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2023 Mount Prospect Police Department Awards



Pictured L to R: Deputy Chief Bart Tweedie, Deputy Chief Anthony Addante, Officer Brett Frey, Officer Brenton Murray, Investigator Eric Knippel, Investigator Alexa Kiess, and Chief Michael Eterno

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". 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.

The 2023 award recipients were honored on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.



With COURAGE we protect, with COMPASSION we serve.

2023 “OFFICER OF THE YEAR”

OFFICER BRENTON MURRAY

Officer Brenton Murray is a twelve-year member of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Special Response Team.

In making the selection, the Committee considered Officer Murray’s overall performance during the rating period and his passionate commitment to law enforcement. The Committee also recognized his positive attitude, wealth of knowledge, teamwork, initiative, and professional work ethic, as just a few of the factors leading to his selection. The Committee recognized Officer Murray’s overall effort and involvement as an integral part of several noteworthy investigations, arrests, and unwavering commitment to removing weapons from the community during 2023. Officer Murray’s eye for detail and dedication to the community led to arrests that removed 4 firearms that were in the hands of gang members or drug dealers, making a significant difference in our community. During the award period, Officer Murray received six Departmental Commendations, and one Honorable Mention. Officer Murray was the “Officer of the Quarter” for the second and fourth quarters in 2023.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR/RUNNERS-UP (3)

INVESTIGATOR ERIC KNIPPEL

Investigator Knippel is a ten-year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigative Section.

During the award period, Investigator Knippel received three Departmental Commendations, one Honorable Mention, and three Citizen Letters of Appreciation and was one of the “Officers of the Quarter” for the fourth quarter in 2023.

INVESTIGATOR ALEXA KIESS

Investigator Alexa Kiess is a 10-year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigative Section.

During the award period, Investigator Kiess received one Departmental Commendation, and seven Citizen Letters of Appreciation in 2023. Additionally, Investigator Kiess was named the 2023 Women in Criminal Justice Female Officer of the year by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board Executive Institute.

OFFICER BRETT FREY

Officer Brett Frey is a three-year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department and is currently assigned to the Patrol Section.

During the award period, Officer Frey received one Departmental Commendations and four Honorable Mentions in 2023.

The Selection Committee cited the outstanding daily performance and attention to duty during the award-rating period as the factors that led to the selection of Investigators Knippel, Kiess and Officer Frey as Runners-up.

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