

### December 2005

In December of 2005, Madison Heights PD broadcast a BOL for a suspect vehicle involved in an armed robbery at a Dollar Store in their city. The suspect vehicle was occupied by three armed subjects. An undisclosed amount of money was taken.

Officer Paul Kelly immediately went to the area of Dequindre and I-696, where he observed a vehicle matching the suspect description. Officer Kelly made an unassisted traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. Officer Kelly detained the vehicle until State Troopers arrived.

The three occupants of the vehicle were involved in the armed robbery. All three suspects were arrested and a firearm and the stolen cash were recovered without injury to any of the involved parties.

It is for this reason that Officer Kelly has been selected as the FOP Lodge #124 Peace Officer of the month.

### November 2005

ON 11-14-2005 at 0120 HRS. OFFICER'S KEVIN BORYCZ AND PAT MOORE RECEIVED A DISPATCH TO 6700 BLOCK OF TOEPFER. DISPATCH ADVISED THAT A SHOT HAD BEEN FIRED OUT THE FRONT WINDOW. OFFICER MOORE AND BORYCZ SPOKE WITH A DESPONDENT SUBJECT WHO HAD A SHOTGUN TO HIS HEAD.

OFFICER CROWN, A CRISIS NEGOTIATOR, ARRIVED AND MOORE ASKED CROWN TO TAKE OVER THE NEGOTIATIONS.

CROWN SPOKE WITH THE SUBJECT FOR 45 MINUTES, GAINING HIS TRUST AND CALMING HIM DOWN. THE SUBJECT FINALLY RELENTED, PLACED THE SHOTGUN DOWN AND CAME OUT UNARMED.

OFFICER CROWN USED HIS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO BRING A SAFE CONCLUSION TO A SITUATION INVOLVING A VOLATILE ARMED MAN. IF NOT FOR OFFICER CROWNS SKILLS AND COMPASSION THE END RESULT MAY HAVE BEEN TRAGIC. IT IS FOR THIS REASON OFFICER CROWN HAS BEEN SELECTED AS F.O.P. #124 PEACE OFFICER OF THE MONTH.

### October 2005

On September 28, 2005, at 9:05 a.m., Officer Scott Salisbury was patrolling the area of 652 Cour Renee when he observed a male subject acting frantically outside his residence. Ofc. Salisbury spoke with the subject and learned his 13-month-old infant was choking severely. Salisbury immediately called for Warren Fire and went inside to assist. Finding the child still choking, Salisbury began back thrusts and quickly dislodged a piece of plastic in his throat.

**Due to Officer Salisbury's quick response to a choking child, he most likely saved the child from possible brain damage and/or death. It is for these reasons he has been selected as FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officer of the Month.**

### **September 2005**

**On September 16, 2005, at 11:03 a.m., a strong-arm robbery occurred in the parking lot of St. John Medical Bldg., 11900 12 Mile. A b/m armed with a handgun pistol-whipped a female and fled with her purse in a tan mini-van. A witness to the crime was able to get a full description of the suspect, his clothing and license plate number to the van.**

**Officers Sean Johnston & Jeffrey Graus began looking for the suspect vehicle after the bulletin was given by Warren Dispatch. They located a suspect vehicle near 11 Mile & Schoenherr. The license plate and suspect clothing description were not the same. Not deterred, the officers conducted a traffic stop anyway. After several minutes of investigation, they determined the suspect had changed his clothing and license plate. Inside the vehicle officers located the handgun used and victim's property. The suspect subsequently made a full confession to detectives during an interview.**

**During this incident, Officers Johnston & Graus showed excellent police work that led to the arrest of a very dangerous individual. It is for this reason they have been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.**

On September 12, 2005, at 3:57 a.m., a home invasion occurred in the 20000 block of LaSalle by an unknown suspect. Officers Swatowski & Springer responded to the area and located a subject running a few blocks away. The subject was stopped and questioned. His answers to several questions to not add up and he was further detained. Shortly thereafter, another home invasion was dispatched on Eastwood. A responding unit advised several items were taken from this address. Officers Swatowski & Springer advised the subject they were speaking with had those items in his possession and he was arrested for home invasion. During a subsequent interview by detectives, the suspect gave full confessions involving himself in 15 other separate home invasions in C & D areas.

Officer Swatowski & Springer's quick response to the area and excellent interviewing techniques progressed them into a home invasion arrest which eventually solved appx. 15 other home invasions in the area. Both Officers should be commended for a job well done and it is for these reasons they have been selected as F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

### **August 2005**

**On August 21, 2005, Officers Frank Gasser & David Michelis responded to an attempt suicide on Eastwood n/ 8 Mile. Before their arrival, the suicidal subject left the home with a knife. Both officers began a search and found him down the street near a car holding the knife to his throat. They immediately began to talk with the subject in an attempt to have him put down the knife.**

Soon thereafter P.O. David Crown arrived on scene. Crown advised both ofcs. that he was a Crisis Negotiator and they turned the negotiations over to him. Crown spent appx. 45 minutes talking with the subject and was finally able to have him place the knife to the ground and get help for his problems.

Ofcs. Gasser & Michelis responded in a prompt manner, found the victim and quickly began dialogue. Upon learning that another officer was better trained to handle the situation, they immediately turned the scene over to Ofc. Crown who used his training to bring the incident to a safe conclusion. If not for the efforts of all three officers, the situation may have took a life threatening turn. It is for this reason they have been selected as FOP #124 Peace Officers of the Month.

### July 2005

On July 1, 2005, at 10:55 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at Hungry Howies Pizza, 4652 9 Mile, involving 3 suspects, one armed with a shotgun. Warren Dispatch gave out the information to all area cars and shortly after, Center Line PSO Hilla responded to the area and located the suspects riding bicycles on Cunningham n/Toepfer. Hilla was able to immediately arrest two of the subjects as the third ran from the scene. Not long after this, Center Line Sgt. Jeffrey Kline apprehended the third subject near 8 Mile & Moenart. Upon investigation by arriving Warren officers, the shotgun used in the crime was located in a backpack near Hilla's arrest location.

If not for the quick response and actions taken by Center Line Officers Hilla and Kline, the suspects may have easily disappeared without apprehension. It is for these reasons they have been selected as FOP #124 Peace Officers of the Month.

On July 8, 2005, at appx. 4:00 p.m., a stabbing occurred at 25182 Rosenbusch. Information given was that a mentally ill subject had stabbed his mother and was still in the house with the knife. Upon arrival of several Warren Officers, the subject was still inside brandishing the weapon. In an effort to resolve the incident without lose of life, Warren Officer Dwaine Salisbury provided handgun cover as Officers Steven Campbell & William Ross sprayed the subject with OC. The subject began to run down the hallway and was taken down by Officers Scott Taylor & Michael Moore. At this time the subject was arrested without further incident.

All five Officers showed excellent teamwork abilities that brought an extremely hostile situation to a close in a matter of minutes without lose of life or serious injury. It is for this reason they have been selected as FOP #124 Peace Officers of the Month.

Between July 2, 2005 and July 19, 2005 Officer Randall Richardson recovered 5 stolen vehicles, a Plymouth Breeze, Buick Park Avenue, Dodge Neon, Dodge Caravan and Cadillac Seville. These recoveries resulted in 5 arrests and the recovery of appx. \$100,000 in property. What makes these recoveries astonishing is the fact that all 5 cars were re-tag stolen vehicles. Most officers in the course of a year may only find one re-tag occupied stolen vehicle. Officer Richardson was able to locate 5 in just 17 days!

Due to his excellence in locating stolen vehicles of this nature, he has been selected as FOP #124 Peace Office of the Month.

### June 2005

On June 10, 2005, at 12:09 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at the Cash Advance Store located at 5149 9 Mile. Two b/m's held up the store by implying they had a weapon. They left the store with over \$5000 in cash & coin and were last seen s/b Cyman from 9 Mile in a silver Cadillac.

Officers Sean Johnston & Jeffrey Graus, working a two-man unit, immediately responded to the neighborhood south of 8 Mile and west of Mound. Within minutes, the ofcs. viewed the suspect vehicle driven by a subject matching the suspect description. A felony stop was conducted and appx. \$1600 was recovered. The suspect was subsequently arrested for Armed Robbery.

If not for the quick thinking and excellent police work performed by both officers, it is very likely the suspect would have gotten away with his crime. It is for these reasons that officers Sean Johnston & Jeffrey Graus are selected as F.O.P. #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

### May 2005

There were no qualified applicants.

### April 2005

On April 9, 2005, at 6:46 p.m., Corporal Robert Plotzke of the Center Line Department of Public Safety received a radio run to 24348 Sherwood regarding an active fire of a field & two dumpsters in the area. Plotzke, along with other Center Line officers, responded and began to extinguish the blazes. During this incident, Plotzke viewed a juvenile standing nearby that seemed to be too interested in the fire fighting process. Plotzke approached and began to question him. The boy lied several times about his name and address. The boy was taken home by Plotzke and questioned before his parents. The boy confessed to setting the fires with two other boys. This began an investigation by Plotzke that progressed for three days.

During this investigation, Plotzke was able to get full confessions from three juveniles. The confessions involved them in several arsons in the Center Line area and the destruction of a large amount of property at a granite countertop factory nearby.

If not for the excellent police work of Ofc. Plotzke, the perpetrators to all arsons and destruction of property may have went unnoticed. Due to Plotzke's actions, he has been selected a F.O.P., Lodge #124, Peace Officer of the Month.

### March 2005

There were no qualified applicants.

### February 2005

**On February 6, 2005, at 12:14 a.m., several patrol officers, including Officers Charles Springer, Patrick Moore & Stuart Krueger, responded to the Quality Inn on VanDyke in an attempt to arrest a subject for the US Marshalls Service on a weapons violation. They also learned the subject was a suspect in a Detroit Homicide. After obtaining vague information from the front desk, the officers attempted to locate the subject in a room. Before knocking, Officers Springer, Moore & Krueger positioned themselves outside and tried to view the room's interior. The occupants inside heard noises and interior ofcs. knocked on the hallway door as a diversion. At this time, Ofc. Springer quickly opened the window and pulled open the blinds. The officers were met by the suspect, who immediately produced a handgun and fired upon them several times at close range. The officers returned fire and fell the suspect before any harm could come to them or innocent civilians.**

**Under extreme circumstances, Officers Springer, Moore & Krueger used quick thinking and sound judgment to stop a very dangerous individual from escaping and potentially hurting other civilians or police officers. It is for these reasons they have been selected as FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.**

On February 6, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at the Dollar Store in Madison Hgts. near 12 Mile & Dequindre. The crime involved three b/m's with handguns who fled the scene s/b Dequindre in a dark colored Dodge Caravan. A BOL was sent out to Warren and Officer Paul Kelly responded to the suspect's most logical escape route. His efforts were rewarded when he spotted the suspect vehicle near 11 Mile & Dequindre. Kelly called for backup and a stop was made shortly thereafter. The traffic stop resulted in three robbery-armed arrests, two handguns and all the money stolen from the robbery.

If not for the quick thinking of Officer Kelly, it is very possible the suspects may have fled the area and had been able to continue their crime spree. It is for this reason he has been selected as FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officer of the Month.

On February 12, 2005, at 12:00 noon, Warren Officers responded to a home on Eureka regarding a domestic situation. A woman was armed with a knife and threatening family members. When officers responded, the woman had barricaded herself in the bathroom with the knife. Officers cleared the home of all innocent civilians. Ofcs. Mathew Milne & Todd Murray responded to the exterior bathroom window and began a conversation with the woman after they opened the window. As the woman moved closer to the window, Ofc. Milne sprayed her with OC spray. The woman began to rinse off her face and dropped her knife near the sink. Milne & Murray quickly advised Ofcs. Christopher Livingston & William Reichling who immediately forced the interior bathroom door open and took the woman into custody without further incident.

All four officers, working as a team, were able to take this hostile situation to a close without any harm to other family members, the distraught woman, or themselves. It is for these reasons they have been selected as FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.

January 2005

**On January 18, at 9:05 a.m., a bank robbery occurred at the Motor City Credit Union on Hoover n/10 Mile. Officers John Rock & Richard Schnur were in the area and found the suspect vehicle near Hoover & Toepfer. A felony stop was initiated and the suspects were placed under arrest. Upon a search of both the suspects and the vehicle, \$1500 & the note used in the robbery were located. The officers also learned the suspects were wanted in two previous bank robberies in Warren & Center Line.**

**Due to Officer Rock & Schnur's quick response to the area, felony stop expertise and investigative techniques, they were able to apprehend two dangerous individuals and put a stop to their robbery crime spree. For these reasons, they have been selected as FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.**

On January 15, at 1:12 p.m., Officer Todd Murray was on routine patrol in the area of Engleman & Hoover when he viewed two suspicious subjects. Due to the many B&E's in the area in recent months, Murray began to investigate when the subjects fled through the yards. Other officers were called to the scene and the suspects were soon apprehended. Both were arrested for minor infractions and taken to the station.

Detective Kevin Woods interrogated both subjects extensively. Eventually, both suspects confessed to seven B&E's.

Due to Officer Murray's self-initiated investigation and Detective Woods' excellent interviewing techniques, the officers were able to solve a serial B&E problem that plagued the area of 10 Mile & Hoover. For these reasons, they have been selected FOP, Lodge #124, Peace Officers of the Month.