

Police & Citizens' Awards Ceremony – “ The Rest of the Story”

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OUTSIDE AWARDS

American Legion Post 53 Officer of the year

This award recognizes a member of law enforcement who has made a significant contribution to the community. Activities by the nominee in Americanism, citizenship, youth activities and other community involvement are the basis used for judging.

Presented to

Officer Camara Gosmon

Hometown Heroes

The North Carolina new car, truck and RV dealers are recognizing and honoring first responders across our state for the dedication and commitment they have shown in keeping YOU and our state safe.

Jonathan Matthews - RunWell

Diyana Azlan – Guilford Girls

Greensboro Police Special Response Team

Officer Tristan Woody, Officer Tyler Carleton, Corporal Jordan Fulk, Officer Cameron Avery, Officer Jonathan Chasten, Officer Travis Hopkins, Officer Daniel Kroh, Officer Cameron Peach, Corporal Mike Lytle, Officer Brian Christensen, Officer Justin Koechert, Officer James Norwood, Corporal Brandon Sprague, Corporal Andy Buchanan, Retired Sergeant Brian Williamson, Lieutenant Maurice McPhatter, Paramedic Ron Morataya, Officer Alex Branson, Officer Jeremiah Murphy, Officer Chris Cline

Greensboro Police Negotiations Team

Team Leader Catherine Branson, Assistant Team Leader Michael Kees; Negotiators: Sergeant Jeremy Johnson, Corporal Montreal Lassiter, Detective Justin Stewart, Officer Camara Gosmon, Detective Haven Nickelson, Detective Paul Galbo

Greensboro Police Department's Real Time Intelligence Center

Sergeant Eric Sigmon, Detective Robert Mayo, Detective Mike Phouthavong

Junior Chamber NC State level for "Outstanding 1st Responder"

Corporal LaToya Afari

North Carolina Gang Investigators Association Awards Special Achievement- Operation Steady Motion

Detective Nicholas Combs
Officer Keith Springs Jr.

2023 MADD Award of Excellence for DRE Hero of the Year

Officer Wade Crouse

ANNUAL AWARDS

GMA Distinguished Service Award – Officer (presented by GMA)

The purpose of this award is to recognize a sworn member of the Greensboro Police Department who has made a **distinguished** contribution to the Greensboro policing efforts.

Presented to

Detective Daniel Rakes

Detective Rakes is recognized for the Distinguished Service Award. In addition to his regular duties, Detective Rakes serves as a Task Force Officer with Homeland Security. In July 2023, he began investigating an organized criminal enterprise trafficking women from Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. Detective Rakes' relentless efforts uncovered a network operating from New York and New Jersey with locations across the East Coast, including Greensboro. His investigation revealed that trafficked women were flown into PTI airport and then moved between various locations. Due to his diligent work, five trafficking locations were identified, leading to search warrants and the rescue of four women from Venezuela, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. Six individuals were arrested and charged with human trafficking and facilitating prostitution. Detective Rakes' tireless dedication has significantly disrupted human trafficking operations in Greensboro.

GMA Excellence in Crime Prevention Award – Officer (presented by GMA)

The purpose of this award is to recognize a sworn member of the Greensboro Police Department who has made a significant contribution to the city of Greensboro by creating a crime prevention initiative in the corporate community.

Presented to

Officer Lucas Pierce

Officer Pierce is recognized for the Guilford Merchants Association Excellence in Crime Prevention Award. As a Community Resource Officer in Greensboro Police District 4, Officer Pierce has demonstrated unwavering commitment to enhancing safety across Northeast Greensboro's corporate sector. He maintains continuous communication with local businesses, conducts onsite assessments, and crafts tailored crime prevention strategies. His leadership of the Summit Ave Business Coalition and the District 4 Trespass Letter of Intent program effectively addresses issues such as vagrancy and theft while bolstering police enforcement. Additionally, Officer Pierce fosters partnerships between nonprofits and the business community, tackling issues like food insecurity. His proactive approach has made him an invaluable asset to District 4 and the broader Greensboro community.

GMA Excellence in Community Policing Award – Officer (presented by GMA)

The purpose of this award is to recognize a sworn member of the Greensboro Police Department who has made a significant contribution to the Greensboro community policing efforts.

Presented to

Officer Camara Gosmon

Officer Gosmon is recognized for the Guilford Merchants Association Distinguished Service Award. Officer Gosmon exemplifies exceptional dedication to community policing in Greensboro through her proactive involvement and leadership in numerous initiatives. She regularly assists at the Renaissance Center Food Drive, enhancing food security in collaboration with the Second Harvest Food Bank, and partners with Cone Health on the "Know Thy Neighbor Program" to bridge community engagement with crucial healthcare resources. Officer Gosmon also organizes community events like the District 4 Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and Santa Claus meet-and-greet to strengthen community bonds. Additionally, she mentors young women in the Ladies of Scales and Guilford Girls programs and partners with nonprofits like Beyond Sports to provide sports materials to underserved youth. Her coordination with 15 community watch groups in Northeast Greensboro further highlights her commitment to crime reduction and community collaboration.

Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year (presented by Crime stoppers)

This award is presented to an officer who has helped promote the program within the community and the department, as well as actively work the tips assigned to them.

Presented to

Detective Corey Johnson

Sgt. William (Bill) White Memorial Scholarship Winners (presented by Family)

Sgt. William "Bill" White proudly served with the Greensboro Police Department for 21 years before retiring due to his battle with cancer. He was a man who believed that integrity is the most important trait a person can possess, and he had it in spades. He also believed in service to people. He lived his life according to the ethos that we should never fail to help our fellow man. Also, if you had the great pleasure to know him, you knew education was important because you would rarely find him without a book. To him knowledge really was power, and he thought a person could never know enough. When he was diagnosed with terminal cancer it became apparent to his wife, Melissa, and his sister, Jennifer, that his generous, loving, and caring nature needed to live on. They partnered with the Greensboro Police Foundation to create the Sergeant White Memorial Scholarship which is annually awarded to the children of employees and officers of the Greensboro Police Department. Since 2022, they have given out five scholarships. This evening, we recognize three more talented and hardworking students who are receiving the award this year. It is with great pleasure that I announce this year's recipients of the Sgt. William White Memorial Scholarship. Our first recipient is Morgan Spaulding. Unfortunately, Morgan cannot join us this evening as she is participating in a closing ceremony for the nursing program at her high school. We wish Morgan all the best at University of North Carolina-Charlotte next year.

Presented to

Phoebe Clutter
Morgan Spaulding
Finley Miller

Chief's Award

The Chief's Award recognizes individuals or corporations that have partnered with the Greensboro Police Department through strong support of programs sponsored by the Department.

Presented to

Dr. Irish Spencer

for her beautifully strong and loud voice that publicly supports the Greensboro Police Department while getting the community's attention to cease the violence in a voice that is heard, relatable and very powerful in the Greensboro community.

Dr. Irish Spencer of Families Against Senseless Killings is recognized for the Chief's Award. Dr. Spencer, who tragically lost her son William "Tre" Spencer III to a homicide in 2016, transformed her grief into action by founding Families Against Senseless Killings. Through innovative fundraising initiatives like The Gift program, Dr. Spencer provides financial assistance to families facing funeral costs due to senseless violence. She also established the GOAT Awards, honoring local businesses and community members for their unrecognized contributions while declaring a cease-fire weekend during the event. Dr. Spencer's impactful campaigns, including the "Are You Tired Yet?" billboard campaign, address rising homicides and her vocal support for the Greensboro Police Department resonates powerfully within the community, urging an end to violence.

Mr. Scott Perkins

for his ongoing support of the Greensboro Police Department and steadfast presence at the weekly Community Walks held every Wednesday evening from April through September and for his ongoing assistance in the setup of our annual homicide victim memorial events.

Scott Perkins is being recognized for his unwavering commitment to the Greensboro Police Department's mission. Scott consistently participates in the weekly community walks, engaging with officers and community members while providing support with iced bottled water for participants. His dedication extends beyond the walks, as he actively collaborates with community groups like Mothers Standing Against Gun Violence to address and prevent violence. Additionally, Mr. Perkins has played a crucial role in organizing annual events honoring homicide victims, showcasing his dedication to the community's well-being and safety.

Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home

for generously giving their time and service after the loss of Sergeant Nix assisting the family with layers of arrangement and logistics.

Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home exhibited exceptional generosity and support following the loss of Sergeant Nix. Their unwavering dedication was evident in their assistance with various arrangements and logistics for the family and department, including transportation, floral arrangements, church services, visitation, and funeral proceedings. Their commitment to assisting with every aspect of the funeral services, regardless of size, exemplifies their partnership and kindness during this difficult time.

We are grateful for their invaluable support.

Westover Church

for their unwavering dedication and support of the Greensboro Police Department for the memorial service of Sergeant Dale Nix and partnership on other events and ongoing steadfast generosity to the department.

Westover Church has demonstrated exceptional partnership and support for GPD. Their initiative in hosting the "Cops and Cars" outreach event during their annual fall festival, attracting thousands, showcased their commitment to fostering community-police relationships. Additionally, their generosity and unwavering support were evident in hosting the service for fallen Officer Sergeant Dale Nix, providing space, staff, and logistical assistance. Westover's continuous kindness and willingness to support GPD have made a significant impact, and we are immensely grateful for their partnership.

Assistant US Attorney Nicole DuPré

for her invaluable contributions and partnership with the GPD; a collaboration with our department that significantly bolstered our ability to address and mitigate criminal activities, making our community a safer place for all.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Assistant US Attorney Nicole DuPre from the United States Attorney's Office for her exceptional partnership with the GPD. Nicole's dedication and support have been unparalleled, providing invaluable training sessions to our Investigative Support Division and offering expertise to our Task Force Officers. Her commitment to holding offenders accountable is commendable. Nicole's tenacity in prosecuting cases has significantly aided our efforts in combating crime effectively. We express our deepest gratitude for her professionalism and unwavering support, which have made a lasting positive impact on our law enforcement endeavors. We eagerly anticipate continuing our collaboration with Nicole and the United States Attorney's Office in our shared mission to uphold justice and ensure the safety of our community.

Mr. Kenneth (Ed) Andrews (Posthumously)

for his unwavering dedication to the Greensboro Police Department , dozens of years as Community Watch Leaders for the Old Starmount Neighborhood and his ongoing support of all aspects of GPD.

Kenneth Edward (Ed) Andrews along with his wife Bev, served as dedicated Community Watch Leaders for the Old Starmount Neighborhood for numerous years. Their unwavering support for the Greensboro Police Department included organizing fundraisers for Special Olympics, donating supplies for Operation

Yuletide, and hosting annual National Night Out events that brought together citizens and officers. They also coordinated meals for GPD officers on holidays and assisted in launching Community Watch Programs in other neighborhoods. Ed's passion for supporting law enforcement was evident in his collection of GPD memorabilia, proudly displayed in his home. In honor of his contributions, his family chose to donate funds to the Greensboro Police Foundation. We recognize Ed for years of dedication and support.

GCSO Sergeant Anne Keene & GCSO Corporal Jimmy Ray
for being instrumental in GPD's Intake program at the Detention Center.

Sergeant Keen and Corporal Ray have been instrumental in establishing the intake process for the Guilford Police Department at the Guilford County Jail. Their support for Officer Palmer, appointed as an Intake Officer in May 2023, included training on e-Warrants, providing access to previously restricted areas, and creating a secure workspace. They also facilitated the inclusion of Greensboro Police Department Intake Officers with the Guilford County Sheriff's Office Warrant Squad, approved by Sheriff Rogers. Their inclusiveness and dedication have greatly enhanced the transition of the Greensboro Police Department into the intake process.

Citizens Certificate of Merit

The Citizens Certificate of Merit is awarded to citizens whose actions exemplify excellence in the performance of a civic responsibility; who show unselfish devotion to their fellow man; or whose actions bring honor to him/herself and recognition to the city.

Presented to

Mr. Knowledge Purvis, Mr. Jacsariah Jones, Mr. Chris Campbell, Mr. James Chapman
for the brave and compassionate actions during this incident and saving a young woman's life.

At a crucial moment on Gorrell St, one full-time employee and three temporary workers of the City of Greensboro's Solid Waste Collections team noticed a distressed woman hanging off a bridge. Without hesitation, they stopped their truck, intervened, and successfully talked her off the ledge, ensuring her safety. Keeping her calm, they waited for law enforcement to arrive, effectively assisting in resolving the situation. Their courageous and compassionate actions in saving a young woman's life deserve recognition. We commend Knowledge Purvis, Jacsariah Jones, Chris Campbell, and James Chapman for their bravery and selflessness during this incident.

Mr. Keith Barnett, Ms. Jana Tasich, Ms. Shaniqua Burnette, Ms. Katie Miller, Mr. Christopher Reece, Mr. Josue Reyes,
for the commendable actions saving the life of a teacher at Western Guilford High School experiencing a medical episode, resulting in cardiac arrest.

Western Guilford High School staff members Keith Barnett, Jana Tasich, Shaniqua Burnette, Katie Miller, Christopher Reece, and Josue Reyes are being recommended for the Greensboro Police Department's Citizen's Certificate of Merit for their remarkable actions on March 4, 2024. When a teacher experienced cardiac arrest, Officer Costigliola and school staff members responded swiftly. They administered CPR until professional medical assistance arrived, successfully resuscitating the teacher after approximately six critical minutes. Their exceptional coordination and effective intervention were praised by emergency personnel and medical professionals, highlighting the importance of immediate CPR and a true testament to the life-saving efforts of the team at Western Guilford High School.

Mr. Brian Ramm

for using his personal vehicle to block the suspect to help police apprehend the suspect.

On March 1st, 2024, during a vehicle pursuit of an armed suspect, Mr. Brian L. Ramm intervened by blocking the suspect's vehicle with his own, allowing Sgt. Sean Patterson to apprehend the suspect. Mr. Ramm's quick thinking and selfless actions led to the successful capture of the suspect, who now faces multiple charges including Felony Flee to Elude, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and drug charges. His courageous act significantly aided law enforcement in ensuring public safety.

T. Russell Edens Volunteerism Award

T. Russell Edens Volunteerism Award recognizes the efforts of a community member who has demonstrated excellence in their volunteer efforts for the Greensboro Police Department in honor of T. Russell Edens, a long-time, invaluable volunteer.

Ms. Tifanie Rudd, Ms. Dori Goebel and Ms. Cheryl Kersky

for the thousands of hours given to the community through GPD to connect existing resources with residents in identified communities to address issues such as food insecurity, job shortages, housing, financial literacy and mental, physical, and emotional well-being of residents.

The Community Connectors, spearheaded by Tiffany Rudd, Dori Goebel, and Cheryl Kersky are a formidable force in enhancing the well-being of Greensboro residents. Since their inception following a meeting initiated by the Chief in 2021 to address violent crime, these women have worked to address pressing community issues such as food insecurity, job shortages, and housing instability. Dori Goebel, known for her philanthropic spirit, has been instrumental in bridging connections between community partners and addressing the diverse needs of residents. Cheryl Kersky, with her exceptional communication skills, has played a crucial role in promoting the Community Connectors' initiatives and amplifying their impact. Tiffany Rudd, a longstanding community partner with GPD, leveraged her expertise in job placement and skills training to secure partnerships and provide summer employment opportunities for youth, playing a pivotal role in the successful implementation of the "500 Jobs for Kids" initiative. Together, these women, along with their fellow Community Connectors, have become champions of change, positively impacting schools like Wiley Elementary and securing significant grants

like the \$2 million CVIPI Grant. Their grassroots approach to problem-solving has positioned them as sought-after allies by various city departments, schools, and communities. Through their unwavering dedication and innovative initiatives, the Community Connectors have become a driving force for positive transformation in Greensboro.

Certificate of Merit (42)

The Certificate of Merit is awarded for excellence in police work, under unusual, complicated or hazardous conditions and considered exceptional performance.

Sergeant Cody J St. Pierre

for his outstanding performance through the success of complex and highly stressful police operations, namely, apprehending multiple separate armed robbery suspects.

Administrative Assistant Beverly Harris

for her demonstration of her awareness of the department's goal, fostering positive community relationships and districts' motto of unity.

Corporal Tripp Stanley and Officer Austin Cassell

for excellence quickly taking control of a difficult situation at Secret's Cabaret where a gun was discharged, maintaining a calm demeanor, and requesting additional resources which ultimately facilitated the arrest of the suspect and prevented additional discharges.

Officer Lace Bodemer

for excellence in consistently showing she will relentlessly follow up on any leads developed during her investigations as seen with separate occasions on 4795 Pennoak Rd on 01/08/2024 and 01/09/2024 in reference to a "Shooting into Occupied Property".

Detective Justin T Stewart

for excellence in the work on the Electric Tequila Case with multiple layers of evidence.

Officer Caleb Burkhart

for excellence in leadership conducting traffic stops on fictitious 30-day tags which resulted in 5 wanted people arrested, 1 stolen car recovered, 4 guns seized, 3 felony drug arrests, and numerous traffic charges in February 2024.

Lieutenant Michael Holbrook, Sergeant Cody J St. Pierre, Officer Nicholas Bandaly, Detective Samuel J Cox, Officer Justin Forrest, Officer Wesley Hale, Officer Morgan Hill, Officer Douglas Hooker, Officer Andrew Knick, Officer Colton D Luchs, Officer Richard Mullinax, Officer Yuridia Ocampo, Officer Brett Smith, Officer Jason Strickland, Detective Kyle C Szuts
for a total of 1364 traffic stops conducted, 501 traffic enforcement arrests, over 6,000 grams of illegal drugs seized, 167 criminal arrests made, 67 warrants served, 63 firearms seized, 22

stolen vehicles recovered, and \$16,416 seized from July 2023 - September 2023 showing excellence in police work.

Detective Daniel Kroh

for excellence in the meticulous execution of 13 search warrants leading to the apprehension of 8 suspects, the seizure of approximately 14 ounces of cocaine, 10 firearms (2 of which were stolen, and 1 Glock switch), marijuana, US currency, and assorted paraphernalia.

**Corporal Monique Starling, Officer Richard Armstrong, Officer Tanner Butler
Officer John Caruso, Officer Constantine Christ, Officer Noah Tyler, Crime Analysis Supervisor
Dolores Willey**

for excellence in investigating several mass breaking/entering motor vehicles that resulted in the arrest of 12 offenders, 5 recovered stolen vehicles, 3 stolen handgun recoveries, 1 stolen assault rifle recovery, and several miscellaneous stolen item recoveries and going above and beyond in further in applying for search warrants in order to identify related victims. In addition to solving cases here in Greensboro, they were also able to identify those involved in investigations in Salisbury and Winston Salem.

Telephone Response Unit Specialist Iris Brooks

for excellence in customer service, performing her job duties and processing thousands of reports each year.

**Officer Chad Peeden, Sergeant Michael A Graham, Corporal James Buchanan, Corporal
Nicholas E Walton, Officer Tyler Carleton, Officer Tristan Woody**

for excellence fixing a home of a victim after a 5 hour standoff where all broken doors and windows were fixed from the explosive breaching, cleaning up the broken glass and making the victim feel safe.

Officer Richard Armstrong

for excellence in reviewing and investigating over 2000 cases involving motor vehicle break-ins and filing over seventy-five criminal charges.

Firearms Examiner Teegan Lendel-Hardin

for excellence in her meticulous investigation and complete confirmations on over 250 individual pieces of evidence from 9 incidents and her thorough report, containing over 140 pages of information, which will be vital to successful prosecution in these incidents.

Victim Advocate Mary Nero

for her excellence in being a victim advocate, event planner, grant writer assistant, software guru, and a shoulder to cry on all wrapped up in one outstanding employee.

Corporal Sherry Bruscano

for excellence in years of service to the department through Safety Town and Special Olympics.

Officer Andrew Knick

for excellence in 2023 by seizing numerous illegal guns and narcotics, displaying a strong work ethic and his ability to be a team player, being the first to volunteer to assist other officers on calls even when nearing the end of his shift.

Meritorious Unit (3)

The Meritorious Unit Award is awarded to any district work group when the actions of the group as a whole demonstrate exceptional performance under unusual, complicated or hazardous conditions. The group's performance is clearly defined as exceptional, placing the group well above others.

Presented to

CID Robbery Squad

Sergeant Robbie Ferrell, Corporal David Lehmann, Detective Nick Ingram, Detective Sara Mcanear, Detective Barry Morgan, Detective William Sizemore, Detective Mark Smith, Detective William Tyndall

for the extraordinary performance of officers in this unit in the past year taking reports of 360 robberies of individuals and 140 commercial robberies, for a total of 500 robberies over a twelve month period including 9 commercial robbery sprees (3 or more Robberies by the same individuals) and two Bank robberies, taking out 195 Felony warrants and completed 130 Search Warrants and opening up 13 Federal cases on violent felons and a clearance rate of 47% above the national average of 23.2%.

OSD Traffic Safety Unit

Sergeant Andrew Reed, Sergeant Jonathan Sink, Corporal Chad Brechtel, Corporal John Geisler, Corporal Tripp Stanley, Corporal Darrell Stollings, Officer Fleming Brewer, Officer James Cozart, Officer Wade T Crouse, Officer Jeffrey Feder, Officer Thomas Fetzer, Officer Jose Garcia Perez, Officer Ryan Goad, Officer Cameron Peach, Officer Timothy Tepedino, Officer Derek Tripp, Officer James West

for the extraordinary performance of officers in this unit in the past year responding to 66 crash call-outs including 39 fatalities in those crashes, multiple dignitary visits, and participating in Operation Walk to School and Operation Stop Arm.

CID Homicide Unit

Sergeant Robert Mensel, Sergeant Jarrod Waddell, Corporal Adam Crozier, Corporal Jerome Palmenteri, Detective Miko Balambao, Detective Edward Bruscano, Detective April Buchanan, Detective Kyle Dietrich, Detective Latoya D Farrar Detective Antuan Hinson, Detective Corey

**Johnson, Detective Timothy Jordan, Detective Robert Poole, Detective Adam Snyder,
Detective Bryan Witcher and Victim Advocate Mary Nero**

for the extraordinary performance of officers in this unit fielding a record (74) homicides, which was (10) more than the previous record of (64) homicides in (2020). (2) of the homicides were Officer Involved investigations and (1) was the In-The-Line-Of-Duty death of a fellow officer. The continued dedication and professionalism exhibited by the Supervisors, Detectives, and Professional Staff of the Homicide Unit distinguishes them as an example in their field.

Medical Lifesaving Award (13)

Presented to one who is directly responsible for the saving of a human life or the substantial prolonging (as defined above) of a human life without significant effort or exposure to personal risk on the member's part

Presented to

Officer Andre Bowens

for responding to an overdose call for service and administering NARCAN.

On May 5, 2023 Officer Bowens responded to an overdose call where he discovered an unconscious male in his vehicle. Officer Bowens recognized the signs of an opioid overdose and took immediate action. He administered Narcan and initiated CPR until further medical assistance arrived. Thanks to Officer Bowens quick response and effective intervention, the male regained consciousness.

Officer Justin Forrest

for responding to an overdose call for service and administering NARCAN and performing CPR.

Officer Forrest responded to a critical situation on June 29, 2023 where they found a young man having a fentanyl overdose. Officer Forrest quickly initiated CPR while an assisting officer administered Narcan. Officer Forrest's actions resulted in the victim regaining consciousness and breathing on their own within minutes.

Officer Monteco Mitchell

for responding to an overdose call for service and administering NARCAN and performing CPR.

Officers Azlan and Mitchell demonstrated exceptional teamwork and quick thinking on May 19, 2023, when responding to a cardiac arrest call at the Salvation Army. Upon arrival, they found a forty-six-year-old male unresponsive and without a pulse. Officer Mitchell initiated CPR while Officer Azlan swiftly retrieved NARCAN from her patrol vehicle. After administering Narcan, Officer Mitchell resumed CPR, which led to the victim regaining consciousness within minutes. Thanks to their coordinated efforts, the victim fully recovered from what could have been a fatal overdose.

Officer Caroline Willingham

for responding to an overdose call for service and administering NARCAN and performing CPR.

Officer Willingham demonstrated exemplary courage and quick thinking on April 29, 2023 when she encountered an unconscious male. Assessing the situation, she immediately administered Narcan and performed CPR, ultimately saving the individual's life. Her actions, alongside Officer Proffitt's assistance, were instrumental in this successful outcome. Guilford County EMS personnel confirmed Officer Willingham's decisive intervention likely saved the individual's life.

Officer Michael R Farris and Officer Brian K Talley

for responding to an overdose call for service and administering NARCAN and performing CPR

Officers Talley and Farris responded to a man down call, where their synchronized efforts of performing CPR and administering Narcan, directly contributed to the saving or substantial prolonging of a human life. Their quick and coordinated actions make them deserving recipients of the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Officer Andrew Costigliola

for his exemplary actions on March 4, 2024, saving the life of a teacher at Western Guilford High School experiencing a medical episode, resulting in cardiac arrest.

Officer Costigliola of the Greensboro Police Department is being recommended for the Medical Life Saving Award for his outstanding actions on March 4, 2024, at Western Guilford High School. When a teacher experienced cardiac arrest, Officer Costigliola responded swiftly and took charge of coordinating life-saving efforts. His prompt use of an automated external defibrillator and chest compressions sustained the teacher until professional medical assistance arrived, resulting in the successful resuscitation. Officer Costigliola's intervention and collaborative efforts reflect greatly upon himself and the department, making him highly deserving of the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Officer Braden Walker McDaniel

for saving a suicidal woman by cutting the rope from around her neck and administering first aid and then getting her mental help.

Officer McDaniel responded to a distressing call at the Budget Inn and found a young woman unconscious with a rope around her neck and a suicide note nearby. Officer McDaniel quickly removed the rope, assessed her vital signs, and provided necessary medical assistance, ultimately reviving her. Following the incident, Officer McDaniel took further steps to secure involuntary commitment papers, ensuring the young woman received the necessary medical and mental health support.

Officer Lewis Jacob Wyatt

for applying a tourniquet to the female victim's right leg and stopping the bleeding to save her life.

On December 24, 2023, Officer Wyatt responded to a shooting at a motel, where two individuals were injured. Despite the chaotic scene, Officer Wyatt quickly took charge and provided medical aid to the victims. Officer Wyatt applied a tourniquet to stop bleeding from a gunshot wound, while an assisting officer assessed and attended to the victims. Their teamwork and swift action played a vital role in stabilizing the victims until they were able to receive life-saving treatment at the hospital. For his extraordinary efforts under pressure, Officer Wyatt is more than deserving of the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Officer Jesse Barrett and Officer Dmitri Smith

for applying a tourniquet to a suicidal woman's injured arm and stopping the bleeding.

Officer Barrett and Officer Smith responded to a distressing call of attempted suicide on June 6th, 2023. Upon arrival, they discovered a woman with severe self-inflicted injuries. Despite the challenging circumstances, Officer Barrett and Officer Smith acted quickly, applying a tourniquet to stop the bleeding and ensuring the woman received prompt medical attention. Their rapid response played a crucial role in saving the woman's life.

Officer Jason Lurz

for applying a tourniquet to an injured man's arm and stopping the bleeding.

Officer Lurz responded to an assault call where the victim had been stabbed and was unresponsive. Upon arrival, Officer Lurz quickly assessed the situation and applied a tourniquet to the victim's severely injured arm, effectively stopping the bleeding and preserving his life. Emergency room personnel confirmed that Officer Lurz's swift actions with the tourniquet were instrumental in saving the victim's life. His decisive and compassionate efforts make him a deserving recipient of the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Officer Catherine Earls Frischknecht

for performing CPR for over seven minutes on a baby to get a pulse back.

Officer Earls Frischknecht responded to a cardiac arrest call for an 11-month-old child. Taking immediate action, she performed CPR for over seven minutes, successfully reviving the baby and ensuring consciousness upon arrival at the hospital. Both Guilford County paramedics and a pediatric nurse at Moses Cone Hospital affirmed that Officer Earls Frischknecht's decisive actions saved the child's life. Her heroic efforts exemplify the highest standards of duty and compassion, making her a distinguished recipient of the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Lifesaving Award (10)

The Lifesaving Medal is awarded to one who is directly responsible for saving or substantially prolonging a human life.

Presented to

Officer Kristal Serrano-Valentin

for performing CPR on a crash victim bringing him back to life.

On August 26, 2023 Officer Serrano-Valentin responded to a crash involving a dirt bike. Upon arrival, she found an unconscious male who witnesses said was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Serrano-Valentin took over CPR from a bystander until the fire department arrived. Firefighter Bradley May confirmed that the patient started breathing and had a pulse as they arrived. The victim was transported to the hospital in critical condition but remained alive. For her life-saving efforts, Officer Serrano-Valentin is awarded the Lifesaving Award.

Officer Michael A Samalik

for applying a tourniquet to a gunshot victim's wound on his leg and pressure to the wound on his abdomen saving his life.

On October 16, 2023 Officer Samalik responded to a shooting where he found a victim with gunshot wounds to the leg and lower abdomen. Officer Samalik applied a tourniquet to control the bleeding and provided aid until EMS arrived. The victim was transported to Cone Hospital and stabilized. Officer Samalik's actions were critical in saving the victim's life.

Officer Tyler Carleton

for applying a tourniquet to a crash victim's severely bleeding left arm which was nearly amputated and only still attached by a small section of skin and saving his life.

On November 26, 2023 Officer Carleton responded to a crash where the driver was trapped and bleeding severely from a nearly amputated arm. Officer Carleton quickly applied a tourniquet, stopping the bleeding, and saved the man's life. His prompt action and medical knowledge were crucial. For this, Officer Carleton is awarded the Lifesaving Award.

Sergeant Jeff L Carter, Officer John Sieck, Officer Caroline Willingham

for applying multiple tourniquets to a man's extremities in an attempt to control the bleeding from self-inflicted machete injuries including a large gash on his forehead and deep lacerations on both of his wrists.

On December 1, 2023 Officer Sieck responded to a call about a traffic crash with injuries. Upon arrival, he discovered that the vehicle involved had fled the scene. Officer Sieck identified the vehicle's registration and located it. Officer Sieck waited at the address until the vehicle arrived where the driver was found with significant injuries. Sgt. Carter and Officer Willingham arrived to assist. They provided first aid and assisted with applying tourniquets to control the bleeding. It was later determined that the

individual's injuries were self-inflicted. The individual was taken to the hospital where he received treatment and was involuntarily committed. Several weeks later, Sgt. Carter visited the individual, who reported that he was healing well.

Officer Douglas Hooker

for quickly approaching a suicidal person and getting the man away from the bridge and removing the rope around his neck, saving his life.

On October 7, 2023 Officer Hooker responded to a man in crisis on a bridge. Upon arrival, Officer Hooker observed the man tying a rope around his neck, preparing to jump. Acting swiftly, Officer Hooker took control of the situation, removing the rope and bringing the man to safety. Demonstrating compassion and respect, Officer Hooker engaged with the distressed individual until additional officers arrived and transported him for further treatment. The man later expressed his gratitude for Officer Hooker's life-saving intervention.

Officer Jacob Craig

for quick response in applying a tourniquet to a wounded gunshot victim, definitely saving the individual's life.

On March 2, 2024 Officer Craig responded to a shooting where he found two individuals shot and immediately recognized that one victim was losing a significant amount of blood. Without hesitation, Officer Craig applied a tourniquet to the severely injured victim, undoubtedly saving his life. Greensboro Fire Captain Shane Glen, who also responded to the scene, commended Officer Craig's quick response and life-saving actions.

Sergeant Jonathan Matthews

for his assertive handling of a complex, dangerous situation, and immediate medical care for the victim for nearly five minutes prior to GCEMS arrival, slowing her blood loss, calming her panic, and saving the life of the victim, who was treated at local hospitals and released days later.

On March 9, 2024, Sgt. Matthews was the first to arrive at a First Degree Burglary scene where a female had been shot in the chest by multiple suspects. Alone, he cleared the house, dealt with a loose dog, and found the victim on the second floor. He instructed her to lie on the bed and applied pressure to her wound while keeping her conscious through loud continuous conversation. His immediate medical care and calm handling of the situation for nearly five minutes before paramedics arrived slowed her blood loss and saved her life. The victim was treated and released from the hospital days later.

Officer Yuridia Ocampo

for performing CPR on a small baby covered in gasoline during a domestic dispute and saving the baby's life while off duty.

On August 16, 2023, while off-duty, Officer Ocampo responded to a critical situation involving her neighbor and the neighbor's 3-month-old baby. Hearing desperate cries for help, Officer Ocampo instructed her daughters to secure themselves in their rooms and went to investigate. She found her neighbor and the baby soaked in gasoline, with the baby unconscious and not breathing. Despite the chaos and the presence of the suspect, the baby's father, Officer Ocampo performed CPR, successfully reviving the baby. Her decisive actions and composure under pressure ensured the baby's survival and the arrest of the suspect.

Superior Service Bar (16)

The Superior Service Bar is awarded to one whose actions distinguish the recipient from other members performing comparable duties, exceeds what is normally required or expected and contributes to the goals of the department and the profession of law enforcement.

Presented to

Officer Yuridia Ocampo

for her ability to quickly adapt to a shooting call utilizing her bilingual skills, which nobody else on the scene possessed, to further the law enforcement mission by identifying a murderer who was a danger to the public and can now be brought to justice.

Officer Ocampo demonstrated exceptional initiative and resourcefulness during a critical incident on July 16, 2023 and responded swiftly to a shooting call that escalated into a homicide. Despite the language barrier with the primary witness, Officer Ocampo's fluency in English and Spanish proved invaluable in obtaining crucial information about the suspect and the crime. Her quick thinking and effective communication led to the identification and detainment of multiple individuals at the suspect's residence, ultimately facilitating the investigation. Officer Ocampo's compassion and dedication in persuading the witness to cooperate highlights her commitment to justice and community safety.

Administrative Assistant Jennifer Mauney

for continually displaying extraordinary devotion to the Greensboro Police Department and her commitment to providing outstanding customer service thanks to her compassion for her community.

Jennifer is the first point of contact for citizens calling the division, using her 12 years of experience as a former Greensboro Police Officer to guide them effectively and empathetically. In February 2024, she played a crucial role in recovering a stolen college jacket from a bereaved widow, demonstrating her quick thinking and dedication. Her extraordinary devotion to the Greensboro Police Department and commitment to outstanding customer service make her deserving of this award.

Sergeant Christopher Wingfield

for developing and implementing numerous projects and trainings as the Lead Firearms Instructor that helped to provide important and valuable training to officers, instructors and professional staff.

Sergeant Wingfield's leadership as the Lead Firearms Instructor has led to significant advancements in the department's training programs. From developing a SIMS program to upgrading the Indoor Range Turning Target System, he has consistently sought to improve training quality and effectiveness. By expanding the Firearms Training Program and introducing new technologies like pistol-mounted optics, he has ensured that officers receive comprehensive and cutting-edge training. Through his efforts in organizing training courses for instructors, Sergeant Wingfield has demonstrated a commitment to cultivating a skilled and well-prepared workforce.

Officer Michael Kees

for exemplifying the qualities of an exceptional school resource officer who exceeds expectations and being the embodiment of dedication, compassion, and proactive leadership in his position reflecting positively on both the police department and the broader law enforcement community.

Officer Kees is recognized for his exceptional dedication to Grimsley High School's safety and well-being. He prevented a suicidal student from harm on February 8, 2024, and promptly addressed a mass violence threat on February 2, 2024. Officer Kees has also improved school infrastructure by enhancing lighting and security measures. His efforts in organizing community engagement activities, like a movie night and supporting a student-run café, have significantly benefited the school community. His dedication and proactive leadership make him deserving of this award.

Officer Brian Overstreet

for using his own resources and equipment to make sure the cadets are getting quality training by exposing them to numerous different firearms and their function to build confidence to handle a variety of different firearms.

Officer Overstreet is recognized for his unwavering dedication to the Greensboro Police Department's Firearms program. Despite his busy schedule as a Detective, Officer Overstreet consistently goes above and beyond to maintain and improve the department's equipment and training resources, often using his own time and personal resources. Officer Overstreet's selfless efforts and dedication significantly enhance the effectiveness of the department's firearms training.

Officer Andre Bowens

for setting a standard, not just on his squad, but in his district for what proactive and professional policing looks like, earning the trust of his command staff, his squad, and his community.

As a rookie, Officer Bowens has consistently demonstrated the values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, respect, trust, and accountability; setting a high standard for policing in Greensboro. His proactive and professional approach have earned him multiple Officer of the Month awards. Officer Bowens is praised by both victims and suspects for his professionalism and respect, and he is trusted by his command staff, squad, and community. His dedication to growth, accountability, and doing the right thing exemplifies the future of policing.

Sergeant Matthew Allred, Detective Nicholas Combs, Detective Dwayne James, Detective Keith Springs Jr, Detective Jeremy Tanner

for their instrumental involvement in varying facets of the King investigation to include the follow-up of numerous homicide/aggravated assault investigations linked to the VCE, arrests associated with the federal RICO Conspiracy indictment, intelligence gathering/surveillance activities to identify the structure/hierarchy of the VCE and fulfill the statutory requirements associated with a RICO Conspiracy, numerous drug/firearms evidence purchases utilizing confidential informants and multiple search warrants executed to establish a drug trafficking nexus.

Sergeant Allred, Detective Combs, Detective James, Detective Springs Jr., and Detective Tanner are recognized for their exemplary work in dismantling a violent criminal enterprise led by Darius King, also known as 'Ditto,' from late 2015 to early 2016. This multi-year investigation, in collaboration with the FBI and other local and state partners, targeted the United Blood Nation and 9-Trey Gangstas, leading to a significant reduction in gang-related violence and crime. Sentencings for this case took place in 2023 with one final sentencing scheduled for 2024. The team's efforts resulted in 32 federal cases, 31 federal arrests and convictions, the seizure of over \$800,000, large quantities of narcotics, and nearly 60 firearms. Their dedication and coordination were instrumental in bringing down this dangerous organization and improving community safety.

Officer Gregory Leeman

for helping establish the foundation of ISD and VCRT as he hit the ground running and in April 2023 VCRT-D was able to seize 138 illegally possessed firearms, charging 33 convicted felons of possessing a firearm, recovered 16 stolen firearms, conducting 203 arrests, serving 152 warrants, seizing \$57,134 while he personally completed 236 investigations during the course of the year while serving as a mentor for Runwell.

Detective Leeman exemplifies the qualities of an exceptional officer through his outstanding work with the Violent Crime Reduction Team (VCRT). Despite being one of the youngest members, he played a crucial role in the team's success, which included seizing 138 illegally possessed firearms and conducting 203 arrests. His individual efforts led to significant investigations, such as apprehending a repeat violent offender involved in multiple frauds, and aiding in a homicide investigation by locating the murder

weapon. Leeman's dedication, humility, and leadership significantly contribute to the Greensboro Police Department's mission and community safety. He is highly deserving of the Superior Service Award.

Detective Justin Blanks

for the direct seizure of 175 lbs. of cocaine, 47.5 lbs. of crystal methamphetamine, 54.5 lbs. of fentanyl, and 5 lbs. of marijuana plus \$829,315 in US Currency and 28 illegal firearms being seized resulting in the arrests of 23 people directly involved in trafficking deadly narcotics to Greensboro through several cases.

Detective Blanks is recognized for his outstanding investigative work between July 2023 and February 2024. As a member of the Vice Narcotics Division and a DEA Task Force Officer, his efforts led to the seizure of 175 lbs. of cocaine, 47.5 lbs. of crystal methamphetamine, 54.5 lbs. of fentanyl, 5 lbs. of marijuana, \$829,315 in US currency, and 28 illegal firearms. His work resulted in 23 arrests and significantly impacted drug trafficking in Greensboro. Detective Blanks' dedication and effectiveness have greatly contributed to addressing the opioid crisis in our community.

Sergeant Andrew Reed

for his dedication to the success of building the Civilian Traffic Unit through spending hours at work and outside of work hours to ensure success, preparing for the daily operations of a new unit and upcoming trainings, and building establishing a network that includes law enforcement agencies who have developed units similar to GMAP in their respective cities.

Sergeant Reed has demonstrated exceptional performance and dedication in developing and implementing Greensboro's Civilian Traffic Investigators Unit, also known as the Greensboro Motorist Assistance Patrol, following the approval of North Carolina House Bill 140 in 2023. Sergeant Reed's innovative efforts and commitment, both during and outside work hours, have laid a strong foundation for the Civilian Traffic Investigators Unit, ensuring its continued success and benefit to the Greensboro Police Department.

OCE Assistant Director Katherine Sigmon

for her consistency in going above and beyond and her personal investment in the betterment of the department through community work, working with officers, attending events, and support of all engagement initiatives which speaks volumes to her value to GPD and the community.

Kate Sigmon is an invaluable asset to the Greensboro Police Department, known for her high learning aptitude, grace under pressure, and excellent communication skills. She has revitalized the GPD Citizen's Academy alumni, organized over 125 successful National Night Out sites in 2023, and consistently receives praise from both community members and peers. Kate's interpersonal skills and ability to build and maintain relationships are exceptional. She is always willing to help, using her connections and skills to support various community projects. Matt Allred and Regina Glaspie have both commended her outstanding work ethic and crucial role in community engagement. Kate's dedication and personal investment in the department's success make her an invaluable asset.

Corporal Jeramie D Powell

for his de-escalation of a suicidal subject on a bridge, building a rapport, creating a traffic diversion pattern and allocating resources and eventually able to talk the distraught man into getting help and with the promise of a hug.

On December 29, 2023 Corporal Powell responded to a suicide threat on a bridge over Interstate 40.

Amid rush hour traffic, he encountered a male who was distraught and preparing to jump. Corporal Powell quickly diverted traffic and began talking to the man who was grieving his brother's death and a recent breakup. Through calm conversation and rapport-building, Corporal Powell persuaded him to step back from the edge with the promise of a hug. He stayed with the man until he was transported to the hospital for treatment. Corporal Powell's decisive and compassionate actions saved a life that day.

Commendation Bar (1)

The Commendation Bar is awarded for outstanding performance through the success of difficult police operations, projects, programs or situations requiring exceptional dedication.

Sergeant Cody J St. Pierre

for receiving three or more Certificates of Merit for excellence in police work.

Meritorious Conduct Bar (1)

The Meritorious Conduct Bar is to be awarded to one for meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility. This service must show such excellence of performance that it distinguishes the individual and the Department.

Administrative Assistant Rosa Faulk

for excellence of distinguished performance including taking 180 initial calls in 2023 for every single complaint against a GPD employee that comes in, managing all of the agency's administrative investigation paperwork, from complaints, to uses of force, to damage to property for over 600 such investigations in 2023. Ms. Rosa's kindhearted demeanor is always evident in her interactions with citizens and fellow employees, seeming to come from a bottomless pool of patience and understanding.

Rosa Faulk's dedication and service as the Professional Standards Division's Administrative Assistant make her a standout recipient of this award. Despite handling over 180 calls from citizens regarding complaints against the Greensboro Police Department in 2023, Rosa consistently demonstrates patience, kindness, and professionalism in her interactions. She goes above and beyond in managing administrative tasks, providing guidance to fellow employees, and overseeing hundreds of investigations with meticulous attention to detail. With over 40 years of unwavering service to the city and the agency, Rosa's indispensable role and positive attitude make her truly deserving of recognition for her contributions.

Purple Heart (1)

The Purple Heart is awarded to one who has been seriously injured in the performance of duty under honorable conditions.

Presented to

Sergeant Philip Dale Nix

who lost his life in the performance of duty under honorable circumstances when he was shot and killed, off-duty, at a gas station intervening in a crime.

Employee of the Year

This award recognizes a professional staff member of the Department who has made a significant contribution to the Department and/or community. This person receives a gift from Judy Brenner in memory and honor of her husband Rich Brenner.

The winner of this award will be announced during the ceremony.

Rookie of the Year

This award recognizes a sworn officer in the rank of PO1 who embodies the ethos of the law enforcement profession, and who has distinguished him/herself through exemplary service. To be eligible for this award, the officer must have served with GPD for no more than three years when nominated. This person receives a gift from Karyn and Jon Franks in memory and honor of their son Officer Jared Franks.

The winner of this award will be announced during the ceremony.

Police Officer of the Year

This award recognizes a sworn member of the Department who has made a significant contribution to the department and/or community. Such contributions should be in the form of a continuing and dedicated service to the Department. Each year, the winner of the Police Officer of the Year award shall receive the David Lee Taylor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides an amount, not to exceed \$1,000, for approved training and \$500 for personal use.

The winner of this award will be announced during the ceremony.