



CITY OF MISHAWAKA



Police Department
200 North Church Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544

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

April 12, 2016

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Wood and Board Members:

I am proud to announce Detective Lt. Robert Pawlowski as the recipient for the Mishawaka Police Department's "Officer of the Year" for 2015.

Lt. Robert Pawlowski has had a distinguished career in law enforcement with many accomplishments over the past several years. Prior to being a police officer, Lt. Pawlowski was a member of the U.S. Army Military Police Officer in Panama. Following his service to our Country, Lt. Pawlowski was hired by the City of Mishawaka as a Police Officer on November 16, 1977.

During his time with the Mishawaka Police Department, Lt. Pawlowski served in several different capacities. In 1989 he was appointed Assistant Chief in the Uniform Division, and in 1992 was appointed Assistant Chief in the Investigative Division. Following his time as Assistant Chief he continued his career as an investigator in the Detective Bureau, in which he currently serves. Lt. Pawlowski points out he was assigned to the Detective Bureau because he showed a passion to investigate tough cases, such as; sex offenses, juvenile crimes, and frauds.

In 1985, then Chief Larry Stabrowski named Lt. Pawlowski Police Officer of the Year for 1984. He was recognized for his dedication in investigating juvenile cases.

Throughout his career Lt. Pawlowski has volunteered during his off duty time with the Saint Joseph County Special Olympics where he has served as a Board Member.

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

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

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Lt. Pawlowski mainly handles Fraud and Theft cases. He takes great pride in these investigations, which can be extensive and time consuming.

One of the high profile cases in 2015, which Lt. Pawlowski was awarded "Officer of the first Quarter," involved him over-hearing gunshots coming from an apartment building as he was driving home from his regular shift. He responded quickly, taking action in securing the apartment and de-escalating the situation. Once at the scene the occupants were secured and responding officers located three pounds of marijuana, 1.1 oz. of cocaine, two handguns, ammunition, as well as evidence of drug dealing. Three suspects were arrested and charged with several felonies.

It is not only this case that Lt. Pawlowski is honored for, but his everyday dedication, loyalty and commitment. In his 38 plus years with the MPD, Lt. Pawlowski continues to possess passion for police work and serving the Community.

In closing, Lt. Pawlowski has proven to be an outstanding officer and his accomplishments and actions over the course of the year and beyond reflect highly upon him and the Mishawaka Police Department.

On behalf of the MPD and my Administration I am proud and honored to award Lt. Pawlowski the "Officer of the Year" award for 2015. Please join me in congratulating him.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Witkowski
Chief of Police

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