



City of La Porte

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Police Department

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**LPPD celebrates employee accomplishments and  
welcomes new employees**



**Top Row** – (Left to right) Interim Chief Ron Parker and Officer Hannah Mason, Officer Emily Navarro and Orange County Pct 2 Deputy Constable George Navarro, Officer Juan Gonzalez and Fiancé Franchesca

**Bottom Row** – (Left to right) Posing with Interim Chief Ron Parker, ACO Toby Wilburn, Mary Lou Swanson, and Denise Roberts

**Note** – Some recipients mentioned below not pictured due to scheduling conflicts

In step with the agency’s tradition of positive employee recognition, the La Porte Police Department hosted an employee accomplishment and recognition ceremony on the afternoon of August 31st, 2018.

During the event, LPPD’s Interim Chief Ron Parker welcomed several new employees who recently joined the police family over the last six months. He also recognized several veteran members of the department for their outstanding contributions during the first and second quarter of 2018.

New members formally welcomed, and sworn-in included Officers Juan Gonzalez, Hannah Mason, Emily Navarro, and Animal Control Officer Toby Wilburn.

Officers Chad Burnett, Christopher Cargile, and Christopher Forsythe, received the Life-Saving award for pulling a young woman to safety from the railing of the Fred Hartman Bridge.

Officer Anthony Bish received a commendation for his recognition as Employee of the 1st Quarter 2018 and Officer Christopher Forsythe for Employee of the 2nd Quarter 2018.

Denise Roberts received the Chief's Citizen's Certificate of Merit for her assistance in the arrest of theft suspects. Her attention to detail and willingness to get involved cleared multiple theft cases returning hundreds of dollars' worth of property to their owners. Mary Lou Swanson received the Chief's Letter of Commendation for her many hours of volunteer work with the City of La Porte Adoption Center and Animal Shelter.

Officer Roger Gonzalez, was awarded a Chiefs Letter of Commendation for demonstrating excellence and going above the call of duty in his responsibilities.

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 and citizens in their dedication.