



City of La Porte

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Police Department

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LPPD celebrates employee accomplishments and welcomes five new officers



From L to R:

Left Photo – New Full Time Officers Luis Norman, Andrew Heiden, Brittany Taylor, Jessica Ventura and Jason Zuniga
Right Photo – Officer Anthony Bish, Chief's Citizen's Certificate of Merit recipient Donna O'Conner, and Chief Ken Adcox

Note – Some recipients mentioned below not pictured due to undercover assignments or scheduling conflicts

In step with the agency's tradition of affirmative employee recognition, La Porte Police Department hosted an employee accomplishment and recognition ceremony on the afternoon of October 26th. Many of the well-deserved awards were delayed due to Hurricane Harvey.

During the event, LPPD's Chief Ken Adcox welcomed several new employees who recently joined the police family over the last 10 months. Additionally, several veteran members of the department were recognized for their outstanding contributions during the first and second quarter of 2017.

New members formally welcomed and sworn-in included Officers Andrew Heiden, Luis Norman, Brittany Taylor, Jessica Ventura and Jason Zuniga. Paul Strong, our newest jailer was welcomed and recognized as well. Officer Tracy Phelan was commended for his recent selection as Employee of the 1st Quarter 2017, and Sergeant Marcus Upchurch was honored as Employee of the 2nd Quarter 2017.

Receiving the Chief's Letter of Commendation were Sergeants Richard Ayers, Cameron Briscoe, Jeff Plemons, Marcus Upchurch, and Matthew Novosad. Officers Robyn Davis and Tracy Phelan also received the Chief's Letter of Commendation.

Officer Michael Avila was recognized for perfect attendance.

Retired La Porte Police Sergeant Donna O'Conner received the Chief's Citizen's Certificate of Merit for her tireless hours of volunteer work in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Her dedication to serving the citizens of La Porte around surrounding communities was astounding. She collected and distributed countless supplies during the weeks following the storm.

La Porte Police Department's commitment to both its new and existing members, as well as its ongoing dedication to providing a high level of service for the La Porte community, remains unmistakably evident. The department believes that service manifests itself through the hiring of the best people available and then by outfitting those people with proper training, equipment, support, and guidance. The final step is to recognize employees for their extraordinary efforts, and highlight their value. Area residents are encouraged to join the police department by taking the time to congratulate the listed employees.