



Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

Date: April 5, 2022
To: All Police Personnel
From: Timothy M. Bernhardt
Superintendent of Police *T.M.B.*
Subject: Outstanding Employee – First Quarter 2022

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer Michael Ficchi #64** as the recipient.

Sergeant Stephen Ford #660 wrote in his nomination of Officer Michael Ficchi the following:

Officer Michael Ficchi has been with the Department for just a little less than one year but has proven himself to be an excellent asset to not only the Third Squad but the Department. Officer Ficchi goes out on the street every day with a positive attitude and professionalism. Officer Ficchi takes pride in his ability to gather intelligence from his previous interactions with people in the community. In doing so Officer Ficchi is able to recognize and locate wanted subjects within the Township.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 1423 hours Officer Ficchi was on patrol and observed a vehicle with a wanted subject as the driver. Officer Ficchi knew the driver to be wanted for attempted homicide out of Upper Darby for a recent shooting.

Officer Ficchi initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle, the driver refused to stop, and a short vehicle pursuit ensued. The vehicle stalled out at Baltimore and Lewis. At which time both occupants of the vehicle began to flee. Officer Ficchi observed the Driver drop a loaded firearm on the ground as the driver exited the vehicle. The passenger also fled the area. Officer Ficchi quickly broadcast the description of both males over the police radio. Both males were stopped a short time later and positively identified as the males that fled the vehicle. After checking the recovered firearm, it was learned the serial number was obliterated and was possibly stolen. Narcotics and money were also located on the passenger of the vehicle. Later it was discovered that there were multiple cell phones and other drug paraphernalia in the wanted male's vehicle. After consulting with Sergeant McAleer, a court-certified drug expert, the charge of intent to delivery was also appropriate. Due to his enthusiastic patrol style and work ethic, Officer Ficchi was able to take two more dangerous criminals off the street, as well as the possibly stolen firearm and narcotics from this traffic stop.

This is only one example of Officer Ficchi's ability to be vigilant and proactive while on patrol proving he is an excellent asset to this Department.