approached the scene, the subject yelled for them not to come any closer and she moved further off the railing ready to jump. Immediately the officers stopped in place and mouthed to Mr. Compton, "Grab her." Fearing for his friend's safety, Mr. Compton seized the opportunity and bear hugged his friend, pulling her off the railing and bringing her to safety.

Mr. Compton's quick response and determination resulted in saving his friend's life. Therefore, Mr. Boston E. Compton shall receive a Meritorious Conduct Award.

District Seven

Captain Jutiki C. Jackson

Police Officer Molly D. Wellman

Lifesaving Award

On July 4, 2015, Officer Molly D. Wellman and her partner responded to a shooting in the 5200 block of North 76th Street. Officer Wellman found the victim lying face down in a pool of blood. She observed that the victim had been shot in the back of his neck; he was unresponsive and had no pulse.

Officer Wellman carefully repositioned the victim on his back. She checked his neck and wrist for a pulse but could not find one. Officer Wellman administered several rounds of chest compressions. Shortly thereafter, the subject regained consciousness and began to breathe on his own. The Milwaukee Fire Department, arrived, continued medical care, and transported the subject to the hospital for further treatment.

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Captain Jutiki C. Jackson

Officer Wellman's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Molly D. Wellman is therefore recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016 and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officers Matthew K. Dresen

Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr.

Lifesaving Award

On April 15, 2015, Officer Matthew K. Dresen and Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr. were involved in a vehicle pursuit of an auto taken in an armed robbery. The pursuit resulted in a five-car crash. The driver of the fleeing vehicle was ejected from the auto and was lying unresponsive without a pulse. Officers Dresen and Roman began CPR. After several cycles the driver was revived. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel took over medical treatment and transported the subject to the hospital.

Officers Dresen and Roman's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of life. Police Officer Matthew K. Dresen and Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr. are therefore each recognized with a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Jose M. Luna

Meritorious Service Award

On February 1, 2015, Officer Luna and his partner responded to a family in trouble in the 3900 block of North 77th Street. The sister explained that her brother came home drunk and was in the basement refusing to turn down his music. Officer Luna heard the subject swearing and yelling from the basement. As the officers stood in the hallway, Officer Luna heard the subject come up the stairs into the kitchen and arm himself with a knife from a kitchen drawer. Immediately, Officer Luna's partner immediately drew her pistol and yelled at the subject to drop the knife. The subject backed into a corner of the kitchen. Officer Luna took out his OC spray and expandable baton. When the subject reappeared into the doorway, Officer Luna immediately delivered a burst of OC to the subject's eyes causing him to drop the knife. Without further resistance, the subject was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Officer Luna's actions exemplify the successful de-escalation of a volatile situation. He was able to assess the potential dangers of discharging a firearm in a confined space with multiple occupants and sought rational, alternative actions. His decision to utilize a less extreme option resulted in a safe resolution of the conflict.

Officer Luna's restraint and professionalism epitomize the core values of the Milwaukee Police Department. Therefore, Police Officer Jose M. Luna is recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Facilities Services

Mr. Richard W. Moore

Custodial Worker II Joe Adams

Meritorious Service Award

On June 9, 2015, Mr. Joe Adams was performing his daily duties of maintaining the cleanliness of District Four. Suddenly, he heard a commotion and ran to the front lobby to determine why people were yelling and screaming.

As Mr. Adams stepped into the front lobby, he immediately observed a subject run from the cell block and jump over the front counter. It was obvious to Mr. Adams the subject was trying to escape. Realizing he had to do something to prevent this from happening, Mr. Adams grabbed the running subject and held him down long enough for the officers to handcuff him.

Due to his actions and without regard for his own safety, Mr. Adams prevented the escape of a violent criminal. His brave actions helped officers take a determined felon back into custody. Therefore, Custodial Worker II Joe Adams is recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Neighborhood Task Force

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

Police Officer John R. Shipman

Police Officer Daniel J. Sutyak

Meritorious Service Award

On September 23, 2014, Officer John R. Shipman and Officer Daniel J. Sutyak were patrolling the area of North Green Bay Avenue. A citizen approached the squad car to report that an armed robbery was about to take place at the gas station down the street and gave a description of the suspect. As a concern to public safety, the officers immediately responded to the 4400 block of North Green Bay Avenue.

Upon arrival, Officers Shipman and Sutyak observed two subjects on the sidewalk; one fit the description. The officers, without regard for their own safety, approached and noticed the suspect was robbing the victim at gunpoint. The victim cried out for help. Officer Shipman abruptly exited the squad car and ran towards the armed suspect. Officer Sutyak pursued the suspect in the squad while broadcasting his flight path. Officer Shipman chased the suspect on foot and was later joined by Officer Sutyak in the foot pursuit. The officers caught the suspect and after a struggle to secure his hands, placed him into custody.

Officers Shipman and Sutyak were successful in apprehending a dangerous armed felon in the act of committing a violent felony. They displayed immense courage by placing the safety of the public before their own and arresting a dangerous criminal. Police Officer John R. Shipman and Police Officer Daniel J. Sutyak are therefore each recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Office of Community Outreach and Education Captain Peter D. Pierce
Police Officer Gregory D. Hunter Medal of Valor –Rescue Award
Police Officer Raymond L. Monfre
Police Officer Shane A. Pecoraro Meritorious Service Award
Mr. Juan R. Trevino Valorous Conduct Award

On May 14, 2015, while on patrol in the area of East Walker and South Barclay Street, Officer Gregory D. Hunter was alerted to the smell of smoke in the nearby area. After confirming with dispatch that fires had not been reported, Officer Hunter immediately searched the area for the source. Suddenly, he saw a passenger train stopped on top of a steep embankment with smoke and flames billowing from the engine. Immediately fearing an explosion and for the safety of the occupants, Officer Hunter ran toward the train to begin evacuations. Officer Hunter called for the fire department and additional assistance.

Officer Hunter encountered Juan Trevino, a tow truck driver, who had stopped to help. Mr. Trevino grabbed two fire extinguishers from his truck and ran toward the train with Officer Hunter. Meanwhile, the raging fire was producing loud popping sounds and clouds of thick black smoke. It was clear the passengers and rescue team were in imminent danger, and using the fire extinguishers would be futile. Realizing the entire train could quickly become engulfed in flames, evacuating the passengers became the primary concern.

Boarding the passenger cars, Officer Hunter and Mr. Trevino began escorting people off the train. Meanwhile, Officer Raymond L. Monfre and Officer Shane A. Pecoraro arrived on the scene and also assisted in evacuating passengers from the perilous situation.

Police Officer Hunter, while displaying great courage, and without regard for his safety, rescued numerous citizens from a potentially deadly situation. Police Officer Gregory D. Hunter shall therefore receive a Medal of Valor - Rescue Award and three days to be taken in 2016.

Police Officer Monfre and Police Officer Pecoraro safely assisted in removing all 51 passengers and carefully escorting them to safety. Special care was used in evacuating elderly passengers to avoid injuries. Therefore, Officer Raymond L. Monfre and Officer Shane A. Pecoraro are each recognized with a Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Trevino, while displaying great courage, and without regard for his safety, rescued numerous citizens from a potentially dangerous situation. Mr. Juan R. Trevino shall therefore receive a Valorous Conduct Award.

Unit Service Award Recipients

Violent Crime Tint Crew

Captain of Police

Johnny C. Sgrignuoli

Police Lieutenants

Kevin Armbruster

Eric C. Donaldson

Police Sergeants

Brian C. Burch

Steven J. Braunreiter

Steven Herrmann

Wesam F. Yaghnam

Detectives

Mark E. Harms

Daniel G. Knitter

Gena A. Malanche

Michael J. Slomczewski

Unit Service Award Recipients

Police Officers

Brian P. Brosseau
Jason A. Dewit
Jennifer Feather
Phillip J. Ferguson
Gregory M. Kuspa
Richard K. Litwin

Michael Lopez
Dean S. Newport
Jonathon C. Newport
Vincenzo G. Paolo
Jose G. Ramirez

Kurt S. Saltzwadel
Steven L. Strasser
Joel P. Susler
Michael P. Wawrzyniakowski
Kurt R. Ziarnik

Crime Analyst

Kyle D. McFatridge

Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney

Laura Crivello

Unit Service Award

In March of 2015, members of the Milwaukee Police Department initiated an investigation into a series of shootings, robberies, homicides, and victim intimidation directly associated with a Milwaukee area group of narcotic dealers. This group was labeled by investigators as the “Violent Crime Tint Crew” (VCTC).

The VCTC engaged in a highly organized narcotic trafficking operation. The members of this crew served clients across the City of Milwaukee, southeast Wisconsin, and northern Illinois. The drug dealers used stolen rental cars with heavily-tinted windows and fraudulent temporary license plates. To further avoid detection by police, the suspects used a variety of hotels located throughout the suburban area.

A team of analysts, officers, investigators, and supervisors assembled to aggressively target, arrest, and prosecute the VCTC. Members assigned to this mission also remained accountable for their daily responsibilities at their respective work locations. In one hundred days the unit interviewed dozens of victims and witnesses, completed countless hours of surveillance, conducted hazardous field work, and executed over twenty search warrants.

The team recovered more than one thousand grams of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana, along with \$12,000 in proceeds. Fifteen stolen vehicles and twelve firearms with high capacity magazines were also seized. Fifteen members of the VCTC were taken into custody and charged with various weapon, narcotic, and violent crimes. The key arrests of these dangerous criminals led to the dismantling of the VCTC crime organization.

Throughout the course of this investigation, all personnel assigned to this daunting task displayed incredible levels of dedication and perseverance. The unit coordinated resources, assembled support teams, and engaged in dangerous field work to capture these violent individuals.

The individual efforts of the detectives, officers, analysts, and supervisors produced an effective team working together to end a large narcotics operation.

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



Frank Pidczek	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	Wendolynn 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



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