

January Winner

On January 22, 2004, at 8:45 a.m., Officer Stuart Krueger was off-duty at his home when he heard loud banging noises & glass breakage outside. Upon investigation, he viewed three w/m's sitting in a van next to a GMC Jimmy with a broken window. A w/m then exited the van and approached the Jimmy with a pry bar. He entered the vehicle and began to pry out the radio from the dashboard. Without backup, Krueger approached the Jimmy and placed the subject under arrest for Attempt Larceny. The van with the other two subjects fled the scene, however, Krueger was able to get the van's description and license plate number. The information was reported to dispatch when he called for backup and the van was subsequently stopped by Center Line Officers, resulting in two more arrests.

If not for the intervention of Officer Krueger, these three subjects would have been able to complete their crime, and possibly many more, before they stopped for the day. It is for this reason that Officer Stuart Krueger has been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officer of the Month.

February Winners

On January 12, 2004, at 10:50 p.m., a purse snatching occurred on State Park by a B/M suspect. An elderly female victim was dragged, and then threatened with a knife, before the suspect ran off with her purse. The victim called 911 and the suspect description was soon given out by CLPS Dispatch. Deputy Director, Nick Chakur, was close to the area and soon found the suspect running through several residential yards. Chakur quickly advised other units and Officer David Rickerman saw the subject run across Coolidge. Rickerman gave foot pursuit through several yards and watched as the suspect dropped the victim's purse. He was finally able to catch up to the suspect and made the arrest without incident. The suspect was found to possess the knife and currency taken from the purse.

If not for the quick response and excellent police skills of both Chakur & Rickerman, the suspect may have fled the scene without notice. It is for these reasons they have been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

On February 18, 2004, two armed robberies occurred within 10 minutes of each other in the City of Southfield. A BOL on the incident stated one suspect was apprehended and the other was heading to an unknown trailer park along 8 Mile in Warren. The suspect vehicle was a gray van with a partial plate. Officers Charles Rushton & Frank Gasser began to check all trailer parks in their area along 8 Mile. Upon entering the A&L Trailer Park, they viewed a van matching the vehicle description with a license plate that closely resembled the partial plate given. The officers then began a surveillance of the vehicle until the suspect approached. They ascertained that this subject was the suspect in the RA's and placed him under arrest. It was later learned this subject, along with his accomplice, were responsible for armed robberies in Southfield, Berkley, Madison Hgts. & Beverly Hills.

Because of the excellent police work performed by these two officers, an extremely dangerous individual was taken from the streets. It is for these reasons they have been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

March Winners

There were no qualified applicants.

April Winners

On April 1, 2004, at 3:57 p.m., a suicidal subject at St. John–Macomb Hospital slashed his wrist with a razor and was now threatening to kill citizens & security personnel in the Emergency Room with the same razor. Officer Matthew Nichols was called to the scene as the subject chased security officers to the carport located outside the ER. As Nichols approached in his scout car, he viewed the subject holding security at bay with the razor. Nichols slowed his scout car down and bumped the subject with his front bumper. This action caused the subject to fall and release the knife. The subject was immediately apprehended and charged with several charges of Aggravated Assault.

If not for the quick thinking of Officer Nichols, this subject may have seriously injured several people or himself before the situation was resolved. For this reason he has been selected as F.O.P. #124 Peace Officer of the Month.

On April 6, 2004, 2:00 p.m., Officers Sean Johnston & Jeffrey Graus were on routine patrol when they viewed two cars “For Sale” near the Art Van store at 8 Mile & Schoenherr. Upon further investigation of these vehicles, they found that a VIN number on a 1988 Pontiac Bonneville had been tampered with. Upon finding another VIN# on the vehicle, the numbers did not match. They ran both numbers on LEIN and the second number showed the vehicle was stolen. The officers called the phone number on the vehicle and pretended to be interested in buying the car. Shortly thereafter, a subject arrived with the keys and fake title for the vehicle. He was subsequently arrest for Poss. Stolen Auto and the vehicle was recovered.

Where most officers would have just recovered the stolen vehicle, Officers Johnston & Graus showed initiative and smart thinking. Their efforts were rewarded by making an arrest on the subject responsible for re-tagging the vehicle. For these reasons, they have been selected as F.O.P. #124 Peace Officers of the Month.

May Winner

On May 14, 2004, at 8:38 a.m., the Taco Bell Rest., located at 4015 8 Mile, was robbed by 2 B/M's at gunpoint. The suspect vehicle was described as a light blue Dodge Dynasty with Arkansas license plates. At appx. 9:14 a.m. Officer John Dahlin was on routine patrol when he viewed a light blue Dynasty with Arkansas plates parked at the Warren Manor Apts., 21538 Dequindre. Dahlin informed Warren Dispatch of the possible suspect vehicle and sat up on the vehicle to wait for the suspects to return. Numerous other units were dispatched to the scene. As the

suspects returned to their vehicle, they noted several units begin their approach and ran from the area. After a brief foot pursuit by backup units, both suspects were apprehended. It should also be noted that these two suspects were also involved in several other robberies in Warren & Detroit.

If not for the diligence of Officer Dahlin, it is very possible that the suspect vehicle may have never been spotted. His excellent police work contributed greatly to the apprehension of two very dangerous individuals. It is for this reason he has been selected as FOP #124 Peace Officer of the Month.

June Winner

No Qualified Applicants

July Winner

On July 10, 2004, at 2:23 a.m., Officers Robert Horlocker & Sean Sullivan were on routine patrol in the Lafayette Trailer Park when they noticed a fire inside a covered patio to one of the trailers. Officers investigated and found a bicycle placed against the exit door preventing entry/exit. The fire was coming from a large roll of carpet which was placed against the trailer. Officers were able to wake both residents of the home and have them exit. Ofcs. then put out the flames with a garden hose & fire extinguisher before any major damage was incurred. Feeling the suspect may be watching nearby, officers checked the area and located a subject hiding in bushes. The subject was found to be a past employee of the homeowner who has attempted to burn down his trailer in the past.

If not for the excellent patrol techniques & quick thinking of Ofcs. Horlocker & Sullivan, the fire would likely have spread quickly, very possibly causing the deaths to both sleeping residents. Their perseverance also allowed them to make an arrest of the subject responsible. It is for these reasons they have been selected as F.O.P., #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

August Winner

No Qualified Applicants

September Winners

On September 15, 2004, at 12:38 a.m., Officers Patrick Moore & Sean Sullivan were enroute to an un-related incident when they viewed a suspicious vehicle on Tallman s/ 10 Mile. As they turned to investigate, 3 subjects ran to the car and it sped off s/b. Officers stopped the vehicle and upon their investigation learned the subjects were in the process of a strong-arm robbery and had been assaulting him severely. All three subjects were subsequently arrested.

Even when Officers Moore & Sullivan were in the process of traveling to another radio run, they showed their professionalism by remaining observant to their surroundings at all times. Their actions foiled a robbery in progress and apprehended all

suspects involved. It is for these reasons they have been selected a FOP 124 Peace Officers of the Month.

On September 10, 2004, at appx. 11:00 a.m., Officers John Rock, Richard Schnur and several other Warren Officers reported to a home on Ford regarding a domestic situation. Upon arrival the male half ran into the home and locked the door. Officers tried numerous times to make contact with negative results. The female of the home entered a window to place the large dogs into a secure room. It was at this time that the male entered the same room and produced a large kitchen knife. Officers immediately kicked the door in and ordered the subject to drop the knife. The subject turned the knife and threatened to kill himself. Officers Rock & Schnur began verbal communication with the subject that lasted nearly two hours. The incident ended when Rock & Schnur had him place the knife down and turn himself over to police.

Because of the excellent police work performed by all officers, with special attention to the negotiating skills of Rock & Schnur, the stand-off ended peacefully with no injury to the female, police or suspect. For these reasons, Officers Rock & Schnur have been selected as FOP 124 Peace Officers of the Month.

During the months of July, August & September of 2004, appx. 2 dozen crimes of B&E and Larceny had been reported in the area of 14 Mile & Schoenherr. The crimes were of special importance due to two Active Members of our lodge being victims. One member was Officer David Helhowski, who quickly made solving these crimes a major priority. For the first 3-4 hours of every shift, Dave would set up a surveillance of the area when he wasn't busy on a radio run. His diligence paid off on September 21 when he spotted two subjects acting suspiciously as they walked through his neighborhood. Upon closer investigation he identified them as two known thieves that lived nearby. During his investigation, a B&E of an occupied residence was reported. Dave arrested both subjects for un-related crimes. It was at this time that one of these subjects began making statements implying the other subject of various crimes in the area. Dave acted upon these statements and secured a search warrant for their home. Inside the home, numerous stolen items were recovered. Later the next day, Warren's CID was able to get confessions and arrest warrants that closed most of the unsolved cases, including the previous day's B&E.

A B&E of an occupied home at night is likely one of America's worst fears. If not for the great police work and diligence of Officer Helhowski, it is very likely numerous more crimes of this nature may have occurred before any arrests were made. It is for these reasons that Officer Helhowski has been selected a FOP 124 Peace Officer of the Month.

October Winner

On October 28, 2004, at 3:34 p.m., Officers William Ross & Michael Sauger responded to an address on Cunningham regarding a B&E in progress. Upon their arrival they learned the suspect was still inside the home. As officers entered, the suspect fled out the side door and ran through several yards to the next block. Ofc. Ross was the first to give foot pursuit and followed the suspect to Masch. The

suspect viewed a vehicle pulling into a driveway nearby and entered through the passenger side door. As the suspect was attempting to force the elderly female to drive him away, Ofc. Ross entered the vehicle through the same door and began to struggle with the suspect. Soon thereafter, Ofc. Sauger arrived and immediately had the female victim exit her vehicle. Sauger then assisted his partner, and together, both officers were able to subdue and arrest the subject.

If not for the quick thinking and bravery of both Ofcs. Ross and Sauger, the incident may have turned tragic for the female victim. Due to their efforts, they were able to make the arrest without harm to her or themselves. It is for these reasons they have been selected F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

November Winners

On November 10, 2004, at appx. 5:00 p.m., Officer Charles Rushton responded to a possible drug overdose on Hoover s/10 Mile. Upon arrival, Ofc. Rushton checked the victim for vital signs, found he was not breathing, and began rescue breathing. Air was not filling into the subject's lungs and Rushton gave him abdominal thrusts. This action dislodged an object from the victim's airway; however, he was still not breathing on his own. Rushton again gave rescue breathing until Warren Fire arrived on scene and took over. The subject was taken to the hospital and released in good health 2 hours later.

If not for the quick actions & thinking of Officer Charles Rushton, it is very likely the victim would have died before professional medical help arrived. For his actions, Officer Rushton has been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officer of the Month.

On November 11, 2004, at appx. 5:30 p.m., a Home Invasion occurred on the 8200 block of Westminster. The suspect description matched that of a serial B&E subject responsible for many residential B&E's in the area within the past few months. Det. Louis Busch arrived shortly thereafter and quickly spotted the suspect near Federal & Sherman. Within seconds, Officer Robert Schaffner also viewed the suspect. Together, both officers detained the him and found evidence on his person that led to his arrest.

Due to the quick response, good eyes and excellent investigative skills by both officers, their actions led to the arrest of a very dangerous individual. It is for these reasons they have been selected as F.O.P., #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

December Winners

No Qualified Applicants