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## **DA STEELE HONORS EIGHT CIVILIANS AND 43 MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH COMMENDATIONS**



*Cheltenham Officer Matt Hungerford and family; Limerick Township Officers with DA Steele.*

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 11, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele honored eight civilians and 43 law enforcement officers with commendations for their extraordinary efforts and exemplary work in protecting and serving the residents of Montgomery County. Awardees were honored at a socially distanced ceremony at the Montgomery County Fire Academy and streamed for family and friends to watch.

“Montgomery County residents are always willing to step up to help our law enforcement officers do their job of keeping us all safe and making sure criminals are apprehended and prosecuted. And we are blessed here in Montgomery County to have some of the finest law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania, working each and every day at an extraordinarily high level of professionalism,” said DA Steele. “These honorees are among the best, and I am proud to honor each of these civilians and law enforcement officers for their actions.”

Honorees who received commendations and a brief description are (in the order presented at the ceremony):

**Civilian Commendations**

**Duongvida "Vimul" Ros**

For calling 911 after observing Walmart shooter Keenan Jones ditch the firearm used in the attack and then waiting on scene to show police its location.

**Nadirah Muhammad**

**Kyle Stewart**

**Tim Snowberger**

For key assistance in the investigation and criminal prosecution of Lawrence Crawley, who was convicted of the first-degree murder of his former girlfriend outside of her place of employment in Whitpain Township.

**William Tobin**

For his longtime, essential assistance with Montgomery County's Drug Take Back Day.

**Ken Hoffman**

For his more than 20 years of volunteering in Abington Township, especially his assistance with the Abington Township Police Department.

**Linda Sposato**

For her commitment, as an essential member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, to the fight against drunk driving and her commitment to its victims.

**Tracy Thompson (unable to attend ceremony)**

For her bravery in coming forward and her crucial testimony in the prosecution of Montgomery County Correctional Facility corrections officers on assault and tampering with evidence charges.

**Law Enforcement Commendations**

**Ofc. Matt Hungerford, Cheltenham Township Police Department**

For rushing in as the Cheltenham Walmart shooting was in progress.

**Ofc. Eric Fries, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. Christopher Kubik, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. Alexander Muller, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. John O'Brien, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. Michael Pleasants, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. Andrew Rook, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Ofc. Jeffrey Seamans, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Det. Bryn Garner, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Det. Joseph Hunsicker, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Det. John Mick, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Det. Greg Pitchford, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

**Thomas O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Department Chief**

For extraordinary work in saving a family and its pets after a defendant threw a firebomb on their home's porch, then successfully investigating and arresting the defendant.

**Det. Rick Beaghley, Abington Township Police Department**  
**Det. Shawn Nesbit, Abington Township Police Department**  
**Det. Cindy Pettinato, Abington Township Police Department**

For the successful investigation and prosecution of a predator who sexually assaulted two children.

**Det. Rick Beaghley, Abington Township Police Department**  
**Det. Michael Coyle, New Hanover Township Police Department**  
**Det. Joel Greco, Lansdale Borough Police Department**  
**Det. Constance Marinello, Upper Merion Township Police Department**  
**Det. William Walter, Conshohocken Borough Police Department**

For their dedication to protecting children from internet predators, especially in their response to handling child pornography reports that were 50 percent higher during COVID.

**Sgt. Matthew Daywalt, Limerick Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. James Reilly, Limerick Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Sergio Rodriguez, Limerick Township Police Department**  
**Sgt Brian Tyler, Limerick Township Police Department**  
**Cpl. John Oliveri, Upper Providence Township Police Department**  
**Officer Michael Sheehan, Upper Providence Township Police Department**  
**Officer Steve Dise, Upper Providence Township Police Department**

For heroic actions in a dangerous domestic violence hostage situation that ended with the safe rescue of all victims.

**Ofc. Harrison Colcher, Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Minjoo Kim, Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Yin Young, Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**  
**Sgt. Raymond Royds Jr., Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department**

For the safe apprehension of an armed man who was threatening bystanders and police.

**Ofc. Daniel Dalton, Lower Merion Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Joseph Lalor, Lower Merion Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Robert McGuire, Lower Merion Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Michael Theiss, Lower Merion Township Police Department**

For the heads-up arrest of two individuals who ultimately had executed a string of armed robberies of 7-Eleven convenience stores.

**Sgt. Thomas Falcon, Pennsylvania State Police**  
**Tpr. Richard W. Sanzick Jr., Pennsylvania State Police**  
**Tpr. Todd Wright, Pennsylvania State Police**

For the excellent investigation of a heinous relationship violence murder in Perkiomen Township.

**Det. Shea Johnson, Upper Providence Township Police Department**  
**Ofc. Nate Walters, Abington Township Police Department**  
**Det. John Wright, Upper Merion Township Police Department**  
**Det. Zach Zeoli, Abington Township Police Department**

For dedication to investigating all overdose deaths in Montgomery County and arresting the drug dealers who sold the deadly poison, thereby making Montgomery County safer.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele