

January 2008

On January 29th 2008 an Armed Robbery occurred in the city of St. Clair Shores. Members of Warren's Special Operations Unit including Corporal Westrick were made aware of the robbery and obtained the suspect information including the vehicle. Corporal Westrick spotted the suspect & vehicle and followed it until uniformed officers placed a stop on it in the City of Eastpointe. The suspect was arrested and the weapon used in the robbery, along with the stolen money was recovered without incident. The suspect was responsible for several robberies in surrounding cities over the past few months. Because of Corporal Westrick's actions a dangerous armed robbery suspect was taken off the streets without any other citizens being victimized or officers being hurt.

February 2008

On February 27th, Officers Jeff Stieber & Shawn Johnson, after hearing information about a carjacking, spotted the possible suspect riding in a cab near Dequindre and 14 mile. After stopping the cab, the subject fled on foot. Officers Stieber & Johnson gave chase and were able to apprehend the subject after he fought with officers. The subject was in possession of heroin & potential evidence of the carjacking. Both Officers displayed skill & perseverance while making this arrest.

March 2008

On March 13, 2008, Officer Scott Dahlin was on routine patrol in the area of Waltham & Prospect when he viewed a black male standing on a porch and waving at a nearby mail carrier. Dahlin spoke to the mail carrier who stated he had viewed the b/m subject walking between homes on Sidonie and acting suspiciously. Officer Dahlin approached the subject and found him nervous. The subject also gave vague answers to Dahlin's questions, including his identity. A pat down search of the subject revealed a Michigan ID and 2 screwdrivers. With the assistance of other responding officers it was determined that several home invasions occurred in the area and were stripped of their copper. Upon additional investigation, further evidence was discovered on the subject's person connecting him to the crimes. At this time the suspect was placed under arrest for the home invasions without incident.

April 2008

On April 16th a carjacking occurred at 25109 Ryan. A 2008 Chrysler Town & Country van was stolen from its owner. Officers Patrick Moore & Robert Horlocker spotted the stolen vehicle and noticed it being followed by a black Jeep Liberty (which was also reported stolen in a carjacking in Detroit). Ofcs. Moore & Horlocker began to pursue the Jeep which eventually crashed in Madison Hgts. The driver was quickly apprehended without incident. Officers Frank Kuron & Paul Houtus pursued the Jeep Liberty into the City of Hamtramck. The Jeep entered a residential neighborhood and eventually stopped. As the suspect exited the van and saw both officers he re-entered the vehicle and tried to run them down. Both officers opened fire on the vehicle which was stopped moments later.

It was later learned these carjacking suspects are believed to be responsible for over 20 vehicle thefts in the tri-county area. For this reason Officers Patrick Moore, Robert Horlocker, Paul Houtus and Frank Kuron are named F.O.P. #124, Christopher M. Wouters, Officers of the Month.

May 2008

On 5-26-08, 10:20 pm, P.O.'s Kulhanek & Niedermeier made a traffic stop on an erratically driving pick-up on Mound & 8 mile. The occupants acted suspicious and when assisting officers arrived one of the occupants jumped back into the vehicle and fled the scene. A pursuit began and the vehicle later was stopped and occupant arrested by those assisting officers. The vehicle returned stolen and all 3 suspect/s were involved in recent business B&E's in Warren. For these reasons Officers Tim Kulhanek & Niedermeier are named F.O.P. #124 (Christopher M. Wouters) Peace Officers of the Month.

June 2008

On 6-1-08 Officers Bankowski, Mckibben, Huffman & Kulhanek were called to I-696 & Dequindre regarding a possible jumper/suicidal subject. Officers responded and viewed a suicidal female outside of the retaining fence threatening to jump to her death. Officers were able to establish a relationship with her until back-up could arrive. Other Officers arrived and while her attention was elsewhere Officers were able to grab her through the fence and hold onto her. The other Officers went out onto the ledge and pulled her to safety. All

Officers put themselves in harms way to save the life of a distraught subject. For these reasons Officers Bankowski, Mckibben, Huffman & Kulhanek are named F.O.P. #124 (Christopher M. Wouters) Peace Officers of the Month.

July 2008

On July 19, Police Officer William Bechill IV was on patrol near I-696 & Van Dyke when he noticed a Dodge vehicle with heavy front-end damage traveling the wrong way on 696. Bechill placed a traffic stop and began an investigation with the driver. The driver appeared disoriented and intoxicated. While speaking with the driver Bechill noticed what appeared to be human remains on the passenger side of the vehicle. Bechill immediately advised dispatch what he had and they advised Madison Heights police just broadcasted a serious Hit & Run injury accident involving a motorcycle and a vehicle traveling the wrong way on 696. Dispatch further advised the victim was in critical condition after losing an arm & leg. Officers from Madison Heights & MSP arrived to assist and the driver was placed under arrest without further incident. For this reason Police Officer William Bechill IV is named F.O.P. #124 (Christopher M. Wouters) Peace Officer of the Month.

August 2008

None

September 2008

On September 8, 2008, Officers Kanapsky & Mott were dispatched to a shooting at an address on Berkshire Street. Upon arrival, both officers viewed a female down in the driveway and another female stating the victim was her mother. The daughter stated her husband had just shot her mother in the head and then fled into the home with his gun. As Officer Mott provided cover to the exterior of the home, Officer Kanapsky, with the assistance of the daughter, pulled the shooting victim to safety. Though the outcome was tragic, both Officer Kanapsky & Mott took a great risk to their own personal safety in an attempt to save the victims life. For this reason P.O. Kanapsky & Mott are named F.O.P. #124 (Christopher M. Wouters) Peace Officers of the Month.

October 2008

None

November 2008

None

December 2008

On December 21, 2008, Officers Moore & Horlocker received information that the 7-11 located at 24012 Van Dyke had been robbed by a subject armed with a knife.

Officers Moore & Horlocker located a set of footprints in the fresh snow leading away from the 7-11 w/b across VanDyke. Ofcs. followed these footprints which led them into Jackson Trailer park. They continued to follow the tracks which proceeded s/b over a wall and then into the neighborhood. Ofcs. advised other units in the area of the suspect's direction of travel. Officers Springer, Kleinstiver, and Haugh of Center Line PS picked up the tracks on the other side of the wall and followed them into the backyard of 7059 Paige where the subject was located an arrested. The subject's identity was later confirmed with the clerk & the store security video.

Due to the efforts of Officers Moore and Horlocker and the efforts, teamwork, and determination of Officers Springer, Kleinstiver, and Haugh, they were able to arrest an armed robbery suspect within minutes of the crime. For this reason the above Officers have been named F.O.P. #124 Peace Officer of the Month.