



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 *T.M.B.*
Subject: Outstanding Employee – Second Quarter 2023

After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Detective Matthew Shumway #133** as the recipient.

Detective Sergeant Matthew Rowels #655 wrote in his nomination of Detective Matthew Shumway the following:

After being assigned to the detective division, in September of 2021, Detective Shumway has proven himself time and time again as a dedicated, knowledgeable, and valued asset to the division. Detective Shumway has utilized his prior experience in the financial and insurance worlds to the department's benefit. In less than two years, Detective Shumway has demonstrated commitment to duty, tenacity and attention to detail, which is normally not observed in someone so new to the division.

Just to touch on a few examples of Detective Shumway's dedication to duty:

On Wednesday, May 1, 2023, at 2210 hours Upper Darby Township Police responded to the 200 block of Wembly Road, for the report of shots fired. Patrol units arrived and located a male victim on the ground suffering from several gunshot wounds. This victim was pronounced deceased, and a crime scene was established. Detective Shumway was notified at home, left his family, and responded to assist in this homicide investigation. Detective Shumway was assigned as the lead investigator.

An extensive investigation commenced, but Detective Shumway immediately faced an uphill battle. There were no witnesses to the homicide, it was learned the victim was involved in narcotics sales, and much of his life was a closed book. This did not deter Detective Shumway and his tenacity kicked into high gear.

Detective Shumway canvassed the entire Bywood neighborhood for cameras and witnesses; he canvassed each entrance and egress route to the township. After viewing one of the recovered surveillance videos he was able to observe the front end of a dark colored Dodge Durango exiting the street. Detective Shumway back track this vehicle and ultimately discovered video of this vehicle entering and leaving the township before and after the homicide.

Through investigation Detective Shumway was able to determine an associate of the victim resided on Wembly Road. He further learned the associate's relative owned a Dodge Durango. This Durango was later found on fire in Philadelphia. Detective Shumway was unable to unravel this tight web of "who's who" and determine a motive and suspects for this homicide. This investigation is ongoing and the results of several search warrants are pending.

On Friday, June 29, 2023 Upper Darby Township Police responded to three businesses on the 69th Street corridor for criminal mischief. Detective Shumway responded to each of these businesses, recovered video surveillance, latent fingerprints and determined the modus operandi for each incident was identical.

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the Second Quarter of 2023.