



City of La Porte

Established 1892

Police Department

Recognized as a Best Practices Agency by
the Texas Police Chiefs Association



Media Relations Information for 03/09/2018

Public Relations Officer – Sgt. Bennie Boles

Office: 281-842-3115

**LPPD employees honored as
Manager and Employee of the year 2017**



*From L to R: Lieutenant Matthew Daeumer and ACO Supervisor Clarence Anderson
Photo Courtesy: Carolynette Perego*

At the La Porte City Council's February 26th, City Council meeting, City Council recognized Police Lieutenant Matt Daeumer as the City's Manager of the Year for 2017. Animal Control Supervisor was named the City's Employee of the Year.

Lieutenant Matt Daeumer assumed command of the Support Services Bureau in March of 2015. Since that time he has led by example in establishing a culture of long range strategic leadership. He serves as a mentor not only to supervisors in his command but across the police department and City. While leading the Support Services Bureau, Matt has contributed vision, guidance, ideas, and hands on work to a number of successful initiatives including:

- In 2017, the Animal Control Division delivered a 40% increase to their adoption rate over the prior year, while at the same time lowering the euthanasia rate by 21%.
- As the department's Program Manager for the Texas Police Chief's Recognition Program, Lt. Daeumer recently guided the team through a transition of the over 120 individual policies that guide PD operations. A recent external audit generated praise for Lt. Daeumer's preparedness and knowledge and led to the department being designated as a "Best Practices" agency by the Police Chief's Association.
- Lt. Daeumer played a lead role in the Blue Santa project, coordinating efforts of volunteers and community partners. This project generated over 2,500 toys for local children which was especially helpful to many families impacted by Hurricane Harvey this year.

- Most recently, Lt. Daeumer saw many months of effort and leadership result in the opening of the police storefront for the south east part of the La Porte community. This location will serve as both a crime deterrent and assist with proactive service to that part of town.

Animal Control Supervisor, Clarence Anderson was named Employee of the year for his work on the *Empty the Shelter Project*. When the new Animal Control facility was opened a little over two years ago, Clarence established goals of increasing the adoption rate and improving the services provided to citizens. To that end, he always sought out new ideas and programs. When he heard about the *Empty the Shelter Project* last summer, he recognized the benefits the project would bring to the citizens of La Porte. The event was a huge success. A total of 362 animals were serviced for La Porte citizens. Approximately 150 veterinarians, techs, and volunteers contributed. Clarence oversaw every detail and remained on sight until the last truck was cleaned and loaded at 11:00 that night.

This event would not have been so successful or even occurred at all if not for Clarence's vision, planning, dedication, and effort. Please join us in thanking Clarence for all of his hard work for this community and congratulate him on being recognized as the Employee of the 4th Quarter and Employee of the Year 2017.