



Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

Date: March 6, 2019
To: All Police Personnel
From: Michael J. Chitwood
Superintendent of Police
Subject: Employee of the Month – February 2019

The Awards Committee received the following nominations for Employee of the Month for February 2019.

Officer Ryan Benner
Officer Michael DeHoratius
Officer James Kellar
Officer Robert Scott, Jr.

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer Robert Scott, Jr.** as this month's recipient.

Lieutenant Stephen Oreskovich wrote in his nomination of Officer Scott the following:

On Monday, February 25, 2019, Officer Scott responded to 21 S. Harwood (19-07734) for the report of a domestic dispute. Officer Scott arrived to a verbal dispute between a male and a female. While on location he observed the apartment to be filthy, and while there was no evidence of drugs or paraphernalia in plain view, both people appeared to be under the influence of narcotics (methamphetamine). He observed belongings in the residence suggesting a child lived there and inquired as to where the child was. He learned the child was an eight-year-old female and was currently at school.

Officer Scott cleared the call and immediately returned to police headquarters and completed his incident report. He faxed a copy of the report to Children and Youth Services and followed up with a phone call urging them to make contact with the family as soon as possible for the child's well being. CYS responded out within a couple of hours with Officer Scott and the child was placed into temporary foster care with the family of the child's mother.

The following morning around 05:00 hours, the police and fire departments were dispatched to the same location after receiving multiple calls for a building fire. The second floor of the building had heavy fire showing when crews arrived and the adult occupants were out of the residence, one having to jump from a first story roof to safety. The child was luckily still in temporary foster care. I have no doubt if Officer Scott did not take the steps that he did for the child's safety, this could have ended in tragedy for the child.

Officer Scott has been with the department for about a year and a half. He is a dedicated and hard-working officer. The care and compassion he brings to work each day is evident in the aforementioned incident and he should be commended for it.

Congratulations Officer Robert Scott, Jr. Thank you for your service to the community and dedication to duty.