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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, VA (April 5, 2022) The Suffolk Police Department held its Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Suffolk City Hall. The event served to honor and recognize sworn and non-sworn members of the Department along with citizens 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, Field Training Officer of the Year, and Civilian Employee of the Year.

Communications Operator Samantha Kasecamp – Dispatcher of the Year

Emergency Communications Operator Kasecamp is regularly recognized by her coworkers and supervisors as being a model employee, a worker who is always willing to help out her coworkers, and someone who is willing to take on overtime in order to make sure the Emergency Communications Center is running and able to provide excellent service to the citizens of Suffolk.

Sergeant Nicholas Gasparini – Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Nicholas Gasparini was recognized by his supervisors and by the Officers on his squad as a solid leader, a knowledgeable supervisor, and a Sergeant who brings a varied background to his Patrol Officers. His past experiences in the

Neighborhood Enforcement Teams and the Special Investigations Unit allow him to provide investigative expertise to new and developing officers. He takes charge of fast-moving situations and is trusted by the Officers under his command.

Master Police Officer Detective Shelly Koziana – Police Officer of the Year

For her dedicated and diligent work as a Detective during 2021, investigating some of the City's most violent crimes, Master Police Officer Detective Shelly Koziana was recognized by her supervisors and fellow Detectives as a consummate professional who is willing to go the extra mile to make sure a crime is solved. Many violent crimes were cleared thanks to her hard work, and she has helped bring justice and closure to citizens of Suffolk.

Officer Daniel Currier – Field Training Officer of the Year

Field Training Officer Daniel Currier was recognized by the supervisors in the field training program and by the new Officers he has trained over the course of 2021. He is patient, provides good feedback, and is a wealth of knowledge to his trainees. He has helped shape the future Officers of the Suffolk Police Department.

Kristen Dolan – Civilian Employee of the Year

Ms. Dolan works as the Department's social media and marketing professional. She has spearheaded multiple social media outreach projects, produced videos for various Department units, and maintained all of the Department's social media accounts. She is often the first person people have contact with when they reach out to any of our online accounts. Her work has been exemplary during 2021.

Life Saving Award:

Lt. David Heroux

MPO Marcus Carter

MPO Benjamin Delugo

Officer James Chapman

Officer Jesse Fede

Officer Adrian Feliz
Officer Travis Gardner
Officer Judson Gauf
Officer Jalin Green
Officer Khandi Johnson
Officer Elizabeth Kellogg
Officer Payton Kerlee
Officer Veronica More
Officer Travis Reichmuth
Officer Kevin Southern
Officer Hailey White

Police Officer of the Quarter:

Officer Michael Childs Jr.
Officer Kristi Gaines
Officer Matthew Grice
MPO Det. Shelly Koziana

Department Commendations:

Cpt. Jesse Epperson
CACO Meghann McGillvray-Lanier
Sgt. Samantha Bradshaw
Sgt. Matthew Faubion
Sgt. Jason Lyons
MPO William Craig Jr.
MPO Benjamin Delugo (2)
MPO Paul Hutta (2)
MPO Shane Sukowaski
MPO Michael Uriah
MPO Det. Joyce Williams
Det. Madison Cabell

Officer Michael Childs Jr.
Officer Daniel Currier
Officer Branden Garrison
Officer David Green
Officer Zachary Hyman
Officer Danielle Jones
Officer Trent Marshall
Officer Elizabeth May
Officer Daniel Nesbitt (2)
Officer Rosario Tumminello
ACO Kathleen McLendon
ECO Angelique Davis
ECO Kimberly Duncan
ECO Lindsey Holloman
ECO Shira Hunter
PRT Sandra Jackson
PRT Patrice Jones
PRT Shannon Long
PRT Jessica Raines
PRT Catherine Richards
PRT Darlene Tuttle
K9 Salvo (2)

Community Service Awards:

Lt. Gary Myrick
Lt. Troy Shelton
MPO Nicole Heyward
MPO Paul Hutta
MPO Det. Shelly Koziana
Officer Travis Gardner
Officer Judson Gauf

Officer Matthew Grice
Officer Dazemone Joseph
Officer Marco Leslie
Officer Joshua Monson
For. Tech. Mary Delugo

Medal of Valor

Officer Zachary Hyman

Citizens Award

Mr. Jacob Barton
Ms. Amy Bedner
Ms. Erin Bush
Mr. Brandon Colbert
MFS Ashley Frescatore (HPD)
Mr. Alister Ortiz
Mr. Chad Thompson
Mr. Cordell Waters

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