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### **DA STEELE HONORS 34 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVILIAN COMMENDATIONS**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (May 12, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele honored 34 law enforcement personnel and civilians with commendations today at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus for their extraordinary efforts and exemplary work in protecting and serving the residents of Montgomery County. The members of law enforcement and civilians who received commendations, and a brief description of their service, are:

#### **Civilian Commendations:**

**Rachel Attebery, Philadelphia**

**Ryan Porto, Havertown**

For rescuing a trapped driver and her baby from a burning vehicle following an accident in Lower Merion Township.

**Chris Doerr, North Penn High School employee**

**Chris Sharkey, North Penn High School employee**

For quick action in assessing the fire at North Penn High School and helping direct the efforts of responding fire companies.

**Deavona Robinson, Pottstown**

**Rommell Robinson, Pottstown**

For saving the life of an unconscious overdose victim in Pottstown by performing CPR until emergency personnel arrived with naloxone.

**Ronald Shields, King of Prussia**

For rescuing a trapped driver from a burning vehicle following a car crash in Gladwyne.

**Ernesto Teutle, Hatfield**

For his quick-thinking and decisive action that helped rescue his sister from an assault by an intruder.

## **Law Enforcement Commendations:**

**Sgt. Oswaldo Toledo, Abington Township Police Department**

**Officer Gary Martinez, Abington Township Police Department**

For the successful and safe resolution of situation with an armed man who wanted to commit suicide by cop, thereby saving the man's life.

**Officer Joseph Morrissey, Cheltenham Township Police Department**

For the exceptional investigation into the death of a 92-year-old pedestrian who was struck and killed by SEPTA bus driver Katrina Sanders.

**Officer Stephen Winneberger, Limerick Township Police**

For astute observations on routine traffic patrol that led to the arrest of two suspects wanted for murder in Michigan.

**Officer Eric Fries, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Officer Vincenzo Tucciarone, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

For their quick-thinking actions that saved a man from committing suicide on train tracks in Ardmore.

**Officer Stephen Patton, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

For rescuing a trapped driver from a burning vehicle following a car crash in Gladwyne.

**Officer Scott Burnick, Lower Pottsgrove Police Department**

For the heads-up traffic stop that led to the apprehension of a man wanted for a Pottstown armed robbery using a sawed-off shotgun.

**Corporal Thomas Ward, Montgomery Township Police Department**

For a traffic stop and subsequent search of a vehicle, motel room and storage locker that led to the apprehension of a drug trafficker.

**Trooper Jason Henley, Pennsylvania State Police, Skippack Station**

**Trooper Susan Rivchin, Pennsylvania State Police, Skippack Station**

For dedication in protecting drivers and making Montgomery County roadways safer through identification of impaired drivers.

**Sgt. Michael Ponto, Pottstown Borough Police Department**

For saving a gunshot victim's life by employing first-aid procedures that prevented him from bleeding to death.

**Detective Michael Paul, Towamencin Township Police Department**

For the exemplary arson investigation into the fire at North Penn High School set by a juvenile.

**Det. Sgt. James Kelly, Upper Moreland Township Police Department**  
**Detective John Schramm, Upper Moreland Township Police Department**

For the challenging investigation that led to charges against a mother and her boyfriend for child abuse that left the 3-year-old child with permanent head injuries.

**Detective Charles Leeds, Norristown Police Department**  
**Detective Michael Glauner, Pottstown Police Department**  
**Detective Robert Hill, Jr., Abington Police Department**

For the exemplary investigation of a one-day crime spree where the defendant, Kenneth Jones, robbed four different victims at gunpoint in Norristown, Pottstown and Abington.

**Detective Thomas Wittig, Whitpain Township Police Department**  
**Detective Mark Welsh, Jenkintown Police Department**  
**Detective Daniel Grassi, Delaware State Police**  
**Supervisory Special Agent Scott Duffey, FBI**

For the long-term investigation into multiple bank robberies committed in Pennsylvania and Delaware over a number of years and the successful capture of Joseph Mieluchowski.

**Officer James Throop, Souderton Police Department**  
**Officer Wayne L. Black, Souderton Police Department**  
**Sgt. David Bechtel, Telford Police Department**  
**Officer Ryan J. Kochersperger, Telford Police Department (now Franconia Police)**

For saving the life of a woman being threatened by her husband in a violent domestic situation that ended with the heavily armed man safely being taken into custody.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele