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RICHARD DUFFANY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



TO: Hamburg Township Board
FROM: Chief Richard Duffany
DATE: December 14, 2023
RE: Agenda Item Topic: **Public Safety Awards**
General Ledger #: N/A
Number of Supporting Documents: N/A
NEW/OLD BUSINESS: **XXX** New Business

All of the members of the Hamburg Township Public Safety Department perform their duties in an exemplary and professional manner on a daily basis. However, there are certain instances where the exceptional actions of an officer or firefighter should be recognized. I am proud to recognize the following members and present them with the following departmental awards:

1. Sgt. Gary Harpe, Officer Nate Watson and Officer Sean Hogan are being awarded Department Citations for their actions that led to the arrest of two felony suspects on May 2, 2023 and which uncovered an organized identify theft ring operating throughout southeast Michigan.
2. Officer Sean Hogan and Officer Justin Harvey are being awarded Lifesaving Awards for their actions that helped save the life of a 65-year old man on May 31, 2023.
3. Sgt. Anthony Wallace and Officer Joshua Pedersen are being awarded Department Citations for their actions on August 13, 2023 which led to the arrest of a suspect for Home Invasion and Criminal Sexual Conduct on August 13, 2023.
4. Deputy Director Jeffrey Newton, Capt. Casey Yost, Sgt. Tim Begnoche, FF Jeremy Nordstrand and FF Dennis Bakka are being awarded a Unit Citation for their response to a traumatic head injury episode which occurred on September 7, 2023
5. Capt. Casey Yost and Officer Adam Fischhaber are being awarded Unit Citations for their actions as members of the Public Safety Drone Team which led to the locating of a missing endangered person on October 21, 2023.
6. Officer Kim Leeds is being awarded a Certificate of Merit for her actions which led to the arrest on December 11, 2023 of a suspect responsible for a large-scale theft operation which was responsible for dozens of thefts throughout metro Detroit.



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I respectfully request an opportunity to publicly present their awards at the Township Board meeting on December 19, 2023 where I will provide further details on each of these incidents.

In addition, I would like to publicly recognize the following firefighters for their years of service:

5 Year Anniversaries:

- Scott Flohr
- Dan Hill
- Jake Mougrabi

10 Year Anniversaries:

- Dave Girard
- Matt Urbanowicz
- Jess Stewart
- Devon Peer

15 Year Anniversaries:

- Jordan Zernick
- Jase Lawver
- Dan Knepley

30 Year Anniversaries:

- Chris Birk

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Duffany".

Chief Richard Duffany
Director of Public Safety