



CITY OF MISHAWAKA



Police Department
200 North Church Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544

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

September 16, 2014

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

Re: Police Officers of the 2nd Quarter – 2014

Dear Honorable Mayor Wood and Board Members:

I am proud to announce Sgt. Paul Robinson and Corporals Jon Bogart, Don Magnuson, Adam Northcutt and Jason Barthel as recipients for “Officers of the Second Quarter.”

• **Sgt. Robinson** of the Uniform Division on the Day Shift, was nominated by his supervisor, Capt. Mark Moreland and is being recognized for his assistance in the ultimate capture of a murder suspect.

On **April 18, 2014**, Mishawaka officers assisted the US Marshals Service in searching a residence on 8th Street for a murder suspect. Even though the suspect was not there, information was obtained on the vehicle the suspect was driving. Because of excellent police work conducted by Sgt. Robinson, the vehicle was located at the Hickory Village Apartments. A perimeter was set up, the SWAT Team was activated and eventually contact was made to the suspect by phone. He then came out of the apartment and was arrested by Sgt. Robinson with the assistance of Capt. Moreland and Lt. Tim Williams.

Due to Sgt. Robinson’s extreme diligence, he located the suspect vehicle which, in turn, directly led to the arrest of the murder suspect.

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
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Cpl. Jason Barthel of the Uniform Division on the Afternoon Shift, was nominated by his supervisor, Capt. Don Weber and is being recognized for the apprehension of a suspect that fired a weapon in the parking lot of Sky Bar at the 100 Center. Also nominated by the Midnight Shift supervisor, Lt. Joe Kasznia, for this same incident are Corporals **Jon Bogart, Don Magnuson** and **Adam Northcutt**.

On **June 8, 2014**, officers were dispatched to Club Sky's parking lot at the 100 Center after a couple of officers, while patrolling the lot, radioed dispatch to report hearing several shots fired. Officers soon discovered a chaotic scene with numerous patrons running and screaming in the lot. A group of people were found surrounding a male subject on the ground that had been hit by gunfire.

At this time, Cpl. Barthel was heading home after working an off-duty assignment and heard the call go out for shots fired and the description of the fleeing suspect vehicle. He headed to the 100 Center and observed the suspect vehicle exiting the parking lot where he pursued the vehicle down Lincolnway attempting to initiate a traffic stop. At this time fellow officers: Corporals Bogart, Magnuson and Northcutt were in pursuit behind Cpl. Barthel.

The vehicle ended up hitting a fire hydrant where the suspect exited his vehicle and fled on foot. The officers were able to chase down the suspect and apprehend him after he tried to scale a privacy fence.

In both incidents all officers responded quickly and without hesitation which ultimately led to the apprehension of the suspects. They all possess determination and gut instincts that demonstrate exceptional dedication to duty and performance.

On behalf of the Department and my Administration, I am proud and honored to present these five gentlemen "Officers of the Second Quarter" for 2014.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Witkowski
Chief of Police

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