



Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

Date: May 6, 2019
To: All Police Personnel
From: Michael J. Chitwood
Superintendent of Police *MJC*
Subject: Employee of the Month – April 2019

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

Officer Daniel Connell
Officer Nicholas Lanzetta
Officer Michael Murphy
Officer Steven Russo

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

Sergeant Stephen Tarozzi wrote in his nomination of Officer Murphy the following:

Officer Murphy has been with the department for (4) years and is currently assigned to the 1st squad. Officer Murphy has been with the 1st squad for 3 months and has quickly established himself as a reliable, go-to Officer for any task. He also is consistently at the top of the list in calls for service and self-initiated activity. A recent example of excellent police work that he has demonstrated is listed below:

On 04/30/2019, Officer Murphy observed (2) males loitering in the parking lot of a closed business. Officer Murphy immediately recognized one of the subjects from prior contacts and also as matching the description of actors depicted in a recent police alert involving the theft of a firearm. When Officer Murphy made contact with the males, one fled on foot. He was quickly apprehended by assisting police units. Both were juveniles and were returned to headquarters for curfew violations. Detectives interviewed them in regards to the theft and both gave statements admitting their roles in the gun theft. It was determined one of the juveniles also had a bench warrant. Subsequently, charges were filed and both were transported to the juvenile detention center.

Congratulations Officer Michael Murphy. Thank you for your service to the community and dedication to duty.