

MILWAUKEE *Police Department*

Presents the

SPRING MERIT AWARDS CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

6:00PM



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

May 14, 2014

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

Joseph A. Dudzik
11th District

Jose G. Perez
12th District

Terry L. Witkowski
13th District

Tony Zielinski
14th District

Vacant
15th District

Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission

Michael G. Tobin

Executive Director

Kathryn Hein
Commissioner

Sarah Morgan
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

Association of Law
Enforcement Allied
Services Personnel

Milwaukee Police
Association

Family and
Friends

Fall 2014 Awards Program

Musical Prelude

Milwaukee Police Band
Police Lieutenant Karen M. Dubis
Director

Welcome

Captain Aimee Obregon
Police Academy

Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors

Captain Leslie M. Thiele
Lieutenant Charles A. Berard
Lieutenant Cathleen Wichmann
Sergeant Gregg Duran
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock
Police Officer Tom Struck

National Anthem

Milwaukee Police Band

Remarks

Mayor Tom Barrett
City of Milwaukee

Remarks and Presentation

Police Chief Edward A. Flynn
Milwaukee Police Department

Master of Ceremonies

Ted Perry
Fox 6 News

Award Classifications

Medal of Honor



The Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the Milwaukee Police Department. It is awarded to a member for exceptional bravery at the imminent risk of life or serious bodily injury.

The recipient has demonstrated exceptional courage by performing a voluntary action in an extremely dangerous situation. The act may involve situations where deadly force is used against an officer and the officer prevails or a rescue situation in which the risk of death or injury was substantial.

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 Sergeant Sean K. Raclaw Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer James M. Hernandez Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Eric J. Mlodzik Medal of Valor - Combat

District 2

Police Officer Keith L. Miller Medal of Valor - Combat

District 3

Police Sergeant Alfredy D. Young Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Charlotte S. Brown Meritorious Service
Police Officer Michael Lopez Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Eric T. Magee Meritorious Service
Police Officer Milton S. Stubbs Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Michael P. Wawrzyniowski Excellence in Police Service

District 4

Police Sergeant Patrick R. Brousseau Meritorious Service
Police Officer Kenneth D. Daugherty Meritorious Service
Police Officer Rufaro B. Davis Meritorious Service
Police Officer Tracey D. Geniesse Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Shalamar Leflore Meritorious Service
Police Officer Phillip B. Lewis Meritorious Service
Police Officer Andrew D. Moutry Meritorious Service
Police Officer Conway Nimmer, Jr. Meritorious Service
Police Officer Carrie A. Resnick Excellence in Police Service

District 5

Police Sergeant Rena M. Rokus Lifesaving
Police Officer Chad E. Boyack Meritorious Service
Police Officer Mickal Chemlick Meritorious Service
Police Officer Thomas P. Frank III Lifesaving
Police Officer Alexander R. Klabunde Lifesaving
Police Officer Anthony J. Milone Meritorious Service
Police Officer Jasen B. Rydzewski Lifesaving

District 6

Police Officer Esteban J. Arreguin Lifesaving

Award Recipients

District 7

Police Officer Gary W. Inman Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Monte L. Kirk Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Timothy A. McNair Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Erik L. Nordstrum Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Jonathan M. Witkowski Medal of Valor - Combat

Investigative Management Division

Captain Eric J. Moore Meritorious Service

Marine Operations

Police Officer Tobias J. Golembiewski III Lifesaving
Police Officer Wyatt Graikowski Lifesaving

Metropolitan Investigations Division

Detective Rosemarie C. Galindo Meritorious Service

Narcotics Division

Detective Eugene S. Nagler Distinguished Service
Police Officer John L. Schott Lifesaving

Neighborhood Task Force

Police Officer Joseph R. Anderer, Jr. Meritorious Service
Police Officer Steven R. Krejci Medal of Valor - Combat
Distinguished Service
Police Officer David H. Kumbier Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Dwain D. Monteilh Purple Valor Star
Police Officer Michael L. Rohde Meritorious Service
Police Officer Scott A. Siller Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Branko Stoj Meritorious Service

North Investigations Division

Detective Michael Alles Meritorious Service

Police Academy

Police Officer Eli Cole Meritorious Service

South Investigations Division

Detective Eileen C. Wolf Meritorious Service

Award Recipients

Unit Service
Stradivarius Violin Case

Metropolitan Investigations Division

Lieutenants

Keith A. Balash	Kenneth R. Grams
Steven A. Caballero	Paul R. Kavanagh
Justin K. Carloni	Jeffrey B. Norman
Raymond R. Gibbs	Lucretta L. Thomas

Detectives

Billy Ball Jr.	Jeremiah C. Jacks
Kent G. Corbett	Kevin K. Klemstein
David E. Dalland	Keith M. Kopcha
Steven H. Delie	Robert L. Laloggia
Dennis J. Devalkenaere	Charles J. Mueller
Matthew A. Goldberg	Luke G. O 'Day
Timothy B. Graham	Patrick T. Pajot
Erik M. Gulbrandson	Mark A. Peterson
Brian P. Hardrath	Gust P. Petropoulos
James J. Hensley	Michael C. Washington
Brett A. Huston	Rodney B. Young
James F. Hutchinson	

Intelligence Fusion Center

Detectives

Brian P. Brosseau	Christopher M. Heidemann
Eric C. Donaldson	

Central Investigations Division

Detective Scott G. Lackovic

District Two

Police Officer Gerardo P. Orozco

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent David E. Bass, Jr.
Special Agent Timothy J. Bisswurm
Special Agent Brian K. Due

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

Police Sergeant Sean K. Raclaw, Police Officers James M. Hernandez and Eric J. Mlodzik Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On November 11, 2013, Sergeant Raclaw and Officers Hernandez and Mlodzik responded to a call for a subject with a gun that attempted to enter a vehicle at the intersection of North Lincoln Memorial Drive and East Clybourn Street. The suspect fired his gun as the vehicle sped away in a successful attempt to flee from the gunman. An immediate search of the area began for the suspect who fled on foot after his failed attempt.

After checking several public and private parking garages in the area, the suspect was located on the second floor of the transit center in the 900 block of East Michigan Street. Sergeant Raclaw and Officers Hernandez and Mlodzik noticed the suspect was carrying a semi-automatic handgun and immediately radioed for assistance. Negotiations began with the suspect, as officers set up containment at the west corner of the second floor. The suspect repeatedly yelled at law enforcement personnel to shoot him, but they continued their dialogue in an attempt to cause his peaceful surrender.

After 30 minutes of negotiations, the suspect suddenly stood up and pointed his semi-automatic handgun at those officers in the area. Fearing for their lives and the lives of those around them, Sergeant Raclaw and Officers Hernandez and Mlodzik fired their handguns at the suspect, striking him and ending the threat to the safety of others.

Sergeant Raclaw and Officers Hernandez and Mlodzik acted courageously in an attempt to locate, arrest and disarm the suspect who had fired a gun at an innocent civilian. This incident, which occurred on a busy Monday morning in a business area populated by thousands of workers, created the urgency to locate the suspect. Sergeant Raclaw and Officers Hernandez and Mlodzik, while in close proximity, attempted to talk the suspect into surrendering for some time, to prevent him from escaping and harming others. These officers drew upon their experience and expertise in a highly volatile and dangerous situation to ensure this armed suspect would not harm innocent civilians or law enforcement members.

Police Officers Tobias J. Golembiewski III and Wyatt Graikowski Lifesaving Award

On June 16, 2013, Officers Golembiewski and Graikowski responded to rescue a subject who had intentionally jumped into the Milwaukee River. As the officers raced their patrol boat through the river toward the emergency, two witnesses at the scene dove into the river to save the suicidal subject. When officers arrived, they quickly interviewed the two witnesses to figure out where the subject went down. They understood that if they waited for more search equipment and help to arrive, it would be too late. Officers Golembiewski and Graikowski improvised a

District One

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

solution; they maneuvered their patrol boat, fighting winds and current, into a search grid where the subject was last seen, then used a boat hook to blindly sweep the riverbed.

After a few tense moments, officers pulled him to the surface and carefully moved his unconscious body onto the patrol boat. Officers immediately brought the boat to a nearby dock, where paramedics revived the subject. The actions of Officers Golembiewski and Graikowski did prolong the victim’s life until he was released to professional medical care.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Police Officers Keith L. Miller and Erik L. Nordstrum Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On June 20, 2013, Officers Miller and Nordstrum responded to a fight at a gas station in the 3100 block of North Sherman Boulevard. While approaching the investigation site, gunshots were heard and officers saw the suspect point the pistol in the direction of citizens and other officers on the scene. The suspect refused the order to drop his gun and continued to be a serious threat to another officer. Officer Miller saw the suspect point his gun at Officer Nordstrum while walking toward him. At this point, Officer Miller knew he had to prevent the death of Officer Nordstrum by firing at the suspect. Fearing for his life and the lives of others, Officer Nordstrum also fired from his sidearm, striking the suspect and ending the threat. The quick and decisive action of Officers Miller and Nordstrum prevented the suspect from causing serious injury or death to officers and citizens.

District Three

Captain Jason A. Smith

Police Sergeant Alfred D. Young and Police Officer Milton S. Stubbs Excellence In Police Service Award

The District Three Community Outreach Program was created to solve crime issues that directly affect families. This program targeted Milwaukee Public High School aged students within District Three. Sergeant Young and Officer Stubbs worked diligently to obtain the support of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, then dedicated themselves to developing a plan that would involve volunteer members from the community. They dedicated hours toward recruiting local pastors, business owners, representatives from various branches of the military and city government. Coordinators from the Milwaukee Police Aide and Milwaukee Fire Cadet programs were also invited to participate in the Community Outreach Program efforts to reach into the lives of the students.

As part of their outreach efforts, the volunteer members spend time talking with students during school hours, encouraging and motivating them in their vocational goals. In addition, volunteer pastors and police officers make home visits as needed to counsel students and their families.

This program has been highly successful within District Three and has now expanded to the schools in the remaining districts of the Milwaukee Police Department. Sergeant Young and Officer Stubbs have demonstrated a high level of consistent professionalism and devotion to the community by creating and successfully implementing The Community Outreach Program.

Police Officers Michael Lopez and Michael P. Wawrzyniakowski .. Excellence In Police Service Award

History has shown that a few select criminals can be responsible for a majority of the problems in a troubled neighborhood. Some distinct areas of the Third District saw incidents of violent crime rise during the summer of 2013. In response the district established the Neighborhood Impact Team to go after those individuals who were destabilizing our neighborhoods.

For the next six months, Officers Lopez and Wawrzyniakowski – both Day Shift members on the Neighborhood Impact Team - gathered intelligence, familiarized themselves with problem areas, and executed search warrants. From July to December of 2013, Officers Lopez and Wawrzyniakowski built a laundry list of great police work; they executed 21 search warrants and seized more than \$300,000 worth of street drugs, including 6.36 pounds of cocaine; 4.25 pounds of marijuana; more than 15 grams of heroin; and more than \$16,000 in illegal drug sales proceeds. They took 20 firearms out of the hands of individuals who were illegally holding them, and most importantly, 34 dangerous criminals were removed from our community, making our neighborhoods safer.

Through the use of both outstanding investigations and intelligence-led policing, these officers have made a significant impact on violent crime. Their ability to gather intelligence, interview suspects, and apprehend the worst offenders has reduced crime, fear and disorder within the Third District.

Detective Rosemarie C. Galindo Meritorious Service Award

On October 28, 2013, Detective Galindo, while working as a Police Officer in District Three, responded to a strong arm robbery complaint in the 2600 block of West Fond du Lac Avenue. The victim was waiting at the bus stop when he was approached by three suspects who beat and robbed him of personal items he was carrying. Detective Galindo was able to retrieve specific details of their identity from the victim. Diligently investigating this crime, Detective Galindo monitored other reported robberies in the district until she found matching descriptions of these suspects. A match did occur a few days later in another robbery complaint. Detective Galindo followed up on her case and interviewed a suspect of the recent robbery complaint. As a result, she was able to identify him as the same actors involved in the earlier case. In addition, during the interview, he confessed to seven other robberies and identified his co-actors.

Detective Galindo demonstrated diligence, tenaciousness, and determination to prevent harm to other citizens in the community.

Police Officer Charlotte S. Brown Meritorious Service Award

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, Officer Brown was off duty and driving her own car near N. 44th and W. Lloyd Streets when she saw two subjects enter Washington Park and discard their clothing. Immediately suspecting that something was very wrong, Officer Brown called the acting lieutenant of the Third District, who informed her that a nearby business on W. Lisbon Avenue had just been robbed, and that she likely had just seen the actors.

Officer Brown continued to watch the suspects and updated the acting lieutenant, who in turn updated responding officers. With the assistance of Officer Brown, Third District officers arrested three actors in Washington Park, recovered the money from the robbery, and also recovered the discarded clothing, which was valuable evidence. Two other subjects were also charged in connection with the robbery. Officer Charlotte Brown demonstrated tenacity, diligence and attention to detail while acting in an off-duty capacity. Her actions resulted in the arrest of violent criminals.

Police Officer Eric T. Magee Meritorious Service Award

On Monday, November 27, 2013, Police Officer Eric Magee was off-duty and with his 11-year-old son at a barbershop in the 3400 block of W. Fond du Lac Avenue. Magee and his son waited while the barber cut the hair of a customer. Suddenly, the customer jumped from the chair, pulled out a semi-automatic weapon, and announced he was robbing the barbershop. He pointed the gun at the barber, demanded money, and then shot him.

The suspect, who was on parole, pointed his weapon at Officer Magee and his son, demanding their valuables. Magee handed the armed suspect his money and iPad. The suspect pointed the gun at Officer Magee's son and threatened to shoot him unless he received more cash. Magee successfully reasoned with the suspect and convinced him to leave the barbershop without hurting anyone else. Once the suspect fled, Magee rendered first aid to the shooting victim and drove him to the hospital.

Officer Magee, while off-duty, showed extraordinary courage in the face of great danger to his 11-year-old son, other citizens, and himself. Despite this horrific situation, he was able to maintain his composure and successfully reason with an armed suspect convincing him to leave the barbershop without hurting anyone else. Magee's contributions to the investigation resulted in the arrest and successful criminal prosecution of an extremely dangerous criminal.

Police Officers Tracey D. Geniesse and Carrie A. Resnick Excellence in Police Service Award

Throughout 2013, Police Officers Geniesse and Resnick used a variety of resources to improve the civic life of citizens in District Four. This included, greater enforcement against disorderly and nuisance properties, the organization of block watch groups, the creation of property management compacts, increased foot patrols in business corridors and residential neighborhoods, and the hosting of multiple community celebrations to strengthen ties between the police and the people they serve.

As part of those efforts, Officers Geniesse and Resnick conducted more than 230 residential and business property visits throughout District Four. Through collaborative efforts with the Department of Neighborhood Services, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Corrections, the city attorney, and residents, these officers evicted problem tenants, closed problem businesses and ended nuisance activity. Officers Geniesse and Resnick’s diligence, teamwork, perseverance and problem-solving abilities exemplify the highest standard of community policing.

Police Sergeant Patrick R. Brousseau and Police Officers Conway Nimmer, Jr., Andrew D. Moutry Phillip B. Lewis, Shalamar Leflore, Kenneth D. Daugherty and Rufaro B. Davis Meritorious Service Award

On February 4, 2014, these officers responded to a burning apartment building in the 7000 block of W. Silver Spring Drive. Without any regard for their own safety, officers entered the burning apartment building as a team to evacuate residents. While the fire raged in the building and the halls filled with thick, choking smoke, this team of officers checked each apartment for trapped tenants. When they were overcome by the choking smoke, they exited the burning building to get fresh air, and then re-entered to make sure that all citizens were safe. The Milwaukee Fire Department arrived, successfully battled the blaze, and thankfully no one was injured. These officers demonstrated courage, tenacity, and perseverance when confronted with an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation, thereby ensuring the safety of all occupants.

Police Sergeant Rena M. Rokus Lifesaving Award

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, squads responded to an armed robbery and shooting complaint in the 2800 block of N. 16th Street. When Sgt. Rokus arrived, she found an adult male shooting victim lying on the floor of a business, bleeding profusely from a gunshot wound that had severed the femoral artery in his leg. The victim was fading rapidly and beginning to lose consciousness; Sgt. Rokus immediately applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding.

Milwaukee Police Department personnel are not required to take specialized Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) training, yet Sgt. Rokus decided months beforehand that such skills might someday be useful and sought out the training herself. According to medical personnel at the shooting scene, the TEMS skills Sgt. Rokus put into use on January 28, 2014 saved the victim’s life. Sgt. Rokus’ quick thinking and determination prevented loss of life.

Police Officers Thomas P. Frank III, Alexander R. Klabunde and Jasen B. Rydzewski Lifesaving Award

On September 21, 2013, bicycle Officers Frank, Klabunde and Rydzewski responded to a suicide attempt beneath the Locust Street bridge near N. Humboldt Boulevard. The caller suggested officers look for his mentally ill friend on rocks by the west side of the river.

Officers Frank, Klabunde and Rydzewski knew the heavily-wooded area well and soon found the suicidal subject who was covered with blood. These officers ordered the subject to drop the razor blade still in his hand, but he refused. Utilizing crisis intervention skills, the officers first tried to reason with the subject, but were forced to physically disarm him. It was a race against the clock as officers immediately rendered first aid to his many serious cuts. As they made the scene safe and requested medical assistance, the subject slipped into unconsciousness.

When MFD was unable to locate the officers in the unlit wooded terrain, Officers Frank, Klabunde and Rydzewski made the quick decision to carry the unconscious subject from the riverside to paramedics. While two of the officers carried the subject, the other officer ran up the hill and had MFD meet them to help carry the unconscious subject to safety. Their quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented loss of life.

Police Officer Mickal J. Chemlick Meritorious Service Award

On Wednesday, January 1, 2014, squads were searching for a subject with a gun in the area of 2900 N. Humboldt Avenue. Callers described the subject and said that he had pulled a handgun out of his waistband. Officer Chemlick responded to the call as backup, and soon found himself face-to-face with an intoxicated suspect who matched the description. Further raising the stress level, the suspect was making movements consistent with someone armed with a weapon. Officer Chemlick identified himself as a police officer and ordered him to stop.

The drunken subject lifted the right side of his jacket, exposing a chrome pistol; he grabbed the firearm and pulled it from a holster. Officer Chemlick ordered the subject to drop the gun; instead, the suspect refused and bladed his body in what could have been interpreted as a pre-attack posture. Again, Officer Chemlick ordered the subject to drop the gun or he would shoot.

The subject raised the weapon to shoulder height with the barrel pointing towards the ground... then suddenly dropped the gun. Officers placed the subject into custody and he was charged with endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. Officer Chemlick demonstrated keen observation skills, courage, and great restraint in bringing an end to this dangerous situation without injury.

Police Officers Anthony Milone and Chad E. Boyack Meritorious Service Award

On Saturday, September 7, 2013, Officers Milone and Boyack responded to a Shots Fired complaint near a tavern in the 3400 block of N. 2nd Street. As these officers parked their marked squad near the scene, a subject who had been walking toward them conspicuously turned around and briskly walked into the doorway of the tavern. Officers Milone and Boyack saw that the subject had briefly grasped his waistband, a telltale sign of a hidden firearm. They performed a pat-down of the subject and felt a handgun.

Instead of following the commands of police, the subject began to fight. Officers Milone and Boyack radioed for help as they wrestled with the subject, a convicted felon who was desperately trying to fire the hidden .39-caliber revolver. Officer Boyack felt the subject’s actions and inserted his finger behind the trigger of the weapon, preventing the subject from shooting Officer Milone or any patrons in the bar.

For several terrifying minutes, Officers Milone and Boyack shouted commands and fought for control of the pistol in the subject’s waistband. Even after backup officers arrived, the subject refused to surrender the gun and give up. He continued to struggle until assisting officers ended the fight and Officer Boyack was able to take full control of the pistol. Officers Milone and Boyack displayed great courage, tenacity and restraint to preserve life and arrest an armed suspect under circumstances that could have been tragic.

Police Officer Esteban Arreguin Lifesaving Award

On Saturday, September 7, 2013, Officer Arreguin and his partner responded to the 1400 block of E. Warnimont Avenue to check on the welfare of a subject who was reportedly not taking his psychiatric medication and had made suicidal threats. Officer Arreguin looked through a bedroom window and saw the subject lying on the floor with a knife nearby. The subject told Officer Arreguin to leave him alone, but mindful that a witness had told police that the subject was suicidal and off his medication, Officer Arreguin forced open the door to the apartment.

District Six

Captain Diana Rowe

Despite Officer Arrequin's efforts to get him to drop the knife, the subject stabbed himself in the thigh, and then struck the knife with a cutting board, deepening the wound. Acting quickly, Officer Arrequin removed the knife from the subject's thigh, applied direct pressure to the wound, and summoned an ambulance. The subject survived and received both medical assistance and mental health treatment. Officer Arrequin demonstrated tenacity, diligence and restraint when confronted by an armed individual determined to cause harm to himself, thereby preventing a loss of life.

District Seven

Captain Jutiki C. Jackson

Police Officer Gary W. Inman Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On Saturday, November 30, 2013, an officer from the Neighborhood Task Force conducted a traffic stop in the area of 4800 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The officer obtained the driver's identification and as he walked back to his squad, the auto illegally sped off from the traffic stop. A few short blocks later, the driver crashed into an auto at the intersection of Roosevelt Drive and W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The driver fled on foot from the scene of the accident armed with a semiautomatic pistol, wildly firing the gun in the air.

Officer Inman responded to assist in the search for the armed suspect. He drove his marked police squad to the alley in the 4600 block of W. Keefe Ave. As Officer Inman exited his squad, the armed suspect began to fire shots at him; one round struck the driver's door of the squad. Officer Inman took cover behind a nearby tree as a gun battle raged.

Although the subject was injured, he continued to fire rounds at officers. When the suspect stopped shooting because he was out of ammunition, Officer Inman acted quickly and placed him into custody. Moments earlier, the suspect had tried very hard to kill several Milwaukee police officers; ironically, it was Officer Inman who provided lifesaving medical attention to the suspect's gunshot wounds until the arrival of paramedics.

Police Officer Monte L. Kirk Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On June 11, 2011, Officer Kirk and his partner responded to the 3100 block of N. 44th Street for an "Entry in Progress" assignment. The caller said that her ex-boyfriend was trying to break into her residence. Upon arrival, Officer Kirk approached the rear of the duplex to set up containment while his partner took the front in anticipation of the arrival of additional squads.

However, during Officer Kirk's approach, he saw three subjects standing on the rear inside landing. One of the subjects – the ex-boyfriend – slammed and locked the entry door as soon as he spotted Officer Kirk. When the female he had seen moments ago didn't answer him, Officer Kirk feared for her safety and began to

force the door. Unbeknownst to officers, the shooter had earlier made clear to his ex-girlfriend that he intended to ambush and kill officers responding to the scene.

As Officer Kirk forced the door open, the subject opened fire with a 9 mm handgun. One of the multiple rounds shot by the subject passed through Officer Kirk’s uniform shirt pocket, but luckily he was not injured. Fearing for his life and the safety of all of the occupants of the house, Officer Kirk returned fire, striking the subject and ending the threat to himself, other officers, and the residents of the home.

Police Officer John L. Schott Lifesaving Award

On August 17, 2013, Officer Schott was off duty and in the membership office of a club fitness center when a frantic father ran into the office holding his two-year old child who was choking. The small child was turning blue and struggling to breathe. Officer Schott immediately recognized the severity of the emergency and responded quickly. He placed the child over his knee and delivered several back thrusts. As a result, he successfully dislodged the food from child’s airway and the child immediately began to breathe on his own. Officer Schott checked the child’s vital signs and noticed the child’s color and breathing were returning to normal. Officer Schott’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and immediate response prevented the loss of life.

Police Officer Eugene S. Nagler Distinguished Service Award

In March of 2004, Detective Nagler was assigned to the Narcotics Division as an interdiction officer along with his K-9 partner, Duke. Over the next ten years, Detective Nagler established himself as one of the nation’s top interdiction officers. On average, he has opened a minimum of 100 investigations per year, targeting both individual dealers and entire drug trafficking organizations. These investigations have resulted in 613 arrests and the recovery of 187 illegal firearms. As a result of his efforts, approximately 10,000 pounds of illegal drugs with a street value worth millions of dollars was confiscated. Detective Nagler is also responsible for the seizure of thousands of dollars of illegal drug proceeds. More importantly, he has dismantled at least 10 of Milwaukee’s most violent drug trafficking organizations since 2004. Due to his superior performance and knowledge in the area of narcotics interdiction investigations, Detective Nagler is a sought after speaker and instructor throughout the Midwest. Detective Nagler has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and devotion to duty by helping to effectively combat narcotics crime and the associated violent crime in our community.

Police Officer David H. Kumbier ... Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On November 30, 2013, Officer Kumbier performed a traffic stop in the 4500 block of W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The driver of the car illegally fled from the stop before Officer Kumbier could complete his investigation, driving at reckless speeds until he caused a multi-car collision at Roosevelt Drive. Officer Kumbier notified dispatch and drove his squad to the crash to arrest the driver. However, the driver fled on foot, producing a semi-automatic pistol with an extended 30-round magazine and fired it into the air. Officer Kumbier gave chase, broadcasting his pursuit.

Officer Kumbier and responding officers soon found themselves in a running gun battle as they followed the subject into a residential neighborhood. Concealing himself between houses and running through yards, the subject fired on MPD officers, then hid again in a desperate attempt to get away. During the pursuit, one bullet passed through Officer Kumbier's squad car, near his seat.

On-duty and off-duty MPD officers eventually surrounded the suspect, contained his shooting rampage, and then delivered rounds that stopped the suspect's actions. The very officers he was trying to kill then took the shooter into custody and provided him with first aid for his non-fatal gunshot wounds.

**Police Officers Timothy A. McNair
and Jonathan M. Witkowski Medal Of Valor-Combat Award**

On December 11, 2013, Officers McNair and Witkowski were part of a "No Knock" search warrant team looking for a drug dealer at a residence in the 1300 block of S. 25th Street. The target of the warrant, a suspected heroin dealer, was known to carry a firearm.

Speed and surprise are the keys to successfully executing a high-risk warrant at a fortified drug house; tactical officers sometimes use an explosive device to distract and overwhelm when they breach a door. Using such a "flash bang" device is an incredibly dangerous job, because it draws the attention – and gunfire – of criminals. Officer McNair detonated the "flash bang" device at one side of the house while Officer Witkowski provided cover. Simultaneously, a team at another end of the house forced entry.

With utter disregard for anyone who might be outside the house, the suspect shot blindly through the wall at Officers McNair and Witkowski. Outside the house, bullets and debris repeatedly struck the officers; normally, Officers McNair and Witkowski would return fire. However, they could not see the shooter, and returning fire meant they might shoot an officer or another innocent person. Thankfully, body armor protected officers from the volley of gunfire, as they ran to help their team.

Ultimately, the team detained five subjects inside of the house, including the shooter, and also found his .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol, with multiple spent casings. The shooter later pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering safety. Officers McNair and Witkowski displayed great courage, professionalism and remarkable restraint in combat against an armed subject recklessly firing on police officers.

**Police Officers Scott A. Siller
and Steven R. Krejci Medal Of Valor-Combat Award**

On November 30, 2013, Officers Siller and Krejci were working traffic enforcement in a marked MPD squad. An MPD officer called for assistance after a subject illegally fled from a traffic stop on W. Fond du Lac Avenue and caused a multi-car collision at Roosevelt Drive. The driver fled from the crash on foot, producing a semi-automatic pistol with an extended 30-round magazine and fired it into the air. Officers gave chase, broadcasting the pursuit.

Officers Siller and Krejci set up a perimeter north of 47th and Keefe Streets and searched for the subject on foot. Responding officers soon found themselves in a running gun battle as they followed the subject into a residential neighborhood. Concealing himself between houses and running through yards, the subject fired on MPD officers, then hid again in a desperate attempt to get away.

Officers Siller and Krejci directly engaged the shooter to protect civilians, limit gunfire and contain his rampage. As the subject continued to fire on police, Officer Siller provided cover while Officer Krejci delivered several non-lethal rounds to end the gun battle. Ironically, the very officers he was trying to kill then provided the shooter with first aid for his gunshot wounds and took him into custody. Officers Siller and Krejci displayed great courage, professionalism and remarkable restraint in combat against an armed subject firing on police officers.

Police Officer Dwain D. Monteilh Purple Valor Star Award

On August 26, 2013, Officer Monteilh and his partner conducted a traffic stop in the 2800 block of West Auer Avenue. Immediately, the two suspects got out of the car and began to leave the area. The officers attempted to prevent them from leaving but a violent physical fight ensued as the suspects resisted. One of the suspects tried to remove the service weapon from Officer Monteilh's holster. Knowing that the suspect would use the service weapon on him and his partner, Officer Monteilh was determined to gain control of the suspect. He fought hard to keep one hand on his service weapon, while attempting to stop the suspect's attack. Officer Monteilh sustained numerous punches while delivering focused strikes to the suspect. As the suspect continued to pull hard on the service weapon, Officer Monteilh used both of his hands and rolled his body away from the suspect, breaking the suspect's grasp. This secured the service weapon but allowed the suspect to deliver a full force kick to Officer Monteilh's face.

Despite sustaining a serious injury to the face, Officer Monteilh was able to gain full control of the suspect's arms and hold him until arriving officers could handcuff him. Officer Monteilh suffered extensive damage to his right eye requiring surgery to repair the tissue, bone and socket. After one month of painful recovery, he returned to work on full duty, but he will bear permanent scars from his wounds. Officer Monteilh's courage and determination to prevail when confronted by a violent suspect, even after sustaining a serious and debilitating injury, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Milwaukee Police Department.

Police Officer Steven R. Krejci Distinguished Service Award

Intoxicated drivers are the bane of our highways, causing crashes, injuries, and death. Officer Krejci has made it his mission to protect motorists on the streets of Milwaukee and to serve his fellow officers. Even while he has patrol duties, Officer Krejci has been the department's lead instructor for courses and certifications in Standard Field Sobriety Testing, Drug Impaired Driving, Drug Recognition, and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement.

In addition to patrol duties and instructor assignments, he served on a committee throughout 2012 with the District Attorney's office, the City Attorney's office, and multiple police department experts to increase enforcement efforts, and to improve prosecution and conviction of those arrested for operating while intoxicated.

In the past, the paperwork and procedures resulting from an OWI arrest have been a barrier to enforcement. Thanks to Officer Krejci's efforts, the mountain of work that can follow an OWI arrest has been significantly reduced. Not only did he work with command staff to revise our department's policies, his recommendations streamlined arrests, eliminated redundant forms, improved narrative reports, and changed officers' attitudes about OWI enforcement. The results speak for themselves; OWI arrests by Milwaukee police increased 36% in 2012 and 27% in 2013. Officer Krejci has made a significant contribution to the department, public safety and the community which he serves through his diligence, teamwork, and problem-solving ability.

**Police Officers Joseph R. Anderer Jr.
and Branko Stoj Meritorious Service Award**

On Sunday, November 24, 2013, Police Officers Anderer and Stoj were on patrol in District Five. They observed five males standing at the bus stop on W. Concordia Avenue and N. Martin Luther King Dr. Officer Stoj observed one of the males pointing a handgun and believed he was witnessing an armed robbery in progress. Officers Anderer and Stoj exited their squad car to engage the armed suspect, who then fled on foot. As the suspect ran, he turned and pointed the weapon at Officer Anderer.

Fearing for his safety as well as that of his partner and citizens in the area, Officer Anderer fired his service weapon, which caused the suspect to drop his weapon. The suspect was apprehended a short time later, and he admitted to possessing the firearm and discharging the weapon shortly before the arrival of police. The uninjured suspect was charged with six crimes regarding this incident. Officers Anderer and Stoj displayed keen observation skills and great courage when faced with an armed, violent suspect committing a crime and attempting to elude law enforcement.

Police Officer Michael Rohde Meritorious Service Award

On Saturday, September 11, 2013, Officer Rohde and several other officers were at a residence in the 4100 block of N. 83rd Street to arrest a subject wanted for burglary. Officers located the subject, but several dangerous factors soon revealed themselves; the subject’s large pit bull dog was at his side, and the subject, who suffers from mental health issues, retreated to a bedroom and put a knife to his own throat, threatening suicide. Officers at the scene took up safe defensive positions, and Officer Rohde used his years of experience to engage the subject in conversation.

While backup officers worked cooperatively to safely place the pit bull in a patrol wagon, Officer Rohde built a rapport with the armed subject. When the subject retreated with the knife into the bedroom and out of sight, Officer Rohde was able to persuade him to come back out into a common area to ensure his well-being.

For more than 40 minutes, Officer Rohde was a steady source of level-headed calm. When the subject repeatedly stated that he wanted to die, Officer Rohde listened and provided positive, hopeful counsel. Thanks to the patient, steadfast negotiation of Officer Rohde, the subject eventually dropped the knife and peacefully surrendered to officers. Officer Rohde demonstrated tenacity, diligence and perseverance in the line of duty when confronted by an individual determined to cause harm to himself.

Captain Eric J. Moore Meritorious Service Award

On September 30, 2013, Captain Eric Moore played a vital role in clearing multiple armed robberies that had happened less than an hour before. Officer Jennifer Moore, wife of Captain Moore, returned home from work late at night, parking in the garage just off the alley behind their residence. A car drove down the alley slowly, then abruptly parked near a neighbor’s garage. The strangers inside seemed to be eyeing Officer Moore suspiciously. Sensing the subjects were about to rob her, Officer Moore returned to the cover of the garage and called her husband who was inside their home.

Captain Moore grabbed his duty weapon and came outside. As he walked to check on his wife, he saw a suspect concealing himself outside of the Moore’s garage. When Captain Moore approached and identified himself as police, the suspect raised his hand and pointing a weapon. Without cover and facing a potentially deadly threat, Captain Moore fired at the subject, who ran to the car and fled.

When Officer Moore heard the shots, she called 911 and provided crucial suspect and vehicle descriptions to dispatchers. Officers saturated the area, stopped the vehicle, arrested two suspects, and recovered a firearm. The suspects were charged with four counts of armed robbery. Captain Moore demonstrated courage and diligence in his efforts to apprehend a subject who had committed multiple felonies.

Detective Michael Alles Meritorious Service Award

On September 19, 2013, an armed robbery, involving two suspects, occurred in the 7900 block of West Grantosa Avenue. The victim’s car, cell phone, and cash were taken. Detective Alles worked extensively to develop new leads during his investigation of the entire incident. He spent countless hours reviewing reports and developing new witnesses. In his determination to apprehend the suspect, he pursued a lead through a fingerprint match from the recovered vehicle. He discovered that both subjects were in custody for two armed robberies. Through several interviews with each subject, full confessions were given of their involvement in this crime.

He worked in collaboration with District 6, South Investigations Division, and the Assistant District Attorneys of Milwaukee County. Detective Alles brought this case to a successful conclusion through persistent determination, diligence and perseverance.

Police Officer Eli Cole Meritorious Service Award

On November 30, 2013, Officer Cole was off duty, out of uniform, and in his personal vehicle with his wife, near W. Fond du Lac Avenue and Roosevelt Drive. Moments earlier, a desperate subject had illegally fled from a traffic stop. In his zeal to escape the police, the driver crashed his vehicle near Officer Cole. When the driver fled on foot and then fired a semi-automatic pistol, Officer Cole put himself on duty and used his personal vehicle to follow the subject on a parallel path.

Officers soon found themselves in a running gun battle as they followed the subject into a residential neighborhood. Concealing himself between houses and running through yards, the subject fired on MPD officers, and then hid again in a desperate attempt to get away. Officer Cole updated responding officers by calling dispatch from his personal cell phone and contained the shooter.

As the gun battle raged, Officer Cole equipped himself with his ballistic vest and off-duty weapon, then provided cover fire cover as two motorcycle officers traded gunfire with the shooter.

On-duty and off-dut, MPD officers tactically surrounded the subject, contained his shooting rampage, and then delivered rounds when he continued to try to fire upon officers. The very officers he was trying to kill then took the shooter into custody and provided him with first aid for his non-fatal gunshot wounds. Officer Cole, off-duty, with very little equipment, while placing himself in great jeopardy, did assist fellow officers in the apprehension of an armed and violent criminal.

Detective Eileen C. Wolf Meritorious Service Award

On Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at approximately 2:55 p.m., Detective Wolf, while off duty, was purchasing fuel at the AK Petro Mart located in the 2300 block of South Chase Avenue. While at the gas station, a citizen approached and told Detective Wolf his home had just been burglarized and the suspect was inside the gas station. Detective Wolf immediately placed herself on duty and entered the gas station to conduct an investigation into the burglary. Detective Wolf encountered the suspect inside of the gas station, identified herself as a detective, and displayed her Milwaukee Police identification card. She advised the suspect she was being detained until police arrived and then requested the store clerk summon the police on her behalf.

The suspect attempted to flee from the gas station, at which time a struggle ensued between Detective Wolf and the suspect. During the struggle, Detective Wolf was punched several times in the face and suffered bruising and a cut to her lip. Squads quickly responded and took the suspect into custody without further incident. It was later determined that the suspect was involved in a burglary of the citizen’s residence and she was charged with burglary and battery to a police officer.

The interaction between Detective Wolf and the suspect was captured on the gas station’s video surveillance system. It showed that Detective Wolf demonstrated a high degree of restraint and professionalism during her entire encounter with the combative burglary suspect, which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the police service.

Unit Service Award

Lieutenants -

Keith A. Balash, Steven A. Caballero, Justin K. Carloni,
Raymond R. Gibbs, Kenneth R. Grams, Paul R. Kavanagh,
Jeffrey B. Norman, Lucretta L. Thomas.

Detectives -

Billy Ball Jr., Brian P. Brosseau, Kent G. Corbett, David E. Dalland,
Steven H. Delie, Dennis J. Devalkenaere, Eric C. Donaldson,
Matthew A. Goldberg, Timothy B. Graham, Erik M. Gulbrandson,
Brian P. Hardrath, Christopher M. Heidemann, James J. Hensley,
Brett A. Huston, James F. Hutchinson, Jeremiah C. Jacks,
Kevin K. Klemstein, Keith M. Kopcha, Scott G. Lackovic,
Robert L. Laloggia, Charles J. Mueller, Luke G. O 'Day, Patrick T. Pajot,
Mark A. Peterson, Gust P. Petropoulos, Michael C. Washington,
Rodney B. Young.

Police Officer - Gerardo P. Orozco.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents -

David E. Bass, Jr., Timothy J. Bisswurm, Brian K. Due.

On Monday, January 27, 2014, internationally known violinist Frank Almond, concertmaster of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, had just finished a performance on the city's west side. Mr. Almond was carrying the 300-year-old Lipinski Stradivarius to his car when he was attacked with a stun gun and the instrument was stolen. The violin had recently been appraised at \$5 million, but Mr. Almond and music connoisseurs throughout the world understood that it was truly irreplaceable.

From the beginning detectives understood that this was a planned attack, but only the thieves knew the violin's location or why it had been taken. Some suspected international art thieves, but there were few leads. Milwaukee Police quickly formed a partnership with local, state and federal law enforcement for a 10-day investigation that would stretch around the world. MPD supervisors, detectives and police officers worked around the clock with the FBI in an unrelenting search for the instrument and those responsible for the theft. Police officers and detectives engaged in countless interviews, used modern and high-tech investigative techniques, conducted follow-up research and used skills and expertise to develop suspects, execute search warrants, and ultimately locate the treasured violin. These members demonstrated a high degree of teamwork, diligence and perseverance during this high profile incident.

Citizen Award Recipients

District 3

Jamari J. Magee Valorous Conduct Award
Heather Aschoff Certificate of Appreciation Award

District 4

Hughie Sherrer Valorous Conduct Award
David E. Williams Meritorious Conduct Award

District 5

Robert M. Fields Valorous Conduct Award
Corine Norman Valorous Conduct Award
Nathan A. Smith Valorous Conduct Award
Ruffin J. Thompson Valorous Conduct Award
Latisha S. Buford Meritorious Conduct Award

District 6

James W. Baseler Valorous Conduct Award
David Gonzalez Meritorious Conduct Award
Mario Perez Meritorious Conduct Award
Jane M. Ziller Meritorious Conduct Award

District 7

Johnnie L. Anderson Valorous Conduct Award
Steven J. Briggs..... Valorous Conduct Award

Citizen Certificate of Valorous Conduct Award

Johnnie L. Anderson - Steven J. Briggs

On November 30, 2013, an armed, desperate criminal illegally fled from a traffic stop in the 4500 block of W. Fond du Lac Avenue, driving at reckless speeds until he caused a multi-car collision at Roosevelt Drive. The driver fled from the scene on foot, producing a semi-automatic pistol with an extended 30-round magazine and fired it into the air. Officers gave chase, broadcasting his pursuit.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Briggs, who are contractors and working on a house in the neighborhood, flagged down police officers to tell them that they had spotted the gunman. As Mr. Anderson and his Mr. Briggs were giving information to police, the gunman opened fire. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Briggs took cover, and responding officers soon found themselves in a running gun battle through the residential neighborhood. Concealing himself between houses and running through yards, the subject fired on MPD officers, and then hid again in a desperate attempt to get away.

On-duty and off-duty MPD officers tactically surrounded the subject, contained his shooting rampage, and then delivered rounds when he continued to try to shoot officers. The very officers he was trying to kill then took the shooter into custody and provided him with first aid for his non-fatal gunshot wounds.

The Milwaukee Police Department extends its thanks to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Briggs for their assistance during this incident. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Briggs provided valuable information to police and demonstrated bravery while under fire.

James W. Baseler

Mr. Baseler, a Fitter from WE Energies, arrived at the residence located in the 3800 block of South 85th Street. He had responded to a call of a possible gas leak. After discovering the source of the leak in the basement, he instructed the residents to evacuate the building immediately because of the high levels of gas. They ran across the street and immediately called 911 right away.

Upon investigating the source of the leak, Mr. Baseler discovered that a resident was attempting suicide by sticking a gas line from the dryer into his mouth with a plastic bag over his head. Mr. Baseler removed the line from his mouth and attempted to revive him. The man was unresponsive and because of the high explosive levels of gas on the meter, Mr. Baseler knew he had to act quickly. He attempted to shut off the valve to the gas line next to the dryer, but the valve was locked out. He then grabbed onto the gas line flex hose and crimped it together with his hands in an attempt to slow down the flow of gas. Mr. Baseler ran across the basement, located the gas meters to the units, and individually shut off each meter, stopping the flow of gas into the building.

Citizen Certificate of Valorous Conduct Award

After shutting off the meters, he then ran outside to make sure the residents were all out of the building and accounted for. Realizing a potential explosion could affect the adjacent building, he ran over to pound on the doors, alerting everyone to evacuate and stay across the street. In addition, he then ran over to his van to update his dispatcher that the suicidal victim was going to need medical treatment. Mr. Baesler went beyond his normal duties. His quick thinking in a very high stress situation saved lives and potential catastrophic property damage to the apartment buildings and surrounding area.

Robert M. Fields

On October 31, 2013, a fire broke out at the residence located in the 3200 block of North 22nd Street. Two residents were inside the house at the time, one of them being an elderly woman. The woman's granddaughter ran out of the house screaming for help. Mr. Fields, who had just come home from work, ran outside and was told that the elderly woman was still inside the nearby house. Mr. Fields immediately entered the residence in an attempt to find the woman.

Smoke was already thick and billowing throughout the house, forcing Mr. Fields to run back out for air. He then heard the woman scream from inside the house. Mr. Fields ran back in while calling out to the woman and telling her to keep calling out so he could find her. The smoke was thick and there was zero visibility, but Mr. Fields kept calm and continued to call out and search, until he finally found her. He placed the woman over his shoulder and quickly carried her out of the residence to safety. Due to Mr. Field's quick thinking and bravery, the elderly woman was rescued and suffered only minor smoke inhalation.

Jamari J. Magee

On November 27, 2013, Jamari and his father went to the barbershop of a close friend for a brief visit. While the barber was cutting the hair of his customer the patron jumped out of the barber's chair and pulled out a semi-automatic handgun. The patron announced that he was robbing the shop as he pointed the gun at the owner demanding money. The robber suddenly shot the owner in the right leg without cause.

The gunman then turned and pointed his gun at Jamari and his father. The robber demanded money and an I Pad from the father, while directly pointing his gun at Jamari and yelling that he would shoot him if he did not get what he wanted. After getting all the father had, the robber ran out of the barbershop.

Jamari and his father immediately ran to the owner to give first aid. Jamari removed his coat, wrapped it around the leg and applied direct pressure to stop the bleeding, while he and his father transported him to the hospital.

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Jamari Magee, an eleven year old, sixth grader, showed extraordinary courage in the face of great danger. He maintained his composure after having seen his family friend shot and having the robber threaten to shoot he and his father. Jamari assisted in rendering first aid to the shop owner after he was shot and significantly contributed to the investigation that resulted in the arrest and charging of an extremely dangerous criminal.

Hughie Sherrer

On May 23, 2013, Mr. Sherrer, a security guard for a local high school, was on duty in the parking lot located in the 7200 block of North 76th Street. Due to his keen observations, he intervened in a harmful, illegal act to a minor, who was sitting in a vehicle. He put himself in harms way by disarming the suspect, after the subject attempted suicide. Mr. Sherrer was exposed to a significant amount of blood because of the suspect's wound. Mr. Sherrer's commitment to his community and his quick action in the face of danger prevented a serious felony crime to a minor and prevented loss of life to a suicidal suspect.

Ruffin J. Thompson - Corine Norman - Nathan A. Smith

On October 17, 2013, Mr. Ruffin J. Thompson approached the intersection of W. Keefe and N. Port Washington and saw a Milwaukee police officer fighting to subdue a subject. The struggle moved from the sidewalk to the middle of the street as the officer strained to apply handcuffs to the combative subject. Mr. Thompson could see that no other squads were on scene and that the fight would continue. Mr. Thompson's great fear, he later told responding officers, was that the combative subject could potentially get control of the officer's gun.

Compelled by his concern for the lone officer and public safety, Mr. Thompson ran to help. Mr. Thompson entered the fight, grabbed the subject's arm, brought it behind his back and helped the officer take the suspect into custody. Ms. Norman witnessed this struggle and assisted by calling 9-1-1 while recovering the officer's radio and Oleoresin Capsicum spray, which was dropped during the struggle. She was advised by the officer in the struggle to push the button and state their location.

Mr. Smith also observed the struggle between the officer and the suspect. He intervened by directing traffic away from the officer and suspect who were lying in the middle of the street during their struggle. He continued to protect them from traffic until additional officers arrived on the scene to take control of the situation.

Without thought for their own safety and with great concern for a uniformed officer, these citizens bravely placed themselves in danger to assist in the arrest of a combative criminal. The Milwaukee Police Department extends its thanks to Mr. Thompson, Ms. Norman and Mr. Smith for coming to the aide of an officer during a violent struggle.

Citizen Certificate of Meritorious Conduct Award

Latisha S. Buford

On September 13, 2013, Ms. Latisha S. Buford observed a 3-year-old girl in shorts and a shirt crying outside a home in the 2700 block of North 24th Street. The child was alone in the cold, so Ms. Buford questioned her in an effort to find her parents. Ms. Buford knocked on the door of the house and heard a crying baby. Stepping inside, Ms. Buford found another toddler, with no parents to be found anywhere. The house was in deplorable condition, with filth and vermin everywhere.

Ms. Buford took both children to her home where she bathed them, put them in clean clothes, and fed them while waiting for the police to respond. Ms. Buford looked after and attended to the children for hours while officers investigated and contacted the Bureau of Child Welfare.

When the children's father returned hours later, officers took him into custody. The District Attorney's office charged him with two counts of child neglect. Instead of merely calling police, Ms. Buford actively stepped in to provide care and comfort to innocent children who were in danger. Her actions are an excellent example of collaboration between the police and concerned citizens.

David Gonzalez - Mario Perez

On Monday, February 25, 2013, Mr. David Gonzalez saw a subject on his neighbor's porch in the 2600 block of South 7th Street. When the stranger said that he was buying a boat motor, Mr. Gonzalez realized something was wrong. His neighbor was at work, and Mr. Gonzalez suspected that the individual matched the photo of a burglar suspect that police had circulated.

When Mr. Gonzalez walked to the back of his house to watch the suspect in the adjacent yard, he saw the suspect fleeing with a boat motor and several other items. Mr. Gonzalez alerted his neighbor, Mr. Mario Perez, that there was a suspicious person in the neighborhood. Mr. Perez also knew that there had been several burglaries in the area, so the two men followed the suspect to a minivan. Mr. Gonzalez called 911 and provided information for responding officers.

When Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Perez intervened to stop the suspect from leaving with the stolen items, the suspect attacked. Both Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Perez bravely fought back, and the struggle ended when the suspect gave up and the police arrived. After his arrest, the suspect admitted to the theft and to multiple burglaries in the area.

Mr. David Gonzalez and Mr. Mario Perez displayed keen observation skills, bravery, and great tenacity in protecting their neighborhood from a burglar and thief.

Citizen Certificate of Meritorious Conduct Award

Both Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Perez exemplify the best of active, involved citizenry in partnership with the police department.

David E. Williams

On Friday, March 7, 2013, Mr. David E. Williams was in his car at a gas station in the 5900 block of West Good Hope Road. Mr. Williams observed a woman park her car, leave it running and then enter the gas station. While the owner of the car was inside, a 16-year-old entered the car and drove away at a high rate of speed. The owner ran out of the gas station yelling that her infant was in the back seat. Hearing her cries, Mr. Williams drove after the car and called police with the license plate and description of the stolen car.

Police squads responded to the 7400 block of W. Good Hope Road at Mr. Williams' direction, as the suspect drove into a parking lot, abandoned the car, and fled on foot. Officers took the car thief into custody and were able to return the infant to her mother, unharmed. Mr. David E. Williams' courage and diligence in following a suspected car thief and providing suspect information aided the police in apprehending a car thief and preventing a potential tragedy.

Jane M. Ziller

On December 13, 2011, a United States Postal Carrier, while on duty, saw two subjects enter a house by breaking a window, then removing property and loading two bags into a car. She called police immediately and used her own personal cell phone to snap pictures of the vehicle used in this crime.

Responding officers located the address the vehicle was listed to, enabling them to apprehend the subjects and the vehicle used in this crime. All stolen property was recovered and the subjects confessed to their crime. A large amount of money taken during this burglary was also recovered.

When Ms. Ziller was interviewed by police, she said this was her regular route and when she first saw the vehicle, she became suspicious because she had not seen this car in the neighborhood before. When she saw the broken window on the house and the suspects leaving the house carrying property, she knew that taking pictures of the car with her phone was the right thing to do to help the police. Because of her quick thinking and bravery, these thieves were apprehended, property recovered and this crime solved.

Citizen Certificate of Appreciation Award

Heather Aschoff

Miss Aschoff works for the Milwaukee Public Schools as the Volunteer Coordinator in the Division of Community Engagement. She has become an invaluable resource for the Milwaukee Police Department's Community Outreach Program, which greatly utilizes and integrates volunteer staff into their program within the high schools. Miss Aschoff understands the importance of citizens giving back to their community. She was highly instrumental in moving approved volunteer applications in an expeditious manner, and her work enabled the Community Outreach Program to have staffed volunteers in eight high schools within its first year of inception.

Miss Aschoff continues to distinguish herself by donating a significant amount of her time and effort in assisting the Milwaukee Police Department in bringing local church leaders into the Milwaukee Public Schools. The Milwaukee Police Department's Community Outreach Program's success is due in large part to Miss Aschoff's successful efforts as the Volunteer Coordinator in the Division of Community Engagement for the Milwaukee Public Schools.

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



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

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.*