

## **SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DATE:** May 1, 2014  
**TO:** Police & Fire Commission  
**FROM:** Chief Ann Wellens  
**SUBJECT: Police Awards  
Common Council Meeting  
May 6, 2014**



The week of May 11-17, 2014 has been designated as National Peace Officers Week. In conjunction with National Peace Officers Week the Police Department will be holding our annual Department Awards to recognize selected staff and citizens from the community.

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014 four officers from the Police Department and four citizens will be presented Police Department Awards at the Common Council meeting. Mayor Brooks has kindly allowed time at the beginning of the meeting for the Department presentation. The following officers and citizens will be receiving the following awards:

**MERIT AWARD:** awarded for excellent arrest by any officer directly involved in the capture and arrest of a felon who was endangering the lives and/or property of the community.

**Investigator Perkowski: nominated by Lt. Chad Milow**

On August 9, 2013 the South Milwaukee Police Department took a report from the South Milwaukee Little League that their concession stand had been burglarized, (approximate value of \$615.00). Investigator Perkowski, based on nothing more than another officer posting surveillance photos in the squad room, was able to identify possible suspects in this incident. Through an investigation, search warrant execution, and subsequent interviews 3 subjects were arrested and charged with burglary. Investigator Perkowski's ID of the potential suspects and work in preparing and executing the search warrants are a display of police work at an exceptional level.

**MERIT AWARD & CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD:** whenever any officer believes that behavior coming to the attention personally or through a third party is deserving of recognition by the Department, an officer should indicate the circumstances of the incident in writing and should forward same to the Awards Committee. Upon Committee approval, the Chief will affix their stamp of approval.

**Lt. Milow, Officer Rohde & Mr. Schiefer: nominated by Investigator Perkowski**

On October 30, 2013 the South Milwaukee Police Department received several complaints of damage to vehicles – windows shot out. The Department also received a complaint of a young man being shot in the chest with a “BB” pellet. Mr. Schiefer, a victim in this incident, provided the Department with a partial license plate. Lt. Milow located a vehicle matching the description with the first 3 digits matching the one provided by Mr. Schiefer. Lt. Milow, assisted by other officers stopped the vehicle. Officer Rohde questioned the four subjects involved in the incident. Due to the excellent police work of Lt. Milow and Officer Rohde three arrests were made on multiple criminal damage complaints including 14 in Oak Creek and 5 in South Milwaukee. Without Mr. Schiefer’s partnership with the Police Department in reporting his observations this crime spree may have gone unsolved.

**SUPERVISOR’S RECOGNITION AWARD:** a supervisor may give this award, without Awards Committee approval, for outstanding work.

**Officer Steve Streicher**

Lt. Chad Milow recommended Officer Streicher for a Supervisor’s Recognition Award for his research of NEWPRS for possible stolen property.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD:**

**Mr. Matthew Reed:**

Officer Nathan Siefert recommended Mr. Reed for a Citizen Recognition Award for his actions on June 5, 2013.

On June 5, 2013 Mr. Reed observed a subject at the bus stop at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Milwaukee Avenue who was standing crouched over holding a firearm and racking the slide on the weapon. Mr. Reed observed the subject get onto a Milwaukee County Transit Bus and immediately notified the South Milwaukee Police Department of this subject. The South Milwaukee Police Department stopped the bus and located the subject Mr. Reed witnessed with the gun on the bus. The subject was subsequently arrested. Through an investigation it was discovered the weapon had just been stolen from a vehicle in South Milwaukee. Mr. Reed’s quick actions lead to the arrest of a dangerous subject armed with a weapon. Mr. Reed recognized a dangerous situation, and took the initiative to help keep our community safe.

**Mr. Jose Perez & Mr. David Carabello:**

Officer Nathan Siefert recommended Mr. Perez & Mr. Carabello for a Citizen Recognition Award for their actions on July 4, 2013.

On July 4, 2013 Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello assisted Officer Doering of the Department with a subject who had jumped off the waterfall into the Oak Creek. The subject was seriously injured from the jump and was partially submerged in the water. Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello assisted Officer Doering by wading into the creek to help keep the subject above water. Both gentlemen also assisted the Police and Fire Departments by helping to carry the stretcher from the water up the creek bank to the roadway. Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello's quick actions and willingness to help this subject and the Police Department are commendable. Both men literally "jumped" into the creek to help out.