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"WCPD CELEBRATES OFFICER EXCELLENCE"

By Mayor Comitta

Mayor Comitta and Chief Bohn convened the first Annual WCPD Awards Ceremony on September 13th at Borough Hall. As part of the ceremony, the WCPD and East Bradford Supervisors celebrated the 20th year of our policing partnership with East Bradford Township.

Establishing a regular/periodic program of recognition of the WCPD officers was a recommendation of the WCPD Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was developed under the leadership of Mayor Yoder, with dozens of residents, police officers and elected officials working together.

Law enforcement officers here in our community are the first line of defense against crime. Their profession has become increasingly more complex, posing greater challenges and requiring officers to serve additional hours above and beyond their regular duties. Numerous law enforcement officers, while performing their duties, have risked their own lives to save the lives of others, distinguishing themselves with exceptionally meritorious conduct.

The protection of our citizens and the fight against crime is a 24-hour endeavor, exposing our law enforcement professionals to serious danger and placing their lives in jeopardy. The West Chester Police department has a proud tradition of service in our community and to its citizens. That is why it is important to recognize them for their sacrifice and efforts.

1. Department Awards - Senate and Madd (DUI Enforcement)
2. **Ptl. Stuart Smith** - Recognition by MADD and the PA House DUI enforcement
3. **Ptl. David Stuart** - Award of Merit
4. **Ptl. Jeffrey Gallo** - Life saving
5. **Ptl. Carl McIntyre** - Letter of Commendation (Narcotics Investigation)
6. **Ptl. John O'Hare** - Commendatory Letter (Patrol Activity)
7. **Criminal Unit** - Unit Citation Homicide Investigation
8. **Sgt. DeShullo** - Ptl. Melendez - Commendatory Letter

9. **Sgt. Jeffery Ditz - Merit (Mass Disturbance)**

Commendatory - Hague, McIntyre, Viehbahn, Mcgeehan, DiNunzio, Malicki, Hammond, Smith, Melendez

10. **Ptl. Jason Malicki - Bravery**

11. **Ptl. John DiBattista - Bravery**

As you can see, the West Chester Police Department and the citizens of WC have a lot to be proud of. The WCPD deserves its reputation as the premier Police Department in the County and beyond.

"The mission of the WCPD, a law enforcement agency dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, is to serve and protect our diverse communities by building collaborative relationships."

Thank you to Chief Bohn and all the officers of the West Chester Police Department for working every day to fulfill this mission and for

your dedication to keeping our citizens safe and our community a great place to live, work study and visit.

The Mayor and the WCPD would like to thank the West Chester Community Police Partnership Team for their generosity in providing refreshments for the event. We would also like to thank East Bradford for bringing a beautiful "20th Anniversary cake" and for the beautiful plaque commemorating our policing partnership.

The next WCPD Awards Ceremony will be held in May 2011, to coincide with National Police Week