

*The
Anne Arundel County
Police Foundation
19th Annual
Awards Banquet*



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Welcome to the 19th Annual Anne Arundel County Police Foundation Awards Banquet. The Foundation, supported by business and community leaders throughout the County, was created to provide much needed financial assistance and to support, in any way possible, the brave and dedicated men and women of our police department.

Tonight, we are gathered to pay tribute to those outstanding officers and civilians who, by their courageous acts, extraordinary performance of their responsibilities, or exemplary dedication and commitment to the department's goals and mission, have clearly surpassed the call of duty.

Our purpose is to honor the professionalism and unselfishness of these individuals and, in so doing, to remind the community at large that the responsibility for crime control and prevention rests with all of us, not just with law enforcement officers.

I thank you for being here tonight and for your continuing efforts in helping our foundation support the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

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Police Officer of the Year Award

The Chief of Police presents the Police Officer of the Year Award to those officers who have performed at the highest level of expectations throughout a particular calendar year. Recipients for the award were recognized by their chain of command with well-documented performance achievements and were also nominated for formal recognition by an approved community/ civic, professional, fraternal, or law enforcement organization.

The Officer of the Year ribbon has a blue background with two white stripes and a navy blue stripe in the center. A certificate embossed with a gold seal accompanies the award.

PFC Eric Cole - Western District

PFC Eric Cole is assigned as a patrol officer with the Western District and is one of the shift leaders in traffic enforcement and criminal enforcement. In the past year, while on routine patrol, he has made several drug-related arrests and thwarted crimes in progress.

PFC Cole is interested in making a difference in the lives of others and displays this when he mentors troubled youth.

Corporal Daniel DeLorenzo - Eastern District

Corporal Daniel DeLorenzo is assigned to the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Eastern District, where he is a leader in traffic and criminal enforcement. As Assistant Sector Commander, he plays a pivotal role in developing crime reduction strategies. His efforts have resulted in fewer robberies and a better quality of life for residents. Corporal DeLorenzo is described as being a courageous officer, who never seeks recognition.

He is one of the district's finest officers.

Corporal Mark Balonis - Northern District

Corporal Mark Balonis has been a member of the Anne Arundel County Police Department for nearly three years and is currently assigned to the Northern District, where he routinely patrols areas of Glen Burnie. Corporal Balonis is known for making numerous drug arrests and handing out traffic violations when he patrols. He is a dedicated officer with a keen eye for suspicious activity. He is steadfast in his mission to keep the community safe.



PFC Travis Ott - Southern District

PFC Travis Ott has been a member of the Anne Arundel County Police Department for three years.

He is currently assigned to midnights at Southern District, where he remains at the top in traffic enforcement. In 2010, while off-duty and on his way home, he heard a call for a robbery in progress and responded to assist in the apprehension of the suspect.

PFC Ott's dedication to the agency and the community is always on display.

Corporal Jon Carrier - Special Enforcement Division

Corporal Jon Carrier has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Section's School Resource Unit for more than seven years and has been recognized both locally and nationally during that time. He has been a driving force behind anti-bullying work and is a huge reason the unit has been deemed a national model two years running. Corporal Carrier gives of himself on a daily basis to ensure that the children of Anne Arundel County have a safe place to learn.

Detective Timothy Holevas - Criminal Investigation Division

Detective Timothy Holevas has been in the Financial Crimes Squad for over 11 years. He has been a constant while the squad has evolved through the years from investigating paper checks to complex identity theft and online fraud cases that have become prevalent with the popularity of the Internet. He has been instrumental in developing training and utilizing the latest techniques to track these types of crimes.

He is a leader in the field and works to seek justice for victims.

Officer Jeffrey Rothenbecker - Special Operations Division

Officer Jeffrey Rothenbecker is a four-year veteran of the department assigned to the K-9 Unit. He has consistently remained one of the top producers in the unit, but his efforts go well beyond his current assignment. He has become known as a proactive officer known to frequently make arrests while on patrol. Recognition has come from co-workers and members of the community. Supervisors remark that he has far exceeded their expectations while in the unit.



Citizen's Award for Outstanding Service to the Community

The award is known as the "Citizen's Award for Outstanding Service to the Community."

The certificate consists of a document properly inscribed stating the situation, type of assistance, and the result. The Chief of Police presents it.

Sergeant Sherman Buchanan

Assisted with the apprehension of a robbery suspect.

Mr. Gilbert Engle

Thwarted an attempted sexual assault and provided a suspect description to officers.

Mr. Steven Wright

Removed a trapped driver from a vehicle involved in a serious crash.

Ms. Alisha Gorham

Reported a homicide, tried to revive the victim and later provided important information to investigators.

Mr. Thomas Kilby

Provided crucial information to detectives that led to the capture of a serial burglar.

Mr. Craig Mathew

Detained an armed suspect and prevented a possible carjacking.



Department Letter of Commendation

The Department Letter of Commendation is awarded to a member for proficient performance of duty in circumstances where recognition of distinguished service is warranted.

Corporal Clinton Scott

Responded to two separate incidents involving possible suicidal subjects. In both instances, he established a dialogue with the individuals and talked them into compliance and custody.

Detective Jason DiPietro

Worked tirelessly to make connections and gather intelligence in the homeless community to solve a difficult homicide case.



Department Unit Citation Award

The Department Unit Citation Award is awarded for extraordinary police work from a group or a particular unit that results in the prevention or reduction of crime or an arrest culminating in the clearance of one or more important cases. It may also be awarded for activities, which have made a significant contribution to enhancing the department's mission.

The Unit Citation Award ribbon has red and white stripes on a blue background. A certificate embossed with a gold seal accompanies the award.

Criminal Investigation Division – Homicide Unit

Captain Norman Milligan
Lieutenant David Ennis
Sergeant Keith Clark
Detective Norval Cooper
Detective Michelle Mangold
Detective Jason DiPietro
Detective Jason McNemar
Detective Brian Isaac
Detective John Gajda
Detective Scott Seegers
Detective Regina Gow
Investigator Mike Garvey



Department Unit Citation Award

Special Enforcement Section - Major Offenders Unit

**Sergeant Brad Rattell
Detective Mike Donoho
Detective Brian Majors
Detective David Hitaffer
Detective Scott Hall
Detective Matt Wires
Detective Ronald Kessler**

Special Enforcement Section - Tactical Narcotics Team

**Sergeant Tim Phelan
Detective R. Michael Hughes
Detective Tommy Pleasant
Detective Jeffrey Price
Detective Dominic Butera
Detective Theodore Giunta**



Department Commendation Award

The Department Commendation is awarded for the arrest of an armed adversary, or acts of extraordinary intelligence reflecting highly credible police accomplishment and displaying a devotion to duty. It may be given for saving the life of another or an arrest culminating in clearing one or more in a series of important cases.

*The Department Commendation Award ribbon has a white background with red and blue stripes.
A certificate embossed with a gold seal accompanies the award.*

PFC Michael Valentin / Corporal Michael Harper / Sergeant Thomas Newman

For their actions to bring a volatile situation with a suicidal subject to a peaceful resolution.

Sergeant Rhonda Osborne

For her keen observations and quick actions to thwart a potential robbery and to help apprehend three suspects.

Corporal Sammy Brown

For his decisive actions that prevented a distraught juvenile from taking her own life.

Officer William Dashiells

For his role in coordinating a joint initiative that led to the dismantling of an auto theft ring.

Corporal Luke Ringler

For his extraordinary heroism in saving the life of an unresponsive child.



Silver Star Award

The Department Silver Star is awarded for an act of extraordinary police work involving grave personal danger, protecting the life of another, or effecting arrest where circumstances indicate that firearms or other deadly weapons could have been used against the member; extraordinary cases in which clues and circumstances are correctly weighed and evaluated and where diligent investigation leads to an arrest which terminated the career of one who, while at large, had been detrimental to the welfare and safety of the public; and an act of courage involving personal risk to one's self while protecting or saving the life of another.

The Silver Star Award ribbon has a silver background with blue stripes.

PFC Joshua Binner

For risking injury or death to subdue a dangerous, career criminal during a violent struggle.



Chief's Award for Job Excellence

The Chief's Award for Job Excellence is given to sworn or civilian members who the Chief of Police determines have performed their assigned tasks in a manner above and beyond the written job description. The recipients of this award are selected directly by the Chief of Police – not through the Commendation Board.

The commendation ribbon is red and white with a blue background.

Captain Eric Hodge **Emergency Operations Center**

For his preparation for and during emergencies along with his efforts to acquire grant funding for county projects.

Lieutenant Herbert Hasenpusch **Western District**

For his development of Sharepoint, a department-wide computer program aimed at sharing crime information in accordance with the P.R.O.T.E.C.T model.

Detective Joseph Goldberg **Northern District**

For his efforts in solving a rash of home invasion robberies and his assistance in the closure of two murders in the county.

Corporal Douglas Brangan **Traffic Safety Section**

For keeping statistical data and formulating effective strategies for combating traffic-related issues in the county.