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44th Annual
Public Safety Awards Luncheon

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is pleased to welcome
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Dear Friends:

It is my honor and pleasure to again serve as Chair of this year's Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Annual Public Safety Awards luncheon. This is our 44th Anniversary of this event and it truly is a special year for public safety. We are here to honor the Montgomery County Departments of Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Maryland-National Capital Park Police – Montgomery County Division, Sheriff's Office and Correction and Rehabilitation. On behalf of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to participate with the Community in honoring all of the brave men and women in public safety, all of whom dedicate themselves to make Montgomery County a better place to live and work.

"Beyond the call of duty" is a term generally reserved for an elite group of individuals. Over the year, we all have witnessed incredible accomplishments of each public safety division. This year, we have a select group of individuals to recognize for their acts of bravery, valor, zeal, judgment and community service. We also are presenting special awards including the Corporate Vital Links Award, the Government Partner of the Year and the Public Safety Champion of the Year Award. Award winners have gone beyond the call of duty and deserve much credit for their acts and accomplishments over the year. I also would like to offer a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone in public safety for all you do each and every day.

It truly is an honor to be able to serve as Chair of this very special event. I thank the entire Community for your support and hope that all of you enjoy the awards program. To all members of public safety – this is your day and we hope that you and your families take pride in your accomplishments and treasure the moment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Robins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven A. Robins
Chair, 28th – 44th Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Annual Public Safety Awards
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PROGRAM

Montgomery County Firefighters Pipes & Drums

Opening

Georgette “Gigi” Godwin

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Welcome & Introduction

Steven A. Robins, Esq.

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Presentation of Colors

Combined Montgomery County Public Safety Color Guard

Police, Fire & Rescue, Park Police, Sheriff and Correction and Rehabilitation

National Anthem

Lt. Zachary Grant

Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Father Ray Fecteau

Our Lady of Visitation

Remarks

The Honorable John Sarbanes

United States House of Representatives

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Award Presentations

Public Safety Champion of the Year
The Honorable Isiah “Ike” Leggett
Montgomery County Executive

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Luncheon

Public Safety Corporate Vital Link
Suburban Hospital Level II Trauma Center

- Jacky Schultz, President and CEO, Suburban Hospital
- Dr. Dany Westerband, Director, Suburban Hospital Trauma Program

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Public Safety Government Partner of the Year

Agencies who helped solve the Lyon Sisters Disappearance Case

- Lloyd R. Young, FBI - Baltimore Field Office
- Agent Lee Willis, Virginia State Police
- Detective Robyn Hyatt, Prince William County, Virginia Police Department
- Attorney Paul Ebert, Prince William County, Virginia Attorney's Office
- Captain Mike Miller, Bedford County, Virginia Sheriff's Department
- Attorney Wes Nance, Bedford County, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Office

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Valor and Community Service Award Ceremony

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Eun Yang, NBC News4 Today Anchor/Reporter
Leon Harris, NBC News4 Anchor

Award Presentations

Chief Donald A. Deering Community Service Award
Westfield Wheaton Garage Rescue
Unit Citation: Westfield Wheaton Garage Rescue
Suicide Attempt Thwarted
Emergency Room Assault
Parking Garage 4th Floor Suicide Attempt
Michaels Store Response
Single Family Home Fire Rescue
Rooftop Arrest

Closing

Steven A. Robins, Esq.
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The Honorable Darren M. Popkin

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George Coleman

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Montgomery County Division

The Honorable Isiah "Ike" Leggett

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About Public Safety Awards

The MCCC Public Safety Awards Luncheon is an outgrowth of Montgomery County Executive James P. Gleason's Executive Order, dated April 25, 1974, establishing the official awards program in cooperation with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

This program originally provided official recognition to Montgomery County Police Officers and Firefighter/Rescuers and Emergency Medical personnel who performed heroic acts and community service, which go beyond the call of duty.

In December 2000, the Public Safety Awards Committee welcomed the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division. In January 2003, they welcomed the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation as part of the public safety awards program.

Nominations for the awards come from field supervisors through official channels to respective department administrations: Administrator, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service; Chief, Montgomery County Department of Police; Sheriff, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; Chief, Maryland-National Capital Park Police, Montgomery County Division; and Director, Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. The department leaders then present the nominations to the Public Safety Awards Selection Committee for final determination.



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL

A Tribute to Montgomery County's Fallen Officers

Every day courageous public safety personnel dedicate their lives in protecting the people and property of Montgomery County. Unfortunately, each year members of our public safety community are seriously injured and die in the line of duty.

The Montgomery County Public Safety Memorial – the first memorial of its kind in the County – recognizes the courage and sacrifice of our fallen public safety personnel. It also provides visitors to the memorial an opportunity to learn about the manner in which each of the Montgomery County Public Safety Departments work together. The Memorial honors all of the Montgomery County public safety agencies including Correction and Rehabilitation, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Park Police, and the Sheriff's Office. The effort to create this memorial began in 1995 with a dedicated joint public-private partnership.

Visit the Public Safety Memorial adjacent to the lake at the following address:
Public Safety Headquarters | 100 Edison Park Drive | Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Support the Montgomery County Public Safety scholarship fund



Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, President & CEO Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce presents a donation to DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D. President, Montgomery College.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation (MCCCCF) supports the Public Safety Scholarship Fund at Montgomery College to fund the studies of students who are children of current or past Montgomery County public safety professionals or who are studying to pursue a career in public safety.

The Public Safety Scholarship at Montgomery College is your opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students and families who are giving their lives to ensure the safety of our community.

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Awards Criteria

Gold Medal of Valor - This premier award recognizes an act of bravery involving extreme personal risk that is clearly above and beyond the call of duty or an incident of valor that results in serious injury or death. Except in the most unusual circumstances, not more than one gold medal shall be awarded annually to each service.

Silver Medal of Valor - This award recognizes acts of bravery involving great personal risk beyond the call of duty.

Bronze Medal of Valor - This award recognizes acts of bravery involving unusual personal risk beyond expectation while performing the usual responsibility. Bronze medals may also be awarded to a member who demonstrates unusual judgment, zeal, or ingenuity during an emergency situation when such an act is beyond that normally expected in the performance of duty.

Honorable Mention of Valor - This award recognizes acts of valor and acts that involve personal risk, unusual demonstration of judgment, zeal, or ingenuity not normally involved in the performance of duties.

Unit Citation - This award recognizes the outstanding collective performances of a unit or units whose professionalism and actions demonstrate excellence in response to a public safety incident.

Community Service - This special award is presented for volunteer dedication and initiative above and beyond the call of duty over a period of time that has affected and benefited the citizens of Montgomery County and beyond.

Public Safety Corporate Vital Link - This award recognizes a commercial enterprise that transforms and advances the mission of public safety agencies in Montgomery County, Maryland, to better able one or more agencies to meet the 21st century challenges that impact the National Capital region.

Public Safety Champion of the Year - This award recognizes an organization that advances the mission of public safety agencies in Montgomery County, Maryland through their advocacy.

Public Safety Government Partner of the Year - This award recognizes a Federal, State or other governmental agency that strengthens Montgomery County public safety agencies through outstanding leadership and collaboration to ensure a positive and integrated response to challenges that impact the National Capital region.

Public Safety Champion of the Year

The Honorable Isiah “Ike” Leggett Montgomery County Executive

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is the recipient of the Public Safety Champion of the Year Award. Appreciation from each of the 5 Montgomery County Public Safety Agencies and Steve Robins, Esq., Chairman of the Public Safety Awards are captured on a video that can be seen at <http://www.mcccmd.com/events/public-safety-awards>

Here is an excerpt:

Montgomery County has been -- and remains -- one of the best places to live in America. Over the past 12 years, Ike Leggett and his team have worked to -- literally -- build a better future for Montgomery County. That means:

- 5 new fire stations.
- 3 new police district stations.
- A new Public Safety headquarters, for both Police and Fire & Rescue.
- A state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Academy for our first responders.
- A new Animal Services and Adoption Center to replace the previous dilapidated shelter.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Public Safety Champion of the Year Award to The Honorable Ike Leggett.

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Public Safety Corporate Vital Link

Suburban Hospital Level II Trauma Center

Suburban Hospital is one of only four hospitals in Maryland designated by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems as a Level II Trauma Center and the only designated trauma center in Montgomery County.

Patients receive “trauma” classification when they have been victims of motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial accidents or acts of violence. They typically arrive to Suburban Hospital via ambulance or Maryland State Police Medevac helicopters.

Although an adult trauma center, Suburban also has the expertise needed to stabilize critically injured children prior to their transfer to a pediatric trauma center. Although not a burn center, they are also expertly capable of providing emergency care to burn victims prior to their transport to a specialty burn unit.

The Trauma Center sees approximately 1500 trauma patients annually, serving primarily Montgomery County but also the surrounding Frederick and Prince George’s counties. An important aspect of Suburban as a Regional Trauma Center is its commitment to disaster preparedness.

This is the 40th Anniversary of Suburban being a designated Level II Trauma Center. Over the 40 years, the Hospital has developed highly effective systems to integrate with Montgomery County’s first responders, especially MCFRS, to ensure seamless transitions of care when minutes count most. The implementation of its “Code C” protocol enabled Suburban to decrease diversion hours keeping its doors to the Emergency Department open.

We are deeply grateful for their commitment to saving the lives of those in critical need.

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Public Safety Government Partner of the Year

Agencies Who Helped Solve the Lyon Sisters Disappearance Case

- **FBI - Baltimore**
- **Virginia State Police**
- **Bedford County, Virginia Sheriff's Department**
- **Bedford County, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Office**
- **Prince William County, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Office**
- **Prince William County, Virginia Police Department**

On March 25, 1975, Katherine and Sheila Lyon went to Wheaton Plaza but they never returned home. Since then, the disappearance of the Lyon sisters has been an open case.

In 2013, MCPD Major Crimes Division, Cold Case Section implemented 'Operation Worthy Cause' to investigate this case. A breakthrough occurred when detectives located a suspect in the case file: Lloyd Lee Welch, Jr. Welch was incarcerated in Delaware for child sexual assault offenses and had family ties to Bedford County, Virginia. On September 12, 2014, MCPD detectives traveled to Bedford County to gain information about the suspect. It became apparent that the sisters were ultimately taken to Bedford County. Through numerous interviews, multiple excavations of land and joint interrogations of the suspect, the probable cause was developed that showed Lloyd Lee Welch, Jr. was responsible for the abductions and murders of Katherine and Sheila Lyon. On September 12, 2017, Lloyd Lee Welch, Jr. entered a guilty plea related to the disappearance of Katherine and Shelia.

Critical to solving Operation Worthy Cause, many jurisdictions provided resources and expertise to the Montgomery County Cold Case Section detectives.

For their persistence and unwavering efforts, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Government Partner of the Year Award to the agencies who helped solve the case.

In addition, a Unit Citation is presented to 132 dedicated officers of the Montgomery County Police Department.

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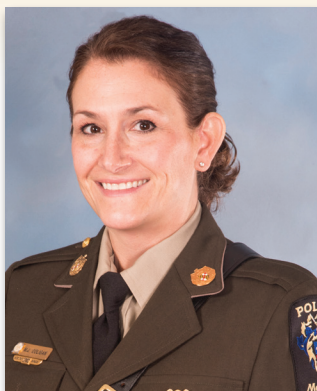
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Valor and Community Service Award Ceremony



Chief Bernard D. Crooke Jr. Community Service Award



Police Officer III Melissa Coligan

A blood cancer diagnosis didn't slow down Police Officer III Melissa Coligan. Coligan was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in August 2015. While in the hospital undergoing treatment, she saw some literature about the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man & Woman of the Year campaign.

She could have simply read the piece and put it down. She could have tossed it in the trash. Instead, she decided to take on the fight.

The Man & Woman of the Year Campaign is a philanthropic competition to support blood cancer research in communities across the country. Candidates form fundraising teams and compete in honor of two local children who are blood cancer survivors.

Coligan got to work. She gathered family, friends and coworkers and set about raising money. Her supporters called themselves Team Missy's Mojo. Together, they wrote letters, made phone calls and hosted fundraising events.

In just 10 weeks, Team Missy's Mojo raised \$121,000 – enough to earn Coligan the title of Woman of the Year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of the Eastern Shore.

Her resolve wasn't limited to fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She brought the same level of enthusiasm to her work with Montgomery County Police Department.

Coligan, a mother of three, initially joined the MCPD in 2002 and served in the role as a patrol officer for a majority of her career. Eager to get back to work but still gathering her strength after her battle with cancer, she stepped into a role in the 3rd District Community Services Office.

Between May 2016 and January 2017, Coligan coordinated nearly 100 community-engagement events to include safety and awareness presentations, crime prevention training, mentoring youths, organizing National Night Out events, participating in the department's autism outreach program, and meetings with many community organizations to address their quality of life concerns.

In doing all that, Coligan who is now cancer free - has fulfilled a key part of the police department's mission to help and partner with the community to increase public safety.

The Montgomery County Police Department believes Coligan's initiative is above and beyond the call of duty, and her dedication to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is exemplary. For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Chief Bernard D. Crooke Jr. Community Service Award to Police Officer III Melissa Coligan.



Westfield Wheaton Garage Rescue

On February 23, 2017, officers of the Montgomery County Police Department 4th District Central Business District Team responded to a call about a nonresponsive woman in a car in the Westfield Wheaton parking garage.

When they arrived, the officers saw a gray Honda Pilot parked between two other cars. A woman was sprawled on the front passenger seat.

The car's windows were rolled up, the doors were locked and the car was running.

The officers saw a 12-inch bladed kitchen knife in the center console.

The woman flailed her arms and stared straight ahead. Officers tried to talk to her through the shut window, but she became increasingly agitated.

Then she grabbed the knife in her right hand.

Police Cpl. Athanasios Bakalis requested that one marked police cruiser be parked in front of the woman's car, and another behind her car, so she wouldn't be able to drive away.

The woman then rolled down her window and told officers she would not come out of the car. She put the knife back in the center console. Suddenly, she opened the car door and tried to get out – knife in hand. Officers were standing right there, mere inches away.

The officers demanded she drop the knife. She would not.

Bakalis and Correa tried to shut the door, but the woman's foot was in the way.

Again and again, the officers told her to drop the knife. She would not.

Police Officer III Michael Giacalone deployed his Taser, striking her left forearm and abdomen. She continued to move while holding the knife.

Then, Police Officer III Alan Yuill shattered the front passenger window. Giacalone deployed his Taser again, and before the Taser charge could take full effect, **Police Officer III Andres Ramirez** grabbed the knife from the woman's hands. The woman was placed in custody.

The officers at the scene were in a challenging situation because they needed to apprehend an armed subject in a confined area. They could have used deadly force, but Ramirez prevented that by reaching through the broken window to disarm the woman.

For their quick thinking, teamwork and ability to use nonlethal force to disarm the knife from the woman's hand, the Chamber is honored to present a Unit Citation to the following:

- Corporal Athanasios Bakalis
- Police Officer III Alan Yuill
- Police Officer III Michael Giacalone
- Police Officer III Kevin Correa

The ability of Officer Ramirez to disarm a mentally unstable woman was above and beyond the ordinary call of duty. By taking the knife, Ramirez protected the woman's safety, and ensured the safety of his fellow officers.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present Police Officer III Andres Ramirez the Honorable Mention of Valor.



Police Officer III Andres Ramirez
HONORABLE MENTION



Suicide Attempt Thwarted

On December 11, 2017, Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation **Officer Kendale Graves** was working with an inmate in the medical unit at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility when he saw another inmate hanging from a bed sheet and turning blue. The inmate had tied one end of a bed sheet to a vent and the other end around his neck. His goal was to commit suicide.

Officer Graves immediately called for assistance and described the situation with great composure. Before help arrived, Officer Graves used his specialized cutting tool - a device with a curved rather than a pointed end - to free the inmate from the bed sheet.

Then, Officer Norman Pyles arrived and administered CPR to the inmate. After receiving approximately 30 chest compressions, the inmate started breathing on his own. The inmate went to the hospital and returned to the correctional facility just a few hours later. He sustained no long-term injuries.

Due to the officers' attention to detail and quick thinking, the man did not commit suicide. The officers performed flawlessly during a highly stressful incident.

What makes the case more remarkable is that Graves had joined Department of Corrections just five months prior to that December day. His decisive action to cut down the inmate rather than wait for help likely saved the inmate's life.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Honorable Mention of Valor Award to Officer Kendale Graves for demonstrating the composure and professionalism of a seasoned veteran during a tense and trying situation.



Officer Kendale Graves
HONORABLE MENTION



Emergency Room Assault

On the morning of June 18, 2017, Fire Fighter Reid had concluded a patient transport to the emergency room and was completing his medical care report. Within moments of hearing a hospital-issued public address announcement indicating a possible issue in the emergency room, Fire Fighter Reid observed a security guard engaged in a physical altercation with a large patient of muscular build. The guard was on the ground and the patient was repeatedly punched him in the face.

Unbeknownst to Fire Fighter Reid, the patient was under care for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and had previously demonstrated aggressive and violent behavior toward hospital staff. Moments earlier, when the patient suddenly lunged at the guard, an emergency room technician had attempted to intervene and was violently thrown across the room. Other staff were unsuccessful in subduing the patient. Fire Fighter Reid witnessed the immediate aftermath of these circumstances.

Without hesitation and consideration for his personal well-being, Fire Fighter Reid quickly grabbed the patient from behind and subdued him until the arrival of law enforcement personnel, an elapsed time of four to



Fire Fighter Rescuer III Dwight G. Reid
HONORABLE MENTION

five minutes. His rapid and unselfish actions prevented the incident from escalating and undoubtedly prevented further injury to the guard and other emergency room staff.

Fire Fighter Reid's actions were well above the call of duty. As such, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Honorable Mention of Valor to **Fire Fighter Rescuer III Dwight G. Reid.**



Parking Garage 4th Floor Suicide Attempt

Montgomery County Police **Officer III Vincent Chan** and **Police Officer II Alex Lanham** responded to a call on June 9, 2017 to check the welfare of a woman who appeared distraught and sitting on the ledge on the top floor of a parking garage on Fernwood Road in Bethesda. When Chan and Lanham arrived, the woman crawled under the garage's cable wiring, turned her body to face Lanham, lowered her body off the 4th floor of the parking garage and held onto the concrete ledge with her hands.

Chan and Lanham ran toward the woman as she remained suspended, only holding on by her hands. The officers got down on their stomachs and grabbed the woman's wrists to prevent her from falling until additional resources could arrive. They held on to her for more than two-and-a-half minutes, all while she resisted. The woman broke free from their grip and fell to the pavement. Chan and Lanham immediately drove to the spot where she had fallen and provided first aid. The woman survived. Chan and Lanham put themselves at great personal risk while trying to pull the woman to safety. They could have been pulled over the ledge while attempting to save this distraught woman. If they hadn't taken the actions they did to help, the woman could have



Officer III Vincent Chan
HONORABLE MENTION



Police Officer II Alex Lanham
HONORABLE MENTION

fallen faster or landed in a different position, leading to more significant injuries.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Honorable Mention of Valor Award to Officer III Vincent Chan and Officer II Alex Lanham for putting themselves at risk while helping a woman who was hanging from the top floor of a parking garage.



Michaels Store Response

On Sunday, October 1, 2017, Montgomery County Police officers were dispatched to a crowded Michaels Store in Germantown to respond to the report of a man in a Chewbacca costume had been in and out of the store several times and appeared disoriented. There was concern the man could be sick or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

When police officers arrived, they were unclear about whether the man was inside or outside the store.

Police Officer III Gregory Walker, Police Officer I Andre Smith and **Police Officer II Charles Ricucci** first canvassed the store. They split up and walked up and down the aisles, but they couldn't find the man. They then went outside but couldn't find him there either.

Several customers came outside and told police the man was inside the store, causing a disturbance and carrying a folding knife. The officers went back into the store.

Ricucci saw the man in the back of the store looking at merchandise. He was no longer wearing the costume – but he was holding a folding knife in this right hand, down by his side. Ricucci told the man to drop the knife.

The man slowly turned to look at Ricucci, then squared off and slowly walked toward Ricucci. The man did not let go of the knife.

Ricucci drew his sidearm and demanded the man drop his knife. The man continued walking toward Ricucci, and Ricucci started backing away to create space. His goal was to defuse the situation without resorting to deadly force.

Walker, who had been in another part of the store, came over to Ricucci and the man. The man stopped walking, turned away from Ricucci and tried to proceed to the front of the store. Ricucci followed him and ordered everybody out of the store.

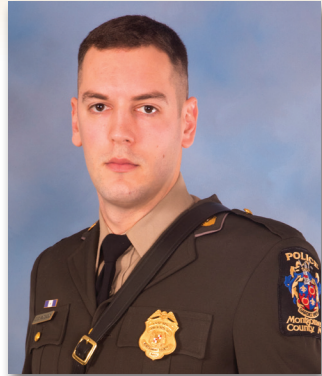
Walker came from behind Ricucci with his Taser and yelled, "Drop the knife or you're going to get Tased!" Walker closed in on the subject, and Ricucci told Walker to deploy the Taser.

Walker discharged the Taser on the man's back.

The knife fell from the man's hand, and the man fell to the ground. Walker, Smith and Ricucci were able to handcuff the man after a brief struggle.

Ricucci and Walker never hesitated and used sound judgment. They managed to warn customers and employees of a serious threat inside a busy store to ensure their safety while the armed man was inside. They could have resorted to deadly force but made the decision to create time and distance to de-escalate the situation with the use of less-lethal force. Ricucci and Walker placed their own lives at risk as this armed man could have violently assaulted these officers.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Honorable Mention of Valor Award to Police Officer III Gregory Walker and Police Officer II Charles Ricucci for using sound judgment, diffusing the dangerous situation, not using lethal force and ensuring the safety of everyone at the store.



Police Officer II Charles Ricucci
HONORABLE MENTION

Not pictured
Police Officer III Gregory Walker



Single Family Home Fire Rescue

On the morning of July 15, 2017, units from the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service were dispatched for a report of a house on fire. First arriving units found heavy smoke emanating from a two-story single-family home. Two elderly occupants, in obvious distress, were frantically waving and screaming from different second floor windows, on the front side of the home. Heavy and thick, dark smoke was pushing from above and around the heads of both.

While suppression efforts were underway, several fire fighters engaged in ground ladder rescues of both occupants. **Fire Fighter Rescuer Yu-Lun Wu** scaled a ground ladder to a window where the elderly female occupant was located. Due to the high room temperature and her physical condition, the victim was only able to extend one arm and her face outside the window. As he assisted the victim from the window, both fell from the second story window to the sidewalk below. Both sustained injuries.

With the aid of another fire fighter, **Captain Michael W. Stream** placed another ladder to rescue a male victim from the second window.

This victim was partly extended out the window and was screaming. As Captain Stream scaled the ladder, the victim dove out the window. With one arm, Captain Stream managed to grab hold of him. During the course of their sliding down the ladder, they fell to the ground. They too sustained injuries.

Once victim care was assumed by other fire and rescue personnel, both Captain Stream and Fire Fighter Wu rejoined their respective crews to engage a fire attack. Both did so despite having sustained injuries.

It is infrequent that fire rescue personnel must use ground ladders to rescue fire victims. In this case, two rescues occurred simultaneously and under particularly stressful conditions. Any time a fire fighter uses ladders to rescue occupants of a burning building, the fire fighter is immediately at risk of injury. In this case, both fire fighters initiated second-floor ladder rescues with very distressed, elderly occupants.

Captain Stream and Fire Fighter Wu could have waited for additional personnel to arrive and assist with the rescues. However, they recognized time was of the essence and both victims faced potential exposure

to severe smoke inhalation and/or burn injuries. These fire fighter's actions turned a crisis moment into the survival of two Montgomery County residents.

For their rapid and unselfish actions, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Bronze Medal of Valor to **Captain Michael W. Stream** and to **Fire Fighter Rescuer III Yu-Lun Wu**.



Captain Michael W. Stream
BRONZE METAL



Fire Fighter Rescuer III Yu-Lun Wu
BRONZE METAL



Rooftop Arrest

On April 15, 2017, several Montgomery County Police Officers arrived at 850 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring for a call about a man exposing himself on the roof of the abandoned 8-story office building.

Police Officer III Brian Nesbitt, Police Officer II Sean Brennan and Police Officer II Katelyn Stevens went right to the rooftop. The man clearly was intoxicated and agitated. He repeatedly changed positions from sitting on the ledge to pacing back and forth.

Nesbitt talked to the man, and tried to keep him calm and away from the ledge.

They talked for 30-45 minutes. The man repeatedly dangled his legs and torso over the ledge of the building. As he held on by his hands, the man said, “I want to fly” and “I want to die.”

The man said he was concerned by the police being present, and he was hesitant to comply with requests to come off the ledge while so many officers were on the roof. Yet at one point, the man came off the ledge and shook hands with Nesbitt.

However, the man saw additional police officers near the stairwell to the roof. That upset him, so he sat back on the ledge of the building and drank alcohol.

Officers decided that Nesbitt would re-develop a rapport with the man, and all of the other officers would be out of the man’s sight. **Sgt. Brian Parker**, playing along, told Nesbitt and the man that the rest of the officers had to leave to take care of another call. Nesbitt would continue negotiating from the outside and try to draw the man closer to the stairwell entrance. A team of officers – Parker, Brennan, Stevens, **Police Officer I James Mirra and Police Officer II Eric Houston** – would secure the man if given the chance.

About six minutes later, the man walked away from the ledge and walked toward the stairwell. The team of officers confronted the man as he tried to turn and run toward the ledge, which was only about six feet away. Nesbitt used physical force to safely hold the man back and away from the ledge. Other officers left the stairwell to help apprehend the man.

The man was taken into custody.

For placing themselves in danger when using force to prevent the man from returning to the roof’s ledge, the

Officer Brian Nesbitt put himself at great personal risk while negotiating with an unstable man. The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the Bronze Medal of Valor Award to Police Officer III Brian Nesbitt.



Police Officer III Brian Nesbitt
BRONZE MEDAL

Chamber is honored to present the Honorable Mention of Valor to the following:

- Sgt. Brian Parker
- Police Officer II Katelyn Stevens
- Police Officer II Eric Houston
- Police Officer II Sean Brennan
- Police Officer I James Mirra



Sergeant Brian Parker
HONORABLE MENTION



Police Officer II Katelyn Stevens
HONORABLE MENTION



Police Officer II Sean Brennan
HONORABLE MENTION

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Police Officer II Eric Houston

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Police Officer II James Mirra

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