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DA STEELE HONORS FOUR CIVILIANS AND 35 MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH COMMENDATIONS



Sgt. Drew Kent (Abington), DA Kevin Steele, Det. Lt. Steven Fink (Abington)



Jason Bodnar of Norristown, two neighborhood boys who were riding scooters when Steven Quadrel shot at them after murdering his father, DA Kevin Steele

CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa. (May 8, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele honored four civilians and 35 law enforcement officers 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 (in the order presented at the ceremony):

Civilian Commendations

Rafael Ortiz, Philadelphia

For bravery in the face of a surprise attack and saving the life of his friend.

Jason Bodnar, Norristown

For preventing further violence by talking a man, who had just shot his father, into putting down his firearm.

Cameron Barrett, Collegeville

For his courageous efforts to help in the apprehension of a man who caused a major car crash and then carjacked another car to flee.

Kimberly Ann Olivera, Feasterville

For her quick actions when faced with an armed bank robber that helped save her co-workers and customers from harm.

Law Enforcement Individual Commendations

Det. Brooke Fisher, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Det. Sgt. Thomas Leahan, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Det. Heather Long, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Officer Corey Pfister, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Officer Jacob Ritter, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Det. Mark Wickersham, Pottstown Borough Police Department

Officer Kevin Gorman, Philadelphia Police Department

For the superior investigation into an attempted murder in Pottstown, the support for the victim and the manhunt and ultimate arrest of the defendant.

Det. Joel Greco, Lansdale Borough Police Department

For the successful investigation and support of two young girls who had been sexually assaulted by three men known to the family.

Det. Sgt. Richard Hoffner, Hatfield Township Police Department

Det. Todd Walter, Montgomery Township Police Department

Det. David Crawford, Norristown Police Department

Det. Brendan Dougherty, Upper Merion Township Police Department

For the successful investigation of five rooftop burglaries in Montgomery County and the subsequent arrests of three individuals.

Off. Daniel Rose, Montgomery Township Police Department

For a heads-up traffic stop in a high-crime area that led to the arrests of two individuals for drugs and the recovery of nine stolen firearms.

Officer Stewart Coyle, Cheltenham Township Police Department

Sgt. Joseph O'Neill, Cheltenham Township Police Department

Det. Sgt. Richard Schaffer, Cheltenham Township Police Department

Det. Robert Baiada, Springfield Township Police Department

Det. Cpl. Robert Chiarlanza, Springfield Township Police Department

Det. Stephen Craig, Springfield Township Police Department

Det. Timothy Hartman, Philadelphia Police Department

For the investigation into two armed robberies at a 7-Eleven store and CVS.

Det. Michael Scarpato, Upper Dublin Township Police Department

For the investigation and arrest of an internet predator who raped a 14-year-old girl.

Officer A. Edward Bove, Lower Merion Township Police Department

For the heads-up pursuit of an armed bank robber that resulted in his apprehension.

Det. Lt. Steven Fink, Abington Township Police Department
Det. Christine Konieczny, Lower Merion Township Police Department
Det. Gregory Pitchford, Lower Merion Township Police Department
Det. Sgt. David DiNardo, New Castle County (Del.) Police Department

For the successful multi-jurisdictional investigation into a string of burglaries and the jeweler fence and for diligently working to reunite the stolen jewelry with its rightful owners.

Det. Raymond Royds, Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department

For the successful investigation into stolen cyanide and for coordinating with multiple agencies on the investigation of the poison being dumped.

Det. David Crawford, Norristown Police Department
Officer Brian Saxon, Norristown Police Department
Agent Harry Gaab, Pennsylvania State Parole

For the successful investigation and prosecution of an attempted murder.

Sgt. Robert Greenwood, Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department
Det. Daniel Kienle, Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department
Officer Matthew Musselman, Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department

For the successful investigation that used facial recognition software to identify a dangerous armed robber.

Sgt. Drew Kent, Abington Township Police Department

For heroic actions in a dangerous domestic violence hostage situation that ended with the safe rescue of all victims.

Det. Gregory Pitchford, Lower Merion Township Police Department
Officer Christopher Schwartz, Plymouth Township Police Department
Officer Francis Rippert III, Whitpain Township Police Department

For dedication to investigating all overdose deaths in Montgomery County and arresting the drug dealers who sold the deadly poison, thereby making Montgomery County safer.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele