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April 2021

Good morning Liz,

The Dobbs Ferry PBA would like to request to present the Police PBA awards on the May 11th at the BOT meeting

National Police Week this year is from May 9th to 15th. This week is a time to create awareness about the dedication of police officers and sacrifices they make to keep the Village of Dobbs Ferry safe. By increasing awareness we help strengthen the connection between the police and community we protect. It also gives us the opportunity to honor the men and women that keep Dobbs Ferry safe. The PBA is proposing, with your permission, to request the PBA awards be presented at the May 11, 2021 village BOT meeting. We believe this will be a good opportunity to highlight our officer's achievements and ongoing dedication to the community. The Dobbs Ferry Police Benevolent Association Awards and Recognition program recognizes individual officer and team achievements in a number of categories as outlined.

Meritorious Police Duty

Sgt. Vincenzo DePaola P.O. Julius Derevjanik
Sgt Colvin Det Jeff Jee Det Brian Hennessey

Excellent Police Duty

Sgt Joesph Palladino PO John Broccoli
PO Justin Muscarella

Unit Citation

Lt Martin Coster Det Brian Hennessey
Det Jeff Jee Det Jerry Kulpa

Life Saving Award

PO Bobby Marron PO Josh Poisnick
PO Stephen Betz Sgt Travis Sgt. Greg Vince

PBA Civilian Award

JP Kaminski



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Civilian Police Award

A certificate and plaque will be presented to a civilian that assists the department in the apprehension of a criminal, or in any emergency. This award may also be presented when a civilian provides services which may be deemed beneficial to the Department or the Municipality.

JP Kaminski and his team at the Discovery Camp used 60 3D printers and laser cutters to print face shields for nurses, doctors and other first responders. Discover Camp's 60 3D printers were working 24 hours a day to print and distribute 10,000 shields to healthcare workers and first responders.

JP Kaminski's unselfish and sincere contributions to the Village of Dobbs Ferry Police Department and his community truly made an impact to the first responders on the front lines during the Covid 19 Pandemic

Civilian Police Award

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Meritorious Police Duty

On Monday June3, 2019, members of the Greenburgh Drug & Alcohol Task Force were asked to assist the Westchester FBI Safe Streets Task Force with an investigation, specifically attempting to locate Samuel Galberth (12/29/76) of West Haven CT. Members were advised that Samuel Galberth was wanted in connection with multiple investigations in Connecticut, including but not limited to narcotics and the murder of Tamika Jones in Pitts Field, Massachusetts. The FBI had information from a confidential informant that Galberth had been moving around the area from hotel to hotel, but was currently staying at the Ardsley Acres Motel, 560 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, New York. There was additional information that Galberth might be traveling with a male wanted for multiple bank robberies, in addition to having a female companion with him. Upon arrival, members took up surveillance positions in and around the motel, concentrating on room #30 which had been provided to them by the CI. During the course of the surveillance, a male was observed exiting room #30 and walking across the street to Kickstart Café located within the Sunoco station at 555 Saw Mill River Road. Members were unable to immediately identify the male and it was decided that he would be stopped upon exiting the establishment. Moments later, the male exited the café and was taken into custody without incident. He was identified as Darryl Donnell Henry (02/21/64) of New Haven, CT. Mr. Henry was found to be in possession of United States currency stained with blue die ink, which was later determined to be the proceeds from a bank robbery in New Haven, CT. Additionally, Mr. Henry was wanted in connection with four (4) bank robberies in Connecticut as well as being a fugitive from justice on robbery, assault and larceny charges from a New Haven case. Additional USC, stained with the blue die ink, was recovered from the Kickstart Café.

Members continued surveillance of the motel in hopes that Darryl Henry would provide intelligence as to who may still be in the motel room, however he refused to cooperate. Knowing that Galberth was most likely inside the room, armed, dangerous and not looking to go back to jail, members requested the Greenburgh SWAT Team respond to the location for safety and support. Once the SWAT team was on scene, members began to evacuate the adjacent motel rooms in the event the incident escalated. Once complete, SWAT moved into position as members of the Task Force secured the perimeter. At approximately 2252 hours, while preparing to make contact with the suspect, the room door opened and a male subject (later identified as Samuel Galberth) emerged, opening fire on members of the SWAT team, striking at least one SWAT member. A gun battle then ensued between SWAT team members and Samuel Galberth. During the course of the gun battle, patrons on the motel who did not previously answer their doors or phone calls requesting they evacuate, emerged from their rooms into the potential line of fire. Members of the Task Force and SWAT, at great personal risk to themselves, evacuated said patrons to a safe area. The gun battle

continued for several minutes, during which time a second SWAT member was struck and evacuated to an awaiting ambulance. Gunfire from room #30 eventually ceased and a 911 call from within the room was routed through Westchester County PD to an FBI member on scene. A woman, later identified as Jeffon Suggs (03/26/93), of New Haven CT, claimed to be hiding in the bathroom of room #30 and stated that the suspect was lying on the floor and did not appear to be moving. SWAT members then made entry into the room and found Galberth on the floor with a handgun. SWAT members and EMS rendered medical aid to Galberth for multiple gunshot wounds, ultimately transporting him to an area hospital. Jeffon Suggs, who was reported missing to New Haven police on May 17, 2019 was also located within the room and taken into custody on Connecticut warrants, without incident.

The officers involved performed an intelligent police act, involving personal risk to life. Their actions made it possible to apprehend multiple violent suspects with a long history of offenses. This task was accomplished while ensuring the personal safety of civilians as well as themselves. It is therefore recommended that they be awarded recognition in the appropriate grade.

The following members of the Dobbs Ferry Police Department were involved in the above-described investigation:

Meritorious Police Duty

Sgt. Travis Colvin

Detective Brian Hennessy

Detective Jeffrey Jee

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Justin Kamke
Dobbs Ferry Police Department



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Unit Citation

On Friday September 20, 2019, members of the Dobbs Ferry Detective Division were notified about a hit & run personal injury auto accident where a male was struck on Broadway at Maple Street, just south of the Dobbs Ferry High School. The scene was secured by patrol and the victim was transported to the Westchester County Medical Center. Detectives Hennessy and Kulpa were briefed by Sgt. Castiello who was securing the scene on Broadway and provided the limited information that was available. Several key witnesses were still on scene and instructed to respond to headquarters to provide statements as to their observations. The Westchester County Accident Investigation Unit was notified and responded to process the scene. Detectives Hennessy and Kulpa then responded to headquarters to interview the witnesses. Upon completion of the interviews, Det. Kulpa responded back to the scene to take some preliminary photos and recover items of evidentiary value, which were ultimately vouchered.

Det. Hennessy accessed the surveillance camera maintained by the Dobbs Ferry Police Department located at Broadway and Ashford Avenue and developed a potential suspect vehicle which appeared to have ADO in large block lettering across the right side of the rear windshield. Det. Hennessy then accessed the Mobotix, NDI and Vigilant LPR systems in an effort to identify the suspect vehicle based on the limited information provided by the witnesses. Using the eyewitness vehicle descriptions and the known license plate of a witness who was directly behind the suspect, a suspect vehicle was developed. A daytime photograph of the vehicle was obtained and it appeared to match the unique color of the passenger side mirror which had been left at the scene, presumably from striking the victim. Det. Jee then pulled surveillance footage from cameras maintained by the Mobil Gas Station on Broadway which also placed the identified vehicle at the scene at the time of the accident. Additionally, the daytime photos of the vehicle showed MACHADO in large white block lettering across both the front and back windshields, "ADO" on the right rear section consistent with surveillance footage. A canvass was conducted in Hastings-on-Hudson in the area of the registered owner's home but the vehicle was not initially located.

On Saturday September 21, 2019 Lt. Coster interviewed additional witnesses to the accident, while Det. Jee and Sgt. Kamke responded back to the area of 50 Washington Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, the registered owner's address, in an attempt to locate the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was located parked in a lot just up the block from their address and subsequently impounded. While the vehicle was being impounded, Det. Jee spoke with family members and ultimately to the operator of the vehicle who agreed to come to Dobbs Ferry Headquarters to be interviewed. Upon arrival at headquarters the suspect was issued his Miranda warnings and interviewed by Detectives Jee and Hennessy, at which time he provided a typed written statement admitting to being involved in an accident the previous evening in front of the Dobbs Ferry High School while talking on the phone using "What's App" while wearing headphones. The suspect further admitted that he briefly stopped and observed he had lost a mirror from striking something but left the area without exiting

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the vehicle to investigate further or calling the police. Upon completion of the interview the suspect signed a consent search for his cellular phone and his sister; the registered owner signed consent to search for the vehicle in question. The suspect was released and the investigation continued.

Search warrants were obtained for both the cellular phone and vehicle which were executed soon after. Additional evidence was gleaned from the phone warrant showing the suspect consuming alcohol prior to driving home, as well as text messages indicating that he was aware he had hit an individual and not a pole or sign. Additional forensic evidence was collected from the exterior of the suspect vehicle linking it to the accident.

On Friday September 27, 2019, the suspect was re-interviewed on video by Detectives Jee and Hennessy with the assistance of PO Sam Brecker (Hastings-on-Hudson PD) in the event translation was needed. It was at this time that the suspect was confronted with the new evidence. During the course of the interview the suspect again admitted to being involved in the accident, adding that he was scared and didn't know what to do. He inquired as to the condition of the victim and indicated that he was sorry. The suspect was ultimately informed that the victim was now deceased and he became even more upset. An additional witness was identified as a result of the interview and he was also located and interviewed. Although cleared to make an arrest at this point, the suspect was released while detectives awaited additional results from the forensic evidence testing and accident reconstruction.

On Tuesday October 1, 2019 the suspect was again asked to come to headquarters for additional follow up. Upon arrival he was taken to an interview room and advised of the charges against him. The suspect was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury auto accident resulting in death. The suspect was arraigned and released ROR pending his return to court on October 10, 2019.

The suspect was ultimately indicted, eventually pleading guilty in exchange for a reduced sentence involving jail time.

The officers involved performed an intelligent police work, during a complex investigation with limited information ultimately bringing the case to a close. This task was accomplished while ensuring the personal safety of the civilians in the area as well as themselves. It is therefore recommended that they be awarded recognition in the appropriate grade.

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Meritorious Police Duty

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at about 0101 hours, Sgt. DePaola, while on routine patrol observed two vehicles travelling on Ashford Ave., which appeared to be following one another. Sgt. DePaola initiated a vehicle & traffic stop of one of the vehicles, a 2020 Audi Q5, as it had no rear tail lights illuminated. Sgt. Depaola, who was now joined by Police Officer Julius Derevjanik, had a conversation with the operator who stated that the vehicle belonged to his friend who he had been following. A check of the registration tag affixed to the vehicle determined that the license plate had been reported stolen to the New York City Police Department, a subsequent check of the vehicle identification number revealed that the Audi had been reported stolen to the Eastchester NY Police Department. The nineteen year old male operator was subsequently placed under arrest. A search incidental to a lawful arrest of the Audi was conducted and the officers located a loaded handgun with a defaced serial number within the vehicle. While still at the scene, the male operator that the arrested person had been following became present at the scene. Further investigation by the officers on scene determined that this second male who had become present, had been acting in concert with the operator of the Audi, and he too was also placed under arrest. This male had a Honda key fob on his person. The officers then canvassed the area that the second male had walked from and located a 2019 Honda Civic that he had been observed operating and determined that it had been stolen from a resident of Dobbs Ferry, who later confirmed that it had been stolen.

Later that same evening at about 0222 hours, Sgt. DePaola, then observed a 2009 Mitsubishi being operated on Allen St in this village without rear tail lights illuminated. Sgt. DePaola then attempted to effect a vehicle and traffic stop of this vehicle, but it continued to drive away in an attempt to evade capture. Sgt. DePaola pursued the vehicle for a short distance until the operator finally pulled the vehicle over. Both occupants of the vehicle then exited the vehicle and fled the scene again attempting to avoid apprehension. Sgt. DePaola pursued the suspects on foot and was able to apprehend one of the occupants and place him in custody. Sgt. DePaola, who was assisted by Police Officer Derevjanik then set up a perimeter and requested assistance from surrounding jurisdictions to attempt to locate the second suspect who had been in the vehicle. At about 0335 hours, Sgt. Depaola was able to locate the second suspect and place him in custody. During the subsequent investigation, it was determined that the 2009 Mitsubishi was stolen from a resident of Dobbs Ferry who was unaware that his vehicle had been stolen.

Sgt. DePaola's keen observations while on patrol along with his skillful field investigations resulted in the rapid recovery of three stolen motor vehicles, one stolen license plate, a loaded firearm, along with additional assorted items stolen from additional larcenies from vehicles within the Village. Additionally, four individuals were arrested and charged for respective roles in the above mentioned crimes. Lastly, the arrest of these individuals also assisted the Eastchester Police Department in their investigation of the 2020 Audi Q5 that had been stolen from their jurisdiction and the

Tuckahoe Police Department were able to identify these suspects in their open investigations of vehicle break ins and the larceny of a firearm from a vehicle in their jurisdiction.

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Live Saving Award

In 2020 Dobbs Ferry Police responded to 563 medical aided calls for service.

DF PBA lifesaving award is presented to any member of the department whose actions directly contributed to saving or significantly prolonging human life.

While it is gratifying for an officer to know he or she has saved a life, on many occasions these incidents stay below the radar. Today we are able to acknowledge some of our officers and some of these incidents.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2020, at about 2033 hours, P.O. Strobl, while on routine patrol, was dispatched to an medical aided case at Cabrini Nursing Home located at 115 Broadway in this Village for a male nurse down cardiac arrest. Upon Officer Strobl's arrival she was directed to the male lying down surrounded by his peers and immediately began a patient assessment and determined that the male was absent of a pulse and respirations. Officer Strobl, who then began CPR on the patient and attached the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from Officer Strobl's patrol vehicle to the patient. The AED advised to "shock" the patient and Officer Strobl did so. Dobbs Ferry Ambulance EMTs arrived on scene and continued CPR on the patient as he was transported into the ambulance as the Greenburgh Paramedic arrived on location. As the patient was in the ambulance receiving further care, the 62 year old male regained a pulse and respirations. The patient was subsequently transported to St. John's Hospital in Yonkers, NY for further treatment.

Live Saving Award

PO Amanda Strobl

P.O. Strobl's speedy response and prompt action along with successful performance of CPR and application of the AED resulted in the patient regaining pulse and respirations. PO Strobl actions make her worthy of the Dobbs Ferry PBA Life Saving Award

On 10.20 at approximately 1442 PO R Marron responded to the parking lot of building 2 of 200 Beacon Hill Drive couple 100 hundred feet from Springhurst school steps to investigate a report of an unresponsive males within a vehicle. Upon arrival, PO R Marron observed two unresponsive males in a Gray Toyota which was involved in a minor accident with another parked vehicle. PO Posnick and Sgt Vince arrived on scene shortly after, assisting in the aid of the two males. The male in the driver's seat of the vehicle, William Nichter, was administered a dose of Narcan which made him semi responsive. The second male in the front passenger seat, was also given a dose of Narcan but did not immediately become responsive. PO Posnick, PO Marron, and Sgt. Vince removed the snd male from the vehicle and began CPR. After performing CPR and giving a second Narcan dose, he started to become responsive. Sgt. Colvin and PO Betz arrived on scene and removed William Nichter from the vehicle after he was given a second dose of Narcan.

Speedy response and prompt action along with successful performance of CPR and application of the Narcan resulted in the patient regaining pulse and respirations. Police officers are trained in a range of life-saving skills, and they put this training officers administered an opioid reversal medication, such as naloxone, that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose to prevent it from being fatal.

Without the quick actions of the responding Officers the persons could have died –
The actions make these Officers worthy of the Dobbs Ferry PBA Life Saving Award.

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