

SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: **May 13, 2011**

TO: **Police & Fire Commission**

FROM: **Chief Ann Wellens**

SUBJECT: **Police Awards**
Common Council Meeting
May 17, 2011



The week of May 15-21, 2011 has been designated as National Peace Officers Week. In conjunction with National Police Officers Week the Police Department will be holding our annual Department Awards to recognize selected staff and citizens from the community.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011 nine officers and two dispatchers from the Police Department and two citizens and one dog 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, dispatchers, and citizens will be receiving the following awards:

VALOR AWARD: awarded for acts of bravery beyond the officer's basic duty, who by outstanding gallantry, conspicuous action, at great personal peril to their life, brings great credit to the law enforcement profession.

Officer William Dews and Officer Scott Komorowski:

On July 12, 2010 Officers Dews and Komorowski responded to a building on fire in the 1500 block of Manitoba Avenue. Officer Dews was the first to arrive on scene and located several residents of the building outside. Officer Dews determined the residents of apartment #2 were not outside and immediately went into the burning building to rescue these individuals. Officer Dews pounded on their apartment door and attempted to kick in the door. His actions caused the two residents to wake up, and he directed them out of the building to safety. Officer Komorowski determined that the residents of apartment #6 were not outside and immediately entered the burning building with Officer Dews to rescue them. Officers Dews and Komorowski successfully woke up the two residents and directed them out of the building to

safety. Shortly after evacuating the residents of apartment #6 the roof of the building collapsed in that area.

Officer Dews and Officer Komorowski put themselves in harm's way, even after assessing that the building was in flames. Their actions contributed to four lives being saved. Officer Dews and Officer Komorowski's actions bring great credit upon themselves, the South Milwaukee Police Department and law enforcement.

LIFE-SAVING COMMENDATION: awarded to any officer whose action directly contributed to the saving or significant prolonging of human life.

Officer Tim Lewison and Officer Kyle Stormoen:

On April 25, 2010 Officer Lewison and Officer Stormoen responded to a possible Chapter 51. A citizen reported a subject who appeared to be jumping into the falls at Mill Rd. Officers Lewison and Stormoen located an older subject on the top railing of the waterfall on Mill Rd., who was leaning face first towards the waterfall. Officer Lewison determined the subject was in need of emergency mental health care and attempted to talk with the subject. The subject did not respond to Officer Lewison. Officers Lewison and Stormoen acted quickly and pulled the subject from the railing to safety. Based on the subject's previous mental health history, and his current state of mind - Officers Lewison and Stormoen's quick thinking and actions saved his life on this date.

Officer Ed Hallett:

On November 23, 2010 Officer Hallett responded to a call of a person not breathing in the 1400 block of 18th Ave. Officer Hallett was the first officer on scene and located a lifeless subject. Officer Hallett immediately began CPR and continued until relieved by Med-10 personnel. The subject was brought back to life by advanced life support and was transported to the Hospital. The quick thinking and actions of Officer Hallett in beginning resuscitation was instrumental to the life saving result.

Officer Mick Olson:

On December 16, 2010 Officer Olson responded to a call of a person not breathing at Willoway. Officer Olson was the first Officer on scene and located a lifeless subject. Officer Olson immediately began CPR and was preparing to administer an AED when Med -10 personnel relieved him. The subject did have a pulse when he was transported to the hospital. The subject did recover to some degree in the hospital but eventually the subject died.

Officer Olson's quick thinking and actions in beginning resuscitation efforts in this circumstance allowed the subject's family to spend additional time with them before their passing.

SUPERVISOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD: a supervisor may give this award, without Awards Committee approval, for outstanding work.

Public Safety Officer Karla Immel and Officer Katie Klipfel:

Both PSO Immel and Officer Klipfel assisted in the building fire call on July 12, 2010. Lt. Walker recommended PSO Immel and Officer Klipfel for a Supervisor's Recognition Award.

Public Safety Officer Jesse Danek:

Lt. Milow recommended PSO Danek for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his actions regarding a 911 call on July 31, 2010.

Officer Nate Siefert:

Lt. Milow recommended Officer Siefert for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his high performance level for the past 5 years.

Officer Jared Manthe:

Lt. Walker recommended Officer Manthe for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his actions on April 9, 2011.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD: 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 circumstances of the incident in writing and should forward same to the Awards Committee. Upon Committee approval, the Chief will affix their stamp of approval.

Mr. Nicholas Langenfeld and Buddy:

Chief Wellens nominated Mr. Langenfeld and Buddy for a Citizen's Recognition Award for their actions during the February 2, 2011 snow storm.

On February 2, 2011 in the early morning hours Mr. Langenfeld heard a dog barking outside his residence. Mr. Langenfeld attempted to approach the barking dog, however the dog led him to a subject who was laying unconscious in a snow bank in the 800 block of Marquette Avenue. Mr. Langenfeld immediately summoned emergency assistance and both the Police and Fire Departments responded. The subject, later identified as Theodore Moss, had

been lying in the snow bank for some time and was in critical condition. Mr. Moss was transported to the hospital where he was hospitalized for some time. Mr. Moss did make a full recovery. Mr. Langenfeld's actions as a concerned citizen on February 2, 2011 resulted in Mr. Moss being with us today to celebrate his life.

Buddy - life saving companion who would not give up hope that someone would respond to her barking.

Ms. Carmen Anderson-Lambert:

Captain Kallay recommended Ms. Anderson-Lambert for a Citizen Recognition Award for her actions on February 8, 2011.

On February 7, 2011 Ms. Anderson-Lambert was working at Donn Powers Jewelry when a suspicious person came into the store and attempted to sell a large/expensive ring. Ms. Anderson-Lambert was suspicious of this person and told them to return on February 8th. After further investigation Ms. Anderson-Lambert learned the ring was possibly stolen in a burglary in South Milwaukee and that she knew the victim. When the suspicious person returned on February 8th (with another subject) Ms. Anderson-Lambert discreetly contacted the South Milwaukee Police Department. The two subjects were subsequently arrested and later charged by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office with burglary. Ms. Anderson-Lambert's keen attention to the suspicious person and willingness to get involved should be recognized. Her actions led to clearing a burglary and recovering the homeowners property.