



Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

Date: July 6, 2018

To: All Police Personnel

From: Michael J. Chitwood
Superintendent of Police

Subject: Employee of the Month – June 2018

The Awards Committee received the following nominations for Employee of the Month for June 2018.

Office Frank Devine
Officer Joseph DiFrancesco
Officer Michael Monaghan
Officer Robert Scott

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer Frank Devine** as this month's recipient.

Frank had 5 misdemeanor arrests during the month of May as well as his usual compliment of traffic citations. He also recorded two non-traffic citations. Frank is a dependable and hard-working officer who consistently comes to work with a positive attitude and a willingness to do whatever is needed. Frank has spent part of this month training a new officer in the FTO program. He routinely checks the Township's problem areas. On 5/23/18 at 1410 hours he was doing just that when he encountered several males in the Bond Ave play area. Bond Ave has always been a gathering spot for juveniles and recently has seen an uptick in criminal activity. Frank stopped four males in the area knowing that they were too old to be school students passing through. Two of the males were found to have narcotics on them and one had a replica BB gun. His proactive patrol and investigation potentially prevented a crime.

On 5/29/18 at 0249 hours police were dispatched to the area of 746 Fairfax for a male screaming in the area. Frank went directly to the cemetery that is situated in the rear of the property. There he located a suicidal 26-year-old male carrying a loaded 12 gauge shotgun. The male had intentions of killing himself and informed Frank of that. Frank was able to defuse the situation and took the male to the crisis center. The male's family was contacted; they were unaware of the male's condition and did not know that he owned a gun. There is no doubt that Frank's actions prevented a tragedy that night.

Frank continued his fine work into the month of June. He added 6 more misdemeanor arrests, four felony arrests, as well as traffic citations and non-traffic citations. Two arrests, in particular, stand out. The first occurring on 6/18/18 while working the 69th Street foot beat. Frank and his partner ped stopped a male for public intoxication and located narcotics and a stolen handgun in his possession. On 6/26/2018 at 0156 hours a male was shot in the rear of 131 Green Valley Rd by two other males. The actors fled on foot and were spotted in the Cobbs Creek Golf Course. Frank took up a position on the Philadelphia side of the Golf Course near Callowhill St and located the males as they exited the woods. Both males were taken into custody and the firearm used in the crime was located.

Congratulations Officer Frank Devine. Thank you for your service to the community and dedication to duty.