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Westminster Police Department Recognizes Promotions, Outstanding Employees, and Citizens

The Westminster Police Department (WPD) hosted its annual **Departmental Awards and Promotions Ceremony** on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the McDaniel College Lounge. During the ceremony, the WPD recognized a number of Police Department employees, a departmental volunteer, and a local citizen for their contributions to the Department and to the community during 2018. Additionally, Chief Thomas Ledwell acknowledged those recently promoted to the ranks of Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant.

Below is a list of those who received awards for their work in 2018:

- Police Officer of the Year – Drug Task Force Detective (name withheld)
- Civilian of the Year – Karen Bullock
- Catherine's Cause DUI Enforcement Award – Corporal Jesse Clagett
- Chief's Commendations – Detective Sergeant Richard Lambert, Sergeant Timothy Rife, and PFC Spencer Voland
- Life Saving Award – PFC Allan Bullington
- Maryland State Crisis Intervention Team Award – Sergeant Adam Laser
- Sons of the American Revolution Award – Sergeant Timothy Rife
- Volunteer of the Year – Auxiliary Lt. Kenny Carlisle

Additional information on these award recipients, as well as those recently promoted, is provided below.

Council Member Tony Chiavacci, who is chairman of the public safety committee, expressed gratitude and appreciation to each of the award recipients on behalf of the Mayor and Common Council. Council Member Chiavacci stated, "the Mayor and Council take great pride in the work that the Westminster Police Department does every day to insure that the citizens and visitors to Westminster can enjoy life here in a safe and friendly environment."

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2018 Westminster Police Department Award Recipients

Police Officer of the Year:

A detective (name withheld due to current assignment) who is assigned to the Carroll County Drug Task Force was awarded Police Officer of the Year for his significant contributions during 2018 regarding drug investigations and for helping to combat the current national drug epidemic.



Civilian of the Year:

Administrative Assistant Karen Bullock has been a member of the Westminster Police Department for 19 years. Ms. Bullock completes departmental payroll, transcribes for the Criminal Investigations Bureau, and coordinates departmental events, such as police officer swearing-in, promotional, and awards ceremonies. Ms. Bullock has been an integral part of WPD's community events, such as Shop with a Cop (both holiday and back to school), Special Olympics Torch Run, and Cops on Rooftops.

Pictured left to right:
Chief Ledwell, Karen Bullock,
and Councilmember Tony
Chivacchi

Catherine's Cause DUI Enforcement Award:

Catherine's Cause is an anti-drunk driving organization founded by Cindy and Phil Mullikin following the death of their daughter, Catherine, who was killed by a drunk driver on November 28, 1998 at the age of 20.

The 2018 Catherine's Cause Impaired Driving Enforcement Award was presented to Corporal Jesse Clagett for his 25 DUI arrests. Cpl. Clagett has been recognized in the Circuit Court for Carroll County as an "expert witness" regarding the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test or HGN. HGN is one of a series of Standardized Field Sobriety tests used to determine a driver's level of sobriety.



Chief's Commendation Award:

Detective Sergeant Richard Lambert was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Bureau in July and was assigned 29 criminal cases, including armed robberies, first degree assaults, burglaries, thefts, frauds, and death investigations. He also authored and executed ten search and seizure warrants and made nine criminal arrests.

Detective Sergeant Richard Lambert is recognized for his ongoing dedication to the Westminster Police Department and his overall consistent professionalism.

Pictured left to right:
Chief Ledwell, Detective Sergeant
Richard Lambert, and
Councilmember Tony Chivacchi



Pictured left to right:
Chief Ledwell, PFC Timothy Rife,
and Councilmember Tony
Chiavacci

Chief's Commendation Award:

PFC Timothy Rife handled 550 calls for police service and issued 478 Maryland State Motor Vehicle Citations, 694 motor vehicle warnings, 172 Safety Equipment Repair Orders. He also generated 83 police contacts by utilizing his mobile data computer.

Recently promoted, Sergeant Rife is a Field Training Officer, assisting with the training of new officers. Additionally, he actively participates as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.



Pictured left to right:
Chief Ledwell, PFC Spencer Voland,
and Councilmember Tony Chiavacci

Chief's Commendation Award:

PFC Spencer Voland was patrolling the top floor of the Longwell Parking Garage when he observed a 12-year-old boy sitting with his legs hanging over the edge of the retaining wall. The child stated that he wanted to die. PFC Voland was able to convince the child to walk away from the ledge. His quick actions allowed him to successfully de-escalate this situation.



Pictured left to right:
Chief Ledwell, PFC Al Bullington,
and Councilmember Tony
Chiavacci

Life Saving Award:

PFC Allan Bullington was recognized for his exemplary response to an unconscious individual in need of imminent medical attention. PFC Bullington responded for a reported drug overdose and, upon arrival, observed an unresponsive male who was not breathing and had no detectable pulse. He immediately began CPR until medics responded to relieve him. Upon their arrival, they were able to locate a pulse and transported him to Carroll Hospital Center. PFC Bullington utilized his training, knowledge and experience to respond appropriately to this life threatening emergency, swiftly administering CPR that most definitely assisted in saving the life of this individual.



Pictured left to right:
Sergeant Adam Laser and Veronica
Dietz of Human Services Program

Maryland State Crisis Intervention Team Award:

Sergeant Adam Laser has been a member of the Carroll County Crisis Intervention Team since 2014. Sergeant Laser has used his CIT skills and training as a member of the Carroll County Hostage Negotiation Team and assisted in the development of a program at Winters Mill High School that supports students with mental health and behavioral health diagnosis in communicating with law enforcement and feeling safe and comfortable during these times.

Sergeant Laser was recognized by the Maryland State CIT for his work in Carroll County.



Sons of the American Revolution Award:

The Westminster Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has been serving Carroll County since 1985 and they recognize those in Law Enforcement as well as other areas of the community who keep strong the ideals of freedom that our ancestors fought for.

Sergeant Timothy Rife is the 2018 recipient of Sons of American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Pictured left to right: Sergeant Timothy Rife and James Engler, Sr., President of the Westminster Chapter



Volunteer of the Year:

Auxiliary Lieutenant Kenny Carlisle has been a volunteer with the Westminster Police Department for approximately 25 years. Lt. Carlisle functions in a leadership role within the WPD Auxiliary Unit and is an invaluable asset to the Auxiliary Unit, assisting with various community events throughout the year. He spends countless hours at the WPD, completing tasks such as filing and shredding, ordering supplies, assisting with vehicle transports, and completing the mail run.

Pictured left to right: Chief Ledwell, Kenny Carlisle, and Councilmember Tony Chiavacci

The Westminster Police Department also recognized the below individuals during the promotional portion of the ceremony.



Pictured with Chief Ledwell is recently promoted Deputy Chief Louis 'Pete' D'Antuono.



Pictured with Chief Ledwell is recently promoted Captain Nikki Heuer.



Pictured with Chief Ledwell is recently promoted Captain Thomas Kowalczyk.



Pictured with Chief Ledwell is recently promoted Lieutenant Stephen Arnold.



Pictured with Chief Ledwell is recently promoted Sergeant Timothy Rife.