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Montco Sheriff and DRO honor Chief Deputy, deadbeat roundup team and others

Norristown, Pa., (December 18, 2013) – The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department (MCSD) and the Domestic Relations Office (DRO) honored their own during a commendation ceremony held at the Montgomery County Courthouse on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Courtroom A.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Alfred J. Ricci was honored for over 40 years of law enforcement service and leadership in the community, in addition to other department members who were cited for their exceptional work. The DRO awarded Unit Citations to their enforcement unit assistant director and the MCSD staff involved in the deadbeat parent roundups in June and November 2013.

"I consider myself to be one of the luckiest people on the earth. I get to do what I want," Ricci said in a full courtroom with his wife by his side.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Alfred J. Ricci, who joined the MCSD in 2000, was honored by Sheriff Eileen Whalon Behr and Lt. Thomas McDonald with a special wall clock plaque during a standing ovation. Lt. Richard Clowser, Ofc. James Lee, Ret. Sgt. Albert Dinnell, Ret. Sgt. Frank Lepore, Ret. Ofc. Joseph Bogden of Norristown Police Department and Chief Kevin McKeon of New Hanover Township Police, who had worked with the Chief during his early career also turned out in support of his recognition.

Ricci said that the leadership and friendship he received from his law enforcement peers has also been rewarding and instrumental in shaping his career.

McDonald revealed the highlights of Ricci's career, which began with the Norristown Police Department in 1966, during a slideshow. He and his dog Baron led the department's first K-

9 Unit when Ricci was responsible for finding a fugitive suspect in a fatal police officer shooting.

“Not too many can say they took a cop killer off the streets,” McDonald said.

In 1972 Ricci was promoted to Sgt. and was given a platoon of 11 officers dedicated to fighting drug related crimes, after busting a drug deal in progress. His unit made over 360 street level drug arrests in one year – many times during off-duty hours.

He praised his current staff of officers saying that they are reason why the MCSD has been so successful.



Lt. Thomas McDonald presents Chief Deputy Sheriff Alfred J. Ricci with a wall clock plaque with his wife by his side.

Afterwards, Director of Domestic Relations Office Gary Kline presented Unit Citations to all participants in the year’s deadbeat parent sweeps.

Kline said, “The DRO is receiving statewide recognition for their unprecedented efforts and money is going to children’s homes where there was no money coming in.” He also said he was very grateful for the extraordinary work of the MCSD deputies. “We would not be able to do this without you.”

The following individuals were recognized for their unique efforts.

Dep. Joanne **Plasterer** of Glenside, Pa., who has been with the MCSD since Mar. 21, 1988, received **Commendatory Letters** for leading the successful planning and execution of two DRO deadbeat parent sweep and search plans. The sweeps brought in 80 percent of the

most targeted defendants and helped approximately 125 children receive the support they need.

Dep. Adam **Wilson** of Ambler, Pa., who has been with the MCSD since Apr. 5, 2010, received a **Commendation of Exceptional Service** for his tireless dedication and personal commitment to the children at the Police Athletic League and in the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

Dep. Paul **Zappala** of Hatfield, Pa., who has been with the MCSD since Apr. 26, 1993, received a **Commendatory Letter** for providing emergency assistance and traffic control during a vehicle fire and a Unit Citation for assisting in the DRO deadbeat parent sweep on November 12, 2013.

Dep. Alana **Rumpel** of Philadelphia Pa., who has been with the MCSD since June 28, 2010, received a **Commendatory Letter** for going above and beyond her duties to develop and implement the MCSD's first electronic *Incident Report Database* and Unit Citations for assisting in deadbeat parent sweeps on June 17th and November 12, 2013.

Dep. Adam **LaChapelle** of Norristown, Pa., who has been with the MCSD since Dec. 10, 2012, received a **Commendation of Merit** for his quick and decisive action in capturing an escaped prisoner during transport while off-duty.

Team members received Unit Citations for assisting the DRO in the execution of one or both deadbeat parent sweeps on June 17th and November 12, 2013, which brought in 80 percent of the most targeted defendants and helped approximately 125 children receive the support they need.

- DRO Enforcement Unit Assistant Director Rebecca **Colantuno**
- Sgt. Patricia **Haas** of Glenmoore, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 20, 1998.
- Cpl. Terrence **Cullin** of Pottstown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 25, 2006.
- Cpl. Richard **Miles** of Royersford, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 22, 2004.
- Dep. Samuel **Bell** of Ambler, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 28, 2010.
- Dep. Harry **Burke**, III of Springfield, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 28, 1999.
- Dep. Jon **Cagliola**, Jr. of Lafayette Hill, Pa., joined the MCSD on Feb. 25, 2008.
- Dep. David **Cavaliere** of King of Prussia, Pa., joined the MCSD on Mar. 4, 1987.
- Dep. Brian **Dayoc** of Norristown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Feb. 3, 2003.
- Dep. Gary **Dickey** of Schwenksville, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 25, 2001.
- Dep. Sean **Forsyth** of Levittown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Aug. 10, 2009.
- Dep. John **Foster** of Perkasie, Pa., joined the MCSD on July 3, 2006.
- Dep. William **Galluzzo** of Norristown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 25, 1983.
- Dep. Christopher **Haber** of Horsham, Pa., joined the MCSD on Feb. 25, 2008.
- Dep. Matthew **Hansen** of King of Prussia, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 3, 2000.
- Dep. Charles **Hallman** of Pottstown, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 2, 2008.
- Dep. Kelli **Holbert** of Quakertown, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 4, 2007.
- Dep. Eric **Howshall** of Collegeville, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 22, 2008.
- Dep. Mark **Huzzard** of Collegeville, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 28, 1999.

- Dep. Trevor **Keller** of Souderton, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 7, 2010.
- Dep. Justin **Korenkiewicz** of Collegeville, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 7, 2005.
- Dep. Kayla **Lochner** of Mont Clare, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 28, 2010.
- Dep. Jeffrey **Lukens** of Pottstown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 4, 2011.
- Dep. James **McGlinchey** of Jeffersonville, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 4, 2007.
- Dep. Paul **Moran** of Schwenksville, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 17, 2008.
- Dep. Frank **Morgan** of Conshohocken, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 30, 1998.
- Dep. Zachariah **Miller** of Hatfield, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 7, 2010.
- Dep. Allen **Pendleton** of Ardmore, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 28, 2003.
- Dep. Matthew **Pokorny** of Conshohocken, Pa., joined the MCSD on Feb. 11, 2002.
- Dep. Russell **Rorick** of Bridgeport, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 5, 2010.
- Dep. Michael **Rossi** of Royersford, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 22, 2008.
- Dep. Alana **Rumpel** of Philadelphia, Pa., joined the MCSD on June 28, 2010.
- Dep. Gregory **Sedgwick** of Norristown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Oct. 22, 2007.
- Dep. Jeffrey **Simmons** of King of Prussia, Pa., joined the MCSD on July 26, 2010.
- Dep. Caleb **Smith** of Pottstown, Pa., joined the MCSD on October 18, 2010.
- Dep. James **Subbio** of Skippack, Pa., joined the MCSD on Mar. 14, 2005.
- Dep. Mark **Stillwagon** of Ardmore, Pa., joined the MCSD on July 26, 2010.
- Dep. Ryan **Volk** of Ambler, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 22, 2008.
- Dep. Edwin **Walker** of Narberth, Pa., joined the MCSD on April 8, 2002.
- Dep. James **Wilkinson** of King of Prussia, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 30, 2002.
- Dep. Paul **Zappala** of Hatfield, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 26, 1993.



Director of Domestic Relations Office Gary Kline addresses MCSD deputies involved in the deadbeat parent roundups earlier this year.

Administrative staff received **Commendatory Letters** for their service, which has been exceptional, and beyond the requirements of routine duty.

“Our office staff serves many people facing stressful and emotional circumstances such as losing their assets or filing protective orders, and they do it in a professional and compassionate way,” said Behr.

- Jane Castora of Conshohocken, Pa., joined the MCSD on July 31, 2006.
- Scott Elliot of Souderton, Pa., joined the MCSD on Aug. 14, 2000.
- Theresa Gantz of Conshohocken, Pa. joined the MCSD on Sept. 26, 2005.
- Mary Hickey of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 7, 2005.
- Robert Huber of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., joined the MCSD on Apr. 23, 2007.
- A.J. Conrad Jones of Erdenheim, Pa., joined the MCSD on Aug. 27, 2001.
- Joseph Kowalko of Phoenixville, Pa., joined the MCSD on Mar. 31, 2003.
- Sherry Kral of East Norriton, Pa., joined the MCSD on Sept. 15, 2003.
- Judy Mazzola of Roslyn, Pa., who joined the MCSD on Nov. 1, 2008.
- Dolores Miller of Conshohocken, Pa., joined the MCSD on Feb. 3, 2003.
- Carol Reinhardt of Norristown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Aug. 7, 1989.
- Jim Saring of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., joined the MCSD on Oct. 12, 2004.
- Kiara Smith of Philadelphia, Pa., joined the MCSD on July 22, 2013.
- Joan Spady of Ardmore, Pa., joined the MCSD on Mar. 14, 2004.
- Cathy Stevenson of Norristown, Pa., joined the MCSD on Nov. 1, 2008.

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