



# Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

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**To:** All Police Personnel  
**From:** Timothy M. Bernhardt *T.M.B.*  
Superintendent of Police  
**Subject:** Outstanding Employee – Fourth Quarter 2022

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After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Detective Leo Hanshaw #20** as the recipient.

Captain Daniel Lanni #820 wrote in his nomination of Detective Hanshaw the following:

Detective Leo Hanshaw is a twenty-one-year veteran of the department serving the last seventeen years as a detective. Detective Hanshaw has proven himself time and time again as a dedicated and knowledgeable detective, which I have witnessed firsthand working investigations alongside him. In January 2021, I was promoted to Detective Sergeant and had the pleasure of having Detective Hanshaw assigned to my squad. Detective Hanshaw immediately became a “go-to” detective, demonstrated his commitment to duty, assisted in training newly assigned officers to the Detective Division, and volunteered for any assignment, even though he already carried a robust caseload. Detective Hanshaw also has the added responsibility of being one of the three arson investigators for the department.

Just to touch on a few examples of Detective Hanshaw’s outstanding performance within the last quarter of 2022:

On Saturday, September 16, 2022, at 1528 hours, police responded to the unit block of North Keystone Avenue for the report of a building fire. Police arrived and determined a trashcan, which was against the front enclosed porch of an occupied residence, was set on fire. The fire spread to the front porch and wall. The fire department was simultaneously dispatched to the unit block of Victory Avenue for a trash fire. Upon arrival, a suitcase was observed burning in the parking lot. Detective Hanshaw immediately traveled to the scene and was able to recover video surveillance which depicted a male extending his arm to the trash can which was then observed smoking. The quality of the video surveillance was poor; but nonetheless, Detective Hanshaw completed a police alert depicting the male involved. On September 20, 2022, patrol officers observed the male depicted in the police alert, and an arrest was made. The male suspect ultimately confessed to starting both fires.

On Sunday, September 17, 2022, at 1533 hours, police responded to the area of 69<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets for a vehicle crash with injuries. Police arrived and determined three subjects fled from the striking vehicle, which was reported stolen in a carjacking in Philadelphia. The victim chased the male operator until the operator pointed a firearm at the victim causing him to cease his pursuit. Detective Hanshaw had knowledge of an ongoing carjacking pattern preying on residents in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties. Detective Hanshaw completed photographic arrays of males suspected of being

involved in these carjackings. The victim was able to provide information on a male suspect, which ultimately led to arrest warrants for numerous carjackings, all of which were adopted federally.

On Monday, November 28, 2022, at 1010 hours, police responded to Rite Aid for a robbery with a weapon implied. Police arrived and were able to broadcast FLASH information to police radio. Detective Hanshaw and Detective Matthew Rugh responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. While returning to police headquarters, Detective Hanshaw observed the male who had just robbed the Rite Aid. Patrol units were advised and after a brief foot pursuit, Detective Hanshaw and patrol units were able to take the male into custody.

These incidents are just a small fraction of the dedication Detective Hanshaw has to the police department and the residents of Upper Darby Township.

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the Fourth Quarter of 2022.