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### PRESS RELEASE

#### 2021 Mount Prospect Police Department Awards



*Pictured L to R: Chief Michael Eterno, Trustee Colleen Saccotelli, Officer William Wagner, Officer Stevan Sparr, Officer Kevin Ffrench, Investigator Andrea Kane, Deputy Chief Timothy Griffin, and Mayor Paul Hoefert*

Since 1982, the Mount Prospect Police Department has annually convened an Awards Committee, comprised of Supervisors, Patrol Officers and Investigators to select the department's "Officer of the Year". Additionally, the department also recognizes the officers that the Awards Committee determined were in final contention for the "Officer of the Year" as "Runners-Up". In order to be considered for the award, the officers must have consistently shown exceptional performance during the preceding 12-month rating period. The officer's ability to perform and conform to the standards of a professional police officer is pertinent to being nominated for Officer of the Year.



*With COURAGE we protect, with COMPASSION we serve.*

In 2020, the police department established the George E. Whittenberg Community Service Award, named after the Village's second Chief of Police who served the Village of Mount Prospect community for 33 years and was very community service oriented. The annual recipient of this award is a member of the Department who demonstrates exemplary service to the community throughout the year, above and beyond their assigned duties, reflecting positively upon the member and the department as a whole.

The 2021 award recipients were honored on Friday, August 26, 2022.

## **2021 "OFFICER OF THE YEAR"**

### **OFFICER WILLIAM WAGNER**

Officer William Wagner is a four year member of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigations Section.

In making the selection, the Committee considered Officer Wagner's overall performance during the rating period. The Committee recognized his positive attitude, reliability, teamwork, initiative, and professional work ethic, as well as his unwavering commitment to removing illegal weapons from the community, as just a few of the factors leading to his selection. The Committee recognized Officer Wagner's overall effort and involvement as an integral part of several noteworthy investigations and arrests during 2021. Officer Wagner located firearms that were possessed illegally by occupants in vehicles on two separate occasions while conducting traffic stops on vehicles driving through the community. One of the firearms located by Officer Wagner was reported stolen from another community and possessed by a convicted felon. During the award period, Officer Wagner received two Departmental Commendations. Officer Wagner was the "Officer of the Quarter" for the first quarter in 2021.

## **OFFICER OF THE YEAR/RUNNERS-UP (2)**

### **OFFICER KEVIN FFRENCH**

Officer Kevin Ffrench is a three year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Patrol Section.

During the award period, Officer Ffrench received one Departmental Commendation. The Selection Committee cited Officer Ffrench's outstanding daily performance and attention to duty during the award-rating period, which led to his selection as Runner-up.

### **INVESTIGATOR ANDREA KANE**

Investigator Andrea Kane is a fourteen year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigative Section.

During the award period, Investigator Kane received one Honorable Mention. The Selection Committee cited Investigator Kane's outstanding daily performance and attention to duty during the award-rating period, which led to her selection as Runner-up.

## **2021 GEORGE WHITTENBERG AWARD RECIPIENT**

### **OFFICER STEVAN SPARR**

Officer Stevan Sparr is a twenty-two year member of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Patrol Section.

In making the selection, the Committee considered Officer Sparr's positive demeanor, his continued commitment to the community and his great balance between work and the community during the rating period. The Committee recognized Officer Sparr's participation in the Mount Prospect Lost and Found Pets social media site, his off-duty commitment to shelter and re-home lost and found pets and his expertise in assisting fellow officers and residents in animal laws and treatment for abused and neglected animals, as some of the reasons for his selection. During the award period, Officer Sparr also received one Honorable Mention.

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