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Milwaukee Police Department
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Edward A. Flynn
Chief of Police

November 19, 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

<i>Ashanti Hamilton</i> 1st District	<i>Joe Davis, Sr.</i> 2nd District	<i>Nik Kovac</i> 3rd District	<i>Robert J. Bauman</i> 4th District
<i>James A. Bohl Jr.</i> 5th District	<i>Milele A. Coggs</i> 6th District	<i>Willie C. Wade</i> 7th District	<i>Robert G. Donovan</i> 8th District
<i>Robert W. Puente</i> 9th District	<i>Michael J. Murphy</i> 10th District	<i>Joseph A. Dudzik</i> 11th District	<i>Jose G. Perez</i> 12th District
<i>Terry L. Witkowski</i> 13th District	<i>Tony Zielinski</i> 14th District	<i>Russell W. Stamper II</i> 15th District	

Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission

<i>Kathryn Hein</i> Commissioner	<i>Sarah Morgan</i> Commissioner	<i>Michael M. O'Hear</i> Commissioner
<i>Ann Wilson</i> Commissioner	<i>Marisabel Cabrera</i> Commissioner	<i>Steven M. DeVougas</i> 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

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

Merit Awards Program

Musical Prelude

Milwaukee Police Band
Police Lieutenant Karen M. Dubis
Director

Welcome

Deputy Inspector Terrence T. Gordon
Police Academy

Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors

Lieutenant Charles A. Berard
Lieutenant Cathleen A. Wichmann
Sergeant Gregg R. Duran
Sergeant Gregory D. Holley
Police Officer Trent D. Little
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock
Police Officer Scott F. Thorne

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

Steve Chamraz
Today's TMJ 4

Award Classifications

Medal of Honor



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

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

The Medal of Valor



Combat



Rescue

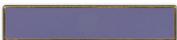
The Medal of Valor is presented to a member who has performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish himself/herself for gallantry and intrepidity. The act goes beyond normal demands and is of such a nature that the member was fully aware of the threat to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

Lifesaving



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

Purple Valor/Star



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

Unit Service Award

Anyone who has performed police work knows the following to be true; little things lead to big things. In the case of a series of armed robberies that plagued Milwaukee in early 2014, small pieces of evidence assembled by Milwaukee Police Department, with the assistance of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, took down a prolific armed robbery crew.

It's standard practice to gather spent ammunition at crime scenes; those casings are often crucial evidence to stop habitual criminals. Casings fired from the same gun but found at different incidents tie the gun – and usually the shooter – together to establish a pattern.

On March 29, 2014, Milwaukee police collected 9 mm casings from a firearms violation in the 1800 block of N. 7th Street. The evidence-processing lab found a match to casings found at the scene of a separate April 30th armed robbery in the 6900 block of N. Teutonia Avenue. Detectives from the North Investigations Bureau began working with ATF special agents to find additional information and evidence.

When Milwaukee detectives need large chunks of information processed to find patterns, they turn to the department's Intelligence Fusion Center. Using incident reports and various databases, officers in the Fusion Center discovered common patterns among a series of armed robberies at restaurants and auto part stores on the north side. Pairing that information with traffic stop data from the locations of the armed robberies, officers developed three suspects. Officers discovered photos of the three men with firearms and wearing clothing similar to that worn by the armed robbery suspects in surveillance videos. Furthermore, cell phone records put the men in the vicinity at the time of the armed robberies. Detectives from the North Investigations Bureau began surveillance, and the ATF even purchased a firearm from one of the suspects. However, there wasn't yet enough hard evidence for a warrant. Instead, detectives, officers and special agents worked together to monitor the group's activity.

On Friday, June 3, the suspects' luck ran out. Before they could react, officers watched the suspects rob an auto parts store on W. Silver Spring Drive. The suspects fled but were soon taken into custody. Subsequent search warrants at the suspects' residences revealed firearms, including a 9mm handgun, money, clothing, and other property taken in the robberies. Thanks to a highly professional collaboration with the ATF and a wide swath of the Milwaukee Police Department, law enforcement cleared 14 incidents, and three violent suspects were taken off of our city's streets.

Unit Service Award Recipients

Intelligence Fusion Center

Lieutenants

Patrick Fortune Steven Gabrish
Sergeant Adam Grochowski

Detectives

Michael Caballero Robert A. Rehbein
James A. Campbell Mark Walton
Eric C. Donaldson

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Special Agent Ken Handy Special Agent Jay Quabius
Special Agent Shelly Jacques

Intelligence Research Specialist Marjorie Zicha

Award Classifications

Chief's Superior Leadership



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

Distinguished Service



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

Excellence in Police Service



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

Meritorious Service



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

Unit Service



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

Award Recipients

District 1

Police Officer Todd M. Bohlen Lifesaving
 Police Officer Rick A. Bungert Lifesaving
 Police Officer Jeffrey A. Cline Lifesaving
 Police Officer Zachary D. Johnson Lifesaving
 Mr. Maxwell B. Furstenuau Valorous Conduct Award
 Mr. Andrew G. Gebel Valorous Conduct Award
 Ms. Shelly L. Jochins Valorous Conduct Award
 Mr. Charlie Hibbler Meritorious Conduct Award

District 2

Police Officer Aaron V. Frantal Lifesaving
 Mr. Cody J. Poupore Lifesaving

District 3

Police Officer Lafayette J. Emmons Lifesaving
 Police Officer Adrian M. Harris Lifesaving
 Police Officer Miles D. Kowalik, Jr. Lifesaving
 Police Officer Eric M. Sweeney Lifesaving
 Police Officer Kevin M. Wilke Lifesaving

District 4

Police Officer Jesse M. Mattson Lifesaving
 Police Officer Alan M. Beattie Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Jimmy J. Castillo Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Jason J. Daering Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Jonathan M. Miller Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Marcin S. Pagacz Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Bradley M. Tremblay Meritorious Service
 Mr. Lester R. Buchanan Certificate of Appreciation Award

District 5

Police Sergeant Tanya M. Boll Lifesaving
 Police Officer Alfred R. Herrmann Lifesaving
 Police Officer Shawn M. Humitz Lifesaving (3)
 Police Officer John H. Larson Lifesaving
 Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yaghnam Distinguished Service
 Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yaghnam Meritorious Service
 Police Officer Jeffrey M. Kennedy Meritorious Service
 Police Officer John R. Shipman Meritorious Service
 Mr. Xavier Y. Leplae Meritorious Conduct Award

Technical Communications

Captain Andra Williams

Telecommunications Supervisor

Alana Quigley Meritorious Service Award

On April 7, 2014, Milwaukee Police responded to a shooting in the 2400 block of W. Center Street. Surveillance video of the events prior to the police arrival showed one subject lying in wait to shoot three people approaching on foot. The gunman shot one of the three in the arm. Tragically, the shooter’s stray bullets killed a woman that police determined had no involvement; she was only driving her car nearby.

Two months later, the homicide was unsolved. The intended shooting targets were uncooperative and still lying to police. With few leads, police needed an eyewitness to identify a suspect. At the request of a detective, Telecommunications Supervisor Quigley began the arduous process of searching through archive material to match anonymous phone calls from the night of the shooting to a caller and, thus, a potential witness. The Milwaukee Police Department receive thousands of calls each month; anonymous cell phone calls are just one of many streams that feed an ocean of data. After several days of reviewing hundreds of records by hand, Supervisor Quigley found several possible phone numbers. A follow up call by detectives to one of the numbers matched the phone to a caller witness who was able to provide information to eventually take the shooter into custody.

Telecommunications Supervisor Alana Quigley demonstrated tenacity, perseverance, and an extraordinary work ethic in pursuit of evidence that helped close a homicide case. Telecommunications Supervisor Quigley shall, therefore, receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Sensitive Crimes Division

Captain James Shepard

Half of all serial killers and half of all school shooters had a history of animal abuse. More than 70 percent of battered women report that their partner threatened to kill or actually killed the family pet. Locally, illegal dogfighting rings have repeatedly been linked to serious felonies.

During the last three years, Sergeant Knitter has established herself as an expert on animal cruelty and dogfighting. She assists Police Officer Wick and other MPD members, as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in southeastern Wisconsin. Her expertise has led to multiple indictments. In 2011, Sergeant Knitter and Officer Wick began an investigation into a Milwaukee dogfighting ring, in which law enforcement executed nearly 20 combined state and federal search warrants, and more than 70 dogs were saved. In April of 2014, prosecutors announced that 12 people were facing state and federal charges related to dog fighting, thanks to the Milwaukee Police Department.

Sergeant Knitter and Officer Wick have made a significant contribution to the department, public safety, and the community that she serves through their expertise, teamwork, and problem-solving ability. They shall, therefore, receive a Distinguished Service Award.

South Investigations Division

Captain Rebecca L. Pixley

Detective Terrence E. Wright Lifesaving Award

On July 19, 2014, Detective Wright was driving home in his personal vehicle after his tour of duty. In the 700 block of North James Lovell Street, he observed a woman holding an infant and yelling for help. When he stopped to give assistance, the panicked mother told him that her child had stopped breathing. Another off-duty detective saw the commotion and stopped and called for emergency medical service. Detective Wright could see that the infant was motionless, unresponsive, and not breathing.

Using his first aid and CPR training, Detective Wright quickly checked the child's vital signs. He turned the infant over and delivered two back blows with the heel of his hand and the child began to breathe again. As the other detective calmed and reassured the mother that her child would be all right, Detective Wright monitored the infant for signs of distress. Soon after Detective Wright revived the boy, paramedics arrived and transported the infant and mother to Children's Hospital, where the child received medical care and made a full recovery.

Detective Wright's quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Officer Terrence E. Wright shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Award Recipients

District 6

Police Officer Samphanh LuangphaxayachackLifesaving

District 7

Police Officer Lisa M. Bradley Lifesaving
Police Officer Adam P. Dettman Lifesaving
Police Officer Jeremy M. Klug Lifesaving
Police Officer Scott A. Lammers Lifesaving
Police Officer Lucas M. McAleer Lifesaving
Police Officer Chad D. Poeppery Meritorious Service

Central Investigations Division

Detective William C. Sheehan Lifesaving
Detective Britt A. Kohnert Meritorious Service

Information Systems

Police Officer Douglas E. Anderer Lifesaving

Intelligence Fusion Center

Police Officer Dean S. Newport Distinguished Service
Police Officer James R. McNichol Meritorious Service

Marine Operations

Police Officer Paul G. Newell Lifesaving

Neighborhood Task Force

Police Officer Steven R. Krejci Medal of Valor - Combat
Police Officer Trevor D. Deboer Lifesaving

Sensitive Crimes Division

Police Sergeant Caroline L. Knitter Distinguished Service
Police Officer Ivan T. Wick Distinguished Service

South Investigations Division

Detective Terrence E. Wright Lifesaving

Technical Communications

Telecommunications Supervisor Alana Quigley Meritorious Service

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

Neighborhood Task Force

Captain Gary J. Gacek

With an active crime scene and an armed felon fleeing into a residential area, Officer Krejci immediately called for backup and broadcast a description of the suspect and his direction of flight. Before getting back on his motorcycle to pursue the suspect, he ordered a witness to stay at the scene.

Officer Krejci located the suspect a few blocks away, running west through an alley with the gun still in his hand. When the suspect tried to hide in a nearby vacant lot, Officer Krejci calmly broadcast his location and coordinated responding squads to prevent the suspect's escape. When backup arrived, Officer Krejci was there to assist in negotiating a brief standoff into the suspect's surrender.

Police Officer Steven R. Krejci demonstrated extraordinary calm and courage under fire, putting himself in peril as he pursued and ultimately helped capture a violent, homicidal felon. Officer Krejci shall, therefore, receive a Medal of Valor Combat Award and three merit days off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Trevor D. Deboer Lifesaving Award

On June 26, 2014, Officer Trevor Deboer and his partner responded as backup to a shooting in the 2400 block of W. Locust Street. The police who had initially responded were dealing with chaos; a shooting victim was bleeding to death, and the shooter was not in custody. Officers had tried to staunch the bleeding from the gunshot on the victim's leg, but she had slipped into unconsciousness. Blood continued to pool beneath her, and her breathing had become erratic.

Soon after arrival, Officer Deboer and his partner scrambled to assist the officers at the scene. After assessing the victim in the cramped room, Officer Deboer realized that she would soon bleed out. He immediately retrieved his SOF-TT (Special Operations Forces Tactical Tourniquet) from his duty belt and applied the device over the victim's right leg, above the spurting wound. Soon after, the victim's breathing became less erratic. Officer Deboer and two other officers realized paramedics couldn't treat the woman inside the tiny room; they carried her outside to waiting personnel. The victim was rushed to treatment at Froedtert Hospital and survived.

Officer Deboer's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented loss of life. Officer Trevor D. Deboer shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Sensitive Crimes Division

Captain James Shepard

Police Sergeant Caroline L. Knitter and

Police Officer Ivan T. Wick Distinguished Service Award

Animal abuse is a felony and psychologists and criminologists alike recognize the predictive nature of this crime; studies show that animal abusers are likely to commit other serious crimes.

Intelligence Fusion Center

Captain David Salazar

His ability to gather intelligence, interview suspects, and coordinate police and prosecution resources has reduced crime, fear and disorder within the City of Milwaukee. Police Officer Dean S. Newport is, therefore, awarded a Distinguished Service Award.

Police Officer James R. McNichol Meritorious Service Award

On June 12, 2014, Officer Mc Nichol left the Third District and was enroute to another work location during his lunch hour. At a stoplight in the 6800 block of W. North Avenue, he noticed that the operator of a green Chevy Suburban made an abrupt lane change and seemed unsure of his destination. Also, the license plates on the vehicle were bent upward; Officer McNichol knew that criminals sometimes use this tactic to hide their plates before an offense and then bend the plates down after. He took note of the vehicle and continued on to get his lunch.

Minutes after leaving a nearby restaurant, Officer Mc Nichol saw the Suburban circling the area again and thought it prudent to follow. From down the street, he watched two subjects get out of the vehicle, enter a home, and leave with a large flat screen television. Simultaneously, Officer Mc Nichol phoned in what he believed to be a burglary in progress to the Wauwatosa Police Department.

With Wauwatosa officers minutes away, Officer Mc Nichol radioed nearby District Three officers for backup. Milwaukee police responded and took three suspects into custody. Wauwatosa officers confirmed that the suspects had burglarized the house. It should be noted that one of the suspects is a dangerous offender with a history of committing sexual assaults during burglaries.

Police Officer Mc Nichol demonstrated courage, diligence, and perseverance in his efforts to apprehend multiple burglars who had just committed a felony. Officer James R. Mc Nichol is, therefore, awarded a Meritorious Service Award.

Neighborhood Task Force

Captain Gary J. Gacek

Police Officer Steven R. Krejci Medal Of Valor-Combat Award

On July 27, 2011, Officer Krejci was patrolling an area of the city that had experienced a rash of armed robberies. Through the haze of falling rain, Officer Krejci thought he saw some sort of disturbance inside of the Family Dollar store in the 2200 block of N. 35th Street. Pulling his police motorcycle up to the front of the store for a better look, he was shocked to see a masked and armed gunman ordering patrons to the floor.

Without cover and directly in the line of fire, Officer Krejci dismounted his motorcycle and drew his service weapon. The suspect immediately ran out of the store entrance, firing multiple rounds at Officer Krejci, who demonstrated extraordinary restraint and did not return fire immediately, as store patrons were directly in his line of fire.

District One

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

Police Officers Todd M. Bohlen,

Rick A. Bungert, Jeffrey A. Cline Lifesaving Award

On July 12, 2014, Officers Cline, Bohlen, and Bungert responded to an emergency at Pere Marquette Park on the riverwalk. Witnesses said that, while they weren't completely sure what they'd seen, they thought they saw someone fall into the Milwaukee River near the boat dock. Officers later learned the victim was a 62-year-old woman who had tripped and fallen.

Officers understood that if they waited for search equipment and more help to arrive, it would be too late. These officers improvised a solution; they put a handheld flashlight into the murky river and spotted a woman submerged between the dock and sea wall. After a few tense moments of searching in the zero-visibility river, officers snagged the victim and pulled her unconscious body onto the dock. The officers ran to the stricken woman and performed a quick assessment. After being in the river for several minutes, she wasn't breathing and had no pulse. The officers immediately began CPR. Paramedics were able to stabilize the woman, and she was transported for medical treatment.

Due to their quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination, they prevented loss of life. Police Officers Cline, Bohlen, and Bungert shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Zachary D. Johnson Lifesaving Award

Ms. Shelly L. Jochins Citizen Valorous Conduct Award

On July 4, 2014, a subject at the Summerfest grounds fell to the ground and appeared to be suffering a seizure. An alert Milwaukee police officer working the gate immediately summoned medical assistance and controlled the gathering crowd. Ms. Shelly L. Jochins, a nurse who happened to be at the Summerfest grounds for fun, not work, volunteered to attend to the fallen man. It soon became clear, however, that the subject was in serious medical distress. The subject's labored breathing soon stopped, and no one at the scene could find a pulse.

Officer Johnson heard the call over the radio and responded before paramedics arrived. He heard Ms. Jochins say that the subject's heart had stopped. After assessing the patient's vital signs again, Officer Johnson and Ms. Jochins began CPR. Officer Johnson took over chest compressions and the two worked feverishly for several minutes until paramedics arrived. The subject was immediately rushed to St. Mary's Hospital. Enroute to the emergency room, paramedics revived the subject, but his vital signs crashed again. Thankfully, physicians were able to save the subject's life. According to the attending physician, the subject would have surely died without the immediate intervention of Officer Johnson and Ms. Jochins.

District One

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

Officer Johnson and Ms. Jochins’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented loss of life. Officer Zachary D. Johnson shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Mr. Maxwell B. Furstenau Citizen Valorous Conduct Award

On June 8, 2014, Mr. Maxwell B. Furstenau was working in the 1400 block of W. Brady Street when he saw a 26-year-old male collapse on the sidewalk and ran across the street to check on him. The first aid and CPR training Mr. Furstenau received in the U.S. Army guided him to check vital signs; the victim had a pulse but wasn’t breathing.

As he monitored the victim’s vital signs Mr. Furstenau yelled for help but was unable to get assistance from anyone. Alarming, the victim’s pulse stopped and so Mr. Furstenau began chest compressions and rescue breaths. Thankfully, Mr. Furstenau alerted a passing Milwaukee Police squad. The sergeant stopped, called for medical assistance, and then helped Mr. Furstenau perform CPR. After several minutes, the victim’s pulse returned and his breathing was shallow. Clearly, he was alive but still in distress.

When firefighters arrived, they determined that the victim had taken an accidental overdose of heroin. They delivered Narcan to reverse the effects of the drug and transported the victim to St. Mary’s Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Furstenau displayed great care for a fellow citizen, and immediately intervened with medical assistance to save a human life. The Milwaukee Police Department is grateful for his efforts in preventing a tragedy.

Mr. Andrew G. Gebel Citizen Valorous Conduct Award

On July 6, 2014, two sisters were being robbed at gunpoint in the 700 block of E. Lyon Street. Mr. Andrew G. Gebel, who lived across the street from the robbery scene, heard the cries of the victims. In an extraordinary example of bravery, Mr. Gebel ran into the street to confront the two armed men, even though he did not know the women being robbed.

Armed robbers do not expect that a citizen will intervene to stop their outrageous actions. Despite the evident danger, Mr. Gebel not only chased the criminals, he actually tackled one of the two as they scrambled to escape to their getaway car. One of the suspects fired rounds as he fled to the getaway vehicle, and Mr. Gebel was wounded by one of the bullets. The two depraved criminals fled from the scene. However, less than a week later, Milwaukee Police arrested two suspects.

For intrepid bravery, for his selfless and courageous attempt to stop an armed robbery, and for his service to the citizenry of the city, the Milwaukee Police Department honors Mr. Andrew G. Gebel with an award for valorous conduct.

Central Investigation Division

Lieutenant Johnny Sqrignuoli

Detective Britt A. Kohnert..... Meritorious Service Award

On June 8, 2014, a suspect entered an 86-year-old woman’s auto through the passenger door in the 1600 block of N. 54th Street. He violently slapped the terrified woman after she refused to give up her purse, and then fled from the car. Detective Kohnert was off duty, observed the suspect, who was wearing a bright orange t-shirt, running from the car and immediately realized something was terribly wrong. He notified a nearby squad and followed the suspect.

As squads flooded the area, Detective Kohnert did his best to maintain sight of the strong arm robbery suspect as he fled through yards, hid in a tree, and did his best to elude the officers hot on his trail. The suspect entered a convenience store, purchased another t-shirt, and changed. However, pursuing officers realized the trick, and soon took the suspect into custody. Detective Kohnert assisted on-duty detectives with the investigation, later identified the actor from a photo lineup, and provided eyewitness testimony at trial, leading to a successful prosecution.

Detective Britt A. Kohnert demonstrated courage, diligence, and perseverance in his efforts to apprehend a violent, habitual criminal. Detective Kohnert shall, therefore, receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Intelligence Fusion Center

Captain David Salazar

Police Officer Dean S. Newport..... Distinguished Service Award

Criminal conspiracies are, by their very nature, difficult to investigate; those involved are highly dependent on each other to maintain a secretive, silent network to avoid detection, arrest, and prosecution. When a network of interstate drug dealers came to the attention of the Milwaukee Police Department in 2008, it was clear multiple agencies would have to be involved. The nine suspects were known criminals with established state and federal convictions for drug-related charges, and the criminal network stretched from Milwaukee to Madison, Minneapolis, and Chicago.

Officer Dean Newport was the lead investigator in the case that began in 2008 and stretched to 2011, when defendants were charged. The case involved multiple wiretaps, surveillance, thousands of man-hours, and more than 1,300 pages of reports. The Milwaukee Police Department shared Officer Newport with several other agencies – including the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation. When the case came to trial in February, 2014, Officer Newport not only testified, he also took responsibility for coordinating the testimony of the multiple co-conspirators, resulting in convictions for all of the conspirators.

Officer Newport used outstanding investigation, documentation, organization and testimony to take down a criminal network that spanned from Milwaukee to multiple cities.

District Seven

Captain Jutiki C. Jackson

Police Officer Scott A. Lammers Lifesaving Award

On March 19, 2014, Officer Lammers and his partner were dispatched to a shooting in the 2900 block of N. 45th Street. Enroute, officers learned the victim of the shooting was a four-year-old boy. Experienced street officers understand that emotions run high at shooting scenes, and those emotions can boil over into additional violence when the shooting victim is a child.

Upon their arrival, officers discovered that the child had been shot in the head. While his partner tended to distraught family members, Officer Lammers – who had previously worked as an Emergency Medical Technician - rendered first aid as the child was not breathing and had no pulse. Surrounded by the chaos of a highly-charged shooting scene, Officer Lammers quickly and calmly cleared the child’s airway and performed CPR that restored the little boy’s pulse again. A medical unit rushed the boy to Children’s Hospital where he was treated and stabilized.

Officer Lammer’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented the loss of a child’s life. Officer Scott A. Lammers is, therefore, awarded a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Chad D. Poeppey Meritorious Service Award

On August 31, 2014, Officer Poeppey responded to a subject with a weapon in the 3200 block of N. 52nd Street. The caller said the subject was armed with a knife, with the added complicating factor that she was off her psychiatric medication and was suicidal. When Officer Poeppey arrived, Milwaukee Fire Department personnel were already there, which is a good sign to a police officer. Normally, when firefighters and paramedics respond, they enter a scene only when they feel it’s safe. Officer Poeppey thought that the scene had calmed down.

However, as he entered, he saw that the woman was still armed with a butcher knife and was pressing the tip into her neck. Officer Poeppey advised the firefighters to leave the house then engaged the woman in dialogue. Using trained techniques and counseling skills gained from a long career, Officer Poeppey calmed the woman and reassured her repeatedly that she would not be harmed.

Eventually, Officer Poeppey was able to convince her to drop the knife, then got the woman the psychiatric help she needed.

Police Officer Poeppey demonstrated courage, diligence, and perseverance in his successful efforts to disarm a suicidal subject without using force. Police Officer Chad D. Poeppey shall, therefore, receive a Meritorious Service Award.

District One

Captain Leslie M. Thiele

Mr. Charlie Hibbler Citizen Meritorious Conduct Award

On March 4, 2014, a District One police officer was in the 600 block of West Wisconsin Avenue attempting to make an arrest, but the man wasn’t complying with the officer. The subject began to fight to get away, and he refused to comply with the officer’s commands. Several nearby citizens saw the officer grappling with the subject. Instead of assisting the officer, who was clearly in a fight and on his radio requesting help, the citizens simply stood nearby and recorded the incident with their cell phones.

Mr. Hibbler was also near the scene and recognized that if the fight continued, the officer could lose control of the arrestee. Without regard for his own safety, Mr. Hibbler ran to assist and immobilized the man’s left arm, which allowed the officer to gain control until a backup squad arrived. Mr. Hibbler calmly disengaged and stood by as a witness while officers completed the arrest.

The Milwaukee Police Department extends its gratitude to Mr. Charlie Hibbler for his bravery, selflessness, and quick action in coming to the aid of an officer struggling with a combative criminal. His actions represent the best of citizen cooperation with the police.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Police Officers Douglas E. Anderer and Samphanh Luangphaxayachack Lifesaving Award

On October 14, 2013, Officers Anderer and Luangphaxayachack, responded to a subject down call for service at S. 13th Street and W. Lincoln Avenue. Information was sketchy; first, officers were told that there was a subject down for an unknown reason, and then the call was re-classified as a suspected drug overdose. Enroute, officers learned that someone was performing CPR on an unconscious woman.

When Officers, Anderer arrived, a civilian was performing CPR on the unconscious woman. Officer Anderer assessed the woman and discovered that she was pulseless and not breathing. Officer Anderer quickly notified dispatch and responding officers, then immediately began one person CPR. When Officer Luangphaxayachack arrived on scene to help, Officer Anderer seamlessly transitioned to mouth-to-mouth breathing while the Officer Luangphaxayachack performed chest compressions. When medical personnel arrived, they found these officers performing two-person CPR. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel stabilized the woman with a defibrillator and medical treatment before she was transported to St. Luke’s Hospital. Fire department personnel at the scene said that without the intervention of Milwaukee police officers, the subject would have likely died.

District Two

Captain Alfonso Morales

Officers Anderer and Luangphaxayachack’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented loss of life. They are, therefore, awarded a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Aaron V. Frantal Lifesaving Award

Mr. Cody J. Poupore Citizen Valorous Conduct Award

On August 5, 2014, Officer Frantal responded to a suicide attempt in the 1900 block of W. Arrow Street. The caller met officers as their squad rolled up, and she urged them to help a woman who had tried to hang herself. The woman, the caller said, was unconscious and had stopped breathing. Officer Frantal raced to the basement of the residence to find the victim.

Officer Frantal found a chaotic scene in the basement. There was an unconscious woman on the ground and Mr. Cody J. Poupore, a Milwaukee County Lifeguard who had been flagged down on the street by the subject’s brother, was in the process of giving four rotations of CPR to this unresponsive woman, while others were standing around. Officer Frantal ran to the woman and assessed her physical condition; her skin was warm and she had no pulse. While his partner requested emergency medical services, Officer Frantal handed Mr. Poupore a pocket CPR mask from his pocket. He began chest compressions for two rounds and then Mr. Poupore handed Officer Frantal the pocket mask for use. By the time paramedics arrived and prepped the woman for transport to the hospital, signs of life had returned. Unfortunately, the subject succumbed to her injuries in the days following the incident, but Officer Frantal and Mr. Poupore’s quick thinking and heroic actions prevented immediate loss of life. Police Officer Aaron V. Frantal shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

District Three

Captain Jason A. Smith

Police Officers Lafayette J. Emmons

and Adrian M. Harris Lifesaving Award

On May 28, 2014, Officers Harris and Emmons responded to a call regarding a suicidal subject in the 2400 block of North 46th Street. After they tried repeatedly to get someone to answer the front door, the concerned officers entered the unlocked residence and found the subject’s distraught 7-year-old daughter crying in the corner of the dining room. These officers used professional communication skills to calm the distraught child, who after some time whispered to officers that her mother was in the basement, but she was dead.

Officers Harris and Emmons raced downstairs and found the woman hanging by the neck from a thick red rope. It was a relief to see the woman coughing and gasping because it showed she was still alive, but the officers knew there was little time.

District Seven

Captain Jutiki C. Jackson

Police Officer Lisa M. Bradley Lifesaving Award

On August 1, 2014, Officer Bradley responded to a shooting in the 4700 block of North 36th Street. The victim had been shot in the right hand and left thigh. By the time Officer Bradley arrived at the scene, citizens had already tried to give the victim first aid. Someone had tied a belt near the victim’s leg wound, but his bleeding was only getting worse.

Officer Bradley called upon her Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) training in assessing the victim’s gunshot wound. The spurting red blood told Officer Bradley that the bullet had likely struck an artery. Realizing the victim would soon slip into unconsciousness and then death, Officer Bradley applied her own tourniquet above the gunshot wound and stopped the victim’s rapid blood loss. With the assistance of another officer at the scene, Officer Bradley stabilized and monitored the victim until paramedics arrived and transported the victim for treatment. Medical personnel at Froedtert Hospital later confirmed that without Officer Bradley’s intervention, the victim would have likely died from blood loss.

Officer Bradley’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Police Officer Lisa M. Bradley shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officers Adam P. Dettman, Jeremy M. Klug

and Lucas M. McAleer Lifesaving Award

On July 8, 2014, Officers Dettman, McAleer and Klug responded to a shooting in the 2800 block of N. 57th Street. Upon their arrival, officers found the shooting victim, still behind the wheel in his running car, bleeding profusely from gunshot wounds to his chin and neck. The unconscious man wasn’t breathing and had no pulse.

When an untrained citizen comes across a shooting scene, the normal reaction is panic, shock, and inaction. However, Milwaukee police officers are trained to respond both rapidly and effectively in moments of crisis and chaos. Officer Dettman removed the victim from the car, placed him in the street and summoned emergency medical services to the scene. Officer Klug obtained a CPR mask, put the victim’s vehicle in park and began to perform rescue breathing. Officer McAleer performed chest compressions while the officers assisted with counting out chest compressions and continually checked the victim for a pulse. These officers worked together in a desperate struggle to save the victim’s life. By the time paramedics arrived, the officers had restored the victim’s pulse and he was rushed to Froedtert Hospital for treatment.

Officers Dettman, McAleer, and Klug’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented immediate loss of life. Therefore, each shall receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officers Jeffrey M. Kennedy and John R. Shipman Meritorious Service Award

On January 11, 2014, Officers Kennedy and Shipman were on patrol in the area of North 20th and W. Burleigh Streets when they spotted a subject walking in an alley with a flat screen television. The subject told the officers that he decided to take his television from his girlfriend's residence after they argued. While talking with the subject, the officers observed fragments of plastic window blinds in his pants.

Officers Kennedy and Shipman checked the residence, which was unoccupied, and found a broken window with a milk crate below. They also saw the window blinds were damaged and had missing slats, matching the ones caught in the subject's pants. The officers located the owner who returned home and confirmed that she had been burglarized. Thanks to their excellent interviewing skills, Officers Kennedy and Shipman were able to obtain a confession from the suspect.

Police Officers Kennedy and Shipman demonstrated keen observation, excellent investigative skills and diligence in their efforts to apprehend a subject who had committed a felony. They are, therefore, awarded a Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Xavier Y. Leplae Citizen Meritorious Conduct Award

On February 9, 2014, Mr. Xavier Y. Leplae was quietly working at 3 a.m. with his partner in the backroom of Riverwest Film and Video, at 824 East Center Street. The sudden sound of shattering glass alerted them that someone had made entry to the front of their business. Mr. Leplae could see that a suspect had smashed the front window, taken a laptop computer, and then ran from the store.

As his business partner called the police with details, Mr. Leplae gave chase across streets and through yards for several blocks. Squads were coming, but the suspect did not want to give up. He slashed at Mr. Leplae with an unknown weapon, leaving cuts and bruising on Mr. Leplae's arms. Mr. Leplae disengaged and, from a safe distance, he saw the suspect enter a house. But by the time police were on scene, fresh footprints in the snow trailing away from the house told officers the suspect was gone. When officers followed up on the case the next day, Mr. Leplae enthusiastically agreed to cooperate. He identified a suspect from the photo lineup, which allowed officers to request a warrant.

Mr. Leplae's determination to catch a violent felon and his willingness to go the extra mile in the pursuit of justice exemplifies the best in the citizens of Milwaukee.

Officer Harris cut the noose from around her neck as Officer Emmons lifted the woman. They lowered her to the ground, provided first aid, and summoned medical attention. After her medical needs were met, Officer Harris and Officer Emmons ensured the woman received the mental health treatment she needed.

Due to their quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination loss of life was prevented. Officers Adrian M. Harris and Lafayette J. Emmons shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Miles D. Kowalik, Jr. Lifesaving Award

On May 24, 2014, Officer Kowalik responded to a shooting in the 2000 block of N. 35th Street. Once he arrived, he found a shooting victim with gunshots to what he believed was her right arm. The victim was covered with blood, and so Officer Kowalik bandaged the victim's right arm, which he could clearly observe had a gunshot wound.

However, the victim was beginning to have trouble breathing. Officer Kowalik's Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) training told him that the victim was likely suffering from a penetrating chest wound. He rapidly removed his own individual first aid kit and initially tried to apply an occlusive dressing, the best first aid solution for a serious chest wound. Officer Kowalik instructed another officer to calm and reassure the shooting victim as he worked on her injuries. Heavy bleeding stopped the dressing from working properly and Officer Kowalik realized the victim would soon be dead if he didn't seal the chest wound.

Instead, Officer Kowalik used a special "Hyfin" chest seal to stop the bleeding and treat the severe injury. With the help of another officer, Officer Kowalik calmly rolled the victim on to her right side so that she would still have a functioning lung, as her chest was filling with blood. Officer Kowalik calmly monitored the victim's vitals as they waited. When paramedics arrived, they assessed the victim's injuries and transported her to Froedtert Hospital shortly after, determining there was minimal work for them to do at the scene, thanks to the rapid and competent medical treatment provided by Officer Kowalik.

Officer Kowalik's quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Officer Miles D. Kowalik, Jr. shall therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officers Eric M. Sweeney and Kevin M. Wilke Lifesaving Award

On April 12, 2014, Officers Wilke and Sweeney responded to a battery cutting in the 2200 block of N. 41st Street. At the scene, officers found no victim but they did find a trail of blood. They quickly followed that trail through a nearby alley in the 2300 block of N. Grant Boulevard where they found a wounded subject.

District Three

Captain Jason A. Smith

The victim couldn't tell officers what had happened – he was going in and out of consciousness, and the rapidly growing pool of blood beneath him told the officers that they had a very real emergency. Officers Wilke and Sweeney were able to locate a serious laceration in the subject's upper right leg. Officer Wilke elevated the subject's leg to keep blood near his heart and called for medical assistance while Officer Sweeney used his Tactical EMS training to evaluate the subject's injury, produced a tourniquet from his Sam Brown belt, and applied the tourniquet to stop the bleeding.

Froedert Hospital staff and members of the Milwaukee Fire Department stated that the actions of Officers Wilke and Sweeney were directly responsible for saving the subject's life. Due to their quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination loss of life was prevented. They are, therefore, awarded a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

District Four

Captain Victor E. Beecher

Police Officer Jesse M. Mattson Lifesaving Award

On August 30, 2014, Officer Mattson had completed a traffic stop in the 8900 block of W. Thurston Avenue and was walking back to his squad when a father ran out of a nearby residence carrying his infant son. The father yelled hysterically and was difficult to comprehend, but Officer Mattson clearly understood that something was wrong with the child. As the father handed him the baby, Officer Mattson could see that the child was conscious but not breathing – classic signs that the baby was choking.

With no time to lose, Officer Mattson immediately cradled the infant on his forearm and turned him over, supporting the child's head. Officer Mattson delivered firm back blows with the heel of his hand, each time checking to see if the child's airway was free. For several terrifying moments Officer Mattson continued the cycle, supporting the baby's head and neck while he worked to dislodge the object. Finally, Officer Mattson's efforts paid off. He noticed that the infant had begun to breathe again, and then handed the child back to his grateful father.

Officer Mattson's quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Police Officer Jesse M. Mattson shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officers Alan M. Beattie and Jason J. Daering Meritorious Service Award

On April 11, 2014, Officers Beattie and Daering were investigating a battery complaint in the 6000 block of W. Silver Spring Drive when they saw an unusual sight; three employees from a nearby Popeye's restaurant running through a parking lot. The breathless workers told officers that there was an armed robbery in progress at their workplace.

District Five

Captain Thomas G. Stigler

Sergeant Yagham, assigned to make the fireworks events both safe and enjoyable, attacked the problem in several distinct ways; he built relationships with other law enforcement agencies and coordinated logistical factors, like traffic flow plans and overhead pole lights to illuminate once-dark streets. More significantly, he worked with nearby businesses to close their shops earlier than normal, eliminating an opportunity for criminal elements to act out. As he planned and prepared for the two events, Sergeant Yagham continued to perform patrol sergeant duties in one of the department's busiest districts.

He deployed squads to hot spots of potential criminal activity, coordinated the efficient egress of traffic from the area after each event, and oversaw the patrol activities of more than 70 officers on foot, riding bicycles, and in squad cars. As a result, department records show that during the Big Bang Fireworks and the July 3rd Fireworks this year there were virtually no significant violent crimes reported that were related to either firework events.

Sergeant Yagham's ability to build community relationships, coordinate logistical needs, and deploy department resources effectively reduced crime, fear, and disorder during two important community events on Milwaukee's east side. Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yagham, is therefore, awarded a Distinguished Service Award.

Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yagham Meritorious Service Award

On March 19, 2014, District Five police officers responded to a critical missing complaint in the 1800 block of North 1st Street. A suicidal subject - who had gone missing four days earlier after threatening to kill himself – had been located, and he was still in crisis.

Officers found the man sitting on the edge of his bed with a knife to his own throat, threatening to end his life. Responding officers began speaking to the subject to engage him, but they soon found they were making little headway with him.

When Sergeant Yagham arrived at the scene, the original responding squad requested that he take control over negotiations. Using trained Crisis Intervention Team techniques, Sergeant Yagham was able to de-escalate the situation and convince the subject to first remove the hood covering his head and establish eye contact. From there, Sergeant Yagham began negotiations which ultimately resulted in the subject dropping the knife and peacefully surrendering to officers. Yagham ensured that the man then received the mental health services he so badly required.

Sergeant Yagham demonstrated keen observation, compassion, and diligence in his efforts to talk a subject out of a dangerous and harmful act. Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yagham is, therefore, awarded a Meritorious Service Award.

District Five

Captain Thomas G. Stigler

The penetrating gunshot wound to her chest, if left untreated, would quickly cause a fatal medical condition called tension pneumothorax that would stop her breathing and her heart. While waiting for paramedics to get to the scene, Officer Humitz applied special seals to the gunshot wounds on the victim’s chest, maintained pressure on her other wounds, and reassured her that she would recover. The victim did survive the traumatic injuries she received.

Officer Humitz’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Police Officer Shawn M. Humitz shall, therefore, receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officers Alfred R. Herrmann and John H. Larson Lifesaving Award

On June 30, 2014, Officers John H. Larson and Herrmann responded to what seemed to be a property damage call for service in the 1200 block of East Singer Circle. However, as is frequently the case, the nature of the call changed quickly. After speaking with the caller, these officers learned that the actor - who had broken a large plate glass window - was still at the scene, and was sitting in a van parked nearby.

When they approached the van to take the actor into custody, they realized from the amount of blood on the driver’s door that the actor was severely injured. In fact, the subject was bleeding from two massive lacerations on his head and forearm. The floor of the van was filling with blood at an alarming rate. Officers Larson and Herrmann applied pressure to the spurting wounds. Soon after, the subject lost consciousness. While Officer Herrmann summoned medical help, Officer Larson applied a tourniquet to the more severe wound on the subject’s right forearm. Both officers worked frantically to control the severe bleeding and save the subject’s life. Paramedics arrived and quickly transported the subject to Froedtert Hospital, where emergency surgery repaired the severed artery in his arm.

Officers Larson and Herrmann’s quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented immediate loss of life. Therefore, they shall receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Sergeant Wesam F. Yagham .. Distinguished Service Award

The Big Bang Fireworks and the July 3rd Fireworks showcase Milwaukee’s beautiful east side; they attract in excess of 250,000 citizens, many of whom are guests from outside the city. But in the recent past, groups of people have acted out, with fights, disorderly conduct, and even the looting of a store. No one wants trouble at these family-friendly events.

District Four

Captain Victor E. Beecher

Officer Beattie ran to the restaurant and confronted the armed suspect while Officer Daering entered the restaurant through the back door. When the suspect spotted both officers, he fled the restaurant. Officer Beattie gave foot chase while Officer Daering returned to the squad car and followed the foot pursuit. Officer Beattie observed the suspect discard a 9mm handgun as he ran. A few blocks later, Officer Beattie saw the suspect reach under his sweatshirt and discard a bag containing the proceeds of the armed robbery. The officers doggedly followed a path through yards and alleyways until a van blocked the suspect’s escape and he was taken into custody. The suspect, already on probation for armed robbery, confessed to the Popeye’s robbery, as well as a robbery from the previous day.

Officers Beattie and Daering demonstrated keen observation, diligence, perseverance and great restraint in his efforts to apprehend a subject who had committed a felony. Police Officer Alan M. Beattie and Officer Jason J. Daering are, therefore, awarded a Meritorious Service Award.

Police Officers Jimmy J. Castillo, Jonathan M. Miller, Marcin S. Pagacz and Bradley M. Tremblay Meritorious Service Award

On July 25, 2014, Officers Castillo and Miller, who was an officer-in-training, responded to an armed robbery in the 6900 block of N. 76th Street. The victim’s cell phone was taken, among other items. After the victim provided her password to track the phone, the officers reached out to the District Four office for help.

After multiple attempts, Officers Tremblay and Pagacz worked from a desktop computer at District Four, activated the tracking software with the password and located the phone. Thanks to regular broadcast updates of the phone’s location given by Officers Tremblay and Pagacz, Officer Castillo and Miller spotted the suspect’s car near the 7500 block of W. Mill Road. Mindful of his responsibility to safeguard his new coworker and provide a good educational model, Officer Castillo and another squad performed a high-risk traffic stop. Officers placed the driver in custody.

However, the second suspect, sitting in the passenger seat, would not surrender. During the dangerous traffic stop, he slid into the driver’s seat and sped away. Officer Castillo provided an excellent model of a pursuit to his officer-in-training, calmly broadcast the events via radio, and used due regard to follow the vehicle into a nearby jurisdiction. After pursuing for nearly nine miles, Officers Castillo and Miller arrested the second suspect.

Through their collaborative efforts, these District Four officers ended an armed robbery spree and took two dangerous individuals off the streets, solving ten armed robberies.

District Four

Captain Victor E. Beecher

These officers demonstrated courage, diligence, and extraordinary cooperation with fellow officers. Police Officers Castillo, Miller, Tremblay and Pagacz shall, therefore, receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Lester R. Buchanan ... Citizen Certificate of Appreciation Award

On July 27, 2014, Mr. Lester R. Buchanan was on his way to go fishing at 4:30 a.m. when he saw something startling; a 3-year-old child was alone and walking aimlessly on a sidewalk near N. 60th Street and W. Mill Road. Clearly, something was seriously wrong and Mr. Buchanan wanted to make sure the little boy was ok. The child wasn't old enough to know his address or his mother's name. Unable to find a nearby parent or relative, Mr. Buchanan transported the child to the Fourth District police station to get the help of police.

After a lengthy investigation by District Four officers - with the assistance of the Sensitive Crimes Unit - the boy was reunited with his mother. The uncle, who was supposed to be looking after the child, was ordered in to the District Attorney's office for charges.

Instead of making a mere phone call, Mr. Buchanan took control and looked after the welfare of a lost child. The Milwaukee Police Department recognizes Mr. Lester R. Buchanan for his thoughtfulness and patience as a caretaker in the community.

District Five

Captain Thomas G. Stigler

Police Sergeant Tanya M. Boll, Detective William C. Sheehan,

Police Officers Shawn M. Humitz

and Paul G. Newell Lifesaving Award

On July 3, 2014, Milwaukee's east side was flooded with people and traffic on hand for fireworks scheduled for that evening. A citizen flagged down officers working a traffic control point near North Holton Street and West North Avenue; a car was stopped in traffic, and the driver and passenger weren't moving. The law enforcement personnel at the scene were able to wake up the passenger, but the driver was unresponsive. The call went out for an ambulance.

After determining that the driver wasn't breathing and had no pulse, Officers Humitz and Newell pulled him from the auto to begin CPR. Two realities complicated the already tense situation: the man was cold to the touch, indicating that he'd been in distress for some time; and officers had to radically re-route the heavy firework-related traffic to get responding paramedics to the victim. Officers Humitz and Newell, Sergeant Boll, and Detective Sheehan worked together to relieve each other while performing CPR on the victim until they revived the subject and restored his heart to a normal rhythm.

District Five

Captain Thomas G. Stigler

Paramedics transported him to the hospital for further treatment. Without the intervention of these MPD members, medical personnel later said, the victim would have likely died.

Their collaborative efforts, quick thinking, heroic actions, and professional application of trained techniques prevented loss of life. Therefore, each MPD member shall receive a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Shawn M. Humitz Lifesaving Award

On March 9, 2014, Officer Humitz and his partner were dispatched to a shots fired call for service in the area of N. 20th Street and W. Keefe Avenue. As they sped toward the scene, they learned the call had been updated to a shooting, and in short order, Officer Humitz found a vehicle full of bullet holes and broken glass. More significantly, the driver of the car was still in the car, shot and bleeding badly.

Officer Humitz donned latex gloves and began assessing the victim as his partner worked to stabilize the scene and summon more squads. Officer Humitz's Tactical EMS training proved invaluable as he assessed the victim, discovering that the gunshot neck wound had caused a serious arterial bleed. Officer Humitz applied direct pressure to the spurting wound as the victim struggled to stay conscious. When medical help arrived, Officer Humitz told personnel that the victim was struggling to breathe and likely needed a nasal airway. Officer Humitz played an active role in keeping the victim alive, assisting medical personnel in treatment and transport.

Officer Humitz's quick thinking, heroic actions, and determination prevented immediate loss of life. Officer Shawn M. Humitz is, therefore, awarded a Lifesaving Award and one merit day off to be taken in 2015.

Police Officer Shawn M. Humitz Lifesaving Award

On August 12, 2014, Officer Humitz and his partner were in the 3200 block of North 12th Street investigating a drug-dealing complaint when they heard gunfire. Without hesitation, Officer Humitz and his partner notified dispatch and ran toward the sound of the shots. They soon found three gunshot victims lying in the street. The shooter was still at large, and other officers had not yet arrived, but Officer Humitz and his partner immediately summoned medical help and did not hesitate to assess and lend aid to the three victims.

As an officer trained in Tactical Emergency Medical Services, Officer Humitz carries a personally purchased medical aid kit. The first victim he attended to was bleeding badly and in serious distress.