

FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE AWARDS AND CITATIONS

At the July 11 meeting of the Citation and Award Board, the following persons were recognized:

Officer Sandra Rochford - Merit Citation; **Susan Aschoff - Civilian Citation**

In February, Officer Rochford began an investigation of suspected child abuse at a residence in Farmington Hills. Information and intervention, provided by neighbor Susan Aschoff, played a large part in this investigation, which resulted in multiple charges against a man and his wife for keeping the teenage victim as a domestic slave in their home.

Officer Douglas Muller - Lifesaving Award; **Wendy Harper - Civilian Citation**

Officer Muller responded to a citizen's report of an injury accident on March 9. On arrival, he found the driver unresponsive and not breathing. Wendy Harper helped Officer Muller extricate the victim, and they administered CPR. The victim was taken to the hospital but succumbed to another heart attack.

Officer Jon Crump - Lifesaving Award

Officer Crump was donating blood at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena when he was notified of a "man down on the soccer field." He administered CPR until medics arrived. The victim was transported to the hospital and has subsequently recovered.

Officers Marc Haro, Scott

Repps and Eric Amenson - Citation

Officer Repps initiated a traffic stop and was backed-up by Officers Haro and Amenson. During the driver interview, Officer Haro observed a handgun partially concealed on the floor near the driver. The driver was arrested and the handgun was recovered.

Officers Alan Patterson, Jon Haupt and Kevin Cronin - Citation; **Officers John Regorrah, James Knittel and Bonnie Unruh - Unit Citation**

Investigating armed robberies of area motels, Officer Patterson successfully identified the suspect and arranged a ruse to facilitate his arrest. The suspect ran and was chased on foot by Officers Haupt and Cronin. He discarded a loaded handgun during the pursuit. Officers Regorrah and Knittel assisted; Officer Unruh provided suspect information to area hotels.

Officer Andrus Radze - Citation

Officer Radze, on patrol, initiated a traffic stop and observed the driver attempting to hide something in the vehicle. A search resulted in the discovery of 116 bags of marijuana and confiscation of \$3,690.

Officers Ronald Shankin and Richard Wehby - Citation; **James Jordan - Civilian Citation**

In May, a suspect who used a sledgehammer to commit business burglaries was discovered

by security guard James Jordan. Jordan gave detailed descriptions of the subject and his vehicle. Officers Shankin and Wehby recalled dealing with a subject with such a truck and identified the man, who was arrested.

Commander Patrick Browne, Lieutenant James Whitcomb, Officers Duane Fox and Patrick Sidge - Professional Service Award

The Department has been instrumental in helping the Farmington Public School District develop a detailed Crisis Response Plan. These officers serve on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

Sergeants Charles Rozum and John Markey, Officers David Lee, Jon Haupt and Marlin Goble - Unit Citation

Sergeant Markey observed a suspicious vehicle cruising a local neighborhood and linked it to a suspect with a local history of burglary and criminal sexual conduct. He shared this info with Sergeant Rozum who linked it to the circumstances of a residential burglary several nights later. Officers Lee and Haupt confronted the suspect and obtained a confession.

Sgt. Robert Burkart and Alan Soderlund, Ofcrs. Wm. Duffey, Mark Mostek, Daniel Rodriguez and Paul Nicholas - Unit Citation

Officers of the SONIC unit were working in the area of Northwestern and 13 Mile when they observed an altercation

that became physical. Arrests resulted in the seizure of marijuana, ecstasy and a handgun.

Unit Citation
SONIC officers received information from Detroit Police about two people enroute to Chicago, Ill., to retrieve a large shipment of marijuana and cocaine. Surveillance resulted in the eventual arrest of the two suspects, seizure of drugs and cash.

Officer Ronald Shankin - Commendation

Investigating a commercial burglary, Officer Shankin eliminated several preliminary suspects and focused his attention on the night manager. He was able to extract a confession, and the implication and confession of a second suspect.

Officers Robert Plotske and Richard Norman - Commendation

Responsible for the daily management, transport and security of prisoners, Officers Plotske and Norman have accomplished those tasks proficiently, and without a mishap or mistake.

Crime Prevention Technicians Nancy Summers, Juliet

McGlinch and Ro-Adrienne Evans, Clerk I Dixie Moran and Carol Markes - Citation

In support of the Crime Prevention Kid's Club, Summers, McGlinch and Evans, and Clerks Moran and Marken used their skills to develop a mass mailing, and newsletters and identification cards. Over 7,000 membership invitations were sent.

Andrea Marvin - Citation

In December 2000, Marvin participated in the investigation of a tip that a local retailer was selling tobacco products to minors. Her actions were instrumental in checking for conformity to the laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors.

Paul Evans - Citation

While driving on Orchard Lake Road, Evans assisted with chasing a person who was running across the Hunter's Square parking lot, chased by a marked police car. Evans caught up to the fleeing subject, ordered the man to the ground, where he stayed until the arriving police officers took him into custody.

Francine Moore - Citation

While working part-time as a

retail cashier, Moore served an older customer who left her bank envelope on the counter, then left the store. Moore recovered the envelope and held the money until the owner could return to claim it.

Kevin Sternik, Burt Brooks, David Eppert and Richard Levinson - Citation

In response to numerous incidents of vandalism, these citizens patrolled their subdivision and observed several local youths prowling around. They contacted the police and were instrumental in the apprehension of the youths, who later admitted having been involved in previous incidents.

Dwight McCarter - Citation

Rev. McCarter, working as a security guard at the West River Center, observed a man in his 60s, who appeared to be in distress, attempting to get into his vehicle. Medics were summoned and discovered the man to be suffering diabetic shock. Rev. McCarter's timely intervention prevented this victim from injuring himself or others.

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