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DA STEELE HONORS CIVILIANS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH COMMENDATIONS



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (May 10, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele honored 36 civilians and law enforcement officers, five agencies and two retiring police chiefs 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. Honorees who received commendations and a brief description are:

Civilian Commendations

David Buck, Whitpain Township

Ernest DiSandro, Whitpain Township

Joseph McKendry, Whitpain Township

Brian McShane, Whitpain Township

For rescuing a trapped pilot following a plane crash in their neighborhood and working quickly to save the pilot's life.

Monica Jenkinson, Laurel House

Amanda Uckele, Laurel House

Bonnie Pugh, MCAP Volunteer Lawyer

For their outstanding efforts and support of the three victims of one of the worst cases of domestic violence in Montgomery County.

Father Jerry Wild, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, West Norriton

For saving the life of man, wanted by police, who was attempting to commit suicide in the church parking lot.

Law Enforcement Individual Commendations

Special Agent Iman Ibrahim, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Special Agent Patrick Smith, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

For the superior support and co-investigation into a gun trafficking organization that was illegally obtaining firearms and reselling them to arm criminals.

Ofc. Matthew Friend, Lower Merion Township Police Department

For the successful and safe resolution of a situation with a teenager threatening to commit suicide from the rooftop of his family's home.

Ofc. Frank Cattie, Lower Moreland Township Police Department

Ofc. Christopher Daniel, Lower Moreland Township Police Department

Det. Sgt. David Scirrotto, Lower Moreland Township Police Department

Sgt. Scott Smith, Lower Moreland Township Police Department

For recognizing that something was not right during a parked vehicle check and rescuing a 16-year-old girl from prostitution, then successfully investigating the man who was trafficking her.

Lt. Michael Jackson, Lower Providence Township Police Department

For establishing a pilot diversionary program for first-time, young drug offenders to help them get back on track, thereby preserving their futures.

Ofc. W. Timothy Arthur, Lower Providence Township Police Department
Sgt. Scott Dreibelbis, Lower Providence Township Police Department
Sgt. Terrence Kennedy, Lower Providence Township Police Department
Det. Charles King, Lower Providence Township Police Department
Det. Reginald Nealy, Jr., Lower Providence Township Police Department

For their outstanding investigation into one of the worst cases of domestic violence in Montgomery County.

Det. Daniel Fox, Telford Borough Police Department

For the successful investigation and support of a teenage girl who had been raped over time at the hands of her mother's common law husband.

Det. Patrick Horne, Towamencin Township Police Department
Sgt. Gary Wacker, Towamencin Township Police Department

For dedication to investigating and arresting drug dealers in the township and the surrounding area, thereby saving lives and making Montgomery County safer.

Ofc. Christopher Dolga, Upper Merion Township Police Department
Det. Brendan Dougherty, Upper Merion Township Police Department
Det. Blaine Leis, Upper Merion Township Police Department
Det. Robert Smull, Upper Merion Township Police Department

For interdicting a wanted and dangerous criminal in the process of committing another gunpoint robbery and potentially saving the lives of innocent bystanders.

Det. Timothy Roeder, West Pottsgrove Police Department
Ofc. Robert Stoudt, West Pottsgrove Township Police Department
Sgt. Steven Ziegler, West Pottsgrove Township Police Department

For the successful investigation and prosecution of a convicted felon who forced himself into a house and robbed the residents of drugs and money.

Law Enforcement Agency Commendations

Allied Universal, King of Prussia Mall Security
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Fort Washington
Montgomery County Department of Public Safety
Upper Merion Township Police Department

For the swift response and successful investigation into the kidnapping of a 7-week-old infant at the King of Prussia Mall and the return of the infant to his family that same evening.

Pennsylvania State Police, Troop K, Skippack Barrack's Patrol and Criminal Investigation Units

For the successful investigation into a murder of a woman by her daughter in Perkiomen Township.

Retirement Commendations

Chief Michael S. Devlin, Upper Perk Police Department

Chief Karyl Kates, East Norriton Township Police Department

Both retired police chiefs are being recognized for their longtime service to their communities and Montgomery County.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele