



# Upper Darby Township Police Department

Office of the Superintendent of Police

**Date:** October 12, 2022  
**To:** All Police Personnel  
**From:** Timothy M. Bernhardt *T.M.B.*  
Superintendent of Police  
**Subject:** Outstanding Employee – Third Quarter 2022

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer William Green #110** as the recipient.

Lieutenant Robert Bennett #739 wrote in his nomination of Officer William Green the following:

This nomination could not only be for a quarter but his entire tenure. I do not believe one single tour has passed where Officer Green's language skills have not been utilized. Whether by a request from Detectives or an incident on the street, Officer Green has been summoned over and over to interpret communication from Hispanic residents and visitors. The nature of the interactions has ranged from routine domestics, child endangerment issues, and even criminal homicide investigations. From a supervisory standpoint, Officer Green's language skills have proved to be invaluable, both saving time and adding accuracy to what may have routinely been "lost in translation." Moreover, when a complainant comes to the window and is struggling and frustrated because he or she cannot get through to us, the look of relief and comfort I see in their eyes when Bill begins to speak is something I cannot put into words. I have had many discussions with other supervisors concerning the lack of foreign-speaking Officers, namely Spanish, and did come to the realization that skills learned from a few courses or online language programs will never mimic Bill's innate and full proficiency in conversational Spanish and Portuguese.

The incidents where Bill is utilized are indeed countless but a rather noteworthy request for him came on 8/2/22. At 217 Kingston Road Detectives had two dead bodies both apparently shot, and an infant horribly found under his deceased mother. Anyone who knew anything about the victims and their lifestyle spoke only Spanish and Bill was called in. Officer Green worked literally around the clock alongside detectives, interviewing every family member that could be found here in the States and by phone in their respective Countries. Officer Green put his agenda on hold for both the victims of this incident and this department.

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