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Exchange Club honors outstanding Dearborn police officers

DEARBORN, Mich. – Members of the Exchange Club of Dearborn recently honored numerous Dearborn police officers with citations and special awards to recognize their commitment to law enforcement and public service.

The awards were presented during the Club's annual police appreciation luncheon, held at the Park Place banquet and meeting facility, 23400 Park Place. The event is held each May during National Police Week.

Named as the Exchange Club's Dearborn Police Officer of the Year was Corporal Christopher Strasser. He is a 12-year veteran of the Dearborn Police Department.

"Because of his exemplary career and professionalism, Corporal Strasser is most deserving of this very special honor," said Chief of Police Michael Celeski.

Receiving official commendations for performance of duty under unusual or difficult conditions were: Officer Mark Farnham and Corporals Gregg Allgeier, Marc Demelis, Michael Gracer, Aaron Hicks, Jack Lengyel, Christopher Strasser

and Robert Wolfe. A civilian, Mohammad Hussein, also received a commendation.

Receiving official citations, awarded for outstanding performance of a difficult task involving personal risk to one's safety, were: members of the police narcotics unit (eight officers in total, whose names are withheld for security reasons); Officers Walter Anhut, Jr., Lindsey Cox, Mark Farnham and Jason Skoczylas; and Corporals Russell Faith, Michael Gorbe, Al Grzegorek and Brian Ramirez. Receiving a commendation was Corporal Issa Shahin.

Receiving lifesaving awards were Corporal Jane Kass and Reserve Officer Thomas Hipple.

Receiving meritorious service awards were: Corporal Jeffrey Sammut and Detective / Sergeant Karen Wisniewski.

Receiving the police department's Outstanding Service Award for supervisors was Sergeant Eric Krawczyk. Receiving the Outstanding Service Award for non-supervisory personnel was Corporal Orlando Whitted. Receiving the Outstanding Service Award for civilian employees was Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Langan.

PHOTO CAPTION:

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Corporal Christopher Strasser was named Dearborn's Police Officer of the Year. He is shown here with (from left) Exchange Club Vice-President Mike Bewick, Mayor O'Reilly and Chief Celeski.

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