

AWARDS 2009

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1. On April 16, 2009 **Officer Jason Pallett** was on patrol and advised by a citizen of a female attempting to commit suicide by jumping off the Lincoln Ave Bridge onto the Hutchinson River Parkway. After advising headquarters he responded to the scene. Upon arrival he observed a female overhanging the stone facade of the bridge dangling 18 feet over the northbound lane of the HRP. **Sgt James Mitrione** responded to the HRP north bound lane to block traffic. At this time Pallett, without regard for his own safety, jumped over to the other side of the bridge safety fence in an attempt to bring the female to safety. The victim was resisting Pallett's attempts to remove her. **Officer Doug Bornholz** responded and he joined **Pallett** on the other side of the safety fence. Both officers assisted in pinning this female to the bridge structure, and began to slowly side step towards an opening in the fence. **Sgt Anthony Borsella**, who was off duty at the time arrived shortly after **Bornholz** and wrapped his arms around **Bornholz's** waist and grabbed onto his belt to make sure that **Bornholz** was secured. All three officers working together slowly walked the victim towards the fence opening. With the assistance of several civilians the officers were successful in getting the victim back to an opening in the fence where the victim was lifted to the safety of the sidewalk. She was taken to the Hospital for an evaluation.

For their actions in this case, Officers **Jason Pallett** and **Doug Bornholz** are presented with an award of **Lifesaving First Class**. **Sergeant Anthony Borsella** is presented with an **Honorable Mention Certificate**.

Additionally, Officers Jason Pallett and Doug Bornholz have been honored with a Category III, First Place award presented by the Gannett Newspapers.

2. On October 31, 2009 officers **Danny Green and Earl Scott** responded to **Colonial Elementary School** on a report of a building collapse with workers possibly trapped underneath debris. Upon their arrival both officers were met by frantic construction workers who told them that two of their co-workers were on the roof of the building when it collapsed and are now trapped in the rubble. Without any regard for their own safety **Officers Green and Scott** climbed onto the collapsed structure in an attempt to locate the workers.

After removing large quantities of concrete and metal debris they were able to locate both victims. One victim was unconscious and unresponsive and had several visible fractures all over his body and a severe head wound. **Officer Scott** administered first aid and

applied pressure to the bleeding head wound in an attempt to stabilize the victim until paramedics arrived. **Officer Green** checked and administered first aid to the second victim who was conscious and alert and had injuries to his lower body. At this time the paramedics arrived and refused to climb into the debris until the scene was stabilized. A large crane was used to stabilize the wall so that other rescue workers could assist **Officers Scott and Green.**

Due to their actions and without regard for their own safety **Officer's Scott and Green** were able to render first aid to both victims, one who has recovered and the other who is still undergoing treatment, but is making positive progress.

For their actions in this case, Officers **Danny Green and Earl Scott** are presented with an award of **Lifesaving First Class.**

Meritorious Police Duty First Class is awarded to a member of the Department for an act of outstanding police duty, intelligently performed, which demonstrates special faithfulness and performance of duty and this does not involve the imminent personal risk of his life or the presence of danger.

3. On November 11th, 2009 this department took a report of a past burglary at a Loring Ave. home. Taken from the home were several game systems, two computers and a 42 inch flat screen television and a pocketbook. **Det. Rick Deere** processed the crime scene and was able to get a latent fingerprint from the point of entry, a basement window. The print came back to a suspect from the Bronx. **Det. Deere** was advised by the DA that more evidence was needed to make an arrest. **Deere** was advised by the victim that the suspect was using his X Box 360 video game. **He** contacted Microsoft to find out what information was needed to track the use of the gaming system. After issuing a subpoena **Det. Deere** received a response from Microsoft that a certain Internet Service Provider (ISP) number was recovered. It was determined that the ISP belonged to Cablevision. Cablevision advised **Det. Deere** that the ISP came back to a person who resided in the Bronx. **Det. Deere** remembered that this suspect was also a suspect in several car larcenies in Pelham and in Eastchester. Eastchester PD had recovered property from a vehicle used by the suspect along with fingerprints showing he was responsible for over thirty stolen items in said vehicle.

A search warrant was obtained for the suspect's house in the Bronx. **Det. Deere** along with Eastchester, Tuckahoe and NYPD conducted the search. Recovered during the search was the X Box 360 taken from the Loring Ave. burglary, a laptop computer from a prior car larceny from Pelham and several other game systems, laptops and GPS units that were stolen from vehicles. The suspect was arrested and questioned by **Det. Deere.** He admitted to buying the X Box taken from Loring Ave from another person. **Det.**

Deere was able to prove that the two suspects were connected thru their cell phone records. The two suspects are believed to be responsible for as many as 200 car larcenies in Westchester County.

Both suspects were arrested and charged with Grand Larceny 4th Deg. and Burglary 3rd Deg.

For his actions in this case an award of **Meritorious Police Duty First Class** is presented to **Detective Richard Deere**

Meritorious Police Duty Second Class is awarded to a member of the Department who in the performance of police duty has significantly contributed through the performance of good police work, leading to the arrest and apprehension of criminal offenders or to criminal investigations which lead to a successful conclusion. Recipients of Meritorious Police Duty Second Class receive a Blue-White bar for their uniform and a Mayor's letter of commendation.

4. On February 15, 2009, a robbery was committed by three males in the rear of Hutchinson school. One of the suspects displayed what appeared to be a 40. Caliber handgun and struck the victim in the head with same. The other two suspects assaulted him further and then removed a cell phone from his pocket.

After interviewing the victim, **Det. Rick Deere** was able to locate a witness who gave him information as to who was involved in the robbery. **Det. Deere** responded to the area of 55 Sheridan Ave in Mount Vernon with the information that the person who removed the victim's phone was named Booker. After speaking to several residents in the apartment complex he was able to locate Booker. **Det Deere** interviewed Booker with negative results but was able to get his full name and other pertinent information. After having Booker's information run through the HIDTA system, **Det Deere** was able to get a photo of him. A photo array was then shown to the victim and he was able to ID Booker as a suspect. **Det. Deere** then ascertained the name of a second suspect, who was possibly in a gang named Blokworks. This suspect was found on the MySpace website showing photos of a person wearing a shirt that had Blokworks written on it. **Det Deere** through contacts and investigation was able to get a photo of this suspect. A photo array was shown to the victim and he was able to suspect #2. Shortly after this arrest, a third suspect was identified and arrested.

All three suspects were arrested and charged with Robbery in The Second Degree.

For his actions and investigation relating to this robbery and subsequent arrest, an award of **Meritorious Police Duty Second Class** is presented to **Detective Rick Deere**

5. On April 2, 2009, officers responded to a vehicle rollover in front of 439 Fourth Ave. **Officer Jason Pallett** was the first on the scene and observed the vehicle on its side with smoke billowing out from the engine block and hazardous fluids leaking out. Within seconds **Sgt. James Mitrione** and other officers arrived. **Sgt. Mitrione** was able to stabilize the vehicle by placing the push bumper of his police car against the vehicle. **Officers Pallett** assisted by other officers, with disregard for their own safety, mounted the top side of this vehicle. **Officer Pallett** was lowered into the vehicle through the passenger window where he was able to unbuckle and remove a disoriented victim with the aid of **Sgt Mitrione** and other officers.

The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for shock and difficulty breathing. He has since recovered from his injuries.

For their actions on April 02 2009, an award of **Meritorious Police Duty Second Class** is presented to **Officer Jason Pallett**. **Sergeant James Mitrione** is presented with an **Honorable Mention Certificate**.

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6. On May 7, 2009, **Officer Danny Green** was dispatched to 137 Monterey Ave. on a report of a man having a seizure. Upon his arrival **Green** was met by Pelham **Firefighter Vincent Bucaj**. The unknown victim had collapsed in a moving truck and was unresponsive; he was not breathing and did not have a pulse. **Officer Green** and **FF Bucaj** immediately began **CPR**. After a few minutes they were joined by medic **Bailey** and continued performing **CPR** for twenty minutes until the victim was breathing on his own and had a pulse. The victim was transported to Sound Shore Hospital and was eventually fitted with a defibrillator and is now leading a normal life.

For his actions on May 7, 2009 **Officer Danny Green** is presented with an Award of **Lifesaving Second Class**.

Honorable Mention Certificate is awarded to a member of the Department who shall perform his routine police duties in an efficient manner and which is worthy of recognition but not eligible for one of the other citations. Recipients of this award shall receive a Letter of Commendation from the Mayor.

- 7 For his actions on June 23, 2009 **Detective John Hynes** is presented with an **Honorable Mention Certificate**.

On June 23, 2009, members of the patrol force were detailed to the corner of Fifth Ave. and First St. on a report of a strong arm robbery in the past. **Det. John Hynes** responded to the scene to assist. **Det Hynes** placed the victim in his car and proceeded to check several streets in Pelham for the suspects with negative results. **Det Hynes** then proceeded to Mount Vernon where the suspects were spotted on East 3rd St. and Columbus Ave. All three suspects were arrested without further incident and the victim's cell phone was recovered.

All three juvenile suspects were charged with Robbery in the Second Degree.

8. For his actions on September 9th, 2009 **Detective John Hynes** is presented with an **Honorable Mention Certificate**.

On that date, members of the Patrol force were detailed to Fourth Ave. on an attempted robbery in the past. One week later, **Det John Hynes** interviewed the victim and was given a description of the suspect who attempted to take his watch. On September 17th, 2009 **Det Hynes** was assisting patrol for an unrelated crime when he observed a suspect who fit the description for the attempted robbery on Fourth Ave. The suspect was taken to headquarters by **Det Hynes** and after being read his rights he confessed to the above crime.

The suspect was charged with **Attempted Robbery**.

9. **Officer Danny Green** is presented with **Honorable Mention Certificate** for his actions on February 19th 2009. While working the desk the owner of DeCicco's Food Market came in to report to **Officer Green** that a male wearing a large black jacket and a black back pack had just stolen several items from his store. While taking the report **Officer Green** noticed a suspect fitting the description on the security camera leaving the bathroom next to the ticket collection window, in Town Hall. **Officer Green** notified **Sgt Polese** who had just finished working and was still inside Police HQ. **Sgt Polese** followed the suspect onto Sixth Ave where he was stopped by a patrol officer. The suspect was in possession of several steaks and some other stolen items.

The suspect was arrested and charged with Petit Larceny and Possession of Stolen Property.

10. **Officer Jason Pallett** is presented with **Honorable Mention Certificate** for his actions on March 2, 2009.

Officer Pallett was dispatched to a strong arm robbery in the vicinity of Pelhamdale Avenue and Second Street. Wanted were two male blacks, a description was broadcast. **Officer Pallett** began to canvass typical escape routes habitually used by fleeing suspects in the past. **Officer Pallett** spotted the suspects in the driveway of 171 Sparks Avenue and detained them until other officers were called to his location. The suspects were arrested without incident.

All four suspects were charged with **Robbery in the Second Degree**