

CITY OF HOBOKEN
POLICE DEPARTMENT



AWARDS RECOGNITION PROGRAM
CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

10:00AM – 1:00PM

STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

WESLEY J. HOWE CENTER

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CITY OF HOBOKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
2023 AWARDS RECOGNITION PROGRAM CEREMONY

*FOR POLICE OFFICER ACTS & ACTIONS PERFORMED
IN 2022 AND PRIOR*

EVENT PROGRAM

Thursday, October 19, 2023 / 10:00am to 1:00pm
Stevens Institute of Technology

Call to Order.....	Lieutenant Charles Kucz, <i>Hoboken Police Department</i>
Entrance	<i>Port Authority Police Department Pipes and Drums</i>
Presentation of Colors	<i>Hoboken Police Department Honor Guard</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Officer Anthony Azzoline• Police Officer Kyle Seper• Police Officer Christopher Soto• Police Officer Nicholas Protopapadakis
Pledge of Allegiance	Detective Sergeant William Collins, <i>Awards Committee Member</i>
Invocation	Monsignor Michael Andreano, <i>Hoboken Police Chaplain</i>
Welcome & Honored Guests Recognized	Steven Aguiar, <i>Chief of Police</i>
Guest Speakers	Ravi Bhalla, <i>Mayor of Hoboken</i>
Recognition of our Retirees.....	Steven Aguiar, <i>Chief of Police</i> <i>City Proclamations & U.S. Flag Presentations to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Captain Michael Detrizio, Ret.• Captain John Petrosino, Ret.• Sergeant Arbend Drishti, Ret.• Sergeant Michael Miranda, Ret.
Presentation of Awards	Lieutenant Michael Costello III, <i>Awards Committee Chairman</i> Detective Sergeant William Collins, <i>Awards Committee Member</i> Detective Tyler Soto, <i>Awards Committee Member</i> Sergeant Wilfredo Gomez, <i>Awards Committee Member</i> Police Officer Kyle Seper, <i>Awards Committee Member</i>
Benediction	Monsignor Michael Andreano, <i>Hoboken Police Chaplain</i>
Retiring of the Colors	<i>Hoboken Police Department Honor Guard</i>
Closing / Detail Dismissed	Detective Sergeant William Collins, <i>Awards Committee Member</i>

COMBAT CROSS



Awarded for: An individual act of heroism, at imminent personal hazard of life, in combat with armed adversary.

GRAND CORDON



Awarded for: Individual participation by a member of a unit whose specific individual efforts led to the entire unit receiving a unit citation.

UNIT CITATION



Awarded for: Efforts and actions of a unit under extreme or adverse conditions who distinguished themselves in their service to the agency as a unit.

LIFE SAVING



Awarded for: An act performed in the line of duty, which through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, results in the actual saving of a human life.

GALLANTRY STAR



Awarded for: An act of distinguished bravery in the arrest of a person who, based upon creditable public information or law enforcement intelligence, poses a major threat to the safety and welfare of the officer(s) and community.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Awarded for: A highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the officer or where death or injury to a third party is prevented.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE



Awarded for: A highly creditable accomplishment, in the line of duty, bringing public acclaim to the recipient, his/her department or the law enforcement profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.

HONORABLE SERVICE



Awarded for: A creditable act in the line of duty, which meets some, but not all of the requirements for other medals, and is unusual in nature, showing initiative and accomplishment.

CROIX DE NEGOTIATOR



Awarded for: Maintaining the presence of composure, alertness, leadership, or uncanny problem solving while attempting to negotiate an agreement between parties where the outcome of such is directly related to the success of the mission.

POLICE COMMUNICATION CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD



Awarded for: Exemplary performance under extraordinary circumstances, while in the performance of official duties as a police communications dispatcher.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

CERTIFICATE of AWARD

Awarded For: Outstanding performance of normal routine police duties, in any and all bureaus, to which they are assigned and with little or no risk of personal injury.

**COMBAT CROSS
MERITORIOUS SERVICE
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE
HONORABLE SERVICE
GRAND CORDON
UNIT CITATION**

Award Recipients

**CAPT. JOHN ORRICO LT. STEVEN AGUIAR LT. JOHN PETROSINO
SGT. CESAR OLAVARRIA SGT. PETER ZANIN SGT. STEVEN KRANZ
SGT. ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ SGT. FRANCISCO ROSA SGT. DAVID OLIVERA
SGT. ROBERT ROMAN DET. MARIO NOVO PO JOSEPH DIMARTINO
PO DAMIEN BATES PO ELIAS COLON PO STEVEN ALBERT
PO NICKLAS VALERIUS PO NATHANIEL AROCHO PO JOHN HERMANN
PO ROBERTO CUEVAS PO LUKE ZESZOTARSKI PO JONATHAN LYONS
PO RYAN HOUGHTON**

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, members of the Hoboken Police Department responded to Jersey City to assist in an active shooter situation after JCPD Det. Joseph Seals and five civilians were tragically murdered by two domestic terrorists. These terrorists had barricaded themselves in a store and, unbeknownst to officers, planted numerous improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the area, some mere feet from officers. During the subsequent standoff and gun battle, which lasted over three hours of constant gunfire, members of the Hoboken Police Department showed an exceptional degree of heroism and commitment to their duty and the preservation of life.

As members of the Hudson County SWAT Team, the following officers responded immediately to the incident location:

Sergeant Cesar Olavarria was deployed in the active combat zone and assisted in the resolution of the incident. These contributions resulted in the resolution of the incident and prevented further loss of life.

Sergeant Robert Roman assisted in evacuating civilians from the nearby buildings and stores in the active combat area while under fire.

PO Nicklas Valerius responded to the initial shooting location and assisted in securing and protecting the area while investigators from Jersey City conducted their investigation of the shooting.

PO Steven Albert located a woman trapped in her vehicle as a result of the gunfire, and he ran into the line of fire, successfully aiding her and getting her to safety.

PO Nathaniel Arocho assisted in evacuating over 140 students and faculty from the Sacred Heart School, located directly in front of the area of gunfire.

PO John Hermann assisted as part of a Quick Reactionary Force during the incident and tasked with quick intervention to prevent further loss of life.

Although not part of the SWAT Team, Sgt. Luke Zeszotarski and PO Ramon Calderon also immediately responded to the combat zone and assisted in providing scene containment and information gathering which was relayed to the Command Post. This information was used to drive critical, tactical decisions, aiding in the resolution of the conflict.

In addition to the above officers, the following officers also assisted during the chaotic incident:

Sgt. Steven Kranz responded to the Incident Command Post acting as the SWAT Hostage Negotiator.

Lt. John Petrosino, Sgt. Peter Zanin, Sgt. David Olivera, PO Elias Colon, PO Joseph Dimartino, PO Roberto Cuevas, and PO Damien Bates responded to the Incident Command Post and assisted in crowd control by providing a perimeter near the dangerous location.

Sgt. Francisco Rosa, PO Ryan Houghton, and PO Jonathan Lyons responded to Jersey City Medical Center to assist in crowd control where the shooting victims were being treated.

Det. Mario Novo, while assigned to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, assisted in processing the large and multifaceted scene.

Captain John Orrico, Lt. Steven Aguiar, and Sgt. Alejandro Gonzalez took command of radio and social media communications during the incident.

It is without question that the actions of the aforementioned officers were critical in preventing any further tragedy from occurring that day, and they should be applauded for their actions.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO LUKE ZESZOTARSKI

On **Friday, August 18, 2017**, at 2133 hours PO Luke Zeszotarski was dispatched to the Lakawanna Transit Terminal on a report of a male with a knife. Upon his arrival, PO Zeszotarski met with two New Jersey Transit Police Officers and began a search of the area. PO Zeszotarski and one of the Transit Police Officers encountered the agitated male in the area of the Light Rail Terminal. The male was reluctant in complying with your commands to place the jacket he was carrying on the ground and attempted to walk away. PO Zeszotarski positioned himself in a manner preventing the male from leaving and drew his firearm as a means of constructive authority. After several directives to place the jacket on the ground, the male then turned and threw the jacket into the Hudson River that was behind him. During that action, a silver-colored kitchen knife dislodged from the jacket and also fell into the river. The male actor was given numerous commands to lay on the ground, however, he refused and demanded arriving officers shoot him. In an effort to de-escalate the matter, PO Zeszotarski transitioned to less lethal force by exhibiting his oleoresin capsicum (OC spray) and deploying it upon the subject. This act of service resulted in the arrest of the aforementioned male.

GALANTRY STAR

Award Recipients

PO LUKE ZESZOTARSKI

DET. JOHN QUINONES

On **Sunday, June 17, 2018**, at approximately 1753 hours, you responded to the area of Newark Street and Washington Street on a report of a violent actor armed with a wooden shovel, containing a metal scoop who had just committed an armed robbery, by striking the victim across the head with it and forcibly taking his personal property. Without any regard for your own safety and after PO Zeszotarski sustained an injury during the course of this arrest, your swift actions successfully led to the apprehension of this violent actor ensuring a safe place for all citizens of the City of Hoboken.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipient

SGT. LUKE ZESZOTARSKI

On **Friday, July 13, 2018**, at 1629 hours, Sgt. Luke Zeszotarski responded to 324 Harrison Street, on a report of a three-month-old baby who was not breathing. Upon arrival, Sgt. Zeszotarski was approached by the frantic grandmother of the baby, who was holding the limp child in her arms. Sgt. Zeszotarski then immediately took the baby from the grandmother and placed her on a nearby surface where he observed that she was lethargic, had droopy eyes, was not crying, or making any noise, and appeared unable to breathe. Sgt. Zeszotarski then checked for an obstructed airway, and when he did not detect any visible obstructions, he then picked the baby up and performed multiple back thrusts with his hands in an attempt to dislodge any possible obstructions and restore airflow. After several thrusts, the baby began to cry and return to a normal breathing state.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO RYAN HOUGHTON

On **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**, while patrolling the Hoboken Housing Authority, PO Ryan Houghton observed a male consuming an opened alcoholic beverage in the courtyard of 310 Jackson Street who he did not recognize to be a resident of the Hoboken Housing Authority. PO Houghton exited his patrol vehicle and engaged with the male. PO Houghton issued the male a summons for opened container and learned that he had a suspended and expired license. A short time later, while conducting proactive patrols, PO Houghton effectuated a motor vehicle stop after observing the male operating a vehicle. This motor vehicle stop led to the eventual discovery of controlled danger substances and drug paraphernalia. The male was subsequently placed under arrest.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO FABIAN QUINONES

PO CONNOR MILNE

On **Wednesday September 28, 2018**, at approximately 0306 hours, while assigned to the Plain Clothes Detail, you noticed a vehicle blocking the crosswalk off the corner of 2nd Street and Monroe Street. PO Quinones spoke to the vehicle's occupant and immediately detected the odor of raw and burnt CDS Marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Upon the occupant opening her driver's side door, officers observed a plastic bag containing CDS marijuana. While effectuating the arrest of the actor, officers also observed a plastic zip lock bag containing "breakfast cereal," on the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The aforementioned zip lock bag possessed a distinctive odor of marijuana leading them to believe the cereal had been mixed with the marijuana in order to create an edible form of marijuana. These actions would ultimately lead to the discovery of 23 similar plastic zip lock bags, each containing the same mixture of cereal and marijuana. By performing their patrol function with keen observations and heightened awareness, a drug dealer was taken into custody and 1,016 grams of drugs were recovered and hundreds of dollars' worth of narcotics proceeds were seized.

GALLANTRY STAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO JONATHAN LYONS

PO DYLAN ARCHILLA

PO JOSEPH DIMARTINO

PO WILLIAM OQUENDO

PO NICHOLAS DETRIZIO

PO JOSEPH MEZZINA

On **Tuesday, October 23, 2018**, at about 1400 hours in the area of 3rd Street and River Street while responding to a shoplifting, officers conducted an investigatory stop of two male suspects. During the stop, officers observed a dark metal object, partially exposed, appearing to be a weapon. Commands were immediately given to both males to raise their arms and place their hands upon a wall. The object was confirmed to be a sawed-off shotgun and said weapon was removed and seized from the male. Officers' keen observation, along with their experience and training proved to be an asset in bringing the scene to a safe conclusion.

GALLANTRY STAR

Award Recipients

DET. ADAM COLON

DET. JOHN QUINONES

DET. ANTHONY HOCHSTADTER

On **Sunday, November 4, 2018**, at 1815 hours, in the area of 6th Street and Jackson Street, detectives received information from Uniformed Patrol regarding an individual making threats with a weapon. Detectives took additional steps and confirmed that the male in question had an active warrant for his arrest. Upon locating him, an arrest was effectuated and the male actor was found to be in possession of a .22 caliber firearm. The detectives' actions in this incident are both commendable and courageous.

GALLANTRY STAR

Award Recipients

PO TYLER SOTO

PO JAYLA VEGA

PO ENRICO GNASSI

On **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**, at approximately 0229 hours, PO Tyler Soto and PO Jayla Vega were on patrol in plain clothes in an unmarked radio car. Both officers noticed a gold colored 2006 Ford wagon idling and parked on the north side of the street approximately 2 feet from the curb into the roadway. Both officers noticed the vehicle was on due to the exhaust smoke emanating from the tail pipe. After completing a registration check and concluding that the vehicle was not stolen, both PO Soto and PO Vega approached the vehicle. The male occupant, positioned in the driver seat was asleep and officers had a difficult time waking him. After finally waking him, it was determined that he was inebriated. Standard Field Sobriety were conducted on scene. PO Enrico Gnassi with only 6 months of patrol experience arrived as backup and took notice to an object resting on the passenger side seat of the vehicle. The object was confirmed to be a 9MM Rugar handgun model SR9. The gun had seven rounds in it, and it also had a large capacity magazine which could hold up to 17 rounds. The male actor was arrested and charged with DWI, Possession of CDS Marijuana and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. The actor was discovered to have a criminal history and was committed to the Hudson County Correctional Facility. Considering the unknown intentions of this male, officers' actions without a doubt may have saved a life by taking this firearm off the street and making this apprehension.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO RYAN HOUGHTON

PO WILLIAM BULLOCK

PO LUKE ZESZOTARSKI

On **Thursday, December 27, 2018**, at 1931 hours, while conducting a building sweep of 320 Jackson Street within the Hoboken Housing Authority, two males known not to be residents of the Housing Complex were observed exiting from a stairwell and into the lobby. While attempting to stop both males, one of the males disregarded the order to stop and exited the building. A short foot pursuit ensued and ultimately came to an end in front of 301 Jackson Street where the male was apprehended. Several small items were dropped by the male along the way, and ultimately discovered to be 80 bags of CDS Heroin. A search of his person revealed an additional 10 bags of CDS Heroin and hundreds of dollars from drug sale proceeds. The keen observations exhibited during this incident portrays the exceptional officers that you are.

GALLANTRY STAR

UNIT CITATION

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

CIVILIAN SERVICE

Award Recipients

SGT. DONALD ROSSO SGT. SAVERIO BINETTI PO JOHN HERMANN

PO RICKY TRUPPNER PO DOMENICK ALLEGRETTO PO JAYLA VEGA

PO DANIEL GROSSI PO GEOVANNI CRUZADO PO ANTHONY RUTKOWSKI

PO MARK MULLINS CO FRANCIS MOLTA

CIV DASHAWN MITCHELL CIV SAL DIMAGGIO CIV SHARIF SLEEM

On **Wednesday, June 5, 2019**, at approximately 0220 hours, a report of a robbery in the area of 110 Sinatra Drive was reported to police dispatch. After the description of the actors was relayed to all units working, members of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps advised dispatch that they observed the males walking in the area of 7th and Court Street. Officers immediately flooded the area in search of the males, and located two of the suspects involved in the yards of 907 and 909 Hudson Street. In the course of trying to effect an arrest, the suspects struggled with and resisted officers' control, but they were ultimately apprehended. Quick actions exhibited by all members of the Hoboken Police Department and members of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps produced a successful conclusion in the apprehension of the aforementioned actors.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO SHELBY SEICKENDICK

On **Monday July 15, 2019**, while you were off duty, PO Shelby Seickendick took notice to and recognized a suspect's vehicle from a recent Be-On-The-Lookout (BOLO) disseminated a few days prior. PO Seickendick was able to capture a photograph of the vehicle and license plate, and forwarded said information to the Detective Bureau. Further investigation determined that the individual and vehicle in question was the actor being sought. The driver of the vehicle was ultimately charged with burglary and theft from the case that was being investigated. At the time of this incident and only having a few months of patrol experience, PO Seickendick exhibited keen alertness and attention to detail in the solving this case.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

DET. PAUL QUINN

PO CONNOR MILNE

PO FABIAN QUINONES

On **Friday, July 12, 2019**, at approximately 0105 hours, while assigned to the Street Crimes Unit, officers were patrolling the area of 56 Madison Street and took notice to a male known to them from prior burglary investigations. Detective Quinn and PO Milne began to surveil the male on foot, while PO Quinones stood in the area. Shortly after, PO Milne noticed the male inside of a parked motor vehicle. The male exited said vehicle and then attempted to enter another directly in front of the one he just exited. The male was then stopped for investigation and was found to be in possession of a plastic baggy containing coins and one of his pants pockets contained loose change. He was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. The male was placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters for processing. Officers' efforts in maintaining a visual were paramount in making the successful apprehension of this burglar.

HONORABLE SERVICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

PO MARCO GROSSMAN

PO JOSHUA CAMPOVERDE

PO DAVID DIMARTINO

CO JOSEPH SHINE

CO ADRIANNA PUGA

On **Saturday, August 3, 2019**, while on patrol, units were dispatched to the area of 14th Street on a report of a vehicle stolen out of Connecticut and traveling into Hoboken. The vehicle was reported to be operated by a 15-year-old juvenile who has a violent history, especially against law enforcement. Officers located the vehicle in the area mentioned and the juvenile initiated a motor vehicle pursuit that lasted several blocks and ended with him driving through a large fence and into a water embankment on 17th Street and Clinton Street. The officers continued under the fence and into four feet of sewage water as the actor was still attempting to drive away. The officers drew their service weapons and were able to safely handcuff the actor, take him out of the water, and place him into their vehicle without further incident. The suspect posed a serious threat to the safety and welfare of our citizens and police officers. The actions of the aforementioned officers distinguished bravery, courage and professionalism.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipient

PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

On **Tuesday October 8, 2019**, at approximately 0526 hours, PO Christopher Barral was dispatched to 909 Jefferson Street (Move Fitness and Performance) on a report of an unconscious male with CPR measures in progress. Upon his arrival, PO Barral immediately advised dispatch that the victim was on the ground, not breathing, had no pulse, and CPR was being conducted by a bystander. PO Barral immediately took over compressions from the bystander for several minutes until the arrival of the Hoboken Fire Department. PO Barral continued to assist the fire department with administering oxygen and performed rescue breathing. PO Barral assisted Advanced Life Support in the distribution and setup of the Lucas Automatic CPR System. The victim was transported to the hospital after approximately 45 minutes from the initial call for service. Later in the day, it was understood and reported that the victim was stable and conscious. PO Barral's quick efforts and immense knowledge in life saving practices led to saving the victim's life.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO ANTHONY OLIVERA

PO SAMUEL FLORES

On **Tuesday October 5, 2019**, at approximately 1740 hours, while in the area of 5th Street and Monroe Street, officers observed an individual, operating an e-scooter in a careless manner. Officers then observed this individual fail to stop at two separate stop signs. After stopping this individual in the area of 512 Adams Street for the above Title 39 infractions, officers detected the odor of raw unburned marijuana. The male then turned over a very small amount of CDS marijuana. After effectuating the arrest, search incident to arrest found additional marijuana and narcotics. In total, this apprehension led to the discovery of approximately one-quarter of a pound of CDS cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and a digital scale commonly used to weigh and distribute CDS. Through targeted enforcement and proactive patrols, you placed an individual in possession of narcotics under arrest.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

LT. MICHAEL COSTELLO

SGT. DONALD ROSSO

PO JAYLA VEGA

PO SAMUEL FLORES

PO DANIEL GROSSI

PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

On **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**, at approximately 0125 hours, officers were dispatched to Pier C on a report of a male in the Hudson River. After deploying a water bag, the victim was directed to grab hold of the line, and all officers on scene assisted in the efforts of pulling the semi-conscious male to safety. Lt. Costello and Sgt. Rosso displayed exemplary leadership over the units on scene during this intense call for service. Officers' quick response and ability to work together during this crucial moment and dire situation produced a successful outcome.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO JONATHAN FIGUEROA

PO HAROLD MILNE

On **Saturday, December 28, 2019**, at approximately 1752 hours, PO Jonathan Figueroa and PO Harold Milne were advised that an individual known to the Hoboken Police Department had an outstanding warrant for the commission of a 1st Degree Armed Robbery. Information was relayed that the male fled the scene after brandishing a knife, assaulting, and robbing the victim. This male is a habitual offender and has committed several robberies in the past and uses aggressive and violent tendencies to prey on his victims. During their patrol, officers noticed the actor walking in the area of 5th Street and Monroe Street. At this time, officers exited their marked radio car and engaged with the male by giving him verbal orders enabling them to effectuate the arrest without incident. Officers both knew that days prior, this actor resisted arrest, however they were able to place this male in handcuffs before he could prey on anyone else. The officers demonstrated professionalism in tracking the male down and confronting him.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

DET. FABIAN QUINONES

PO CONNOR MILNE

On **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**, while assigned to the Investigations Bureau/Street Crimes Unit, officers were investigating a separate crime at ShopRite when they were alerted by security of a shoplifting in progress by two individuals. At one point officers approached the two individuals in order to place them under arrest, but one of the arrestees pushed the officers in an effort to elude arrest. After a brief foot pursuit, officers were able to detain the actor who was actively resisting. Once gaining control, both individuals involved were arrested and transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters for processing, where it was learned that both individuals had extensive criminal histories and outstanding warrants.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipients

DET. DAVID DIMARTINO

DET. MICHAEL LOSURDO

DET. MICHAEL MIRANDA

DET. VITO GIGANTE

DET. ADAM COLON

On **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**, while assigned to the Investigations Bureau, detectives responded to the area of 1239 Bloomfield Street on a reported armed robbery, wherein the victim sustained significant bodily injury. During the victim's walk home, she was approached from behind by two individuals, one of which sprayed her with pepper spray to incapacitate her. The actor then threw the victim to the ground, where she suffered injury to her face, head, and temporary loss of vision. The actors then fled the scene, in possession of the victim's handbag, containing her personal belongings. A multi-jurisdictional search ensued, and through great effort and relentless persistence, those responsible were apprehended.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipients

DET. JOHN QUINONES

DET. ADAM COLON

On **Sunday, January 26, 2020**, while on duty and assigned to the Investigations Bureau, detectives were on patrol in an unmarked radio car. While traveling on Observer Highway detectives noticed a male peering into the lobby of 512 Observer Highway. Detectives tactically positioned their radio car and exited to continue following on foot. Upon approaching the address listed, detectives observed the suspect exiting the building with a large bag full of items. During the investigation, it was discovered that the bag contained delivered packages ripped open in the lobby of the building and the suspect had committed the offense of burglary.

GALLANTRY STAR

Award Recipients

PO MICHAEL AVILES

PO TYRONE HUGGINS

On **Monday, February 3, 2020**, while assigned to the Emergency Response Unit, officers were advised of shots fired in the area of 5th and Jackson Street. Upon arrival, PO Michael Aviles and PO Tyrone Huggins exited their vehicle and began investigating. As they walked west on 5th street towards 540 Marshall Drive, officers saw a male in the immediate area, walking away from them with a handgun, approaching a crowd of residents. At this time, officers engaged the male and directed verbal commands for him to drop his weapon, which he disregarded and ran away. Officers chased after the male knowing he was armed and dangerous. Officers demonstrated mental fortitude by focussing on the male while ensuring the safety of everyone around them. The officers ended a very dangerous situation without injury to themselves, to any other officers on scene, or any civilian in the area.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipients

LT. MICHAEL COSTELLO

SGT. ANTHONY RUSSO SGT. DONALD ROSSO

PO JOHN HERMANN PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

PO JOSHUA CAMPOVERDE PO JESSE CASTELLANO

On **Friday, April 10, 2020**, at about 0221 hours, Sergeant Donald Rosso took notice to an individual burglarizing a vehicle in the area of 1 Henderson Street. Shortly thereafter, and after numerous commands to stop, a foot pursuit ensued. The individual was eventually stopped and taken to the ground in the area of 56 Jefferson Street by other officers. During the course of the arrest, the male actor attempted to disarm PO Christopher Barral. In a situation that could have been a justified deadly force incident, PO Barral exercised the utmost restraint. Lieutenant Michael Costello, Sergeant Anthony Russo, PO John Hermann and PO Jesse Castellano responded to the scene and upon arrival noticed the officers struggling with the combative actor on the ground. Without hesitation, officers assisted in subduing the actor and placing him in handcuffs. The actions of all officers involved were exemplary, removing a dangerous criminal from the streets.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

PO JOSHUA CAMPOVERDE

On **Monday, July 13, 2020**, at approximately 0724 hours, dispatch advised officers that they received a call of an autistic male who ran away from his residence. The male has run away multiple times in the past, and he is known to members of the Hoboken Police Department. PO Joshua Campoverde and PO Christopher Barral, knowing that this male frequents the waterfront, immediately made their way to search for him. Both officers observed the male on the waterfront walkway east of Sinatra Park Soccer Field. When they noticed him, he was walking with his sandals in hand towards the railing that prevents people from entering the Hudson River. As they approached him, the male quickly started to put his left leg over the railing in an attempt to jump in. PO Barral and PO Campoverde swiftly reached and grabbed him, pulling him back over the railing onto the walkway to safety. The swift actions of PO Barral and PO Campoverde saved said male's life.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

DET. BRETT GLOBKE

DET. LOUIS RODRIGUEZ

On **Sunday, August 30, 2020**, Det. Globke and Det. Rodriguez were dispatched to the area of Frank Sinatra Park on a report of a person that fell into the Hudson River. Once on scene, Detective Globke ran to the area of the river along with a witness in an attempt to locate the victim. Detective Rodriguez retrieved a rescue water bag from the trunk of their vehicle and then immediately ran to Detective Globke's location to begin rescue operations. After a few intense minutes of attempting to locate the victim who drifted under the walkway of Sinatra Park, both detectives were able to persuade the victim to grab hold of the water rescue rope. After the victim took hold of the rope, he was pulled approximately sixty to seventy feet away to safety. Ultimately the victim was able to walk away from the incident. It should be noted, although other Hoboken Police Department members were on scene as well as the Stevens Police Department and Hoboken Fire Department, the prompt, alert and professional actions taken by Det. Globke and Det. Rodriguez resulted in the victim's life being saved.

GALLANTRY STAR

Award Recipient

SGT. DAVID DIMARTINO

On **Wednesday, January 9, 2021**, while supervising the midnight tour, Sgt. David Dimartino responded to a call of an armed robbery with a handgun that had just taken place at 614 Washington Street. Within minutes, Sgt. Dimartino was able to locate the actor several blocks from the scene at 6th and Grand Street. Sgt. Dimartino then showed extreme bravery as he single-handedly took the actor into custody, knowing that he was possibly armed with a handgun. During the search incident to arrest of the actor, an imitation handgun was found on the arrestee. Sgt. Dimartino did this without incident nor injury to the actor or anyone else, showing great professionalism. Sgt. Dimartino's actions took a dangerous criminal off the streets so that he could not hurt anyone else. The arrest resulted in the actor being charged with 1st degree robbery, aggravated assault, terroristic threats, possession of a weapon, theft, and criminal mischief.

LIFE SAVING UNIT CITATION CIVILIAN SERVICE

Award Recipients

LT. MICHAEL COSTELLO SGT. DAVID DIMARTINO SGT. ROBERT ROMAN

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT PO JESSE CASTELLANO PO MICHAEL STRATEN

PO JAMES BARBRO PO HAROLD MILNE

CO ANTHONY AZZOLINE CO JACE PEREZ

On **Saturday, February 6, 2021**, at approximately 0352 hours, police units were dispatched to the area of Pier 13 on a report of a female who fell into the Hudson River. The female was submerged in waist deep water and lodged between a 2x3 foot gap on an old broken pier that extended out into the river. Without due regard, PO Michael Straten, who was first on scene, immediately jumped over the fence and began the heroic effort of saving the woman. PO Jesse Castellano and PO Francis McCourt deployed a water rescue rope and a water rescue life ring. PO James Barbro additionally jumped over the fence and assisted officers in the rescue of the woman, making sure that during their efforts in saving the woman, they too did not fall into the river by anchoring them. PO Harold Milne assisted in the rescue efforts by illuminating the scene to allow for officers to make the rescue. CO Anthony Azzoline and CO Jace Perez took the initial call for service and relayed all pertinent information to officers on scene and remained calm and professional over the phone and on the radio during a hazardous and chaotic call for service. Lt. Michael Costello, Sgt. David Dimartino, and Sgt. Robert Roman commanded and supervised the scene, allowing the officers to vigorously work to save the victim's life and bring her to safety.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

PO JAMES BARBRO

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Wednesday, February 10, 2021**, at approximately 1624 hours, officers responded to the Hoboken Post Office, located at 57 14th Street on a report of an unresponsive male in full cardiac arrest. Officers immediately began life saving measures by performing CPR and preparing an AED and an oxygen supply. Officers continued these life saving measures until the arrival of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps and members of the Jersey City Medical Center ALS Units. Because of their heroic efforts, the victim regained a faint pulse and shallow breathing. The victim was subsequently transported to a local hospital and survived.

LIFE SAVING

LETTER OF COMMEDATION

Award Recipients

SGT. LUKE ZESZOTARSKI

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

PO JONATHAN FIGUEROA

On **Sunday, April 11, 2021**, at approximately 1700 hours, police units responded to the area of 3rd and Washington Streets on a report of a motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the operator of the striking vehicle was unresponsive, not breathing, and had no pulse. After observing the above, officers collectively removed the woman's lifeless body from the driver's seat of the vehicle and began life saving measures, including the administration of oxygen, applying an AED, and administering Nalaxone. Moments later, the woman regained a pulse and began to exhibit shallow breathing. The woman was then turned over to EMTs and paramedics on scene where she was transported to a local hospital. The officers' efforts and actions undoubtedly resulted in the successful outcome and saved the woman's life.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipients

DET. MICHAEL MIRANDA

DET. CHRISTINE COLLINS

On **Monday, July 5, 2021**, Uniformed Patrol responded to a drive-by shooting. Members of the Investigations Bureau immediately began a thorough investigation into the incident. Det. Michael Miranda and Det. Christine Collins were the lead investigators on the incident. During their investigation, detectives were able to obtain crucial video evidence of not only the incident, but the suspect fleeing from the scene. Additionally, detectives were able to obtain pertinent information, which helped build probable cause for and eventually secure an arrest and search warrant of the actor and his home. On July 28, 2021, you along with other members of the Hudson County SWAT Team executed said warrants. During the search of the actor's home, seizures of various narcotics and paraphernalia were collected. The actor was charged with numerous narcotic distribution offenses.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipient

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Sunday, August 1, 2021**, at approximately 1857 hours, PO Francis McCourt responded to New York Red Bull Stadium for a mutual aid request from the Harrison Police Department. The request for mutual aid was for unruly fans who were throwing rocks at police officers and their vehicles, as well as numerous assaults and stabbings within the crowds. Upon his arrival, PO McCourt immediately sprung into action which consisted of assisting with crowd control and rendering aid to injured victims. Specifically, PO McCourt rendered aid to a victim who was stabbed in the rear neck area, near the ear. PO McCourt utilized Quick Clot, a blood clotting agent, and began applying it to the victim's wound. PO McCourt further assisted in carrying the injured victim through the dangerous crowds and into an ambulance to where the victim was transported for immediate medical assistance. PO McCourt's actions were essential in ensuring the survival of the victim.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO TYRONE HUGGINS

PO MARC LOMBARDI

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Monday, August 23, 2021**, at approximately 1710 hours, PO Tyrone Huggins and PO Marc Lombardi were alerted to an operator of a motor vehicle driving recklessly who almost struck a pedestrian. Both officers followed the vehicle and conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of 4th and Jackson Street. At this time, and upon approaching the vehicle, you and your partner noticed that the driver was indeed under the influence of an intoxicating substance. After field sobriety tests were conducted, the driver was placed under arrest. During the arrest, it was discovered by PO Huggins, PO Lombardi and PO Francis McCourt that the arrestee was in possession of a large quantity of illegal narcotics. A further search revealed 1,440 wax folds containing heroin, 2.2 ounces of cocaine, 22 small sealable baggies containing crystal meth, one scale commonly used to weigh the narcotics, and various of drug paraphernalia. The driver was charged with a slew of narcotic related offenses and DWI. On this date, you were able to not only take a dangerous and impaired driver off the road, but you were also able to take a large quantity of illegal and deadly narcotics off the street.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

SGT. JOHN HERMANN DET. BRETT GLOBKE DET. MICHAEL LOSURDO

DET. ADAM COLON DET. RYAN HOUGHTON PO DANIEL GROSSI

On **Friday, August 27, 2021**, at approximately 1800 hours, all officers responded to a call for service regarding a domestic dispute. The dispute involved an adult male and female, who are the parents of a two-month-old child that was present on scene. Both parents are deaf and utilize American Sign Language to communicate. Officers were able to effectively communicate that the infant was in a dangerous environment. It was learned that the father of the child recently became violent and threatened the life of the infant child. Officers professionally and safely subdued the male, preventing him from fatally injuring the child. Officers quick and selfless response helped ensure that the infant was safe and promptly removed from the dangerous scene.

CROIX DE NEGOTIATOR LAUREL MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipients

SGT. ROBERT ROMAN PO FRANK LOMBARDO PO HAROLD MILNE

PO DOMENICK ALLEGRETTA PO MICHAEL STRATEN PO RICKY TRUPPNER

On **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**, at approximately 0334 hours, officers were dispatched to the area of 256 Newark Street on a report of a male on the roof of the building with intentions of harming himself. After several unsuccessful attempts to get into the building, Sgt. Robert Roman, PO Michael Straten, PO Frank Lombardo, and PO Ricky Truppner were able to gain entry into 258 Newark Street. The officers made their way to the top of the five-story building, which was dark, wet, and dangerous as Hurricane Ida was just beginning to strike Hoboken causing increased risk. After scanning the area with flashlights, officers were able to make visual contact with the victim who appeared distraught, nervous, and admitted to being intoxicated. Through conversation, calmness, and reassurance, Sgt. Roman was successfully able to convince the male to walk from the roof and into the building safely. The victim was seen by EMS personnel then transported to the Hoboken University Medical Center for further treatment.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO JESSE CASTELLANO

PO JAMES BARBRO

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Wednesday, September 1, 2021**, over the course of several hours between 2200 and 0400 hours, officers responded to numerous calls of motorists trapped in their vehicles during Hurricane Ida. It was estimated that the city was at least 65 percent covered with heavy flood waters. People were trapped inside of their vehicles and scared for their lives all throughout the city due to the flooding and active storm. Fortunately, none of those dangers stopped officers from heroically rescuing a total of 42 people. All rescue efforts were completed without causing any additional property damage to motor vehicles. Trapped motorists were removed from opened windows and trunks of their vehicles that were submerged in flood waters. Because of their bravery and dedication to service, numerous lives were saved.

**EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE
LIFE SAVING**

Award Recipients

DET. MICHAEL LOSURDO PO ANTHONY OLIVERA PO DANIEL BARRON

PO FRANK LOMBARDO PO JESSE CASTELLANO

On **Sunday, September 19, 2021**, at approximately 0224 hours, officers were dispatched to the area of 1st and Hudson Street on a report of a male bleeding from a stab wound. As officers arrived on scene, they were pointed to the area immediately in front of 41 First Street, where a large group of people were screaming that the victim was stabbed. After calling for emergency medical services, officers immediately took action. PO Jesse Castellano and PO Anthony Olivera utilized QuickClot, applying it to the stab wound of the victim. At this point, with the victim losing a tremendous amount of blood, all officers worked together to keep the scene safe and slow the blood loss until EMS arrived. The courageous and heroic actions of the aforementioned officers during a chaotic scene, where crowds of people were swarming, screaming and being unruly, led to the saving of the victim's life. After this, Det. Michael Losurdo acted as the lead investigator trying to identify the actor. After a thorough investigation including taking multiple statements, securing video surveillance footage, and following up on many anonymous tips, Det. Losurdo was able to identify and arrest the actor, bringing justice to the victim.

**CROIX DE NEGOTIATOR LAUREL
LIFE SAVING**

Award Recipients

PO TYRONE HUGGINS

PO JAMES BARBRO

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Sunday, November 28, 2021**, at approximately 1857 hours, PO Tyrone Huggins received a call from a citizen regarding their family member actively in distress and threatening to commit suicide. PO Huggins radioed to police dispatch of the nature and requested units to span the length of the Hoboken Waterfront in search of the person in distress. PO Huggins remained on the phone with the caller and relayed information to the officers searching. PO James Barbro and PO Francis McCourt located the distraught female at the end of a very dimly-lit pier at Sinatra Park. The female appeared to be heavily intoxicated and emotional, and she began threatening to jump in the Hudson River if officers came any closer. As officers made conversation and simultaneously advanced, PO Barbro and PO McCourt were successfully able to grab a hold of the woman and bring her to safety.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE
LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Award Recipients

SGT. EDWARD SELICK PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

PO NICHOLAS PROTOPAPADAKIS PO JESSICA AREBALO

PO ENRICO GNASSI PO NICKLAS VALERIUS

On **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, at approximately 2054 hours, officers responded to a report of two unconscious male victims on the opposing side of the railing of the 2nd Street Light Rail Station. The victims were determined to have been brutally beaten by eight other unidentified males, which resulted in extensive head and face trauma, bodily injuries, and one victim suffering a stab wound. Upon arrival of the officers, who swiftly sprung into action carrying life saving equipment to the scene, bravely scaled down a rescue ladder approximately twelve feet below the light rail platform into a muddy ditch. Immediately officers began assessing and tending to the battered victims' bleeding injuries by using first aid and other rescue methods. Officers further assisted in back-boarding, stabilizing, and extracting both victims through 50 yards of mud, brush, and garbage to a rope and pulley system rigged by the Hoboken Fire Department. The victims were safely pulled up and over the retaining wall to safety where they were then transported to a hospital for further treatment. Sgt. Edward Sellick coordinated and supervised the stressful and chaotic scene. The officers' heroic actions undoubtedly saved the lives of both victims.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

PO ANTHONY OLIVERA PO NICHOLAS LOSURDO PO DOMENICK ALLEGRETТА

PO HARRY MONTALVO PO JOSHUA CAMPOVERDE

On **Thursday, January 6, 2022**, at approximately 0103 hours, PO Joshua Campoverde responded to the 2nd Street Lightrail Station on a reported robbery. PO Campoverde found the victim who was crying and yelling for help. The victim reported that she had been shoved to the ground and two people stood above her demanding she give them her money. The actors took the victim's property and fled the area. A description of the actors was provided, and PO Anthony Olivera located them in the area of 430 Jefferson Street. PO Olivera along with PO Harry Montalvo, PO Nicholas Losurdo, and PO Domenick Allegretta were able to stop the actors. After the actors were positively identified and advised that they would be arrested, one of them tried to run from the officers. Despite the actor's attempts to flee, PO Montalvo, PO Losurdo, and PO Allegretta had tactically positioned themselves and were able to stop the actor and place him under arrest. Through attentiveness and mindfulness of their surroundings, the actions of the officers allowed these criminals to be apprehended.

**GALLANTRY STAR
LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Award Recipients

DET. SGT. ANTHONY RUSSO

PO ANTHONY OLIVERA

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

PO NICHOLAS PROTOPAPADAKIS

On **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, at approximately 1925 hours, officers responded to the area of 4th and Adams Street on a call of shots fired. Spent shell casings were located on scene, and a witness was able to provide a description of the involved persons in the incident. This information was radioed to all officers, and PO Nicholas Protopapadakis was able to locate two individuals matching that description. PO Anthony Olivera and PO Francis McCourt then assisted PO Protopapadakis in stopping the actors. A pat down was conducted by PO McCourt which led to the recovery of a stolen handgun. After further investigation, it was found that both actors were complicit in the shooting, and they were placed under arrest. During this chaotic incident, D/Sgt. Anthony Russo supervised the incident to ensure that all proper procedures were followed and evidence was processed. Thanks to quick actions by these officers, a stolen firearm was recovered and two dangerous criminals were arrested.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO FRANCIS MCCOURT

On **Monday, January 31, 2022**, at approximately 2245 hours, PO Francis McCourt was on routine patrol in the area of 321 Harrison Street when he observed a male sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle, rummaging through storage compartments. PO McCourt drove into the parking lot where the vehicle was parked, activated the lights on his patrol vehicle, and approached the vehicle on foot. Upon doing so, PO McCourt immediately identified the male and knew he had a warrant for his arrest. PO McCourt ordered the male out of the vehicle, and found that the male had stolen property from the vehicle. Through further investigation, it was found that the vehicle had just been reported stolen from Jersey City. Furthermore, through continued investigation, it was found that two vehicles nearby were also recently reported stolen. With attention to detail and investigation, PO McCourt was able to apprehend the actor and recover three stolen vehicles.

GALLANTRY STAR

Award Recipient

PO HAROLD MILNE

On **Monday, February 7, 2022**, at approximately 0302 hours, PO Harold Milne was on routine patrol in the area of Sinatra Park when he observed a vehicle driving on the sidewalk. PO Milne then activated his vehicle's lights and conducted a motor vehicle stop. The driver was suspected of driving while under the influence, and he was asked to step out of the vehicle for investigation. During this investigation, the driver admitted to PO Milne that he was in possession of a handgun located under the driver seat of the vehicle. PO Milne located the handgun which was defaced and loaded with hollow point rounds in a high-capacity magazine, and the driver was placed under arrest. Through diligent police work, PO Milne was able to recover this dangerous weapon and place the actor under arrest before he could harm anyone.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipients

SGT. LUKE ZESZOTARSKI PO JOSEPH LUPO PO JESSICA PIZANIE

PO NICHOLAS PROTOPAPDAKIS PO KYLE SEPER PO ANTHONY AZZOLINE

PO DANIEL BARRON PO ANTHONY RUTKOWSKI PO JONATHAN FIGUEROA

PO ROSE KANAN

On **Thursday, February 17, 2022**, at approximately 1805 hours, a fire was reported in an apartment at 320 Jackson Street with an elderly woman trapped inside. Sgt. Luke Zeszotarski, PO Daniel Barron, PO Joseph Lupo, PO Jonathan Figueroa, PO Kyle Seper, PO Rose Kanan, PO Nicholas Protopapadakis, PO Anthony Azzoline, PO Jessica Pizanie, and PO Anthony Rutkowski all responded to the scene and arrived before the fire department's arrival. Sgt. Zeszotarski led the effort to rescue the woman by utilizing a hydraulic press and ramming tool to force open the reinforced metal door. While Sgt. Zeszotarski did this, the officers assisted in notifying and escorting other residents safely from the building. Eventually with the assistance of PO Protopapadakis, the door was opened and the woman was safely brought out of the apartment. Thanks to the determination of all officers, no harm came to any residents of the building.

LIFE SAVING HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

SERGEANT LUKE ZESZOTARSKI PO ROSE KANAN

PO KYLE SEPER PO JESSICA PIZANIE

PO ANDRIAS BONILLA

On **Monday, March 14, 2022**, Sgt. Luke Zeszotarski, PO Rose Kanan, PO Kyle Seper, PO Jessica Pizanie, and PO Andrias Bonilla responded to 262 11th Street for an unresponsive woman. When they arrived, officers found the woman's son in the process of performing CPR on her. PO Kanan and PO Pizanie took over administering CPR while PO Bonilla assisted in securing the chaotic scene. Based on his observations, Sgt. Zeszotarski suspected the woman was suffering from a possible drug overdose, and he had PO Seper administer naloxone. Throughout this time, the woman would gain and lose a pulse several times. Eventually paramedics would arrive on scene to take over the life-saving measures and transport the woman to the hospital where she would later be intubated. Ultimately, the woman made a full recovery and there is no doubt that the officers' actions in the time before medical personnel arrived was critical in saving her life.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipients

PO TYRONE HUGGINS

PO JOSEPH LUPO

On **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**, PO Tyrone Huggins and PO Joseph Lupo were on patrol in the area of 3rd and Monroe Street when they observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. The officers activated their vehicle's lights and sirens in an attempt to conduct a motor vehicle stop, but the driver refused to stop and sped away. Knowing the inherent risk in pursuing a vehicle, the officers did not pursue, and resumed their normal patrol duties. Shortly thereafter, it was learned that the vehicle was reported stolen, and PO Huggins noticed it trying to park near 5th and Monroe Street. Both officers exited their vehicle and stealthily approached the vehicle without the driver noticing. When the driver exited the vehicle, he was stopped and placed under arrest. Through using sound judgment and their training, the officers were able to recover the stolen vehicle and apprehend the driver in a safe, effective manner.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO DYLAN ARCHILLA

On **Sunday, April 3, 2022**, PO Dylan Archilla responded to a call for service reported as a motor vehicle accident. Upon his arrival, PO Archilla was alerted that one of the drivers was outside of his vehicle with a knife to his own neck. PO Archilla tried to speak to the male, but he appeared to be having a mental health crisis and was refusing to drop the knife. The male told PO Archilla that he would need to shoot him to get him to stop. PO Archilla continued trying to speak with the male to deescalate the situation, but the male began cutting at his own throat. Acting quickly and with the assistance of two Port Authority Police Officers, PO Archilla was able to get behind the male and safely disarm him. The male was later brought to a hospital for medical treatment. PO Archilla's knowledge of mental health issues along with his quick thinking prevented this extremely dangerous and volatile situation from resulting in any severe injuries to anyone on scene.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

DETECTIVE ADAM COLON

On **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**, while off-duty, Det. Adam Colon observed a male he had just charged with burglary and theft in the area of 4th and Washington Street. Det. Colon quickly notified his command and requested other officers respond to the scene to assist in apprehending the suspect. Det. Colon then approached the suspect, identified himself as a police officer, and told the suspect to stop. Upon hearing this, the suspect began running from the area. Det. Colon immediately began pursuing the suspect on foot, and after a short chase, Det. Colon was able to stop the male and place him under arrest. The suspect was later found to have a distribution level of narcotics on his person, which he was charged with as well. Thanks to Det. Colon's vigilance and dedication, even when off-duty, a known burglar and drug dealer was taken into custody.

**CROIX DE NEGOTIATOR
GRAND CORDON
LIFE SAVING
UNIT CITATION
POLICE CIVILIAN SERVICE
LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Award Recipients

SGT. LUKE ZESZOTARSKI SGT. SAVERIO BINETTI PO HAROLD MILNE

PO CYNTHIA RIVERA PO HARRY MONTALVO PO NICHOLAS LOSURDO

CO REBECCA RIOS CO JACE PEREZ CO JOHN WASSMAN

On **Saturday, May 14, 2022**, Sgt. Luke Zeszotarski was in the area of 13th and Sinatra Drive when he was notified by a citizen that his friend jumped in the Hudson River. Sgt. Saverio Binetti, PO Harold Milne, PO Cynthia Rivera, PO Harry Montalvo, and PO Nicholas Losurdo responded to the location. Officers were able to locate the male in the river clinging onto a wooden pylon of a secured pier located approximately 50 yards from the shoreline. Utilizing bolt cutters, officers were able to make their way onto the pier and get closer to the man. As this was happening, CO Jace Perez, CO John Wassman, and CO Rebecca Rios contacted NYPD Harbor Patrol and Hoboken Fire Department to assist with the rescue effort while simultaneously managing all police and EMS radio traffic. A floatation device was thrown to the man, but he refused to cooperate with the officers and began stating that he did not deserve to live. PO Milne began developing a rapport with the man, trying to speak with him compassionately and convince him to take hold of the floatation device so he could be helped. Eventually, PO Milne was able to convince the man to allow the officers to help him, and through a group effort, the man was safely rescued from the river. Through incredible teamwork of all first responders, as well as PO Milne's ability to speak empathetically to another, a man's life was saved from a treacherous situation.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

PO JESSICA PIZANIE

PO AARON FONT

On **Monday, June 6, 2022**, PO Jessica Pizanie heard gunshots in the area of 4th and Jackson Street. PO Pizanie observed a large group of people running from the area, but she continued running toward the area the gunshots came from. Eventually, PO Pizanie located a victim who suffered a gunshot wound to his neck, and she immediately radioed in her findings and location. PO Aaron Font arrived on scene and, along with PO Pizanie, provided medical aid to stop the victim from bleeding until EMS personnel arrived to bring him to the hospital where he survived his injury. PO Pizanie's bravery along with PO Font's assistance and medical knowledge were instrumental in ensuring the victim survived such a grievous injury.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

PO ROBERTO CUEVAS

On **Thursday, June 16, 2022**, PO Roberto Cuevas and PO Christopher Barral responded to 1000 Jefferson Street on a report of a male with a leg injury. When they arrived, they observed that the male suffered a severe laceration to his thigh as a result of a power saw accidentally cutting into his leg. PO Cuevas and PO Barral immediately applied a tourniquet and began rendering aid to stop further blood loss until the male was stable enough to be transported to the hospital. PO Cuevas and PO Barral's quick actions were instrumental in stopping the man's blood loss and saving his life.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

DETECTIVE RYAN HOUGHTON

On **Wednesday, July 6, 2022**, while assisting other officers in dispersing a large group of disorderly individuals in the area of 655 6th Street, Det. Ryan Houghton observed a parked vehicle displaying a fictitious license plate. Det. Houghton then approached the vehicle to investigate it further, and upon doing so, he observed a handgun in plain view within the vehicle. Det. Houghton then obtained a search warrant so he could lawfully retrieve the firearm from the interior of the vehicle, which was found to be loaded with hollow point rounds. Det. Houghton began an investigation which ultimately led to the arrest of two individuals who were found to be in possession of the weapon. Det. Houghton's attention to detail allowed him to notice a vehicle that led to the recovery of a firearm and illegal ammunition from two dangerous individuals.

LIFE SAVING

Award Recipients

PO HAROLD MILNE

PO PAUL QUINN

On **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**, PO Paul Quinn was on regular patrol in the area of Pier A Park when he observed a woman standing precariously on the Hudson River side of the railing. PO Quinn radioed in his findings, and PO Harold Milne responded to assist him. The woman was crying and appeared to be emotionally distraught. Both officers tried speaking to the woman for some time to convince her to climb back over to safety, but she refused. At one point, the woman leaned forward as if she was going to jump into the river, but PO Quinn and PO Milne reacted quickly and grabbed onto her arms, saving her. The officers then pulled her back over the railing and she was brought to the hospital for further treatment. Thanks to PO Quinn's vigilance and his quick action, along with PO Milne, the officers prevented the woman from falling into the river and potentially drowning.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipient

PO ROSE KANAN

On **Saturday, December 2, 2022**, a shoplifting was reported at 218 Washington Street. A description of the actor was provided to all officers, and PO Rose Kanan located the actor in the area of 306 Washington Street. PO Kanan stopped the actor, and after a brief investigation, she admitted to taking the merchandise. When searched incident to arrest, the actor was also found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. PO Kanan's attention allowed the shoplifter to be quickly apprehended and the merchandise to be recovered.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL

On **Sunday, December 3, 2022**, PO Christopher Barral responded to 326 Washington Street after a large street fight was reported. When he arrived, PO Barral observed the glass window to a nearby business was shattered. A heavily intoxicated male was standing in the area and bleeding heavily from his leg. A large laceration was located on the back of the male's thigh, and PO Barral quickly applied a tourniquet. The male then became combative with officers, but knowing that the male still needed further medical attention, PO Barral gained physical control over the male, exposing himself to the male's blood. Once under control, the male was transported so he could be further treated for his injury. Even with the male trying to fight, PO Barral was able to successfully provide him aid despite placing himself at risk to blood exposure.

HONORABLE SERVICE

Award Recipient

PO JAMES BARBRO

On **Thursday, December 22, 2022**, while off-duty and not in uniform, PO James Barbro noticed a male stealing packages from 910 Willow Avenue. PO Barbro noticed this male was also in possession of numerous other packages. Because he was off-duty, PO Barbro contacted Police Dispatch to send officers to his location to assist in detaining and investigating the male. While waiting for officers to respond, the male began walking away from the area, but PO Barbro maintained a visual on him and provided updated locations to dispatch. Eventually, officers arrived on scene and the male was found in possession of packages from three different buildings. The male also was found to have warrants for other burglaries, and he was placed under arrest. Thanks to PO Barbro's vigilance even while off-duty, a burglar was caught and stolen property was recovered just in time for Christmas.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

DETECTIVE FRANCIS McCOURT

PO RAMON CALDERON

On **Thursday, December 29, 2022**, a call was received that a woman was suicidal and wanted to jump in the Hudson River. PO Ramon Calderon and Det. Francis McCourt responded to the area and met with the woman, who they learned was a Marine that had come upon a difficult time in her life. PO Calderon and Det. McCourt began building a rapport with the woman, and through calm, compassionate speech, they were able to control the scene and ultimately get the woman to go to the hospital for further help. PO Calderon and Det. McCourt showed a great deal of compassion and empathy for others in convincing the woman to not harm herself and get the mental health assistance she needed.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Award Recipients

PO JESSICA PIZANIE

PO JONATHAN FIGUEROA

On **Saturday, December 31, 2022**, PO Jonathan Figueroa and PO Jessica Pizanie responded to the 6th Floor hallway of 310 Jackson Street on a report of an unresponsive male. When they arrived, PO Figueroa and PO Pizanie found that the elevator to the building was not functioning, and they began climbing the stairs. When they reached the male, they determined that he was suffering from an opioid overdose, and they quickly administered naloxone. Due to the exigency of the situation and the elevator not functioning, PO Figueroa and PO Pizanie carried the male down the stairs to the first floor so he could be brought to the hospital for further treatment. PO Figueroa and PO Pizanie remained committed to helping someone suffering from a medical emergency despite the obstacles in their way.

**GALLANTRY STAR
GRAND CORDON
EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE
HONORABLE SERVICE
UNIT CITATION
LIFE SAVING**

Award Recipients

LT. MICHAEL COSTELLO SGT. JOSEPH LUCIGNANO SGT. ANTHONY RUSSO

DET. CHRISTINE COLLINS DET. MICHAEL MIRANDA DET. ADAM COLON

PO BRANDON FITZGIBBONS PO TYRONE HUGGINS PO HARRY MONTALVO

PO MARK MULLINS PO CHRISTOPHER BARRAL PO TYLER SOTO

PO JESSE CASTELLANO PO JOSHUA CAMPOVERDE SPO KYLE SEPER

SPO CHRISTOPHER SOTO CO FRANK MOLTA CO JACE PEREZ

On **Sunday, October 11, 2020**, at approximately 0237 hours, officers were dispatched to 940 Monroe Street on a call of a person shot and lying in a pool of blood. All officers immediately began responding to the scene.

PO Christopher Barral, PO Joshua Campoverde, PO Tyler Soto, and PO Jesse Castellano were the first to arrive on scene, where they immediately began rendering aid to the victim. PO Barral, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in trauma rescue from his prior service as an EMT, utilized various equipment from his personal trauma bag. PO Campoverde assisted PO Barral in cutting the clothes from the victim, where chest seals were applied to the entry and exit wounds on his chest. Both PO Campoverde and PO Barral noticed the victim's pants were soaked in blood and there was blood pooling beneath his waist. The victim's pants were then cut from his body, where another gun shot wound was located on the victim's left thigh. PO Barral, PO Campoverde, PO Tyler Soto, and PO Jesse Castellano applied a tourniquet to the victim's leg injury to stop the bleed and continued to render aid. The heroic actions of the mentioned officers without a doubt saved the victim's life.

Lt. Michael Costello, along with Sgt. Joseph Lucignano assumed command of the scene and began managing and coordinating on-scene operations. Both supervisors delegated assignments of arriving and responding officers and made all proper radio transmissions and notifications.

Det. Adam Colon arrived and took control of processing the crime scene. Det. Colon established an inner perimeter and began processing evidence. Det. Colon used his investigatory skills and obtained video surveillance of the actor and his vehicle.

PO Mark Mullins arrived on scene and began searching the area for evidence and found several spent shell casings.

PO Harry Montalvo and PO Tyrone Huggins began searching the area for the actor and spoke to a witness who provided information pertaining to the actor and getaway vehicle.

PO Brandon Fitzgibbons, SPO Kyle Seper and SPO Christopher Soto canvassed the area in search of surveillance cameras and other items for evidentiary purposes.

Sgt. Anthony Russo made all appropriate notifications to the Hoboken Police Department command staff, as well as local and state agencies. Sgt. Russo also made sure that proper notification was disseminated to the victim's family.

CO Frank Molta and CO Jace Perez, serving as the Hoboken Police Departments Communications Officers, received the initial calls for service and exhibited their utmost professionalism while utilizing their knowledge and training during the chaotic incident. Both communications officers made all the appropriate notifications via police radio over SPEN pertaining to BOLO's.

Det. Christine Collins and Det. Michael Miranda led the investigation in the days following the incident. Through countless hours of acquiring video surveillance, speaking with witnesses, and canvassing the area, both detectives were able to obtain several leads, eventually leading up to locating the actor. Both Det. Collins and Det. Miranda, utilized their training, experience, and wealth of knowledge in solving the case and making a successful apprehension of the actor.

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES

Patrolman Thomas F. McIntyre

End Of Watch: Saturday, October 6, 1951

Cause of Death: Motorcycle Accident

Patrolman Patrick J. Lane

End Of Watch: Friday, March 9, 1928

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Patrolman Joseph M. Jaeger

End Of Watch: Sunday, July 6, 1924

Cause of Death: Motorcycle Accident

Patrolman William Gudehus

End Of Watch: Thursday, October 10, 1918

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Patrolman Bernard Murray

End Of Watch: Wednesday, October 2, 1918

Cause of Death: Gunfire

Patrolman John J. Condon

End Of Watch: Friday, August 15, 1902

Cause of Death: Injury Infection

Patrolman Charles Gebhardt

End Of Watch: Tuesday, July 26, 1898

Cause of Death: Gunfire

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES

Sergeant Peter Zanin

End of Watch: Saturday, November 21, 2020

Detective Mario Novo

End of Watch: Monday, December 13, 2021

