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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, VA (March 20, 2019) The Suffolk Police Department held its Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Suffolk City Hall. The event served to honor and recognize sworn and non-sworn members of the Department who have contributed to the success of the Department and the service provided to the Suffolk community.

Special recognitions were presented for the Dispatcher of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, and Civilian Employee of the Year.

Communications Operator II Andrea Beale – Dispatcher of the Year

CO Andrea Beale is an asset to the Suffolk Police Department's Emergency Communications Center. CO Beale is the Community Liaison for the Department and she holds this position with pride and dignity. CO Beale has been instrumental in creating a professional brochure for National Night Out and she can often be found in the elementary schools educating the youth on 911 procedures. In July 2018, CO Beale began collecting backpacks and supplies to be donated to children in need. She also collected donations for animals in the Suffolk Animal Care Shelter. In October

2018, CO Beale spearheaded an operation to feed two families in need for Thanksgiving.

Sergeant Eric Crawley – Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Eric Crawley was chosen as Supervisor of the Year for 2018 for his positive attitude and work ethic. He exhibits a positive driving force in each assignment he has received. Sergeant Crawley brings with him an attitude that cannot help but make you smile and feel prepared to take on whatever tasks may lay before you. Officers feel confident in his decision-making abilities. When Sergeant Crawley arrives at scenes, he demonstrates command presence and confidence. Sergeant Crawley handles himself in a professional manner when dealing with officers and citizens alike. His knowledge and work ethic give credibility to his decision-making when addressing employee's concerns and actions. He also provides positive and motivating training during roll call. Sergeant Crawley, along with all of his other tasks, continues to teach at the academy as well as during post-academy. Sergeant Crawley genuinely cares about the officers, the organization, and the citizens the Department serves.

Officer Kyle Valois – Police Officer of the Year

Officer Kyle Valois was recognized as the Officer of the Year due to his exceptional work ethic. During the course of 2018, Officer Valois investigated a common nuisance in his patrol zone and was able to obtain a search warrant for the residence as well as an arrest warrant for the homeowner. In May 2018, Officer Valois assisted the detective bureau in identifying a suspect of a commercial robbery. In October 2018, Officer Valois responded to a shooting in the downtown area. While en route to the call, he was involved in a vehicle pursuit of the suspect. The pursuit ultimately led to the apprehension of two suspects. These are only a few examples of the meticulous and exemplary work performed by Officer Valois during the course of 2018.

Forensic Technician Mary DeLugo – Civilian Employee of the Year

FT Mary DeLugo was a great asset to her leadership and the command staff while there was no supervisor for the CSI Unit from July through December 2018. DeLugo was responsible for many duties and became a temporary point of contact for many of the customers for the CSI Unit. During this time, she helped the unit achieve their ISO 17020 reaccreditation, ensured that the Police Academy received instruction, peer-reviewed reports, kept in contact with vendors and helped coordinate the daily operations of the CSI Unit. FT DeLugo did this while maintaining her street responsibilities, responding to 93 calls for service in this timeframe, including one homicide. She did this all along with her specialized duty as a latent print examiner. CSI DeLugo is very dedicated to the Department and the unit.

Life Saving Award:

Officer Benjamin Holland
Officer Daniel Ferster
Officer Haley Brock
Officer Jonathan Bulls
Officer Josie Hall
Officer Marco Leslie
Officer Michael Holman
Officer Zachary Hyman (2)
CO II Barbara Hughes

Police Officer of the Quarter:

Officer Corey Hubbard
Officer Haley Brock
Officer Zachary Hyman
Detective Chris Scherer

Department Commendations:

Captain Cassandra Garvin

Captain John McCarley

Lieutenant Cheryl Balzer

Lieutenant Troy Shelton

Lieutenant Michael Wise

Sergeant Thomas Cain

Sergeant Chad Hooker (2)

Sergeant Jeffrey Lurie

Sergeant Jason Lyons (2)

MPO James Babor

MPO Chalimous Grant

MPO Michael Uriah

MPO Tyson Wild & K9 Chamba

Detective Chris Scherer (2)

Detective Steven Ireland

Investigator Kevin Dodson

Investigator Nicholas Gasparini (4)

Investigator Ryan Linville (2)

Investigator Gary Parker

Investigator David White

Officer Shatera Bradley

Officer William Bradshaw

Officer Eric Brigham

Officer Haley Brock

Officer James Capehart

Officer Marcus Carter

Officer Grayson Craun (2)

Officer Jonah Cravey

Officer Benjamin DeLugo

Officer Yamilai Diaz Ibarra

Officer Lorri Ellis (2)
Officer Adrian Feliz (2)
Officer Jerry Fowler
Officer Kristi Gaines
Officer Judson Gauf
Officer David Gawryluk
Officer Lamont Greer (2)
Officer Nicole Heyward
Officer Corey Hubbard
Officer Derek Jackson (2)
Officer Khandi Johnson
Officer Brad Little (2)
Officer Christian McIntyre (2)
Officer Ryan Moore
Officer Matthew Moraczewski (2)
Officer Daniel Nesbitt
Officer Sean Powell (2)
Officer Clifton Sessoms
Officer Nicholas Smith (2)
Officer Shane Sukowaski &
K9 Salvo (3)
Officer Hunter Triplett
Officer Rosario Tumminello &
K9 Rommel (2)
Officer Kyle Valois (4)
Officer Nicholas Walker
Officer Michael Wingate
Officer John Worth
CLO Del Shannon
CO II Elaine Holman
CO III Tracy Pierce

Community Service Awards:

Lieutenant Cheryl Balzer

MPO Paul Hutta

Officer Ginet Hart

Officer Kyle Hall

Officer Lauren Stabinski

Officer Steven Turnmeyer

Sergeant Chad Hooker

CO II Andrea Beale (2)

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