

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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City of Beloit Police Department Honors Community Partners, Officers in Awards Ceremony

April 4, 2024 -- The City of Beloit Police Department was proud to honor its officers and several community contributors in an awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 3.

“We want to celebrate the hard working and dedicated guardians working for the Beloit Police Department,” said Chief Andre Sayles. “Our officers truly exemplify what community policing is all about. And we couldn’t do it without the support of our neighbors who donate their time and resources to making Beloit a stronger and safer community.”

Lifesaving Award: *Police Officers Kevin Witte, Aaron Mueller and Juan Rocha Jr.*

Officers Mueller and Witte responded to a shooting on Christmas morning, December 25, 2023, near Porter and Yates avenues. They located a victim who was quickly losing blood and needed immediate care. Officers Witte and Mueller worked together to apply a tourniquet above the femoral artery injury. When Officer Rocha arrived on scene, he realized a second tourniquet was required and he applied another tourniquet.

The victim was later transported to an area hospital where she eventually survived the shooting. Their use of trauma care training and fast actions saved the life of the victim.

Unit Citation Award: *Sgt. Shannon Dykstra, Sgt. Ryan Kelly, Detective Michael Doran, Detective Jacob Mielke, Police Officer Noe Mar-Garcia.*

From January to November 2023, the Violent Crimes Interdiction Team (VCIT) conducted and assisted in a substantial number of investigations. During that timeframe, VCIT members served 42 residential search warrants. Their tireless efforts have resulted in the seizure of approximately 33 firearms, 278 grams of Fentanyl, 66 grams of Heroin, 142 grams of Crack Cocaine, 358 grams of powdered Cocaine, 16,252 grams of marijuana, 73 grams of MDMA and 0.77 grams of methamphetamine. All of this was accomplished with minimal damage to residential property, minimal uses of force and no internal investigations or substantiated complaints by community members.

10-55 Award: *Police Officer Ashley Rosenbaum*

This award is presented to officers for their commitment in apprehending impaired drivers and making our roadways safe.

Traffic Safety Award: *Police Officer Ashley Rosenbaum*

This award is presented to officers whose daily efforts during traffic stops play a large part in preventing severe crimes and enhances roadway safety.

Felony Arrest Award: *Police Officer Nicholas Rodenbeck*

This award is presented to officers for their commitment in apprehending felony offenders and making the community safe

“Big Bad Rascal” Award: *Police Officer Lee Robinson*

This award is presented to officers for their commitment in the removal of crime guns from the Beloit community and making the community safe.

Community Collaboration Awards: *ABC Supply Stadium, Amazon, Community Action, Fresh Horizons Group, Inc., ICONIQ, Kettle Foods, Pinnon Meats, Rojas Boxing Gym, Stateline Boys & Girls Club, Walmart, Woodman’s Food Market, Stateline Family YMCA.*

All these organization donated services, resource or facilities or fostered opportunities for our officers to positively engage with our city’s youth. The City of Beloit Police Department is immensely grateful for their commitment to strengthening Beloit.

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