



Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

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To: All Police Personnel
From: Timothy M. Bernhardt
Superintendent of Police
Subject: Outstanding Employee – Fourth Quarter 2020

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Sergeant Steven Russo** as the recipient.

Sergeant DeHoratius wrote in his nomination of Sergeant Russo the following:

I would like to nominate Sergeant Steven Russo #0134 as the Officer of the Quarter. Sergeant Russo is a 16 year veteran of the Upper Darby Police Department currently assigned to the 3rd platoon as a K-9 and SWAT Officer. Sergeant Russo is a highly respected dog handler and trainer in the county and around the tri-state area. Sergeant Russo is also a long time member of the Upper Darby SWAT team. Sergeant Russo brings a vast knowledge of tactics and experience to high-risk incidents and is a trusted member of the squad who often acts in rank as the street Sergeant.

Throughout his career Sergeant Russo has been awarded nearly every medal the Department issued for service to his community. During the past few months, Sergeant Russo has displayed his commendable actions in 2 noteworthy incidents. On October 28th at 1558, hours Upper Darby Officers were dispatched to a domestic in which the actor pointed a firearm at his girlfriend threatening to kill her. Sergeant Russo observed the male in question and initiated a pedestrian stop. Sergeant Russo observed the handle of the firearm in the male's waistband and he attempted to flee. Officers struggled with the male eventually taking him into custody recovering the handgun. Sergeant Russo charged the male accordingly and in the process took a violent armed male off of the streets of Upper Darby.

On November 20 at 1221 hours Sergeant Russo observed a wanted male who was in an ongoing domestic issue with his girlfriend over the past few months. The male was wanted in 3 states for various offenses. The male fled and a lengthy foot pursuit ensued. Sergeant Russo then ended up in a violent struggle where his life was in grave danger. Sergeant Russo handled the incident escaping certain serious injury or death in the apprehension of this male. During the incident, Sergeant Russo was calm and professional under extreme conditions again taking a violent offender off of the streets of Upper Darby.

For these reasons I highly recommend Sergeant Russo for the Officer of the Quarter

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, and because of these incidents, in particular, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the Fourth Quarter of 2020.