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Montco Sheriff Russell J. Bono holds commendation ceremony to recognize accomplishments

Norristown, Pa., (October 26, 2015) – Montgomery County Sheriff Russell J. Bono recognized his staff's efforts for preparation and accomplishments related to the Papal Visit, K9 assistance, police department assistance, humanitarian actions and honor guard duty, during a ceremony in the courthouse on Monday, October 26, 2015.

"Many people don't know that with over 100 law enforcement staff, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is one of the largest and highly skilled law enforcement agencies in the county," said Bono. "It was an honor to be a part of such a great and once in a lifetime event."

The following teams received unit citations for exceptional police service including patrol and in-transit security, crowd control, and motorcade escort as a result of teamwork, during the Papal Visit:

- The Bomb and Hazardous Device Disposal Unit: Bomb Unit Commander Lt. Allen Stewart, Cpl. Mark Huzzard, Cpl. Richard Miles, Dep. Jon Cagliola, Dep. Timothy Metz, Dep. Andrew Noto, and Dep. Ryan Volk.
- The County Emergency Response Team: CERT Team Commander Cpl. Harry Burke, Cpl. Eric Howshall, Cpl. Daniel Nedzwecky, Dep. John Austin, Dep. James Borai, Dep. Michael Caffrey, Dep. John Foster, Dep. Matthew Hansen, Dep. Kelli Holbert, Dep. Joseph Holman, Dep. David Kelly, Dep. Timothy Kern, Dep. Ryan Krasley, Dep. Adam LaChapelle, Dep. Jeffrey Lukens, Dep. Thomas Oelschlager, Dep. John Peters, Dep. Andrea Sovari, Dep. James Surdykowski, and Dep. Edwin Walker.
- Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Guard: Sgt. Joanne Plasterer, Dep. Robert Baldino, Dep. Samuel Bell, Dep. Gerald Benjamin, Dep. Eric Bridges, Dep. James Buckley, Dep. David Cavaliere, Dep. William Galluzzo, Dep. Javier Pagan-Ramos, Dep. John Prestia, Dep. John Lomastro, Dep. Robert Maier, Dep. Patrick Myers, Dep. John Prestia, Dep. Carl Sibley, Dep.

Walter Sikorski, Dep. Matthew Stead, Dep. James Valesky, Dep. Michael Petriga, and Dep. Paul Zappala.

- City Line Ave., Philadelphia Guard: Capt. Gregory Womelsdorf, Dep. Michael Bescript, Dep. James Buckley, Dep. Carleen “Nikki” Burns, Dep. Gary Dickey, Dep. John Favors, Dep. Ricardo Gonzalez, Dep. Christopher Haber, Dep. Justin Huff, Dep. Justin Korenkiewicz, Dep. Anthony Krolikowski, and Dep. James Subbio.
- Bike Patrol Unit: Unit Commander Sgt. Patricia Haas, Lt. Thomas McDonald, Cpl. Terrence Cullin, Dep. Christopher Bailey, Dep. Matthew Dean, Dep. Bryan Lukens, Dep. Vincent Roncace, Dep. Brittany Rosenfeld, and Dep. Brian Roth.
- Motorcycle Unit: Unit Commander Lt. Theodore Thompson, Cpl. Carl Robinson, and Dep. James McGlinchey.
- Norristown Police Department Assistance and Security Team: Sgt. Adam Berry, Cpl. Ronald Cole, Dep. Christopher Bellas, K9 Dep. Sean Forsyth and Bikkel, K9 Dep. Thomas Franklin and Behr, K9 Dep. Trevor Keller and Artus, Dep. Kraig Klass, Dep. Zachariah Miller, Dep. Michael Omensetter, Dep. Matthew Pokorny, Dep. John Siletta, Dep. Mark Stillwagon and Dep. James Wilkinson.

A commendation of merit was given to K9 Dep. Thomas Franklin for assisting the Warrants Division on the capture of offender Christopher Guzman. Franklin used his K9 equipment to lure a dangerous animal away from the search team, which enabled them to arrest the offender without harm.

Commendatory letters, which are given for the arrest or any police service, which is exceptional, and beyond the requirements of routine duty, were given to the following staff:

- Dep. Paul Zappala assisted the Upper Gwynedd Police Department in detaining and later guarding a suspect, who had been involved in an earlier stabbing incident at the Lansdale Train Station.
- Dep. Allen Stewart assisted a special needs child in distress by calling upon the services of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s comfort dog, Turks.
- Dep. Timothy Kern has shown exemplary dedication, attention to detail and proficiency in his honor guard duties, which has helped bring acclaim to the unit.



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