



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release



Mount Prospect Police School Resource Officer Named 2026 Juvenile Officer of the Year

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Pictured L to R: Front Row: IJOA Executive Director Mike Quick, IJOA President Krzysztof Kowal, Mayor Paul Hoefert, SRO Tyler Johnson Chief Michael Eterno, Deputy Chief Bart Tweedie. Back Row: Trustee Colleen Saccotelli, Trustee William Grossi, Trustee Beth DiPrima, Trustee Terri Gens, Village Manager Michael Cassady, Trustee Vince Dante.

The Mount Prospect Police Department is proud to announce that School Resource Officer (SRO) Tyler Johnson has been named the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association (IJOA) 2026 Juvenile Officer of the Year. SRO Johnson was presented with this award at the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, by members of the IJOA Board.

SRO Johnson was nominated for this award by multiple staff members at Prospect High School, where he is assigned. SRO Johnson was selected for this prestigious award for making significant contributions and dedicated service to juveniles within Mount Prospect, Prospect High School and to the law enforcement profession within the recent year.

Prospect High School Principal Greg Minter shared these comments about SRO Johnson, "Tyler embodies what it means to be an SRO. He is a constant presence, builds great relationships with staff and students, positively represents the Mount Prospect PD and all police officers, and understands how schools

and the police can support students and families. When situations require it, Tyler visits homes at all hours of the day and night to ensure our students and staff are safe. We are truly fortunate to have Tyler in the Prospect family. He goes above and beyond and makes a difference every day.”

“I couldn’t be prouder to see Detective Johnson recognized for this incredible honor. His dedication to the students and staff at Prospect High School goes far beyond just keeping the halls safe. He is a trusted mentor, a positive role model, and a daily advocate for the youth in our community.” said Police Chief Mike Eterno.

SRO Johnson is a 7-year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigative Unit, tasked as the School Resource Officer assigned to Prospect High School. During his career, Johnson is a member of the department’s Police Bicycle Unit, Peer Support Team and has also served as a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Field Force team.

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