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May News

National Police Week

National Police Week, May 10-16, 2016, was dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement community. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, which was amended by the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15th, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. This designated week, and specifically, May 15, the nation honored 123 law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in 2015.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 58 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. On average, over the last decade, there have been **58,930** assaults against law enforcement each year, resulting in **15,404** injuries. Law Enforcement ceremonies are held in locations all around our great nation, but I found the following acknowledgement to be inspiring from the La Crosse Police Department's ceremony.

Mark Clements, Chaplain for the La Crosse Police Department, said a simple thank you goes a very long way. It's a lesson that he learned while he was on vacation and noticed a parked squad car after going through a drive-thru in Missouri. *"I noticed he had pulled over and I pulled over right in front of him and I went back to the window and got his attention and he asked if I needed help and of course I responded, no. I just wanted to stop and say thank you. Thank you for what you do, for the sacrifices that you make, for the order and the peace that we enjoy in our nation because of people just like you,"* said Clements.

He said he turned to walk towards his vehicle when he heard the officer's car door and his voice asking

Clements to come back. "He shook my hand and through big tears he said to me, 'I've worked for more than eighteen years, I'm a Lieutenant in the Springfield, Missouri Police Department and no one has ever said thank you to me. You'll never know what you've done for me today," added Clements.

The week commemorates law enforcement both locally and nationally for the many sacrifices they make to keep our communities safe. A gesture that deserves recognition not just this week, but rather throughout the year.

Already this year, 35 officers have died in the line of duty and that doesn't include those who were injured. In 2014, more than 15,000 officers were assaulted, resulting in about 14,000 injuries. Jim Palmer, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, said the number of officers shot while working is up by 40 percent. "With the latest statistics indicating an increase in officers being shot and killed in the line of duty, it's more important than ever that we recognize the law enforcement community's service and sacrifice. So this is an incredibly important week for our nation and in particular for the men and women that patrol our communities and keep them safe," expressed Palmer.

During National Police Week, thousands of law enforcement officers in every region of the nation gather at memorial services to honor their fallen colleagues. During an emotional "Candlelight Vigil," U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch delivered poignant remarks. Following is an excerpt from A.G. Lynch's speech:

Every day, the men and women in this nation's law enforcement services put themselves in harm's way in order to secure our communities, to defend our values and to make real the promise of liberty and justice for all. You patrol our streets and stand guard in our neighborhoods. You protect and serve our fellow citizens. And through your daily efforts—through count—

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less unseen acts of valor – you make our country not only stronger, but more just.

As we stand here with one another tonight, I hope that this amazing gathering – of courageous colleagues, loving family members and devoted friends tens of thousands strong – will serve as a reminder that no matter what happens, we are not alone. We will always stand together – shoulder to shoulder – through adversity and challenge; through victory and celebration; through difficulty and loss. As you look around this awe-inspiring crowd, I hope that you feel, as I do, the strength of our extraordinary family. I hope that you feel, as I do, the closeness of our band of brothers and sisters. And I hope that you feel, as I do, the humbling responsibility to continue the work of our friends commemorated here – to create the better and brighter future that all Americans deserve.

Thank you. May God bless the memories of all those we have lost and hold them in the palm of His hand. May God bless their families and friends and overlay their grief with His everlasting grace. And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Locally, the Marathon County Law Enforcement Memorial Service was hosted by Chief Jeremy Hunt of the Rothschild Police Department. Chief Hunt and his staff, specifically, Sergeant Jeff Zwicky, organized a very impressive ceremony. The ceremony included D.A.R.E. students, a band from the D.C.E. High School, poems and songs that all paid tribute to law enforcement and our great profession. Thanks Rothschild for a very meaningful ceremony and for the great hospitality after the service.

I am humbled at this event each year as local law enforcement stand in unison and pay tribute to our great profession. We pay tribute to the fallen officers that have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the most honorable profession. Honoring those that are gone is important and necessary for families, co-workers, and friends to continue their loved ones legacy and to help heal one's spirit. But I also want to honor all those that are still serving and protecting their communities, those that are making sacrifices everyday as they miss important events in their lives or their families lives because they have taken an oath to guard against evil. That sacrifice sometimes involves shift work, weekend duty, and Holiday commitments. It means working difficult hours and possibly missing important family events. It means exhausting all means available to solve or resolve cases so that we hold people responsible and accountable for their actions. It means committing yourself to making an impact in your sector neighborhood and improving the quality of life for our citizens.

On behalf of the command staff, and all those that support our efforts in this community (supervisors, support staff, police volunteers, Police & Fire commission, elected officials, and the citizens of our great community), thank you for your service, for your dedication to our community, for the many sacrifices that you make to ensure the safety of our community.



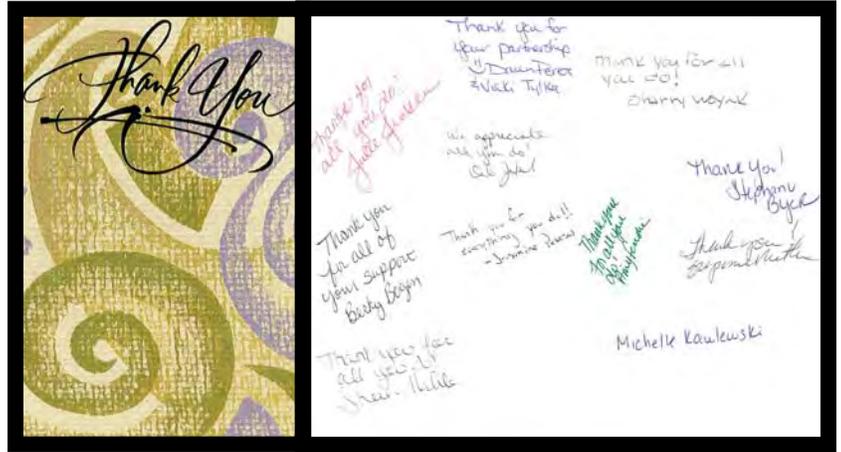


Law Enforcement Week

Wausau PD Officers, here is just a small sample of the community's support. We have cards, letters, & cakes, brought to the PD for you....to recognize you for the service you provide.



Cake from Trig's



Card from Social Services



Letter from North Central Health Care



The below email was sent by a Citizen referencing the above billboard.

I was forwarded your name by a detective friend in Weston as the one responsible for the Blue Strong billboard on Schofield Avenue. Having spent a brief stint in law enforcement as a dispatcher during college, and having friends who serve, I understand first hand what risks these men and women take on a daily basis to " Serve and Protect ". In today's climate, more and more, law enforcement is being denigrated by special interests who force politicians and government leaders to step aside and in many cases turn their backs on these brave Men and Women. I want to personally Thank You for recognizing their need for a strong show of support and for getting the message out in such a powerful way.



Congratulations Detective Holz
Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigator's
Michael Vendola Death Investigator of the year award

From Detective Holz:

As you may know, on April 28th I was awarded the Michael Vendola Death Investigator of the Year award at the annual Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators (WAHI) banquet. Several people from the department and the DA's office came down to celebrate with my husband and I. It was such an incredible honor, and so very humbling that my peers would think me worthy of such an award. The cases that we've worked on over the last few years have been a challenge at times, yes. The true award for me though, at the end of the day, has always been knowing that I had worked with others, and together we had done the best that we could do to bring a case to a successful close. I'm fortunate enough to be surrounded by a wealth of experience, knowledge and leadership every day. I rely on all of the knowledge and experience in the bureau on a regular basis, but especially in challenging cases. Even after 15 years I still learn something from someone here regularly; from the patrol officer still in field training, all the way up to the Chief.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the support I've received from my family during my career so far. I know there are days when I bring work home with me, and sometimes I can't make it to important events or holidays. Please know that I appreciate all of the support and understanding, it means the world to me.

I truly love what I do, and enjoy working with all of you and as a team member in the Detective Bureau. It may be depressing to some, but I have as many years ahead of me as I do behind me at this point. This is only just the beginning! I look forward to many more years, and I'm ready to take on whatever tomorrow may bring. Thank you to all of you who took time out of your day to celebrate with me, drop me a note or email of congratulations.



Congratulations Jennifer Holz!



Congratulations Officer Wilcox Noon Optimist Respect for Law Award

Officer Bob Wilcox was hired with the Wausau Police Department in 1990. For 26 years Bob has been serving the Wausau community in a variety of roles within the police department. Overall, Bob has been a great officer and provided outstanding service to this community. Bob has also specialized training and knowledge in key areas and that's what I would like to focus on today. Bob has been a leader in our response to domestic violence, alcohol and other drug issues, as well as mental health initiatives.

Bob has served as our domestic violence officer. In this role, it was Bob's responsibility to make sure every domestic violence case was investigated thoroughly and the victim had access to vital services. Bob worked to follow up on the more severe domestic violence cases and provided training to other police officers. Bob also served as an advisory board member with The Women's Community and worked side by side with domestic violence advocates to make sure every victim had an opportunity to access available resources.



Bob is also actively involved in mental health initiatives. As many of you know, mental health is a growing concern in our country and Bob has been a leader in our community's response. He is actively involved in Prevent Suicide of Marathon County. He has helped organize events to raise money and awareness about suicide. Officer Wilcox was a key player in bringing Crisis Intervention Partner (CIP) training to law enforcement in Marathon County and is one of the trainers during the training sessions. This training is currently underway and most officers in our county are being trained.

Bob was also the Chair of the Marathon County AOD Partnership Council and does presentations to educate bartenders about alcohol laws.

Within the police department, Officer Wilcox has been a field trainer, which is one of the most important roles within a police department. He was also one of the founding members of our MAST program. The MAST program (Marathon Area Support Team) is a peer support program for police officers in Marathon County who are struggling with their job or other life stressors. When officers are involved in major crisis incidents, MAST officers respond to provide support to police officers. MAST officers are also available 24/7 when called upon. After our recent officer-involved shootings, Bob spent the majority of the night at the police department to help support the officers involved.

Wausau PD believes in community engagement and partnership to enhance quality of life in our community. Few officers have been more engaged than Bob Wilcox has been throughout his career. Bob's kindness and compassion for others is an example for others in our profession. I'm pleased to present Officer Bob Wilcox as the 2016 Wausau PD recipient of the Noon Optimist Respect for Law Award.

Submitted by Captain Bliven



Congratulations Lieutenant Hartwig Leadership in Police Organizations

Please join us in congratulating Lieutenant Andrew Hartwig as he has completed the Leadership in Police Organizations class.

Leadership in Police OrganizationsSM (LPO) is the IACP’s flagship leadership development training program. LPO is modeled after the training concept of dispersed leadership (“every officer a leader”) and delivers modern behavioral science concepts and theories uniquely tailored to the law enforcement environment.

The three-week LPO course explores leadership at different levels in the organization: leading individuals, leading groups, and leading organizations. The course, designed for first-line supervisors and above, emphasizes:

- **Applied learning:** The course is highly interactive, using small group case studies, videos, role playing, and class exercises to reinforce learning.
- **Translation of theory to practice:** Participants learn behavioral science theories with real-world application to better understand how to lead change in individuals, groups, and organizations.
- **Practical leadership strategies:** Participants learn strategies for influencing human behavior to increase motivation, satisfaction, and performance throughout an organization.



Lt. Andrew Hartwig

The LPO course culminates with group “change project” presentations. Students work in teams throughout the course to identify actual organization issues/challenges they would like to see change. Groups use applied learning to propose and present a thoughtful solution. Many agencies have adopted and implemented these change projects, resulting in organizational culture shifts, enhanced officer safety, increased efficiency, and even creation of new laws/ordinances.



Welcome New Officers!

On Monday, May 2, 2016, the City of Wausau held the new Officer Swear-In ceremony. Please welcome four new officers into our PD family.

Mitchael Borneman 164

Benjamin Price 162

Nicholas Walters 161

Snow Thao 163



Mitchael Borneman, Benjamin Price, Nicholas Walters, Snow Thao



Welcome Mayor Mielke And Council Members

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Mayor Robert Mielke was sworn into office along with the new City Council members. The Fire & Police Department's Honor Guards presented the Colors at the ceremony and escorted each official to their seat.



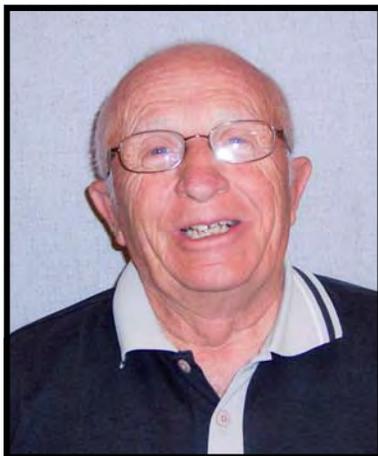
Mayor Robert Mielke



Police & Fire Honor Guards



Morning the Loss of Crossing Guard Brummond



Crossing Guard
Aaron Brummond

Aaron Wayne Brummond, 80, of Wausau passed away on Monday May 2, 2016 at the Benedictine Manor of Wausau with his family by his side.

Aaron Brummond was a Wausau School Crossing Guard for 10 years, retiring last year. His brother Gerald Brummond has been working for 4.5 years as a Wausau School Crossing Guard.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at Wesley Methodist Church, in Wausau.



Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics A message from Chief Hardel

It is my desire to increase law enforcements participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in 1981 in Kansas as a vision of Chief Richard LaMunyon who wanted to give his officers an opportunity to participate in something positive. The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is to raise funds and awareness of the Special Olympics movement. Special Olympics is a program which reaffirms our beliefs that with hope and dedication, we can see achievement and self-worth realized by any individual. It is our belief that people with cognitive disabilities, by their involvement in Special Olympics, can show the community at large that there are no limits to human potential or the human spirit. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the Largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics and has raised over \$52 million for Special Olympics in 2015. Over 85,000 LETR volunteers participate across 35 nations and 12 Canadian provinces and 50 US states. It has become our priority within the law enforcement community and a source of pride within our profession.

This year marks the 30th anniversary for the Wisconsin Special Olympics Torch Run. Let's unify our efforts to create a larger law enforcement contingency in the North Central region. Lieutenant Andrew Hartwig and Officer Nate Stetzer are organizing a 5K run along with a parade of athletes in downtown Wausau. They also decided to try something different than years past to help increase participation. The 5K run for Special Olympics along with the athlete parade will occur on Wednesday evening, June 8, in the 400 block of Wausau. More details will be sent out soon from Andy and Nate.

Law Enforcement is the "Guardians of the Flame of Hope" so let's dedicate ourselves to improving our involvement and supporting Special Olympics. Should your department have a point of contact for Andy and Nate or want more information please advise. Let's make the 2016 Torch Run the best ever!



Special Olympics
Wisconsin





National Crime Victim Right's Week

April 10-16 was National Crime Victim Right's Week. As part of an awareness initiative on 4/11/16 Detective Jon Kindlarski met with Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Jerry Petrowski, State Representative Amy Loudenberg and local advocates/service providers to discuss victim needs and services in the Wausau area. Afterwards a press conference was held at The Women's Community to discuss the importance of victim's rights in WI. At the Wausau press conference Governor Walker signed two new bills into law: 2015 Assembly Bill 615 (serving certain documents relating to restraining orders and injunctions) and 2015 Assembly Bill 643 (relating to compensating victims of crime).

Governor Walker also signed the following bills into law this month which will benefit crime victims: Assembly Bill 652 allows crime victims to receive notification when his or her offender violates a condition of parole or extended supervision. Assembly Bill 767 gives a court the power, when issuing an injunction in cases of domestic violence and child abuse, to order a mobile telephone provider to transfer a telephone number from an offender to the petitioner. Senate Bill 323, which grants victims the right to have a trained victim advocate present during an investigation. The presence of a trained victim advocate can actually assist law enforcement in doing their job and gives victims dignity and rights similar to the accused. Senate Bill 351 consolidates existing law and incorporates the 2002 Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act, as adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Senate Bill 488 protects victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking from having his or her address disclosed.





Department Appreciation from Rothschild Police Department



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April 5, 2016

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RE: Donald Trump Detail

Gentlemen:

The Rothschild Police Department would like to thank you and the members of your department for success on the Trump, Palin and Walker visit to Rothschild on April 2, 2016.

I was impressed on how well all agencies worked together and the professionalism of each member involved in the detail.

A number of citizens who had attended the event commented on how well organized this event was and the professionalism of the officers.

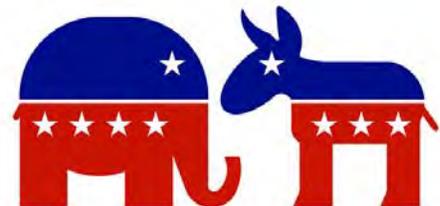
Again, thank you for the assistance your department provided, and the Rothschild Police Department looks forward to working together on future events.

We appreciate your support, professionalism and service to the community during this event.

Sincerely,

Jeremy P. Hunt, CHIEF
ROTHSCHILD POLICE DEPARTMENT

A letter from Chief Jeremy Hunt, Rothschild Police Department, expressing appreciation for the Politian's visit.





Birth Announcement!

Congratulations to Officer Koua Thao!

Koua and his wife Nalee are proud parents of a new baby girl, Selah! Selah was born on April 29, 2016 and was 7 lbs 4 oz.

Congratulations Koua & Nalee!



The Women's Community Chase'n Chocolate

For The Women's Community "Chase'n Chocolate" 5K Run/ 1.5 Mile Walk event was held on May 7th. Lt. Bill Kolb was responsible for the course. He set it up, coordinated the course control with the NTC Criminal Justice Club students and Explorer Post members, gave participants the pre-race instructions, then started the race with a police vehicle's lights/siren.

Lt. Kolb, Thank you for your commitment to the Women's Community and domestic abuse victims.



Lt. Kolb explaining the race



Start of race



Emergency Police News

The Wausau Emergency Police would like to welcome Breanne Korenuk as our newest officer. She was sworn in during the May meeting. In preparation for the upcoming events instruction was given in traffic direction and then officers practiced this at Thomas and Prospect. The Emergency Police will get plenty of time to hone this new skill in the upcoming events such as after the concerts at the fair and during the Balloon Rally and Glow. Having the assistance of the Emergency Police to direct traffic allows officers to focus on other issues at events like this. Below you will see Wayne Baneck directing traffic like a pro.



Breanne Korenuk



Wayne Baneck

Department Thank You from Don Ryder

March 11, 2016

Chief Hardel and all Members of the Wausau Police Department:

I attended the Wausau Police Department Awards Banquet on March 1, 2016 in order to honor all of you. However, that evening you caught me off guard when Chief Hardel called me forward to receive the Bridge Builder Award. Needless to say, it resulted in a big lump in my throat to the point that I could not speak. I failed to even utter the words "thank you" at the time.

So here it is now, THANK YOU for such an honor and for the privilege of working with you. Actually, you all are the true Bridge Builders in our community. Thanks to all of you for putting your lives on the line each day you report to work and for your unselfish service — there is no greater love!

Don Ryder



**Department Support
From a Community Partner
Regarding Officer Involved Shooting**

I just wanted to send you a note to let you know we are all thinking about your department and the difficult situation that some of your young officers had to respond to this past weekend.

I cannot imagine the weight of the responsibility you all carry when you are required to pull your firearm on someone. Though, I am not much of a fan of abusive people, I still don't wish them tragic deaths. I wish this man would have chosen other actions, but he did not and your officers had to do what they had to do.

Please know I and the other staff at TW appreciate your department and your service to the community.

Thank you.

I hope all involved find healing.

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**DOJ Agency Assistance  
Email from Captain Bliven to Robert Powell, DOJ CIB**

Jeff, Matt and I cannot overstate how grateful we are to you and your entire staff for dropping everything over the weekend and helping our agency. Your high level of professionalism and competence allows us to focus on the well being of our staff through this difficult incident. We know very well you will provide an outstanding, objective investigation into this incident with no rock unturned.

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Department Support/Appreciation



Faith Strande and her son Archer brought in home-made cookies.

They wanted to show support to our department after the shooting incident.

Archer wanted his photo taken with an officer, however, they were out on the road. Our Parking Specialist, Jim Hellrood, gladly complied with Archers request.

The cookies were delicious!



**Department Appreciation regarding NCHC
Email from Captain Bliven to Wausau PD**

Matt and I were invited to a luncheon yesterday held with the leadership group of North Central Health Care (about 60 people) to discuss and answer questions regarding the Dr. Black event last week. We answered a variety of questions and it was quite apparent that the employees there were very thankful for the response from law enforcement.

When they were done asking us questions, their CEO, Michael Loy, presented Wausau PD with a thank you in honor of national police week. It was signed by all of their leadership staff. I put it in the briefing room for everyone to see and a photo is attached to this email. Their group gave our department a standing ovation.

There are certainly takeaways for us on improvement for this type of response, but clearly NCHC was grateful for our prompt and professional response. I wanted to be sure to share their appreciation with you; great work by all involved.

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**Email from Mayor Mielke to Chief Hardel  
and the Police & Fire Commission**

As always, THANK YOU for the efforts, performance and dedication that all of you always give to our community, but especially in this situation.

The response, protection and caring professionalism was more than shown in what fortunately turned out to not be a bad incident.

Congratulations and sincere appreciation to all of you for your efforts, not only for this situation, but for the job everyone at WPD always does!

Well done!

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Facebook post from NCHC Employee

I just wanted to thank the police department on their work yesterday evening at North Central Health Care Center. I was in the Aging and Disability Resource Center, which was also on lock down at the time of the incident. Knowing that the Wausau police department was on the premises made me feel immensely better in the highly stressful situation. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in protecting and serving the community of Wausau.



**Officer Appreciation for Officer Zinkowich
Email from Kara Weiland to Captain Hagenbucher**

I just wanted to let the department know that Officer Zinkowich did an excellent job yesterday testifying at a motion hearing. I believe it was her second time testifying and I could tell she was nervous but she did a great job answering the questions. I was really impressed with how she answered all the questions especially the defense attorney's questions.

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**Email from Captain Bliven to Officer Zinkowich**

Excellent work preparing for your testimony. It shows great professionalism and accountability on your part. Thanks for your efforts, keep up the good work.

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**Officer Appreciation for Officer Kurtzhals
Email from Social Worker Stephanie Byer to Lt. Pankow**



Officer Mark Kurtzhals

I apologize, but I did not get the officers name that assisted me yesterday morning with the removal of children from a home, but wanted to pass on the information that he went out of his way and bought the baby a bottle and formula (since the baby had not eaten in hours). I just wanted to say thank you to him for going above what he needed to do. We appreciate the great team work that we have with WPD.

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**Email from Captain Bliven to Officer Kurtzhals**

Outstanding service to our community. These are often very difficult situations and I appreciate your genuine effort to have a positive impact on people in our community. Additionally, you helped make our partnership with social services stronger. Great professionalism!

# Core Values

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Respect



Officer Jeff Schremp

**Officer Appreciation for Officers Schremp & Stetzer  
Email from Lt. Cihlar to Officer Schremp & Stetzer**

Thanks—good job keeping the weekend festivities in check, I didn't see any teen related stuff in the weekend reports anyway... I hadn't realized the number of hours you guys are asked to do for prom weekend—but we're reminded that having officers present is well worth it and necessary--

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Officer Nick Stetzer

Email from Officer Schremp to Lt. Cihlar

If you could pass on my thanks to the night shift patrol they did a great job giving extra patrol. Officer Olson, Chittum, Bertram, Lemirand, and Fish all stopped out at Mountain Lanes for a short time Saturday. With the Antigo shooting some of the kids were really on edge and it was great to see the extra police presence.



Officer Jacob Chittum



Officer Brent Olson



Officer Eric Lemirand



Officer David Bertram



Officer Peter Fish



**Officer Appreciation for Officer Talg
Email from Captain Bliven to Officer Talg**

I received a phone call from Mike O'Malley today requesting extra patrol for their new inventory parked behind the old Stettin Elementary School. As part of that conversation he said an officer responded to their lot for a vehicle that wasn't locked on Saturday night. He also said the officer went out of their way to check on some of the other vehicles and the officer found more unsecured vehicles. Mike was very appreciative the officer took the extra effort to check other car doors. With the new construction they have been moving around a lot of vehicles and some were left unlocked.

In short, thanks for making the extra effort at O'Malley's. Mike was appreciative.



Officer Dean Talg



**Officer Appreciation for Officer Stetzer
Letter from Southeast Side Neighborhood Group**



May 17, 2016

**Joan Jackson
Member, SE Side Neighborhood Group**

**Jeff Hardel
Police Chief
Wausau WI**

**Hello Chief Hardel,
On behalf of the SE Side Group, I must tell you about the Financial Crimes presentation made by Officer Nate Stetzer last night at our May meeting. He held the attention of the diverse audience with his professional, interactive, and meaningful presentation. There were about 50 neighbors who learned about phone scams and identity theft leading to financial crimes.**

Nate, as usual, was energetic, articulate, confident, and accessible to the audience. He shared, in a short time, the essential information and procedures people need to follow to avoid being a victim of such crimes. He was able to incorporate audience questions as he spoke and was respectful of all inquiries made.

Nate also shared information regarding the procedure and actions taken last week when the alarm came in from NCHC. Neighbors were impressed by the skill and speed utilized by the department.

It is clear that Officer Stetzer is passionate about his work and is a strong advocate for the city, the WPD, and the people he serves. As a neighborhood group, we are most appreciative of the time taken by Nate and other officers to share information with our neighborhood group.

Sincerely,

Joan Jackson
The Southeast Side Neighborhood Group

Message from Chief Hardel to Officer Nate Stetzer:

See attached letter describing their appreciation for the presentation you provided them. Thank you for your professionalism and for always representing WPD in such a positive manner. We are very happy to have you on our team. Thanks again.



Be safe, always appreciate your blessings, and never take things for granted.

Jeff Hardel
Chief of Police
Wausau Police Department

Leadership Quote:

**Remarks by President Obama at the Presentation of the Medal of Valor During National Police Week
May 16, White House**

The truth is, it's because of your courage, sometimes seen, but sometimes unseen, that the rest of us can go about living our lives like it's any other day. Going to work, going to school, spending time with our families, getting home safely. We so appreciate our public safety officers around the country, from our rookie cadets to our role model of an Attorney General. Not everyone will wear the medal that we give today, but every day, so many of our public safety officers wear a badge of honor.

The men and women who run toward danger remind us with your courage and humility what the highest form of citizenship looks like. When you see students and commuters and shoppers at risk, you don't see these civilians as strangers. You see them as part of your own family, your own community. The Scripture teaches us, you love your neighbor as yourself. And you put others' safety before your own. In your proud example of public service, you remind us that loving our country means loving one another. And medals and ceremonies like today are important, but these aren't enough to convey the true depth of our gratitude. Our words will be hollow if they're not matched by deeds. So our nation has a responsibility to support those who serve and protect us and keep our streets safe. We can show our respect by listening to you, learning from you, giving you the resources that you need to do the jobs.