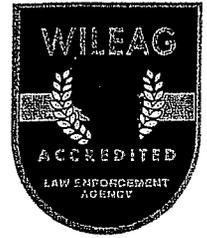




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SUPERVISOR RECOGNITION AWARD

Officer Jonathon Rivamonte

In spite of decades of tougher penalties, increased education, public information messages, and enforcement, impaired driving continues to be a large problem in the United States. The incidence of impaired driving in Wisconsin is higher than the national average. 234 people died on Wisconsin roadways in alcohol related motor vehicle crashes in 2008. Thousands more were seriously injured. Alcohol related crashes caused millions of dollars in property damage and loss. The impaired driving laws in Wisconsin are lengthy and confusing. The processing, testing, and documentation of Operating While Under the Influence (OWI) arrests is both tedious and time consuming. So much so that many officers in South Milwaukee will go their entire career without making 100 OWI arrests.

In 2009 Officer Jonathon Rivamonte, while working as a patrol officer on the streets of South Milwaukee, stopped and arrested 114 people for OWI related offenses. This number is slightly more than one third of the 327 impaired drivers that were arrested by all South Milwaukee Officers in 2009.

This type of performance and dedication in the enforcement of our impaired driving laws goes a long way toward protecting lives and property in South Milwaukee and beyond, by removing impaired drivers from our roadways and sending a message to others who may think about driving while impaired in the future. This performance should be recognized and rewarded.

Lieutenant Cary Fischer

Dated May 4, 2010

SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 13, 2010
TO: Police & Fire Commission
FROM: Chief Ann Wellens
SUBJECT: Police Awards
Common Council Meeting
May 4, 2010



On Tuesday, May 4, 2010 ten officers from the Police Department, and seven citizens will be presented Police Department Awards at the Common Council meeting. Mayor Zepecki has kindly allowed time at the beginning of the meeting for the Department presentation. The following officers and citizens will be receiving the following awards:

Officers James McLean and Dan Fournier:

Officers McLean and Fournier will be receiving a Life Saving Commendation. Life Saving Commendation - action which directly contributed to the saving or significant prolonging of human life.

On June 26, 2009 Officers McLean and Fournier responded to a call of a person not breathing in the 600 block of Michigan Ave. Officers McLean and Fournier were the first officers on the scene and immediately began CPR on a female subject who appeared to be lifeless. Officers administered CPR until SMFD Med-10 personnel arrived on the scene. Med-10 personnel continued resuscitation efforts and successfully revived the female who had reportedly overdosed on heroin. Med-10 personnel stated the officer's efforts contributed to the successful resuscitation of the female. The quick thinking and actions of Officer McLean and Fournier in beginning resuscitation in this circumstance was instrumental to the life saving result.

Investigator Robert Wentz:

Investigator Wentz will be receiving a Supervisor's Recognition Award. Supervisor's Recognition Award - outstanding police work.

On October 5, 2009 Investigator Wentz was assigned a burglary investigation in the 1200 block of Marquette Avenue. The

burglary complaint involved approximately \$45,000.00 of stolen property. Through Investigator Wentz's investigation he developed three suspects who he interviewed and obtained confessions from each suspect. Investigator Wentz also recovered the stolen property. The case was referred to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for charges of burglary. Investigator Wentz's investigation and interviews led to the arrest and quick recovery of \$45,000.00 in property within a few days of the incident.

Officers William Dews, Steve Martin and Jay Rotter:

Officers William Dews, Steve Martin and Jay Rotter will be receiving a Life Saving Commendation.

On February 18, 2010 the Police Department received a 911 call reporting two individuals had fallen into Lake Michigan (through the ice) and could not get out of the water. One individual was pulled from the water by the group that was with them, however the other individual was still in the water and unable to get out. Officers Dews, Martin and Rotter responded to the scene. Officers Martin and Rotter leaned over the edge of the bank while Officer Dews held them by the feet while Officers Martin and Rotter pulled the woman to safety. The woman had been in the water over ten minutes and hypothermia had set in. She was transported to the hospital where she made a full recovery. The officer's actions reflect favorably on the South Milwaukee Police Department and the City of South Milwaukee.

Officer Scott Komorowski:

Officer Komorowski will be receiving a Merit Award. Merit Award - awarded for an excellent arrest which led to the capture and arrest of a felon who was endangering the lives and/or property of the Community.

On March 7, 2010 Officer Komorowski was dispatched to an address in the 1200 block of Monroe Avenue. The upstairs tenant reported someone "ransacking" the lower unit. Officer Komorowski arrived on scene and observed a white male standing/walking in the front yard carrying a TV set. Upon seeing Officer Komorowski the subject dropped the TV and fled. Officer Komorowski pursued the subject and caught him. The subject was arrested for burglary and was charged by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Officer Komorowski's quick thinking and actions led to the arrest of a felon and removed a dangerous individual from the community.

Officers Michael Hill, Timothy Lewison, and Kyle Stormoen:

Officers Hill, Lewison and Stormoen will be receiving a Life Saving Commendation.

On April 4, 2010 Officers Hill, Lewison and Stormoen were dispatched to a residence in the 1600 block of Manitowoc Avenue for a male who was choking. Upon arrival the officers found an elderly male slumped over, hands and face purple in color. The male subject was not breathing and was non-responsive. Officers each attempted the Heimlich maneuver on the subject. They were

able to successfully clear the subjects airway and he began breathing on his own. The SMFD arrived and the subject was turned over to them for transport to the hospital. The quick thinking and actions of Officers Hill, Lewison and Stormoen in applying the Heimlich maneuver saved this subjects life. Their actions reflect favorably upon the Police Department and the Community.

Citizen Recognition Awards: whenever any officer believes that behavior coming to the attention personally or through a third party is deserving of recognition by the Department, an officer should indicate the circumstance of the incident in writing and should forward same to the Awards Committee. Upon Committee approval, the Chief will affix their stamp of approval.

Citizen Rebecca Brinza:

On May 15, 2009 the Police Department responded to a personal injury accident at the intersection of College Avenue/North Chicago Avenue. Ms. Brinza, a passerby, stopped to assist the elderly woman who had caused the accident as the other involved party appeared agitated and angry with her. Ms. Brinza took it upon herself to comfort and assist the elderly woman, getting her something to drink and a napkin for her bleeding nose. Ms. Brinza stayed with the elderly lady in the ambulance and then followed her to St. Luke's South Shore where she received medical treatment. Officer Lewison recommended Ms. Brinza for a Citizen Recognition Award because he was impressed that she took her time to help a total stranger not only at the scene but also at the hospital. This type of action is not something the Police Department sees very often. Ms. Brinza's good samaritanship should be recognized.

Citizen Jerome Millen:

On June 14, 2009 Mr. Millen was at the South Milwaukee Little League Complex playing with friends when he saw other youths stealing from the concession stand. Mr. Millen assisted the Police Department with identifying several suspects which led to their arrests. Two of the subjects were arrested for burglary and two were arrested for receiving stolen property. Much of the property stolen was recovered. Mr. Millen's actions, paying attention and remembering details assisted the Police Department in clearing this investigation. Lt. Chad Milow recommended Mr. Millen for this award.

Citizens Cheryl Rybka and Stephanie Czarnecki:

On December 13, 2009 the Aldi's Grocery Store was robbed at gun point by a lone masked male. Ms. Rybka and Ms. Czarnecki took it upon themselves after the robbery to follow the robber out of the store and obtain a detailed vehicle description and license plate. Ms. Rybka obtained a partial license plate which assisted officers in locating the suspect vehicle. Both Ms. Rybka and Ms. Czarnecki traveled to the scene where the vehicle was located and identified the vehicle as the one involved in the armed robbery.

Because of the actions of these two women the suspect was located, arrested and charged with armed robbery. This suspect was also responsible for robberies in other communities. If it were not for Ms. Rybka's and Ms. Czarnecki's disregard for their own safety, quick thinking and response to this circumstance it is highly unlikely that this armed robbery would have been cleared by arrest and a dangerous criminal could have been on the street to commit further crimes or worse. Officer Brian Fleming nominated Ms. Rybka and Ms. Czarnecki for this award.

Citizens John & Pamela Anderson:

On December 21, 2009 the Tri-City National Bank was robbed. The robber exited Tri-City National Bank and attempted to flee the area. Mr. Anderson observed a male subject running north bound on 10th Avenue followed by a "cloud of red smoke". Mr. Anderson quickly realized the subject had just robbed the bank and tried to call the non-emergency line for the Police Department. When he could not get through, due to all the lines being busy, he flagged down Officer Jonathan Rivamonte who was responding to the area for the bank robbery. Mrs. Anderson observed the subject go into the rear door of a building on 10th Avenue. This observation lead officers to where the suspect was and lead to a quick arrest. Because of their swift actions and cooperation with the Police Department the suspect was arrested and taken into custody. The suspect was subsequently charged with armed robbery by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Without Mr. & Mrs Anderson's assistance the quick apprehension (17 mintues) of the suspect may not have occurred. Officer Jonathan Rivamonte nominated you for this award.

Citizen Mike Roubik:

On March 7, 2010 Mr. Roubik observed three youths carrying a flat screen TV and a computer in the area of Parkway Drive and 16th Avenue. Mr. Roubik contacted the Police Department regarding this suspicious behavior. Although officers checked the area the subjects were not located. Approximately ten minutes after the officers checked the area a homeowner in the 400 block of Parkway Avenue notified the Police Department their house had been burglarized and their flat screen TV and computer were stolen. Through the assistance of the Greenfield Police Department's K-9 unit the stolen property was located in a wooden area. When the suspects returned to retrieve the property they were arrested by the Police Department. Because of Mr. Roubik's swift actions and cooperation with the Police Department the suspects were arrested and taken into custody. The homeowner's property was also recovered. The suspects have been referred to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office for charging. Without Mr. Roubik's assistance the quick apprehension of the suspects and the property recovery may not have occurred. Lt. Pete Jaske nominated you for this award.