



## Upper Darby Township Police Department Office of the Superintendent of Police



**Date:** November 19, 2024

**To:** All Police Personnel

**From:** Timothy M. Bernhardt  
Superintendent of Police *TMB.*

**Subject:** Outstanding Employee – Third Quarter 2024

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After reviewing the nominations, the committee has selected **Officer Joseph Girardi #142** as the recipient.

Lieutenant Stephen Tarozzi #738 wrote in his nomination of Officer Joseph Girardi the following:

Officer Girardi has been with the department since 2021 and previously worked with the Sharon Hill Police Department. Officer Girardi has proven himself to be reliable, intelligent, and proactive on patrol. Officer Girardi consistently handles a large number of incidents and emphasizes doing things correctly and thoroughly. He often goes above and beyond what is needed for an incident.

A recent example of Officer Girardi's exemplary police work is as follows:

On 10/31/2024, Officer Girardi was directed to Garrett Road & Beverly Blvd for a disabled vehicle blocking the roadway. Officer Girardi located the vehicle and determined it was occupied by a family, including a four-year-old child living out of it and attempting to 'Door Dash' for money. The vehicle was completely disabled and not in a position to be left in the roadway. The family was adamant that they had no money and could not afford a tow truck. Instead of just towing the vehicle like many would have done, Officer Girardi approached his supervisors inquiring if it would be permissible for him to pay for the tow company himself. Officer Girardi contacted Herby's Towing and was able to get it worked out so they would relocate the vehicle free of charge. Officer Girardi then went to Save-A-Lot and purchased the family groceries with his own money, as they had no food and had been living off snacks. Officer Girardi coordinated with Lieutenant Laina Stevens who was able to get the family into housing for the night instead of their vehicle. Officer Girardi did not publicize any of this and it was only discovered after we inquired about the outcome.

Officer Girardi could have treated this call at face value for what it was – a disabled vehicle in the roadway, had it towed, and moved on to the next call. Instead, he stepped up and went above and beyond what was necessary. Officer Girardi is a credit to the police department.

Because of your professionalism and dedication to duty, you are recognized as Outstanding Employee for the Third Quarter 2024.