



CITY OF MISHAWAKA



Police Department
200 North Church Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544

David A. Wood, Mayor
Kenneth L. Witkowski, Chief

November 26, 2013

Mayor David A. Wood
Board of Public Works and Safety
City Hall - 600 East Third Street
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

Re: Police Officer of the 3rd Quarter – 2013

Dear Honorable Mayor Wood and Board Members:

I am proud to announce Cpl. Brandon Ruth as recipient for “Officer of the Third Quarter.”

On August 31, 2013, a call was dispatched to a residence of a possible burglary (residential entry). When officers arrived, it was soon discovered that a male suspect had gained entry into a home through a kitchen window startling a 15 - year old female who was home alone. The 15-year old had been upstairs and thought her sister had come home. She encountered the intruder when she got downstairs and screamed at him to get out of her house. The suspect exited through the front door.

A description of the suspect was provided by the 15-year old and was provided for the responding officers. Cpl. Ruth responded to the call and immediately checked the area around the house and then began to check the area of Battell Park. He saw a male subject walking on the river walk. He parked, exited his vehicle and attempted to make contact with the subject. Cpl. Ruth could see that this subject fit the description of the suspect. The suspect began to walk across the foot bridge. Cpl. Ruth went to the foot bridge and called out to the suspect and used his flashlight to signal him, identifying himself as a police officer and telling him to stop. The suspect immediately took off running.

Emergency..... 911
Front Desk 574-258-1678
Investigative Division 574-258-1684
Records Division..... 574-258-1681

Chief 574-258-1683
Uniform Chief..... 574-258-1688
Traffic Division..... 574-259-2966
Fax..... 574-258-1690

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After a short pursuit the suspect was apprehended by Cpl. Ruth and fellow officers. The victim was then brought to the location and positive identification was made on the suspect. As a result of Cpl. Ruth's immediate response, the suspect was quickly located and apprehended.

The suspect later pled guilty and was charged with Residential Entry. His sentencing hearing will be on December 6, 2013.

This incident reflects highly on Cpl. Ruth's diligence and self-motivation in his every day work. He conveys a positive and professional attitude in the field and at the MPD on a consistent basis.

On behalf of the Department and my Administration, I am proud and honored to award Cpl. Brandon Ruth as "Officer of the Third Quarter."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth L. Witkowski".

Kenneth L. Witkowski
Chief of Police

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