



# CITY OF MISHAWAKA



Police Department  
200 North Church Street  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

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

July 7, 2015

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

Re: Police Officer of the 1st Quarter – 2015

Dear Honorable Mayor Wood and Board Members:

I am proud to announce Detective Lt. Robert Pawlowski, assigned to the Investigative Division, as the recipient of the Mishawaka Police Department’s “Officer of the First Quarter for 2015.”

On March 6, 2015 at 4:30 pm, Lt. Pawlowski was finished with his daily shift and driving home for the night. While traveling north on Main Street, he observed 2 male subjects at the front door of an apartment on North Main Street. As the front door to the apartment opened, Lt. Pawlowski observed a muzzle flash from inside the apartment and heard gun shots. The 2 male subjects then ran northbound from the apartment. This incident only took seconds to occur. Lt. Pawlowski immediately stopped his vehicle and radioed in details of the incident, his location and an accurate description of the subjects who fled the scene.

Using years of experience and training, he properly moved to a position of cover and confronted a male subject standing in the doorway of the apartment. With his service weapon drawn, Lt. Pawlowski verbally commanded the subject to exit the apartment, however, the subject fled back inside the apartment.

With other officers arriving on scene, Lt. Pawlowski calmly continued to give an accurate description of the events and suspects. He then directed officers to tactical points of cover which, ultimately led to a secure perimeter of the scene.

Emergency.....	911	Chief.....	574-258-1683
Front Desk.....	574-258-1678	Uniform Chief.....	574-258-1688
Investigative Division.....	574-258-1684	Traffic Division.....	574-259-2966
Records Division.....	574-258-1681	Fax.....	574-258-1690

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Lt. Pawlowski's actions were not only courageous, but highly impressive. His calm demeanor and vision allowed the scene to be tightly secured within a matter of minutes. After serving a search warrant, officers recovered:

- 1,507 grams of 3.5 lbs. of Marijuana
- 32 grams of 1.1 ounces of Cocaine
- Various narcotic paraphernalia, including digital scales & packaging materials
- Spent shell casings from the shooting
- 2 handguns, one of which was found hidden inside the furnace
- and ammunition

As a result of these findings, 3 arrests were made. Charges filed included:

- Maintaining a Common Nuisance
- Dealing and Possession of Cocaine
- Dealing and Possession of Marijuana and
- Criminal Recklessness with a Firearm

Also, it's important to note that Lt. Pawlowski is a vital member of the Investigative Division with his dependability, loyalty and work ethic he portrays on a day to day basis. His attention to detail is remarkable as he leaves no stone unturned in his investigations.

On behalf of my Administration we are proud and honored to award Lt. Robert Pawlowski "Officer of the First Quarter" for 2015.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Witkowski  
Chief of Police

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