

GMA Distinguished Service Award – Officer (presented by GMA)

Officer Sam Alvarez

Officer Sam Alvarez, a 15-year veteran of the department, has served in a wide range of roles, currently excelling as a Community Resource Officer in Patrol District 3. He works closely with businesses and residents to reduce crime and improve quality of life, using his expertise in Crime Prevention through environmental design to enhance safety throughout the district. In addition to his primary duties, he volunteers extensively by supporting Special Olympics, coaching community sports teams, assisting with Spanish translation, and serving on special teams like the Honor Guard and Special Events Team. His strong partnerships with local retailers and tireless community engagement reflect a deep commitment to both the department and the people of Greensboro.

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

Detective Dwayne James

Detective Dwayne James has served in the Vice/Narcotics Division for over 15 years and continues to expand his impact through critical behind-the-scenes work. Since 2024, he has taken on key responsibilities with the Greensboro ABC Task Force, including coordinating undercover compliance operations and conducting safety checks at ABC-permitted establishments. He also manages all ABC permit investigations and serves as the department's liaison with ABC and city departments. As GPD's Safety Review Manager, Det. James leads multi-agency reviews of violent incidents at alcohol-serving businesses, playing a vital role in proactive community safety efforts.

**GMA Excellence in Crime Prevention Award – Corporate (presented by
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Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A has played a vital role in supporting the Greensboro Police Department's efforts to build stronger community relationships and reduce crime through outreach and engagement. Their locations have served as welcoming spaces for officers and citizens to connect, host community events, and raise funds for charitable causes. Notably, during the "Cops on Top" fundraiser, Chick-fil-A partnered with officers to raise nearly \$6,000 for Special Olympics, strengthening community bonds in the process. Their continued generosity and collaboration exemplify how local businesses can contribute meaningfully to public safety and unity. We award Brian Kiser for the Pisgah Church location and Rachel Martire and Bryan Chandler for the Grandover Location the GMA Excellence in Crime Prevention Award.

Chief's Award

Rick Class, High Meadows Wealth Management

Andrew McNeal & Modern Woodmen of America

Rick Class of High Meadows Wealth Management and Andrew McNeal of Modern Woodmen of America with his team dedicated their time and expertise to provide financial literacy education to a large portion of the department. Their classes focused on building smart financial habits, retirement planning, and foundational financial knowledge. Each brought a unique perspective that helped officers better understand and plan for their financial futures. Their efforts reflect a strong

commitment to serving the community through education and empowerment and for that we award Rick Class and Andrew McNeal and his team with the Chief's award.

Muriel Holt

Muriel Holt has demonstrated outstanding commitment to public service and community wellness through her leadership as a project coordinator for The Center for Health Equity at Cone Health. From April 2024 to March 2025, she played a vital role in strengthening the partnership between Cone Health and the Greensboro Police Department by organizing mobile health services and community-based health initiatives. Her efforts included launching walking clinics in underserved neighborhoods and leading monthly healthy cooking classes, all while providing access to free health screenings. Ms. Holt has also been a consistent presence at numerous community events and meetings across the city, offering resources and support that empower residents to lead healthier lives. Her vision to improve community well-being while fostering positive police-community relationships reflects her deep commitment to the people of Greensboro. We are pleased to present Ms. Holt with the Chief's Award.

Jaelyn Wilson

Jaelyn Wilson plays a vital role in the success of the Crime Gun Intelligence Center through her expert analysis, proactive intelligence sharing, and detailed work with NIBIN and firearm tracing. She consistently goes beyond her duties by creating bulletins that highlight crime gun trends and supporting multiple agencies with actionable intelligence. Her initiative, accuracy, and dedication have made a

significant impact on firearm investigations and helped the unit earn ATF CGIC certification. Though not a GPD employee, Jaelyn's contributions have made her an indispensable part of the team. Congratulations to Jaelyn on receiving the Chief's Award.

Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home

Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home generously dedicated their time and services following the loss of Officer Michael "Mike" Horan. They supported the family through every detail of the arrangements and worked closely with the department on transportation, flowers, visitation, and all aspects of the memorial service. Their commitment and care were constant and heartfelt, with no task too small or too great. The department is incredibly grateful for their compassion and meaningful partnership during such a difficult time. We are pleased to present Hanes Lineberry Funeral Home with the Chief's Award.

Westover Church

Westover has shown exceptional generosity and partnership with GPD, continually supporting efforts to strengthen community relationships. They host an annual lunch during Police Week to honor officers and played a vital role in organizing and hosted the memorial service for fallen Officer Michael Horan. The church provided their space, staff, and support at all hours to meet the needs of the family and department. Their ongoing kindness and unwavering support are deeply appreciated. We are thrilled to present Westover Church with the Chief's Award.

Citizen's Certificate of Merit

Rebecca Bilello

For over sixteen years, she has served as a Board Member for the Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers, and for fourteen of those, as a highly effective and trusted Treasurer, managing complex financial responsibilities with precision and care, all while running two successful businesses. From coordinating audits and reward payoffs to generating reports and managing investments, Ms. Bilello's behind-the-scenes efforts have directly contributed to the financial growth and operational success of the program. Her initiative in tracking down critical camera equipment for the Real Time Crime Center, supporting major fundraisers, and maintaining vital partnerships, reflects her selfless devotion. Ms. Bilello's tireless service, professionalism, and personal generosity make her an invaluable asset to Crime Stoppers and an inspiring figure in the Greensboro community. We are honored to present her with the Citizen's Certificate of Merit for recognition of her unwavering dedication and exemplary service to the Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers program.

Amy Kreimer

Amy Kreimer demonstrated remarkable awareness and initiative when she spotted suspicious activity involving a parked vehicle near a landscaping crew. Her quick thinking led her to document the scene and alert the workers, who then discovered equipment had been stolen. Thanks to the information she provided, investigators were able to identify a suspect, recover the stolen items, and return them to the rightful owners. Her actions prevented a financial loss and played a significant role in solving the case. Congratulations on receiving the Citizen's Certificate of Merit.

T. Russell Edens Volunteerism Award

Ms. Damita Turner

Damita Turner has demonstrated outstanding dedication to volunteerism through her consistent support of Greensboro Police Department events and community initiatives. As President of the Asheboro Square community watch group, she leads with initiative, reliability, and a positive spirit. From school events and resource fairs to holiday giveaways and youth programs, Mrs. Turner has generously given her time to a wide range of efforts between April 2024 and March 2025. Her commitment to service makes her a strong and deserving recipient for the T. Russell Edens Volunteerism Award.

Certificate of Merit

Property & Evidence Technician Steven Rierson

Steven Rierson went above and beyond to help a victim recover his stolen cellphone after his vehicle was stolen and later returned without it. When the victim struggled to locate the phone, Steve took the initiative to contact the officer who recovered the vehicle and learned the phone had been left at a motel. Realizing the victim had already checked out and had no way of knowing, Steve researched his job training location, visited in person, and ensured the message reached him. Thanks to Steve's determination, the victim was able to retrieve his phone, preventing further hardship. We are proud to award Mr. Rierson with the Certificate of Merit.

Officer Paige Costello

Officer Paige Costello has consistently demonstrated outstanding dedication, professionalism, and initiative since beginning solo patrol in July 2024. Her proactive efforts led to several significant arrests, including the apprehension of suspects wanted for violent felonies and drug offenses. She also displayed exceptional tactical awareness and restraint during a dangerous encounter with an aggressive subject, ensuring a peaceful resolution. Officer Costello's strong work ethic, leadership, and compassion for the community set her apart as an exceptional officer early in her career.

Corporal Taylor Brame, Officer Latonya Guy, and Officer India Lewis

Corporal Tayloe Brame and Officers LaTonya Guy and India Lewis demonstrated exceptional compassion and service while responding to a family disturbance. Upon learning the conflict stemmed from a lack of food, Corporal Brame and Officer Lewis personally provided a meal for the family. Later, Officer Guy arranged for food and clothing deliveries to support both the mother and the son. Their selfless actions went beyond their duty, demonstrating true care for the community they serve.

Crime Stoppers Coordinator Stacey Finch

Stacey Finch has served the Greensboro Police Department with exceptional dedication and shown extraordinary leadership in her role while significantly increasing program funding and earning state and regional productivity awards. She has been instrumental in securing technology enhancements, including the

addition of FLOCK cameras to support the Real Time Crime Center, and consistently organizes major fundraising events like the annual golf tournament. Beyond her administrative success, Stacey exemplifies community spirit by volunteering for events, supporting partner agencies, and personally ensuring community members and board volunteers feel valued and included. Stacey's tireless work organizing fundraisers, managing grants, and mentoring other coordinators has strengthened Crime Stoppers across the region. Her unwavering commitment, innovative leadership, and profound compassion have made a lasting impact on the department and community, making her a standout recipient of a Certificate of Merit.

Sergeant Natalie Altizer

Sergeant Natalie Altizer consistently demonstrates exemplary leadership, mentorship, and dedication to the growth and success of her squad. She fosters a supportive and high-performing team environment, encouraging continuous learning and professional development. Notably, after leading her squad through a chaotic homicide scene, she conducted a thorough debrief that emphasized their successes, while identifying areas for improvement, enhancing their future responses. Her proactive guidance has resulted in her squad being the most productive in their district, addressing community concerns and leading to significant arrests involving firearms and narcotics. Sergeant Altizer is well-deserving of the Certificate of Merit.

Officer Anthony Tyler

Officer Anthony Tyler demonstrates an exceptional work ethic, consistently leading his squad and district in performance metrics. In 2024 alone, he responded to over 600 calls and seized a significant amount of illegal drugs, firearms, and stolen property. His dedication to thorough investigations has led to major case resolutions. Officer Tyler takes initiative during downtime to proactively address crime, offering valuable insights to his team. His commitment to service, both as a police officer and an Army veteran, reflects his deep-rooted dedication to the community he lives in and serves.

Corporal Andre Cummings, Officer Randy Dixon, Officer Dedric Evans

School Resource Officers Randy Dixon, Dedric Evans, and Corporal Andre Cummings acted swiftly and strategically after learning that a newly enrolled student had an active warrant for a serious violent crime. With careful planning, they safely arrested the student without incident, then coordinated a second arrest of a co-defendant at the same school, also without disruption. Their discretion in removing both students through a side exit minimized alarm and maintained a calm environment on campus. Their quick thinking and professionalism ensured the safety of students and staff during a high-risk situation.

Officer Ezara Benton

Officer Ezara Benton responded to a call involving a confused elderly man found in another city, ultimately coordinating efforts to reunite him with family. Officer Benton located a local relative, transported him to assist, and ensured the man's

vehicle was refueled. At the man's home, he discovered unsafe living conditions and took further steps to involve support services. His follow-through led to the man receiving proper care in an assisted living facility, bringing peace of mind to his family and improving his well-being.

Officer Thomas Perkins

Officer Thomas Perkins has shown exceptional dedication and flexibility as a member of the Behavioral Health Response Team. He took the lead on homeless outreach, updating encampment records, visiting over 100 locations, and coordinating resource distribution with community partners. He spearheaded the development of an opioid response initiative, conducting research, building partnerships, and presenting strategic plans to leadership. Despite these added responsibilities, he continued responding to behavioral health calls, demonstrating commitment to both the team and the community.

Corporal Marcus Mebane, Retired

Retired Corporal Marcus Mebane has gone above and beyond in his role with the Behavioral Health Response Team, regularly serving as acting sergeant and logging about 2,000 hours in a supervisory capacity. He managed scheduling, handled administrative investigations, and still responded to over 350 calls for service, nearly surpassing his squad's average. Additionally, he led the department's grill team, often handling logistics, cooking, and cleanup alone to support community engagement. Rather than easing into retirement, he chose to take on demanding responsibilities and remained a vital contributor to both internal operations and public outreach.

Detective Justin Blanks

Detective Justin Blanks has demonstrated exceptional commitment to narcotics enforcement as part of the DEA Taskforce, playing a pivotal role in seizing over 209 kilograms of cocaine, 30 pounds of methamphetamine, 54 pounds of marijuana, 16 illegal firearms, and more than \$660,000 in drug-related assets. His meticulous investigation has directly led to the disruption of major drug trafficking networks. His efforts not only removed dangerous substances from the streets but also showcased a tireless dedication to public safety. Detective Blanks continues to set a high standard of excellence within the division and is honored with a Certificate of Merit.

Officer Michael Hoag

Officer Michael Hoag completed Tactical Crime Control and Community Engagement Training and created a PowerPoint presentation to share its key points with Command Staff and fellow District 1 officers. His initiative and commitment to District 1 were evident in his suggestions for enhancing the CRO role. While on special assignment, he went above and beyond by investigating cases outside his duties and maintaining productive relationships with outside agencies. His work directly led to charges in multiple auto and residential B&E cases, showcasing his strong investigative skills.

Officer Margaret Thronson

Officer Margaret Thronson has quickly made an impressive mark in her first year with the Greensboro Police Department, distinguishing herself through high

performance, strong community engagement, and exceptional initiative. In less than 100 duty days, she responded to 887 calls, served 29 warrants, made 32 arrests, and played key roles in serious incidents involving firearm recovery and multiple suspect apprehensions. Her work ethic, professionalism, and compassion have earned her praise from both colleagues and the public. Officer Thronson's dedication to service and growth clearly exemplifies the spirit of the Certificate of Merit.

Officer Jason Strickland

Officer Jason Strickland has demonstrated exceptional investigative skill and dedication, playing a critical role in solving a wide range of cases including shootings, burglaries, and auto thefts. Through self-initiated follow-ups, diligent use of departmental technology, and coordination with state and federal agencies, he identified suspects and secured numerous felony and misdemeanor charges. His work led to the resolution of over 150 investigations, earning the trust of both detectives and external partners. Officer Strickland's initiative, problem-solving ability, and commitment to community engagement reflect the highest standards of professional excellence.

Corporal Matt Sletten, Detective Liam Erhard, Officer Doug Hooker & Officer Leon Thornton

These officers formed a special burglary suppression squad in District 3 to reduce vehicle break-ins and thefts. They filed 44 charges—20 for vehicle break-ins and 14 for stolen vehicles—recovered 13 stolen cars valued at \$465,000, and seized three more worth \$50,000. Working beyond their regular shifts, they collaborated

with multiple units to identify and arrest numerous offenders. Their outstanding teamwork and dedication significantly exceeded expectations.

Meritorious Unit – VCRT-A

Sergeant Edward Shafer, Corporal Brandon Sprague, Detective DiJon Mason, Detective Eric Follis, Detective Justin Pacific, Detective Brooke Dotson, Detective Colton Luchs, and Detective Christopher Reed

The VCRT- A Squad have demonstrated exceptional commitment and performance during this award cycle. Their efforts resulted in 158 arrests, 307 criminal charges, 23 search warrants, and the recovery of 98 firearms, including 18 stolen guns. In addition, they seized significant quantities of illegal drugs and conducted 77 traffic stops while working closely with prosecutors, CID, and outside agencies. Their sustained high-level performance and impact on violent crime investigations clearly set them apart as deserving recipients of the Meritorious Unit Award.

Meritorious Unit – VCRT-B

Sergeant Justin Douglas, Corporal Daniel Inman, Detective Matthew Stevens, Detective Wayman Smith, Detective Michael Thomas, Detective Kathryn Campbell, Detective Tyler Carleton, Detective Daniel Frye, Officer Michael “Mike” Horan, Detective Andy Knick, Detective Christopher Mones, and Detective Kyle Szuts

VCRT- B Squad has displayed exceptional dedication, professionalism, and a strong commitment to justice during the current award cycle. These detectives regularly confronted hazardous conditions and made the completion of complex

cases and investigations a habit. It should be mentioned that aside from the supervisors, this squad was composed of new detectives with only one of them reaching a year of experience during the cycle—far less time in grade than the three other VCRT squads. They often went beyond the duties outlined in the SOPs to assist CID, Patrol, and outside agencies resulting in successes across numerous workgroups. Despite their relative inexperience, the squad has shown an exceptional ability to adapt, collaborate, and execute high-stakes operations with precision and care. Their performance has directly contributed to public safety, successful prosecutions, and the advancement of critical investigations.

Medical Lifesaving Award

Detective Nicholas Bandaly

Detective Nicholas Bandaly saved a life by providing critical first aid to a gunshot victim before EMS arrived. He took over applying direct pressure to the wound, coordinated with paramedics, and continued assisting as they worked to stabilize the victim. Thanks to his quick response and teamwork with EMS, the victim survived and began recovery.

Corporal James Ward

Corporal James Ward saved a life by quickly applying a tourniquet to a shooting victim suffering from a severe arterial bleed. Despite interference from bystanders, he remained focused and ensured the scene was safe for EMS to continue care. A hospital surgeon later confirmed that Corporal Ward's swift actions were the reason the victim arrived alive for emergency surgery.

Sergeant Matthew Brown

Sergeant Matthew Brown was responding to an overdose and quickly administering Narcan to an unconscious victim who was not breathing. After removing the victim from the vehicle, he began CPR successfully reviving her within a minute. His swift actions prevented what could have been a fatal overdose. For his decisive and life-saving intervention, Sergeant Brown is awarded the Medical Lifesaving Award.

Detective Nicholas Hartley

Detective Nicholas Hartley saved a life while eating lunch after a long shift. He sprang into action when he heard a woman choking and struggling to breathe, performing the Heimlich maneuver, successfully restoring her ability to breathe. The woman later returned to thank him for saving her life.

Detective Brian Monroy

Detective Brian Monroy saved a life by quickly applying a tourniquet to a stabbing victim who was losing a dangerous amount of blood. His swift actions stabilized the victim until paramedics arrived, allowing for life-saving surgery. His quick thinking and decisive intervention in a critical situation, helped to save a life.

Officer Bryan Mariani

Officer Bryan Mariani saved a life during a high-stress shooting incident by quickly providing CPR and advanced medical care to an unresponsive victim. His

swift actions helped stabilize the victim until EMS arrived, earning praise from medical personnel for the exceptional care he provided. The EMS supervisor later praised the officer, stating it was the best medical care he had witnessed from police at a shooting scene.

Officer Kenneth Buck

Officer Kenneth Buck while working off-duty at Wesley Long Hospital, he responded to a gunshot victim who had entered the hospital with severe bleeding. Noticing the urgency of the situation, he quickly applied a tourniquet to the victim's leg before hospital staff could locate one, effectively stopping the blood loss. His decisive actions were praised by medical personnel, who confirmed that his intervention saved the victim's life. Officer Buck's quick thinking and medical response exemplify his dedication to protecting and preserving life.

Officer Travis Reece

Officer Travis Reece has two Medical Life Saving awards. The first award is for providing exceptional patient care by correctly applying a tourniquet before EMS arrival, successfully controlling hemorrhage. His precise application was praised by the Emergency Department physician as a great example of proper technique. He also effectively communicated with EMS and assisted both EMS and hospital personnel, demonstrating his commitment to life-saving measures and teamwork. The second award is for quickly responding to a cardiac emergency involving an 80-year-old male who had collapsed and was not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Reece found the patient unresponsive on the front porch and began administering

chest compressions. His timely and effective CPR, followed by continued efforts from Greensboro Fire and Guilford County EMS, ultimately helped restore the patient's pulse. Officer Reece's swift action and expert CPR application directly contributed to saving a life, making him highly deserving of a Medical Life Saving Award.

Lifesaving Award

Officer Learon Bailey, Officer Ezara Benton, & Officer Ashley Segarra

On a high-risk welfare check, Officers Benton, Segarra, and Bailey responded to a welfare check involving a woman experiencing a severe mental health crisis who was believed to be in danger. After initial attempts to make contact and enter the home were unsuccessful, officers learned through a phone call that she was likely in immediate need of medical assistance and unable to respond. Working quickly, they located an alternate entry point through a high window. Once inside, the officers forced entry into a locked bedroom and located the woman in distress. Officer Bailey quickly intervened to remove a cord from around her neck, ensuring she could breathe and receive medical care. Their rapid response and decisive actions were instrumental in preventing a tragedy and providing critical aid.

Sergeant Natalie Altizer

Sergeant Natalie Altizer saved a man's life by preventing him from jumping off the Randleman Road bridge onto Interstate 40. As the man attempted to climb over the railing, she acted quickly, pulling him to safety and stopping him from making

another attempt. Her swift and decisive actions directly prevented a tragedy and got him the help he needed.

Sergeant David Williams, Officer Kenneth Buck, & Officer Hayden Hughes

On November 23, 2024, officers responded to a crisis involving a distressed individual throwing debris from a rooftop and threatening suicide. Sergeant Williams skillfully breached a barricade and, using quick thinking and concealment, was able to physically stop the subject from jumping off a narrow catwalk. Despite the subject's resistance and dangerous position approximately 60 feet above ground, Sergeant Williams held on until Officer Buck and Officer Trainee Hughes bravely moved in to assist in safely subduing him. Their courage, teamwork, and decisive actions during a high-risk mental health crisis prevented a tragic outcome and ensured the safety of everyone involved.

Officer Christian Stone, Officer Roy Gilmore, & Officer William Russell

These officers responded to the bridge on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive regarding a person in crisis. They observed the individual seated on the railing expressing emotional distress following the recent loss of a loved one. Officer Russell established a rapport through calm, compassionate communication, which helped de-escalate the situation. Officers were able to safely guide the individual away from the edge. He expressed gratitude to the officers and stated that Officer Russell's support had prevented him from taking further action. They are recognized with the Lifesaving Award for their quick and compassionate response.

Sergeant Korey Johnson & Officer Joseph Agostinelli

While at Moses Cone Hospital on October 9, 2024, Sergeant Korey Flowers and Officer Joseph Agostinelli learned of a woman threatening to jump from the parking deck. With no call for service, they acted immediately, locating her on the top level, visibly distressed and on the edge. Through calm, compassionate communication and coordinated effort, they safely helped her down, preventing a suicide attempt. Their quick action, empathy, and humility exemplify the highest standards of lifesaving service. Their initiative in an unassigned situation and ability to de-escalate a life-threatening crisis without force demonstrate exceptional judgment and professionalism deserving of the Lifesaving Medal.

Superior Service

Detective Paul Galbo

Detective Paul Galbo identified a knowledge gap between Vice/Narcotics detectives and patrol officers and took the initiative to bridge it by creating an in-depth narcotics training program. His training provided patrol officers with valuable investigative techniques, leading to a noticeable increase in successfully closed Crimestoppers tips. Officers praised the training for its practical insights, enhancing their effectiveness in the field. For his dedication to officer education and improving department-wide collaboration, Detective Galbo is highly deserving of the Superior Service Bar.

Detective Brenna Hagstrom & Detective Gregory Leeman

Detective Hagstrom led the investigation into a large-scale shooting incident, swiftly identifying multiple offenders through video footage, law enforcement databases, and collaboration with other agencies. Her persistence resulted in the identification and charging of ten subjects with approximately thirty offenses, as well as the recovery of multiple firearms. Detective Leeman played a key role by assisting with search warrants, conducting thorough interviews, and documenting critical investigative efforts. Their teamwork and dedication led to the swift apprehension of violent offenders, contributing to public safety and successful prosecution.

Detective Christopher Reed

Detective Christopher Reed responded to a shooting incident where multiple apartments and vehicles were struck by gunfire. Upon locating three suspects, all fled on foot, discarding firearms, but were quickly apprehended. Evidence, including firearms, clothing, and accessories, was recovered, leading to multiple charges for all involved. In a separate investigation, Detective Reed conducted surveillance on a suspect involved in the sale of Glock switches, leading to a traffic stop, firearm recovery, and the arrest of both the suspect and his mother. A subsequent search warrant resulted in the seizure of additional firearm components and narcotics, further dismantling illegal activities. For his excellent and distinguished police work in two large cases leading to multiple arrests, firearm and drug seizures, and felony charges, Detective Reed is given the Superior Service award.

Watch Operations Specialist Shameka Thomas & Officer Zenada Thorpe

Project LeadHERship is an empowering year-round program aimed at cultivating leadership skills and self-confidence among girls in grades 6-12. Since its launch in October 2024, Ms. Shameka Thomas and Officer Zenada Thorpe have gone above and beyond in their roles as mentors, creating an engaging and supportive environment where young women can develop leadership, decision-making, and community engagement skills. Through monthly sessions and participation in local events, they have fostered confidence, resilience, and a sense of civic responsibility in their mentees. Their unwavering dedication has made a lasting impact, inspiring girls to embrace their potential and become future leaders.

Detective Brian Monroy

Detective Brian Monroy has demonstrated exceptional dedication and proactive policing through several high-impact incidents. He pursued and apprehended an armed suspect after a foot chase through difficult terrain, coordinated a complex narcotics investigation that uncovered a large-scale illegal THC operation, and swiftly located and arrested robbery suspects despite limited information. His keen situational awareness, investigative skills, and commitment to public safety consistently produce outstanding results. Officer Monroy's actions exemplify professionalism and go above and beyond the expectations of his role.

Corporal Daniel Inman

Corporal Daniel Inman with VCRT-B detectives, quickly identified and arrested a robbery suspect through surveillance and investigative efforts, recovering evidence

and stolen money. During the investigation, he learned some of the stolen funds were intended for a child's upcoming birthday. Demonstrating compassion and community care, the detectives returned to the home with birthday gifts, a gift card, and cupcakes for the child. His actions balanced professionalism with empathy, fostering trust between the family and the Greensboro Police Department.

Corporal Charles Schneider

Corporal Charles Schneider has shown exceptional dedication and versatility in his role with the Special Events Team (SET). In 2024, he earned certification as a FEMA CDP Field Force Operator trainer and has provided over 100 hours of tactical instruction, led multiple certification courses, and created critical training environments for both police and fire personnel. His leadership extended to logistics, where he managed and maintained all SET equipment, ensuring readiness for deployment. Whether teaching, supporting operations, or responding to call-outs, his contributions have been vital to the team's success.

Officer Charlotte Jackson

Officer Charlotte Jackson consistently demonstrates a deep commitment to her squad, the community, and the values of public service. Her compassion was evident when she and a fellow officer personally assisted a larceny victim by contributing their own money to help offset the loss. Beyond that, Officer Jackson routinely volunteers her time to support community events, fill in for others, and strengthen department outreach. Even while recovering from an injury, she found ways to contribute meaningfully, showcasing her dedication, initiative, and untiring work ethic.

Officer Anis Azlan

Officer Anis Azlan demonstrated outstanding initiative by creating Project LeadHERship, a year-round mentorship program aimed at building leadership and confidence in middle and high school girls across Greensboro. She developed a data-driven curriculum in collaboration with crime analysts to address the root causes of juvenile crime. By partnering with organizations like Active Minds, she ensures youth receive both leadership guidance and mental health education. Her dedication fosters a positive, supportive environment that empowers young girls and strengthens community ties.

Corporal Eka Isangedighi

Known as Corporal Izzy, is commended for her exceptional leadership and revitalization of the Safety Town Program. Since assuming responsibility in May 2024, she has expanded its reach through creative community engagement, media outreach, and successful events like the inaugural “Open House” at Barber Park. Her efforts have significantly increased participation, strengthened relationships between law enforcement and families, and garnered attention from other police agencies across the state. Corporal. Izzy’s dedication, innovation, and commitment to public safety make her an outstanding representative of the Greensboro Police Department.

Sergeant Sharrod Hairston

Sergeant Sharrod Hairston is recognized for his outstanding leadership and dedication to community outreach, particularly in strengthening ties between the Greensboro Police Department and residents of the Greensboro Housing Authority. Through initiatives like domestic violence education, food insecurity support for

seniors, and increased patrol visibility, he has significantly enhanced community safety and trust. His mentorship of fellow officers and collaboration with key stakeholders have contributed to a noticeable reduction in crime and a stronger sense of partnership with the public. Sergeant Hairston's service reflects the highest standards of professionalism and community commitment.

Corporal Timothy Brown

Corporal Timothy Brown played a key role in identifying and linking a stolen vehicle to a major shooting incident involving multiple suspects and firearms. His diligent review of surveillance footage led to the identification of the suspect vehicle and a critical connection to a previously reported stolen Nissan Murano. Through extensive investigation, including interviews, surveillance review, and interagency coordination, Corporal Brown helped trace the firearm evidence across several incidents, ultimately assisting in the arrest and charging of multiple suspects. His persistence and investigative thoroughness were instrumental in advancing this complex case.

Officer Michael Kees

Officer Michael Kees has demonstrated unwavering dedication and exceptional service during his 12 years as a School Resource Officer, currently serving at Grimsley High School. His decisive actions in preventing a potential mass violence incident and his compassionate response to a student's family crisis exemplify his commitment to safety and care. Beyond his duties, he has strengthened school and community ties through fundraising efforts, hygiene initiatives, and volunteer service. Officer Kees also plays a critical leadership role on the Hostage

Negotiations Team, further reflecting his broad impact on the department and community.

Sergeant Philip Henley, Corporal Mike Lytle, Detective Yuridia Ocampo, Officer Jarrod Brown, Officer Charles Jimenez, Officer Waleed Khan, Officer Austin Reece, & Officer William Russell

These officers are recognized for their outstanding teamwork and determination in apprehending a suspect responsible for a series of escalating criminal incidents in the Lindley Park area. Despite cold winter conditions and an unpredictable pattern, the squad remained vigilant through nightly foot patrols and coordinated efforts. Their persistence paid off when Corporal Lytle spotted the suspect near a victim's home, leading to a successful arrest and resolution of multiple cases. This operation demonstrated the squad's dedication to community safety and proactive policing.

Officer Ian MacIntosh

Officer Ian MacIntosh joined the Greensboro Police Department in 2024 and has quickly distinguished himself through outstanding initiative and work ethic. He consistently leads District 3 in both calls for service and proactive enforcement, balancing emergency response with investigative activity involving narcotics, firearms, and stolen vehicles. His thorough reports and strong casework, including a notable arrest leading to federal prosecution, reflect professionalism beyond his experience level. Officer MacIntosh also serves in the Army National Guard and is a valued member of the department's SET team.

Captain Ashley Brown, Captain Korey Flowers, Captain Anthony Price, Lieutenant John Ludemann, Sergeant Andrew Muldowney, Sergeant Daniel Fleming, Sergeant Michael Graham, Sergeant Jason Lowe, Sergeant Christopher Wingfield, Corporal James “Powder” Buchanan, Corporal Justin Flannagan, Corporal Christopher Fulk, Detective Cameron Avery, Detective Jonathan Chasten, Detective Brian Overstreet, Detective Justin Pacific, Detective Shawn Roscoe, Detective Wayman Smith, Officer Travis Hopkins, Officer Michael “Mike” Horan, Officer James Norwood, Officer Brian Christensen

The 2024 Rapid Deployment training marked a groundbreaking achievement for the Greensboro Police Department, as it was the first time Simunition equipment was used agency-wide, providing officers with the most realistic active shooter response training in department history. The training team dedicated months to developing and executing this program, which combined 90 minutes of classroom instruction with five hours of hands-on, force-on-force scenario training.

Instructors went above and beyond, not only playing the role of aggressors in physically demanding scenarios but also transporting, maintaining, and preparing all necessary equipment each day. Their tireless efforts ensured that every officer received high-quality, practical training, reinforcing critical decision-making and response skills under stress. The feedback from officers was overwhelmingly positive, with many stating it was the best and most impactful training they had received. In today’s climate, where active shooter incidents are a pressing concern, this program significantly enhanced the department’s readiness to protect the community. For their dedication, innovation, and commitment to officer preparedness, the training team is highly deserving of this award.

Commendation Bar

Sergeant Jonathan Matthews

Sergeant Jonathan Matthews is awarded the Commendation Bar for leading, creating and providing officers with the most realistic active shooter response training by using Simunition equipment agency wide for the first time in department history.

Officer Andrew O'Brien

Officer Andrew O'Brien is being awarded the Commendation Bar for receiving three or more Certificates of Merit for excellence in police work.

Sergeant Norman Luper

Sergeant Norman Luper has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication through his involvement in numerous critical projects and committees, all while effectively leading his patrol squad. He played a pivotal role in developing the Departmental Crime Harm Index with Cambridge University, creating a confidential informant management system, and conducting a workforce study that improved patrol operations. Additionally, he has contributed to advancing the department's technology through his roles in the Hexagon/CAD Workgroup, Axon System Administration, and as a lead instructor for Body-Worn and Vehicle-Mounted Cameras. Sergeant Luper's ability to manage complex initiatives, revise key departmental policies, and mentor his team highlights his unwavering commitment to the department's mission and success.

Captain Justin Flynt, Captain Eric Goodykoontz, Lieutenant Will Jones, Lieutenant Marcus McPhatter, Lieutenant Evan Simmons, Lieutenant Hector Velez-Abadia, Sergeant Matthew Allred, Sergeant Brandon Cox, Sergeant Sean Patterson, Sergeant Jonathan Sink, Corporal Chad Brechtel, Corporal Paul Brown, Corporal James “Powder” Buchanan, Corporal Justin Flannagan, Corporal Justin Payne, Corporal Darrell Stollings, Detective Jacob Clous, Detective Paul Galbo, Detective Joshua Payne, Detective Quinton Simones, Detective Jason Warren, Detective Cameron Avery, Detective Kathryn Campbell, Detective Christopher Mones, Officer Richard Armstrong, Officer Robert Bowen, Officer Travis Caldwell, Officer Darren Harmon, Officer Philip Hill, Officer Kenny Jones, Officer Justin Koechert, Officer Kenneth Nutter, Officer Cameron Peach, Officer Mike Phouthavong, Officer Kyle Ryals, Officer John Sieck, Officer Ezara Benton, Officer Tyler Carleton, Officer Mark Davis, Officer Michael Doerr, Officer Brandon Hilton, Officer Johnny Ward, Officer Tristan Woody

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Greensboro Police Department officers, led by Captain Goodykoontz and Lieutenant Velez, deployed to Asheville to assist with disaster relief operations. Upon arrival, they immediately began working 19-hour shifts, providing security at looted pharmacies, and later rotating into 12 to 13-hour + shifts to support both day and night operations. Officers demonstrated commitment, flexibility, and adaptability by switching roles as the situation demanded. The drone and ATV teams conducted welfare checks in hard-to-reach areas and helped guide FEMA and other recovery teams through storm-damaged terrain. The night crew operated under extreme conditions, often without power or water, to protect rescue workers and debris removal crews. Their teamwork, resilience, and willingness to face uncertainty in a crisis zone reflected a deep

sense of duty. The officers' tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to helping a community in crisis are truly commendable.

Meritorious Conduct

Sergeant Matthew Allred

Sergeant Matthew Allred has served the Greensboro Police Department since 1997 and currently leads both the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) and Organized Crime/Threat Assessment Unit (OCTA). He was instrumental in building CGIC from the ground up, earning national certification and significantly advancing firearm investigations and violent crime reduction.

Beyond building this unit, Sergeant Allred has fostered strong partnerships with federal agencies, significantly improving the department's relationships with organizations such as the ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office. His ability to navigate complex legal and investigative processes has ensured that violent offenders face the highest level of prosecution possible. Since the inception of CGIC, his leadership and vision have shaped its development, and the intelligence-led strategies used to combat gun crimes have made a positive impact on the Greensboro community.

Sergeant Allred rebranded CIS and formed the Organized Crime/Threat Assessment Unit (OCTA). With Sergeant Allred's foresight OCTA has proven to be a formidable asset, ensuring proper documentation and charges are made in regard to; school threats, law enforcement impersonators, gang documentation, gang validations, and gang sentencing enhancements. Sergeant Allred has been an advocate for training and motivating his detectives by placing them in positions to gain statewide notoriety. In 2024, Sergeant Allred formed the Piedmont Triad

Threat Assessment Group (P.T.T.A.G). This group consists of a multitude of law enforcement partners from across the Triad, which come together to share case studies, the best practices, and methodologies in the field of threat management.

His vision and leadership have strengthened federal partnerships, improved gang threat assessments, and inspired a new generation of investigators. Sergeant Allred's dedication, innovation, and mentorship continue to leave a lasting impact on the department and community.

Purple Heart

Officer Michael "Mike" Horan of the Greensboro Police Department was killed in the line of duty on December 23, 2024.

Officer Horan's career with the Greensboro Police Department began in 2017 with the 103rd PBIC Academy. He took his oath of office in February 2018. During his tenure, he served on the Violent Crime Reduction Team, the Crimes Against Persons Unit, and in Patrol Districts 2 and 4. Officer Horan was a certified bicycle officer, a member of the Special Events Team, and a certified instructor with the Rapid Deployment Training Team. He was beloved by his fellow officers for his sense of humor, unique perspective on life, and strong leadership abilities.

Officer Horan was also a distinguished member of the U.S. Coast Guard. His Coast Guard service began on January 11, 2000, where he worked as a Law Enforcement Officer, Tactical Fast Boat Instructor, and as part of Marine Safety and Security Teams conducting search and rescue, counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, and counter-human trafficking missions. During his tenure, he earned numerous commendations, including three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, five Commandant Letters of Commendation, six Good Conduct Awards, two Reserve

Good Conduct Awards, three Special Operations Awards, the Sea Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Medal, and was named Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year in both 2015 and 2019. A natural leader, Officer Horan took immense pride in his Coast Guard service. He continued serving in a reserve capacity while pursuing his law enforcement career with the Greensboro Police Department.

An example of his selflessness and service to others can be seen in 2019, while vacationing with his family at Emerald Isle. Officer Horan witnessed a father and son struggling in a rip current. Without hesitation, he entered the water and swam 60 yards offshore to save them from drowning. For his heroism, Mike received the Greensboro Police Department's Lifesaving Award and was recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard for his extraordinary bravery. Mike also was awarded a Superior Service Bar and a Meritorious Unit award for his outstanding work in this past year.

The loss of Officer Mike Horan reverberates through the Greensboro Police Department, the United States Coast Guard, the community, and the nation. His humor, love of life, and dedication to service define his enduring legacy. He was a great officer, a remarkable man, and the embodiment of the old GPD motto "Greensboro's Finest" and Coast Guard's motto, "Semper Paratus" – "Always Ready." He will forever be missed by his GPD family, Coast Guard Family, his friends but most importantly by his family... his children, wife, his parents and sister. He will forever be missed.