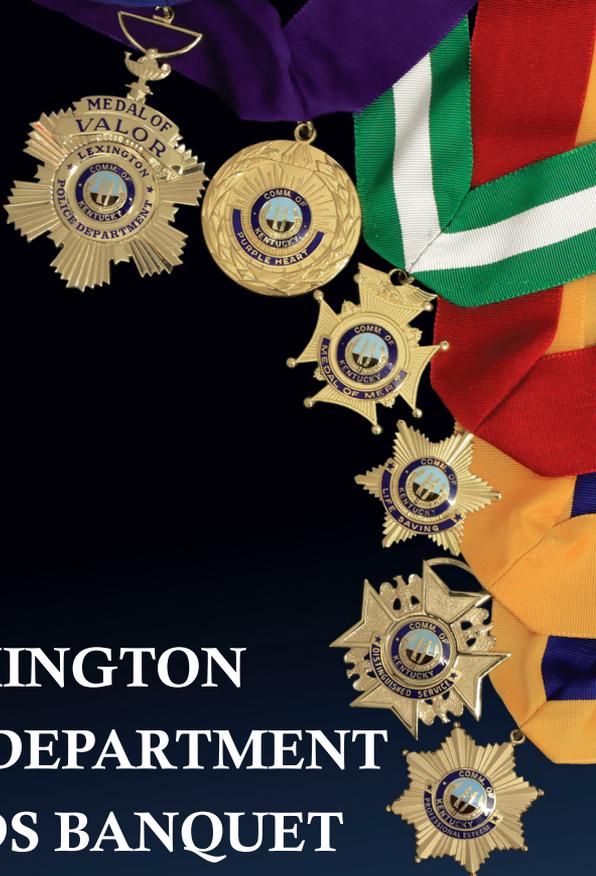


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# LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET

*May 3, 2016  
Lexington Convention Center  
Bluegrass Ballroom  
Lexington, Kentucky*

TONIGHT WE RECOGNIZE AND HONOR POLICE EMPLOYEES AND CITIZENS. WE CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE PERFORMED IN AN EXEMPLARY AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

## PROGRAM

- EMCEE | Ms. DeAnn Stephens  
*WBUL/WKYT*
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS | Lexington Police Honor Guard
- NATIONAL ANTHEM | Officer Van Berry *(Retired)*
- INVOCATION | Chaplain Donovan Stewart
- DINNER | Video Presentation
- WELCOME | Chief Mark G. Barnard  
Mayor Jim Gray  
Commissioner Ronnie Bastin
- GUEST SPEAKER | Mr. Mitch Barnhart  
*Athletic Director, University of Kentucky*
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION | Mr. Jim DeMent  
*President CPAAA*  
Mr. Ray Larson  
*Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney*
- PRESENTATION OF AWARDS | Chief Mark G. Barnard  
Officer Don Evans *(Retired)*  
Ms. Karyn Czar
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION | Chief Mark G. Barnard
- CLOSING REMARKS | Chief Mark G. Barnard
- BENEDICTION | Pastor Richard Gaines  
*Consolidated Baptist Church*

## FROM THE MAYOR JIM GRAY

Hello, everyone,

Welcome to the 2016 Police Awards Banquet!  
And thank you, thank you for all you do to  
keep our citizens and our city safe.



Public safety is the most important job local  
government has. Most citizens rank it as  
their top priority. No surprise, it dominates our General Fund  
budget.

We are proud of you and the job you do. Awards will be  
presented to many officers tonight. But I would say every one of  
you deserves recognition for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Jim Gray in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Jim Gray  
Mayor of Lexington



## FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE MARK G. BARNARD

The Police Awards Banquet would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of a significant number of individuals.

We are truly grateful to the banquet benefactors Dr. Saroj and Bharat Dubal, and Jonathan and Monica Kern whose continued support has assisted in the production of the awards banquet. The ongoing commitment of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is greatly appreciated.



Thanks to the Banquet Committee members and those with special assignments who worked diligently to make this event successful and the professional work of the Awards and Commendations Committee members for ensuring the integrity of the awards process.

The efforts of all who assist at the banquet, present awards and staff the displays are much appreciated. We are honored to have Ms. Karyn Czar and retired Officer Don Evans as readers of the awards and Mr. Mitch Barnhart as guest speaker.

We would like to acknowledge the support and assistance of Bill Owens, Michelle Passi and staff of the Lexington Convention Center. We also recognize the invaluable guidance and assistance of Jennifer Ambs and the Catering & Convention Services staff of the Hyatt Regency.

We appreciate the supportive efforts of Mayor Jim Gray, the Urban County Council, numerous other government officials, valuable community partners within and outside law enforcement, and Lexington Police Department employees.

With so many people involved, it is inevitable that someone is inadvertently omitted from this list. We apologize for the oversight and we appreciate your contributions and efforts on behalf of the Lexington Police Department.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Barnard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark G. Barnard  
Chief of Police

## **GUEST SPEAKER MITCH BARNHART**

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



Mitch Barnhart, who is in his 14th year as University of Kentucky athletics director, is recognized as one of the best in the nation in his profession. He was named NCAA Division I Athletics Director of the Year at the annual convention of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

In February, Mr. Barnhart received the Sports Business Award from the Bluegrass Sports Commission. His multiple accolades came the same year he reached the goal of his “15 by 15 by 15 Plan”- an ambitious blueprint set in 2008 in which Kentucky would rank in the nation’s top 15 athletic programs and win 15 conference or national championships by 2015. At the same time, he set a goal of a 3.0 composite grade-point average for UK student-athletes and an even greater commitment to community service by Wildcat athletes and staff.

Mr. Barnhart has served on numerous national committees and currently is a member of the NCAA Division I Management Council, is chairman of the NCAA Competition Oversight Committee and is on the SEC Network Content Committee.

He is a native of Kansas City, Kansas and earned his bachelor’s degree from Ottawa University (Kansas) in 1981 and a master’s in sports administration from Ohio University.

In addition to the extraordinary achievements of his work world, reaching new heights is also a theme of his personal life. An avid mountain climber, he has scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, along with Mount Rainier in Washington and the Grand Teton in Wyoming. Active in community service, he is on the national advisory board of K-Love Radio.

Mr. Barnhart’s family includes his wife, Connie; three children, Blaire, Scott, and Kirby Willoughby; Kirby’s husband, McKenzie, and a grandson, Cooper.

# THANK YOU

*We appreciate the generosity of the benefactors and supporters of the Lexington Police Department.*

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## **“OF THE YEAR” AWARDS**

POLICE OFFICER		Officer Todd Hart
DETECTIVE		Detective Kevin Duane
UNIFORMED OFFICER		Officer Dawn Dunn
SUPERVISOR		Sergeant David Sadler
CIVILIAN		Ms. Michelle Gallo
FIELD TRAINING OFFICER		Officer Jeffrey Jones
CUSTOMER SERVICE		Ms. Barbie Tapp

## **POLICE EMPLOYEE AWARDS**

LIFE SAVING		Lieutenant Samuel Murdock Officer Michael Allgeier Officer Kelven Eden Officer Nichole Gibson Officer Brian McAllister Officer Brian Misik
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE		Commander Gregg Jones Commander Brian Maynard Lieutenant Chad Bacon Sergeant Aaron Kidd Sergeant Brian Martin Sergeant Samantha Moore Sergeant Nathaniel Muller Officer Chaz Grider Officer Jarvis Harris Officer Ricky Lynn Officer Timothy Moore Officer Stacy Shannon Officer Donald Williams Ms. Anna Burbage Ms. Eugenia Johnson-Smith Ms. Melinda Weathers
PROFESSIONAL ESTEEM		Lieutenant Jonathan Bastian Officer Jerome Bean (2) Officer Shannon Gahafer (2) Officer Timothy Moore Officer Stacy Shannon Officer Donald Williams

## **OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AWARDS**

- MERITORIOUS SERVICE | Lieutenant John Kearns
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE | Ms. Lou Anna Red Corn  
Mr. Larry Roberts
- APPRECIATION | Special Deputy U.S. Marshal Jacob Frick

## **CITIZEN AWARDS**

- CHIEF'S MEDAL | Mr. Dustin Hoover
- CITIZEN SERVICE MEDAL | Mr. Lazarus Davis  
Mr. Robert Farinelli  
Mr. Troy Hash  
Dr. Michele Hines, MD  
Mr. James Walter
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE | Mr. Dusty Cummins  
Mr. Josh Cummins  
Pastor Richard Gaines  
Ms. Neile Ifland  
Ms. Jani Lewis  
Ms. Holly Martin  
Ms. Dana Muller  
Pastor Willis Polk  
Ms. Jennifer True Reed  
Mr. William Saunders  
Mr. Robert Schmidt  
Pastor Keith Tyler  
Pastor Adrian Wallace  
Ms. Sarah Williams
- APPRECIATION | Sergeant Ellen Sam, Retired  
Ms. Marguerite West

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION BY CHIEF**

- CITIZEN COURAGE MEDAL | Mr. Antonio Reese-Murillo
- CAREER ACHIEVEMENT | Ms. Judy Barry



# *Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association*

*We are excited to support the Lexington Police Department by hosting the Police Awards Banquet this evening.*

*Tonight we recognize and honor police employees and citizens. We celebrate those who have performed in an exemplary manner during critical situations or have made significant contributions to police operations.*

*The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is grateful and appreciative of your support of these award recipients. Tonight, let us acknowledge their outstanding achievements and efforts.*



## **CPAAA AWARDS**

**RO TYSON AWARD RECIPIENT**  
ASSISTANT CHIEF LAWRENCE WEATHERS

**CPAAA SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT**  
MR. JIM DEMENT  
MR. FRANK PETERS

## IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

### SERGEANT ELLEN SAM, RETIRED

#### *Certificate of Appreciation*

On March 13, 2015, police and fire personnel were dispatched to the Technical Services Unit on Frankfort Court for an unresponsive man in a pickup truck. While visiting this facility, retired Sergeant Ellen Sam, along with sworn officers and civilians immediately responded to assist. The person was removed from the truck, and following an assessment, CPR was initiated. Sergeant Sam volunteered to do the rescue breathing while other officers began compressions.

Once paramedics arrived, they relieved the first responders and transported the man to Samaritan Hospital. The immediate response by Sergeant Sam to preserve a life demonstrates her level of professionalism and her compassion.

### MS. MARGUERITE WEST

#### *Certificate of Appreciation*

Ms. Marguerite West was traveling on Fortune Drive on her way to a yoga class when she noticed a small child walking in the snow. The temperature was about 20 degrees and the child was inadequately dressed for the weather. Ms. West stopped to see if the child needed help and found that he was alone without a guardian. The boy told her his name and that he was four years old. He went on to say that he was scared because he could not find his father. The child was unable to tell her his address or give directions back to his home.

While waiting for police, she learned that he had a sister who attended Liberty Elementary School. Because of this piece of information, officers were able to obtain a phone number for the child's parents. The parents who were unaware the child had left the home, quickly came to pick him up, and were grateful that their child was warm and safe. The child's parents were relieved to know that a caring citizen looked after their child in his time of need.

Ms. West showed great care and awareness for one of Lexington's youngest citizens and is deserving of recognition.

**MS. SARAH WILLIAMS**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



In 2015, Ms. Sarah Williams, a criminal intelligence analyst with the Kentucky State Police, assisted Lexington detectives in the apprehension of dozens of dangerous suspects both in-state and outside of Kentucky. She played a critical role in one notable case when she located a wanted fugitive from Fayette County in a small rural town in Illinois.

Ms. Williams assists Bluegrass Crime Stoppers and detectives by providing in-depth background information, locations and leads for wanted felons. Her professionalism and expertise in locating fugitives is impressive. Ms. Williams' dedication and commitment to tracking down criminals is worthy of recognition.

**MR. ROBERT SCHMIDT**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



In the fall of 2012, Mr. Robert Schmidt graduated from the 45th Citizen Police Academy class and became an alumni associate upon graduation from the CPA Master program. In 2014, he was elected to be the president of the CPA Alumni Association where he presided over monthly board meetings. He has attended every event the academy has hosted and has dedicated countless hours toward the success of the events.

From 2013 to 2015, Mr. Schmidt chaired the National Citizen Police Academy conference budget committee, which raised funds to allow the Lexington CPAAA to host the National Conference in May 2015. This conference had the highest attendance in the history of the NCPAA. Mr. Schmidt continues to serve on the committee as the past president. He is receiving this most deserved recognition because of his tremendous dedication and support for the CPAAA and the Lexington Police Department.



**SERGEANT BRIAN MARTIN**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**SERGEANT SAMANTHA MOORE**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**SERGEANT NATHANIEL MULLER**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**OFFICER RICKY LYNN**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**OFFICER TIMOTHY MOORE**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



**MS. NEILE IFLAND**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MS. JANI LEWIS**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MS. HOLLY MARTIN**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MS. DANA MULLER**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MS. JENNIFER TRUE REED**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

Sergeants Brian Martin, Samantha Moore, and Nathaniel Muller along with Officers Ricky Lynn and Timothy Moore, recognized a need for an outreach program to address the issue of street prostitution in Central Sector. Members of a Southland Christian Ministry team — Ms. Neile Ifland, Ms. Jani Lewis, Ms. Holly Martin, Ms. Dana Muller, and Ms. Jennifer True Reed – partnered with the officers to develop a program, which blossomed into the Natalie’s Sisters Project. The purpose of the project was to identify women involved in prostitution and provide them with resources that could assist them in breaking a destructive cycle and achieve a higher quality of life.

The services provided to program participants include education, career, medical, housing, and rehabilitation resources. Officers provide referrals, information, and security for the ministry team who rely on their guidance in their daily outreach.

This partnership has contacted over 135 women and has helped several to break the cycle of addiction and desperation. While working together, each organization utilizes its own resources and strengths to contribute to the shared goal.

Since the inception of the project in 2012, Natalie’s Sisters has become a non-profit organization focused on extending hope, support and love for women in the sex industry. The members of the ministry team and the police officers are an integral part of its success. This project highlights what can be accomplished through creative problem-solving and shared goals.

**PASTOR RICHARD GAINES,  
CONSOLIDATED BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



**PASTOR WILLIS POLK,  
IMANI BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**PASTOR KEITH TYLER,  
ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**PASTOR ADRIAN WALLACE,  
BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS, NAACP PRESIDENT**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

The Lexington community was shocked and outraged when three people were shot and another was kidnapped all within the span of five hours on November 17, 2015. As investigators interviewed witnesses, collected evidence, and worked to determine the motive behind these crimes, the family and friends of the victims worried that all of the incidents were related and feared that additional violent crimes would occur.

Members of the department's Community Chaplaincy Program were contacted for assistance. Pastors Richard Gaines, Tyler Keith, Willis Polk, and Adrian Wallace along with NAACP President William Saunders were familiar with the victim's families. They became liaisons between the involved parties.

They were briefed by detectives and began to engage the family and friends of the victims gathered at the hospital to soothe emotions and show them compassion. At a later date, the pastors would address the general topic of violence with their congregations in an effort to resolve issues and open a dialogue within the community.

These actions had a calming effect as fears were reduced and potential eye witnesses came forward to share their information. The willingness of each of these men to come forward during a tense, emotional situation exemplifies their commitment to resolve difficult issues and to bring about peace and unity throughout the community. It is a great effort worthy of recognition.

## **MR. LAZARUS DAVIS**

### *Citizen Service Medal*

Due to the quick thinking and fortitude of 8-year-old Lazarus Davis, two adult's lives were saved. Unfortunately, Lazarus was witness to a violent situation. He remained calm while protecting his younger brother from viewing and experiencing the escalating violence. When he realized there was imminent danger, he went to find and get help from an adult.

Lazarus brought an adult to the scene where he intervened, which led to a 911 call. However, the situation became dire when the adult was injured and the phone was dropped. When Lazarus saw the phone on the floor, he picked it up and spoke with the dispatcher who was on the line. He told the dispatcher his name and address and described what was happening. Officers arrived and stopped the crime in progress. Lazarus' brave actions and quick response ultimately saved the life of two adults while protecting his younger sibling, which make him deserving of the Citizen Service Medal.



## **MR. ROBERT FARINELLI**

### *Citizen Service Medal*

## **MR. TROY HASH**

### *Citizen Service Medal*

Officers and fire personnel were dispatched to an injury collision at the intersection of Clays Mill Road and Cindy Blair Way with a vehicle on fire. When officers arrived, the fire department was treating an elderly man and woman who had severe injuries. While talking to several witnesses, officers learned that the vehicle had run off the roadway and struck a tree.

Mr. Troy Hash and Mr. Robert Farinelli immediately stopped when they witnessed the fiery crash and noticed that no one had exited the vehicle. The two men approached the car and saw an elderly man in the driver seat. As they worked quickly to remove him from the vehicle, they saw a passenger with serious injuries. Once the driver was safe, they ran to the other side of the car and removed the passenger. They carried her to safety and administered first aid until emergency personnel arrived.

The actions of Mr. Hash and Mr. Farinelli undoubtedly saved the couple from further injury and possibly death. Their selfless and heroic actions are a testament to their extraordinary character and willingness to assist others.



## **MR. JAMES WALTER**

### *Citizen Service Medal*



An officer was dispatched to an injury collision at the intersection of New Circle Road and Eastland Drive. Upon arrival, he learned that the collision was the result of a medical emergency. Mr. James Walter had been stopped behind a brown Cadillac in traffic and when it did not move during a green light, he went around it.

As he was going around the vehicle, he saw the driver's head was back and her mouth was open. Fearing that the driver was in need of medical attention, he exited his vehicle to check on the woman. As he approached the vehicle, it began to roll into the busy intersection. Mr. Walter quickly opened the driver door to try to apply the brakes. However, he ended up tangled in the door and was dragged through the intersection.

The Cadillac collided with another vehicle, pinning him between the two cars. He suffered three broken ribs and a punctured lung due to the collision. It is because of Mr. Walter's selfless and heroic actions as he risked his life in the attempt to save another that he is receiving this award.

## **MR. DUSTIN HOOVER**

### *Chief's Medal*



In June 2015, while at a convenience store on South Broadway, an officer was approached by an employee asking for assistance with a person who was acting strange. When the officer went to investigate, he was attacked by a man who attempted to take the officer's firearm.

The officer deployed his Taser, however it was ineffective and the struggle continued. While the officer was attempting to communicate with E911, the man wrapped the officer in a bear hug.

During this altercation, everyone fled the store. Unsure whether or not the officer had called for assistance or how long it would take for backup to arrive, Dustin Hoover, a bystander, re-entered the store to assist the officer. He attempted to free the officer by striking the offender twice. Once the officer was released, Mr. Hoover remained in the store until other officers arrived. It is because of Mr. Hoover's actions that no one was seriously injured.

Mr. Hoover performed an extraordinary act of bravery by voluntarily assisting an officer in the performance of his duties while placing himself in a situation that could have caused him harm.

**SPECIAL DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL JACOB FRICK**  
**U.S. MARSHALS OFFICE**  
*Certificate of Appreciation*

Over the past year, Special Deputy Jacob Frick has directly supported Bluegrass Crime Stoppers and the Lexington Police Department. His immediate attention to tips received through the Crime Stoppers tip line has led to the apprehension of numerous fugitives in our community.

On many occasions, he has left his home in the middle of the night, in addition to working long hours and weekends, to follow up on leads. Special Deputy Frick's dedication is very much appreciated by the Lexington Police Department.

**LOU ANNA RED CORN**  
**ASSISTANT COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

For almost thirty years, Lou Anna Red Corn has served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Fayette County working closely with Robbery Homicide and Special Victims Units. She has taken over 250 felony cases, including 50 homicides, to trial. Notable cases she has successfully prosecuted include Shane Ragland for the murder of Trent DiGiuro, and more recently, Steve Nunn for the murder of Amanda Ross.

In 1989, she developed the protocol and continues to facilitate the Fayette County Multidisciplinary Team — a group of social workers, prosecutors, crime victim advocates, and law enforcement personnel — who review allegations for investigation, intervention and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases. The team evolved into the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass of which Lou Anna is a founding and current board member.

She is a knowledgeable and respected resource for detectives and prosecutors in preparing complete and thorough cases for prosecution. Ms. Red Corn is a staunch advocate with great compassion, particularly for the community's youngest citizens and is most worthy of recognition.



**LARRY ROBERTS**  
**FAYETTE COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



For over ten years, Mr. Larry Roberts has served as Fayette County Attorney with continuous support for Lexington police officers. He has sponsored officers who have attended training courses that include: Collision reconstruction, gang investigation, interview techniques, narcotics investigation, and polygraph procedures. Through his generosity, officers receive advanced training in the latest techniques and standards for the successful prosecution of cases.

Mr. Roberts' ensured that the Motorcycle Unit was able to attend Police Week in Washington, D.C. to honor fallen officers from across the country. He donated funds to purchase a Narcotics Detection Canine and sponsored enough tables for all of the new police recruits to attend the 2015 Police Awards Banquet. Additionally, when federal grant funding for the Gang Enforcement Program was discontinued, he sponsored the program so youth camps and mentoring programs could continue.

Mr. Roberts is a committed leader whose unwavering support of the Lexington Police Department, and service to the citizens of Lexington, is invaluable and worthy of recognition.

**LIEUTENANT JOHN KEARNS**  
**KENTUCKY STATE POLICE**  
*Meritorious Service Award*



On November 13, 2015, Lieutenant Kearns was off-duty when he noticed a serious injury collision involving a motorcycle and an SUV at the intersection of Man O War Boulevard and Rio Dosa Drive. He stopped to render aid and found that the operator of the motorcycle had suffered an amputation of the right leg above the knee resulting in the femoral artery being severed. Recognizing the risk of death due to the extreme blood loss, Lieutenant Kearns quickly applied a tourniquet to the remaining part of the victim's leg and continued to render additional aid until the paramedics could transport him to the hospital.

At the University of Kentucky Hospital, two of the trauma surgeons who treated the injuries stated that without the prompt action taken by Lieutenant Kearns at the scene, the motorcyclist would have certainly succumbed to the injuries shortly after the collision.

Lieutenant Kearns is being recognized because of his life saving assistance to a citizen of Lexington and his exceptional character.

## **OFFICER JEROME BEAN**

*Professional Esteem Award*



## **OFFICER SHANNON GAHAFER**

*Professional Esteem Award*

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was one of many community service programs that the department discontinued several years ago. It was later recognized as being one of the most effective community outreach programs offered and needed to be reinstated. It was designed to help residents, owners and managers of rental property reduce drug trafficking and other illegal activity from occurring on their properties thus improving the quality of life for their residents.

In 2015, Officers Jerome Bean and Shannon Gahafer began the process of bringing the program back. In preparation, they identified and attended training courses in order to become certified Crime Free Multi-Housing instructors. Once certified, they spent numerous hours updating the program, creating a class curriculum and scheduling dates for the course. The officers invited code enforcement, local attorneys, the fire department, tenant services, narcotics detectives, gang resource officers, and crime prevention officers to participate and share their expertise with attendees.

Through this five month process, specific multi-housing properties were identified and their managers, owners and directors were recruited to attend the course. The first phase of the program was implemented with forty-three people attending the initial class. The attendees were impressed with the presentation and shared their experience and valuable information learned from the course with other property owners and managers, which increased the demand for additional classes.

The commitment and dedication of Officers Bean and Gahafer in improving the quality of life for residents in Lexington is commendable and worthy of recognition.

## **OFFICER TIMOTHY MOORE**

### *Professional Esteem Award*



In October 2015, a theft occurred that resulted in the loss of numerous pieces of equipment including firearms. The investigation began immediately spanning several jurisdictions with multiple agencies assisting. Countless leads were investigated, forensic evidence and fingerprints were gathered, intelligence was analyzed, neighborhoods were canvassed, and surveillance was conducted for the case.

The big break came the following week when Officer Timothy Moore was dispatched to investigate a suspicious person. He quickly assessed the situation and identified an armed individual who immediately fled when approached. Officer Moore initiated a foot pursuit and apprehended the suspect who was in possession of a stolen firearm. This arrest was crucial to the investigation of the stolen property, which led investigators to a residence in Nicholasville and other cities where the remaining stolen property was recovered. Two individuals were charged in connection to this case.

The nature of his training with the Emergency Response Unit prepared Officer Moore to respond appropriately to the situation and apprehend the suspect without incident. It is because his response in this case was done in an exemplary manner that he has earned the esteem of fellow officers and is receiving this award.

## **OFFICER DONALD WILLIAMS**

### *Professional Esteem Award*



Officer Donald Williams has served the Lexington Police Department and citizens of Fayette County with great pride and distinction throughout his career, specifically in the area of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement. In 2015, he led the agency with the most DUI arrests - a distinction that has occurred for the past eighteen years and has been recognized each year with the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award given by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety.

His commitment to keep Lexington citizens safe, whether pedestrian or motorist, has earned the esteem of his peers. Officer Williams has undoubtedly saved countless lives through his dedication to removing impaired drivers from the streets.

**LIEUTENANT JONATHAN BASTIAN**

*Professional Esteem Award*



**OFFICER JEROME BEAN**

*Professional Esteem Award*

**OFFICER SHANNON GAHAFER**

*Professional Esteem Award*

**OFFICER STACY SHANNON**

*Professional Esteem Award*

In September 2015, Lieutenant Jonathan Bastian and Officers Jerome Bean, Shannon Gahafer and Stacy Shannon participated in a pilot project to develop the first Police Activities League Academic Team as a partnership between the Lexington Police Department and two elementary schools.

The project focused on the officers personally interacting with the students by participating in weekly practices and demonstrating a commitment to the students and their well-being. Through this partnership, a unique bond developed between each of the academic team students and their PAL Academic Team Officer.

The actions and devotion expressed by each officer rose above and beyond their normal scope and expectations of service. They truly represented themselves and the department in a positive manner. Through their loyalty and dedication with this project, each officer has earned the respect of their peers and has helped develop long-lasting relationships within the two elementary schools.

**MS. ANNA BURBAGE**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



In 1971, Ms. Anna Burbage became a School Crossing Guard for the Lexington Police Department. For over forty-four years, she has made sure that children were able to go to and from school safely every morning and afternoon. Ms. Burbage has worked numerous posts over the years. For the majority of her career, her post was at Beth Lane and Cornwall Drive where she served the students of Stonewall Elementary School.

Ms. Burbage has always been reliable and reported to her post regardless of weather conditions. She has maintained this post for such an amazing amount of time that she began to help the children of those who were children twenty and thirty years ago.

Ms. Burbage retired in January 2016. However, the outstanding job she performed will not be forgotten. Her dedication and years of serving the community make her most deserving of this award.

**MS. EUGENIA JOHNSON-SMITH**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



Ms. Eugenia Johnson-Smith has been employed with the department since 1987. Early in her career, she began to look for ways to represent the department in a positive light throughout the community. Initially, she did this on a daily basis by producing comprehensive analytical reports for police employees, other government agencies and citizens.

However, simply doing her job was not enough. She began volunteering as a representative for the department working with community and charitable organizations. Her personnel folder is full of letters of appreciation for her commitment and service to various groups. For nearly twenty years, she has served as a coordinator for the annual United Way drive and the Police Relay for Life team. She is a volunteer for the Partners for Youth, Grassroots Committee and a committee member for the “Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk” sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Recently, she became a member of the Police Cook Team where she enthusiastically works at various events. The positive representation that Ms. Johnson-Smith consistently demonstrates for the department is most worthy of recognition.

## **MS. MELINDA WEATHERS**

### *Distinguished Service Award*

As a Victim Advocate, Melinda Weathers devotes much of her time to assisting victims of domestic violence and abuse. In 2015 she recognized that families of homicide victims need support similar to services she already provides. Ms. Weathers took time to research the idea, discuss the idea with others in the state, and ultimately develop a program known as H.A.L.O. (Healing and Living Onward). The program partners with Hospice of the Bluegrass to provide an opportunity for families to come together in a safe environment where they are free to express themselves. It also allows the police department to educate and guide families through the criminal justice system.



Because of Ms. Weathers' efforts and concerns for those within the community, the Lexington Police Department is better equipped to offer services to families who have lost a loved one due to homicide. The dedication and commitment Ms. Weathers has displayed is most worthy of recognition.

## **OFFICER CHAZ GRIDER**

### *Distinguished Service Award*

On May 2, 2015, Officer Grider was dispatched to a home regarding a mentally challenged man who was missing. Prior to his arrival at the home, Officer Grider received information that the missing person was possibly being treated at Saint Joseph Hospital. This information was given to the mother, and he accompanied her to the hospital.



Once at the hospital, Officer Grider witnessed the son acting aggressively toward his mother and learned that he would soon be released to the care of his mother. Sensing her concern and feeling the situation could become more volatile, Officer Grider spoke with the physician on staff to explain the situation. The physician understood the concern and potential for violence. He agreed not to release the son until he could be transferred to another facility for further treatment.

After locating the son at the hospital, Officer Grider could have easily left the scene and cleared the call. However, his dedication to service and compassion for others compelled him to provide further assistance and ensure that everyone involved remained safe. Going above and beyond his duties, these actions speak highly of Officer Grider's character and the service he provides to the citizens of Lexington.

## **OFFICER DONALD WILLIAMS**

### *Distinguished Service Award*

Officer Donald Williams has dedicated much of his career to DUI enforcement and investigations. He has served as an expert witness, taught DUI enforcement to recruit officers and is an Intoxilyzer Technician.



In the spring of 2015, the Implied Consent legislation for DUI investigations changed. Prior to its implementation, Officer Williams reviewed the new documents provided by the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT). He believed the new warnings did not offer the best chance for successful prosecution of DUI cases.

Officer Williams informed his supervisors of his concerns and met with both the Fayette County Attorney and members of DOCJT. During these meetings, he was able to articulate the issues in a thorough and convincing manner. Both offices agreed with the proposed changes to the new implied consent forms. By working quickly and efficiently, the new forms were in place in time for the legislative change on June 24, 2015. This would not have occurred had it not been for Officer Williams' foresight to proactively research and address the pending legislation.

## **OFFICER JARVIS HARRIS**

### *Distinguished Service Award*

From 2008 through 2015, Officer Jarvis Harris has served in the Lexington Police Department Honor Guard Unit. During this time, he participated in hundreds of details, which include line-of-duty funerals, parades and government ceremonies. Some of these events occurred with short notice and involved significant travel.



Officer Harris' strong work ethic and willingness to help were not only evident through these functions, but also as an instructor in the Honor Guard School. As an instructor, he taught officers throughout the state and region the basics of Honor Guard procedures. His instruction has directly impacted dozens of police agencies and has given them the tools and techniques needed to properly honor their fallen officers. The dedication and faithful service Officer Harris displayed during his time in the unit reflects positively on his character and is certainly worthy of recognition.

## **SERGEANT AARON KIDD**

### *Distinguished Service Award*



Sergeant Aaron Kidd has provided a unique service over the past several years to the families of fallen officers and military personnel. This service reflects positively on his character and displays his personal respect and compassion for them. Through his Honor Guard duties, Sergeant Kidd is routinely in contact with the families of fallen officers and soldiers.

Of his own accord, he makes customized memorial shadow boxes with the fallen officer's personal memorabilia and presents them to family members. Sergeant Kidd absorbs the cost for materials and the time required to design these memorial boxes, which is done freely and with no expectation of recognition. This is a direct reflection of his desire to help others and a great example of the pride that he has in representing the Lexington Police Department.

The appearance of the memorial boxes, the quality of his work, and the consideration he gives the family, demonstrate his attention to detail and dedication that he has put into each of these spectacular memorials.

## **LIEUTENANT CHAD BACON**

### *Distinguished Service Award*



Lieutenant Chad Bacon is the Special Events Coordinator for the Department. In addition to his regular duties as a traffic supervisor, he was tasked with organizing and planning traffic control, security and logistics for one of the busiest years for special events being held in Lexington.

In planning over eighty special events, Lieutenant Bacon worked with many community partners, including government entities and other law enforcement agencies, to ensure each function was a success. Many of these events were considered high profile such as the first ever Thursday night football game at Commonwealth Stadium, three NCAA tournament celebrations, and the first Breeders' Cup held at Keeneland Race Course.

Lieutenant Bacon's commitment and dedication contributed significantly to the success of each event. He provided superior service to the community while assigned to this demanding position. It is due to his dedication and professionalism that he receives this award.

## **OFFICER STACY SHANNON**

### *Distinguished Service Award*



For the past eleven years, Officer Stacy Shannon has served in the police Honor Guard Unit. She was at the top of the list for officers who worked the most details each year in the unit, which exemplified her strong work ethic and willingness to help.

Officer Shannon served as an instructor in the annual Honor Guard School and taught officers throughout the state and region the fundamentals of Honor Guard procedures. She has had a direct impact on many agencies by teaching proper techniques and skills to be performed at ceremonies, parades and funerals. More recently, she stepped up as a leader within the unit, assigning details, managing the work schedule and coordinating unit training.

The devotion and commitment Officer Shannon displayed during her time in the unit are a positive reflection of her character and are certainly worthy of recognition.

## **COMMANDER GREGG JONES**

### *Distinguished Service Award*



## **COMMANDER BRIAN MAYNARD**

### *Distinguished Service Award*

Commanders Brian Maynard and Gregg Jones began planning and preparing for the 2015 Breeders' Cup Event in early February 2015. They coordinated and attended numerous planning meetings with other government and private partners to ensure that the needs and expectations were met, and they continued to perform their regularly assigned duties proficiently. They worked meticulously to schedule and organize a plan for security, traffic control, parking, and other related events.

The commanders worked together to develop a staffing plan, which took into account other annual special events such as the Thriller Parade, Halloween activities, and a University of Kentucky Football game scheduled to occur on the same day. The Breeders' Cup drew record crowds to Keeneland, and organizers were so impressed with its success, they are now touting Lexington as a model for future Breeders' Cup events.

Their teamwork and commitment truly distinguishes each as a professional and deserving of recognition.



**LIEUTENANT SAMUEL MURDOCK**  
*Life Saving Award*



**DR. MICHELE HINES, MD**  
*Citizen Service Medal*

**OFFICER BRIAN MISIK**  
*Life Saving Award*

On April 16, 2015 at the YMCA on West Loudon Avenue, an emergency page for assistance was broadcast by a staff member. While off-duty, Dr. Michele Hines, Lieutenant Murdock and Officer Misik heard the emergency page and stepped in to care for a man who was in medical distress. The man was not breathing and had no pulse. Lieutenant Murdock and Dr. Hines began to administer CPR while the YMCA staff retrieved the first aid bag and the defibrillator.

Following the initial assessment, a defibrillator was utilized to confirm there was no pulse and a shock was administered. Lieutenant Murdock performed rescue breathing, while Officer Misik and Dr. Hines continued chest compressions.

The man regained a steady pulse by the time paramedics arrived. The paramedics complimented the officers and Dr. Hines on a job well done. The patient was transported to St. Joseph Hospital and is alive today because of the quick response and direct actions of Dr. Hines, Lieutenant Murdock and Officer Misik.

**OFFICER MICHAEL ALLGEIER**  
*Life Saving Award*

In March 2015, Officer Michael Allgeier responded to a call on Hialeah Court for an unconscious 23-year-old. Arriving at the home, he located a man on the bathroom floor being tended to by others who stated he had no pulse and was not breathing.



After assessing the situation, Officer Allgeier immediately repositioned the man and began CPR. Eventually, he began to breathe on his own. Medical personnel arrived and transported him to the hospital. While recovering, the man expressed his thanks to Officer Allgeier. His quick life saving action is worthy of recognition.

## **OFFICER KELVEN EDEN**

### *Life Saving Award*



## **OFFICER BRIAN MCALLISTER**

### *Life Saving Award*

In April 2015, Officer Kelven Eden was working off duty at the Lextran Transit Center. He was notified by Lextran authorities that there was an unresponsive man on a bus that was parked just a few bays away. He immediately requested assistance and ran to the bus to locate the man. Officer Eden quickly assessed that he was not breathing and did not have a pulse, so he began CPR.

Hearing the call for assistance, Officer Brian McAllister quickly arrived to assist and began administering rescue breathing as Officer Eden performed chest compressions. After a few minutes of CPR, a faint pulse was detected. Shortly thereafter, paramedics arrived and relieved the officers. The patient began to speak and identified himself while he was being transported to Central Baptist Hospital, where he eventually made a full recovery.

Officer McAllister and Officer Eden each provided direct, immediate and positive action that preserved the life of a citizen.

## **OFFICER NICHOLE GIBSON**

### *Life Saving Award*



On May 13, 2015, Officer Nichole Gibson was dispatched to a call on Rustic Way regarding a person having a medical emergency. Upon her arrival, she made contact with a complainant at the residence who was standing in the doorway shouting, "She's not breathing!"

Officer Gibson quickly made her way into the residence and observed an unresponsive woman who was lying on the living room floor. The woman's mother was kneeling on the floor next to her attempting to render aid. Officer Gibson knelt down on the other side to check her condition. After assessing the unconscious woman's condition, she immediately began CPR.

Upon completing several chest compressions, a faint pulse was detected and the woman began to breathe on her own. Officer Gibson stopped CPR and monitored her condition until paramedics arrived. The patient was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital where she was in good condition and talking with hospital staff.

Unquestionably, Officer Gibson saved the life of this person by taking direct, immediate action in starting CPR.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION BY THE CHIEF**

These discretionary awards are given by the Chief of Police in recognition of persons with extraordinary character, who performed actions or provided services that have inspired others and does not meet the criteria of other award categories.

### **CITIZEN COURAGE MEDAL**

Presented in recognition of an exceptional individual who has inspired others by demonstrating extraordinary strength and courage.

### **CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Presented to any employee to recognize their outstanding service and accomplishments spanning their career with the Lexington Police Department. The award honors an employee who has made significant contributions to the department over an extended period of time, while being a leader and inspiration to others.

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### **MR. ANTONIO REESE-MURILLO**

#### *Citizen Courage Medal*

Antonio Reese-Murillo is a nine-year-old child described by his family as being smart, athletic and having a magnetic personality. Life changed in an instant when he became a crime victim on March 7, 2015. He was shot while riding in the back seat of his family's car and suffered life-threatening injuries. Antonio was rushed to the hospital where the prognosis was grim, but fortunately he survived.

Over the past year, he has put up quite a fight to regain normalcy in his life having conquered numerous surgeries, therapies and fears. His determination to move past that terrible moment is apparent to everyone who meets him. When asked if he is having a good day, his matter of fact response will be, "I have good days and bad days, but I know if I have a bad day today, I'll have a better day tomorrow."

Antonio has had an incredible impact on his family, investigating officers, prosecutors, and victim advocates involved in his case. The entire community has rallied around the family in support of his recovery. Donations for a service dog for Antonio, transportation for the family, and fundraising efforts continue for ongoing medical expenses. Today, the magnetic personality and strength he displayed prior to his injury is still obvious to everyone who meets him.

This young man's courage and perseverance is what we celebrate tonight by presenting him with the Citizen Courage Medal. Antonio Reese-Murillo is an inspiration to all and it is with great honor that we present him with this award.

**MR. DUSTY CUMMINS**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

**MR. JOSH CUMMINS**  
*Distinguished Service Award*



Brothers Dusty and Josh Cummins, owners of Dan Cummins Chevrolet-Buick, learned from seeing a follow-up story on WLEX 18 News that one year later, Antonio Reese-Murillo and his family were still riding in the same vehicle where Antonio had been shot as a passenger.

Driving daily in the car was a constant reminder of the trauma they had suffered. The Cummins brothers knew they could give assistance with the transportation and additional needs of the family and offered to help. They came forward and donated a 2015 Chrysler Towne and Country van to this family in an effort to help them move past the painful memories.

After donating the vehicle, Josh and Dusty met with the family and were inspired by young Antonio, who was raising funds to pay for a service dog. The Cummins families challenged the community to donate money to pay for his new companion. This challenge paid off, and now the family has the funds needed to purchase this life-changing service animal.

The amazing generosity and heart-felt support from the entire Cummins family and the community has tremendously improved the outlook of the ongoing recovery of Antonio and his family. Your exceptional compassion and community leadership is to be commended and it is with great honor that we present you with this Distinguished Service Award.



**MS. JUDY BARRY**  
*Career Achievement Award*

Judy Barry began her career with the Lexington Police Department forty-two years ago on October 7, 1974. She was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau as a Narcotics Unit Typist working closely with detectives to ensure that the proper reports were prepared and ready to be used in court proceedings. In 1977, she transferred to the Central Records Unit where she still serves both members of the police department and citizens of the community today.

Often, the first person a new officer will meet in Central Records is Ms. Barry. She has assisted hundreds of officers over the years to understand the judicial process from the records-keeping side of the police department when she helped them locate and prepare case files for court testimony. In performing her job in such a friendly, personal and helpful manner, she has calmed many officers preparing to walk from police headquarters to the court house in anticipation of their first court appearance. She continues to have this effect on veteran officers today whether the case is a simple criminal trespass or a complicated homicide.

This same helpful attitude is also present as she serves citizens who visit police headquarters to pick up a report, ask for directions or request police services. She treats everyone with respect and works tirelessly to fulfill their needs.

After 42 years of service, some may expect that Ms. Berry would drag her feet or grumble in the performance of her daily tasks. On the contrary, she is faithful in her service and dedicated to the work that she calls her own. Her positive work ethic has been recognized over the years through Letters of Appreciation, Unit Citations and Professional Service Awards.

Judy Barry has always been a beloved colleague, helper and friend, and for that steadfast commitment to serving and helping others, she is being presented with the Career Achievement Award.



**MS. BARBIE TAPP**  
*Customer Service of the Year*

Barbie Tapp greets each person with a smile and a positive attitude upon entering the office or talking to on the phone. As Staff Assistant Senior, she is able to quickly explain what services and functions can be requested of Planning and Analysis and directs them to the appropriate personnel. Additionally, she often greets individuals in the lobby and directs them to meeting locations.

Ms. Tapp ensures employees returning from military duty or extended leave are made aware of procedural changes that have occurred in their absence. She also manages deadlines and reviews reports for accuracy and clarity.

During the past year, Ms. Tapp assisted the Community Services Section with the Memorial Golf Outing, various Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association events, coordinated the civilian uniform order and assisted with family photos at the department Christmas Party.

Ms. Tapp is a dedicated professional with a positive and pleasant attitude who ensures that the needs of others are met, which is why she was chosen to receive this award.

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**OFFICER JEFFREY JONES**  
*Field Training Officer of the Year*

The Field Training Officer program is a critical component in the strategic development of recruit officers. Officers selected to serve in this leadership role are tasked with instructing and mentoring the department's newest officers. Careful consideration is given to the individual needs of each recruit.

With 18 years of experience, Officer Jeffrey Jones has served in the Emergency Response, CLEAR and Neighborhood Resource Units and with the Training Section. As an FTO, his work ethic, commitment, and positive attitude are tremendous assets that benefit each recruit. These leadership qualities set him apart as a role model that supervisors and fellow officers respect.

Officer Jones' enthusiasm is contagious and he consistently demonstrates the highest standard of professionalism in the training and development of recruit police officers who are assigned to him. It is because his commitment to the department and community is evident in every aspect of his work performance that he is receiving this award.



**MS. MICHELLE GALLO**  
*Civilian Employee of the Year*

Michelle Gallo began employment on December 29, 2014 as the Computer Systems Manager who is responsible for the AS400 Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System. Her predecessor retired eight months prior to her appointment leaving no opportunity for a transfer of knowledge. Ms. Gallo inherited a computer system with little documentation about how it functioned for the department. To gain a better understanding, she initiated meetings with people who had institutional knowledge about department operations.

Throughout the first year of her employment, she designed and implemented several improvements to the computer system to enhance its efficiency and the accuracy of data. She completed many requests from end users. Supervisors received many compliments on the quality of her work, the way she resolved problems, and the improvements she made to streamline the workflow of employees.

She attended the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) and the CPA Master's Program to broaden her knowledge regarding the many aspects of law enforcement. She also completed "The Academy", an Urban County Government sponsored management training program, to improve her leadership skills.

Ms. Gallo is a highly motivated employee whose work ethic is worthy of recognition.

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**SERGEANT DAVID SADLER**  
*Supervisor of the Year*

Officer David Sadler was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in Patrol and within six months was transferred to a temporary assignment in the Bureau of Investigation to supervise a Violent Crimes Task Force. He quickly determined the goals for this unit and began working to combat violent crime in the community. With his leadership and willingness to work a flexible schedule, this group became very successful with many firearms recovered, warrants served and arrests made.

Following the temporary assignment and a brief return to Patrol, Sergeant Sadler was selected to serve full-time in the Intelligence Unit. He was also assigned a new part-time task force whose officers would continue to focus on violent crime. Officers under his command were assigned cases appropriate to their level of experience and he set a good example with his positive attitude and leadership.

Many officers and supervisors were involved in the success of the Violent Crimes Task Force, but Sergeant Sadler — a newly promoted Sergeant — went beyond routine expectations as a supervisor. He received multiple nominations for this award from both command staff and those he supervised, which is very unusual and speaks to his success.



**OFFICER DAWN DUNN**  
*Uniformed Officer of the Year*

Over the past year, Officer Dawn Dunn has been instrumental in addressing specific problem areas in Central Sector where she frequently works special assignments involving narcotics complaints, trespassing, burglaries and other criminal activity. With her contacts in Probation and Parole, DEA, ATF, and the Commonwealth Attorney's office, she has become a resource for officers investigating many violent or repeat offenders.

Officer Dunn attended neighborhood meetings where residents identified ongoing problems in the Ross street area and was asked to resolve them. Many of the issues involved nuisance offenses and criminal activity. She coordinated with Code Enforcement, the Narcotics Enforcement Unit and the Neighborhood Resource Officer to address the problems. Several arrests were made, and residents were evicted from three properties. The neighborhood association president was very complimentary and appreciative of the effort to resolve their concerns.

Officer Dunn's dedication to improving neighborhoods and the community is truly making Central Sector a better place to live and work. She uses her police instincts, interview skills, and partnerships with outside agencies to positively impact Central Sector and the entire community, which is why she is receiving this award.

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**DETECTIVE KEVIN DUANE**  
*Detective of the Year*

As a member of the Intelligence Unit, Detective Kevin Duane personally initiated or was involved with successfully bringing charges against many individuals tied to violent crime. While working many hours conducting surveillance, interviewing informants, and working with other officers, he exhibited a desire to do "good police work" on a daily basis. It is evident by the number of arrests, firearms recovered and narcotics seized that Detective Duane was integral to the success of reducing violent crime in the city.

Detective Duane routinely conducts one-on-one conversations with his arrestees in an attempt to offer life options other than participating in criminal activity. One example is a case involving juvenile gang members who were arrested. He invited their parents to police headquarters to discuss the arrests. Due to the ages of these individuals, Detective Duane took the opportunity to make the parents aware of what their children were involved in and the serious nature of their recent actions. After reviewing the social media videos and posts of their children displaying firearms, the parents were thankful for being informed about their children's activities and the different options available to get their children away from violent crime.

Self-motivation, determination and a proactive mind-set are characteristics of Detective Duane. His ability to actively investigate individuals or groups with an end toward a quality prosecution and resolution make him deserving of recognition.



**OFFICER TODD HART**  
*Police Officer of the Year*

Officer Todd Hart has been assigned to East Sector for almost eight years and has worked primarily in the Eastland Area. As senior officer, many rely on his knowledge and reputation as a dedicated professional and turn to him for advice when there is an issue.

In late September, East and West sectors experienced an increase in burglaries and thefts at horse farms in rural Fayette County. Officer Hart was assigned to canvas the North Cleveland area, and it did not take him long to identify a suspect in the crimes. He introduced himself to horse farm owners as a contact for the police department and asked if there had been any suspicious or unreported thefts. At one farm, an owner told him he had been contacted by a former employee who was selling a Yamaha 4-wheeler. The owner purchased the vehicle but admitted the deal was too good to be true.

As Officer Hart began his investigation, he was contacted by another farm owner who wanted to report a burglary to her garage where a Yamaha 4-wheeler had been taken. He immediately notified detectives and they began to work the lead, which eventually led them to Trent Circle where the former employee's girlfriend lived. During an interview at her residence, she attempted to flee out the back of the apartment but was apprehended. Inside the apartment, \$13,000 of stolen property from vehicles and burglaries, as well as narcotics, was recovered. Additionally, eight cases were solved as a result of the investigation.

At a meeting in October, Officer Hart and others from the police department met with hotel staff regarding a number of issues in the Elkhorn Road area. Due to his reputation for successful solutions, employees and a regional manager came to Officer Hart for guidance on how to improve safety for guests and security of the property. They were very receptive to his guidance and suggestions to improve the image of their business and to deter crime. It was evident that he had spent countless hours working with local businesses to implement strategies and help improve the area.

Officer Hart's work is an example of what community policing is about and what community policing can accomplish when an officer is truly dedicated to solving problems.

## **“OF THE YEAR” AWARDS**

### **POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Highest award that is presented to a Lexington police officer of any rank who has consistently demonstrated the highest standard of performance and exceptional achievement and whose formal and informal leadership qualities exemplify a role model within the organization.

### **DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR**

Presented to a detective who reflects a high standard of performance and exceptional achievement while being assigned to the Bureau of Investigation.

### **UNIFORMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Presented to a police officer who performs to a high standard and is a positive example shown by his/her conduct, professionalism, work ethic and motivation.

### **SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**

Presented to a police employee of the rank of Sergeant or above who consistently demonstrates the highest standard of performance, professionalism and work ethic in their job assignment and in the development, management and guidance of their personnel.

### **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Presented to a civilian employee who consistently demonstrates a positive and professional work ethic, displays initiative and a willingness to perform job tasks in an outstanding manner.

### **FIELD TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Presented to an active Field Training Officer who consistently demonstrates the highest standard of performance, professionalism and work ethic in the training and development of recruit police officers.

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE OF THE YEAR**

Presented to a police employee who consistently demonstrates a courteous and professional work ethic while responding to the needs of the organization or community.

## **POLICE EMPLOYEE AWARDS**

### **LIFE SAVING AWARD**

Presented to an employee who unquestionably saved or prolonged the life of another person in peril by taking direct, immediate and positive action.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to an employee for distinguished service of extraordinary character to the Lexington Police Department and/or the community.

## **PROFESSIONAL ESTEEM AWARD**

Presented to an employee in recognition of exemplary performance of duty, a service or project and in so doing has earned the esteem of fellow employees of the Lexington Police Department and the citizens of Lexington, Kentucky.

## **OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AWARDS**

### **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Presented for direct, immediate and positive action resulting in the saving of a human life, preventing bodily harm to others or halting a major crime in progress.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Presented in recognition of significant acts of outstanding character by a member or another law enforcement agency in direct support of Lexington Police Department operations.

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Presented to any law enforcement official who renders outstanding and valuable assistance to any employee of the Lexington Police Department and/or the community.

## **CITIZEN AWARDS**

### **CHIEF'S MEDAL**

Presented for an extraordinary act of heroism, bravery or exceptional service in direct support of an officer while engaged in performing police duties.

### **CITIZEN SERVICE MEDAL**

Presented to any citizen who performs direct, immediate, and positive action, which resulted in saving a human life, prevented grievous bodily harm to others or halted a major crime in progress.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to any citizen who performs significant and long-term acts directly associated with and in support of Lexington Police Department operations. The actions must be of exceptional and outstanding character.

### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Presented to any citizen who renders outstanding and valuable assistance to any employee of the police department and/or the community.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

To be presented at a later date in 2016

Lieutenant Kevin Metcalf

Lieutenant Clayton Roberts

Sergeant Franklin Patrick

Sergeant Jason Rothermund

Sergeant Jason Yeager

Detective Ronnelius Arnold

Officer Timothy Ball

Officer Andrew Cain

Detective Tyson Carroll

Officer Donald Childers

Detective David Collins

Detective Garry Cottrell

Officer Timothy Dawson

Officer Clifton Grimm

Officer Matthew Jordan

Officer Shane Kennedy

Officer Scott Lynch

Officer Gregory Marlin

Officer Stephanie McClain

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