



City of La Porte

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Police Department

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**LPPD celebrates veteran employee accomplishments and  
welcomes in new staff members**



*From L to R:*

**Top Row** – New reserve and full-time Officers Zach Daniels, Chris Cargile, & Sergio Torre; New Jailer Carly Lee  
**Row #2** – Letters of Commendation: Officers Burnett, Henson, and Hernandez; Officer Winebrenner; Officers Stanley & Bish  
**Row #3** – local Good Samaritan John Gianukos; Medal of Merit Ofc. R. Gallion; Lifesaving Award Sgt. Boles

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 March 10<sup>th</sup>.

During the event, LPPD's Chief Ken Adcox welcomed several new employees who recently joined the police family over the last 6 months. Additionally, several veteran members of the department were recognized for their outstanding contributions during the third and fourth quarter of 2016.

New members formally welcomed and sworn-in included Officer Christopher Cargile, Reserve Officer Sergio Torre, and Reserve Officer Zachary Daniels. New Jailer Carley Lee was welcomed and recognized as well. Dispatcher and Telecommunications Specialist Stacey Lippold was commended for her recent selection as Employee of the 3rd Quarter 2016, and one of the department's lead Street Crimes Detectives was for honored as Employee of the 4th Quarter 2016.

Supporting accolades included the Chief's Citizen's Certificate of Merit being presented to La Porte resident John Gianukos for his recent aid and intervention during a boyfriend's brutal assault of his girlfriend at a local La Porte business. Receiving the Chiefs Letter of Commendation were Sergeant Bennie Boles, Officer Joshua Willhoite, Officer Domingo Gutierrez, Officer Jeff Plemons, Officer Chad Burnett, Officer Jeffrey Henson, Officer Rene Hernandez, Officer Kyle Jones, Officer Danny Walters, Officer Samuel Bianchino, Officer Kevin Winebrenner, Detective Matthew Davidson, Officer Tracy Pedre, Officer Yvonne Stanley, Officer Anthony Bish, and Sergeant Kai Patrick.

Additional recognitions included Officer Robyn Gallion receiving the Medal of Merit, along with Officer Justin Weaver and Sergeant Bennie Boles being presented with the department's coveted Lifesaving Award in recognition of their recent courageous actions in talking a suicidal person threatening to jump off the Fred Harman Bridge back over the rail.

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.