

A Message from David A. Clarke Jr.
64th Sheriff
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Today, you will hear stories of those who have set their own personal safety aside in rendering lifesaving service to others. You will hear of those who charitably gave of their time and talent to help the law enforcement community. Of those who approached their duties in so steadfast a manner as to bring great credit upon the profession of law enforcement. Those of my agency, to be sure, and from the Milwaukee Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol; but most gratifyingly, those private citizens who stepped into a critical moment of need and affirmed that we, in fact, are our brother's and sister's keeper. This year you will have a chance to meet and admire those who have rushed into harm's way and those who have persevered, at great personal risk, in seeking to serve their fellow citizens who found themselves in dire circumstance. In particular, I am humbled that Attorney Kimberley Motley was able to travel from that great bastion of college basketball, North Carolina, to join us this afternoon. Ms. Motley's strident advocacy for the rights of victims, and her tireless efforts towards the pursuit of justice, are intensely personal and have been carried out far from where she dreamed in her days at the Marquette University Law School; all the way to the dusty streets of Kabul and Kandahar, where she litigates cases in Afghanistan's Criminal Courts in a system of justice where the rule of law and concept of individual rights, particularly of women, hold a very different meaning. In both her advocacy of her clients, and her training of hundreds of Afghan Attorneys throughout their country, Ms. Motley has drawn the attention of the world press...and spoken for those whose voices had been, until her arrival, often unheard.

As always, I would like to offer a special thanks to our corporate benefactors whose generosity in helping to underwrite today's event makes our celebration possible: Our longstanding partners at WaterStone Bank, Hupy and Abraham, Roundy's, The Marcus Corporation Foundation and Marcus Hotels and Resorts, the WE Energies Foundation, and The House of Harley Davidson, Milwaukee; and our newest friends at Johnson Controls, Hanson Dodge Creative, the Waukesha County Community Foundation, Shorty's Shooting Sports Store, Surg Restaurant Group, Bel Air Cantina, Badger Mutual Insurance, Country Flower Shop and Eddie Martini's. Their willingness to join us in acknowledging the heroes among us, in this our thirteenth year of this luncheon, is a powerful statement of their ongoing commitment to the standard of living in our community. They value shared efforts between the corporate world and government, and understand that being "community friendly" is a responsibility, not just a slogan.

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Letters Of Commendation

December 24, 2015

On Christmas Eve morning, just before 2:30 AM, **Deputy Sheriff Douglas Radtke**, a 20-year veteran presently serving in the Airport Division, took a call for a possible wrong-way driver traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of US-45. Rolling that way, Deputy Radtke saw a partner in blue just ahead of him: **Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper David Schmitt**. Setting their cruisers in a side-by-side formation, these 2 officers encountered a silver Pontiac Grand Prix traveling southbound in the median distress lane at N/B US Highway 45 and Mayfair Road. As the car approached them, Trooper Schmitt positioned his squad in the distress lane and Deputy Radtke moved into lane #1, both using their air horns to try to get the operator to stop. The driver "came to" and yielded, finally stopping approximately 5.5 miles south of the original 911 call location. When the officers approached the driver, a 32-year-old woman, was crying, telling them that she was "trying to get onto the other side." She later admitted to having been drinking for more than 3 hours prior to this incident, and was arrested for Driving the Wrong Way on a Divided Highway, Drunk Driving and 2nd Degree Reckless Endangering Safety, a Felony to which she pleaded guilty in May. There are no textbook "right" answers for an officer confronted with what lay before Deputy Radtke and Trooper Schmitt. But for their quick action in protecting motorists, and for placing themselves in harm's way in setting a selfless standard worthy of emulation, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Douglas Radtke and Trooper David Schmitt with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey

Letter Of Commendation

September 24, 2015

On a September afternoon, **Deputy Sheriff Wesley Boone**, a 21-year veteran currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, was working an interdiction detail when he was flagged down by a woman who told him in badly broken English that she had just been carjacked at gunpoint. As Deputy Boone was trying to sort out the facts, the victim pointed to a Silver Town and Country van that was pulling out of the El Rey supermarket parking lot. Once Deputy Boone pulled behind the van on the 16th Street viaduct, they took off at a high rate of speed. Deputy Boone notified dispatch that he was in pursuit of the vehicle, chasing it to the area of 41st and Chambers where the driver drove the wrong way on 41st St. Deputy Boone paralleled through the adjacent alleyway while MPD and MCSO squads flooded the area. The chase continued to the area of 50th and Concordia, where the vehicle became trapped between a bus and a stopped car. The driver fled on foot, with Deputy Boone pursuing. Three more poured out in all directions, but with a tight perimeter, all four were snapped up and turned over to MPD in clearing multiple armed robberies, an Operating Vehicle Without Owner's Consent, Felony Fleeing, Reckless Endangering Safety and Duty Upon Striking. In his speedy response, teamwork, and quick follow-up in identifying and locating their suspects, the efforts of Deputy Boone led to taking four suspects into custody immediately after a violent criminal assault, and saw them answer for their actions. The MCSO is proud to present him with a Letter of Commendation, Deputy Sheriff Boone's second such citation (2011)

Nominated by: Sergeant Aaron Dobson and Deputy Inspector Tobie Weberg

Letter Of Commendation

& Commitment To Excellence Award

December 9, 2015

February 25, 2016

On a December afternoon, in a case that rightfully captivated Milwaukee, **Detective Donald Desotell**, a 21-year veteran assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, responded to assume command at a crime scene of a violent and dangerous running gun battle that occurred on the Freeway near the Marquette interchange. During this shootout, suspects from 2 vehicles shot up a third car, occupied by two victims, one of them suffering a serious gunshot wound. Two other uninvolved vehicles were also struck by gunfire. In all: a lot of cars, a lot of casings, and a lot of ballistics at four different locations. Over the next six weeks, Detective Desotell led a complex investigation that resulted in the arrest and charging of all four shooters, and one bonus suspect on an unrelated felony. Six crime guns were seized, and several were found to have been used in homicides in the City of Milwaukee. Also, as one might expect, this was all about drugs, with Detective Desotell's team recovering both Heroin and Ecstasy...and that's where a twist comes in: 2 months later, in a separate shooting incident near Mitchell Airport that we'll be hearing about later today, **Mr. Corey Aker**, a GMIA contractor aware of that shooting, called in to Dispatch to advise of a car stopped suspiciously on the freeway in the area of that incident. And who turned out to be in that vehicle but a suspect in Detective Desotell's case who had lied to investigators about his role in drug-dealing during a search warrant execution. For his work in this investigation, requiring hundreds of hours of surveillance, search warrants, and good old-fashioned interviewing skills and legwork, the MCSO is proud to present Detective Donald Desotell with a Letter of Commendation, his second such citation (2014); and for his willingness to stop, get involved and risk his safety in contacting law enforcement in the midst of a critical police shooting investigation, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Corey Aker with a Commitment to Excellence Award.

Nominated by: Sergeant Aaron Dobson and Deputy Inspector Tobie Weberg (as to Det. Desotell); Captain Catherine Trimboli (as to Mr. Aker)

Award Recipients

Letters Of Commendation

November
December
2015

The headlines tell half a story: *Arrests 'stopped a homicide': 4 charged in witness intimidation plot* they screamed. In November of 2015, Antonio M. Smith, Lorenzo Beaton, Shaheem M. Smith and Shantrell J. Lyons' conspiratorial plan to murder a witness in Milwaukee was foiled...after MCSO investigators detected suspicious chatter on inmate calls detailing their nefarious plot. MCSO worked with DA investigators who scooped up the would-be victim as the killers were closing in. In this case, these four suspects have been charged with conspiring to murder a witness to the killing of Eddie Powe in the summer of 2015. And who were those listening ears? They belonged to the MCSO Law Enforcement Analytics Division, and their Commanding Officer **Captain Brian Barkow**, a 19-year veteran; **Detective Thomas Luty**, a 21-year veteran, and **Correctional Officer Tamika Spears**, a 17-year veteran. Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm said, "This is an amazing case. If you read through the criminal complaint, you'll find what incredible collaboration took place and how close a call this truly was. They stopped a homicide, pure and simple." And that, the marriage of Intelligence and Operations, is where LEAD lives. For their efforts in identifying actionable intelligence that cleared a homicide before it could occur, and for their seamlessly joining with other agencies in a complex, dangerous multi-jurisdictional response, the MCSO is proud to present Captain Brian Barkow, Detective Thomas Luty, and Correctional Officer Tamika Spears with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by: Captain Catherine Trimboli

Letters Of Commendation

February 24, 2016

On a winter day in February, an officer-involved shooting in Walworth County led to a high-speed chase that ended in Muskego when Walworth County sheriff's deputies and Village of East Troy police confronted occupants of a vehicle in the parking lot of a restaurant in a drug investigation. In this case, a deputy discharged his firearm before a high speed chase on I-43 toward Milwaukee that reached speeds of more than 100 mph. The chase ended when the vehicle crashed in Muskego, where residents were warned to stay indoors as police searched for, located and arrested the two suspects who fled from the vehicle. The MCSO officers at the "tip of the spear" in this response were **Deputy Sheriff Van Callies**, a 19-year veteran currently serving on the Targeted Enforcement Unit and **Deputy Sheriff Adam Wege**, a 1-year rookie serving in the Patrol Division. For their efforts in searching for these armed and dangerous suspects, the Muskego Police Chief stated "their diligent and professional work throughout this incident, accepting our direction and assignments without hesitation even though it meant several hours in our cold Wisconsin winter weather, helped assure our terrified citizens that everything was being done to get the bad guys." And that's how these deputies roll. For their quick reactions in speeding to assist our neighbors to the south in providing assistance to a fellow law enforcement agency in a critical police shooting incident and manhunt, and for showing that the colors and badges on the uniforms don't ever matter when public safety is at risk, the MCSO is proud to present Deputy Sheriffs Van Callies and Adam Wege with Letters of Commendation. This is Deputy Callies's second such citation (2015).

Nominated by: Muskego Police Chief Craig Moser

Letters Of Commendation

February 28, 2016

The majority of the MCSO's footprint is the operation of the Milwaukee County Jail. Those that labor within its walls are often called upon to render initial medical aid to our inmate population. On a wintry Sunday morning, **Correctional Officer Dominique Smith**, a 2-year officer, was assigned to housing unit 3A when, during his initial formal inspection, he arrived at the cell of a 25-year-old inmate to find him gasping for air and struggling to breathe, in the throes of a massive, life-threatening seizure. He immediately radioed for help, summoning **Lieutenants Steven Artus**, an 11-year officer, and **Devonta Townes**, a 7-year officer, and Correctional Officers **Lance Olson**, a 7-year officer, **Christopher O'Guin**, a 6-year officer, **Cary Keen**, a 15-year officer, **Kelle Honzik**, a 17-year officer, **Anthony Emanuele**, a 3-year officer, and **Chad Recklies**, a recently retired officer with 11 years of service, to the scene. The officers coordinated performing CPR on the inmate, until relieved by the paramedics of the Milwaukee Fire Department who conveyed him to the hospital for further evaluation. For their speedy and competent response to this critical medical emergency, the MCSO is proud to present these Correctional Officers and Lieutenants with Letters of Commendation.

Nominated by: Captain Catherine Trimboli and Major Nancy Evans

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Letter Of Commendation

April 18, 2016

Shortly before sunrise on a spring morning, **Deputy Sheriff Michael Galezewski**, a 4-year officer serving in the Patrol Division, aired that he had a wrong way driver coming at him on STH Hwy 119, the expressway section approaching the General Mitchell International Airport. With seconds to make a decision on how to handle this critical incident, Deputy Galezewski stopped his vehicle in lane #1 with his emergency lights and siren activated. To his great relief, the wrong way driver stopped approximately 30 feet from the front of Deputy Galezewski's squad car. In conducting his follow-up investigation, Deputy Galezewski learned that the 65-year-old driver was the exception: Not drunk, but lethargic and confused, a diabetic suffering through a hypoglycemic incident. Deputy Galezewski called the Milwaukee Fire Department to the scene. When he recovered, the subject told investigators that he had no memory of leaving his house near 27th and Grange, nor entering the freeway system. There are no textbook "right" answers for a driver confronted with what lay before Deputy Galezewski. But for setting a selfless standard worthy of emulation, halting a wrong way driver and ending a potentially deadly incident before summoning needed medical aid to a scene, the MCSO is proud to present him with a Letter of Commendation.

Nominated by: Captain Catherine Trimboli and Director Fran McLaughlin

Letters Of Commendation

October 23, 2015

All cops must pass basic training, and certification, in "old school" cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) the life-saving breath and chest compression protocol that can prolong a subject's life until the true medical professionals arrive. Most go their entire careers without ever needing to test that proficiency. Even rarer is the need to test it on one of our own. On an October morning a 20-year veteran, collapsed in the Courts Division assembly area. Springing to action, Deputy **Sheriff Joann Sowin**, an 18-year veteran, **Deputy Sheriff Steven Geason**, a 15-year veteran, Deputy **Sheriff John Schroeder**, a 19-year veteran, and **Deputy Sheriff Shawn Bacich**, a 17-year veteran, all responded. This was critical: Deputy Freuck was unconscious and had stopped breathing. The deputies coordinated the medical response and began CPR with chest compressions and rescue breathing on the floor of the Roll Call room, with an AED brought to the scene and deployed. The officers continued until the deputy began to breathe on his own and was able to speak. The Milwaukee Fire Department paramedics arrived, and conveyed the deputy to the Hospital for further treatment and evaluation. He survived this critical incident, and continues his road to recovery. But for giving him his first tenuous steps along that road, and for showing that all the technology in the world can't replace motivated, committed cops with basic lifesaving skills and a won't quit attitude, the MCSO is proud to present these Deputy Sheriffs with Letters of Commendation. This is Deputy Geason's third such citation (2011, 2015) In 2012, Deputy Schroeder received the Commitment to Excellence Award.

Nominated by: Captain Douglas Holton Jr.

Letters Of Commendation

January 15, 2016

On a winter morning, **Detective Roberto Hernandez**, a 14-year veteran, was working in Armed Robbery, Auto Theft and Shooting interdiction, cooperatively with the Milwaukee Police Department. Monitoring their radio frequency, he heard via MPD dispatch that they were looking for 3 cars that were working in unison committing multiple armed robberies and carjackings in the area of 14th and Burnham on the south side. Detective Hernandez saw a light blue vehicle pass in front of his marked MCSO squad with a driver that looked too young to be driving a car. He realized that the vehicle matched the description of a Pontiac involved in the armed robberies and carjackings. Detective Hernandez began following the vehicle, and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle immediately took off at a high rate of speed, making turns onto side streets attempting to elude Detective Hernandez. By the time they progressed to 35th and National, MPD vehicles were assisting in the pursuit along with MCSO **Detective Jamie Arnold**, a 19-year veteran assigned to CID. At 20th St., they threw a gun out of the window that landed in the street; at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 103rd and Silver Spring they turned head-on toward an MCSO squad being driven by **Deputies Keith Villwock**, a 21-year veteran, and **Nathan Spittlemeister**, 6-year veteran. Smashing into that squad, the car careened until disabled by the squad driven by MCSO Sergeant Bret Myers, a 22-year veteran...and then the foot pursuit was on. They didn't even get 100 feet. All four suspects were subsequently turned over to MPD relative to their armed robbery investigation, with the MCSO pursuing separate charges for Fleeing and Recklessly Endangering Safety, both as felonies. For their observations, initiative, speedy response and teamwork, the MCSO is proud to present them with Letters of Commendation. This is Detective Hernandez's third such citation (2007, 2013); Detective Arnold's second such citation (2013); and in 2013, Deputy Villwock received the Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award.

Nominated by: Sergeant Aaron Dobson and Deputy Inspector Tobie Weberg

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General Mitchell International Airport is the gateway to Milwaukee. On an early winter morning, **Deputy Sheriffs Leon Bond**, a 17 year veteran currently assigned to the Courts Division; **Daniel Zielinski**, a 27-year veteran assigned to the Airport Division; and **John Schroeder**, a 19-year veteran currently assigned to the Courts Division, responded to a dispatched call for a pulseless, non-breathing subject on the ticketing drive near the Delta counter. Armed with an AED, they were joined at the scene by **Sergeant Matthew Paradise**, a 25-year veteran serving at the Airport Division, and encountered a 70-year-old man lying on the ground in the roadway, being held by his wife, in the midst of a critical cardiac emergency. The deputies worked in a coordinated fashion providing chest compressions and rescue breaths, learning as they worked that the subject had both a pacemaker and a defibrillator installed. The deputies kept working until relieved by the Milwaukee Fire Department, who ultimately conveyed the man, alive, to St. Luke's Medical Center to start his road to recovery. As a fire member at the scene wrote, "Together, these deputies attached the AED, analyzed the rhythm, delivered one defibrillation, initiated CPR after the shock was delivered, and continued CPR until our arrival. At the time the patient departed the airport, he was breathing on his own and had a solid pulse and blood pressure. Due to their calm demeanor and swift actions, this patient was given the absolute best chance at surviving a potentially fatal cardiac emergency. For their immediate life-saving efforts, the MCSO is proud to present these officers with Letters of Commendation. This is Deputy Schroeder's second such citation this evening; and Sergeant Paradise's second such citation (2013),

Nominated by: Captain Mark Witek

Since its inception, **Associated Bank** has had a rich tradition of providing superior financial services to the communities in which we do business...and as an extension of that commitment, Associated is dedicated to strengthening their communities through both focused corporate giving and employee volunteerism efforts that help our friends, our colleagues and our neighbors. Joining us today is **Mr. John A. Utz**, who joined Associated Bank in 2010 and is currently the executive vice president and head of corporate banking and Milwaukee market president. A transplanted Los Angelino, he brings more than 20 years of banking experience to Associated Bank. He serves on the board of directors for Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee Film, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, and Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC). Among the many charities Associated supports are some common names: Habitat for Humanity; the Cream City Foundation; the Boys and Girls Clubs; United Way; and the American Lung Association. But today, we honor them for their ongoing, long-term commitment to cleanup efforts at one of the true jewels in the Milwaukee County Parks crown, the beautiful downtown Bradford Beach and McKinley Park areas. In appreciation for their generosity in partnering with the Sheriff's Office and Milwaukee County Parks Department, and for their continuing commitment to the citizens of Milwaukee and our beautiful shared public spaces, we are proud to present Mr. John Utz and Associated Bank with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Captain Catherine Trimboli

On a spring morning, MCSO squads responded to a vehicle pulled over on the side of the expressway on southbound Highway 175 at Vliet, where the driver of the vehicle had been tragically shot. In a case that became worldwide news, the 26-year-old Milwaukee woman was driving her boyfriend's car when a gun slid out from under the driver's seat and her 2-year-old son picked it up and fired it from the back seat. The bullet went through the driver's seat and hit the woman in the back as she drove. Adding to the tragedy was the fact that the mother had borrowed the car from her boyfriend, a security guard, because hers had been stolen four days earlier. When her car was stolen, the car seats for her sons — the 2-year-old and a 1-year-old — were also stolen. As all attendees can recall, this story swept through the news. We all paused to consider such a sad and puzzling event. But **Mr. Kenneth Howard**, an administrative assistant with the Capuchin Community Services here in Milwaukee, did more. He filled his car with diapers, toys, and other items from the inventory at St. Ben's and went to the shooting scene, delivering the items to the deputies to help the young children deal with the aftermath of this horrible scene. In the great tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, Capuchins strive to live more simply, serve the poor, and preach the Word of God. Those characteristics have remained the chief features of Capuchins to this day as seen in their inner city ministries and meal programs for the poor. For his sweet, kind treatment of these children, St. Francis himself, and we humbly agree, would be proud to present Mr. Kenneth Howard with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey

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2014–2016

In the Fall of 2014, Airport Division Commander Captain Mark Witek had a moment of inspiration: Those deputies who serve at that distinctive location should show their pride...and their wings. Captain Witek put out a memo to all airport deputies asking if someone would like to try and design just such a pin, which would be given to all permanently assigned deputies serving at the airport to wear on their uniform blouse. Deputy Sheriff David Krueger, a 21-year veteran, took that work home with him. He had a passion for graphic design, and had designed multiple emblems and logos in the past. But the winning design lay elsewhere: In the mind of his son, **Mr. Jake Krueger**, a 17-year-old senior at West Allis Hale High School. As Deputy Krueger told us, "He noticed what I was doing and asked if he could design one himself. Needless to say, his were better than mine. He went to the agency website, cut and pasted the badge, and then found some wings he liked and attached them to the badge. He first did them in gold, and when I pointed out supervisors only wear gold, he came back an hour later with a silver one and said, "How's that?" Well, we looked at dozens of designs, Jake. And yours was the best. For his obvious design flair, but more importantly for his willingness to expend his time and energies in the pursuit of something that would only ever aid another, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Jake Krueger with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Captain Mark Witek and Captain Catherine Trimboli

Community

Service

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May 7, 2016

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. This distinction represents more than 2 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. For his service requirement, **Mr. Dominic Trimboli**, the nephew of Records Division Commander Catherine Trimboli, chose to support area law enforcement by beautifying the MCSO Call to Duty Memorial at our Training Academy in Franklin. For an entire Spring and Summer, Mr. Trimboli updated the landscaping, tended flowerbeds, added mulch, and built benches. As he wrote at the time, "I decided to do this project because I believe that the memorial does not look its best; and I wanted to bring back the beauty for the families of those who have died who come back to visit." For his selfless generosity in showing the men and women of law enforcement, and sadly their surviving children, just how much he appreciates and values their efforts and their sacrifices, the MCSO is proud to present Mr. Dominic Trimboli with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Inspector Edward Bailey and Captain Mark Steiber (Ret.)

Community

Service

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2012–2016

MCSO Detective John Davis has, as much as any member of our sworn ranks, earned his retirement the hard way. In his 24-year MCSO career, the consistently exceptional police work that Detective Davis did led to his unquestioned reputation of being self-motivated, conscientious, and compassionate to the needs of the community. Never "coasting", or doing the bare minimum required, Detective Davis has taken his investigations personally, leading to a regional reputation for the investigation of crimes that established him as an elite performer in southeastern Wisconsin. In recognition of this truth, he earned not only a Commendation for his interview in a sexual assault case, but the 2007 David Demos Award honoring a lifetime of professional law enforcement. With his retirement in 2012, it was finally over. But with Detective Davis, it's never over. He still maintains his informant base, and generously refers information to his fellow Detectives, clearing cases from wherever a cellphone signal and Wi-Fi signal can be found. Most notably, a 2015 3-Count Armed Robbery, 4 count Felon in Possession of Firearm, Recklessly Endangering Safety and Reckless Homicide case bear John Davis's well-respected fingerprints. No longer on the payroll, but still paying dividends to the profession, the MCSO is proud to present Retired Detective John Davis with a Community Service Award.

Nominated by: Captain Catherine Trimboli

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April 12, 2016

On a spring afternoon, what has sadly now become familiar to our Expressway Patrol Deputies happened again: They responded to a call for a motorist leaping from the Hoan Bridge. Since the turn of the decade, 9 of our citizens have leapt to their death from this beautiful Milwaukee landmark; 10 have been talked down; and, amazingly, 7 have leapt and survived. And that is what happened this day, as the 34-year-old semi-truck driver from Colorado stopped his rig at the arches and leapt into the freezing water below. The reason he survived are the efforts of **Messrs. David Housner, Cassidy Mapel and Edward Younger**, all of **US Geological Survey**, who were working on the south breakwater. Hearing the man screaming as he fell, the three boarded their small boat, and sped to the area where he had landed. Despite having no training in performing a water rescue in freezing conditions, and despite the subject being unable to help them due to his two broken arms, the three pulled him to safety, and allowed him a second chance at life. For their quick thinking, immediate reaction and bravery in conducting a water rescue and prevention of a suicidal drowning, the MCSO is proud to present David Housner, Cassidy Mapel and Edward Younger with Commitment to Excellence Awards.

Nominated by: Sergeant Sarah Byers and Deputy Inspector Tobie Weberg

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February 26, 2016

On a winter afternoon, MCSO Patrol deputies responded to a sadly common call: a suspicious person, a young woman, walking on the Hoan Bridge. The next radio update was unexpected though: the female was now struggling with three Good Samaritans. The three good Samaritans at issue join us today: **Mr. James Bisenius Jr.**, who was driving Northbound over the bridge when he observed the 30-year-old woman sitting on the ledge of the bridge with both her legs dangling over it. Mr. Bisenius pulled over, got out of his car, and began talking to the young woman; and sensing an opportunity, he grasped her and pulled her off the ledge. He was joined by **Mr. Michael Hill**, who stopped his vehicle when he saw Mr. Bisenius struggling with the woman and joined the fray, helping to restrain her, as she cried that she wanted to "go over." Finally, the third Good Samaritan, **Mr. Christopher A Gallagher**, a construction worker who had seen the young woman walk through his job site at Lincoln Memorial Drive arrived on scene having followed her up the ramp, fearful for her safety. He was the final puzzle piece that allowed these gentlemen to safely, humanely restrain her and turn her over to our care. As he stated later, Mr. Bisenius's motivation was simple: "No one should go out like that." We agree. For their quick thinking, immediate reaction and bravery in rescuing a suicidal subject in a shockingly dangerous location, the MCSO is proud to present James Bisenius Jr., Michael Hill and Christopher Gallagher with Commitment to Excellence Awards.

Nominated by: Sergeant Sarah Byers and Captain Daniel Hughes

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June 27, 2016

People throughout southeastern Wisconsin travel to the amazing Bradford Beach for a fun, memorable day with their families. But on a summer night this past season, something much darker was happening: A 911 call came in of a sexual assault at Bradford Beach, with the caller stating that a male suspect had lured and dragged an intoxicated young girl into the water and sexually assaulted her. Upon arrival at the scene, MCSO Targeted Enforcement Unit squads immediately located the suspect, victim and several witnesses. The investigating deputies took the suspect, a 27-year-old man, into custody. But the story that unfolded revealed that, but for the brave efforts of a few, the suspect may well have gotten away with his crimes undetected. **A young man of 13**, approached by the young girl's friends who were concerned for her safety, waded out to where the assault was taking place and, despite the attacker being larger, intoxicated, and more than twice his age, confronted the man and intervened. Joined in that action by **Mr. Walter Baires-Moctezuma and Mr. Cody Mazurek**, the original 911 caller, the three pulled the attacker from the victim and detained him at the scene. The victim was compassionately taken to Children's Hospital for treatment; and the attacker to jail where he was charged with 2 counts of Sexual Assault and Sexual Assault of an Intoxicated Victim, both as 40-year Felonies. Law enforcement officers recognize that, in order to successfully apprehend suspects and prosecute cases, they need the help of witnesses and the cooperation of those in the community. Through their actions, these gentlemen demonstrated their understanding of this principle, and their bravery and commitment to our community. The MCSO is proud to present them with Commitment to Excellence Awards.

Nominated by: Deputy Sheriff Joann Donner and Lieutenant Tricia Carlson

Award Recipients

The David Demos Award 1994–2016

The old guy in the squared away uniform at General Mitchell International Airport; The Field Training Officer every new deputy hopes they get assigned — that's how the new members of the MCSO see **William Theep**, a 22-year veteran currently assigned to the Airport Division. They don't remember Bill Theep the K9 handler, who worked alongside his partner Quaker for over a decade, securing search warrants and seizing drugs inbound into Milwaukee and the money being sent back to southern border states in an interdiction effort that set the standard for this agency. They don't see Bill Theep the undercover, who managed a cadre of confidential informants not only in narcotics enforcement, but in seizing crime guns and preventing armed robbery crews from reaching their intended targets. They don't see the officer that has worked with every major federal task force that operates in a straight line between Milwaukee and El Paso, Texas. They do see Bill the 7-straight-year MCSO counselor at the COPS Kids Summer Camp, using weeks of each year networking, planning and helping children who have lost a parent to a line-of-duty death. For many kids, this is the first time they have made contact with peers - other kids who have been forced to face the loss of a parent to a line-of-duty death. In the past, Bill's efforts were geared towards volunteering his time to serve as a counselor to young boys who all lost parents in the line of duty, and in personally raising funds and collecting donations of items to surprise the children with on each morning of the camp. But now he's redoubled his efforts, holding yearly COPS auctions that have, to date, raised over \$13,000 to support the Hospitality room at GMIA that serves as the reception point for families travelling to and from that event. Deputy Sheriff Theep is representing all of us in making good our simple Pledge to our Peers: If lost, you will not be forgotten. In his own words, Deputy Sheriff Theep summed it up succinctly: "I spent the week with a lump in my throat and still get one when I think about it. This is the finest thing that I've done as an officer. This organization exists for us. We will never benefit from the work this camp does, but it may help our children and spouses. The real heroes are the children." In 2004, the David Demos Award, named after our 45-year-old Deputy Sheriff killed in the Line of Duty at the hands of a drunken driver while assisting a motorist on I-94, was established as a career recognition award. The Sheriff may award it in appreciation of a members continued dedication and loyalty to their profession, and for consistent exceptional performance. In his 22 years of service to the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Theep has certainly met that requirement. For his continued dedication and passion in special unit operations, field training operations, K9 operations and his ongoing commitment to the COPS Kids Camp program, the Sheriff is proud to present Deputy Sheriff William Theep with the 2016 David Demos Award. He has previously received two Letters of Commendation (2008, 2011):

Nominated by: Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr.

The Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award March 1, 2016

At the end of a tour of duty in the Courts Division, **Deputy Sheriff Philip Koth**, a 9-year veteran, headed home. At a parking structure, he came upon a 73-year-old man, who had come downtown to serve as a Juror, laying on the sidewalk, with two other citizens, **Ms. Bobbi Carsen** and **Mr. James Schneider**, tending to him. Deputy Koth sprang into action, determining with the citizens' input that the man was fully unresponsive, and wasn't breathing. Together, the three began CPR, with Deputy Koth and Mr. Schneider handling compressions and rescue breathing while Ms. Carsen notified 911 to start a medical response. Into the scene came **Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Cmelak**, a 2-year officer from the Patrol Division, who was heading to his car. He began to take control of the scene, moving people back and guiding the Milwaukee Fire Department paramedics to the location. He was greatly assisted in this task by off-duty **Milwaukee Police Officer Gregory Llanas**, who jumped in and took over rescue breaths. By the time this group cleared this scene, MFD had found a pulse on the man, and conveyed him to St. Mary's Hospital to begin his long road to recovery. His opportunity for survival was impacted by the quick thinking actions and professionalism of these officers and citizens. Deputies Koth, Cmelak and Officer Llanas's efforts, in a coordinated, team fashion on an off-duty status, had an immediate effect on the outcome of this potentially deadly situation. In applying their medical knowledge and providing a calming, controlled influence, Mr. Schneider and Ms. Carsen generously gave of themselves to provide a second chance to their fellow citizen. For these actions, the MCSO presents them with a Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award.

Nominated by: Sergeant Todd Dickau

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The Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award

October 31, 2015

On a Halloween morning, **Deputy Sheriff Michael Murphy**, a 16-year veteran assigned to the Patrol Division, started his holiday shift in his favorite place: behind the wheel of his cruiser. At 5:00 AM he heard dispatch advise of a crash, southbound on Hwy 45 in the zoo interchange. The car had spun out and struck the median barrier wall before fleeing the scene. Flying to the area, Deputy Murphy spotted the vehicle, smashed and with its roof collapsed and the windshield caved in, in the area of Greenfield and 98th Street. He and Deputy Brandon Rios initiated a traffic stop, and detained the 21-year old driver. Shockingly, he wasn't drunk...and Deputy Murphy's radar went off. No alcohol, and with a car that, in his years of experience in patrol, had way more damage than a simple rub on a median wall would deliver. When he questioned the driver on how the damage occurred, he got conflicting responses: "I hit something; but I don't know what I hit." When reconstructing the route of travel, the driver admitted to coming from Waukesha. That was the piece he needed: Deputy Murphy radioed MCSO dispatch to inquire whether the western jurisdictions were investigating any auto crashes. The word came back swiftly: the New Berlin Police Department was on the scene of fatal vehicle vs pedestrian crash and the silver Saturn they had stopped matched the description of the vehicle that fled the scene. In checking the damage to the vehicle the deputies observed what they thought to be human hair and flesh stuck in the broken windshield. The deputies secured the vehicle and protected its evidentiary value until Detectives from the NBPD arrived on scene and assumed control. Sadly, in this case the Brookfield man who died had been walking when he was hit by a vehicle traveling east on Greenfield Avenue; and then hit by a second vehicle while lying in the road. Deputy Murphy's observation, knowledge, and investigative follow-up in a coordinated, team fashion between agencies and across county lines directly affected the resolution of this deadly incident. For his efforts, we are proud to present him with a Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award.

Nominated by: Sergeant Daniel Dittberner and Lieutenant Brad Lessila

The Sheriff's Superior Achievement Award & Letters of Commendation

February 25, 2016

On a Thursday morning at General Mitchell International Airport, **Deputy Sheriff Steven Gunn**, a 24-year veteran, was on marked Patrol when he observed a vehicle prowling the lots at an area hotel on Howell Avenue. After observing the behavior at length, he initiated a traffic stop...and the Buick hit it, screaming south before turning westbound on Grange Avenue, jumping a concrete median divider and tearing into the eastbound lanes of traffic. The car struck Deputy Gunn's squad, who was trying to box the wrong-way driver in, preventing it from striking oncoming traffic. Two males leapt from the blocked car, one reaching for a firearm. Deputy Gunn opened fire, and the 28-year-old man fled on foot. Deputy Gunn remained at the shooting scene and detained two passengers who remained in the vehicle. The second 27-year-old man went directly into the waiting arms of **Airport Division Commander Mark Witek**, a 24-year veteran, who arrested him at gunpoint, recovering a .45 Glock pistol. He was assisted in this task by **Deputy Sheriff Richard Myer**, a recently retired deputy who enjoyed a 24-year career, who diverted to the scene after completing a dignitary protection detail. Inside the car, the rapidly responding deputies, including Sergeant **James Sajdowitz**, a 20-year veteran, recovered Heroin and Marijuana, a .357 Sig Sauer from the glove compartment and a Glock pistol under the driver's seat. The cell phones confirmed the suspicions: it was all about drug dealing. When the dust and search warrants settled on this case, the 2 men went to prison for 7 years and 3 years respectively, on convictions for Recklessly Endangering Safety, Possession of Firearms by Convicted Felons, and drug dealing. The discipline and bravery that the officers showed in this incident was expertly rendered. For their assistance in the resolution of this critical incident, the MCSO is proud to award Deputy Sheriff Richard Myer, Sergeant James Sajdowitz and Captain Mark Witek with Letters of Commendation. Captain Witek has received two prior Letters of Commendation (2008, 2014) and in 2009 received the David Demos Award. For his intuition, observational skills and decisive actions, placing himself squarely in harm's way under potentially deadly circumstances, Sheriff Clarke is proud to present Deputy Sheriff Steven Gunn with a Superior Achievement Award.

Nominated by: Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr